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GREAT TENNIS GAMES

Thousands Attend National Tournament in Forest Hills Gardens

Johnston becomes American Champion after a wonderful match with Tilden. Many high class players participate.

The Thirty-eighth National Lawn Tennis Tournament, just completed on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club, in Forest Hills Gardens, gave lovers of sport one of the treats of their lives, for probably never before have so many really high class players performed in a single tournament.

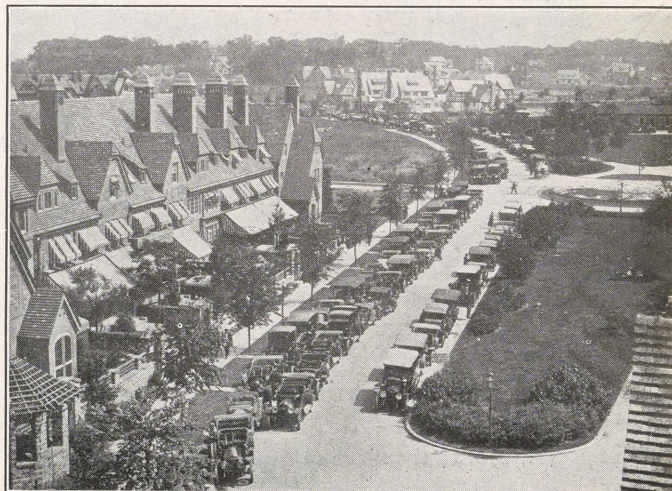
It was a pleasure to note the enthusiasm of the large crowds and the appreciation of the scientific points by the general public, which show the development in the last few years and the hold that the game now has on the heart of the average American. In spite of the frequent showers, perfect courts and perfect management, together with the large daily attendance, made the games eminently successful.

Were one to endeavor to choose the most interesting match, an immediate difference of opinion would result, for beginning with the first day of the tournament, when C. B. Doyle, of Washington, D. C., outplayed Howard Voshell, of Brooklyn, principally by the use of his slow, floating, chop stroke, every day thereafter furnished such a wealth of fine tennis that the actions and feelings of the spectators might have been likened to those on display at a world's series base ball game.

One may safely state that William M. Johnston, the little Californian, is the finest volleyer from his favorite position inside the service lines, in the world; he has no real weakness. Gerald Patterson, from Australia, the popular English champion, who possesses a remarkable service and forehand, a good backhand and the greatest overhead "kill" shown by any one, fell before the prowess of Johnston after outlasting Fred Alexander and outplaying the steady Watson Washburn in five other set matches.

R. L. Murray, 1918 champion, was successful in eliminating Dean Mathey and C. B. Doyle, both worthy opponents, but though he was seemingly at his best, his sameness of stroke or inability to vary his shots quite as much as was necessary, was just enough of a handicap to cause his defeat by Johnston in a stirring four set encounter.

Anyone watching William T. Tilden 2d, the Philadelphian, could not fail to be impressed and his severe



PARKING DURING TENNIS MATCHES

All of the streets of Forest Hills Gardens, in the neighborhood of the West Side Tennis Club, were put into service in parking the automobiles of the spectators of the national tennis tournament.

The above picture shows how the Greenway and Greenway North were used for that purpose.

service, his court covering ability and kaleidoscopic variety of shots are particularly worthy of mention. Tilden's ability spelled success against Craig Biddle in four sets; he put out Kumagae of Japan, probably the finest player from the base line, and who is fast becoming deadly at the net. He triumphed over Norman Brookes, who lacks nothing but youth and speed and who had previously won over Garland, one of the best ten in the country. He beat Richard N. Williams in the straight sets, in the semi-final round and many believe Williams to be the most finished player of all. So Tilden came into the final round of the tournament, where he met Johnston and both did brilliant playing. Johnston won in three straight sets after one of the greatest matches in the history of tennis.

We have not space to discuss Juniors' and Veterans' games or to give a resume of the matches of the 128 players in this great series. Two residents of the Gardens participated. Fred Baggs of Slocum Crescent was eliminated by Williams in his first match and Dr. S. E. Davenport, of Groton Street, after winning in the first round, was beaten by A. D. Hammett, one of the younger players and an exponent of the chop stroke.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

WANTED—A BOY SCOUT MASTER

The boys of our village are returning home from camps, farms and seaside and the homes of Forest Hills are open to them. They will soon enter school, the boys' alleged aversion to the school room notwithstanding, for we know no better way today than the present school system to train the mind of the youth. It happens, too, that public and private schools in and near Forest Hills are ready to receive them. The various churches are planning more or less efficient schools of religious instruction. But where is a leader to welcome the boy scouts?

