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FOR RELEASE

Sunday
December 31, 1944

Over one hundred sixteen million visitors used the recreational facilities in New York City's parks, playgrounds, and beaches during 1944. This large number, varying in age and recreational preference, found enjoyment in the wide variety of facilities and program which the Department of Parks offered.

In spite of war time personnel shortages, the Department of Parks pursued its everyday program of recreation in 491 year round neighborhood playgrounds, conducting a full range of activities which included athletics, arts and crafts, dancing, drama, tournaments and contests. Two thousand youngsters learned to dance in the playgrounds last summer, and learned so well that that performed at dance festivals held in each of the five boroughs.

In addition to carrying on this diversified program, special areas such as baseball and softball diamonds, running tracks, tennis courts, football fields, picnic areas, bicycle and bridle paths were available and provided an outlet for thousands seeking outdoor relaxation. Over 445,000 rounds of golf were played on the ten municipal golf courses. Seasonal sports such as coasting, skiing, ice skating, model boating, and rowing provided leisure time activities for additional hordes of city dwellers.

Tournaments and contests leading to City Championships in various sports were conducted for children and adults. During the early months of the year, contests for boys and girls under 18 years of age, in ice skating, roller skating, basketball, boxing, track, handball, and table tennis were sponsored by the New York Community Trust. Over 15,000 children competed in these events. During the summer, the Park Association of New York City sponsored golf and tennis tournaments in which a field of 1,400 competed. Over 3,000 boys took part in a softball tournament sponsored by the Daily Mirror. In a sports tournament now in progress, touch football, ice skating, track, roller hockey, handball,

swimming, boxing, table tennis, and basketball are being featured. It started in the Fall of 1944, and will continue into the new year. Over 10,000 youngsters have already entered these events, which are sponsored by the New York Community Trust.

During 1944 a progressive swimming program was followed in Park pools. Thirteen thousand children and adults took part in the Learn to Swim Campaign held during July and August. Over 8,700 children swam in two swimming tournaments, sponsored in July by the New York Journal-American, and in August by the Park Association of New York City. Special swimming meets for service men were also conducted in Park pools. During the summer season 1,951,000 children and adults made use of the seventeen outdoor swimming pools operated by the Park Department.

Included in the year's recreation program were special features, the most popular being those held on summer evenings. One hundred eleven concerts were given, and were enjoyed by 501,325 music lovers. Over 330,000 persons danced or listened to the music at Name Band and other dances in the parks. There were also special daytime features for the entertainment of youngsters. The travelling Marionette Theatre, manned by Park puppeteers, gave 240 performances for over 90,000 children, and the Magic Show delighted 78,000 youngsters with 278 performances.

War time conditions of the past year forced New Yorkers to remain within the city for their sport and relaxation, and many discovered for the first time that they had untold recreational resources "right in their own backyards" in their municipal park system. Everyone should become better acquainted with his parks and playgrounds and make greater use of them at all times and during all seasons as a means to better health and more enjoyable recreation.

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FOR RELEASE Thursday
December 28, 1944

Conservatory Lake in Central Park near the 72 Street and Fifth Avenue entrance, and Belvedere Lake near West 79 Street, were open for ice skating yesterday for the first time this season. One hundred fifty-four wading pools in various sections of the city were also used by the youngsters for ice skating, and twenty-five flooded areas were used for the first time this winter. If cold weather continues for another day or two, most of the lakes in the large parks will have sufficient thickness of ice for skating.

Ice carnivals will be held in the five boroughs on Sunday, January 7th at 2:00 P.M. They will be conducted at 72 Street Lake in Central Park, Manhattan; Prospect Park Lake in Brooklyn; VanCortlandt Park Lake in the Bronx; Bowne Park Lake in Queens; and Martling's Pond, Clove Lake Park in Richmond.

The program at each carnival will include the following events for boys and girls under 18 years of age: juvenile boys 75 yards, juvenile girls 60 yards; junior boys 100 yards, junior girls 75 yards; intermediate boys 100 yards and 440 yards, intermediate girls 100 yards and 220 yards. The first five winners in each event will compete in the city-wide carnival which will be held at Central Park on Sunday, January 14th at 2:00 P.M. On that date, there will also be a series of events for members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

Entry blanks may be obtained at local playgrounds or at borough offices of the Department of Parks.

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Dec 27, 44 (?)

Mayor LaGuardia will officially open the new P. S. 44 Playground bounded by Monroe and Madison Streets and Summer and Throop Avenues, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, December 27th at 3:30 P.M. Besides the Mayor, Genevieve B. Earle, Councilman, John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn, and Joseph D. McGoldrick, Comptroller, will participate. Arthur Hodgkiss, Executive Officer of the Department of Parks will act as chairman.

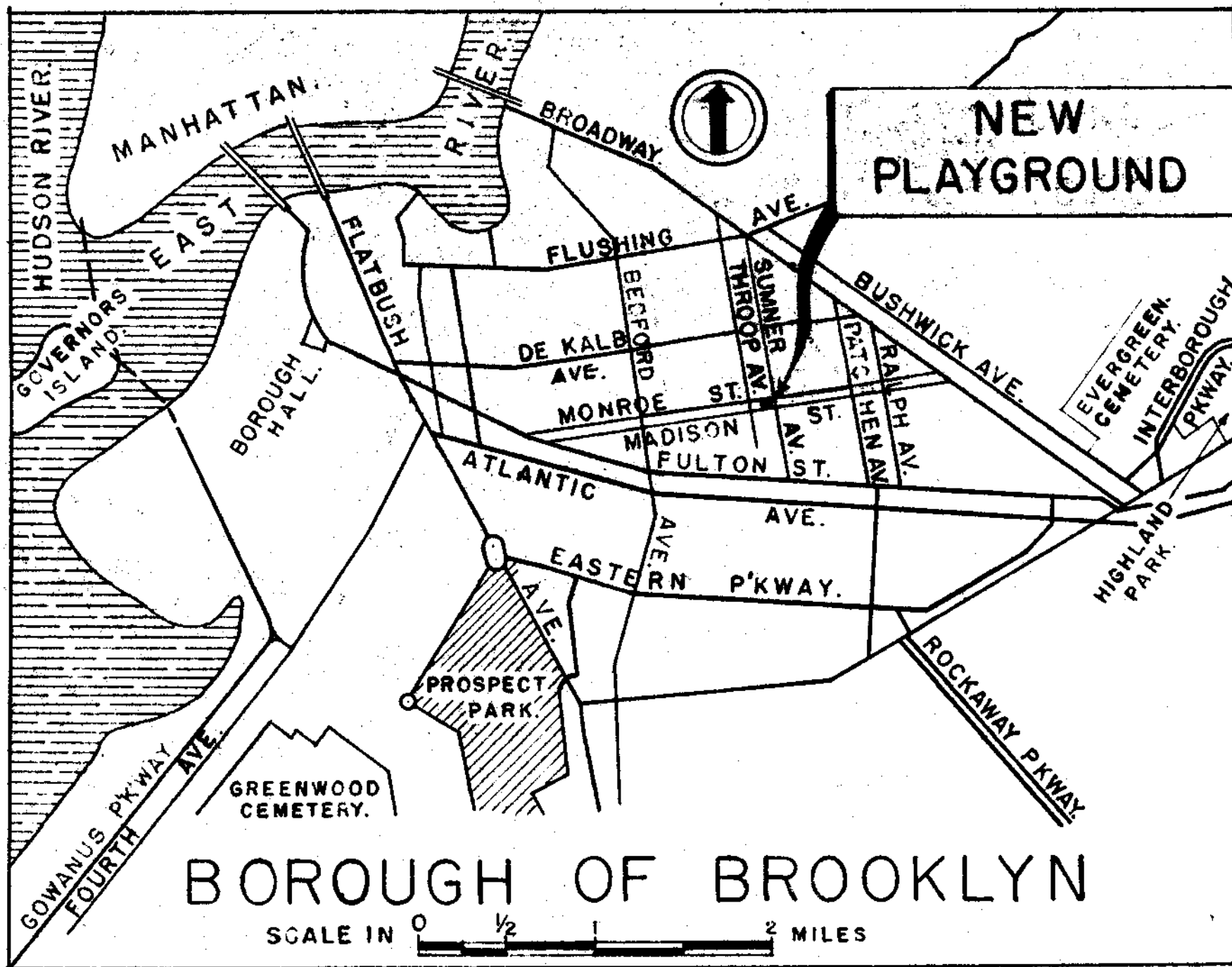
This new recreational area will provide sorely needed additional recreational facilities in a densely populated part of the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. The need for the playground was recognized before the war but work had to be delayed because of difficulties in securing construction materials.

Provided in the new area are a school garden, an open air classroom, a comfort station, wading pool, handball courts, play apparatus, a softball diamond, and a roller skating area.

After the war the proposed public school will be constructed on the Throop Avenue side of the block. At that time the area will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and at all other times by the Department of Parks for general community use.

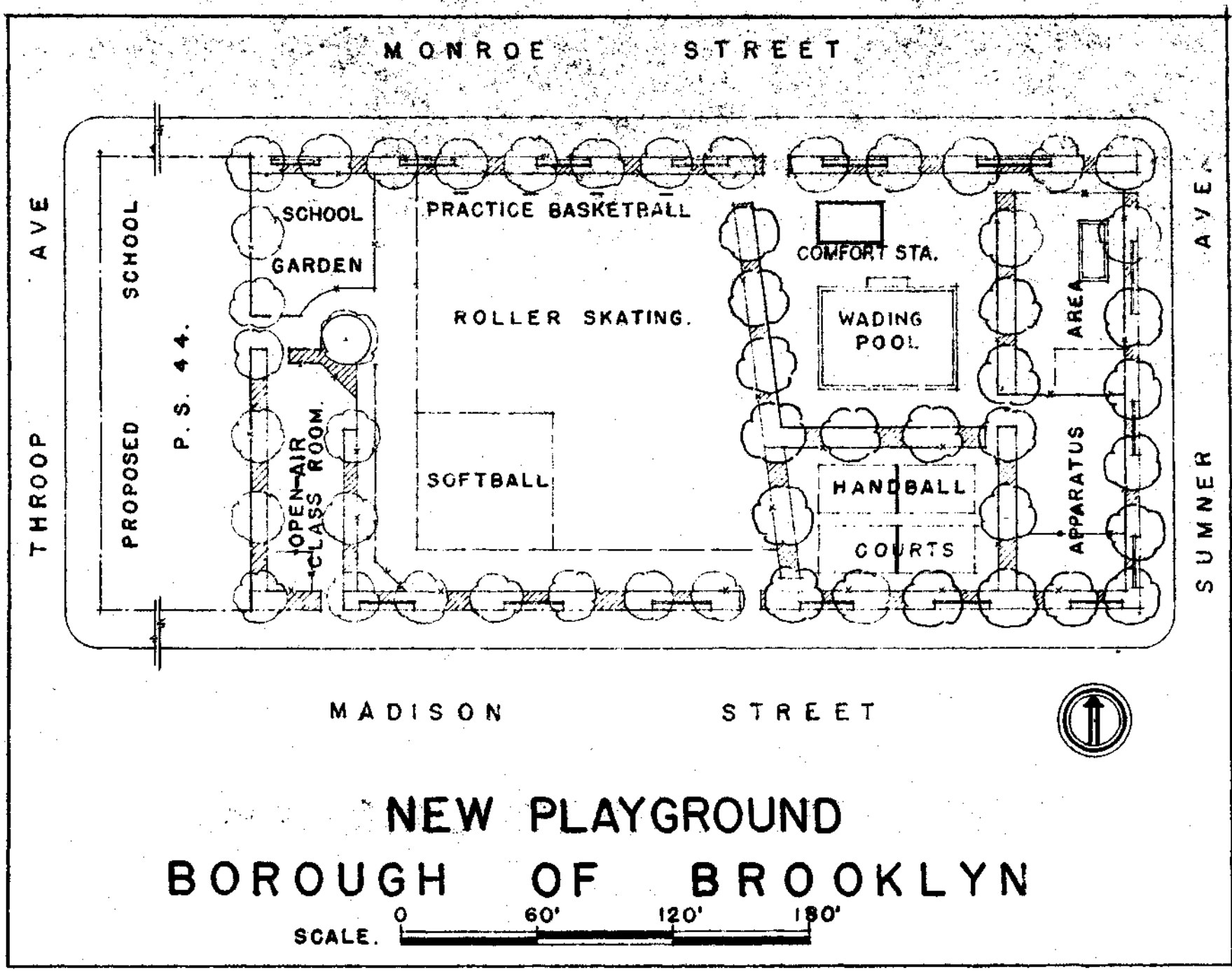
In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs. There are now with this new addition, 491 playgrounds in the consolidated park system.

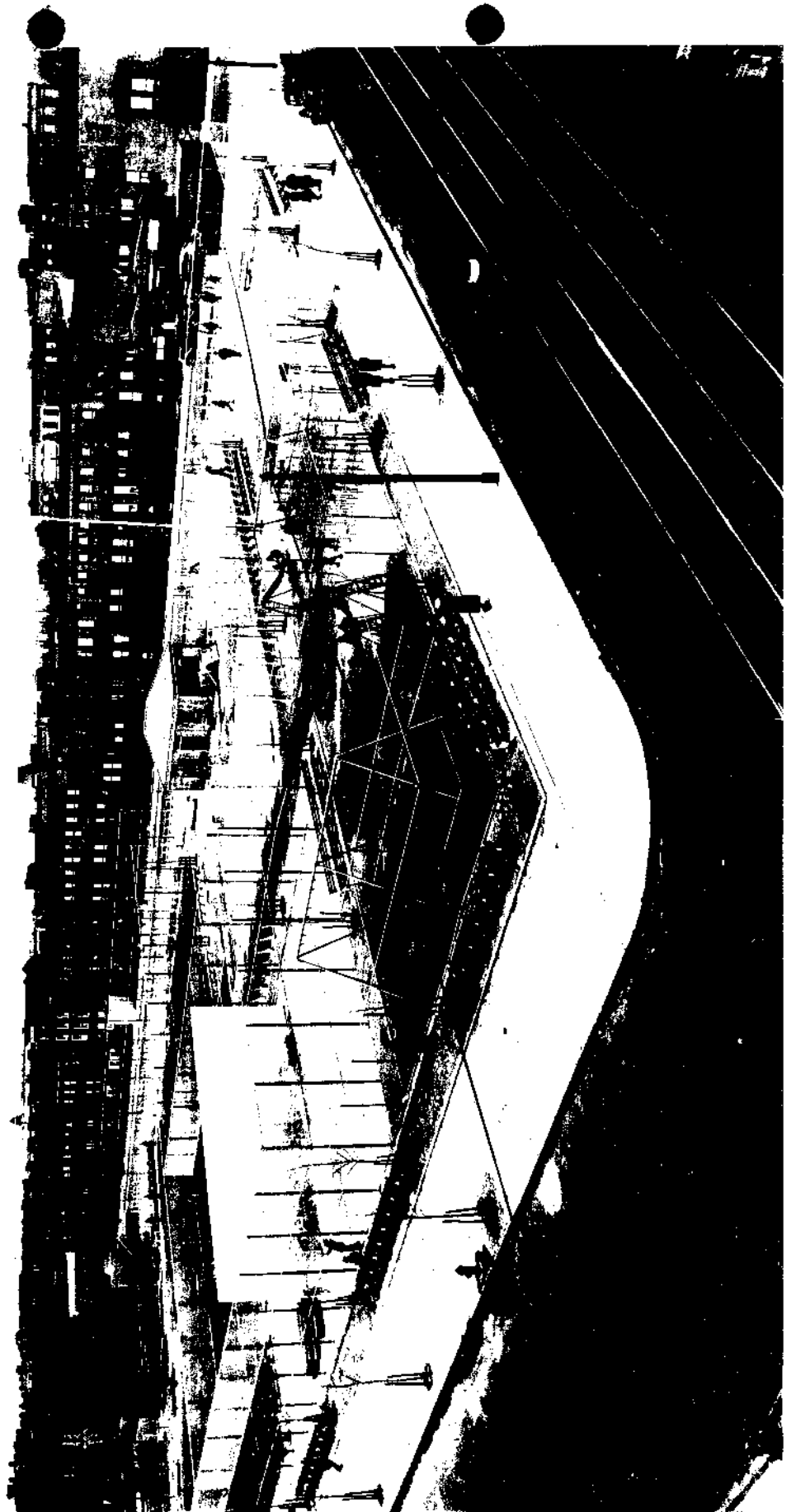
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FOR RELEASE Sunday
December 24, 1944

Peter Pan the Magic Man will give performances this week for youngsters at eleven Christmas parties in Park playgrounds. In addition to his playground appearances, he will also give a show for the children at Kings County Hospital on Sunday, December 24th at 1:00 P.M.

The Magic Show consists of songs, magic, magical lessons in safety and health, and a series of illusions requiring the assistance of Oscar, the white rabbit. Oscar, a born actor, usually steals the show.

Performances will be given at the following playgrounds:

Tuesday, December 26th

- 11:00 A.M. - Playground at Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street, Manhattan.
- 3:00 P.M. - Hamilton Fish Play Center, Houston and Pitt Streets, Manhattan.

Wednesday, December 27th

- 11:00 A.M. - Heckscher Playground, 65 Street, Central Park, Manhattan.
- 1:00 P.M. - Annunciation Playground, 134 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.
- 3:00 P.M. - Colonial Recreation Center, 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.

Thursday, December 28th

- 11:00 A.M. - Flushing Memorial Playground, 20 Avenue, 149 Street and Willets Point Boulevard, Queens.
- 3:00 P.M. - Raymond O'Connor Playground, 210 Street and 32 Avenue, Bayside, Queens.

Friday, December 29th

- 11:00 A.M. - Corona Playground, 102 Street and Corona Avenue, Queens.
- 3:00 P.M. - Grover Cleveland Playground, Stanhope Street and Grandview Avenue, Queens.

Saturday, December 30th

- 11:00 A.M. - Playground at Riverdale Avenue and Snediker Street, Brooklyn.
- 2:00 P.M. - Betsy Head Recreation Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn.

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Fifty thousand youngsters will compete in what is expected to be New York's greatest winter sports carnival for boys and girls up to 18 years of age. The events are sponsored by the New York Community Trust in cooperation with the Department of Parks, and have been arranged to give the children greater opportunities for participating in healthful recreation during the winter months.

The competition embraces nine sports. The touch football tournament was completed last Saturday, and ice skating, boxing, basketball, handball, roller hockey, table tennis, track, and indoor swimming are still to be contested.

Preparations for ice skating events are now under way, with carnivals planned for Sunday, January 7th at 2:00 P.M. at 72 Street Lake in Central Park, Manhattan, Prospect Park Lake in Brooklyn, Bowne Park Lake in Queens, Van Cortlandt Park Lake in the Bronx, and Martling's Pond, Clove Lake Park, Richmond. These will be followed by a city-wide carnival on Sunday, January 14th, at 72 Street Lake in Central Park, in which the best skaters from each borough will compete. Events for members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association will also be on the program.

A program of training for boxing contestants has started at the following gymnasiums: in Manhattan at 342 East 54 Street, 35 West 134 Street, and Thomas Jefferson Park, 111 Street and First Avenue; in Brooklyn at Mo Carren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street; in the Bronx at Crotona Park, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue and St. Mary's Park, 149 Street and St. Ann's Avenue; in Queens at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue; and in Richmond at Faber Park, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street. Elimination bouts will be held during the latter part of February and in early March. Boxers will be divided into two groups, juniors and seniors, and into weight classes from 90 lb. to 147 lb. Quarter-finals and semi-finals will be fought at Lost Battalion Hall in Queens,

on March 19th, 20th and 26th. City Championship bouts will be held at the 69th Regiment Armory, Manhattan, on Friday, April 6th.

Basketball, handball, roller hockey, and table tennis eliminations will be held in each playground, and the winners will play a schedule of inter-playground and inter-district games, followed by Borough and City-wide Championship contests.

All boroughs will conduct track meets on February 3rd. Manhattan and Richmond will hold their meets at the 22nd Regiment Armory, Brooklyn at the 13th Regiment Armory, Bronx at the 8th Regiment Armory, and Queens at the 4th Regiment Armory. Those who qualify at these meets will compete in the city-wide meet which will be held at Madison Square Garden on Saturday afternoon, February 17th, through the courtesy of the New York Athletic Club.

Eight events are on the track program for playground boys and girls, in the 100 lb. class, 120 lb. class, and the unlimited class. In addition there will be two PSAL events: a one mile high school relay, and a 60 yard dash; a two mile relay for private and parochial high schools; and two AAU events: a 60 yard dash handicap, and an 880 yard run.

Swimming meets will be held at Park Department indoor swimming pools in Manhattan and Brooklyn, and plans are being made to secure high school pools in the Bronx, Queens, and Richmond for events in those boroughs. The city-wide finals will be held at one of New York's largest indoor swimming pools.

Entry blanks for all sports may be secured from Playground Directors at Department of Parks playgrounds.

December 21, 1944.

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The annual Christmas exhibit of the season's flowers is on exhibition in the Greenhouse in Prospect Park at Prospect Park West and 9th Street, Brooklyn. .

This year's display and exhibit comprises over 2,000 Poinsettia plants in three varieties, white, pink, and red. In addition there are various groupings of other flowering plants interspaced. Some of these are the attractive and well known Cyclamen and Christmas cherries.

The exhibit will be open every day from December 20 to January 2, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to the public to view the display.

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December 19, 1944

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FOR RELEASE Sunday
December 17, 1944

Two hundred and twenty-six ice skating areas have been prepared for the public in the parks and playgrounds of New York City. The depth of water in some of the lakes has been lowered, cracks and leaky expansion joints in wading pools and on hard surfaced tennis courts and softball diamonds have been sealed. With the advent of sub freezing temperatures, areas that require it will be sprayed or flooded with water.

As an added attraction there will be recorded music appropriate for ice skating supplied through WNYC amplifiers, at the 59th Street Lake in Central Park, Manhattan, the lake near the Boat House in Prospect Park, Brooklyn and Kissena Park Lake in Queens. There will also be music at the VanCortlandt Park Lake in the Bronx and at Clove Lake Park in Richmond.

Some of the largest of the areas to be flooded for ice skating are the new Col. Charles H. Young Playground in the Harlem section of Manhattan; Lincoln Terrace Park and Kelly Memorial Playground in Brooklyn; Waterbury and Edison Avenues Playground and Bronx Park East tennis courts in the Bronx; Victory Field and Cunningham Park in Queens, and Silver Lake parking field in Richmond. Floodlights have been provided at twenty-six areas, and where attendance warrants it, skating will be permitted until 11:00 P.M.

Playground wading pools make ideal rinks for young skaters who cannot travel to the larger parks, or are in the beginning stages of the sport. There are 154 of these conveniently located in neighborhood parks and playgrounds.

Ice carnivals are planned for each borough on January 7th. These will include races for boys and girls of various age groups and exhibitions of fancy skating. City-wide championship events will be held at Central Park on January 14th.

To avoid accidents and casualties parents are asked to warn children not to go on the ice until it is safe for skating. Warning signs have been posted at all lakes and ponds. Announcements will be made over Station WNYC and in the daily newspapers when there is safe skating.

The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with twenty-one Christmas trees, which have been erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on Monday, December 18th at 5:00 P.M. A special program will be held at the principal trees in each borough which will be at City Hall Park, Manhattan; Borough Hall Park, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, the Bronx; Queensborough Hall, Kew Gardens, Queens, and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park, the ceremonies will be broadcast over Station WNYC. Mayor LaGuardia will deliver his annual Christmas message and throw the switch lighting the tree at 5:25 P.M., officially starting New York City's observance of the Christmas season. Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, and Borough President Edgar J. Nathan, Jr. will also participate in the exercises. Selections will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band and Christmas carols will be sung by the Police Department's Glee Club, and the boys' choir of Saint Cecilia's Church. Borough Presidents Cashmore, Burke, Lyons, and Palma will light the trees in their respective boroughs where exercises will be conducted under the direction of the borough Park Directors who have arranged appropriate programs.

A special decorative scheme depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a holly wreath ten feet in diameter, will be erected over the main entrance of the Park Department headquarters at the Arsenal Central Park. The trees will be lighted each evening from whatever hour in the afternoon it is dark enough to make them effective until midnight. Christmas trees have been erected at the following locations:

MANHATTAN

- * City Hall Park, Broadway and Murray Street
- Tavern on the Green, Central Park and 67 Street
- Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111 Street
- Roosevelt Park, Block 7, Forsyth and Canal Streets
- Mount Morris Park, center line of Fifth Avenue, top of the hill
- Fort Tryon Park, Dyckman Street and Broadway
- Carl Schurz Park, 85 Street and East End Avenue
- Bellevue Hospital, East River Drive and 26 Street

BROOKLYN

- * Borough Hall Park, Fulton and Joralemon Streets
- Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Union Street
- Leiv Eiriksson Park, 67 Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues
- McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street.

BRONX

- * Joyce Kilmer Park, 161 Street and Grand Concourse
St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 144 Street
St. James Park, (center of oval lawn,) East 191 Street and Jerome Avenue

QUEENS

- * Borough Hall, Queens Boulevard and Union Turnpike
King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 151 Street
Flushing Park, Northern Boulevard and Main Street
Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street
Forest Park, Park Lane South and 108 Street

RICHMOND

- * Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place
- * Principal ceremony.

As in former years, there will also be a Christmas tree in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, located inside the City Building between the ice and roller skating rinks.

In addition to the large celebrations, there will also be 100 children's Christmas parties held in neighborhood playgrounds throughout the five boroughs, between December 18th and the New Year. In general the party programs will include carol singing, Christmas tree trimming, and special Christmas games.

The largest of the children's Christmas parties in Manhattan will be at Roosevelt Playground on December 20th, Thomas Jefferson Park on December 22nd, and Heckscher Playground on December 27th. Brooklyn's largest parties will be at Lindsay Playground on December 18th, Carroll Park on December 19th, and Seth Low Playground on December 20th, each of which will include a magic show. The Bronx parties, also featuring magic as entertainment, will be at Mullaly Playground on December 21st, and Williamsbridge Playground on December 22nd.

Santa Claus will visit several Queens parties for youngsters of pre school age. These will be at Thomson Hill Playground on December 20th, and at Flushing Memorial Playground and Jackson Heights Playground on December 22nd. Richmond's most interesting parties will be at three locations: DeMatti and McDonald Playgrounds on December 22nd, and Levy Playground on December 27th.

There will be indoor Christmas trees, trimmed by the children, at all party locations.

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Sunday
December 17, 1944

Peter Pan the Magic Man, will open his bag of tricks at children's Christmas parties in Park playgrounds this week, assisted by Oscar, the peripatetic rabbit.

