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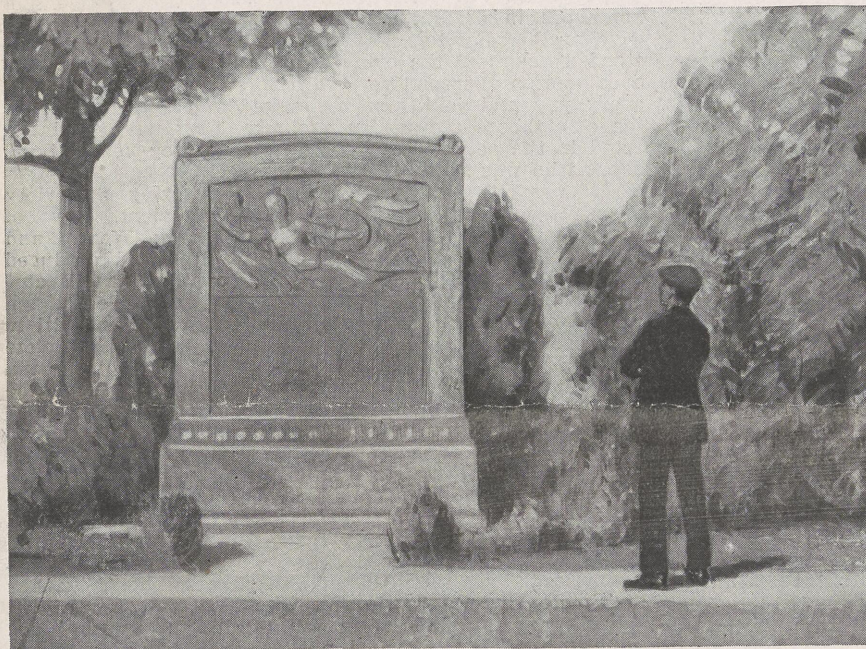
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## THE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

### Committee Tells About It—Plans Which Reflect Credit on Forest Hills

The committee in charge of the Soldiers' Memorial is appealing for additional contributions. Although the sculptor, our neighbor, A. A. Weinman, has made us a price which hardly more than covers the cost of the raw materials, the fund is not yet completed. Many of our citizens have given generously, but a substantial number are yet to be heard from, and to these the committee is appealing first.



IN HONOR OF OUR BOYS

There is no doubt that every one in Forest Hills will want to have a share in this memorial. When it stands on the Green in enduring granite and bronze, a proof of both our loyalty and our good taste, everyone will want to be able to say to himself, "I helped put it there." No one wants to feel like the "bird" whom our friend, Gene Car, has drawn. And if you fail to do your share, someone else will have to do it for you. Consequently, the committee feels that in hammering away until everyone in Forest Hills is represented on the list of contributors, it is really doing a favor to all concerned.

But the committee doesn't want to bar anyone from giving twice. Many of those who contributed last spring have already increased their subscriptions, and no doubt many more are willing to do so. When you were solicited at the beginning of this campaign, our plans were vague and no one knew how much was needed or what the community would get for its money. Consequently many gave less than is commensurate with their means, or with the requirements of the project. In many cases the solicitors asked only for small sums. Now

that you have seen the sculptor's model, and realize what a source of lasting pride and satisfaction this monument will be, do you not feel that you would like to have a larger share in it? The average contribution is well in excess of \$10, and the largest individual gift is \$150.

This is the first public monument or work of art to be acquired by Forest Hills, and we are setting a standard which few communities can equal and none can surpass. At a time when so many towns are making serious mistakes along this line, we are going to prove our good taste and discretion. Mr. Weinman is not only one of the three or four greatest sculptors in America, but he has a special genius for work in relief, and there is no doubt that his tablet will be a masterpiece.

