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GARDENS CLUB HOUSE

THE COMPANY AND THE GARDENS CLUB.

The Gardens Club as it stands today is the happy result of the endeavors on the part of a number of the residents of the Gardens, in co-operation with the Homes Company, to establish a neighborhood or community Club. It was the expectation at the outset that if such a Club could be established on a financial basis that would permit of practically every resident becoming a member, besides the recreation feature, it would be of considerable value to the social aspect of the community. It was in the spring of 1913 that the Homes Company was waited upon by the first committee. After considerable preliminary work it was decided that the triangular tract, located on the southeast corner of Metropolitan and Ascan Avenues, with its southerly boundary on Forest Park, and comprising a little over three acres of land, was best suited for the location. It was then decided to move the old farm house, which was located on the so-called Van Sicken Tract, to this location and remodel same along the lines of the plans which had been submitted to the Homes Company. This the Homes Company undertook to do, together with the improvement of the grounds, which included the building of the tennis courts and a baseball field; the company also installed a first-class bowling alley in the basement of the building. These improvements made by the company represent an investment of upwards of \$18,000. The necessity of a financial arrangement between the Club and the Homes Company, wherein the terms of rental or purchase should be put on such a basis as would permit of the upbuilding of a new club without financial embarrassment, was obvious, the result being that the company agreed to lease to the Club the premises

as improved at what might be fairly stated as a nominal rental, with a further provision in the agreement that if, at the end of a period of five years the Club was a success financially and otherwise it would then have the option to purchase the property at a figure at that time agreed upon, which is considerably less than its true market value.

That the Homes Company made no mistake in the part that it took in this enterprise is clearly shown by the membership of the Club, its financial standing, and social activities. It is expected that the social advantages, as well as the outdoor recreation, are of sufficient value to attract every resident of the Gardens to the membership of the Club.

THE CLUB AS A SOCIAL CENTER.

The Gardens Club represents an endeavor to meet the social needs of the community by means of a Country Club accessibly situated and with a sufficiently reasonable cost to members to be within the reach of all.

With its many outdoor and indoor features the Club is the center of the social and athletic activity of the Gardens. It will be increasingly useful as the community grows, but even now those residents who do not belong are missing some of the best features of our social life. You owe it to your family and yourself to take full advantage of the opportunity to join in the good-fellowship of this organization.

The Club is just a year old and has as members over one hundred families. You are sure to meet there some congenial souls. It is the endeavor of the Club to offer some attraction to suit every taste.

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THE GARDENS CLUB.

By Its Secretary.

The Gardens Club, having been offered the opportunity of contributing to this issue of the Bulletin, takes the occasion to set before all residents of this community, who are not already members, the purposes and intentions of the Club.

The Club had its inception in the minds of a few of the first residents who desired a place where all could meet in a social way to promote acquaintance and good-fellowship in the community. A public meeting, followed by considerable hard work and perseverance on the part of the organizing committee, together with the active co-operation of the Homes Company, finally resulted in the Club House and grounds with which we are all now familiar.

It has occurred to the Board of Governors that perhaps some of the recent purchasers in Forest Hills Gardens have not been presented with the opportunity of joining the Club, and they wish to take this means of reaching everyone who might desire to join. If such persons will communicate with the President or with the Secretary, in care of the Club, the Board will be very glad to consider their applications.

Among the attractions offered by the Club are four tennis courts, always kept in splendid condition; a baseball diamond; two regulation championship bowling alleys; a billiard and a pool table; shower baths, lockers, and a good sized room for dancing and other entertainments.

The Entertainment Committee has mapped out a series of attractive entertainments for the season now commencing, and we trust that all members and their friends will show their appreciation by joining in the social spirit of these gatherings.

A Club is a necessary institution for a new settlement such as Forest Hills Gardens, as it offers opportunities for becoming acquainted with our neighbors.

The finances of the Club are in a healthy condition, but we need more members to carry out several improvements which are contemplated.

If you are already a member, come to the Club more frequently and try a game of tennis, billiards, or bowling as an antidote for business cares. If you do not belong, you should lose no time in enlisting in our ranks.

The officers are: President, S. W. Eckman; Vice-President, Dr. A. L. Baker; Secretary, Chas. C. Close; Treasurer, Geo. C. Le Blanc.