The Magic Show is one of the most popular of the Department of Parks special features. Each performance draws an enthusiastic audience of youngsters, all eager to be mystified by the magician's wonderful tricks, and motivated by the desire to get as close to Oscar as possible.

Peter Pan will perform at the following locations during the week:

Monday, December 18th

11:00 A.M. - Sheridan Playground, 80 Grand Street, Brooklyn.
4:00 P.M. - Lindsay Playground, Johnson Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn.

Tuesday, December 19th

11:00 A.M. - Carroll Park, Carroll and Court Streets, Brooklyn.
2:30 P.M. - St. John's Home, 992 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn.

Wednesday, December 20th

11:00 A.M. - Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn.
3:00 P.M. - McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillary Streets, Brooklyn.

Thursday, December 21st

10:30 A.M. - St. James Playground, East 192 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.
1:30 P.M., 3:30 P.M. - Mullaly Playground, East 165 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.

Friday, December 22nd

11:00 A.M. - Zimmerman Playground, Barker and Olinville Avenues, Bronx.
1:30 P.M., 3:30 P.M. - Williamsbridge Playground, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx.

Saturday, December 23rd

11:00 A.M. - Thomas Jefferson Play Center, 114 Street and First Avenue, Manhattan.
2:00 P.M. - Seward Park, Canal and Jefferson Streets, Manhattan.

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Friday
December 15, 1944

The final touch football game in the Fall and Winter Sports Tournament which the Department of Parks is conducting in conjunction with the New York Community Trust, will be played on Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 P.M. at Heckscher Playground in Central Park, Manhattan.

The teams which will meet on Saturday are Roosevelt Playground of Manhattan, and Lincoln Terrace Park of Brooklyn, the survivors of a hard fought series of contests in which 136 teams originally started. Roosevelt earned its place at the finals by defeating McDonald Playground of Richmond with a score of 24 - 6, while Lincoln Terrace upset Jewel Avenue Playground of Queens, 27 - 13.

Saturday's game will end rivalry for the season in this one activity, but competition will continue in the eight other divisions of the Sports Tournament: basketball, handball, roller hockey, table tennis, boxing, ice skating, indoor swimming, and track. Over 9,200 boys and girls have entered the Sports Tournament so far. The contests are open to boys and girls under eighteen years of age. Entry blanks may be obtained at any Department of Parks playground, or at borough offices.

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Sunday
December 10, 1944

Peter Pan, the Department of Parks' travelling magician, will give a series of performances for youngsters this week as part of his winter tour of park playgrounds, schools, and child caring agencies.

Each performance of the Magic Show elicits enthusiastic response from the audience, as the children are given an opportunity to participate in magical tricks, join in singing magical songs, and cultivate an acquaintance with Oscar, the real, live rabbit.

This week's Magic Shows will be presented at the following locations, all in Queens:

Monday, December 11th

2:00 P.M. - St. John's Hospital, Jackson Avenue, Long Island City.

Tuesday, December 12th

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M. - P.S. #13, 55-01 94 Street, Elmhurst.

4:00 P.M. - Hebrew Center of Corona, 108-44 53 Avenue, Corona.

Wednesday, December 13th

2:00 P.M. - Wavcrest Hebrew Convalescent Home, Beach 20 Street, Far Rockaway.

Thursday, December 14th

2:00 P.M. - Children's Ward, Queens General Hospital, 164 Street and Grand Central Parkway, Jamaica.

Friday, December 15th

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., P.S. #83, 34-25 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City.

3:30 P.M. - Rainey Park, Vernon Boulevard and 34 Avenue, Long Island City.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday
December 10, 1944

The Park puppeteers will continue their travels around the city this week giving performances of "The Shoemaker and the Elves", a marionette show for children. The plot of the play closely follows the pattern of the old fairy tale, and the tiny characters are well received by the youngsters, who heartily approve of fairies stepping in to solve human difficulties.

In arranging the Marionette Theatre's schedule, the Department of Parks has included performances in schools and institutions as well as in Park playgrounds. The puppeteers will perform at the following places this week:

Monday, December 11th

3:30 P.M. - Flushing Memorial Playground, 149 Street and 25 Avenue,
Flushing, Queens.

Tuesday, December 12th

3:30 P.M. - Jewish Community Center, 475 Victory Boulevard,
Tompkinsville, Richmond.

Wednesday, December 13th

10:30 A.M., 2:00 P.M. - Mount Loretto Home, Tottenville, Richmond.

Thursday, December 14th

3:30 P.M. - Goodhue Community Center, 304 Prospect Avenue, New
Brighton, Richmond.

Friday, December 15th

3:30 P.M. - Lyons Play Center, Arietta Street at Pier #6,
Tompkinsville, Richmond.

Saturday, December 16th

11:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. - Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences,
Stuyvesant Place, St. George, Richmond.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday
December 3, 1944

Peter Pan the Department of Parks Magic Man, assisted by Oscar the Rabbit, will present magical tricks, songs, stories, and games for the entertainment of youngsters in three boroughs during the coming week.

The locations at which Peter Pan will display his tricks are as follows:

- Monday, December 4th
3:30 P.M. - DeMatti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Rosebank, Richmond.
- Tuesday, December 5th
3:30 P.M. - Jewish Community Center, 475 Victory Boulevard,
Tompkinsville, Richmond.
- Wednesday, December 6th
3:30 P.M. - Goodhue Community Center, 304 Prospect Avenue,
New Brighton, Richmond.
- Thursday, December 7th
3:30 P.M. - Mount Loretto, Tottenville, Richmond.
- Friday, December 8th
2:00 P.M. - Hospital for Joint Diseases, 122 Street and Madison
Avenue, Manhattan.
- 7:00 P.M. - Otilie Home, 144-25 87 Avenue, Jamaica, Queens.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday
December 3, 1944

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will give nine performances of "The Shoemaker and the Elves" in park playgrounds and schools in Queens during the coming week.

The play, which is a dramatic version of the old fairy tale, will be presented to audiences of children at the following locations:

Monday, December 4th

3:30 P.M. - VonDohlen Playground, 138 Street and Archer Place, Jamaica.

Tuesday, December 5th

2:30 P.M. - Queens General Hospital, 164 Street and Grand Central Parkway.

Wednesday, December 6th

3:30 P.M. - O'Connell Playground, 113 Avenue and 196 Street, St.Albans.

Thursday, December 7th

11:00 A.M. - P. S. #83, Vernon Boulevard and Pierce Avenue, Long Island City.

3:30 P.M. - Rainey Park, Vernon Boulevard and 33 Road, Long Island City.

Friday, December 8th

11:00 A.M. - Dry Harbor Playground, 80 Street and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale.

3:50 P.M. - Dry Harbor Playground, 80 Street and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale.

Saturday, December 9th

11:00 A.M. - Raymond O'Connor Playground, 210 Street and 32 Avenue, Bayside.

2:00 P.M. - Raymond O'Connor Playground, 210 Street and 32 Avenue, Bayside.

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

Touch football teams will line up on Park gridirons during the coming week to determine the Borough Champions in the Department of Parks Fall and Winter Sports Tournament, for which the New York Community Trust is furnishing prizes.

The teams facing each other are the survivors from 136 groups which originally started in the eliminations. On Saturday, December 2nd at 2:00 P.M. the Manhattan championship will be decided when J. Hood Wright and Roosevelt Playgrounds meet at Heckscher Playground in Central Park. At the same time McDonald and DeMatti Playgrounds will play for the Richmond title at Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard.

On Sunday, December 3rd at 11:00 A.M. the Queens finals will be played at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, between Tudor and Jewel Avenue Playgrounds. On Tuesday, December 5th at 4:00 P.M., the Bronx contest will be settled at Macombs Dam Park, River Avenue and 161 Street. The last game in Brooklyn's intra-borough schedule will be played on Friday, December 8th at 4:00 P.M. at the Parade Grounds, Parkside and Coney Island Avenues. These games are forerunners of an inter-borough schedule which will start on December 9th, and will end with the City Championship on December 16th.

The Fall and Winter Sports Tournament also includes competition in basketball, handball, roller hockey, table tennis, boxing, ice skating, indoor swimming, and track. Entries are still being received for these sports, and entry blanks may be obtained from the Supervisor of Recreation in each borough, or at any Department of Parks playground.

December 1, 1944.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
November 26, 1944

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will continue its fall tour giving performances for children in the Bronx and Queens during the coming week.

The current presentation is a fairy tale play, "The Shoemaker and the Elves". The play, a favorite with young audiences, tells the tale of an unhappy shoemaker, and the way in which all his problems are solved by friendly elves.

This week's performances will be at the following locations:

Monday, November 27th

11:00 A.M. - P.S. 17, City Island, Bronx

Tuesday, November 28th

3:30 P.M. - Hillside Homes, 3480 Seymour Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, November 29th

10:00 A.M. - P.S. 43, Brown Place and East 135 Street, Bronx

1:30 P.M. - P.S. 43, Brown Place and East 135 Street, Bronx

Thursday, November 30th

2:30 P.M. - Lincoln Hospital, East 141 Street and Concord Avenue,
Bronx

Friday, December 1st

11:00 A.M. - P.S. 73, 54 Avenue and 71 Street, Maspeth, Queens

1:00 P.M. - P.S. 73, 54 Avenue and 71 Street, Maspeth, Queens

Saturday, December 2nd

11:00 A.M. - Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 30 Road,

2:00 P.M. - Queens

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday,
November 26, 1944

Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, accompanied by his bag of tricks and his travelling companion, Oscar the Rabbit, will give eight performances for audiences of children in Brooklyn and Richmond during the coming week.

The Magic Show will be given at the following playgrounds, schools and institutions this week:

Monday, November 27th

2:00 P.M. - St. Francis Xavier School, President Street between 6 and 7 Avenues, Brooklyn.

Tuesday, November 28th

3:30 P.M. - Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue S and East 14 Street, Brooklyn.

Wednesday, November 29th

2:00 P.M. - Convent of Mercy, 273 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn.

Thursday, November 30th

10:30 A.M. - P.S. 206, East 22 Street and Neck Road, Brooklyn.

1:15 P.M. - P.S. 206, East 22 Street and Neck Road, Brooklyn.

Friday, December 1st

3:30 P.M. - McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway, West New Brighton, Richmond.

Saturday, December 2nd

11:00 A.M. - Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, Stuyvesant Place, St. George, Richmond.

2:00 P.M. - Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, Stuyvesant Place, St. George, Richmond.

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Saturday,
November 25, 1944

The Department of Parks announces the closing of ten municipal golf courses and the pitch putt course at Jacob Riis Park, at the close of play on Sunday, November 26.

During the past season, more than 420,305 rounds were played over the ten courses, and approximately 16,518 rounds were played on the pitch and putt course. The courses were open to the members of the armed forces free of charge and 18,653 soldiers, sailors, marines and members of the women's armed forces took advantage of these facilities.

The Park Department also announces that after November 26 and through the winter months, it will not be necessary to have permits to play tennis on the hard surface courts operated by the department, but players must furnish their own tennis nets.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday
November 19, 1944

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre, presenting "The Shoemaker and the Elves", will give nine performances during the coming week for audiences of children in Bronx schools and park playgrounds.

"The Shoemaker and the Elves", a dramatic adaptation of the old fairy tale, is a favorite with youngsters. It tells the story of a worried shoemaker, his wife, an unreasonable customer, and the inevitable fairies and elves who solve all the problems. The performance is enlivened by thirty pairs of tiny shoes which prance across the stage.

This week's performances will be at the following locations:

Monday, November 20th

9:30 A.M. - St. Raymond's School, 1725 Castle Avenue.

Tuesday, November 21st

10:00 A.M. - P. S. #31, Grand Concourse and 144 Street.

1:30 P.M. - P. S. #31, Grand Concourse and 144 Street.

Wednesday, November 22nd

10:00 A.M. - P. S. #62, Leggett Avenue and Fox Street.

1:30 P.M. - P. S. #62, Leggett Avenue and Fox Street.

Friday, November 24th

11:00 A.M. - Williamsbridge Playground, Bainbridge Avenue and East 208 Street.

2:00 P.M. - Williamsbridge Playground, Bainbridge Avenue and East 208 Street.

Saturday, November 25th

11:00 A.M. - St. James Playground, East 192 Street and Jerome Avenue.

2:00 P.M. - St. James Playground, East 192 Street and Jerome Avenue.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday
November 19, 1944

The Department of Parks Magic Show with Peter Pan the Magic Man, will give a series of performances this week for audiences of youngsters in park playgrounds and schools in Brooklyn. The show, which is replete with magical songs and tricks, is especially designed for children's entertainment.

Oscar, the educated white rabbit, has rejoined the show after a brief vacation, and will be on hand to delight the children. Shows will be given at the following locations:

Monday, November 20th
10:00 A.M. - P. S. #35, 201 Decatur Street.

Tuesday, November 21st
3:30 P.M. - Hebrew Educational Society, 564 Hopkinson Avenue.

Wednesday, November 22nd
3:30 P.M. - James J. Byrne Memorial Playground, 3 Street and 4 Avenue.

Friday, November 24th
3:30 P.M. - Kallman Home for Children, Ridge Boulevard and 86 Street.

Saturday, November 25th
1:30 P.M. - House of St. Giles the Cripple, 1346 President Street.
2:30 P.M. - House of St. Giles the Cripple, 1346 President Street.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday
November 12, 1944

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will continue its tour of park playgrounds, schools, and child caring agencies, giving daily performances of the "The Shoemaker and the Elves", a dramatic version of the old fairy tale favorite. The theatre has been making its fall circuit, delighting audiences of youngsters at each showing with the realistic performances of the miniature actors.

"The Shoemaker and the Elves" will be given in Brooklyn during the coming week at the following playgrounds and institutions:

Monday, November 13th

2:00 P.M. - St. Francis Xavier School, President Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues.

Tuesday, November 14th

3:30 P.M. - Kallman House, 86 Street and Ridge Boulevard.

Wednesday, November 15th

3:30 P.M. - Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street and Classon Avenue.

Thursday, November 16th

3:30 P.M. - Playground at Riverdale and Snediker Avenues.

Friday, November 17th

3:30 P.M. - Sunset Play Center, 43 Street and Seventh Avenue.

Saturday, November 18th

2:30 P.M. - House of St. Giles, the Cripple, 1346 President Street.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday
November 12, 1944

The New York Community Trust is again sponsoring a Fall and Winter Sports Tournament in cooperation with the Department of Parks. The program will be conducted by Park Department playground directors who are assigned to the 490 playgrounds in the five boroughs.

The program, which is designed to keep the boys and girls of New York City in good physical condition through healthful recreation, embraces nine sports. The approximate dates during which the tournaments will be conducted are as follows: Roller Hockey November 20 to February 15; Touch Football November 20 to December 31; Handball December 1 to February 28; Basketball December 1 to March 15; Boxing January 1 to March 31; Ice Skating January 1 to February 15; Track Meets January 1 to March 15; Indoor Swimming January 15 to March 15; and Table Tennis January 15 to March 31.

The major portion of these activities will be conducted at Park recreation facilities. In practically all sports, eliminations will be held in each playground. Inter-playground competition will then take place, followed by inter-district play-offs and Borough Championships. In the final lap of competition, borough winners will meet to play for City Championships.

In basketball and boxing, the City Championships will be held at armories as was done last year. The borough finals of track will also be held at armories in each borough, and will be followed by a five-borough indoor meet. Indoor swimming meets, which are included in the Fall and Winter Sports Tournament for the first time, will start about January 15th at Park Department indoor pools in Manhattan and Brooklyn, and in all probability at some high school pools in the Bronx, Queens, and Richmond.

Entry blanks for the Sports Championships may be secured from playground directors at any Department of Parks playground. Within the next week entry blanks will be sent to all public and parochial schools, settlement houses, YMCA's, YWCA's, CYO clubs, and other similar organizations throughout the city.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,

November 5, 1944

The Department of Parks Magic Show, with Peter Pan the Magic Man, will give a series of performances this week to the continued delight of the youngsters. Peter Pan, with his magical tricks, songs and stories, is now making his fall tour of the Park playgrounds, schools and child welfare agencies in the five boroughs.

The Magic Show will give performances in Manhattan this week as follows:

Monday, November 6th

3:30 P.M. - Harlem Children's Center, 28 West 134 Street

Wednesday, November 8th

3:30 P.M. - Chelsea Health Building, 303 Ninth Avenue

Thursday, November 9th

3:30 P.M. - Thomas Jefferson Play Center, 114 Street and First Avenue

Friday, November 10th

4:00 P.M. - Utopia House, 170 West 130 Street.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
November 5, 1944

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will continue its fall tour, giving performances for audiences of children in park playgrounds and child welfare agencies throughout the city. This season's presentation is "The Shoemaker and the Elves", a dramatic version of the old fairy tale.

The Marionette Theatre will spend the coming week in Brooklyn, giving performances at the following locations:

Monday, November 6th

3:30 P.M. - Bill Brown Memorial Playground, Bedford Avenue & Avenue X.

Wednesday, November 8th

3:30 P.M. - James J. Byrne Memorial Playground, 3 Street & 4 Avenue

Thursday, November 9th

3:30 P.M. - Hebrew Educational Society, Hopkinson & Sutter Avenues

Friday, November 10th

3:30 P.M. - Red Hook Play Center, Henry & Lorraine Streets,

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,

November 4, 1944

The Park Department announces that the Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Brooklyn, will open on Sunday, November 5th, at 10 A.M.

The Greenhouse is located at Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, Brooklyn, and may be reached by way of the I.R.T. subway, Grand Army Plaza Station; the Independent Subway, 7th Avenue Station and by the Vanderbilt and Smith Street car lines; Ninth Street stop; or by automobile direct to the Greenhouse by way of the East Drive in Prospect Park.

The Exhibit will be open every day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. for three weeks and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to view the display.

More than four thousand pots of chrysanthemums will be on exhibit. The ground bed is laid out in groups of various formations with the popular large bloom varieties in all shades of pink, yellow, red and bronze. Some of the attractive plants are the Pocketts, Turners, John S. Bush, Rise of Day and the Melba. Surrounding this feature of the display, banked on the sides of the Greenhouse are numerous smaller size chrysanthemums in 75 varieties, such as the Pompons, the Anemone and the Single Daisy type.

In the class of varieties in all shades of bronze, red, yellow and white, some of the outstanding chrysanthemums to be exhibited are the Crimson Red, Purple Queen, Red Rover, Orchid Beauty, Cleopatra and New York.

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Old friends and associates of the late Governor Alfred E. Smith met at the residence of W. F. Kenny and agreed upon a plan for a memorial to him in his old neighborhood on the lower east side where he and his family were born and lived for many years. An Executive Committee, headed by Park Commissioner Robert Moses as Chairman, was selected to formulate plans for a campaign to raise a \$75,000 fund to pay the cost of the memorial and of landscaping the surrounding area.

The memorial will be located in the playground included in the site of Governor Smith Houses, a state public housing project to be constructed in the area bounded by New Bowery, Madison Street, Catherine Street, South Street and the Brooklyn Bridge.

The memorial will consist of a bronze figure of the Governor in a characteristic pose, and a large cast bronze relief representing scenes of the "Sidewalks of New York". There will be steps on the granite base where children can sit and play.

A list of the members of the Committee and Executive Committee and of the Officers is attached.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
October 30, 1944

The Department of Parks announces the closing of the
clay and hard surface tennis courts on Tuesday night, October 31, 1944.

After October 31st, players who bring their own equip-
ment, including nets, will be permitted to use the hard surface
courts free of charge.

During the 1944 season, 206,210 players took advantage
of the 522 tennis courts located in park areas throughout the five
boroughs.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday
October 29, 1944

Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, will give nine performances for audiences of children during the coming week. In addition to appearing in the Park playgrounds, the Magic Show will also be given in schools and child caring agencies.

Performances of the Magic Show will be given at the following locations this week:

Monday, October 30th

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. - Public School 38, East 154 Street and St. Ann's Avenue, the Bronx

Tuesday, October 31st

11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. - School of the Sacred Heart, 1252 Nelson Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, November 1st

2:00 P.M. - Children's Ward, Bellevue Hospital, First Avenue and 30 Street, Manhattan

Thursday, November 2nd

3:30 P.M. - Heckscher Foundation for Children, 1 East 104 Street, Manhattan

Friday, November 3rd

3:30 P.M. - Madison Square Boys' Club, 301 East 29 Street, Manhattan

Saturday, November 4th

3:30 P.M. - Museum of the City of New York, 104 Street and Fifth Avenue, Manhattan

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
October 29, 1944

Seven performances of the fairy tale drama, "The Shoemaker and the Elves", will be given for audiences of children by the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre this week. The play has been received with enthusiasm by the youngsters whenever it has been presented, and is one of the children's favorite tales.

The play recounts the troubles of a harassed shoemaker, and the good deeds of the elves who come to his rescue. It has realistic details such as tiny furniture for the marionette characters, real shoes of all descriptions, tiny clothes, and small scale scenery. There are also interludes of appropriate music.

This week's performances will be given at the following locations:

Monday, October 30th
3:30 P.M. - East Side Settlement House, 540 East 76 Street, Manhattan.

Tuesday, October 31st
3:30 P.M. - Seward Park, Canal, Hester and Essex Streets, Manhattan.

Wednesday, November 1st
10:00 A.M. - Public School 44, Throop and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn.
2:00 P.M. - Public School 44, Throop and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn.

Thursday, November 2nd
3:00 P.M. - Convent of Mercy Orphan's Home, 273 Willoughby Street, Bklyn

Friday, November 3rd
3:30 P.M. - Betsy Head Play Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues,
Brooklyn

Saturday, November 4th
1:30 P.M. - Brooklyn Museum, Eastern Parkway and Washington Avenues,
Brooklyn

Silver medals will be awarded to the winners in the Animal Naming Contest at the Central Park and Prospect Park Zoos on Saturday, October 28 at 2:30 p.m. The contest came to a close last Sunday with a total of 1,884 ballots cast by elementary school children, for the purpose of appropriately naming the animals which have been born or acquired recently in both zoos. Since October 7th, youngsters visiting the zoos have been writing in the names they would like to give the animals, and depositing their votes in special ballot boxes. Signs bearing the winning names will be placed on the cages of the animals immediately after the presentation of prizes.

The suggested names range all the way from the sedate and decorous to the nonsensical, and provided the judges with a difficult task when the time came for selecting the winning names. After reviewing all the ballots, the judges selected the following winners:

Central Park Zoo

Llama (male), named "Lammy", by

Danny Sakles, age 10 years, 21-23 21 Road, Queens

Asiatic Deer (female), named "Brownie" by

Robert Hoey, age 11 years, 106-04 71 Street, Flushing, Long Island

Aoudad (female), named "Duddle", by

Joanne Munroe, age 10 years, 350 West 71 Street, New York City

Aoudad (male), named "Rocky", by

Dicky Millard, age 9 years, 10 West 66 Street, New York City

Elk (female), named "Elsie", by

Sherrie Cohen, age 13 years, 13-215 Beach 133 Street, Rockaway

Red Deer (female), named "Skippy", by

Gail Shapiro, age 7 years, 414 East 65 Street, New York City

Red Deer (female), named "Dasher", by

George Mantlow, age 14 years, 21 East 27 Street, New York City

Red Deer (male), Named "Lightning", by

Bryan Lantin, age 8 years, 229 East 79 Street, New York City

Black Deer (female), named "Snuff", by

Janet Orlore, age 9 years, 40 West 59 Street, New York City

Black Bear (male), named "Ruff", by

Janet Orlore, age 9 years, 40 West 59 Street, New York City

Prospect Park Zoo

Zebra (male), named "Zeke", by

Alan Padole, age 8 years, 484 East 4 Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Asiatic Deer (female), named "Lady", by

Mary Hayden, age 13 years, 34 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Black Buck Antelope (female), named "Blackout" by

Ronald Kelly, age 11 years, 3317 Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Kangaroo (female), named "Kanga", by

Sandra Koppelman, 10 years, 1712 East 3 Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bison (female), named "Buxa", by

Gloria Bauman, age 12 years, 156 Summer Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bison (male), named "Hefty", by

Jewel Waldman, age 9 years, 782 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fallow Deer (female), named "Duchess" by

Yetta Rothenberg, age 12 years, 289 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ocelot (male), named "Hepcat", by

Albert Kramer, age 11 years, 944 - 42 Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,

October 24, 1944

Two million chrysanthemum blooms, massed in colorful display throughout the city are now flowering in New York City's Second Annual Outdoor Chrysanthemum Display, the Department of Parks announced today. These flowers are now on view in four park areas in New York City: Bryant Park; the Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street; the Central Park Conservatory Gardens at Fifth Avenue and 106 Street; Riverside Park at Riverside Drive and 106th Street; and Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn. An additional planting will be made this fall in Bowling Green Park, Manhattan.

These permanent plantings are the gift of Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, of New York City, to the Department of Parks in memory of her Mother, and are known as the Sara J. Woodard Memorial Chrysanthemum Plantings. Mrs. Woodard, who died in New York City on January 8, 1940, was one of the founders of two public parks in Watertown, Wisconsin, and a member of the Park Association of New York City, and the Outdoor Cleanliness Association.

Rockefeller Center, in cooperation with the Park Department's project for a late Autumn outdoor flower display in the City, has purchased eighteen hundred plants of the same variety and these will be featured in the planting areas in Rockefeller Center during the next two weeks.

About 500,000 seeds have been distributed during the past year by Mrs. Lasker for use as War Memorial plantings to colleges and universities such as Princeton, Vassar, Radcliffe and Duke, to Park Commissions in Chicago, Illinois; Watertown, Wisconsin; Topeka, Kansas; Ontario, Canada; Boston and Malden in Massachusetts, and to many Garden Clubs and Communities in 15 states throughout the country.

All of the plants were seedlings and cutting from the "Chicago" strain of hardy chrysanthemums developed by Dr. E. J. Kraus, Chairman of the Botany Department of the University of Chicago. They range in color from white through many shades of yellow, orange, clear rose pink and deep maroon. The flowers vary from single to fully double, and the plants include all sizes from dwarf to more than three feet high and three feet in spread.

It is one of the few flowers that will bear up under heavy frost and the only plant having a wide range of color that is suitable in this section of the country for mass planting. These chrysanthemums are easily grown, even under adverse condition.