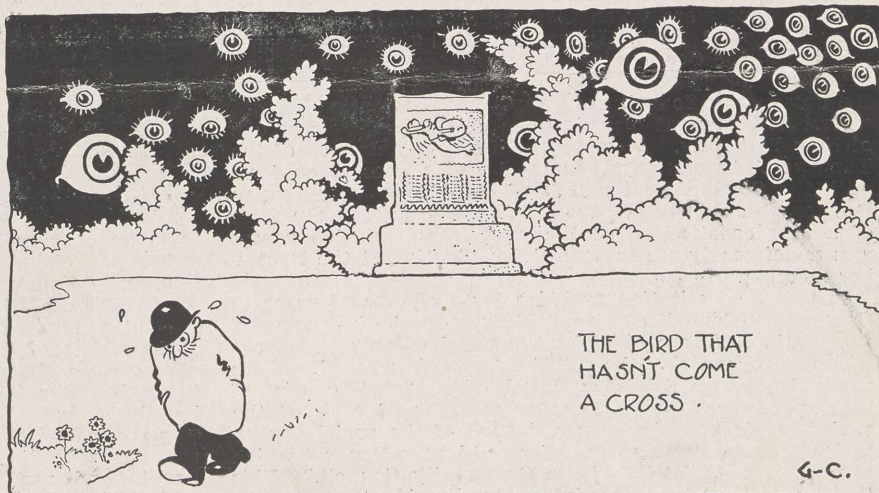
The price of \$3,680 is a mere fraction of what such a work would ordinarily cost. This is one time when you will get a tangible and permanent return for your money. It is not so much a gift as a "lasting investment, which will pay dividends of pride and satisfaction for generations to come."

Checks should be sent to F. C. Thompson, treasurer, Winter Street, Forest Hills.

WALTER D. TEAGUE,  
Chairman.

## The New Parish House

The Church-in-the-Gardens has for a long time felt the need of larger quarters for its work in religious education and recently that need has become almost acute. With this important and vital work in mind and with an earnest desire on the part of all members and supporters of the church to be of real service to the whole community, plans for expanding the usefulness of the church have been made. Three lots at the corner of Greenway North and Borace Place and five lots adjoining these on Borace Place, making a site about 100 by 200 feet, have been purchased on which there will be erected a parish or community house and parsonage. A generous friend of the church and community has volunteered to pay for the land if the members and friends of the church will raise an equal amount of money in the year 1920. Considerable money has already been pledged.



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### The Setting of the Monument

A VOTE of the entire community, taken last spring, decided upon the Flagpole Green as the most fitting site for the monument. The north as well as the south side gave a majority in favor of this spot. Its setting on the Green was tentatively decided by a committee which included, among others, A. A. Weinman, Frederick Law Olmstead, and John M. Demarest. Mr. Weinman was better qualified than anyone else to see that the monument itself was placed to the best advantage, and Mr. Olmstead, the supervising landscape architect of the Gardens and the acknowledged head of his profession in America, was best qualified to see that the monument fitted harmoniously into the general scheme. This committee spent an entire morning on the Green, with a frame representing the exact size and shape of the granite. It was tried in every possible position, and every consideration of light, background and approach was discussed. A plan was finally perfected which the committee agreed upon as the most satisfactory from every point of view, and the frame has been left in the agreed position. The plan, however, involves extensive changes in the walks and planting, and the placing of a seat opposite the monument to balance it, and only by taking these changes into consideration can the plan be fairly judged. It contemplates bringing the monument into unity with the flagpole and providing an approach which will add greatly to its dignity and impressiveness.

### Taxpayers' Progressive Stand

At the regular meeting of the Taxpayers' Association, Friday evening, Nov. 21, in the Church-in-the-Gardens, important steps were taken to co-ordinate all the organizations of Forest Hills. It was reported that at a recent meeting of the Community Council, Ernest Leo, organizing secretary for Queens, made an earnest appeal to have the Community Council and Taxpayers' Association become a part of the great organizations of Community Councils of New York City. A committee, for reorganization of the Taxpayers' Association along the broader lines to conform with the Community Councils of New York, with Lyman B. Stowe as chairman, gave a splendid report in the form of a new constitution of the Taxpayers and this report was unanimously recommended for adoption at the December meeting.

The new constitution provides for a change of name to Community Council of Forest Hills instead of Taxpayers' Association. There shall be the usual officers and these with two others, shall be called a Governing Board. There shall also be an Advisory Board which "shall consist of the official head and one other member of each of the various civic organizations and such of the social organizations or agencies as may be invited by the Council, which operate in the district of the Community Council." This Governing Board shall advise the President as to the

personnel of all necessary committees. Meetings are to be held the third Friday of every month.