COURSE OF LECTURES.

Professor B. B. Kendrick, of Columbia University, who lives at 205 Puritan Avenue, is to deliver a course of six lectures on Contemporaneous History, on alternate Monday evenings, beginning November 8th, at the Church-in-the-Gardens. This course is under the auspices of the Women's Club and is open to the public on payment of a fee of \$1.00 for the course, or 25 cents for each lecture.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

It was a genuine pleasure for the pastor to meet Mrs. Russell Sage, on her way through Forest Hills Gardens, she stopped to see the Church, and to thank her in person for the beautiful gift. The hymn she suggested to be sung at the dedication—"Bless be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love"—is to be sung at every communion service and this will be a memorial hymn.

Five children were presented by their parents for baptism last Sunday morning: Helga Eleanor Holch, Alice Mary Eckman, Grace Amalia Eckman, Doris Elizabeth McCulloch and Barbara Biard Baker. Mrs. Anna Taylor Jones enriched the service with her beautiful contralto voice. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Covert, from the Newtown Reformed Church, and Myron K. Burton and Malcolm S. Burton were welcomed into the fellowship of the Church.

Dr. A. H. Evans, Associate Pastor of the West Park Presbyterian Church, New York, will preach Sunday morning, October 24th. In the evening Dr. Kent will make a brief address on the inscription at the top of the choir screen, and the people are invited to come and join in a popular praise service.

Mrs. George Sherwood Eddy is always listened to with keen interest. Her message is always inspiring. She speaks in the Church Sunday night, October 31st.

Several meetings of much interest are planned by the Women's Guild. The next regular meeting will be in the social room of the Church, with Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Robert J. Cole as speakers. An informal social gathering will be held at Mrs. Buckley's on November 17th, at 2.30 o'clock, to which all the ladies of the congregation are invited to come and bring their sewing.

The question of having family pews or sittings in the new church will be referred to the people for decision in the near future.

There is a very interesting article in the September-October issue of "Bird Lore" by Mary Eastwood Knevels, Secretary of the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society.

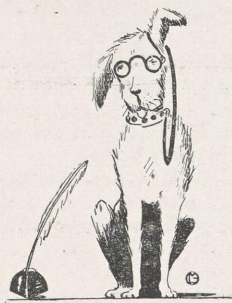
John A. Meeker has rented his house in Olive Place to Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Greeley, of 25 Munroe Place, Brooklyn, until next June.

The Homes Company has sold the house at 52 Tennis Place to Dr. Hilmer Uggla, of 1184 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan. Dr. Uggla has rented it for one year to Mrs. Madge C. Bruns of the Hotel Marseilles.

The Dog Watch

by

The Watch Dog



When G. Washington called for volunteers, every able-bodied man in every American household bravely came forward with his blunderbus. When A. Lincoln asked for militant support, every able man who didn't own slaves, and hence, who was not opposed to their freedom, produced himself as a target. When C. Columbus called for a seaworthy egg, lo, a valiant egg vounteered himself as the subject of Christopher's famous experiment. And so when, more recently, the first issue of the Bulletin called for an F. P. A. or a Don Marquis, the Watch Dog bounded forth from his kennel as the most willing, if not the ablest, volunteer. (Business of bowing modestly.)

The Dog Watch is the result of this bound.

The Dog Watch is YOUR column, Gardenites, Gardenettes and Gardenetties, to do with as you please (if you can first chloroform the Watch Dog), and it's doors are open to contributors of every gender—feminine, masculine and neuter—between the ages of one-half year and one hundred and five years, who are residents of the well known earth at the time of sending in contributions. If we have discriminated against anyone who has the nerve to complain, she, he or it may kick to her, his of its heart's content, and see if it will do her, him or it any good.

The only limitations placed upon contributions are these: Every contribution must provoke at least a smile, and all smiles provoked must be joyous, mirthful and innocent. No cynical, malicious or designing smiles will be accepted.

If you have a grudge, tie a stone around its neck and drop it into the deepest hole in the Tea Garden Fountain. If you have an enemy, punch his nose—do not try to kid him in the Dog Watch.

The Dog Watch stands firmly for love, optimism, preparedness and suffrage. Suffrage? Well, we should Bow-wow! If the ladies wish to suffer, we should wag our tail! The sufferings of others place no fleas on OUR back!