Dr. Kraus, stimulated by the desire to create a flower that could be used by the amateur gardener to extend the blooming period of a garden by as much as six weeks, began his experiments in the simplest possible manner. He used a common, hard magenta flowered and a white flowered variety of chrysanthemum. He also used a very early flowering strain received from the Municipal Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a variety selected by Mr. F. L. Mulford, of the Bureau of Plant Industry in Washington, D.C. for its hardiness and early blooming character. Only flowers in a limited range of color and form resulted from these first early crosses. To introduce additional color, particularly brilliant red, the Mars variety obtained from Mr. Alex Cummings in 1936 and some additional double strains were used. Each year thereafter thousands of seedlings from these crosses were grown and fifty to one hundred outstanding individual plants were selected for further testing. The outstanding plants were saved for seed and propagated by means of cuttings. These cuttings were then sent for further test to the gardens of the U.S. Horticultural Stations in Beltsville, Maryland, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, to the Department of Agriculture Test Gardens at Beaver Lodge, Alberta, and to the Arnold Arboretum in Boston, Massachusetts. Elaborate records were kept and yearly reports were made as to the comparative merit and value of each individual variety.

In the fall of 1941, twelve varieties were selected and considered sufficiently reliable to be worthy of public introduction. They were named: Barbara Small, Calendula, Flavita, Goldridge, Harbinger, M. J. Costello, Primula, Polar Ice, Redbank, Robert Brydon, Tussore, William Longland, and are now available to gardeners, nurserymen and commercial growers everywhere.

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Monday,
October 23, 1944

The Park Department announced today that on Wednesday of this week it will be forced to order contractors to discontinue the work of straightening and removing trees along the city streets destroyed in the last hurricane because all funds allotted for these contracts by the Board of Estimate will then have been exhausted. A total of \$400,000 was appropriated for this purpose.

In many neighborhoods large numbers of small trees were cut up by the residents for firewood. Assuming that they continue to help in this way, it is estimated that an additional \$350,000 is required to complete the removal of trees along the city streets.

Altogether there were 16,800 trees to be removed and 12,000 to be straightened along the city streets; and in the parks 7,600 to be removed and 5,220 to be straightened. Six thousand four hundred and twenty-three street trees have been removed and 7,720 straightened by the contractors. In addition to this 6,500 park and street trees have been straightened by Park Department forces.

The Park Department can and will complete the straightening of the remaining 3,000 trees. Except for a few trees in extremely hazardous positions the remaining 10,377 street trees and 7,600 park trees which must eventually be removed will remain in the streets, on the sidewalks, and in the parks until further appropriations are made by the Board of Estimate. The removal of these trees cannot be completed by the Park Department because its forces have been seriously depleted through loss of men to the armed forces, and because it does not have the equipment to do the work.

The attached photographs are typical of conditions throughout the city.

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Sunday,
October 22, 1944

The Department of Parks Magic Show with Peter Pan the Magic Man, will start its fall program of performances on Monday, October 23rd. The Magic Show will travel around the city giving daily performances for children in the Park playgrounds, schools, and child caring agencies.

The show, which stresses audience participation, consists of magical games and tricks, all especially designed for the entertainment of youngsters. During the coming week performances will be given in the Bronx as follows:

Monday, October 23rd

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. - Public School 35, Morris Avenue and East 163 Street.

Tuesday, October 24th

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., and 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. - Public School 90, East 166 Street and Sheridan Avenue.

Wednesday, October 25th

11:00 A.M. - Public School 17, 96 Reynolds Street, City Island
3:00 P.M. - School of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, 580 Minneford Ave.,
City Island

Thursday, October 26th

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. - Public School 73, Anderson and Jerome Avenues.


Friday, October 27th

9:00 A.M. - Public School 9,, East 138 Street and Brown Place.

Saturday, October 28th

10:00 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. - Hillside Homes, 3480 Seymour Avenue.

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Over twelve hundred children have cast ballots in the Animal Naming Contest since it started on October 7th in Central Park Zoo, Manhattan, and Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn. The contest, which is open to elementary school children, is for the purpose of selecting appropriate names for the animals which are still unnamed in both zoos. The contest will continue through Sunday, October 22nd. Children may obtain ballots at both zoos, and deposit them in ballot barrels which are set up near the sea lion pools.

The animals to be named in Central Park are an Asiatic deer, twin black bears, an elk, a llama, a trio of red deer, and twin aoudad. In the Prospect Park Zoo the unnamed animals are a kangaroo, a fallow deer, a black buck antelope, two bison, an Asiatic deer, a zebra, and an ocelot.

In naming the animals, the young voters show preference for names of fairy tale and comic strip characters, and also for chocolate candy, with which many of the ballots are liberally smeared. When the contest closes the winning names will be selected by a board of judges. The judges who will review the Central Park ballots are P. J. Cruise, borough director, John Kelly, zoo concessionaire, and Fred Sandman, zoo director. The Prospect Park judges are R. C. Jenkins, borough director, Robert Cunningham, zoo concessionaire, and Richard O'Brien, zoo director.

The winners will receive silver medals on Saturday, October 28th, at 2:30 P.M. when ceremonies will be held at both zoos, and signs bearing the winning names will be placed on the animals' cages.

October 19, 1944

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday
October 15, 1944

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre, presenting "The Shoemaker and the Elves", will start on its fall tour on Monday, October 16th. In addition to entertaining audiences of children in the Park playgrounds, the theatre will also appear at child caring agencies and schools during the coming season.

"The Shoemaker and the Elves", a fairy tale drama, is one of the Marionette Theatre's most popular presentations. The youngsters are delighted with the tiny, hard working shoemaker and his wife, the diminutive elves and fairies, and the thirty pairs of animated shoes which dance across the stage.

Performances will be given at the following locations in Manhattan during the week:

Monday, October 16th

3:30 P.M. - Gulick Playground, Sheriff, Broome and Delancey Streets.

Tuesday, October 17th

3:30 P.M. - Columbus Playground, Baxter and Worth Streets.

Wednesday, October 18th

3:30 P.M. - Annunciation Playground, 134 Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

Thursday, October 19th

3:30 P.M. - Playground at Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street.

Friday, October 20th

3:30 P.M. - Harlem Children's Center, 28 West 134 Street.

Saturday, October 21st

11:00 A.M. - Thomas Jefferson Play Center, 114 Street and First Avenue.

2:00 P.M. - Thomas Jefferson Play Center, 114 Street and First Avenue.

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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
October 12, 1944

The Animal Naming Contest in the Central Park and Prospect Park Zoos is attracting large numbers of children who are casting ballots to bestow names on their favorite animals. Over the week-end four hundred children dropped votes into the special ballot boxes which are located near the sea lion pools in both zoos.

The contest, which will continue through Sunday, October 22nd, is for elementary school children, and is being held to give appropriate names to the animals which are still unnamed in both zoos. The recent arrivals waiting to be named in the Central Park Zoo, are an Asiatic deer, twin black bears, an elk, a llama, three red deer, and twin acoudad. In Brooklyn, the animals are a kangaroo, a fallow deer, a black buck antelope, two bison, an Asiatic deer, a zebra, and an ocelot.

At the close of the contest, all of the ballots will be reviewed by a board of judges who will select the winning names. The winners will receive silver medals at ceremonies to be held at both zoos on Saturday, October 28th at 2:30 P.M., at which time signs bearing the winning names will be hung on the cages of the animals.

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The Eighth Annual Magic Show by the children of the park playgrounds under the direction of Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, will be presented on the Mall, Central Park on Columbus Day, October 12th at 2:30 P.M. This annual program is given at the close of the outdoor Magic Season, during which thousands of youngsters have been entertained by the travelling Magic Show.

The magicians appearing in the Columbus Day show are all playground children who have learned their magic in the Magic Club at Roosevelt Playground, Manhattan. The children meet weekly with Peter Pan to learn old and new tricks. The young magicians show off their accomplishments in the annual shows.

The program, "Magic and Fun in the Park Playgrounds", will cover many phases of magic. It will consist of Ventriloquism and Juggling, a Magical Quiz, Magic by Girls, and magical acts by outstanding members of the Roosevelt Playground Magic Club: Nicholas Stathes' "Magic of Youth", Joel Howard's "Magic a la Hollywood", Howard Schwartzman's "20th Century Sorcery", Julian Durege's "Perplexing Prestidigitation", and Don Desfor, the Young Conjuror. There will also be several guest artists, former members of playground Magic Clubs, who are now serving in the Armed Forces.

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October 10, 1944.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
October 5, 1944

An Animal Naming Contest for elementary school children will be held in the Central Park and Prospect Park Zoos from Saturday, October 7th to Sunday, October 22nd, for the purpose of selecting appropriate names for the recent arrivals in both zoos.

Ballots on which children may write their choice of names may be obtained at the zoos, and deposited in the special ballot boxes which will be placed near the sea lion pools.

The animals waiting to be named in the Central Park Zoo are a tiger, an Asiatic deer, twin black bears, an elk, a llama, a trio of red deer, and twin acoudad. In the Prospect Park Zoo, the unnamed animals are a kangaroo, a fallow deer, a black buck antelope, two bison, an Asiatic deer, a zebra, and an ocelot.

As a guide to the contestants, it is suggested that the proposed names reveal something of the animal's habits, actions, color, appearance, or place of **origin**. The reading of a book on animals, with particular reference to the animals to be named, would be an interesting and informative preliminary to a tour of the zoo.

At the close of the contest on October 22nd, all of the ballots will be reviewed by a board of judges who will select the winning names. The winners will receive silver medals at ceremonies to be held at both zoos on Saturday, October 28th at 2:30 P. M., at which time signs bearing the winning names will be hung on the cages of the animals.

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FOR RELEASE

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The Fall Harvest of the Park Department Children's Farm Gardens will take place at the following parks on Friday afternoon, October 6th, at 3:30 P.M. :

Thomas Jefferson Park - 114 Street and Pleasant Avenue, Manhattan.

Fort Greene Park - Myrtle and Portland Avenues, Brooklyn.

Highland Park - Jamaica Avenue and Cleveland Street, Queens.

De Matti Playground - Tompkins Avenue and Chestnut Street,
Rosebank, Staten Island.

Awards of the Park Department emblem the "Sycamore Leaf" will be made to the winners.

These are four of the nine farm gardens. Five of the smaller gardens were harvested during the past week.

Thomas Jefferson Park garden is the largest and is located on the East River Drive from 111 to 113 Street. It has 300 individual garden plots and the children will harvest a fall crop of beets, carrots, kale, swiss-chard, and kohlrabi. Despite the drought and hurricane, the crops throughout the City have been excellent.

The gardens are open to all children of the neighborhood. The individual child's garden varies from 4 x 6 to 4 x 8 feet. The vegetables planted during the season are radishes, scallions, lettuce, beets, carrots, swiss-chard, kale, and kohlrabi. Plots are also planted with plants not commonly found in this section of the country, such as peanuts, cotton, sweet potatoes, broom corn, okra, and numerous herbs because of their educational value.

The supervision, seeds, and tools are furnished by the Department of Parks.

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October 4, 1944.

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GOVERNOR SMITH

It is the end of a great life and the beginning of an American legend. Let's look at the record, as the Governor himself used to say. It is fresh in the minds of the millions who loved him -- a biography more extraordinary than the fiction of Horatio Alger, the story of a boy who rose from the sidewalks of New York to state and national eminence, usefulness and respect, without losing the common touch and without compromising the simple loyalties to his old neighborhood, his town, his wife and family, his friends, and his Church. When cynics claim that influence, pull and luck are indispensable to success, clear-eyed youth will point to Al Smith who made his way without so-called advantages, by sheer native merit, talent, humor, courage and personality. It is hard to accept the fact that we shall see his strong, mobile and kindly face no more, but he has left us a splendid heritage. In such a loss, death is indeed swallowed up in victory.

ROBERT MOSES

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FOR RELEASE

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Oct 3, 1944 (?)

The Department of Parks, which is continuing its clean up of the recent hurricane damage, has placed salvaged wood at the locations listed below for the citizens to cut up and take away for use as fuel.

There is an adequate supply at each location and the piles will be kept replenished to keep up with withdrawals. While not cut up, the wood is in lengths not exceeding eight feet, and not exceeding ten inches in diameter.

Manhattan:

Central Park - 79 Street yard at Central Park West.
Inwood Hill Park - north of Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street Playground.
East River Park - East River Drive and Grand Street .

Queens:

Maurice Park, Maurice Avenue and 54 Avenue.
Forest Park - shop yard entrance through Park Drive from Myrtle Avenue and 88th Place.
Flushing Meadow Park - storeyard south of Roosevelt Avenue just east of Grand Central Parkway.
Cunningham Park - yard on Union Turnpike west of Francis Lewis Boulevard.
Rainey Park - Vernon Boulevard at 33rd Street.
St. Albans Memorial Park - along Merrick Road at Sayers Ave.

Bronx:

Pelham Bay Park - Huntington Estate, off Stadium Avenue north of Rice Stadium.
VanCortlandt Park - at stables at Bailey Avenue and 242 Street
Bronx Park - yard in rear of shops, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue.
Macombs Dam Park - east side of Jerome Avenue at 162 Street alongside the tennis courts.

Brooklyn:

Prospect Park - Forestry yard at Prospect Park West and 7 St.
Prospect Park - parking field between Parkside Avenue and Lincoln Road on the East Drive.
Dyker Beach - yard at 86 Street and 12 Avenue.
Marine Park - storeyard at Avenue U and East 35 Street.
Sunrise Highway and Atlantic Avenue, at Fountain Avenue, old pumping station property.
McCarren Park - Lorimer Street between Bedford and Driggs Aves.

Richmond:

Willowbrook Park - Victory Boulevard and Tremont Avenue.
Wolfes Pond Park near concession stand at Cornelia and Harriet Avenues.
Silver Lake Park - Greenhouse at Victory Boulevard and Park Drive.

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The ice and roller rinks in the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, which reopened for the season on Friday, September 29th, have lost none of their popularity. The attendance for the week end was 1,968 on Saturday, and 2,021 on Sunday. These figures show an increase of 50% over last year.

There are daily skating periods from 2:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 11 in the evening. Admission charges are twenty-two cents for afternoons and forty-three cents for evenings. In addition to these sessions there is the usual free period for youngsters under fourteen years of age every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12 Noon. The admission price includes the use of roller skates and Federal tax. A charge of fifty cents is made for the rental of ice skates while shoe rollers can be rented for twenty-five cents.

There is no charge for checking wearing apparel. On the skating floor there is an excellent cafeteria where food and refreshments are sold at reasonable prices.

In accordance with the department's policy, admission is free to members of the Allied Forces in uniform.

The City Building can be reached conveniently from any point in the City on the following transportation routes:

IRT and BMT line to 111th Street Station.

Flushing Ridgewood Trolley to 52 Avenue, walk one block north to the park.

Independent Subway, local train "GG" to Grand Avenue, then Flushing Ridgewood Trolley to Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway. Walk north to the park.

Automobiles can enter the park and reach the City Building parking fields at the following gates: 111th Street and 54 Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue, east of Grand Central Parkway.

October 3, 1944.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Sunday
October 1, 1944

The end of the summer means the beginning of a new recreation program in the Department of Parks' 488 playgrounds, all of which operate on a year round schedule. Playground directors are on duty in all but the smallest areas to take care of the recreation needs of the public. There are many opportunities for outdoor recreation in the parks and playgrounds during the fall, and many sports return to popularity after being on the shelf during the hot, summer months.

For the handball enthusiasts who are turning out in greater numbers, there are 1,041 handball courts distributed throughout the five boroughs. Last year over three million players enjoyed the use of these courts. For those who prefer team competition, there are 383 basketball courts, 96 football fields, 43 soccer fields, and 178 volleyball courts. All of these game areas are equipped and ready for play. Over six million used these fields for games and exercise last year, and additional millions enjoyed watching the games. Many fields are equipped with seats for spectator comfort.

Field hockey, an excellent activity for 'teen age girls, is also played in the parks. The most popular hockey fields are the eight located in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and the five in Central Park, Manhattan. There are also fields at Alley Pond, Queens, and Walker Park, Richmond.

Other facilities which receive increased use during the fall, are bridle paths and bicycle paths. In the case of bicycling, the sport has risen in the past few years from comparative obscurity into the spot it holds to-day as one of the most popular forms of outdoor recreation. There are 29 bicycle paths in the parks. The largest are located at Central Park in Manhattan; in Prospect Park and along the Belt Parkway in Brooklyn; in VanCortlandt Park and along the Hutchinson River Parkway in the Bronx; in Alley Pond Park and along Cross Island Boulevard in Queens; and in Silver Lake Park in Richmond. In addition to these regular paths, the boardwalks at Coney Island in Brooklyn, Rockaway Beach in Queens, and South Beach in Richmond are open for bicycling until 1:00 P.M. daily, and until 11:00 AM

on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The bicycle paths, together with the 70.33 miles of bridle paths which wind through most of the major park areas in the city, offer opportunities for combining exercise with enjoyment of scenery. The paths are particularly attractive in autumn when they are flanked by colorful foliage. Bridle paths are located in Central Park, Manhattan; in Prospect Park and along Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn; in Pelham Bay and VanCortlandt Parks and along Bronx Pelham Parkway in the Bronx; in Alley Pond, Cunningham, and Forest Parks in Queens; and in Clove Lakes and LaTourette Parks in Richmond.

Roller skating, a fall sport popular with all ages, may be enjoyed at 77 parks and playgrounds. All of the rinks are outdoor except the one in the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, where there is also an ice rink. Admission charges at the indoor rink are 22¢ in the afternoon, and 43¢ in the evening. There is a free period for youngsters under 14 years of age on Saturdays from 9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon. Skating periods are from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M., and from 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. Special areas are also set aside in 48 playgrounds for the playing of roller hockey.

The sixteen Department of Parks running tracks will see more action now that cool weather has arrived, with many track teams coming out to train and work out. Distance runners will also be using the cross country courses for training and competition. Courses are located at the Parade Grounds in Brooklyn, Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, and Forest Park in Queens.

Horseshoe pitching, paddle tennis, and shuffleboard have added appeal on crisp, fall days. There are 437 horseshoe pitching courts, used daily by the advocates of that old fashioned game. There are 501 paddle tennis courts, and 633 shuffleboard courts for those who prefer those sports. Golf retains its following during the fall, and the ten municipal courses will remain open until November 30th.

In addition to the major sports, the routine recreation program, including clubs, classes, games, contests, and special events, will continue in all playgrounds, and the youngsters will still enjoy their favorite pieces of play apparatus: the swings, see-saws, and slides.

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The Department of Parks is letting contracts for the removal of street trees destroyed and the straightening of those damaged during the recent hurricane.

Citizens desirous of obtaining firewood should salvage it from the streets before the contractors dispose of it.

Park forces will concentrate on the removal of broken branches, the removal of trees that are interfering with electric service and those which have fallen against and are endangering homes.

September 26, 1944.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday,
September 24, 1944

The ice and roller rinks of the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, will reopen for the 1944-45 season on Friday, September 29.

The roller rink, 150 feet long and 116 feet wide, has been prepared for the new season and skaters will find the floor in ideal condition. The ice skating surface, 178 feet long and 116 feet wide, will be maintained in the same excellent condition as in previous years.

Special programs for both the ice and roller rinks have been planned and patrons will find an interesting and diversified program for every evening session of the week. Music planned and played for skaters will be furnished again this year by Walter Litt at the console of the electric organ.

There will be daily skating periods from 2:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 11 in the evening. Admission charges are twenty-two cents for afternoons and forty-three cents for evenings. In addition to these sessions there will be the usual free period for youngsters under fourteen years of age every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12 Noon. The admission price includes the use of roller skates and Federal tax. A charge of fifty cents is made for the rental of ice skates while shoe rollers can be rented for twenty-five cents.

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Outdoor dances and concerts still maintain their popularity in New York City. According to the figures tabulated by the Department of Parks at the end of the season, a total of over 834,000 persons listened to band concerts or danced in various parks during the summer.

Fifty-seven concerts were given by the Goldman Band for audiences totalling 360,000. The four Naumburg Memorial Concerts attracted 18,500 listeners to the Central Park Mall; Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians gave concerts on twenty-eight occasions; the Amateur City Symphony was heard on six evenings; and seven nights of music were supplied by the Associated Committee of the League of Composers. Local concerts were also given by the Civilian Defense Volunteer Organization of Queens, and by the Harlem Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

One hundred and two outdoor dances were held in parks during the season. Fifty-four Name Band Dances sponsored by Consolidated Edison System Companies were scheduled, and were enjoyed by over 285,000 persons. Neighborhood Co-ordinating Councils held thirty-one dances in Manhattan and fourteen in Brooklyn, drawing a total attendance of over 39,000.

In addition to the dances for the general public, there were nine special dances for servicemen. These were sponsored by the New York Defense Recreation Committee, and were held at Heckscher Playground in Central Park. They provided entertainment for over 4,000 servicemen.

The season's program included everything in music from the classics to boogie-woogie, and due to its diversity, served music lovers of all ages and tastes.

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September 22, 1944

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FOR RELEASE

Thursday,
September 21, 1944

The Department of Parks and the Borough President of Brooklyn are sponsoring jointly, for park and playground purposes the acquisition of property bounded by Atlantic Avenue, Kingston Avenue, Herkimer Street, and St. Andrews Place.

The property was formerly occupied for about seventy-five years by the Orphan Society of the City of Brooklyn which has moved to a new location at East Islip, Long Island. The existing buildings are of no value for park purposes and will be demolished. The property contains many fine trees which will be preserved when the playground is constructed. Lying on the edge of the Bedford-Stuyvesant area, the proposed park will provide new active recreation space for which there is a great demand.

The area will be developed to provide separate completely equipped playgrounds for pre-school and older children. In addition, a wading pool, sandpits, basketball courts, handball courts, and paddle tennis courts will be provided.

The cost of the acquisition will be paid by assessment upon the Borough of Brooklyn. The playground is scheduled for postwar constructions.

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
Sept. 16, 1944

On Sunday, September 17th, nearly 2,000 golfers will tee off at the ten Municipal Golf Courses to determine the winners of the Knickerbocker Handicap Golf Tournament sponsored by the Department of Parks. This tournament, one of the largest ever held in the East, will bring together golfers of all degrees of proficiency from the expert to the dub. This Handicap Medal Play Tournament will enable all Municipal golfers who entered to have a taste of competitive golf and to become familiar with the rules governing tournament play.

The Handicap Committee, composed of the golf course supervisors and professionals have assigned handicaps to the entries and these handicaps have been posted on all the course bulletins.

Foursomes have been arranged and entries have been notified of their starting times for Sunday. The courses will be closed to the general public while the tournament players are teeing off. Spectators and galleries will be permitted to follow the play.

War Bonds will be awarded the course winners and \$10.00 in War Stamps will be the prize for the runners-up. The winner and runner-up from each course will compete in the city-wide competition at Clearview Golf Course in Queens on Sunday, October 1st. These matches will consist of 18 holes of medal play.

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CEREMONIES WILL BE BROADCAST OVER STATION WNYC

Mayor LaGuardia will officially open the new Colonel Charles Young
143 Street and West 145 Street in the
ptember 16th, at 3 P.M. The Mayor,
Harold M. Lewis, Consulting Engineer of the Office of the Borough President of
Manhattan, Joseph D. McGoldrick, Comptroller of the City of New York, and
Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., will speak. Robert Moses, Commissioner of
Parks, will act as chairman.

The playground is named after Colonel Charles Young, who graduated
from the West Point Military Academy with honors in 1889. He served in the
Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, was Military Attache to
Haiti and also to Liberia where he organized and established the National
Military Constabulary. Colonel Young served in the Mexican Expedition and at
Camp Grant in World War I. He died in 1921 and is buried in Arlington National
Cemetery.

Originally planned in 1937, this playground was scheduled for construc-
tion in the late fall of 1941, but was delayed because of the scarcity of labor
and materials. The playground is complete except for the permanent recreation
building which will be erected after the war. Plans for this building are now
being prepared as part of the post war program.

It is one of a number of marginal recreational facilities to be con-
structed as part of the new Harlem River Drive. The playground was scheduled
to be built simultaneously with the Drive but the date was advanced because of
the great need for a recreation area in this section of Harlem. This playground
together with the future marginal plots along the Drive are sponsored jointly
by the Department of Parks and the Borough President of Manhattan.

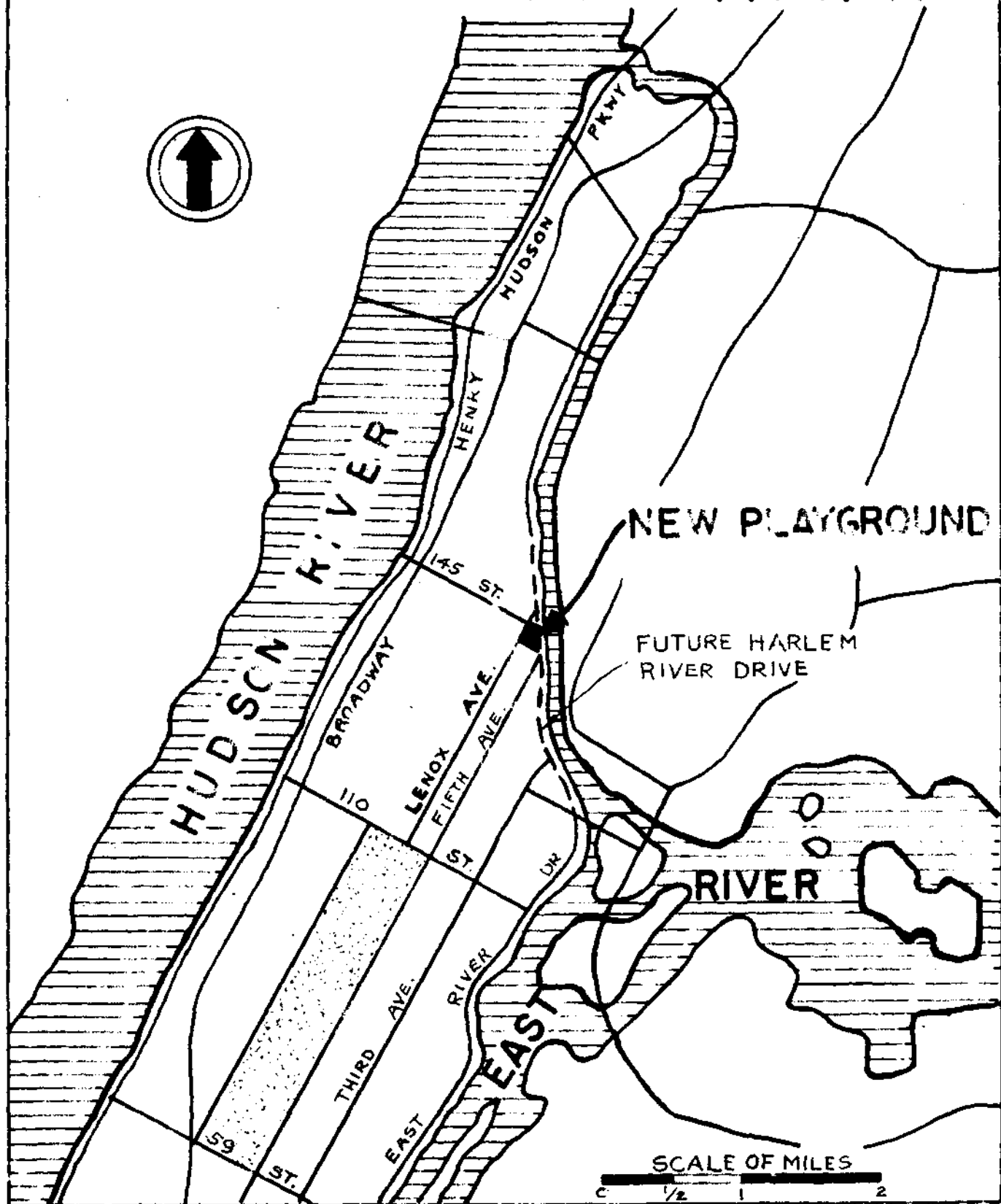
This new six and a half acre playground will provide vitally needed recreation space in the most neglected section of Harlem. It contains two completely equipped small children's playgrounds, and a large area for older children and adults. The entire area is paved and the units for the various age groups are separated by fences to prevent injury and to permit proper supervision. Other facilities provided are 9 basketball courts, 9 volleyball courts, 4 softball diamonds with concrete bleachers, 8 horseshoe pitching courts, 12 handball courts, 1 ice skating area, and a comfort station.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs. There are now with this new addition 490 playgrounds in the consolidated park system.

