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## PICTURES FROM HOME

### Mr. Homer Croy Tells How They Pleas'd The Soldiers in Europe

Interesting Account of How the Films Were Made and  
Shown—Why the American Product is the Best

An audience of seventy five women, members and friends of the Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens, heard Mr. Homer Croy give an illustrated lecture, "Editing the Film Magazine for General Pershing", after the annual luncheon on September 12, in the church social room. Mr. Croy had charge of the film "magazine" for the American Expeditionary Forces, and this was the first opportunity the residents here had of hearing their neighbor since his return.

He said he found that the boys wanted most to see pictures from home—familiar scenes to them from the United States. Pictures of Fifth Avenue showing the Flat Iron building would bring hearty response and cheering applause and then pictures of Mayor Mitchel's funeral would evoke tears and respectful silence. Films from the different allied armies were also popular. But the "Smiles" pictures were the great favorites, as these were pictures of the home folks, shown to the boys from the same town over there. The pictures of Salem, Mass., people, mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts, were shown to Salem boys when they were on the firing line. It took three days for the boys to get away in relays from the firing line to see those pictures.

Mr. Croy said that the American film is the best in the world for several reasons; first, because of the wonderful sunlight of California, where most of the pictures are made; second, in America the highest salaries are paid to all who help to produce the pictures; third, there is the most money here spent on scenery, equipment, etc., and fourth, the American film stands out because it is put through so quickly. The pictures of General Pershing's parade, given as a welcome to him so recently in New York, were shown in two hours, after the parade, in a Broadway theatre; and that same evening they were seen in suburban theatres.

The movies overseas were sometimes shown in dug-outs, and anywhere and everywhere that an audience of soldiers could find comfort and cheer in them. Pictures were shown in cars, going up to the front and also underground, as at Verdun. The largest movie audience among the soldiers was 7500, the small-

est, 4. Two reels were put on each week for the soldiers and in different places before the United States soldiers thirty-six shows were given each night; 4600 shows a week was the war record in movies.

Mr. Croy spoke of seeing Miss Anne R. Smith, former play leader of Forest Hills, who is with the American Red Cross over there; Major Clarence A. Perry, of Beechknoll Road who was with the regular army and Mr. Robert J. Cole, of Wendover Road, a Y. M. C. A. secretary, whose article on the Foyer du Soldat appeared in the *Bulletin* recently.

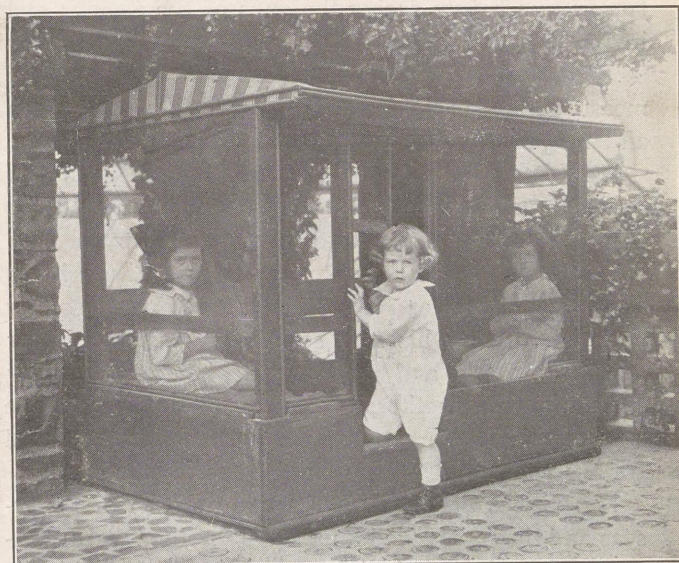
The program was concluded by showing two reels to the Guild members, an exhibition of the average movie show given for the soldiers.

Mrs. William S. Ortgies, president of the Guild, introduced the speaker. An informal reception was held at the close for Mr. and Mrs. Croy. The luncheon was served at eight flower decorated tables, with members of the executive board as presiding hostesses.