Your Uncle Sam has kindly arranged to deliver all contributions to the Watch Dog at two cents per throw. Address contributions to the Watch Dog, Forest Hills Gardens, Long Island, and drop them into the nearest mail-box (unless you need exercise). This is very simple. Any sophomore in high-school can do it; and probably some others.

We dare you to send us something right now! We brandish our Spencerian at you! We bark at you! If this does not anger you into replying, we beg, plead with, and beseech you to help us out!

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I pray that nobody may say, when I die,
That I ever served cheese without serving pie.

Con Sistent.

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The kitchen of a certain Forest Hills home is presided over by a premiere cheffess, yecept Blanche, who conjures up the best biscuits ever eaten with maple syrup. Blanche has one fault: She does not bake 'em often enough. So, prompted by the success of the "Buy a Bale o' Cotton" campaign, the Watch Dog proposes to launch a "Bake a Batch o' Biscuits" campaign. More power to it!

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Here endeth the first lesson. The class will meet again in the next issue, barring accidents and the "blue envelope."

JOURNEYMAN'S CLASS.

An encouraging first meeting of the Journeyman's Class of the Audubon Society was held at the shop on Friday, October 8th. Twelve boys were present—which means three full benches—so that if any more want to join they will have to come right along. Present were: James Millan, Oliver Jones, Dan McCracken, Lockwood Cocklin, Kimber Seward, Edwin Hering, Wallace Drummond, Harold Burdick, Harold Schoen and Dick Clinchy. It is hoped that more of the boys in the Gardens will become interested and join the class. The class will take orders for two sizes of feeding stations. Prices can be secured from L. P. McGahie or Miss M. E. Knevels. There are also some attractive designs in nesting boxes for sale.

LADIES WIN.

The female of the species proved herself to be more deadly than the male on Columbus Day, when the ladies' team, assisted by the frou-frous worn by their opponents, defeated the men at baseball by the score of 8 runs to 4. The final score was reached by a combination of integral calculus and the Montessori method on the part of the umpire, who believed in safety first.

The line-up of the teams follows. The box-score has been deleted by the censor.

Ladies	Men
Mrs. Mecabe.....	Pitcher.....C. Close
"Miss" Mecabe.....	Catcher.....G. Brainerd
Miss Leonard.....	First Base.....E. Bristol
Mrs. Close.....	Second Base.....G. Earle
Mrs. Bogart.....	Short Stop.....E. O'Shea
Miss Ryan.....	Third Base.....S. E. Davenport, Jr.
Miss Kay.....	Left Field.....J. Ortgies
Mrs. Earle.....	Centre Field.....S. Hillman
Miss Brewer.....	Right Field.....W. Ryan
	Umpire—H. T. Warren.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO BE SENT TO THE SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in response to the letter of Commissioner Suydam, the School Committee take the position that the paramount issue at this time is the development of plans which will make it possible for children of the school age, living in Forest Hills, to get full advantage of a complete course of instruction in accordance with the standards set by the School Board for the school children in the City of New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chairman of the School Committee, with the co-operation of the various sub-committees, take such steps as may be necessary through the proper school officials to have the conditions as they now exist in the Forest Hills schools corrected at the earliest date possible by either securing additional schoolrooms and teachers, or arranging for the transfer of some grades to nearby schools, or by such other relief as the school officials may think desirable in order to secure the desired results.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the question as to the wisdom of this or that plan of procedure, as it might affect the immediate success of securing a permanent school building on the north or south, or both the north and south sides of Forest Hills, be made secondary to the importance of the immediate accomplishment of securing such increased opportunities and facilities.

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.")

Saturday, October 23rd—8.30 P. M., at Gardens Club, Card Party, with prize for each table, "War tax" 50 cents.

Tuesday, October 26th—8 P. M., at the Gardens Chapel, annual meeting of the Taxpayers' Association. Election of officers and reports of committees.

Tuesday, October 26th—2 to 6 P. M., at the house of Geo. C. LeBlanc, 105 Puritan Avenue, sale of hand-made articles. Benefit of St. Luke's Episcopal Chapel.

Tuesdays—2 P. M., at the Sales Office of the Homes Company, meeting of Volunteer War Relief Workers Chapter of the Women's Club. Non-members are invited to attend.