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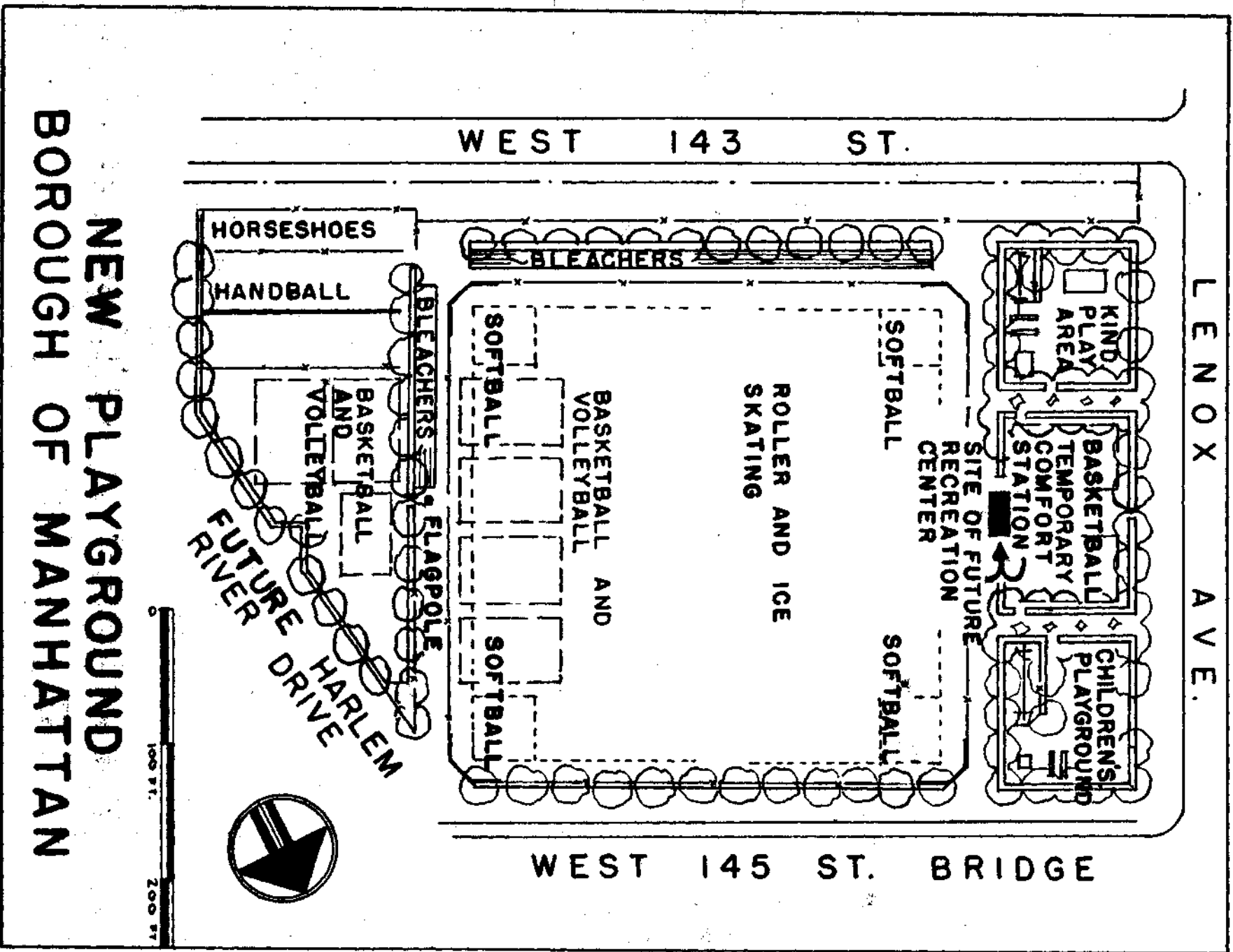
September 15, 1944

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



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NEW PLAYGROUND BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

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9/15/44
7:10 P.M.

Yesterday's storm which struck the city with hurricane force damaged and uprooted street and park trees. Approximately 15,000 trees were toppled over, their roots having been loosened by the previous rain storm which started last Tuesday, and an even greater number were damaged with branches broken off or hanging down.

In the wooded areas in outlying sections of the city, the damage was heaviest, Brooklyn and particularly Queens receiving more than their share.

While the parkways were flooded in sections, the pavements were undamaged and open for traffic this morning.

All available employees and equipment are at work together with other city agencies to clear the city's streets of the trees and broken branches.

The public is asked to refrain from calling on tree complaints so that the department's switchboards which are now swamped with calls, can be free to expedite work necessary to meet this emergency. Citizens can also help by cutting up and salvaging for firewood trees and branches which have fallen in front of their homes and also by straightening and staking smaller trees which, while not uprooted, have been pushed over slightly. The equipment necessary to do this work is two pointed wooden stakes about 8 feet long, a strip of heavy canvas, heavy burlap or some old rubber hose, and heavy wire.

Loosen and saturate the soil around the base of the tree, and work the tree to permit the roots to fit back in their former position; drive the stakes down on both sides of the tree, keeping at least one foot away from tree. Straighten up tree and wire tree to stakes. Protect the bark of the tree by wrapping wire that touches the tree with heavy canvas, folded layers of burlap, or run wire through rubber hosing.

Spread excess soil over exposed roots and tamp soil down firmly all around the tree.

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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
September 14, 1944

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The finals of the Men's Championship tennis matches in the Department of Parks Fifth Annual Sports Tournament will be played on the Central Park courts, 93 Street and West Drive, on Sunday, September 17th, at 2:00 P.M.

Sunday's contest will be preceded by the semi-finals on Saturday, with Phil Rubel of Brooklyn, the defending champion, playing Arnold Kent of Manhattan for a place in the final bracket. The other semi-finalists are Conrad Rothberg and Randy Rothstein, both of Manhattan.

The tournament has been a hard fought affair ever since the original field of 400 players started in the elimination series in July. The players competed in local tournaments, which were followed by Borough Championships, then City-wide Championship matches.

Play for the Women's City-wide Championship will start on Saturday, September 16th, on the Central Park courts, when the fair quarter-finalists from the five boroughs play their first round. The Park Association of New York City is awarding cups to the winner and runner-up in each division.

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FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY

A fifteen pound male tiger cub arrived at the Grand Central Station Tuesday night and is now making himself at home in the Central Park Zoo.

The cub which will be four months old on September 17, was born in the Swope Park Zoo, Kansas City, Missouri.

He was donated to the New York City Park Department by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lerner. Mr. Lerner who is a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History has travelled to many parts of the world on expeditions for the Museum.

Press photographs may be taken at any time.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
September 11, 1944

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The last in this season's series of fifty-four Name Band Dances will be held in the city parks this week. These dances, which are now in their third season, are sponsored by Consolidated Edison System Companies. They have provided entertainment and pleasure for many thousands who attended to dance or to listen to the music under the stars.

The Name Band leaders who will be presented this week are Luis Russell and Bob Strong. Luis Russell will play on Tuesday, September 12th, at Marconi Playground, 155 Street and 108 Avenue, Queens. The Russell Orchestra has earned a wide reputation among dance fans through its smooth interpretation of popular numbers, and is considered a top ranking musical unit.

Bob Strong and his Orchestra will play for three dances: Wednesday, September 13th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; Thursday, September 14th, at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan; and Friday, September 15th, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. The Strong Orchestra is well known to radio listeners, and has appeared at leading hotels and ball rooms from coast to coast. The band has great flexibility of style, and treats each number with a distinctive touch.

All Name Band Dances start at 8:30 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
September 10, 1944

The following special events will be held in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, September 10th

- 9:00 A.M. City-wide Junior Boys' and Women's Golf Championships in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn
- 2:00 P.M. Inter-Faith Meeting at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island
- 7:00 P.M. Concert - Civilian Defense Volunteer Organization at Forest Park Music Grove, Queens
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Macombs Dam Park, East 162 Street and River Avenue, Bronx

Tuesday, September 12th

- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Luis Russell's Orchestra at Marconi Playground, 155 Street and 108 Avenue, Queens
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, September 13th

- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Bob Strong's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx

Thursday, September 14th

- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Bob Strong's Orchestra at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at McCarren Park Ball Fields, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn

Friday, September 15th

- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Bob Strong's Orchestra at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Saturday, September 16th

- 2:00 P.M. City-wide Women's Tennis Championship in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive, Manhattan

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The extreme drought during the past few months has reached the stage where thousands of the City's trees are on the critical list. The Park Department is employing all available personnel on cultivation and watering of trees, shrubbery, and lawns. Although the department is responsible for the care and maintenance of street trees throughout the City, it is not equipped, even in normal times, to cope with the present drought conditions. Because of a reduction of some 20% in personnel due to war conditions, it has been possible for the department to water only those trees in parks and along the parkways most seriously affected by the drought.

There are some one and a half million of trees on the City's streets. They are a real asset to the community, and if they are lost on account of the drought, it would take a generation or more to replace them. Property owners and residents interested in the preservation of trees in front of their houses can be of great help. It is necessary only that the earth around the base of the trees be loosened to a depth of six inches and that at least ten gallons of water be poured in the loosened earth twice a week. Care should be taken that the water is poured slowly so that it will soak into the ground. Where large trees are in ground that is unusually dry, more water should be used.

Even though substantial quantities of rain should fall during the next few weeks, cultivation and artificial watering should be continued until the ground around the whole root system of the tree is damp. Unless this work is done now, many of the trees which appear to be healthy will be so weakened that they will not survive the winter.

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September 7, 1944

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FOR RELEASE

Thursday,
September 7th, 1944

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Play for the City-wide Tennis Championship in the Men's division of the Department of Parks Fifth Annual Sports Tournament will start on Saturday, September 9th, at 2:00 P.M. at the Central Park tennis courts, 93 Street and Central Park West, Manhattan.

Quarter-finalists from the five boroughs will meet to contend for the municipal net crown. Excellent competition is expected in this division, as the players are the survivors of a field of 400 who started in the eliminations which were held in all parks with tennis facilities during the summer. The borough finals which followed these qualifying matches were all stiff contests.

The next City-wide contest on the program is the Women's Championship, which will start on Saturday, September 16th, on the Central Park courts. The Park Association of New York City is providing cups for the winner and runner-up in each division.

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The City-wide Finals of the Department of Parks Harvest Dance Contest will be held on the Central Park Mall, Manhattan, on Thursday, September 7th at 8:30 P.M., when the winners of five separate borough contests meet to dance for the City-wide Championships in the fox trot, waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug. There will be a service men's and a civilian's contest in each of the dances.

This contest, coming close to the end of the outdoor dance season, marks the climax of Name Band Dances, which Consolidated Edison System Companies has sponsored in the parks for the past three summers. The dances will continue until September 15th.

Forty-six couples will compete on Thursday night, representing the best from a field of four hundred who danced in the borough eliminations. Tommy Tucker, nationally known orchestra leader, will play for the contest.

The dancers will be judged by a panel of outstanding authorities: Arthur Butler, Florence Doughty, Oscar Duryea, Arthur Murray, and Donald Sawyer, all experienced teachers and critics of dancing. The judges will use the Olympic Point Scoring System, awarding points for posture and appearance; tempo and rhythm; proper execution; and variety.

The program will be opened by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner", by Miss Gloria Vanda of the Creatore-Salmaggi Opera Company. The first contest will be the fox trot, followed in order by the waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug. The winners in each of the four classes will compete for the All Round Championship. The program will close with the presentation of awards, which will consist of \$25. war bonds from Consolidated Edison System Companies to the dancers placing first in each of the eight divisions, and attractive prizes to those placing second in each division, and to the winners of the All Round Championship. The program will be broadcast over WNYC from 9:30 P.M. to 9:55 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE

Monday,
September 4, 1944

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Name Band Dances sponsored by Consolidated Edison System Companies will continue in the parks during the coming week, with Mal Hallett, Tommy Tucker, and Sonny James conducting. Name Band Dances are a popular feature of the Department of Parks evening recreation program, and have been enjoyed by over 140,000 people this season.

Mal Hallett, playing a return engagement, will be heard on Tuesday, September 5th, at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens, and on Wednesday, September 6th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. The Hallett Orchestra has become known to dancers from coast to coast through a series of successful hotel, theatre and radio engagements, and has made many recordings in its smooth and versatile style.

Tommy Tucker, another top flight orchestra leader, will play at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan, on Thursday, September 7th, when the City-wide Finals of the Harvest Dance Contest are held. Tucker is nationally known, having appeared in leading theatres and hotels of the major cities, and made numerous hit recordings.

On Friday, September 8th, Sonny James and his Orchestra will play at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. The James Orchestra is among the youngest playing today, and its music shows a youthful perspective. It is well known in the East, and has just returned from a New England tour.

All dances start at 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dances will continue in the parks through September 15th.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
September 4, 1944

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will conclude its summer tour of the park playgrounds this week. During the past two months, the puppeteers gave over one hundred performances of the fairy tale drama, "The Shoemaker and the Elves" for audiences of children throughout the city.

The Marionette Theatre always plays to a full house, as the youngsters have become familiar with the gaily painted trailer and know that it means entertainment scaled to their taste, with miniature actors, fairies, elves, tiny props, and enthralling plots and acting.

Performances of "The Shoemaker and the Elves" will be presented in the following Bronx playgrounds this week:

Tuesday, September 5th, 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Playground at Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues

Wednesday, September 6th, 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Playground at Waterbury, Edison and LaSalle Avenues

Thursday, September 7th, 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Playground at Bronx Boulevard and Rosewood Street

Friday, September 8th, 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Crotona Park Playground, Clinton Avenue & Crotona Park South

Saturday, September 9th, 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Pulaski Playground, Willis Avenue and East 133 Street

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FOR RELEASE

Monday,
September 4, 1944

The Department of Parks Magic Show will continue its tour of the city playgrounds during the coming week, with Peter Pan the Magic Man, Oscar the Rabbit, and Aleck uniting to entertain the youngsters with tricks, songs, juggling, and ventriloquism.

Performances will be given at the following playgrounds in Richmond during the week:

Monday, September 4th

- 11 A.M. Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard & Clove Road,
West Brighton
- 3 P.M. Willowbrook Park, Richmond and Rockland Avenues

Tuesday, September 5th

- 11 A.M. DeMatti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Rosebank
- 3 P.M. Kaltenmeier Playground, Virginia Avenue, Rosebank

Wednesday, September 6th

- 11 A.M. McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway,
West Brighton
- 3 P.M. Levy Playground, Jewett and Castleton Avenues,
Port Richmond

Thursday, September 7th

- 11 A.M. Faber Park, Richmond Terrace, Port Richmond
- 3 P.M. Mariners Harbor Playground, Harbor Road

Friday, September 8th

- 11 A.M. Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard, Tompkinsville
- 3 P.M. Mahoney Playground, Beechwood and Crescent Avenues,
New Brighton

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
September 3, 1944

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The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, September 3rd

2:00 P.M. Cricket - Cosmopolitan and New York Leagues at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Thomas Jefferson Park, 113 Street and East River Drive, Manhattan

Monday, September 4th

2:00 P.M. Cricket - Cosmopolitan and New York Leagues at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island

8:15 P.M. Naumburg Memorial Concert - Central Park Mall, Manhattan

Tuesday, September 5th

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Highbridge Pool, West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Mal Hallett's Orchestra at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens

Wednesday, September 6th

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Mal Hallett's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx

Thursday, September 7th

8:30 P.M. City-wide Finals, Harvest Dance Contest at Central Park Mall, Manhattan - Tommy Tucker's Orchestra

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Forest Park Music Grove, Queens

Friday, September 8th

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Johnny Richard's Orchestra at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Saturday, September 9th

2:00 P.M. City-wide Championship Men's Tennis Matches in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive, Manhattan

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
September 3, 1944

The last in the series of four Naumburg Memorial Concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Labor Day, September 4th, at 8:15 P.M.

These concerts are yearly contributions to the music lovers of New York City by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who in 1922 presented the band stand on the Mall to the city. The concerts are now in their twentieth year, and have become an integral part of the city's musical program.

The following program will be presented at the final concert, with Salvatore Dell' Isola conducting:

Overture - "La Forza del Destino"	Verdi
Unfinished Symphony	Schubert
Aria - "Ah! Fors'e lui" from "La Traviata"	Verdi
Elvira Helal	
Dance of the Hours from "La Gioconda"	Ponchielli
Suite No. 1 from "Carmen"	Bizet
Valse Triste	Sibelius
Perpetuum Mobile	J. Strauss
Aria - Jewel Song from "Faust"	Gounod
Elvira Helal	
Marche Slave	Tschaikowsky

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330 P.M.

FOR RELEASE Saturday,
September 2, 1944

The Department of Parks announces the closing of the 17 outdoor swimming pools and 5 beaches under its jurisdiction at the close of business on Monday, ^{Sept 1944} September 4, 1944. The Pitch Putt Golf Course at Jacob Riis Park will remain open for play every day until October 31st and week ends thereafter.

The following listed pools will be converted into active play areas and reopened for use at 10 A.M. on Sunday, September ^{8th} 10th.

Manhattan

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue, West 145 Street to 147 Street
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173 Street
Thomas Jefferson Pool, 111 to 114 Streets and First Avenue

Brooklyn

Sunset Pool, 7 Avenue and 43 Street
McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

Bronx

Crotona Pool, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue

Queens

Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive

Richmond

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace at Faber Street
Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard between Bay Street
and Murray Hulbert Avenue

Facilities will be provided for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, softball, and various group games. Leagues will be formed in these sports and regular scheduled games will be held between pool clubs.

These play centers will be open free to the public from 2 P.M. until 10 P.M. daily except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays when the hours of operation will be from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During the season now closing ~~1,916,655~~ persons availed themselves of the swimming facilities provided by the 17 outdoor pools, of these ~~397,957~~ were children admitted without charge during the daily free periods; ~~798,852~~ were children who paid 9¢ and ~~652,892~~ were adults who paid 26¢ for admission which includes a Federal Tax. ~~67,156~~ members of the Armed Forces were admitted free to the pools during the season.

The beaches report the following attendance estimated for the season which opened on May 30, ¹⁹⁴⁴ ~~1944~~. Coney Island, Brooklyn, ~~37,470,200~~ persons, Jacob Riis Park Queens, ~~1,400,000~~, and Rockaway Beach also in Queens, ~~25,330,000~~ persons, Orchard Beach in the Bronx, reports an estimated attendance of ~~2,835,000~~, and South Beach in Richmond, ~~824,730~~ persons.

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FOR RELEASE

Monday,
August 28, 1944

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre, presenting "The Shoemaker and the Elves", a fairy tale drama, will give performances at 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at the following playgrounds in the Bronx this week:

Monday, August 28, Claremont Park, Teller & Mount Eden Avenues

Tuesday, August 29, Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse

Wednesday, August 30, Van Cortlandt Park, 241 Street & Broadway

Thursday, August 31, Playground at Bronx River Parkway & 203 Street

Friday, September 1, St. Mary's Park East, Trinity Ave. & East 146 St.

The trailer theatre has been playing to playground audiences for the past four years, delighting youngsters with its tiny characters and props. In the current presentation, a miniature shoemaker, his wife, an unreasonable customer, two hard working elves, a host of fairies, and thirty pairs of animated shoes, contribute to the fun and entertainment. The theatre will conclude its summer tour on September 9th.

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FOR RELEASE

Monday,
August 28, 1944

The Department of Parks travelling Magic Show, with Peter Pan, the Magic Man, Oscar the rabbit, and Aleck, the precocious ventriloquist's dummy, will give twelve performances this week for audiences in the Brooklyn playgrounds. Shows will be given at the following locations:

Monday, August 28th

11:00 A.M. Playground at Cherry and Vandervoort Streets
3:00 P.M. McKibben Playground, Siegel and White Streets

Tuesday, August 29th

11:00 A.M. Shiplacoff Playground, Pitkin Avenue & Sackman Street
3:00 P.M. Playground at Riverdale and Shediker Avenues

Wednesday, August 30th

11:00 A.M. Playground at Pitkin and New Jersey Avenues
3:00 P.M. Playground at New Lots Avenue and Elton Street

Thursday, August 31st

11:00 A.M. Playground at Avenue L and East 18 Street
3:00 P.M. Playground at Avenue V and East 13 Street

Friday, September 1st

11:00 A.M. Playground at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P
3:00 P.M. Gravesend Playground, 56 Street and 18 Avenue

Saturday, September 2nd

11:00 A.M. McKinley Park, 74 Street and 7th Avenue
3:00 P.M. Owls Head Park, Colonial Road and 67 Street

Dancing under the stars to the music of Name Bands will continue in the parks this week, with the added feature of the Department of Parks Harvest Dance Contest eliminations at four of the dance areas. Consolidated Edison System Companies, sponsor of Name Band Dances, will award first prizes of \$25. War Bonds to the winners of the contest's city-wide finals.

Les Brown and his Orchestra will play four nights this week: Monday, August 28, at Colonial Park, West 153 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan; Tuesday, August 29, at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens; Wednesday, August 30, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; and Thursday, August 31, at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan. Dance contests will be held at the last three locations, and will start at 8:30 P.M. The Brown Orchestra is a nationally known unit, having made a reputation through theatre and hotel appearances in the major cities, radio assignments, and a long list of recordings.

On Friday, September 1, the McFarland Twins and their Orchestra will play at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. In addition to the regular Friday night dance session, the program will include the Brooklyn dance contest eliminations. The McFarland Twins' Orchestra is unique in that it has two leaders who both conduct at the same time. They feature sweet and swing arrangements in keeping with the twins' different musical preferences.

Two contests will be held at each location, one for service entries, and one for civilians. The contest includes the four most popular dance styles: waltz, foxtrot, rhumba, and jitterbug. Contestants may enter as many classes as they wish, or may compete for the All Round Championship by entering all four.

Richmond will hold its Harvest Dance Contest eliminations at McDonald Playground, West Brighton, on Monday, August 28, at 8:30 P.M. The City-wide Finals will be held on Thursday, September 7, at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
August 27, 1944

The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, August 27th

9:00 A.M. Final Round, Men's City-wide Golf Championship in Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx

3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Forest Park Music Grove, Queens

Monday, August 28th

6:30 P.M. Men's Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Swimming Championships, and Service Men's Swimming Events at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Les Brown's Orchestra, at Colonial Park, West 153 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan

8:30 P.M. Borough Eliminations, Harvest Dance Contest, at McDonald Playground, West Brighton, Staten Island

Tuesday, August 29th

6:30 P.M. City-wide Novice Swimming Championships at McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York, at Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets, Manhattan

8:30 P.M. Borough Eliminations, Harvest Dance Contest, at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens - Les Brown's Orchestra

Wednesday, August 30th

6:30 P.M. Women's Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Swimming Championships at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens

8:00 P.M. Third Naval District Swimming Meet at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens

8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan

8:30 P.M. Concert - Columbia University, at Central Park Mall, Manhattan

8:30 P.M. Borough Eliminations, Harvest Dance Contest, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Les Brown's Orchestra

Thursday, August 31st

8:30 P.M. Borough Eliminations, Harvest Dance Contest, at Central Park Mall, Manhattan - Les Brown's Orchestra

Friday, September 1st

8:30 P.M. Borough Eliminations, Harvest Dance Contest, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn - McFarland Twins' Orchestra

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During the week, four meets will climax a great season of swimming competition in the seventeen Department of Parks pools.

On Monday, August 28th, Servicemen's events and Men's Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events will both be held at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens, at 6:30 P.M. Entries have been received from the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine for the Servicemen's events, and the New York Athletic Club has entered a team of 15 swimmers in the Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship Events.

On Tuesday, August 29th, at McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street Brooklyn, youngsters who placed first and second in events held during the month of August at each one of the seventeen Park pools, will compete in a series of sixteen events in the Final Novice Championships. Close to 2000 boys and girls participated in the eliminations. All meets start at 6:30 P.M.

On Wednesday, August 30th, the Women's Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events will be held at Astoria Pool. The Women's Swimming Association has heavy representation in these events. Entered in the 100 meters backstroke is Betty Shields, who holds the indoor and outdoor Senior Metropolitan backstroke titles, and Marie Corridon, who recently placed third in the Nationals at Kansas City. In the 200 meters breaststroke, W.S.A. entries include Barbara Yodice, who holds the Senior Metropolitan indoor 220 yard breaststroke championship; Patricia Sinclair, who is the National 100 yard breaststroke champion; Charlotte Whitehouse, holder of the 400 yard freestyle Junior Metropolitan Championship; and Florence Schmitt, Senior National long distance champion, and Junior Metropolitan 100 meters breaststroke champion, who has also entered the 400 meters freestyle event.

On Wednesday, a diving exhibition will be part of the program, with Ann Ross, Norma Dean and Margaret Haack, all of the St. George Dragon Club performing. Miss Ross, recently back from the Nationals at Kansas City where she acquired her ninth Senior National Championship, is outdoor and indoor Senior National Champion on the one and three meter boards.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
August 25, 1944

The semi-final and final rounds of the Municipal Golf Championship for Men, with the Newbold Morris Trophy at stake, will be played this week end at Split Rock Golf Course, the Bronx.

The semi-finalists who will tee off for thirty-six holes of match play at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 26th, are Arnold Gray of Clearview, paired with Edward Kohn of Mosholu; and Charles Amandoles of LaTourette playing against Seward Wood of Clearview. They are the survivors of a hard fought tournament, in which a field of 600 starters has been narrowed down to the present semi-finalists.

