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HOME OF T. T. SWEENEY.

Herewith illustrated is the home of Dr. T. T. Sweeney, situated on the corner of Russell Place and Slocum Crescent.

This house is a good example of the English half-timber design, the lines of which are obtained by the use of perpendicular wood strips, paneled with rough texture stucco. In the rear is the garage, designed in keeping with the house. The drying yard is hidden from view by an arbored trellis. In a cluster of planting is a bird fountain, giving enjoyment not only to the birds, but to the members of the family, and is seen from the West windows of the dining room.

Inside, the hall, living and dining rooms are paneled. Good taste and care was used in the decorations above the paneled woodwork, the principal feature of which is the hand painted peacock decorations in the dining room.

The house contains ten rooms and three baths and was designed and erected by the Homes Company.

## RESULTS OF MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN.

S. W. Eckman.

Certainly the residents of Forest Hills have reason to be satisfied with the results accomplished this year in our mosquito control work. Owing to the limitation of our funds we were late in getting busy, but in spite of this fact we have been able to practically control the breeding of fresh water mosquitos in the area around Forest Hills. Aside from the two or three heavy invasions of mosquitos from the salt marshes we have been comparatively immune this year.

The year just closing shows a debit in the funds of the Committee and we want all the residents,

whether they have contributed to this year's funds or not, to send in contributions now for cleaning up the indebtedness of this year and to enable us to begin the work very early next Spring. Checks for \$5.00 or more should be sent to G. L. C. Earle, Greenway South, and it is hoped that a very generous response will be made, as surely there is no one now who can say that the money is not excellently invested.

There will be a meeting of the Mosquito Committee of the Taxpayers' Association at the Sales Office on the evening of Wednesday, September 13th, and the following night there is to be a meeting of the Queensboro Extermination Committee at Jamaica Town Hall at 8 o'clock. A complete report of the work and finances will be made.

## MOSQUITO NOTES.

M. J. Ansbee, Inspector.

A few stragglers of the brood of salt marsh mosquitos which emerged from the undrained portions of Jamaica Bay Meadows Aug. 21st are still on the wing, but their power will be crippled as cool weather approaches and with the completion of the present ditching contract we may anticipate a very noticeable reduction next year.

At a meeting of the Health Department, condemnation proceedings for acquirement of right of way over property belonging to Henry Klein were waived, thus opening the way for Borough President Connolly to proceed at once with the Gutman Swamp drainage. Night collections made in the vicinity of this swamp indicate that about 80 per cent of the specie known as the "Irritating Mosquito" or C. Perturbans, which has composed a large proportion of the fresh water mosquitos in this vicinity, is bred there. This is a particularly interesting fact because the larvae of this variety never comes to the surface to breathe but cling to the roots of tussocks of grass along the edges, making it extremely difficult to locate breeding. Oiling would be useless. Draining will destroy them.

Total night collections to date made in Forest Hills show 237 salt marsh mosquitos and 59 fresh water mosquitos of which 15 were Culex Pipiens. The number of pipiens on the wing has been decreasing as the Summer has advanced and the local breeding places cleaned up. In Kew Gardens 33 salt marsh mosquitos have been taken in five collections and not a single fresh water mosquito has been turned in from there.

We have received praiseworthy co-operation from the Homes Company in cleaning up local breeding places. Seven fire barrels under the West Side Tennis Club stands—heavy pipien breeding—permanently covered. Outlet ditch from storm sewer from Kelvin Street cleaned; three cesspools near Kelvin filled or covered; excavation foot of Ibis Street containing paint cans—breeding—filled. We are not aware at this writing of a **single mosquito breeding place in Forest Hills**. If anyone knows of any, please send in signed report so that we may answer.

A \$5.00 bill awaits the person finding mosquito breeding in cabbage leaves in the vicinity, notwithstanding numerous reports to that effect.

More than 100 fly and mosquito breeding places have been eliminated by the local Inspector this Summer. The work has been carried into the surrounding towns of Glendale, Maspeth and Richmond Hill. Judging from reports received, we have had a reduction of 50 per cent in the numbers of mosquitos on the wing this Summer over last. Culex Pipiens or House Mosquitos have been reduced to an absolute minimum.