During the last five years W. P. McCulloch has been the faithful, guiding spirit of a troupe of scouts, which he organized. To be sure, there have been four scout masters in this time, working under or with Mr. McCulloch and then in the periods between terms of offices, he has been the leader. An older group of boys has graduated from the troupe and the organization now numbers a large group of boys from twelve to fifteen years of age. A leader, preferably a middle aged man, a father, is needed to train these boys.

Why encourage a scout troupe in Forest Hills Gardens? Because our boys need it. The scout movement teaches loyalty to the group, the best of team work. This is of vital importance to children who come from homes of one or two children. Community service is one of the things upon which great stress is laid. Our boy scouts, in the war drives and the drive for membership in their own organization, have shown that they have caught the community spirit. Love of country is a cardinal virtue of the scouts. Every boy scout is lead to know and love nature study, for this is one of the cornerstones of the original organization. Through the hikes, outdoor sports are encouraged. Helpfulness and cleanliness are the goals of all boy scouts. Can your boy and ours afford to be without this training?

If some father is moved to offer his services as scout master, let him give his name to E. H. Mays, chairman of the local scout committee, or to W. P. McCulloch. The reward for continuous service as scout master will be found in the love and gratitude of a splendid group of boys and in the realization that one is building for the future in the developed characters of our boys.

CHILDREN OF BOHEMIA

How the Little Ones Are Being Fed and Taught to Play—Letter from Miss Anne R. Smith

Miss Anne R. Smith, former play director at Forest Hills, who is now engaged in work among the children of Bohemia, gives some interesting glimpses of life in that country in a recent letter. She says in part:

"We are doing a fascinating bit of work here. In Prague alone the American Relief Association (Hoover's men), assisted by women from the American Red Cross, is feeding 33,000 children and in Czechoslovakia hundreds of thousands. We do not do any of the practical giving out of food. We organize committees of people who carry on the work. These people in Bohemia have suffered beyond anything you have ever heard of. In France people have always been able to get food of some kind, in Italy (except in the occupied territory) the American Red Cross gave out food, but here they are just beginning to be relieved.

"Though these people have been sorely oppressed for years and sorely tried for four years by having everything requisitioned by the Austrian government, now that they are free, one can see that always since the fall of Bohemia the strongest current underlying their home life and their political life has been their love and patriotism for their country. All the oppression in the world could not kill this glorious spirit. It is supremely beautiful to hear them speak of "now since we are free." And the children—how happy it is for them to think that they will not have to fashion their lives according to Austrian rule.

"When I first came here, one month ago, the question arose as to what outdoor life were these children to have. We were feeding 33,000 of Class C, the under nourished, and there were 78,000 in all in this one city. So I was given the job of finding out what were to be their resources for play. There were many glorious spots for play, but only about 7,000 children were having the advantages of supervised play. Now tonight we are confident in the fact that the city will appropriate money for establishing and running fifteen playgrounds. It seems almost too good to be true. So now we must arouse our feeding committees to see to it that the children go or are taken in groups to the playgrounds. That will be my work for the next two weeks.

"After that the American Red Cross returns to Paris, but I am staying on here. I am then going to continue working on the recreational problem, finish a complete survey of all recreational work in Prague (for adults as well as children), work with the girls of the Training School in teaching recreational methods, etc. My work will be to give a course to girls interested in carrying on the recreational work of their country. Haven't I an exciting three months ahead of me?"

THE MOSQUITO NUISANCE

What has been accomplished and how more can be done to abate it

Many residents of Forest Hills inquire as to what has become of our anti-mosquito activities which started so auspiciously back in 1916.

In 1916 a competent inspector was employed and although he came to us rather late in the season, a distinct improvement was noted by everybody. During that year, the local committee worked hard on securing an appropriation of \$150,000 by the City of New York to drain Flushing and Jamaica Bays. This work was begun in 1917 and finished about the end of that year. In 1917 we also had an inspector working on our local mosquito problem.

In 1918 nothing along this line was done because of war conditions making it hard to raise the money and also impossible to get the proper man. The Government picked up all the experienced mosquito exterminators available to do this kind of work in the vicinity of the camps.

This year a feeble effort has been made by local work through the employment of a boy without any previous experience and at a nominal salary. He has gone from house to house on both sides of the track and there has not been a day that he has not found mosquito larvae in from one to a dozen different places. In many instances stagnant water has been found in the cellar windows and in drains of houses and barrels, buckets, pans, etc., with stagnant water in which were hundreds of wrigglers that have been done away with.

A very bad situation was found in the rear of the West Side Tennis Club grounds where an area of approximately 100 square feet of stagnant water was producing mosquitoes by the thousands every day. This was thoroughly oiled by the club people.

Early in the season, the attention of the Department of Health was called by our local committee to the bad situation on the Corona Meadows, at the base of the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company's dump. This year the Department of Health has tried to do something by building a large drainage canal which has just been finished. Frequent oiling is necessary here.