In the quarter-finals last Sunday, Gray eliminated Jack Mullins of Split Rock; Kohn nosed out Buddy Smith of Kissena; Amandoles defeated Harry Rohrs of Forest Park; and Wood put Charles Fingerhut out of the running. Gray annexed the trophy last year, defeating Wood on their home links. The final round will be played at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, August 27th.

Silver cups will be awarded to the winner and runner-up, and the 1944 champion's name will be inscribed on the Newbold Morris Trophy along with the winners of former years; Tom Strafacci of Dyker, Joseph Sage of Split Rock, a two time winner, and Arnold Gray of Clearview, who is in there swinging for the trophy again this year.

NOTE: Newspaper representatives desiring results of the City-wide Golf Championship played at Split Rock Golf Course on Saturday, August 26th, and Sunday, August 27th, may secure the same by telephoning Split Rock Golf Course, City Island 8-1258, after 5:00 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
August 24, 1944

Championship tennis matches in the women's and junior boys' divisions of the Department of Parks Fifth Annual Sports Tournament will be played on public courts between August 26th and September 3rd.

The junior boys' City-wide Championship will be played on Saturday, August 26th, when the quarter-finalists from five borough elimination tournaments meet on the Central Park courts, 93 Street and West Drive, to vie for the municipal crown. Keen play is expected in this division, as all the players are survivors of hard fought contests. Matches will start at 2:00 P.M.

On the same date, Borough Championship matches in the women's division will get under way in all boroughs, and will continue until September 3rd. The women slated to compete in these games are the quarter-finalists from forty-five local tournaments held during August. These matches will be held at Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive, Manhattan; Lincoln Terrace Park, Eastern Parkway and Buffalo Avenue, Brooklyn; St. James Park, 193 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx; Kissena Park, 164 Street and Oak Avenue, Queens; and Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place, Richmond.

Borough Championship matches have been completed in the men's division, and play for the City-wide Championship will start September 9th. The women's City-wide Championship matches will follow on September 16th.

The Park Association of New York City is awarding medals to the winner and runner-up of each Borough Championship, and handsome cups to the winner and runner-up in the City-wide Championship matches.

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FOR RELEASE Monday
August 21, 1944

The Department of Parks Magic Show will give twelve performances this week for audiences of children in the Brooklyn playgrounds. The show, with its songs, magical games, tricks, and disappearing rabbit, is especially designed for the entertainment of youngsters.

Performances will be given as follows:

Monday, August 21st

11:00 A.M. McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillary Streets
3:00 P.M. Carroll Park, Smith and Carroll Streets

Tuesday, August 22nd

11:00 A.M. Red Hook Playground, Richard and Pioneers Streets
3:00 P.M. Ennis Playground, 11 Street and 2 Avenue

Wednesday, August 23rd

11:00 A.M. Playground at Prospect Place and Underhill Avenue
3:00 P.M. Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street & Classon Ave.

Thursday, August 24th

11:00 A. M. Playground at Lynch and Lee Avenues
3:00 P. M. Playground at South 3 and Berry Streets

Friday, August 25th

11:00 A. M. Brower Park, Prospect Place and Brooklyn Avenue
3:00 P. M. Samuel Crews Playground, Park and Nostrand Avenues

Saturday, August 26th

11:00 A. M. Heckscher Playground, Grove Street & Central Avenue
3:00 P. M. Playground at Lafayette and Reid Avenues

The Magic Show will remain in Brooklyn until September 2nd, giving shows for youngsters in neighborhoods not included in this week's schedule.

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FOR RELEASE Monday
August 21, 1944

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will continue its tour of the playgrounds giving two daily performances of "The Shoemaker and the Elves", a dramatic version of the old fairy tale favorite. The theatre, housed in a colorful trailer, has been making its summer circuit of the parks, attracting large audiences of youngsters who are fascinated by the miniature actors.

Performances will be given this week at the following playgrounds:

Monday, August 21st, 11:00 A. M. and 3:00 P.M.
Thomas Jefferson Park, 112 Street & East River Drive, Manhattan

Tuesday, August 22nd, 11:00 A. M. and 3:00 P.M.
Hamilton Fish Park, Pitt, East Houston & Stanton Streets, Man.

Wednesday, August 23rd, 11:00 A. M. and 3:00 P.M.
Columbus Park, Baxter and Worth Streets, Manhattan

Thursday, August 24th, 11:00 A. M. and 3:00 P.M.
Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie and Forsyth Streets, Manhattan

Friday, August 25th, 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.
Chelsea Park, 28 Street and 8 Avenue, Manhattan

Saturday, August 26th, 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.
Mullaly Park, 162 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday,
August 20, 1944

Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison System Companies for the past three summers in City parks are attracting thousands nightly. 133,000 civilians and servicemen have enjoyed the music.

Among the leaders of the bands scheduled for the coming week are Del Courtney, Henry Jerome, and Clyde Lucas. Del Courtney and his Orchestra will play on Monday, August 21, at Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn; on Tuesday, August 22, at the playground at 30 Road and 45 Street, Queens; and on Wednesday, August 23, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Courtney who has developed a versatile musical organization with a refreshing stylo, is well known to dance fans from coast to coast.

Henry Jerome will play a return engagement at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan, on Thursday, August 24th. Jerome, an exponent of sweet swing, has a young but experienced group of musicians with a long record of successful hotel and supper club engagements.

On Friday, August 25, Clyde Lucas and his Orchestra will play at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. The Lucas Orchestra, long acknowledged a top-flight outfit, has built a national reputation through motion pictures, radio, and appearances at outstanding hotels, theatres, and ballrooms. Friday night's date will be a return engagement for Lucas, also, as he played for Name Band Dances several weeks ago.

Dances are held nightly at 8:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, and will continue through September 15th.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday,
August 20, 1944

Seven novice swimming meets in the Department of Parks Fifth Annual Sports Tournament will be held in municipal pools this week. These contests are eliminations for the City-wide Finals which will be held August 29th. Ten such qualifying meets have already been held as part of the same program. Prizes are being awarded by the Park Association of New York City.

The meets will start at 6:30 P.M. at the following pools:

Monday, August 21, Thomas Jefferson Pool, 114 Street and First Avenue, Manhattan

Monday, August 21, Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens

Monday, August 21, Crotona Pool, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx

Tuesday, August 22, McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn

Wednesday, August 23, Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue & West 145 Street, Manhattan

Wednesday, August 23, Flushing Meadow Pool, Grand Central Parkway and Horace
Harding Boulevard, Queens

Thursday, August 24, Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue & West 173 Street, Manhattan

The events at each of the seven meets will be: 25 meters free style for boys and girls 10 years and under; 50 meters free style for boys and girls 11, 12, and 13 years; 50 meters free style for boys and girls 14 and 15 years; 100 meters free style for boys 16 and 17 years; 50 meters backstroke and breast stroke for boys 16 and 17 years; 50 meters free style, breast stroke and backstroke for girls 16 and 17 years; 3 meter springboard dive for boys and girls 17 years and under; 50 meters free style for men 18 years and over; 50 meters free style for women 18 years and over. Events at all elimination meets are for novices, only.

A.A.U. events for men and special events for servicemen will be held at Astoria Pool on August 28th; and A.A.U. events for women will be held at the same pool on August 30th. Entry blanks for all events may be obtained at any Department of Parks swimming pool.

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The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, August 20th

- 9:00 A.M. Second Round, Men's City-wide Golf Championship in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament, at Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx
- 1:00 P.M. Third Round of above tournament.
- 3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx
- 7:00 P.M. Concert - Civilian Defense Volunteer Organization at Forest Park Music Grove, Queens

Monday, August 21st

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Thomas Jefferson Pool, 114 Street and First Avenue, Manhattan, and Crotona Pool, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Del Courtney's Orchestra at Bushwick Playground, Putnam and Knickerbocker Avenues, Brooklyn

Tuesday, August 22nd

- 3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Orchard Beach, Bronx
- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Del Courtney's Orchestra at Playground at 30 Road and 45 Street, Queens

Wednesday, August 23rd

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue and West 145 Street, Manhattan, and Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre Pool, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Del Courtney's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx

Thursday, August 24th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Highbridge Pool, West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Henry Jerome's Orchestra at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Sunset Pool, 43 Street and 7 Avenue, Brooklyn

Friday, August 25th

- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Clyde Lucas' Orchestra at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Saturday, August 26th

- 9:00 A.M. Semi-finals Men's City-wide Golf Championship in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx
- 2:00 P.M. Boys' City-wide Tennis Championships in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Central Park, 97th Street and West Drive, Manhattan
- 2:30 P.M. Children's Dance Festival at Clove Lakes Park, Richmond
- All day Start of Women's Borough Championship Tennis Matches at Central Park, Manhattan; Lincoln Terrace Park, Brooklyn; St. James Park, Bronx; Kissena Park, Queens; Silver Lake Park, Richmond

The field of over 600 competitors in the Municipal Golf Championship for Men has been narrowed down by a series of elimination matches to 32 golfers. Starting on Saturday, August 19, at 1 P.M., at the Split Rock Golf Course in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, these 32 top-flight players will tee off for the city-wide championship sponsored by the Department of Parks. All of the ten city courses will be represented with the exception of Dyker Beach in Brooklyn, whose players were shut out in the 36 hole eliminations which were held at Forest Park in Queens. Play will continue over the next two week ends. The second round of 18 holes will be played on Sunday, August 20, starting at 9 A.M. The third round will get under way the same day at 1 P.M. The semi-finals of 36 holes will start on Saturday, August 26, at 9 A.M. and the finals will be held on Sunday, August 27, 36 holes starting at 9 A.M. All of the games will be played at the Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx.

Silver cups will be awarded to the winner and runner-up. The winner will also have his name inscribed on the sterling silver Newbold Morris trophy, which was presented to the Department of Parks by President Newbold Morris of the City Council in 1940. This trophy will be in competition until it is retired in the year 2000 A.D. The name of the winner of the annual New York City Public Links Championship is inscribed on the trophy. The names already inscribed on the trophy are, 1940, Thomas Strafacci, Dyker Beach, 1941 and 1942, Joseph Sage, Split Rock, 1943, Arnold Gray, Clearview. Gray is favored to win the championship again this year. He shot 149 for 36 holes at the Forest Park eliminations. However, some keen competition is expected from Patsy Palmierie of Mosholu who scored 152. Jim Davis from Clearview and Charlie Fingerhut from Mosholu finished with 154 and Ed Searles of Van Cortlandt, Charlie Amandoles and Dan Stoddard from LaTourette and Gilbert Smith from Silver Lake who came in with cards of 155.

A large gallery of fans from all Municipal Golf Courses is expected to be on hand to root for their favorites. The Split Rock Golf Course may be reached by the Pelham Bay Subway, I.R.T. Lexington Avenue line to Pelham Bay Station, then a bus to the club house. The general public is invited to witness the games.

NOTE: Newspaper representatives desiring results of the city-wide team championships which will be played at Split Rock Golf Course on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20, may secure the same by telephoning the Split Rock Golf Course, City Island 8-1258 after 5 P.M.

Schedule of twosomes for first round attached.

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CITY - WIDE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

SPLIT ROCK GOLF COURSE
Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx

MATCH PLAY

First Round - 18 holes
Saturday, August 19, 1944
Starting at 1:00 P.M.

Drawn in accordance with U. S. Golf Association recommendations.

Twosome Number	Starting Time	Name	Course
1	1:00 P.M.	Arnold Gray Joseph Reilly	Clearview LaTourette
2	1:05 P.M.	Edward Daddara L. Little	Kissena Forest Park
3	1:10 P.M.	Ed Searles Eugene Clark	Van Cortlandt Silver Lake
4	1:15 P.M.	Francis J. Mathews Jack Mullins	Silver Lake Split Rock
5	1:20 P.M.	Jim Davis Edward Kohn	Clearview Mosholu
6	1:25 P.M.	Sal Russo George Gescheidt	Clearview Silver Lake
7	1:30 P.M.	Daniel Stoddard Edward Solan	LaTourette Silver Lake
8	1:35 P.M.	Peter DeCaprio Buddy Smith	Split Rock Kissena
9	1:40 P.M.	Patsy Palmierie George Finlay	Mosholu Pelham
10	1:45 P.M.	Harry Rohrs Joe Wise	Forest Park VanCortlandt
11	1:50 P.M.	Charles Amandoles Bernard Kahn	LaTourette Split Rock
12	1:55 P.M.	Fred Vollet Roy Ward	Forest Park Clearview
13	2:00 P.M.	Charles Fingerhut Ralph Rotunda	Mosholu Split Rock
14	2:05 P.M.	Henry Powers Frank Hahn	Split Rock LaTourette
15	2:10 P.M.	Gilbert Smith Tom Cataliata	Silver Lake Mosholu
16	2:15 P.M.	Seward A. Wood Mike Gwadyek	Clearview Kissena

SECOND ROUND - Sunday, August 20th, 9:00 A.M. - 18 holes

THIRD ROUND - Sunday, August 20th, 1:00 P.M. - 18 holes

SEMI-FINALS - Saturday, August 26th, 9:00 A.M. - 36 holes

FINALS - Sunday, August 27th, 9:00 A.M. - 36 holes

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FOR RELEASE

Wednesday,
August 16, 1944

Over a thousand children from the Department of Parks playgrounds in Brooklyn and Queens will dance on Saturday, August 19th, when those boroughs present their Annual Dance Festivals on the Long Meadow in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and at the Overlook in Forest Park, Queens. Both programs will start at 2:30 P.M.

The festivals will be opened by a parade of the young dancers from the park entrances to the meadows where they will perform. The youngsters, clad in bright costumes, will perform dances which they have learned in the park playgrounds under the tutelage of the Playground Directors who are in charge of the programs of recreation activities. The children have been meeting in groups for the past month to learn and practice their dances, and to plan and make their costumes in the daily handcraft classes.

In Brooklyn, where the Dance Festival has been a tradition for the past twenty-nine years, the dancers will go through a program of eight numbers, embracing a variety of styles and themes. The dances to be presented are: Streamers, by the children of Prospect Park; Arabian Nights, by the Sunset district; Victory in Rhythm, by the Flatbush district; Hawaiian Dance, by the Borough Hall district; Frydal Polska, by the Greenpoint district; Cowgirls, by the Bushwick district; Pizzicato, by the Brownsville district; and Coney Island Capers, by the Bensonhurst district.

At the Overlook in Forest Park, the Queens dancers will present eight numbers in their festival, including folk and novelty dances. The dances are Wintertime, by Highland Park; Minuet, by Von Dohlen, Van Wyck and Marconi Playgrounds; Irish Lilt, by Bowne Park and Flushing Memorial; Peter Rabbit, by Jackson Heights Playground; Maypole Dance, by Jackson Pond Playground; Military Tap, by O'Connor Playground; Parley-Voo, by O'Connell Playground; and The Warrior Maiden by Corona Playground.

The Department of Parks arranged five children's Dance Festivals this year, one for each borough. Manhattan and Bronx held their shows last Saturday, and Richmond will close the series on Saturday, August 26th, when the last festival is held at Clove Lakes Park, Staten Island.

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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
August 16, 1944

Entries are now being received for the Department of Parks Annual Harvest Dance Contest, which will have its city-wide finals on the Mall, Central Park on Thursday, September 7th. Dancers will be divided into civilian and service classes with separate contests for each.

To enter the service division at least one partner must be in some branch of the armed services. Wacs, Waves, Marines, and Spars may enter with civilian or service partners, as they choose.

The concert will include the four most popular styles of dancing: fox-trot, waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug. Contestants may enter as many classes as they wish, and may compete for the All Round Championship by entering all four.

A twenty-five dollar war bond will be awarded to each member of the winning team in each division in both civilian and service competitions in the city-wide finals. Valuable prizes will also go to those placing second and third.

Each borough will conduct its own elimination contest, and the teams placing first, second, and third in each class will qualify to dance in the finals for the City-wide Championships.

The borough eliminations will be held as follows:

Richmond - Monday, August 28th, at McDonald Playground, West Brighton
Queens - Tuesday, August 29th, at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue & Woodhaven Blvd.
Bronx - Wednesday, August 30th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse
Manhattan - Thursday, August 31st, at the Mall, Central Park
Brooklyn - Friday, September 1st, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West

All contests will start at 8:30 P.M. Entries close in each borough three days before the date of the borough contest. Entry blanks may be obtained and filed at Department of Parks offices in all boroughs.

The first prizes have been donated by the Consolidated Edison System Companies, which also will provide the music, as part of their annual program of 54 Name Band Concert Dances.

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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
August 15, 1944

City Edition
Sports
Summary
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Thirteen thousand youngsters took part in the Department of Parks "Learn to Swim" campaign this summer. Approximately ten thousand beginner's certificates were awarded to those who learned to swim in the campaign. The classes started July 5th, and groups met daily in seventeen outdoor pools to receive instructions.

The "Learn to Swim" campaign is eight years old, and has many thousands of confident swimmers to its credit. The yearly campaign is an effort to reduce New York's number of swimming fatalities by teaching the fundamentals of swimming in a safe place under competent supervision.

Life guards will continue instruction of those who did not learn to swim during the campaign. Those who have qualified as beginners will receive advanced instruction.

Swimming pools are located as follows:

Manhattan

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue and West 145 Street
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173 Street
Thomas Jefferson Pool, 111 Street and First Avenue
23 Street Pool, 23 Street and East River Drive
Caroline Street Pool, Clarkson Street and 7 Avenue
60 Street Pool, 60 Street west of Amsterdam Avenue
John Jay Pool, 78 Street and East River Drive

Brooklyn

Sunset Pool, 7 Avenue and 43 Street
McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool, Bay and Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues

Bronx

Crotona Pool, Fulton Avenue and 173 Street

Queens

Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park

Richmond

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street
Tompkinsville Pool, Arietta Street at Pier No. 6

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
August 14, 1944

Six more swimming meets in the twenty meet series being held by the Department of Parks in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament, will take place this week. These meets are elimination contests, and will be followed by city-wide finals at a later date.

Two meets will be held nightly at 6:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, as follows:

Monday, August 14th

John Jay Pool, 78 Street and East River Drive, Manhattan
Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street, Richmond

Tuesday, August 15th

West 60 Street Pool, 60 Street west of Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan
Red Hook Pool, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn

Wednesday, August 16th

Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Astoria, Queens
Tompkinsville Pool, Arietta Street at Pier No. 6, Richmond

Thursday, August 17th

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets, Manhattan
Sunset Pool, 43 Street and Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn

This week's meets are for novices only. A.A.U. events for men and special events for servicemen will be held at the Astoria Pool on August 28th. A.A.U. events for women will be held at the same pool on August 30th. The events on the program at each pool this week are: 25 meters free style for boys and girls 10 years and under; 50 meters free style for boys and girls 11, 12 and 13 years; 50 meters free style for boys and girls 14 and 15 years; 100 meters free style for boys 16 and 17 years; 50 meters backstroke and 50 meters breaststroke for boys 16 and 17 years; 50 meters free style, backstroke, and breaststroke for girls 16 and 17 years; 3 meters springboard dive for boys and girls 17 years and under. There also will be two events for adults: 50 meters free style for men 18 years and over, and 50 meters free style for women 18 years and over.

Prizes will be awarded to the swimmers placing first and second by the Park Association of New York City. Entry blanks for all events may be obtained at the Department of Parks swimming pool nearest your home.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
August 14, 1944

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will present
"The Shoemaker and the Elves", a fairy tale drama, to audiences of youngsters
in the Manhattan playgrounds this week as follows:

Monday, August 14th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.
Playground at Riverside Drive and 148 Street

Tuesday, August 15th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.
Playground at Riverside Drive and 103 Street

Wednesday, August 16th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.
Playground at Riverside Drive and 74 Street

Thursday, August 17th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.
Heckscher Playground, Central Park at 66 Street

Friday, August 18th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.
Kelly Playground, 17 Street and 8 Avenue

Saturday, August 19th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.
Mount Morris East Playground, 123 Street & Madison Avenue

The play, a favorite of all children, tells of the troubles of a
poor shoemaker and his wife, and the way in which the friendly elves solve
all their problems for them. The show has all the realistic details, such
as tiny furniture for the marionette characters, real shoes of all descrip-
tions, tiny clothes, elves with personalities, and all the other things
which make the drama appealing to youngsters. The theatre's summer tour will
continue through September 9th.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
August 14, 1944

Peter Pan, the Magic Man, with his tricks and his educated rabbit, Oscar, will continue performing for the youngsters in the Department of Parks playgrounds during the coming week. The show will be given at the following locations:

Monday, August 14th

11:00 A.M. at Woodhaven Playground, 90 Street & 88 Avenue, Queens
3:00 P.M. at Playground at Atlantic Avenue and 88 Street, Queens

Tuesday, August 15th

11:00 A.M. at O'Connell Playground, 196 Street & 113 Avenue, Queens
3:00 P.M. at Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 172 Street, Queens

Wednesday, August 16th

11:00 A.M. at Marconi Playground, 155 Street & 108 Avenue, Queens
3:00 P.M. at Baisley Park, 116 Avenue and Sunrise Highway, Queens

Thursday, August 17th

11:00 A.M. at Playground at Prospect Park West & 11 Street, Brooklyn
3:00 P.M. at James J. Byrne Memorial Playground, 3 Street & 4 Avenue,
Brooklyn

Friday, August 18th

11:00 A.M. at Playground at Douglass Street & 3 Avenue, Brooklyn
3:00 P.M. at Playground at Schermerhorn Street & 3 Avenue, Brooklyn

Saturday, August 19th

11:00 A.M. Magic Class at Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie & Forsyth
Streets, Manhattan

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
August 13, 1944

The Name Band Dances sponsored by Consolidated Edison System Companies will continue in the parks during the coming week, with Don Redman, Boyd Raeburn, and Bobby Sherwood conducting. All dances start at 8:30 P.M.

Don Redman and his Orchestra will play at Colonial Park, 153 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan, on Monday, August 14th. The Redman Orchestra, with its breezy style, is considered one of the country's top flight musical groups, and has made a national reputation through radio, recordings, and personal appearances.

• Boyd Raeburn and his Orchestra will do a return engagement when they play at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, on Tuesday, August 15th, and at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, on Wednesday, August 16th. Boyd Raeburn is one of the mid-west's favorite orchestra leaders, and is known in the east through a series of successful hotel engagements.

Bobby Sherwood will conduct on Thursday, August 17th, at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan, and on Friday, August 18th, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Sherwood leads one of the youngest groups playing today, and has climbed into the Name Band category in a brief time through a succession of ballroom, hotel and theatre appearances.

Name Band Dances will continue in the parks through September 15th.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
August 13, 1944

The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, August 13th

- 7:00 P.M. Concert - Civilian Defense Volunteer Organization at the Forest Park Music Grove, Queens
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Thomas Jefferson Park, 113 Street and East River Drive, Manhattan

Monday, August 14th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at John Jay Pool, 78 Street and East River Drive, Manhattan, and at Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street, Richmond
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Don Redman's Orchestra at Colonial Park, 153 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan
- All day Junior Boys' Borough Championship Tennis Matches in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Central Park, Manhattan; Lincoln Terrace Park, Brooklyn; St. James Park, Bronx; Kissena Park, Queens; Silver Lake Park, Richmond

Tuesday, August 15th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at West 60 Street Pool, West 60 Street west of Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan; and at Red Hook Pool, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Boyd Raeburn's Orchestra at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Crotona Pool, East 173 Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, August 16th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Astoria, Queens, and at Tompkinsville Pool, Arietta Street at Pier No. 6, Richmond
- 8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Boyd Raeburn's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx

Thursday, August 17th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets, Manhattan, and at Sunset Pool, 43 Street and 7 Avenue, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Bobby Sherwood's Orchestra at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan

Friday, August 18th

- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Bobby Sherwood's Orchestra at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Saturday, August 19th

- 1:00 P.M. Men's City-Wide Golf Championships in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx
- 2:30 P.M. Annual Dance Festivals at Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and at the Overlook, Forest Park, Queens

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Play-offs for the Borough Tennis Championships in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament will start on Department of Parks tennis courts this week end. Men's singles will be played off in the five boroughs from August 12th to August 20th, and junior boys' singles will start on August 14th and run until August 18th. Competition in women's singles will not reach the borough championship stage until August 26th.

These contests for the borough titles have been preceded by local tournaments in which over eight hundred players competed, and in which quarter-finalists qualified for the Borough Championships. Players in the Borough Championships will be bidding for a try at the City title. Quarter-finalists in the borough contests will qualify to compete in the city-wide play-offs, to be held at a later date. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and the runner-up in each borough finals, by the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

Borough Championship Matches will be held as follows:

Manhattan	- Men	- Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive
	Boys	- Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive
Brooklyn	- Men	- McKinley Park, 75 Street and 7 Avenue
	Boys	- Lincoln Terrace Park, Eastern Parkway and Buffalo Avenue
Bronx	- Men	- Mullaly Park, 161 Street and Jerome Avenue
	Boys	- St. James Park, 193 Street and Jerome Avenue
Queens	- Men	- Forest Park, Park Lane South and 89 Street
	Boys	- Kissena Park, 164 Street and Oak Avenue
Richmond	- Men	- Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place
	Boys	- Silver Lake Park, Hart Boulovard and Rovere Street

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Over two thousand five hundred children in the city playgrounds are busy helping to put the finishing touches to the Department of Parks Annual Dance Festivals which are to be held the last three Saturdays in August.

The children will present five dance festivals this year, one in each borough. The first presentation will be on Saturday, August 12th, when the children of the Manhattan park playgrounds dance on the Sheep Meadow in Central Park, at 2:30 P.M. At the same time, the Bronx playground youngsters will be giving an exhibition at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx. Both programs will be opened by processions of brilliantly costumed children parading from the park entrances to the dance areas.

At the Manhattan Dance Festival, the program will be as follows: The Sailors' Dance, a modern nautical number; The Doll Dance, a character dance; Wares from Spain, a folk dance; Palestinian Dances, a folk number; Patriotic Pinafores, a novelty number; In Old New York, a medley of Gay Nineties dances; A Day on the Plain, a reproduction of a day in the life of an American Indian, and Miss America, a modern number.

Folk dances will dominate the Bronx Dance Festival, where the program will consist of: American Square Dances, Apache Dance, Chinese Dance, Cowboy Dance, La Cucaracha, Troika, and the closing number in which all the children will participate, The Victory Polka.

The following Saturday, August 19th, will find Brooklyn's children dancing on the Long Meadow in Prospect Park, and the Queens dancers at the Overlook in Forest Park. The youngsters of the Richmond playgrounds will bring the festivals to a close on Saturday, August 26th, at Clove Lakes Park.