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**THE BULLETIN'S ANNIVERSARY.**

With this issue the Bulletin rounds out its first year. It may be of interest to note that 1,200 copies are issued semi-monthly. The mailing list has now reached 650, which covers the residents of the Gardens, as well as the owners of plots, also a number of persons in different parts of the country—as far west as California—who have requested that their names be added to this list, among them several prominent libraries. The remaining copies are distributed at the Inn (which uses about 200), at the various shops in the community, and at the New York office of the Homes Company.

We feel sure that in our live community there must be more doing than we manage to get into our pages—more items of general interest. We also feel sure that the Saturday reader frequently wonders why we have not put so and so in the paper when the editor has gone around pumping everybody he knows and doesn't know. If the people would keep the bulletin in mind in all events of interest to the community we could make our columns better reading.

Many expressions of interest in the Bulletin have been received; and the receipt of suggestions from our readers as to ways and means to make it more interesting and valuable to the community will be greatly appreciated.

**WOMEN'S CLUB NOTES.**

The new year book is just off the press.

The season will open with 181 enrolled members.

The opening meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon, October 4th, at 2 o'clock, at the Inn.

The time of the general meetings at the Inn has been changed from two thirty to two o'clock.

The officers for the coming year are Mrs. Albert Morton Grey, President; Mrs. Edwin Arden, Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, and Mrs. John J. Sheahan, Vice Presidents; Mrs. Charles W. Johnson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ward J. MacNeal, Treasurer; Mrs. John Brewer, Mrs. Alick Weir, Mrs. Harold P. Daniels, and Miss Wilhelmina Backus, members of the Executive Board; Mrs. Francis L. Holmes, Historian; and Mrs. Martha M. Allen, Parliamentarian.

**CHILDREN OF FOREST HILLS.**

Anne R. Smith, Director.

Dear Playmates:

Would you like to know who guessed the different games I sent you to work out? The answers to the "Penny Game" were as follows: America, an arrow, leaves, leathers, Indians, and were guessed correctly by May Shea, Marjorie Hirshorn, Rita O'Shea, Janet Perry, Denie Claypoole, Wharton Lyman, and William Knoche.

In the "Story Game" the answers read: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Cinderella, Red Riding Hood, Aladdin, and Persephone. These were answered correctly by Marjorie Hirshorn and Janice Traube.

Poems were sent in by only two children, Olivia Edwards and Mildred Weiss, so that there wasn't any real contest. Can you write me one about something in your garden before September 17th? If so, we will tell you who the winners are in the next Bulletin.

Drawings of houses were sent in by a number of children and of these Janice Traube's was the best. Many of the children tried the stunts, but Denie Claypoole was the only child who succeeded in doing all of them.

A number of interesting stories were handed in. Marjorie Hirshorn wrote the best one, and Burr Mayer the second best. Here is the story that Marjorie wrote:

"Once upon a time there was a little brown father cotton tail rabbit, and a little brown mother cotton tail rabbit who had a family of three little brown cotton tail rabbits. These rabbits lived out in a field near a farm. All around them were fields of turnips, carrots, lettuce, celery, cabbage, parsley, and onions. These vegetables were very tempting to the little father cotton tail, but he could not get them because of the dog who guarded the farm. One day father cotton tail spied the farmer leaving for town and his dog running after the wagon. So he called mother and told her he was going to farmer Jones' turnip field to see if he could get a turnip. Mother cotton tail tried to persuade him not to go because she was afraid of the dog, but father cotton tail assured her that the dog they so feared had gone to town with farmer Jones. But what father cotton tail did not know was that the dog only went part of the way to town with the farmer, then he came right back again and guarded the farm as before. So father cotton tail went to the turnip field and selecting the largest he could find he tugged and tugged until he got it up. Then he started hippity-hop for the gate. Suddenly he came face to face with the dog. Father cotton tail was so frightened he did not know where he was going, so he gave a leap and landed on the dog's back. The dog gave a yelp, shook him off, and ran, and father cotton tail went home with his turnip, very proud indeed, and soon he was telling his family how he scared the farmer's big dog."