New Feature This Year

One feature of the mosquito evil this year is the predominance of the *Culex Pipiens* variety. It is a small round mosquito which infests the homes and keeps us awake at night. It flies a comparatively short distance and does not develop on the salt marshes. It is exclusively our own problem and can be controlled by a competent local inspector if we could get one to start to work early in April. We already have as a result of the work done in 1916 a comprehensive survey of this entire territory showing just what are the danger points for mosquito breeding. Proper measures taken early in the season would prevent the breeding of *Pipiens* mosquitoes in any large quantity near enough to Forest Hills for them to become a pest in our town. The prevalence of mosquitoes is practically the only drawback to residence in Forest Hills in the summer and it is entirely our own fault that they are with us now that the city has done the big job of draining the salt marshes. It will be necessary for us to keep after the municipal authorities to see that the drainage canals on the salt marshes are kept open, but with that done our problem now comes down to the local one of seeing that there is no stagnant water around our homes or in our vicinity. This cannot be left to the good intentions of the people themselves although it appears that our residents are not as

careful as they might be in caring for their own premises. Only by employing a man of experience and making him responsible for conditions, can we get the proper results, and Forest Hills ought to keep such a man on the job until the work is taken over systematically by the city, which it undoubtedly will be in time.

The Immediate Duty

For the immediate present, all the residents of Forest Hills are urged to see to it that there is no stagnant water on their own premises. This includes gutters, drains, cellar windows and all receptacles in which water gathers to the depth of a single inch or even less. If you know of any place where there is stagnant water that is not being cared for properly (covered with a screen or oiled weekly) please report it to the Homes or Cord Meyer company and steps will be taken to eliminate the nuisance. In former years, the Anti-Mosquito Committee went around to collect funds for the employment of an inspector. It ought not to be necessary for a few individuals to go to this trouble each year. If our residents would give from \$5 to \$10 each (each according to how hard the mosquitoes bite him) we could easily finance this proposition and start the work next Spring in time.

It is impossible to make any such collections during the Winter and the committee urges all residents to send their checks now to the treasurer, J. H. Gress, Tennis Place, Forest Hills, to cover the anti-mosquito work of 1920. Every dollar may mean a million fewer mosquitoes next year. There are no overhead expenses, every penny goes to pay for mosquito extermination work.

Anti-Mosquito Committee, Taxpayers' Association.

SCHOOL NOTES

Kew-Forest School

The Kew-Forest school opens Monday, September 15. A large percentage of former pupils is returning, and with the many new pupils already enrolled the capacity seems likely to be taxed to its utmost.

Members of last year's faculty are returning and, in addition, the school has increased its teaching staff by the engagement of Mrs. Lillian H. Taylor, formerly of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Taylor will teach Latin in the High School Department and will also have charge of the girls' athletic activities.

The school has recently issued a booklet of letters received from parents during the past year. The rapid growth of the Kew-Forest School bears out the testimony of appreciation expressed in these communications from its patrons. To meet this steadily increasing patronage the headmasters are preparing to erect a substantial addition to the present school building.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Holch, of Ascan Avenue, are visiting the parents of Mr. Holch in Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Schellerup are occupying the Holch home during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Holch.

Mrs. William C. Bailey and daughter, Marguerite, of Ascan Avenue, have returned home after a visit in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Clarke, of Deepdene Road, have been entertaining Mrs. C. Stanley Ecker, of Oakmont, Pa., and Mr. John Burchard of Marshall, Minn. Mr. Burchard will enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall.

Mrs. George Atwell and daughters, Ruth and Isabel, motored from Chicago and visited a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, of Greenway North.

Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Getz, of Olive Place, are entertaining Mrs. F. H. Alexander of Wilmington, Delaware and Mrs. Ethel Daily, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. LeBlanc, of Puritan Avenue, had as guests over the tennis tournament week, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Righter and family and Mrs. Mary Plank, of Altamont, New York.

Lost—A diamond bar pin, August 25th, in the Inn. Liberal reward and no questions asked if returned to Miss Mink, Forest Hills Inn.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS



Tomorrow and next Sunday the Rev. Henry A. Stimson, D. D., will preach at eleven o'clock. Give him a cordial welcome by your presence.

The Clerk of the Church has sent out the following letter. Those who should have received it, and by mischance may have been omitted, will kindly take this as due notice:

"You are no doubt aware that during the month of July Dr. Kent presented his resignation as pastor of The Church-in-the-Gardens.

"I have been requested by a duly constituted number of members to call a corporate meeting of the church on Friday evening, September 12, 1919, for the purpose of considering the resignation of Dr. Kent and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting."