All dances to be performed in the Dance Festivals have been taught in the park playgrounds by the Playground Directors who are trained to conduct such activities. The directors also teach and guide the children in planning and sewing their costumes in the handcraft classes which are part of the playgrounds' regular program.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
August 8, 1944

The Department of Parks and the Borough President of The Bronx are sponsoring for playground purposes, the acquisition of property located on University Avenue between 168 and 169 Streets. The City Planning Commission will consider mapping the property as a public park at its meeting on August 9th, 1944.

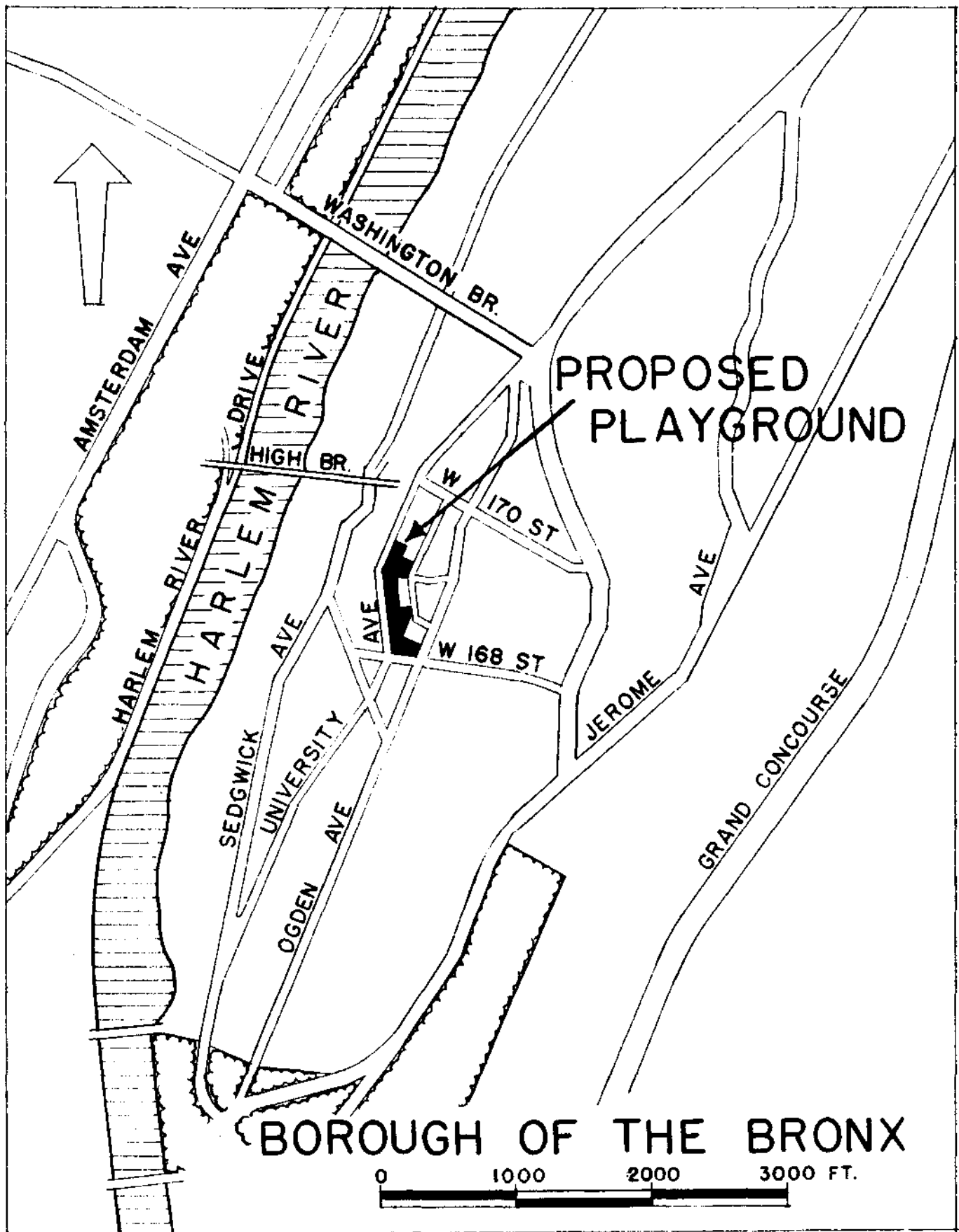
At present the property is vacant and its rugged characteristics and shape make it unsuitable for private development.

As a park it will provide not only a new active recreation space for which there has been a great demand in the Highbridge Section, west of the Grand Concourse, but it will also preserve for the neighborhood, a wonderful view of the Harlem River and Fort George.

The area will be developed to provide separate, completely equipped playgrounds for preschool and older children. In addition a wading pool, basketball court, softball diamond and a roller skating area will be provided as well as an overlook with benches for passive recreation.

The playground is scheduled for postwar construction.

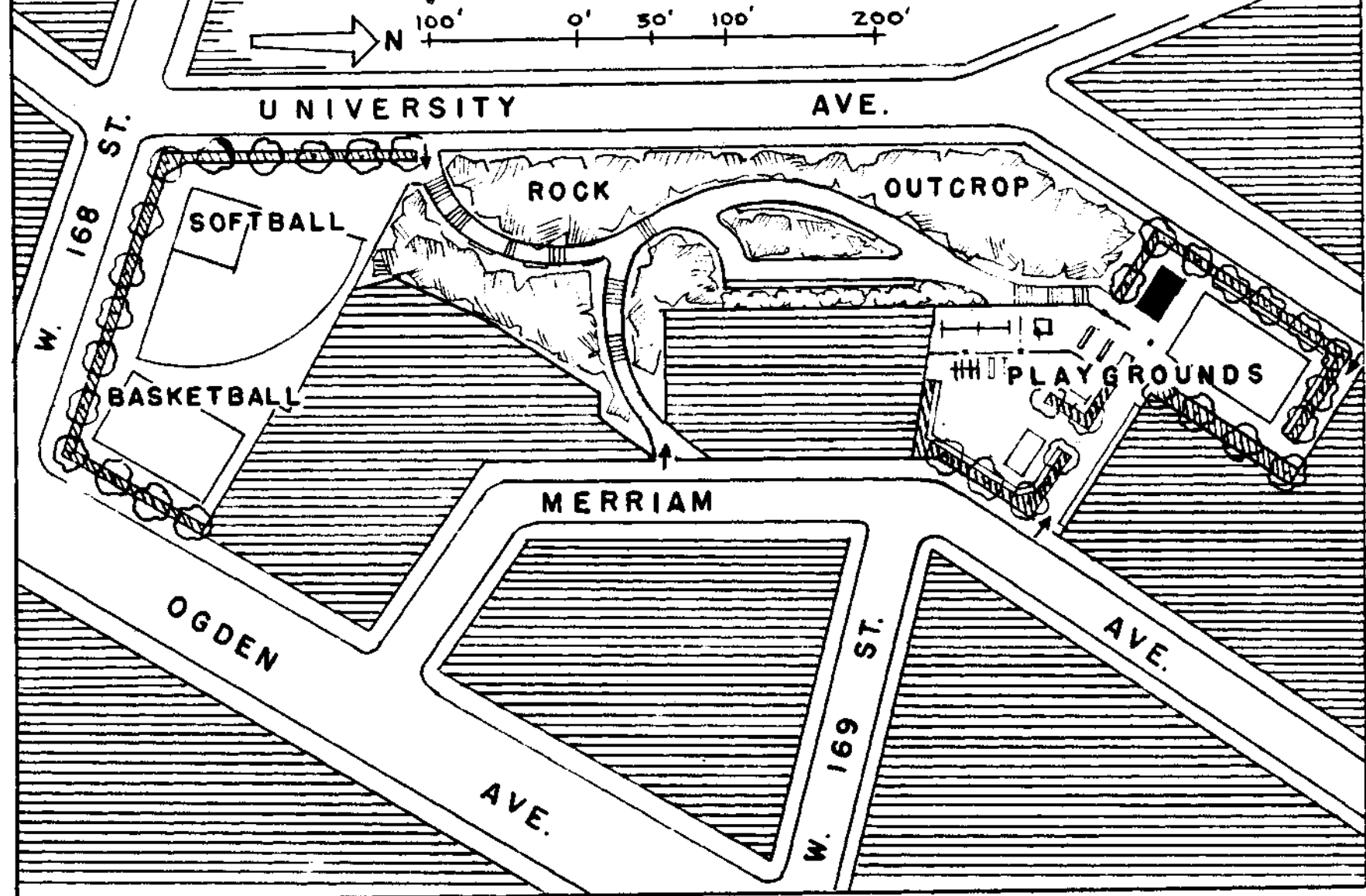
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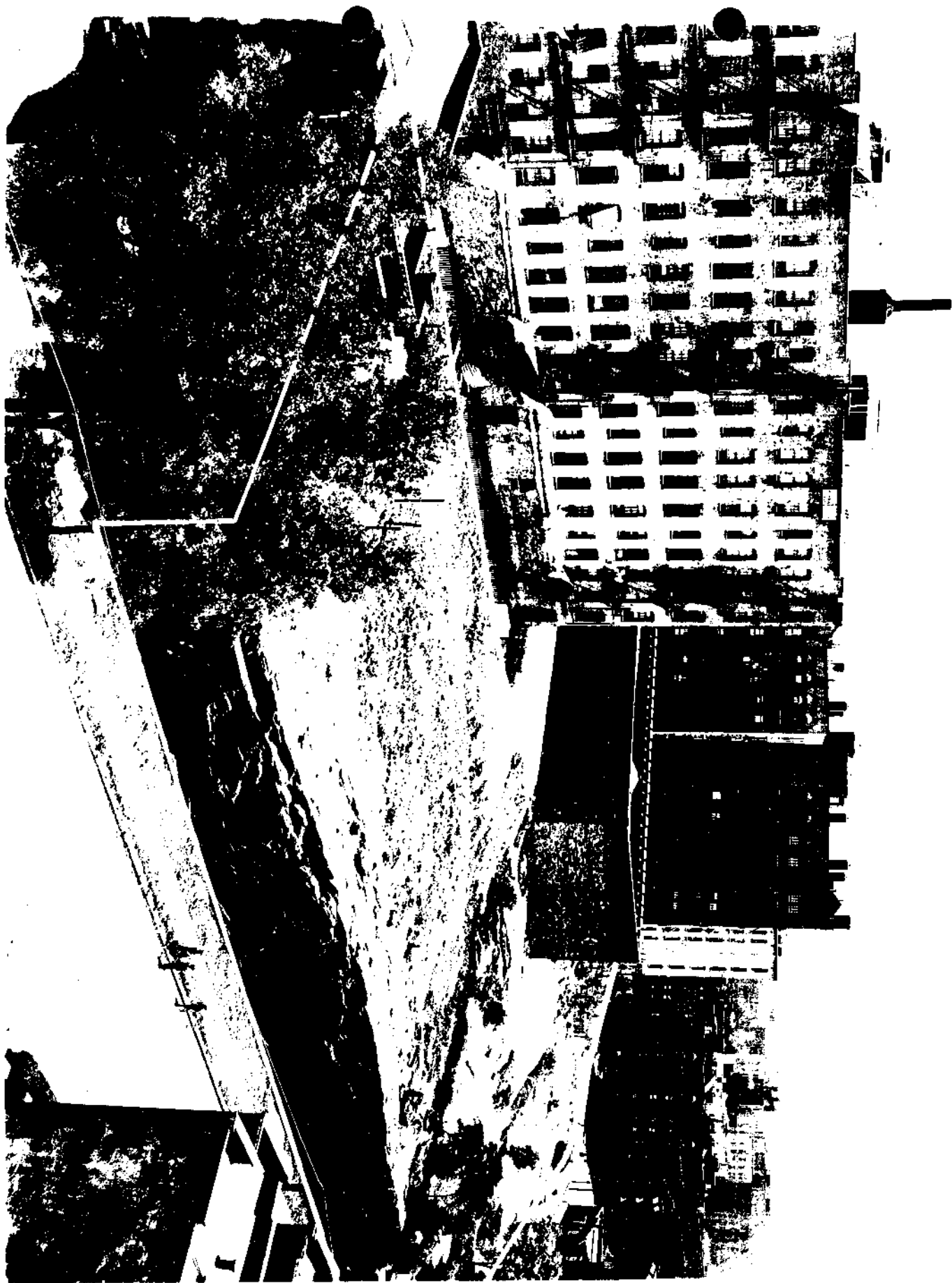
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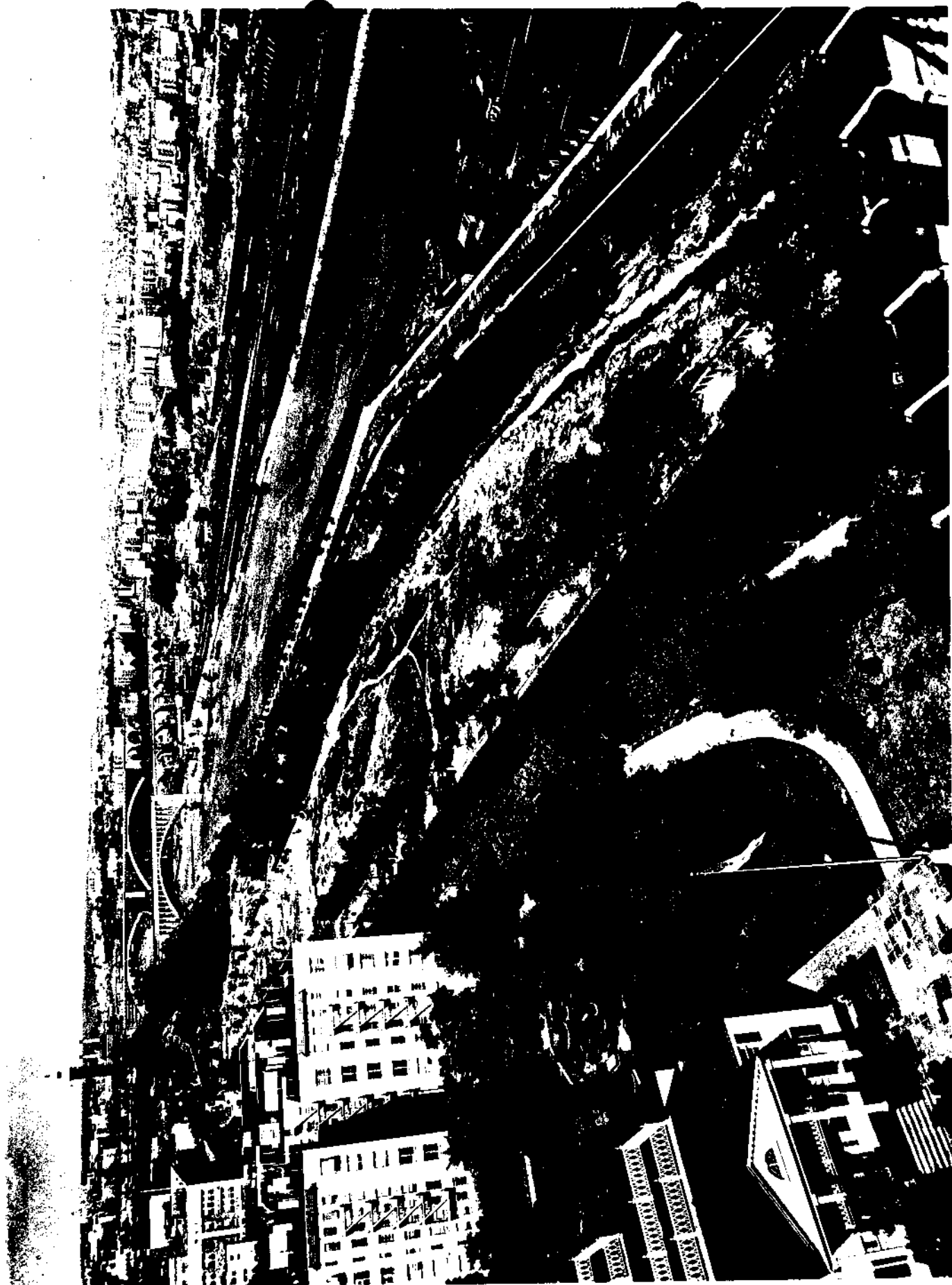
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The first of a series of twenty swimming meets making up the water program of the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament sponsored by the Park Association of New York City, will start this week.

The opening meets will be held in Manhattan on Tuesday, August 8th, at Carmine Street Pool, Clarkson Street and 7 Avenue, and on Thursday, August 10th, at East 23 Street Pool, 23 Street and East River Drive; and in Brooklyn on Wednesday, August 9th, at Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson and Livonia Avenues. All competitions will start at 6:30 P.M.

These meets are qualifying contests for the city finals which will be held at a later date. There are sixteen novice events on the program at each elimination meet. Prizes will be awarded to the swimmers finishing first and second in each event. The events at each pool will be: 25 meters free style races for boys and girls 10 years and under; 50 meters free style for boys and girls 11, 12, and 13 years; 50 meters free style for boys and girls 14 and 15 years; 100 meters free style for boys 16 and 17 years; 50 meters backstroke and 50 meters breast stroke for boys 16 and 17 years; 50 meters free style, backstroke and breast stroke for girls 16 and 17 years; and 3 meters springboard dive for boys and girls 17 years and under. There will also be two events for adults: 50 meters free style for men 18 years and over, and a similar event for women 18 years and over.

In addition to the novice meets, there will also be a number of A.A.U. events for men, and events for servicemen, both of which will be held at Astoria Pool on August 28th. A.A.U. events for women will be held at the same pool on August 30th.

Entry blanks for all events may be obtained at the Department of Parks swimming pool nearest your home.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
August 7, 1944

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will continue its trip around the city, giving daily performances of "The Shoemaker and the Elves" for audiences of playground children. The theatre is now in its fourth year, and has provided entertainment for many thousands of children since its beginning.

Performances will be given at the following playgrounds this week:

Monday, August 7th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, Richmond

Tuesday, August 8th, 11 A.M.

Lincoln Avenue Playground, Midland Beach, Richmond

Tuesday, August 8th, 3 P.M.

Schmul Playground, Wilde Avenue, Travis, Richmond

Wednesday, August 9th, 11 A.M.

Walker Park, Bard and Davis Avenues, West Brighton, Richmond

Wednesday, August 9th, 3 P.M.

Westerleigh Park, Willard and Maine Avenues, Westerleigh, Richmond

Thursday, August 10th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

J. Hood Wright Playground, 175 Street and Fort Washington Avenue,
Manhattan

Friday, August 11th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 150 Street, Manhattan

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
August 7, 1944

The Department of Parks Travelling Magic Show, with Peter Pan, the Magic Man and his friends, Aleck, the ventriloquist's dummy, and Oscar, an itinerant rabbit, will continue touring the playgrounds during the coming week, giving performances as follows:

Monday, August 7th

11 A.M. at Newtown Playground, 56 Avenue and 22 Street, Queens

3 P.M. at Corona Playground, 102 Street and Metyne Avenue, Queens

Tuesday, August 8th

11 A.M. at Playground at 30 Road and 45 Street, Queens

3 P.M. at Playground at Broadway and 78 Street, Queens

Wednesday, August 9th

11 A.M. at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street & 25 Avenue, Queens

3 P.M. at Playground at Junction Boulevard and 39 Avenue, Queens

Thursday, August 10th

11 A.M. at Playground at Central Avenue and 70 Street, Glendale, Queens

3 P.M. at Dry Harbor Playground, 80 Street and Myrtle Avenue, Queens

Friday, August 11th

11 A.M. at Grover Cleveland Playground, Stanhope Street and Grandview Avenue, Queens

3 P.M. at Benninger Playground, Madison Street and Fresh Pond Road, Queens

Saturday, August 12th

11 A.M. at John Adams Playground, 102 Street and Rockaway Boulevard, Ozone Park, Queens

3 P.M. at Playground at Liberty Avenue and 102 Street, Queens

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The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, August 6th

- 8:00 A.M. Men's City-Wide Team Championship Golf Matches in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament, at Forest Park Golf Course, Queens
- 3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at the Forest Park Music Grove, Queens
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan

Monday, August 7th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Clyde Lucas' Orchestra at Playground at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn

Tuesday, August 8th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at the Hudson Pool, Clarkson Street and 7 Avenue, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Clyde Lucas' Orchestra at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associate Committee of the League of Composers at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan

Wednesday, August 9th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at the Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson and Livonia Avenues, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Clyde Lucas' Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associate Committee of the League of Composers at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn

Thursday, August 10th

- 6:30 P.M. Novice Swimming Meet in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament at the 23rd Street Pool, 23rd Street and East River Drive, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Tony Pastor's Orchestra at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn

Friday, August 11th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Mal Hallett's Orchestra at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Saturday, August 12th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday,
August 6, 1944

Name Band Dances, popular feature of the Department of Parks evening recreation program, will continue this week with Clyde Lucas, Tony Pastor, and Mal Hallett conducting. The dances are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison System Companies. These dances, which are held in various parks throughout the city Mondays through Fridays at 8:30 P.M., have proved to be focal points for thousands of dancers of all ages.

Clyde Lucas, well known orchestra leader who has been signed for a triple date this week, will play on Monday, August 7th, at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P Playground, Brooklyn; on Tuesday, August 8th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens; and on Wednesday, August 9th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. The Lucas Orchestra has played at outstanding hotels, theatres, and ballrooms, and has motion picture and radio work to its credit.

Tony Pastor and his Orchestra will be presented on Thursday, August 10th, at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan. The Pastor group's rise to the ranks of top-flight performers has been rapid, the climb being made by successful appearances, extensive radio work, and many hit recordings. Pastor vocalizes in addition to leading the orchestra.

Mal Hallett and his Orchestra will play on Friday evening, August 11th, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. The Hallett Orchestra has become known to dancers from coast to coast through hotel and theatre engagements, and through the medium of radio and recordings. The group has a smooth and versatile style.

Name Band Dances will continue in the parks through September 15th.

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Mal Hallett and his Orchestra

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
August 6, 1944

Eighty municipal golfers, the top men from the golf courses operated by the Department of Parks, will tee off for the City-Wide Team Championship at the Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Parkway, Queens, on Sunday morning, August 6th, starting at 8:00 A.M. These players are the best of over six hundred golfers who participated in the local course championships.

The tournament to decide the City-Wide Team Championship will consist of thirty-six holes of medal play. The thirty-two low gross scorers in the Team Championship will qualify for the City-Wide Match Play Championship, which will be held at the Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx, on the week-ends of August 19th and August 26th.

Arnold Gray, who was last year's winner of the Newbold Morris Trophy, will again be on the Clearview team, and it is expected that he will receive stiff competition from the following players who were the low gross scorers in the local course tournaments: Seward A. Wood of Clearview, John Desiderio of Kissena, Al Finn of Dyker, Tony Jones of Pelham, Bernard Kahn of Split Rock, Ed Searle of Van Cortlandt, Edward Kohn of Moshulu, George Gescheidt of Silver Lake, Charles Amandoles of LaFourette, and F. Vollet, G. Bakiel and H. Rohrs, who scored a three-way tie at Forest Park.

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NOTE Newspaper representatives desiring results of the City-Wide Team Championships, which will be played at the Forest Park Golf Course on Sunday, August 6th, may secure the same by telephoning the Queens borough office, Cleveland 3-4600, after 6:00 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
August 1, 1944

20 individual swimming meets will be held in connection with the Fifth Annual Sports Championship sponsored by the Park Association of New York City, Inc. All of the meets will be conducted in the Municipal Swimming Pools operated by the Department of Parks. The schedule of events will take place from August 8 to August 30. (Schedule of dates and location of swimming pools are printed on attached entry blanks.)

Over 1,250,000 children and adults have taken advantage of the magnificent city swimming pools which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks since they were opened this season. A very large entry for the swimming meets is anticipated. Many of the 6,000 youngsters who have taken instructions in the learn-to-swim classes which have been conducted by the Department of Parks' instructors are expected to enter.

17 novice programs will be held, one in each of the Municipal pools. These events will be exclusively for boys and girls who have not previously won prizes. 16 events will be on the program at each pool. Prizes will be awarded to the boys and girls finishing first and second in each event. The program at each pool will consist of 25 meters free-style races for boys and girls 10 years and under, 50 meters free-style for boys and girls 11, 12 and 13 years, 50 meters free-style for boys and girls 14 and 15 years, 100 meters free-style for boys 16 and 17 years, 50 meters backstroke and breaststroke for boys 16 and 17 years. 3 meters springboard dive will be held for boys and girls 17 years and under. There will be 50 meters free-style backstroke and breaststroke events for girls 16 and 17 years. 2 new events have been added this season, a 50 meter free-style for men and women 18 years and over.

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All competitors finishing first and second in their events at their respective pools will qualify to compete in the city-wide novice finals to be held at McCarren Park Swimming Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, August 29th.

The program includes a 50 meters backstroke, 50 meters breaststroke and 100 meters free-style for servicemen. These events will be held at Astoria Swimming Pool Monday, August 28, at 6:30 P.M. in connection with the Senior Metropolitan A. A. U. Championship events for men. The events to be contested will be the 100 meters free-style, 100 meters backstroke, 200 meters breaststroke, and 3 meters springboard dive on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30 P.M.

3 Senior Metropolitan Championships for Women will be contested at Astoria Swimming Pool. Events will be 200 meters breaststroke, 300 meters medley relay, 400 meters free-style. Additional events on this program will be the 100 meters backstroke open to all A. A. U. Swimmers, and an invitation 3 meter springboard dive.