If you have not guessed any of the games correctly, just look for the postman and perhaps he will bring you one that you can be sure to get right.

The tennis tournament at the Gardens Club begins on Monday next. The entrants are divided into classes A. B. and C. and next year's ratings will be based on the results of this series.



## THE INN.

Mrs. Robert J. Cole has returned from the Berkshires.

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Waddell spent last week touring Long Island in their auto.

Dr. Lee Galloway has returned from a two weeks' trip through the wilds of Nova Scotia.

Miss Jeanette Trowbridge has returned from an extended trip, which included the West India Islands.

H. W. Hillman has sold his house on Whitson Street to T. F. Cannon, of the United Drug Co., Long Island City.

Dr. A. E. Gallant has leased from the Homes Company the store and apartment at 15 Station Square to be used for office purposes.

Miss Dorothy Jessup has returned to her school work in Springfield, Mo., after spending the summer with her parents at 53 Groton Street.

Ned and Billy Parkhouse, of New Orleans, La., have been visiting their uncle, John M. Demarest. They leave today for home by steamer.

N. B. Baker went to Pottsville, Pa., this week to look over the steel work for the Otto Kahn mansion he is building at Cold Springs Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Grey, of California, have moved into the Meeker house, 50 Olive Place, for the winter.

Clarence A. Perry spent the month of August learning the duties of a soldier at Plattsburg. He was in the cavalry and reports a splendid time.

Ralph Lindermann, formerly with the Homes Company, and now Superintendent of the Mountain Lakes Corporation, Lake Wales, Fla., is here on a short visit.

In the absence of Archdeacon Nichols, who is having a short vacation, the eleven o'clock service next Sunday at St. Luke's Chapel will be in charge of Mr. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Finnegan and family have been at Sea Girt, N. J., for the summer. Mr. Finnegan has returned, but the other members of the family are visiting in Baltimore.

The next meeting of the Girl Scouts will take place on Tuesday forenoon, September 19th, for drill under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Mecabe and on the following afternoon the summer reading and sewing will be reviewed.

The committee charged with the responsibility of making nominations for the officers of the Taxpayers' Association consists of Ferd Neumer, Chairman; M. J. Stickel, A. H. Shapiro, Edmund O'Shea, and F. L. Holmes. The election will take place at the first meeting this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Haines Wilson, of Detroit, spent the week end at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elon Huntington Hooker and their guest, Miss Katherine Stebbins, made the Inn their regular headquarters during the tennis matches.

Among the guests who have arrived for the winter are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Baumes, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dana, Jr., and Mr. Richard Dana, Sr.

George Beach, after a three years' stay at the Inn, has left for his new home in Boston. It is understood that a charming young lady will soon join him in the new home.

Dr. H. D. Spangenberg has moved into his new house on Whitson Street.

Alexander Fryer and family will leave on October 1st to spend the winter in New Jersey.

Harvey T. Warren is building a house on Greenway South between Groton and Cranford Streets.

New sidewalks and parking spaces are being constructed along Union Turnpike, from Greenway South to Queens Boulevard.

Miss Elizabeth Schoen, of 30 Olive Place, has been granted a certificate to teach stenography in the evening High Schools of New York City.

John T. Patterson and family, who are living in the Kaighn house on Seasongood Road, will move into the Fryer house, 39 Ingram Street, on October 1st.

Congressman Charles Pope Caldwell has announced his candidacy for re-election. He has been endorsed by the Democratic Organization of Queens.

Thomas H. Todd has rented his residence at 167 Greenway North to Joel Hurt, of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Todd will live at the Inn for the winter.

The station platform assumed a metropolitan air during tennis week with its portable news stand and candy shop. The experiment proved so successful that the news company has decided to make it permanent.

Worth Colwell returned last week from a six weeks' trip to Colorado. He managed the automobile races up Pike's Peak and made a wager that there would be no accidents to either drivers or spectators on any of the three days of racing. As no one was injured, he collected.

One of our residents has figured the cost of water for lawn sprinkling to be about twelve cents per hour, when a three-quarter inch hose is used without the nozzle. The figures are based on observation of the meter used by the Homes Company's maintenance squad. About forty-eight cents worth of water will save a good sized lawn at this particular time.



COMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, September 11th, beginning of Gardens Club Tennis Tournament.

Wednesday, September 14th, 8 P. M. Sales office. Meeting of the Anti-Mosquito Committee of the Taxpayers' Association. All residents urged to attend.

Tuesday forenoon, September 19th, opening meeting of Girl Scouts.

Friday, September 22nd, 2:30 P. M., at the residence of John Brewer, 229 Greenway South, meeting of Women's Guild. Address by Miss Lattimore on "The Spirit of Youth." A cordial invitation to the women of the community and their friends.

Wednesday, October 4th, 2 P. M., at the Inn, opening meeting of the Women's Club.

TENNIS NOTES.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt was a guest of the West Side Tennis Club at the games on Monday.

The motto of many our residents has been, for the week past, "when business interferes with tennis, cut out business."

The final match in which R. Norris Williams, 2nd, defeated William Johnston for the National Championship was filed with thrills from first to last. It looked like anybody's game up to the last few minutes of play.

It was estimated that on Labor Day there were 2,500 automobiles parked in the Gardens.

The policing of the Gardens during the tennis matches, under the personal direction of Inspector Collins and Captain Place, was admirably handled.

The National Tennis Championship games, played under such favorable circumstances last week and part of this, attracted crowds of from 8,000 to 12,000 on the various days. At no other place has this record ever been approached. This is a tribute to the growing popularity of tennis and to the splendid location and equipment of the West Side courts. Needless to say our residents suspended all other activities possible and attended the games.

The "Sun" recently spoke of Forest Hills Gardens as a "fiat" town. Will someone explain whether this was a knock, a boost, or a typographical error?

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The opening meeting of the Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens will be held on Friday afternoon, September 22nd, at 2.30 o'clock, at the residence of John Brewer, 229 Greenway South. Miss Lattimore will speak on "The Spirit of Youth." A cordial invitation is extended to the women of the church and congregation and their women friends.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evensong at 5 P. M. St. Luke's Chapel, Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens — Sunday mornings. Combined church and Sunday school service at 11 A. M. Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 P. M. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

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

CHURCH-IN-THE GARDENS

The pastor, Dr. Robert J. Kent, returned to his pulpit on the first Sunday of September. He will preach each Sunday hereafter.

The regular sessions of the Sunday school will not be resumed until the beginning of October.

The treasurer, Dr. Wm. A. Rice, who has not been residing in Forest Hills for over a year, intends to make his home at the Inn after October 1st. Their many friends will be glad to have Dr. and Mrs. Rice with them again.

The Church-in-the-Gardens is for all, irrespective of denomination, who wish to attend its services and enter into its fellowship. Its form of government is Congregational, which means that the people themselves control the affairs of the church. Its religious belief is that which is held by all denominations. Therefore it is, as Mrs. Sage, who gave the building, wished it to be, and as those who started it intended it to be, a community church, "its doors open to all who love the Lord Jesus and wish to do His will."

CANDIDATES BEFORE PRIMARIES.

The Board of Electors has announced the following candidates to be voted upon in the coming primaries:

Surrogate.

- Democratic—Daniel Noble.
- Republican—Thomas F. Doyle.
- Independence League—Daniel Noble.
- Socialist—Walter A. Sinclair.

Congress—Second District.

- Democratic—Bernard M. Patten, Charles Pope Caldwell.
- Republican—Theron H. Burden.
- Progressive—Theron H. Burden, Charles H. Georgi.
- Independence League—Bernard M. Patten, Charles Pope Caldwell.
- Socialist—Benjamin Katz.

American—Bernard M. Patten.

Senate—Second District.

- Democratic—Paul Sohmer.
- Republican—William T. Yale.
- Progressive—Charles D. Fowler.
- Independence League—Peter M. Daley.
- Socialist—Joseph T. Lockwood.

Assembly—Second District.

- Democratic—Peter J. McGarry.
- Republican—Edward Farrell.
- Progressive—A. Melrose Simpson.
- Independence League—Peter J. McGarry.
- Socialist—Matthias Palm.