"All persons of legal age who are members of the church as well as non-members who are systematic contributors, one year prior to the meeting, are entitled by the laws of the State of New York to vote at this meeting. The very great importance of the emergency that confronts the church makes it desirable that a full attendance be secured at this special meeting. Kindly reserve the date and attend."

Women's Guild Luncheon

The members of the executive board of the Women's Guild will entertain members and friends of the Guild at a luncheon in the Church Social Room, on September 12, at one o'clock. Mr. Homer Croy, a former resident of the Gardens, will give an illustrated lecture, "Editing the Film Magazine for General Pershing." This is the rally luncheon of the year and will as usual be enjoyed by a large number.

THE CHURCH OF FOREST HILLS.

The morning service in The Church of Forest Hills, which was not held during August, the members having been invited by Vicar Nichols to worship in St. Luke's, will be resumed Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Pastor, Rev. Edward Lawrence Hunt, will preach. The Sunday School will meet at 10 A. M. The "Sunbeams" will meet as usual at 11 A. M.

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. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

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.

COMING EVENTS

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

Monday, September 8, 9 A. M.—Opening of Public Schools.

Friday, September 12, 1 P. M.—Annual Luncheon, Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens, in the Church Social Room.

Friday, September 12, 8 P. M.—Important meeting of the Congregation of the Church-in-the-Gardens, at the Church.

Monday, September 15, 9 A. M.—Opening of Kew-Forest School.

THE INN



The tennis tournaments have caused many busy days at the Inn during the past week, several hundred persons having been served with luncheon and dinners during the most important matches. The Sun Parlor, as well as the dining rooms, have daily been crowded to capacity, and the success of making new friends and receiving many compliments for the Inn, is due to the hearty co-operation and cheerful hard work of each and every employe, to all of which the management is extremely grateful.

Labor day night was the occasion of another novel dance at the Inn—a Rainbow one this time, although neither the gentlemen nor the ladies carried out the color scheme anticipated, though all were quite ready to join in the fun and pleasures of the evening. A lucky contest dance was won by Mr. J. K. Kerr of Richmond Hill, with Mrs. Lewis Bailey as his partner. The Dan Tuckers are always very much enjoyed and the whole evening proved one of much enjoyment.

Mrs. P. J. McAllister and Miss Hazel Bisbee gave a very pretty and delightful bridge and tea recently in the Sun Parlor, when about fifteen of the young Forest Hills matrons and debutantes were present.

Mrs. T. W. Gregory and her two daughters, Miss Jane and Miss Cornelia Gregory are among the new arrivals at the Inn, where it is hoped they will remain during the winter months. Miss Jane Gregory is soon to be decorated by the Queen of Belgium upon her arrival in this country, for the wonderful work Miss Gregory has done for the Belgians during the war and she has the distinction of being the first American woman upon whom this honor has been bestowed.

Mrs. E. R. Waters, of Washington, is spending a few weeks with her son, Mr. Percival Waters of the Inn.

Mr. Robert T. A. Allen, and Mr. Harold L. Godshall, of Los Angeles, who were participants in the recent Juvenile Tournaments, have recently returned to their home, having enjoyed their stay in Forest Hills to the fullest extent.

Miss Dorothy McKay, of Chicago, who has been the guest of Miss Hazel Bisbee for the past few weeks, has recently been joined by her mother, Mrs. E. B. McKay. Mrs. McKay and her daughter expect to return to Chicago about the middle of this month.

Mr. Samuel Castleman, Jr., has recently returned to the Inn after spending the last two months on a business trip through Europe. Masters Godwin and George Castleman returned this week from summer camp in the Adirondacks. Mrs. Castleman's mother, Mrs. W. G. Munn, of Louisville, is also spending a few weeks with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph de Palma, of New York, were recent guests of Mr. Rowbotham of the Inn. Mr. De Palma is one of the greatest automobile drivers in the country and has held the world's championship in recent years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Murchison have recently returned to the Inn after closing their home in Boston and expect to remain during the winter months.

Dr. and Mrs. Murray M. Waxman and Murray, Jr., have returned to the Inn after their summer absence of three months, during which time Mrs. Waxman has made a most delightful trip through Northwestern Canada and Alaska.

Mrs. George Easton, of the Inn, is spending a few weeks in Atlantic City.

Among the most recent arrivals are Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, Mr. Davidson Young, of New York; Mrs. Sealy Hutchings and family, of San Antonio, Texas; Mr. V. H. Woodhouse, of New York; Mrs. Cooper of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tough, of New York.

Mr. H. W. Bell, of Cleveland, has recently been visiting his mother, Mrs. Thomas Bell, of Toronto.

Patriotism

American patriotism must be a household virtue.

Henry Ward Beecher.

Patriotism is the vital condition of national permanence.

George William Curtis.