Friday, October 29th—8 P. M., at the Sales Office, Men's Club social and initiation of new members. Edward O'Shea and C. B. Fancy in charge of ceremonies.

Saturday, October 30th—8.30 P. M., at Gardens Club, Hallowe'en Masquerade and High Jinks.

Monday, November 1st—2.30 P. M., at the house of Mrs. Boardman Robinson, Continental Avenue, opening of Child Study Class of Women's Club.

Wednesday, November 3rd—2.30 P. M., at Forest Hills Inn, meeting of Women's Club. Speaker, Mrs. Adeliza B. Chaffee. Introduced by the American Art Study Class.

Wednesday, December 1st—2.30 P. M., at Forest Hills Inn, meeting of Women's Club. Speaker, Miss Mary Garrett Hay, Director of General Federation of Women's Clubs. Introduced by Household Economics Chapter.

GARDENITES AT THE CUP RACE.

Forest Hills Gardens was well represented at the Astor Cup Race at the Sheepshead Bay Speedway on Saturday, October 9th. Worth Colwell, who, with his partner, Edward F. Korbel, handled the publicity campaign of the race and assisted in its management, says that 97 of the 97,000 spectators who came through the gates, were from Forest Hills. Mr. Colwell had several box parties of friends, and among them were Miss Maida Birmingham, Miss Dolly Whitehead and her mother, Eric Huneker, Miss Florence Cochrane, all from the Inn; also Miss Stella Hoban, Miss Ruth Smith, Miss Anita Segura and Robert Kent. The French government was also represented in Mr. Colwell's party by Monsieur and Madame Gleizes and Monsieur Marcel Duchamp, who arrived from Paris a few days ago and are the guests of Mrs. B. F. Breuer.

AUDUBON SOCIETY.

There was a meeting of the Trustees of the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society on Thursday evening, October 7th. At this meeting Mrs. Will Phillip Hooper was elected a Trustee in place of Dr. Burton, resigned. Mr. Quarles spoke of having been to Greenwich, Conn., to see "Sanctuary," the Bird Masque given by the Greenwich Bird Protective Association, of which Neil Morrow Ladd (who talked so entertainingly at the Gardens last spring) is President. The Association showed a special exhibit of food bearing shrubs and vines which impressed Mr. Quarles as being the most interesting thing in the line of bird preservation work that he had yet seen. The Society has planned for a big meeting at the end of October. Various other winter schemes were discussed, which will be announced later.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 3.30 o'clock, Fife Street, near Seminole Avenue, North Side.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. Second Sunday in the month, Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. 39 Ingram Street.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Midweek service Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

No. 221 Greenway South, which has been used as a chapel by the Episcopalians of the Gardens during the last summer, has been rented by the Homes Company to Dr. Charles W. Gesternberg, Professor at New York University.

Francis B. Colton, architect with the Homes Company, moved on October 4th from Jamaica to No. 69 Burns Street.

Dr. Abraham Lansing, Dentist, corner of 66th Street and Central Park West, Manhattan, has taken an office in the rear of Collins store on Station Square and will make appointments for morning work.

Two "recent arrivals" are Janet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Duff on October 8th, and Dorothy Jean at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Bristol on October 20th.

THE INN.

It is planned to have a bridge party for the guests of The Inn on Monday evening of each week at 8.15 o'clock.

Miss Clarke's dancing class, notice of which was given in the last issue of the Bulletin, began on Wednesday evening, October 20th.

There will be a dance, as usual, at the Inn each Saturday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Wright, of Buffalo, who lived at the Inn last winter, has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Nicholson have been spending the week at Long Beach.

Frederick Keegan, who has been on a business trip in the West, has returned to the Inn.

Richard Cary, of Niagara Falls, and A. D. Whittemore, of Buffalo, have located at the Inn.

Mrs. Charles Phelps, who lived at the Inn last winter, has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Sprague are making the Inn their home at present.

John Foote has returned to the Inn after a summer spent in Maine and in the Catskills.

The ladies of Forest Hills Gardens have organized a Musical Art Society, under the direction of Miss Harriett Ware. Meetings will be held at the Inn on Thursday mornings.

Dr. Sarah E. Calvert, of Denver, Col., is visiting her niece, Mrs. Robert J. Cole.

Mrs. H. T. Warren is visiting at Scranton, Pa.