Miss Clara Rowe, field secretary of Community Councils for New York, addressed the meeting on the general subject of Community Council work and gave advice and answered questions.

The new constitution will probably be adopted at the next meeting of the Taxpayers' Association on Dec. 19, then the organizations of the village will be co-ordinated better and the new Council will be a clearing house for the plans of the village life. An interesting program will be given at the Dec. meeting. Fred Neumer was elected treasurer to fill a vacancy.

### The Gardens Players

An enthusiastic audience, thoroughly appreciative of home talent; an excellent performance—four one-act plays; most acceptable stage settings designed by local people; and, finally, good acting by members of The Gardens Players, in a word describes the program given by the Players at the Kew Gardens Country Club, on Thursday evening, Nov. 13, 1919.

Everybody was there ready to encourage friends and neighbors in dramatic art. The auditorium was filled, window-sills served as seats for some and a goodly number stood, throughout the evening, in the corridor. The audience was so appreciative that it forgot to be polite—with every pun and joke people laughed and conversed with their neighbors during the program, they were so interested in the acting of the Players that they kept talking about who was who.

The program was well planned, satisfying a variety of tastes and displaying many kinds of talent. Two of the plays, farces, "Oh! Girl," by Harvey Warren and "Pants," by Walter Hartwig, were written and produced by members of the Players. "Oh! Girl" was well constructed, each line leading up to the next perfectly and every word serving a purpose. The end, when the girl in the case proved to be a coveted cook, was a complete surprise to the audience. The acting of the entire cast, particularly of Nancy Hanks as the girl, was clever in the real meaning of that much used word.

"Pants" was beautifully staged, design and construction being most creditable and that, too, showed the work of local talent. "Pants" has many bright lines in it and the acting of Nina Cutter and Harvey Warren and all the cast was very intelligent. The real estate man, the Chemist Shop, the cleaning establishment and other local enterprises, all came in for jokes.

"Trifles," by Susan Glaspell, has been shown on the legitimate stage and proved to be the best play of the evening, and in it the acting was decidedly the best. Each member of the cast stood out as a clear-cut character, but the work of Robert J. Cole as Lewis Hale and Sara Oyen as Mrs. Peters and Bertha Mandell as Mrs. Hale approached the work of professional players.

"The Enchanted Flower," which came first on the program, did not have a fair chance. The audience was just getting settled and refused at first to take the play seriously. It was an artistic, original thing and in it the acting was all good and the dancing of Laura Lee perfectly charming.

Every actor who appeared on the program is an amateur and a member of The Gardens Players. The *Bulletin* would like to mention each member and each officer by name, if space would permit, but it does take the opportunity to tell these neighbors and friends that the village is proud of this organization and the work of the members and wishes them a successful season—and many of them.

### Drive For Funds to Fight Tuberculosis

Between December 1 and December 10, there will be a nation-wide drive to raise funds to fight tuberculosis, conducted by the American Red Cross and the campaign in Forest Hills will be carried on by a number of teams, the chairman of which is Mrs. George Simons. There are 1,460 registered cases of tuberculosis in Queens and the money raised here will be used to fight the disease in our borough. One hundred stamps will be sold for \$1 and health bonds will be sold for any amount from \$5 up. The quota for Forest Hills is \$2,500, and it is expected that the village will go "over the top." Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and representatives of all organizations here will aid in this important drive.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

### The Entertainment Course Inaugurated in a Very Auspicious Manner

The excellent concert which the Women's Club gave as the first number in its entertainment course guarantees a series of very high grade performances. The second number will be a New York theater party on the evening of December 10. Every effort has been made to make this a great success, orchestra seats having been reserved. The party will leave Forest Hills on the 7:42 train and special cars have been reserved for the party. The members of the Club and their friends will see the play, "Nothing but Love" at the 44th Street Theater. There are a few tickets available for the remainder of the course at \$4.50, which includes the theater party on Dec. 10, lecture and musical, Jan. 14, card party Feb. 11, and the final entertainment on March 10.