## ECKMAN CHILDREN AT PLAY

### Enclosed Sand Pile

Near the entrance to the summer house and not far from the front door of the home of S. W. Eckman, Greenway Terrace, on the tile flooring of the uncovered porch, the Eckmann children play in a sand pile, as shown in the picture below, which is screened from flies and mosquitoes. The chairman of the anti-mosquito committee of the Taxpayers' Association believes in safety first for his children. Spoons and pans help these little people to mold mud pies and to



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### THE VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL

*I'm from Forest Hills town,  
The Gardens of great renown,  
Where song of birds and blossoming flowers  
Fill with beauty the passing hours;  
Where children, busy at school and happy at play,  
And men and women, intent on the work of  
the day,  
In labor and rest, develop their very best powers.*

L. A. S.

### GREAT SERVICE RENDERED

THE work of Homer Croy for the American Expeditionary Forces in making films, arranging and giving the moving picture shows, on a vast scale, is one of the many examples of the way in which our government cared for the entertainment of our boys over there. The best talent and equipment obtainable for the best possible films were secured so that the boys might be entertained, cheered and inspired by pictures from home before facing the guns of the enemy; and in this way their efficiency was greatly increased as their spirits rose. Mr. Croy knew his subject and he measured up to the big task put upon him by meeting all emergencies with accuracy and dispatch.

He found that the best pictures for soldiers and the ones which did the most good were simple home scenes and he arranged to have these shown in a goodly number. Such intimate glimpses of the home folks were given as to bring joy, as when a soldier saw a picture of his new son, born since the father joined the army; and tears flowed when a soldier saw a picture of his mother, who had died since the picture was taken. These two pictures were both reproduced for the two soldiers to whom they were priceless.

Mr. Croy's neighbors are proud of his work overseas and they will give him and his family a warm welcome when they again join our village circle with the "home folks." He is one of the many people of Forest Hills Gardens who have rendered valuable service in war activities.

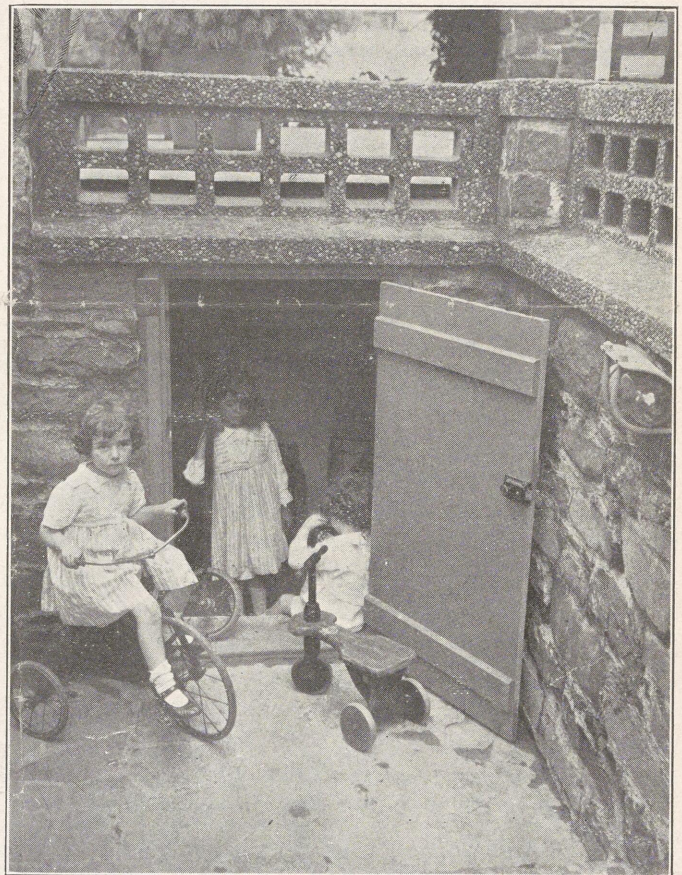
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while away the happy hours out of doors and yet near mother's watchful eye.