Entry blanks for these events may be secured at any of the Park Department Swimming Pools or by writing to the Department of Parks, Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING EVENTS

**NOVICE EVENTS FOR PATRONS OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
SWIMMING POOLS**

and

SWIMMERS REGISTERED WITH THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SERVICE MEN

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Schedule of dates and locations of swimming pools where novice
eliminations will be held

Competition at all pools will start at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday—August 8, Carmine Street.....	Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue, Manhattan
Wednesday—August 9, Betsy Head.....	Hopkinson and Livonia Avenues, Brooklyn
Thursday—August 10, East 23rd Street.....	23rd Street and East River Drive, Manhattan
Monday—August 14, John Jay.....	78th Street and East River Drive, Manhattan
Monday—August 14, Faber.....	Richmond Terrace and Faber Street, Richmond
Tuesday—August 15, West 60th Street.....	60th Street W. of Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan
Tuesday—August 15, Red Hook.....	Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn
Wednesday—August 16, Astoria.....	19th Street and 23rd Drive, Queens
Wednesday—August 16, Tompkinsville.....	Arietta Street at Pier No. 6, Richmond
Thursday—August 17, Hamilton Fish.....	East Houston and Pitt Streets, Manhattan
Thursday—August 17, Sunset.....	43rd Street and Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn
Monday—August 21, Thomas Jefferson.....	114th Street and First Avenue, Manhattan
Monday—August 21, Crotona.....	173rd Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx
Tuesday—August 22, McCarren.....	Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn
Wednesday—August 23, Colonial.....	Bradhurst Avenue and West 145th Street, Manhattan
Wednesday—August 23, Flushing Meadow.....	Grand Central Parkway and Horace Harding Blvd., Queens
Thursday—August 24, Highbridge.....	West 173rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

**SANCTIONED BY THE METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF THE
AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION**

Service Men's and Men's Amateur Athletic Union Events

Monday, August 28, Astoria.....19th Street and 23rd Drive, Queens

**City Wide Championship Finals—Boy's and Girl's—Women's and
Men's Novice Events**

Tuesday, August 29, McCarren.....Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn

Women's Amateur Athletic Union Events

Wednesday, August 30, Astoria.....19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria

NOVICE EVENTS FOR PATRONS OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS SWIMMING POOLS

Extract from A.A.U. Rules.: "An athlete shall be held to be a novice until he or she shall have won a place prize, as distinguished from a team prize, other than a survivor's token, in a competition open to the members of two or more clubs, colleges, preparatory or high schools."

1. 25 meters free style for boys 10 years and under
2. 25 meters free style for girls 10 years and under
3. 50 meters free style for boys 11- 12 and 13 years
4. 50 meters free style for girls 11- 12 and 13 years
5. 50 meters free style for boys 14 and 15 years
6. 50 meters free style for girls 14 and 15 years
7. 100 meters free style for boys 16 and 17 years
8. 50 meters back stroke for boys 16 and 17 years
9. 50 meters breast broke for boys 16 and 17 years
10. Springboard diving for boys 17 years and under (3 meter board—4 options)
11. Springboard diving for girls 17 years and under (3 meter board—4 options)
12. 50 meters free style for girls 16 and 17 years
13. 50 meters back stroke for girls 16 and 17 years
14. 50 meters breast stroke for girls 16 and 17 years
15. 50 meters free style for women 18 years and over
16. 50 meters free style for men 18 years and over

Age to be determined as of August 1, 1944

Contestants may swim only in the age group in which they belong and may compete at only one swimming pool.

Prizes will be awarded to competitors finishing first and second in each event at all swimming pools. First and second place winners will also qualify to compete in the New York City Championships to be held at McCarren Park Swimming Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, August 29, 1944 at 6:30 P.M.

Additional prizes will be awarded to competitors finishing first, second and third in City championships.

See front page for schedule of dates and locations of swimming pools, where novice eliminations will be held.

Entry blanks for novice events must be filled out and left with the Supervisor of the pool at which you desire to compete, three days prior to the day on which the meet is scheduled.

No entry fee will be charged for novice and service men's events.

SERVICE MEN'S EVENTS

ASTORIA SWIMMING POOL

19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens

Monday, August 28, 1944 at 6:30 P.M.

1. 50 Meters Back Stroke
2. 50 Meters Breast Stroke
3. 100 Meters Free Style

Prizes to competitors finishing first, second and third in each event.

Entries close Monday, August 21, 1944. No entry fee charged for Service Men's Events.

Fill out and mail entry blank to Director of Recreation, Department of Parks, Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION EVENTS FOR MEN

ASTORIA SWIMMING POOL

19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens

Monday, August 28, 1944 at 6:30 P.M.

1. 100 Meters Free Style.....Senior Metropolitan Championship
2. 100 Meters Back Stroke.....Senior Metropolitan Championship
3. 200 Meters Breast Stroke.....Senior Metropolitan Championship
4. Spring Diving—3 Meter Board.....Senior Metropolitan Championship

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION EVENTS FOR WOMEN

ASTORIA SWIMMING POOL

19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens

Wednesday, August 30, 1944 at 6:30 P.M.

1. 100 Meters Back Stroke.....Open
2. 200 Meters Breast Stroke.....Senior Metropolitan Championship
3. 300 Meters Medley Relay.....Senior Metropolitan Championship
4. 400 Meters Free Style.....Senior Metropolitan Championship
5. Springboard Diving—3 Meter Board.....Invitation

Prizes for competitors finishing first, second and third in A.A.U. Events. Regulation Championship Medals and Bars for first, second and third in Championship events. Entries for the men and women's Championship Amateur Athletic Union events close Monday, August 21, 1944. A.A.U. rules require an entry fee for Championships. These fees, 50 cents for individual events and \$1.50 for relay events must be mailed together with entry direct to Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. Woolworth Building, New York 7, N. Y., Room 3004.

TO DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

(File as per instructions.)

Please enter me in the following events which have been sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Check Which Group

Novice Park Swimming Pool Events

Service Men's Events

Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship Events

Enter Me At.....
(Name of Swimming Pool)

in the Following Events.....1.
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In consideration of your accepting this entry I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Department of Parks, City of New York, the Park Association of New York City, Inc., the Amateur Athletic Union, the Metropolitan Assn. of the A.A.U., the directors of this meet, their agents, representatives, and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by me at said swimming meet.

Competitor's Name Age.....

Address

Name of Organization.....

A.A.U. Registration Number.....

For Novice Events Birthday
Month Day Year

Signature of Parent or Guardian.....

No entry fees charged for Service Men and Novice Events. Entries for events for competitors not registered with the Amateur Athletic Union should be sent to the Supervisor of the pool at which contestant desires to compete. Boys and girls will be permitted to enter only in the borough in which they reside, and may swim only in the age group in which they belong. Entries close as stated under each class of events.

Keep first sheet of this blank so that you will have complete information regarding dates, starting time, location of pools, etc. No further notice will be sent to you.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
July 31, 1944

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre presenting "The Shoemaker and the Elves", a fairy tale drama, will continue its journey around the city making daily stops to entertain audiences of playground children. The theatre attracts a large assembly of rapt youngsters at every performance, with its faithful reproduction of the trials of the poor shoemaker and the good deeds of the friendly elves.

Performances will be given at the following playgrounds during the coming week:

Monday, July 31st, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Lindsay Playground, Lorimer Street and Johnson Avenue, Brooklyn

Tuesday, August 1st, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Red Hook Stadium, Columbia and Bay Streets, Brooklyn

Wednesday, August 2nd, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Playground at 34 Street and Third Avenue, Brooklyn

Thursday, August 3rd, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Playground at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 52 Street, Brooklyn

Friday, August 4th, 11 A.M. at Faber Park, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street, Port Richmond, Staten Island

Friday, August 4th, 3 P.M. at Levy Playground, Jewett and Castleton Avenues, Staten Island

Saturday, August 5th, 11 A. M. and 3 P.M. at Willowbrook Park, Richmond and Rockland Avenues, Staten Island

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FOR RELEASE

Monday.
July 31, 1944

The Department of Parks Magic Man, with his travelling rabbit, songs and tricks, will make a series of appearances this week in the playgrounds, to the continued delight of the youngsters. The Magic Show has drawn large audiences of children at every playground at which it has performed this season. One of the most popular members of the cast is a newcomer, Aleck, a ventriloquist's dummy.

Aleck is the kind of boy who loves to play in the parks, and knows how to take good care of them. Aleck is encouraging his little friends to join him in preventing vandalism, and in taking proper care of trees, shrubs, and equipment.

The Magic Show will give performances as follows this week:

Monday, July 31st

- 11 A. M. at Tompkins Square Park, 10 Street and Avenue A, Manhattan
- 3 P. M. at St. Gabriel's Park, East 35 Street and First Avenue, Manhattan

Tuesday, August 1st

- 11 A. M. at Hamilton Place and West 140 Street Playground, Manhattan
- 3 P. M. at Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street Playground, Manhattan

Wednesday, August 2nd

- 11 A. M. at 130 Street and Fifth Avenue Playground, Manhattan
- 3 P. M. at 140 Street and Lenox Avenue Playground, Manhattan

Thursday, August 3rd

- 11 A. M. at Triboro Playground, Hoyt Avenue and 29 Street, Queens
- 3 P. M. at 11 Street and 45 Avenue Playground, Queens

Friday, August 4th

- 11 A. M. at Thomson Hill Playground, Greenpoint Avenue and 47 Street, Queens
- 3 P. M. at Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Boulevard and Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City, Queens

Saturday, August 5th

- 11 A. M. - Magic Class at Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie and Forsyth Streets, Manhattan

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The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, July 30th

- 3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Tompkins Square Park, 10 Street and Avenue A, Manhattan
- 7:00 P.M. Concert - Civilian Defense Volunteer Organization at Forest Park Music Grove, Queens
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan

Monday, July 31st

- 9:00 A.M. Junior Boys' Local Course Championships in the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament Championship Golf Matches at Dyker Beach, Van Cortlandt, Moshulu, Pelham, Split Rock, Clearview, Kissena, Forest Park, Silver Lake, and LaTourette Golf Courses.
- 8:15 P.M. Naumburg Memorial Concert at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Lee Castle's Orchestra at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx

Tuesday, August 1st

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Lincoln Terrace Park, Rochester and East New York Avenues, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Lee Castle's Orchestra at Playground at Jewell Avenue and Utopia Parkway, Flushing, Queens.
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associate Committee of the League of Composers at the the Central Park Mall, Manhattan

Wednesday, August 2nd

- 8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Lee Castle's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associate Committee of the League of Composers at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn

Thursday, August 3rd

- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Boyd Raeburn's Orchestra at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx

Friday, August 4th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Jimmy Palmer's Orchestra at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Saturday, August 5th

- All day Local Tennis Tournaments - Women's Singles in Fifth Annual Sports Tournament Championship Tennis Matches at all municipal tennis courts
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
July 30, 1944

The Name Band Dances sponsored by Consolidated Edison System Companies continue to draw large large crowds nightly in the parks where they are held. The dances, which will continue through September 15th, start at 8:30 P.M. Mondays through Fridays at various Department of Parks dance areas.

This week's top flight orchestra leaders are Lee Castle, Boyd Raeburn, and Jimmy Palmer. Lee Castle and his Orchestra will play on Monday, July 31st, at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx; on Tuesday, August 1st, at Jewell Avenue and Utopia Parkway Playground, Flushing, Queens; and on Wednesday, August 2nd, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Castle's dance rhythms are well known, and he has developed a progressive musical organization with a versatile style.

Boyd Raeburn, who will be heard on Thursday, August 3rd, at the Mall, Central Park, Manhattan, is one of the mid-west's favorite music makers, and is known to New Yorkers through his successful hotel engagements.

Jimmy Palmer, a repeat performer at Name Band Dances, will be heard at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on Friday, August 4th. The Palmer outfit, formerly the Gracie Barrie Orchestra, is well known to dancers. The group has played leading eastern theatres with Jimmy Palmer leading and vocalizing.

In the near future the department will present Tony Pastor, Clyde Lucas, Mal Hallett, and Don Redmond.

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The third in a series of Naumburg Memorial Concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Monday, July 31st, at 8:15 P.M. These concerts are a yearly contribution to New York's musical program by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who in 1922 presented the bandstand on the Mall to the music lovers of the city. The Naumburg Memorial Concerts are now in their twentieth year.

Josef Stopak will conduct, rendering the following program:

Overture "Ruy Blas"	Mendelssohn
Second and Third Movements from Symphony No. VI (Pathetique)	Tschaikowsky
Aria - "Cielo e Mar" from "La Gioconda" Willard Young	Ponchielli
Waltz - "Roses from the South"	Strauss
Intermezzo - from "L'Amico Fritz"	Mascagni
Pavane Hungarian Dance No. VI	Morton Gould Liszt
Aria - Flower Song from "Carmen" Willard Young	Bizet
Rhapsody "Espana"	Chabrier

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July 26, 1944

The "Learn to Swim" campaign is progressing in all Department of Parks swimming pools, with over six thousand youngsters attending daily in a concerted effort to learn to swim. The "Learn to Swim" program is now in its eighth year, and thousands of non-swimmers have acquired confidence and swimming ability in the Department of Parks pools since its inception.

Last year over two hundred and twenty-two accidental drownings occurred in the waters surrounding New York City. The Department of Parks "Learn to Swim" campaign is an effort to correct this condition by giving non-swimmers the fundamentals of swimming, and to provide a safe place in which they can pass through the stages of learning. Provisions have been made for instructing adults as well as children in this program.

Children's instructions are given during the morning hours when children under 14 years of age are admitted without charge. Lessons are given Mondays through Fridays, at 10:30 A.M. for boys, and at 11:15 A.M. for girls. Adult instructions are given on the same days: men at 6:30 P.M., women at 7:00 P.M. Those desiring to register for the classes may do so by leaving name and address at any swimming pool office. Swimming pools are located as follows:

Manhattan

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue and West 145 Street
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173 Street
Thomas Jefferson Pool, 111 Street and First Avenue
23rd Street Pool, 23 Street and East River Drive
Carmine Street Pool, Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue
60 Street Pool, 60 Street between Amsterdam and 11 Avenues
John Jay Pool, 78 Street and East River Drive

Brooklyn

Sunset Pool, 7 Avenue and 43 Street
McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues

Bronx

Crotona Pool, Fulton Avenue and 173 Street

Queens

Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park

Richmond

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street
Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard between Bay Street and Murray
Hulbert Avenue

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
July 24, 1944

Outdoor dancing continues in the parks to the music of famous Name Bands, sponsored by Consolidated Edison System Companies. The dances are held nightly, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 P.M. in various parks throughout the city, and attract large gatherings who attend to dance or to listen to the music.

In the line-up this week are Buddy Johnson, Art Paulson, and Gray Gordon. Buddy Johnson, well known pianist-conductor, will play on Monday, July 24th, at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 153rd Street, Manhattan. Johnson has an unusual style, and has attracted notice with his recordings of original compositions. He is one of the few orchestra leaders who conducts while playing the piano.

Art Paulson and his Orchestra, heard earlier in the season, will play a return engagement on Tuesday, July 25th, at Marconi Playground, 155 Street and 108 Avenue, Queens, and on Wednesday, July 26th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Paulson is best known in the south, but has also built a local reputation through successful hotel dates and performances at many major college proms.

Gray Gordon and his Orchestra will play on Thursday, July 27th, at the Central Park Mall, Manhattan, and on Friday, July 28th, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Gordon has appeared in well known theatres and ballrooms in the east, and has developed a musical group that is a smoothly performing unit. He is familiar to radio and dance fans from coast to coast, and has just completed an extensive camp tour.

Among the Name Band leaders soon to be heard at the park dances are Billy Rogers, Boyd Raeburn, Clyde Lucas, and Tony Pastor. The dance season will continue through September 15th.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
July 23, 1944

The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, July 23rd

9:00 A.M. Men's and Women's Local Course Championships in Fifth Annual Sports Tournament Championship Golf Matches, at Dyker Beach, Van Cortlandt, Mosholu, Pelham, Split Rock, Clearview, Kissena, Forest Park, Silver Lake, and LaTourette Golf Courses.

3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at Central Park Mall, Manhattan.

Monday, July 24th

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at Central Park Mall, Manhattan.

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Buddy Johnson's Orchestra at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 153 Street, Manhattan.

All day Local Tennis Championships in Fifth Annual Sports Tournament Championship Tennis Matches, Junior Boys' Singles, at all Park tennis courts.

Tuesday, July 25th

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn.

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Art Paulson's Orchestra at Marconi Playground, 155 Street and 108 Avenue, Corona, Queens.

Wednesday, July 26th

8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan.

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Art Paulson's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at Central Park Mall, Manhattan.

Thursday, July 27th

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Gray Gordon's Orchestra at Central Park Mall, Manhattan.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue and West 146 Street, Manhattan.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

Friday, July 28th

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Gray Gordon's Orchestra at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at Central Park Mall, Manhattan.

Saturday, July 29th

8:30 P.M. Concert - City Amateur Symphony at Central Park Mall, Manhattan.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The Metropolitan A.A.U. Senior Swimming Championships will be held at Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre Pool, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, Saturday, July 22nd, at 6:30 P.M. The meet features a swimming carnival sponsored jointly by the Department of Parks and the Journal-American.

On the same program will be the finals of six novice girls' swimming events, eliminations for which were held in each of the five boroughs during the past two weeks. These events are: for girls 11 years and under, 25 meters free style and backstroke; for girls 12 to 14 years old, 50 meters free style and backstroke; for girls 15 to 17 years old, 50 meters free style and backstrokes.

The Metropolitan A. A. U. Senior Championship program consists of six events: 100 meters free style, 100 meters backstroke, 100 meters breast stroke, 300 meters individual medley, 800 meters free style relay, and 3 meters dive.

Leading the contestants in the championship program will be Florence Schmitt, 13-year-old Women's Swimming Association star, who holds the National Championship at 1500 meters free style and long distance. Miss Schmitt is the favorite in the 300 meters individual medley. In the past two weeks she won three Metropolitan A.A.U. junior crowns: 100 meters breast stroke, 100 meters backstroke, and 200 meters breast stroke.

Ann Ross, St. George Dragon Club diving star who holds the national title, will be the favorite to win the dive.

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July 20, 1944

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FOR RELEASE

Immediately

The Department of Parks announces that Miss Catherine Searles was injured by a Polar Bear in the Central Park Zoo last night. She was accompanied by her escort and another couple. The incident occurred at 2:05 A.M. and the police and an ambulance were immediately summoned. Miss Searles was taken to Roosevelt Hospital for treatment.

The bear dens are protected by a 3 foot wrought iron guard fence. The cages themselves are set back about 4 feet from the guard fence and are about 2 feet above the level of the ground. As an added protective measure, a 4 foot wire mesh fence has been attached to the cages, which are made of 1 inch bars. Miss Searles apparently climbed the guard fence, stood on a 2 foot foundation wall, reached over the top and dangled a handkerchief through the bars of the cage after the bears had been annoyed in other ways by Miss Searles and her companions. One of the bears snapped at the handkerchief, catching Miss Searles' hand and arm in his mouth and with his claws.

The Park Department Watchman had made his tour of the Zoo about ten minutes before the accident. Miss Searles and her friends were not in the area at that time.

It is regrettable that the accident happened, but the department has taken all precautions to prevent such occurrences. It happened through inexcusable treatment of these animals at night, in hot weather, and in deliberate violation of park rules by Miss Searles and her friends.

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July 17, 1944.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
July 17, 1944

Dancing to the music of Name Bands sponsored by Consolidated Edison System Companies continues in the public parks as part of the Department of Parks varied outdoor musical program. The maestros lined up to play for this week's dancing are Jimmy Palmer and Mitchell Ayres.

Jimmy Palmer and his Orchestra will be heard on Monday, July 17th, at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx; on Tuesday, July 18th, at 30 Road and 45 Street Playground, Queens; and on Wednesday, July 19th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. The Palmer band is the former Gracie Barrie outfit, Gracie having passed the baton to Palmer when she stepped out of the organization to do a single. The orchestra has played leading eastern and mid-western theatres with Jimmy Palmer vocalizing.

Mitchell Ayres and his Orchestra will play return engagements at the Central Park Mall on Thursday, July 20th, and at the Prospect Park Dance Area at 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on the following night. The Mitchell Ayres' Orchestra has made seven motion picture appearances in addition to playing leading theatres, hotels and ballrooms from coast to coast, and turning out many recordings.

Other well known orchestra leaders who are to play for the park dancers in the near future are Buddy Johnson, Art Paulson, Clyde Lucas, and Tony Pastor. These outdoor dances will continue in the parks through September 15th.

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The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, July 16th

- 1:00 P.M. Harlem Welfare and Recreation League Field Day at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island.
- 3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Forest Park Music Grove, Queens.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.

Monday, July 17th

- 6:30 P.M. Girls' Swimming Tournament, Open Events, at Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay Street, Richmond.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Jimmy Palmer's Orchestra at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx.

Tuesday, July 18th

- 12 Noon Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Union Square Park, Manhattan.
- 6:30 P.M. Girls' Swimming Tournament, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship Events and Open Events at Sunset Pool, 42 Street and 7 Avenue, Brooklyn.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Jimmy Palmer's Orchestra at Playground at 30th Road and 45th Street, Queens.
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associate Committee of the League of Composers at the Central Park Mall.

Wednesday, July 19th

- 8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Jimmy Palmer's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associate Committee of the League of Composers at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

Thursday, July 20th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Bushwick Playground, Putnam and Knickerbocker Avenues, Brooklyn.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Mitchell Ayres' Orchestra at the Central Park Mall.

Friday, July 21st

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Mitchell Ayres' Orchestra at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Saturday, July 22nd

- 6:30 P.M. Girls' Swimming Tournament, City Finals in Open Events; also Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship Events at Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Swimming Pool, Queens.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - City Amateur Symphony at the Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

Entry blanks are now available for the Municipal Golf Championships which are to be played on the ten golf courses operated by the Department of Parks. The tournament is part of the Fifth Annual Summer Sports Tournament, which also includes tennis and swimming. Prizes will be furnished by the Park Association of New York City.

The golf tournament will consist of three divisions: men, women and a junior class for boys under 18 years of age. Entry blanks should be filed with the supervisor at the golf course at which players desire to compete. Tournament play at all local courses will start for men and women on Sunday, July 23rd, and for juniors on Monday, July 31st.

In the men's division, attested score cards must be filed with the course supervisors. The 64 low gross scorers will qualify to play in each local course championships. In the women's and junior boys' divisions, all who file will be permitted to play, and the winner and runner-up will qualify to play in the City-wide Championships. In the men's division, the eight low gross scorers at each course will qualify to represent their local courses in the City-wide Team Championships. The 32 low gross scorers in the Team Championships play which will be held at Forest Park Golf Course on Sunday, August 6th, will qualify for the City-wide Match Play Championships.

The City-wide Championships games for men will be played at Split Rock Golf Course starting the week-end of August 19th. This championship will be for the Newbold Morris Trophy, which was won last year by Arnold Gray of Clearview. The women and junior City-wide Championships will be held at Dyker Beach Golf Course on Sunday, September 10th. Entries may be filed at:

Dyker Beach Golf Course, 86 Street and 7th Avenue, Brooklyn
Van Cortlandt Golf Course, 242 Street and Broadway, Bronx
Mosholu Golf Course, Jerome Avenue and Holley Lane, Bronx
Pelham-Split Rock Golf Course, Shore Road near Hutchinson River
Parkway, Bronx
Clearview Golf Course, Belt Parkway, Bayside, Queens
Kissena Golf Course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road,
Flushing, Queens
Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Parkway, Queens
Silver Lake Golf Course, Silver Lake Park on Victory Boulevard and
Park Road, Richmond
LaTourette Golf Course, Forest Hill Road and London Road, Richmond

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July 14, 1944

**CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
FIFTH ANNUAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT
1944
CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF MATCHES**

Prize Awards for Women and Junior Tournaments donated by
THE PARK ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, Inc.

ENTRIES

Players must be residents of New York City and have permit to play on municipal courses. Entry blanks for Women and Junior Divisions must be filed with Supervisor of local course previous to July 16th. In Men's Division attested score cards will be accepted by Supervisor until July 16th, inclusive. Tournament score cards will be posted daily in Men's Division.

The 64 low gross scorers will qualify for the local course championship.

LOCAL COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

18-HOLES OF MEDAL PLAY

Men Sunday, July 23rd

Women Sunday, July 23rd

Junior Monday, July 31st

Boys who have not reached their 18th birthday before January 1, 1944.

Eight low gross scorers in Men's Division qualify for City-Wide Team Championship. Winner and runner-up in Junior and Women Course Championships qualify for the City-Wide Championships in these divisions.

Prizes to winner and runner-up in each division.

CITY-WIDE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE

Men's Division Sunday, August 6th

36 holes of medal play.

The 32 low gross scorers in Team Championship qualify for City-Wide Match Play Championship.

Prize to winning team to remain at local golf house.

CITY-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Men Split Rock Golf Course.... Week Ends—August 19th and August 26th

Women .. Dyker Beach Golf Course.. Sunday, September 10th

Junior ... Dyker Beach Golf Course.. Sunday, September 10th

City-Wide Championship for Men will be in match play. Semi-final and final rounds to be matches of 36 holes. All other matches will consist of 18 holes of match play. Play in these matches will be for the Newbold Morris Trophy.

The Women and Junior City-Wide Championships will be 18 holes of medal play.

Prizes to winner and runner-up in each division.

ENTRY BLANK

GOLF

JUNIOR, WOMEN AND MEN

Date.....1944.

Please accept my entry in the.....Division, of the Fifth Annual Sports Tournament.

Course

Name

Address

Entries should be filed with supervisor at the municipal golf course at which you desire to play.

GOLF COURSES

Brooklyn:

DYKER BEACH GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 6624 yds., par 72.
Located at 86th Street and 7th Avenue.

Bronx:

VAN CORTLANDT GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 5118 yds., par 66.
Located at 242nd Street and Broadway, Van Cortlandt Park.

MOSHOLU GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 5145 yds., par 65. Located
at Jerome Avenue and Holley Lane at Woodlawn.

PELHAM - SPLIT ROCK GOLF COURSE—Located on Shore Road,
North of Hutchinson River Parkway, Pelham Bay Park.

Pelham—18 holes, 6559 yds., par 72.

Split Rock—18 holes, 6636 yds., par 71.

Queens:

CLEARVIEW GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 6456 yds., par 71. Located
at Belt Parkway, Bayside.

KISSENA GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 4750 yds., par 64. Located
at North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road in Flushing.

FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 5905 yds., par 69.
Located at Park Lane South and Forest Parkway in Forest Park.

Richmond:

SILVER LAKE GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 6108 yds., par 70.
Located in Silver Lake Park on Victory Boulevard and Park Road.

LATOURETTE GOLF COURSE — 18 holes, 6681 yds., par 72.
Located at Forest Hill Road and London Road.

GOLF FEES:

Season permit \$5.00. An additional charge of 10 cents is made on
season permits for weekday play. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays an additional
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FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Entries are now being received for the Championship Tennis Matches in the Department of Parks Fifth Annual Sports Tournament, which will be held on the municipal courts during the summer months. Prizes will be donated by the Park Association of New York City.

Competition will be in three classes: men's singles, women's singles, and junior boys' singles, the last group for boys who had not reached their 18th birthday before January 1st of this year. Entries close at all courts on July 17th.

Elimination tournaments will be held on courts throughout the five boroughs, and the quarter-finalists will be qualified to play in the Borough Championship matches. Local tournaments will start on July 22nd for men; on July 24th for boys; and on August 5th for women. Local and borough matches will be followed by the City-wide Championships, to be held on the Central Park courts starting August 26th. The quarter-finalists in the borough matches will qualify for the city finals play-offs.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each local tournament, and to both the winner and runner-up at each Borough Championship, and in the City-wide Championship.