It is important that each subscriber sign his coupon in his book of tickets and send with the December ticket and self-addressed envelope to Mrs. C. H. Scammell, 14 Greenway Terrace, chairman of the ways and means committee. Theater tickets will be sent to those who so address Mrs. Scammell. Guests tickets for theater party may be had for \$2 each, the regular price being \$2.75.

#### December Meetings

Hon. Newton W. Gilbert, formerly a member of Congress and Vice-Governor of the Philippines, will speak on "American Citizenship" at the meeting of the club on Monday, Dec. 1, at 2 o'clock, at the Inn. Mr. Gilbert is a man of broad experience and a brilliant speaker. Miss Helen V. Boswell will review current events and Mrs. Charles B. Nelcamp will speak on the "United States Flag."

On Dec. 9, Tuesday, at 2.30 P. M., the current readings chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Preston Beazell, 255 Greenway South, when Mrs. A. M. Gray will review Hugh Walpole's "The Dark Forest" and "The Secret City."

### First of the Movies

A capacity house—124 men, women and children—attended the moving-picture entertainment in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens on the afternoon of November 22, under the auspices of the Women's Guild. Very comfortable chairs for little folks were placed in the front rows so that they could see and their legs would not grow tired. These same little folks chuckled, giggled and laughed over the pranks of Mutt and Jeff and then sat still in quiet admiration and enjoyment over the perfectly beautiful pictures of the Blue Bird. The grown-ups took the same keen pleasure in the entertainment as the children. Mr. Chester I. Barnard of Greenway North played the piano throughout the afternoon in a highly acceptable manner.

In the United States it is a conservative estimate that 5,000,000 people daily attend the movies and if Forest Hills people patronize this kind of entertainment in that same proportion to the population the decision to give two performances this Saturday afternoon, one at 1:30 and one at 3:30, is a wise move. Beside the comic reels another attractive picture will be shown at each performance. The admission price is 25 cents each.

#### CHRISTIAN-McNUTT

In the Church-in-the-Gardens, on the evening of Nov. 24, Miss Eugenia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Christian, was married to Mr. John Davis McNutt, Dr. Edgar W. Work, of New York City, officiating. The church was decorated in chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Mrs. Alexander Greene was the soloist and Mrs. George LeBlanc, the organist. Mrs. C. Siebecker, Miss Lorita Christian, Mrs. P. L. Siverd and Mrs. H. N. Silleck, in the wedding party were dressed in orange and yellow georgette while the bride's gown was white satin. After a wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. McNutt will be at home in Jamaica.

#### OVER THE TOP

The third roll call of the American Red Cross closed Tuesday, Nov. 18, the quota of Forest Hills being \$574.00. The Masons contributed \$25 beside a membership for each Mason and \$666 was collected in all. The work of the Scouts was efficient and accurate and a large committee of ladies gave unstinted and whole-hearted work to make this drive a success. Mrs. C. W. Johnson was the chairman.

## Recreation

The Playground has had a splendid fall season with a daily average attendance of 100 girls and boys. Soccer and hockey have been the two most popular games for the boys, and tether ball for the girls. Frank McGirr's basketball team was an even match for Bob Millen's team and on last week Tuesday a well-played game took place, with Bobbie Millen's team in the advance, 8-6. They hope to carry on the basketball work at the Seminole Avenue Club throughout the winter.

The Playground is now closed for the winter months.

#### Gym Classes

The popular gymnasium classes of last winter are to be resumed the first week in December, the first one being on Tuesday afternoon, December 2, at 4 o'clock, for boys who are 8 to 14 years old. Register at the Seminole Club and learn a new game the first day.

On Thursday, at 4 o'clock, the girls from 8 to 14 years will meet at the Club for registration.

#### Swimming Class

December 6, Saturday, on the 9:59 train, all the girls who wish to take swimming lessons this winter are asked to go to the Y. W. C. A. with the class, Miss Fox in charge, to become enrolled as members and to pass the examination which allows them to swim whenever they so desire. The class will go to New York every Saturday morning and Miss Fox hopes that a large number will join. One dollar is the membership fee of the Y. W. C. A. and 25 cents is charged for each dip.