#### Kiddie Car Garage

In the stone work of the entrance to the Eckman home, is a new, mysterious, green door, pictured below. If you have the combination to the lock, or if you know Alice, Grace, or Brother Eckman (whose real name is Charles Murray Eckman) you may gain admission into the white painted, window aired, commodious quarters, where many of the means of locomotion of childhood are stored. There, out of the way, are safely kept a kiddie car, two sleighs, one automobile, three doll carriages, one bi-plane, a tricycle and a velocipede. There is room to spare for the playthings of S. W. Eckman, Jr. when he reaches the kiddie car stage.



### A NEW SCOUTMASTER

Following the publication of an editorial in the last issue of the *Bulletin*, in which the need of a scout master was set forth, increased activity on the part of friends of the boys has resulted in securing Mr. Ernest W. Mecabe as scoutmaster. Mr. Mecabe is especially well equipped for the work. While at Princeton he was prominent in athletics, holding the intercollegiate gymnastic championship for two years. He was later asked to return to Princeton as gymnasium instructor. He has also had considerable experience as leader of boys' camps.

## U. S. TENNIS STARS WIN COMPLETE VICTORY

Throughout a series of four singles and two doubles, the American players completely outdid the famous team from Australia on the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills Gardens, Saturday afternoon, September 6. William M. Johnston, the one who became United States champion on September 4, and William T. Tilden 2d, twice runner up for the national honors, stood forth as the brilliant players of the day. Norman E. Brookes fought hard as did also Gerald L. Patterson, but the Americans always outplayed them. Johnston triumphed over Brookes and Tilden over Patterson in the singles. In the doubles Richard Norris Williams 2d and Wallace F. Johnson, Americans, won a decisive victory over the Australians, Randolph Lycett and Ronald V. Thomas.

A bird's eye view of all the matches of the whole series leaves the names of three outstanding champions; William M. Johnston, the champion; Vincent Richards, Junior champion and Clarence Hobart, Veteran champion.

### FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Council representatives and delegates of Women's Clubs was held at the Board of Estimate chamber, at City Hall, in New York, on September 11. At this meeting it was planned to distribute cards to the housewives upon which the charged price of any article might be reported and therefore profiteering be discovered immediately.

Mr. Arthur Williams spoke, telling of his work as Food Administrator and how people *must not* encourage this profiteering by buying non-essentials, for instance best print butter.

The "Fair Price Report Card" will soon be distributed to each household with an addressed envelope so that each report is strictly confidential.

Beatrice Fox, Forest Hills Chairman.

### A FRENCH CIRCLE

A French Circle has been started in Forest Hills and anyone interested in joining it is invited to do so. The purpose of it is to foster an already developed interest in the French language; to provide a means to improve the ability to converse in French and at the same time get an insight into modern French problems—literary, artistic and political.

The plan is to meet one evening a week and devote at least two hours to hearing a novel, a play or other work read by a French teacher who has been engaged to carry on the work. Questions and answers will be in order if they are put and answered in French and it is intended that no English whatever is to be spoken at the meetings of the French Circle. The cost to belong will be trifling—only enough to pay the fee of the teacher who will be present at each meeting.

An invitation to join the Circle is extended to everyone who would find such pursuit interesting. The first meeting of the Circle will be held on Thursday evening, September 25, at the home of Mrs. Burns Mantle on Ascan Avenue, who will also be glad to give any further particulars with regard to the Circle.

W. C. Hartwig, Secretary.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Registration

The Public Schools of Forest Hills opened on September 8, with a registration of 281 pupils, 173 at P. S. 101 and 108 at P. S. 3.

The 6th, 5th and 4th years are on full time, the 3rd, 2d and 1st years on part time. There is a first year class in each school building. There are vacancies for two children in the Kindergarten. When these places have been filled, the remaining applicants will be placed upon a waiting list.

### Change of Teachers

Mrs. Dorothy A. Mueller, teacher of grade 5A-5B has resigned from the school, her husband, Lieutenant Frederic Mueller, having returned from overseas. Mrs. Mueller has done effective work both in the classroom and in the various war activities of the school.

Miss Mary M. McVey has been transferred from P. S. 56, Richmond Hill, to take Mrs. Mueller's place.

### Services for Maurice Moynahan

Impressive exercises were held in the assembly room on Friday morning, September 12, in memory of Maurice Moynahan, a pupil of grade 6B, who was killed in an automobile accident during the vacation. The exercises consisted of reading the Scriptures and appropriate hymns. At the conclusion of a short address by the principal, Miss Agnes A. Cording, the teachers and pupils stood for a moment with bowed heads in loving memory of the boy who had so often attended the assembly exercises.

### New Building

Work upon the new school building is at a standstill owing to the bricklayers' strike. The Board of Education has requested the Federation of Labor to release school buildings in order that no hardships may be caused to the school children.

### MISS ALLEN'S WORK IN FRANCE

Miss Martha Allen, of Beechknoll Road, completed her work with the Y. M. C. A. in France in July. Her last few weeks were spent at general headquarters at Le Mans where she served as a hostess at a "Shoot" where representatives of all the allied armies were entertained by American officers. Miss Allen had the pleasure of meeting General Pershing at Le Mans and receiving his commendation for her work with the soldiers during the winter. She was a guest at a dinner given to General Pershing.

Miss Allen is now doing reconstruction work at Chateau Thierry, and expects to remain in France until next spring.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. S. W. Eckman, nurse and children, of Greenway Terrace, are spending several weeks at Lake Minnewaski, Ulster County, New York.

Mr. S. S. Freeman, formerly of Flatbush, Brooklyn, has bought the home of Mr. George Sherwood Eddy, on Greenway North, and he and his family are now occupying it.

Mr. Curtis E. Kloetzer and family, of Wendover Road, spent the last month at Big Moose, in the Adirondacks.

Mr. A. Van Houten has bought the house of Dr. Robert J. Kent, on Seasongood Road, and he and his family will occupy it after October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Douglass, of Slocum Crescent, have returned from Portland, Maine. They will move the first of October into Mrs. George H. Brainard's house on Exeter Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hanks will move into their own home, which the Douglass family has been occupying, on Slocum Crescent, October 1.

Miss Nellie M. Smith, of Continental Avenue, sails this week for Europe. She is the American delegate to the Convention of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, to be held in October, at Utrecht, Holland.

Doctor and Mrs. C. E. Burton, of Rockrose Place, returned this week from their summer camp at South Hero, Vermont.

Mr. Louis C. Pedlar and family have taken up residence for the winter at the corner of Markwood Road and Rockrose Place.

Miss Edna Schlesier of Seminole Avenue has returned from visiting Miss Gertrude Planten at Bayshore.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Luneborg, of Greenway North, have a new daughter, Juliet.

### THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



The corporate meeting of the Church-in-the-Gardens was held Friday evening, September 12, to consider the resignation of Dr. Kent, the Pastor of the Church since its organization. With A. H. Flint, Moderator, and Victor H. Paltsits, as Clerk, and a good percentage of the resident membership present, the resignation was accepted with regret and at the same time there was unanimous expression of appreciation, of Dr. Kent and of the work which he and Mrs. Kent have done for the Church and community.

A committee on pulpit supply was appointed, such committee to secure preachers for the Sunday morning services until a regular leader is chosen. This committee consists of W. P. McCulloch, chairman; R. P. Kaighn, Mrs. W. S. Ortgies, Victor H. Paltsits and Mrs. George Smart.

When the selection of a new pastor was considered, the sentiment prevailed that the strongest possible leader should be secured; a man of strong personality, a progressive preacher, a winning pastor and above all a man with a keen appreciation of the ideals of community life. The representative committee chosen for the important work of selecting the new pastor is: R. P. Kaighn, chairman; V. H. Paltsits, secretary; Robert J. Cole, Dr. S. E. Davenport, Jr., S. W. Eckman, A. H. Flint, Mrs. F. R. Getz, H. H. Judson, John Allen King, Mrs. D. G. Latschaw, W. P. McCulloch, J. F. McTyler, J. Gorton Marsh, E. H. Mays, James Rea, George Smart and Rowland H. Smith.

Tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock, Professor G. H. Johnson, head of the history department of Case School of Science, of Cleveland, Ohio, and pulpit associate of the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church of that city, will preach. Mr. Johnson is a strong preacher and deserves a large congregation. The older part of the Sunday School will meet at 9:45, and the primary school at 11 o'clock.