#### Girl Scouts

At the present time there are 31 Girl Scouts who have attended the meetings since the first of November and will become Registered Scouts when their first tests are passed, making them Tenderfoot Scouts. They meet every Friday evening at five o'clock, and are dismissed at six. Last Friday, November 21, they stayed until seven, having their supper in the Kindergarten room and Mrs. Tappan was their invited guest. Games were enjoyed after their little party and all had a good time. December 5 will be the day when tests are taken.

#### MOTHERS' CLUB

At the meeting of the Mothers' Club on Nov. 17, Mrs. A. M. Gray spoke with understanding and appreciation of the subject of children's reading. She believes in encouraging in children a love for all books, for books furnish the background for all education.

On Dec. 15, at public school 101, at the meeting of the Mothers' Club, Arthur M. Wolfson, principal of the High School of Commerce of New York and a resident of Forest Hills, will speak on the subject, "The Parent, the Community, and the School in Relation to the Child."

#### AN APPEAL FROM PALESTINE

The people of Palestine are in crying need of funds and clothing. The Anglo-American Society makes a strong statement of great distress in that country. Shoes and all kinds of clothing are wanted. Money is most acceptable. Miss Maude Wallace, 102 Ascan Avenue, will see that all kinds of contributions are promptly forwarded to the proper authorities.

#### PERSONALS

Miss Winifred Christie, a noted pianist, is visiting Mrs. W. B. Davis, of Wendover Road.

Mrs. Martha M. Allen, of Beechnoll Road, has been attending the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union's "Victory" convention in St. Louis. She also attended the New York State W. C. T. U. convention where she gave an address upon "Drug Addiction."

When the 1,000 New York City High School boys and girls were entertained by the Prince of Wales on board the "Renown" on the afternoon of November 21, two residents of Forest Hills were among the chosen and fortunate ones: Helen E. Smart from Richmond Hill High School and Kimball Gray from Jamaica High School.

Dorothy Smith, of Continental Avenue, entertained forty young friends at a party on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 22.

#### UNMUZZLED DOGS

The Taxpayers' Association and the Mothers' Club are starting an aggressive campaign against the dangerous nuisance, the unmuzzled dogs. The children of our village are constantly in grave danger from this peril and there is a determination to stamp out this nuisance here.

## THE-CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



The Rev. F. Herbert Stead, brother of the late Wm. T. Stead, who went down with the "Titanic," will be the speaker tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Stead is head of the Browning Hall Settlement, London, has been prominent in social work in England for the past years, and has recently given special attention to the subject of Religion and the Labor Question.

A most helpful Thanksgiving service, in which St. Luke's Episcopal Church united with us, was held on Thursday morning. Dr. Charles E. Burton and Vicar R. S. Nichols conducted the service. The music, by Mrs. LeBlanc and Miss Gardiner, was most appropriate.

Mrs. Rowland H. Smith, superintendent of the Cradle Roll of the Sunday School, assisted by Mrs. S. E. Davenport, her co-worker, invited the mothers of the

Cradle Roll children to her home on Continental Avenue, on Monday afternoon last, to meet Mrs. Sherwood Eddy, who has recently returned from a trip to India and the Far East. It was an unusually successful meeting and Mrs. Eddy gave a most interesting talk on childhood.

The Christian Endeavor Bulletin is the latest effort of this energetic organization. It is well worth the attention of every member of the community.

The November meeting of the Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. John Elliott on Winter Street was well attended, and Mrs. Eddy's address was greatly enjoyed. Gifts were brought for the bazaar for the Congregational Home for the Aged, Brooklyn.

The December meeting (12th) will be at the home of Mrs. Henry Hirschberg, 108 Greenway North, with Mrs. Forry R. Getz, assistant hostess. It will be an all-day meeting, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Work will be done for the Flushing Hospital. The women are also invited to bring gifts (atables) for the Congregational Home for the Aged. Mrs. George Smart will address the meeting in the afternoon on the "Grace and Peace of Age." All women of the community are invited—and especially those who have come to the time of life when they ordinarily consider themselves "shut-ins." Missionary thank-offerings will be welcome.

## ST. LUKE'S

All Soul's Day, Nov. 2, was another memorable day at St. Luke's. At the 11 o'clock service, in the presence of Mr. and Miss Fryer, representing the family, the vicar blessed a handsome processional cross of polished brass, in dignified design, matching the altar cross given by Miss Nancy Robb. The oaken stick, carrying the cross, has burnished brass couplings with ferule and hooks to match; altogether a handsome example of the Gorham Co.'s work.