### CHURCH SERVICES

- Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9:30 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.
- 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.

### PLAYGROUND NOTES

Every Tuesday at 3:30 P. M. on the playground if the weather is clear, and if rainy, in the kindergarten room, any boy or girl who would like to help make books for the hospitals is welcome to join the occupation class.

Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, on the playground, little girls, who care for dancing and would like to learn some of the Folk dances, will be taught about the dances and the funny little costumes that the little girls wear when doing Folk dancing.

### Playground Fund

In response to the letter sent out by the Community Council in reference to the fund for the playground, the returns have not been so favorable as they might be. If the letter has been mislaid (to which the receipt was attached), it may help you to know that a check made out to the Community Council, Forest Hills, Long Island, will reach the Treasurer.

Miss Edna Schlesier's Boston Terrier "Buff," was awarded Mrs. Whitesells' Trophy, a silver cup, for being the best local dog at the Queensboro Kennel Club Show on Labor Day.

### THE INN



These are very busy days in the life of the Inn, with preparations for the arrival of all the fall and winter guests and the departure of new friends of the summer. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Green and family, are among the first to return, having spent two delightful months in the mountains, but glad now to return to their Forest Hills home. Miss Nancy Coote, Mr. and Mrs. John Messenger, Miss Adele Marie Shaw and the Rev. R. S. Nichols, have also returned from their vacations to the Inn and their many friends.

Mrs. P. H. Cordon gave a delightful bridge and tea in the Sun Parlor of the Inn last week at which many ladies of the Inn and Gardens were present.

Mr. James J. Pershing returned from Europe with his brother, General John J. Pershing, and is again making his home at the Inn. Mr. Pershing expects to have Mrs. Pershing join him during the latter part of the month. His son, James J. Pershing, Jr., is at present with his uncle in Washington, but will return within the next week.

Mr. John Glenn, of Baltimore, is spending two weeks at the Inn. Miss Eleanor Brown, sister of Mrs. John M. Glenn, has just returned from abroad where she has spent the last year in most splendid work with the Red Cross. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Glenn will return to their New York home during the latter part of this month.

Mr. Charles B. Manville was the guest of Mr. E. Rowbotham, of the Inn, over the last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph de Palma have also been visiting Mr. Rowbotham.

Miss Clara May Brooks, of San Antonio, is spending some weeks with Miss Jane Gregory of the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Skipp recently returned from a delightful vacation of two weeks in New England.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Taylor are spending the month of September with relatives in the mountains of North Carolina and will return to the Inn early next month.

Mrs. Munn, mother of Mrs. Samuel Castleman, Jr., has prolonged her visit to her daughter and will not leave until the latter part of September.

Mrs. Sealy Hutchings of Galveston, with her two daughters and son are spending the month of September at the Inn.

Mr. V. Woodhouse and his two sons are also spending September at the Inn.

Among the most recent arrivals are: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coburn and daughter, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Coleman and Master Charles Coleman; Mrs. F. W. Parsons, of Little Silver, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dyson, of Great Neck, Long Island.

Dan S. Morse, of Lexington, Ky., spent several days of the past week with friends at the Inn on his way to school at Andover.

The Sunday evening concerts will commence tomorrow, and continue through the coming winter. A cordial invitation is extended to all the residents of the Gardens to come and enjoy these concerts.

### NINTH COAST DEFENSE COMMAND

The name of the Ninth Coast Artillery has been changed to the Ninth Coast Defense Command. The commanding officer of the 20th company, which is the local one, is John Messenger. The season for the organization opens October 1.

Mr. Messenger became the state champion in sharpshooting at Peekskill a few days ago. It will be remembered that he designed the Fourth of July medal for the prize winners in the games, given on Station Square.

### COMING EVENTS

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Saturday, September 20, 1:30 P. M.—Tennis Tournament between Inns and Outs, on Inn Courts.

Monday, October 6, 2 P. M.—Meeting of Women's Club, in the Inn Parlors.

Friday, October 10, 2 P. M.—Meeting of Women's Guild of Church-in-the-Gardens, at 80 Ascan Avenue.

Friday, October 10, 8 P. M.—Meeting of Taxpayers' Association.