The annual call for volunteers for the special Christmas music is now made. The Midnight Service so wonderfully beautiful, interferes with services in no other church. The vicar will be happy to have all our singers help, and will be glad to advise them of times of rehearsal.

Sunday, Nov. 23, the vicar preached to a large congregation at Grace Church, Jamaica. The associate rector, Rev. Mr. Day, preached most acceptably at St. Lukes. Mr. Peter B. Olney, Jr., of Cedarhurst, one of the Diocesan "four-minute men," spoke finely on the nation-wide campaign. This is the great spiritual movement to arouse our people, throughout the country and jurisdiction of the Episcopalian Church. On Dec. 7th, our own volunteer committee will call among the parishioners to arouse their interest in St. Luke's and the church at large.

Our Bishop of Long Island has appointed Jan. 4, 1920, as the date of his visitation to administer the sacramental rite of confirmation.

The class for Juniors meets Thursdays at 4 P. M. (Thanksgiving excepted) at the chapel. An adult class will be arranged. Names should be sent at once to the vicar.

The Church School, under Mr. Kaulfoco, of the General Theological Seminary, has reached its largest attendance in our history. We have about 60 enrolled and greatly need two more teachers. A man is much desired for a small boys' class. Who will volunteer?

## THE INN



Mr. and Mrs. Fred. C. Thornley, of the Inn, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Doris Thornley, to Theodore Hammond Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wyley Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., at a dinner given in the Sun Parlor of the Inn, on Saturday evening last. Mr. Smith had fourteen months' active service in France as an officer in the 82nd Division. Original toasts were read by Mr. Frederick Gunster, of the Inn, and Miss Agnes Gray, a cousin

of Mr. Smith, as well as a response by Mr. Alexander Wyley Smith, father of the fortunate man, who was unable to attend the dinner due to pressing business in Atlanta.

Another feature of great interest was a formal luncheon and cards given on Tuesday last, also in the Sun Parlor, by Mrs. I. T. Shoemaker, who has been a guest of the Inn for the past several months, to many of her new acquaintances and friends. Prizes of taste and originality were given to each table and the affair was another success to the many previous ones held in the Sun Parlor of the Inn.

Miss Sally Pierce, of the Inn, entertained a little cousin over the last week-end, Miss Katherine Beeson, of Hamilton, Ohio, who is just finishing her course at the Ossining School for young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hillman, of Forest Hills, have arrived at the Inn and are now settled in their apartment for the winter months.

Mrs. E. J. Nalle, of Austin, Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Gregory, of the Inn. Mr. Gregory is the former Attorney-General of the United States and has recently been made chairman of the New Industrial Commission created by President Wilson.

Mrs. M. J. Scanlon, mother of Mrs. George A. Easton, of the Inn, with her daughter, Miss Helen Scanlon, is spending Thanksgiving week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Easton.

## COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Tuesdays—4 P. M.—Boys' Gym Class, Seminole Club.

Thursdays—4 P. M.—Girls' Gym Class—Seminole Club.

Every Friday, 5 P. M.—Girl Scouts, Public School 3.

Every Saturday, Girls' Swimming Class—9.59 train for New York.

Every Saturday, 1.30 and 3.30 P. M.—Moving pictures—Social Room, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Dec. 1, 2 P. M.—Women's Club—The Inn.

Dec. 4, 8 P. M.—Men's Club.

Dec. 8, Monday, 2.30 P. M.—Philanthropic Chapter, Women's Club, 68 Greenway North.

Dec. 9, Tuesday, 2.30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 255 Greenway South.

Dec. 10—Evening theater party, Women's Club, 44th Street Theater.

Dec. 12, 10 A. M.—All-day meeting, Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens, 108 Greenway North.

Dec. 15, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Public School 101.

Dec. 19, 8 P. M.—Taxpayers' Association, Church-in-the-Gardens.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 8 o'clock. Holy Communion; 11 o'clock Service and Sermon. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

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. Cor. 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. 173 Continental Avenue.