Entry blanks are available at all of the 502 Department of Parks tennis courts. All players having Park Department tennis permits are eligible to enter.

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July 13, 1944

**CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
FIFTH ANNUAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT
1944**

CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS MATCHES

Prize Awards donated by

THE PARK ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, Inc.

ENTRIES

All entry blanks must be in the hands of Park Attendants or New York Public Parks Tennis Association Committee members at parks where players plan to play in eliminations not later than Monday, July 17th for Men's Singles, Junior Boys' Singles and Women's Singles.

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

At all parks with tennis facilities listed on the reverse side of this blank.

All players having Park Department Tennis Permits are eligible to enter.

July 22nd Men's Singles
July 24th Junior Boys' Singles
Boys who have not reached their 18th birthday before January 1, 1944.
August 5th Women's Singles

Draw sheets and schedules of play will be posted on bulletin board at each area.

No further notice will be given.

BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIPS

All quarter-finalists of local tournaments qualify.

August 12th to 20th Men's Singles
August 14th to 18th Junior Boys' Singles
August 26th to September 3rd Women's Singles

Borough Championships will be held at the following parks:

Manhattan — Men—Central Park, 93rd Street and West Drive
Juniors and Women—Central Park, 93rd Street and West Drive
Brooklyn — Men—McKinley Park, 75th Street and 7th Avenue
Junior and Women—Lincoln Terrace Park, Eastern Parkway and Buffalo Avenue
Bronx — Men—Mullaly Park, 161st Street and Jerome Avenue
Juniors and Women—St. James Park, 193rd Street and Jerome Avenue
Queens — Men—Forest Park, Park Lane South and 89th Street.
Juniors and Women—Kissena Park, 164th Street and Oak Avenue
Richmond — Men—Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place.
Juniors and Women—Silver Lake Park, Hart Boulevard and Revere Street

BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Best of Three Sets

Men's Singles

Junior Boys' Singles

Women's Singles

All entries will continue matches on the following days on regular schedule to be arranged by the Committee; players must report to the referee's desk before leaving the grounds each day to receive their assignments of matches for the following day. The Committee will endeavor to conduct all matches on Saturdays and Sundays. If necessary, week day matches will be played at 6 P.M.

*All quarter-finalists of borough tournaments qualify to play in the
City-Wide Championships at Central Park, New York City*

**CITY-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS
CENTRAL PARK — ALL DIVISIONS**

Saturday, August 26th, 2 P.M. Junior Boys' Singles
Saturday, September 9th, 2 P.M. Men's Singles
Saturday, September 16th, 2 P.M. Women's Singles

CITY-WIDE MATCHES

Men's Singles

Junior Boys' Singles

Women's Singles

Best of Three Sets

Men's Semi-finals and Finals

Best of Five Sets

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each local tournament, and to both the winner and runner-up at each borough championship and in the city-wide championship.

TENNIS COURTS

PARK	LOCATION	No. of Courts	No. of Lockers	PARK	LOCATION	No. of Courts	No. of Lockers
MANHATTAN:				QUEENS:			
CENTRAL PARK	—93d St. & West Drive	30	1270	ALLEY POND	—Grand Central Pkwy Winchester Boulevard	16	160
EAST RIVER PARK	— Rivington St., Stanton & East River Drive	12		ASTORIA PARK	— 25th Avenue & 21st Avenue, Astoria	14	
63RD STREET & YORK AVENUE		4		BAISLEY PARK	—155th St. & 118th Ave.	8	
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RANDALL'S IS.	—E. of Triboro Stadium	23		CROCHERON	—East of 215th Place & So. of 33rd Avenue, Bayside	10	86
FT. WASHINGTON PARK	—W. 172nd St. & Riverside Drive	11		CUNNINGHAM	— Union Turnpike No. of 193rd Street, Jamaica	15	148
RIVERSIDE PARK	— W. 161st St. & Riverside Drive	2		FLUSHING MEMORIAL	—150th St. & Bayside Avenue, Flushing	8	
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DYKER BEACH PARK	—Bay 8th St. & Cropsey Avenue	12		HOWARD BEACH	— Nolan & Thatford Avenues	3	
CONEY ISLAND	— Neptune Avenue & W. 25th Street	12		KISSENA	—164th St. & Oak Av., Flushing	12	
FT. GREENE PARK	—DeKalb Avenue & Washington Park	6		LIBERTY PARK	—172nd St. & Liberty Avenue, Jamaica	10	
GRAVESEND	—56th Str. & 18th Avenue	9		WAYANDA	— Hollis Ave. & Springfield Boulevard, Hollis	2	
KELLY MEMORIAL	— Avenue S & E. 14th Street	7		EQUITY PLAYGROUND	—89th Ave. & 90th Street, Woodhaven	4	
LIEV EIRIKSSON	—66th St. & 7th Ave.	10		RICHMOND:			
LINCOLN TERRACE	—Eastern Pkwy. and Buffalo Avenue	11		WALKER PARK	— Bard Ave., Delafield Place, Davis Avenue	9	344
McCARREN	—Lorimer St. & Driggs Ave.	14		SILVER LAKE	—Hart Blvd., Silver Lake Park	4	24
McKINLEY	—75th St. & 7th Avenue	9					
MARINE PARK	— Fillmore Ave. and Marine Parkway	18					
PROSPECT PARK	—Prospect Park W. & 9th Street	25	300				
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CROTONA PARK	— E. 173rd Street & Crotona Avenue	25	258				
MULLALY PARK	— E. 164th Street & Jerome Avenue	15	188				
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ST. MARYS PARK	— E. 146th Street & Trinity Avenue	5					
VAN CORTLANDT PARK EAST	— 233rd Street & Jerome Avenue	16					
WILLIAMSBRIDGE OVAL	— Bain- bridge Avenue and 208th Street	8	684				

TENNIS FEES

A fee of Three (\$3.00) Dollars is required for the issuance of a Tennis Permit for one season for tennis playing only.

A season locker for one Borough only is Two (\$2.00) Dollars. Daily locker Twenty-five (\$.25) Cents.

A duplicate permit will not be issued unless another fee is paid.

Please accept my entry in Local Tournament at.....

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE MONDAY,
July 10, 1944

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre, presenting
"The Shoemaker and the Elves", and the Magic Show will continue their tours of
the playgrounds during the coming week giving shows as follows:

MARIONETTE THEATRE

Monday, July 10th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at O'Connor Playground, 32 Avenue and
210 Street, Queens.

Tuesday, July 11th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Van Wyck Playground, 11 Avenue and
134 Street, Queens.

Wednesday, July 12th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Queensbridge Playground, Vernon
Boulevard and Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City.

Thursday, July 13th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Juniper Valley Park, Dry Harbor
Road and 63 Street, Elmhurst, Queens.

Friday, July 14th, 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at Springfield Pond Park, Springfield
Boulevard and Sheffield Avenue, Queens.

MAGIC SHOW

Monday, July 10th, 11 A.M. at Waring Avenue and Bronx Park East Playground.
3 P.M. at Zimmerman Playground, Barber and Olinville Ave., Bx.

Tuesday, July 11th, 11 A.M. at Waterbury, Edison and LaSalle Avenues Playground, Bx.
3 P.M. at Polham Bay Park Playground, Eastern Boulevard,
and Buhre Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, July 12th, 11 A.M. at 141 Street and Brooke Avenue Playground, Bronx
3 P.M. at St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 147
Street, Bronx

Thursday, July 13th, 11 A.M. at P.S. 21 Playground, 225 Street and White Plains
Road, Bronx
3 P.M. at 204 Street and Bronx River Parkway Playground, Bx.

Friday, July 14th, 11 A.M. at St. James' Park, 192 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx
3 P.M. at 234 Street and Bailey Avenue Playground, Bronx

Saturday, July 15th, 11 A.M. at 83 Roosevelt Street Playground, Manhattan
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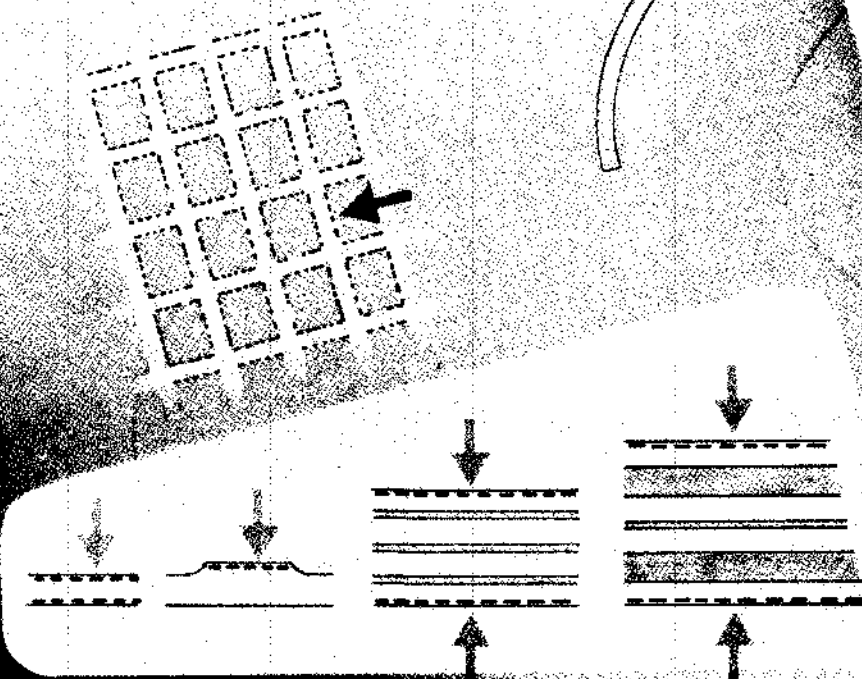




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**TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AUTHORITY
RANDALL'S ISLAND
NEW YORK, N. Y.**

GEORGE E. SPARGO
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Hon. F. H. LaGuardia
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall, New York

July 10, 1944

Dear Major:

Several months ago you asked me to act as chairman of a committee to report to you on New York's parking problem. Instead I have followed the old device of drawing on the Triborough Bridge Authority for help, and have prepared a memorandum which may serve as a basis for discussion by the other members of your committee, by the planning and governing bodies of the City and by the press and interested citizens. I have no illusion that these notes — for they are nothing more — will be accepted as the last words on so complex and controversial a subject, but they may stimulate discussion, and out of the ferment constructive decisions may be precipitated. Detailed statistics on traffic and parking are already available in the Police Department traffic survey and the 1942 Regional Plan report on traffic and parking.

In every large city there will always be complaints about the lack of adequate public parking facilities for motor vehicles, and charges that officials who ought to be doing something about it do not even realize that the problem exists. The inevitable increase in the output of cars adds to this clamor. There are, of course, parking difficulties in New York, but their extent and seriousness have been over-estimated by impatient people who want all the advantages and none of the drawbacks of compactness, and who do not distinguish between occasional discomfort and inconvenience on the one hand and intolerable conditions representing a breakdown of municipal services on the other.

The visitor or resident who fumes and fulminates because his taxicab is stuck in mid-Manhattan at noon and curses out the trucks and cars which block his path to a downtown ferry at the evening rush hour, does not reflect that traffic flows pretty smoothly and cars find space to stop through most of the three hundred and twenty square miles of the City. Taking the Greater

City as a whole and considering existing and projected improvements, our really serious parking difficulties shrink to a few comparatively small but highly congested neighborhoods and to exceptional and occasional peak load demands. After the war most people most of the time will have little serious trouble in parking either passenger cars or trucks where they should be parked on and off the streets. We have nothing to deprecate or apologize for in our approach to this problem. On the other hand there are no cure-alls and we should make no extravagant promises.

This report deals with future construction of street and offstreet parking facilities, and only incidentally with regulations made and enforced by the Police Department. There is remarkably little criticism of the manner in which the Police Department has functioned in this field, and no doubt Commissioner Valentine has plans for further improvements after the war.

There is one suggestion as to operation, by no means a new one, on which I believe Commissioner Valentine should be asked for an up-to-date report — that is on the desirability of installing parking meters along curbs in some of the more congested sections of the city. Many citizens are opposed to the installation of devices to collect a toll for the privilege of occupying space along the curb. In other cities, however, these parking meters have been undeniably successful in retail shopping areas. They reduce the number of traffic policemen required to regulate parking on the streets. If properly spaced, they result in the more economical use of curbs. They produce substantial revenue. I make this suggestion with some diffidence, and only because we cannot afford to ignore what others, faced with comparable problems, have found to work well. There is at least a strong argument that the motor-ing resident of the city and the out-of-town

visitor, as well as the local merchant who has one of these meters in front of his store, would profit by these devices. The present State law permits any city or village in the State to install parking meters "except a city having a population of one million or more." Therefore there would have to be an amendment applicable to New York City.

The parking problem is inextricably interwoven with the problem of through travel. Great progress has been made in arterial construction and the pattern of future relief is steadily taking shape. As a matter of fact there were wise men living before we appeared on the scene, those for example who built the depressed transverse roads in Central Park in the Civil War period before the internal combustion engine was thought of, those who planned the wider crosstown streets of the Manhattan gridiron and those who conceived of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse in the Bronx, Ocean and Eastern Parkways in Brooklyn, Queens Boulevard in Queens and the Bronx River Parkway in the Bronx and Westchester, with their express service and parking features pretty intelligently laid out by pioneers with imagination and foresight.

Our new parkways and expressways have added bridges, which eliminate crossings and traffic lights, landscaping, filling stations with parking places and rest rooms, and incidental walks, paths and recreation facilities. Additional postwar metropolitan arteries, carefully designed not only for uninterrupted flow of traffic on the central express lanes but with flanking service

drives for local use, short-distance hauls and for parking, will take much of the traffic off the narrow neighborhood streets and leave them comparatively free for local traffic and parking.

People forget quickly the summer outings of pre-parkway days, spoiled by the seemingly endless trips home from the suburbs. They remember dimly if at all the fretting of tired children, the fuming of their elders and the gathering darkness at the bridge which carries Broadway over the Harlem River on the Boston Post Road, at the great ash dump in the Flushing Meadows before the Fair, at the Merrick Road railroad crossing in Jamaica, at the Dyckman and 125th Street Ferries from New Jersey. They do not recall the failure of the short cuts and devious, round-about bypasses through side streets. There was nothing but parking with occasional fits and starts in those days.

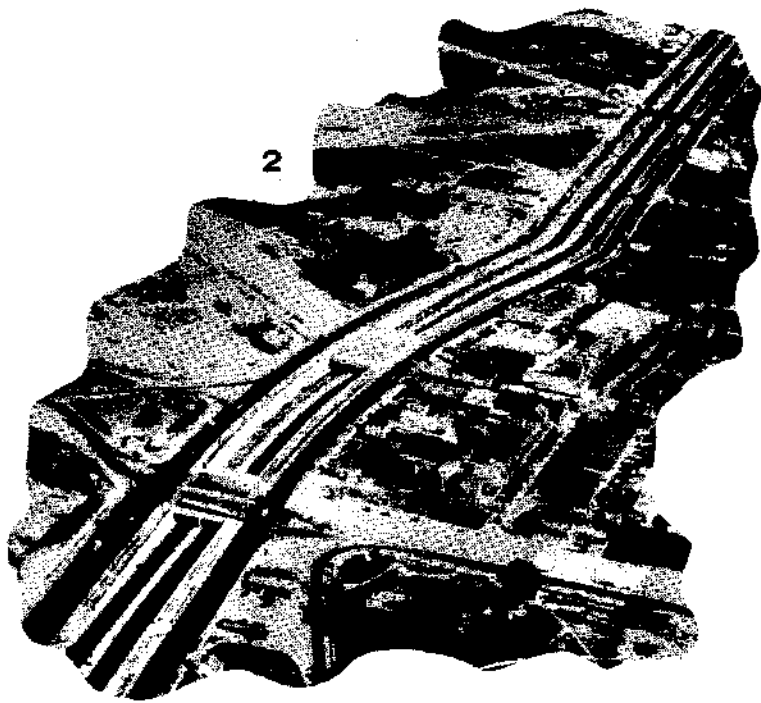
Those were the days when it was the practice to build modern arteries to the city line and dump them there. That was the history of the Hutchinson and Saw Mill parkways in Westchester and the Southern State parkway and widened turnpikes in Nassau, when three bridges were built from New Jersey to Staten Island and nothing was done to bring Staten Island closer to Brooklyn and Manhattan, the days when bridges and tunnels were brought to the surface and approaches were left to chance and the future, the days when the motor manufacturer forced his wares on a metropolitan area which had no room for them, and kissed the traffic problem good-

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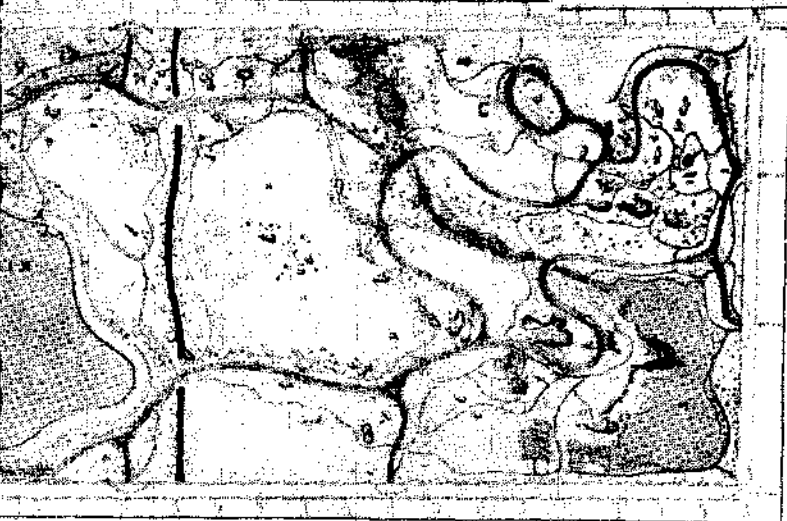
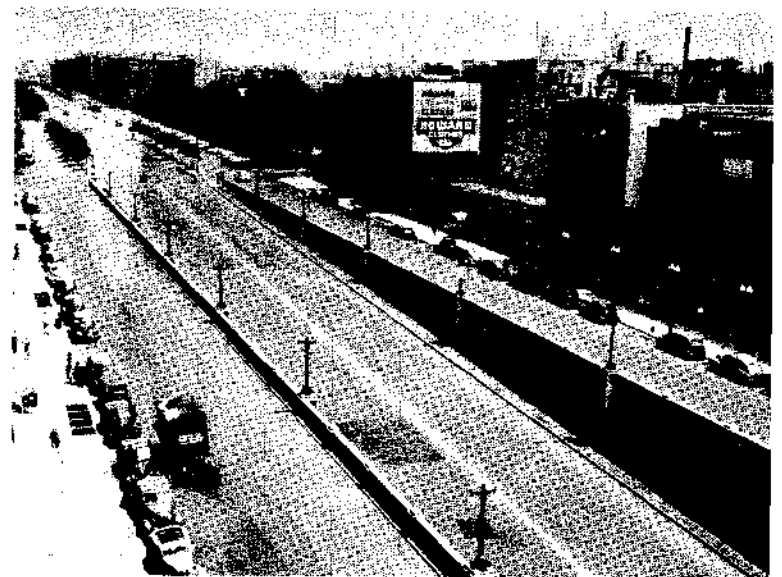


MAP OF NEW YORK CITY - CENTRAL PARK

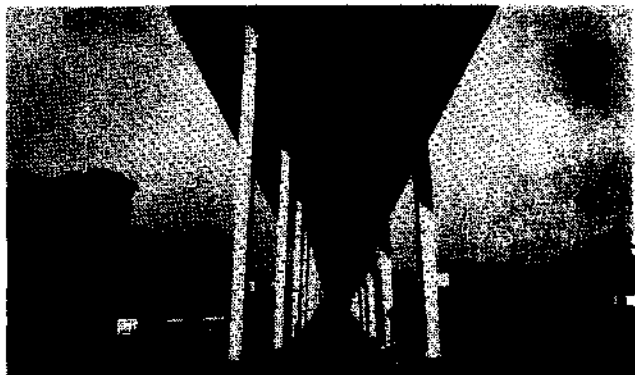




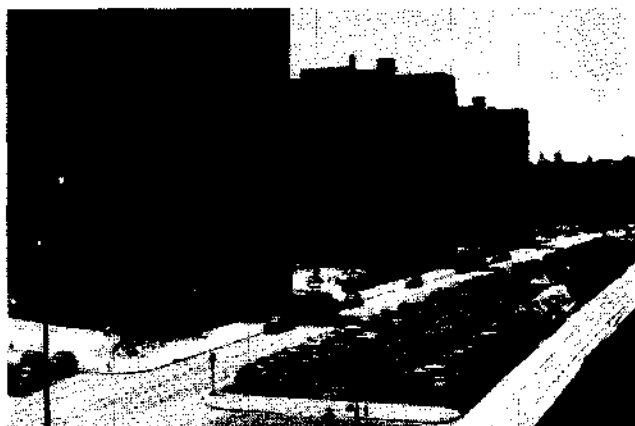
1. The Olmsted plan for Central Park, 1870, showing transverse roads. 2. Queens Boulevard, Queens. 3. Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn. 4. Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. 5. Grand Concourse, Bronx.



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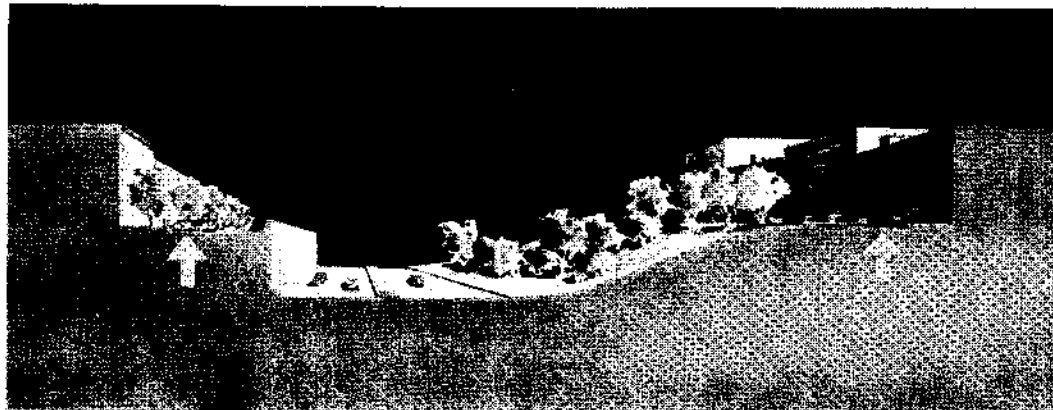
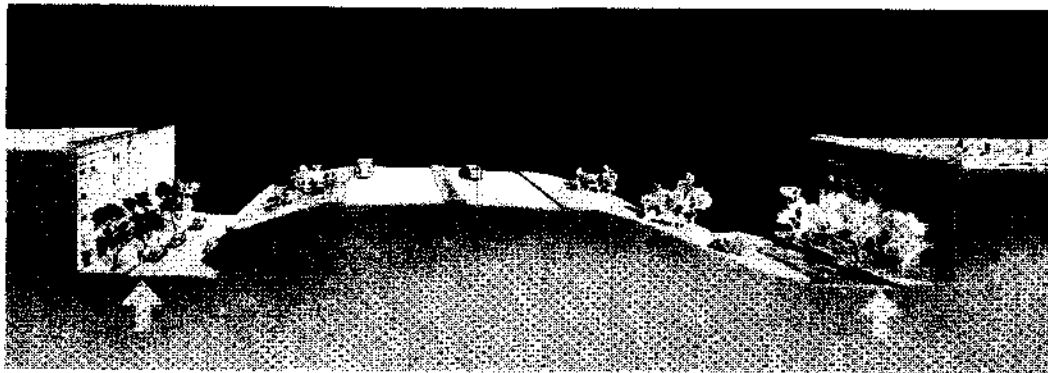
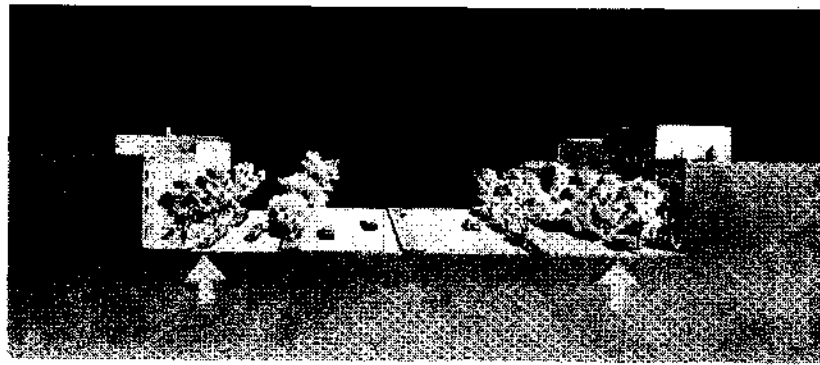
bye at the assembly line. Tomorrow the most magnificent suburban park system of modern times will be at our very doors, to be reached in a matter of minutes instead of hours. We shall be among the lucky people who can enjoy the advantages of urban compactness and the balm of the country without the efforts and expense which go with long journeys.

The fundamental principles of modern arterial design are now fairly well established. Grand Central Parkway in Queens set the pace. The Belt Parkway system in Queens and Brooklyn followed. The Gowanus Improvement in Brooklyn, built by the Triborough Bridge Authority, recognized the need for parking in this congested industrial area and provided for it on a grand scale, with four to six elevated express lanes and ten surface lanes most of the way. The Hutchinson River and Henry Hudson Parkways in the Bronx include adequate service roads for local use and parking, and walks and play facilities to keep children and pedestrians safe and out of the way of heavy traffic and car storage. The West Side Highway in Manhattan is an elevated structure with substantial room for local traffic and parking below it along the lower Hudson River industrial waterfront of Manhattan. The area to be occupied by the new market on the west side is during certain periods one of the most congested sections of the city, but plans for this market will measurably cure over-crowding and provide for reasonably adequate local parking. Above 72nd Street the Henry Hudson Parkway was designed so as to make Riverside Drive available for local traffic and parking for the adjacent community. In the same way the new Shore Parkway at Bay Ridge has left the old Shore Drive for local use. The East River and future Harlem River Drives divert through traffic from the older interior avenues to the waterfront where express travel is possible and at the same time provide for marginal industrial and residential travel and parking. These are a few conspicuous examples of the relationship between modern arterial improvements and the parking problem. The new parkways limited to passenger vehicles and the expressway designed for mixed traffic, on the federal, state and city maps, will complete the pattern.

Almost every time a new bridge or tunnel is built with its approaches and arterial tie-ups, an old ferry with its attendant congestion and delays goes out of business. The Triborough Bridge

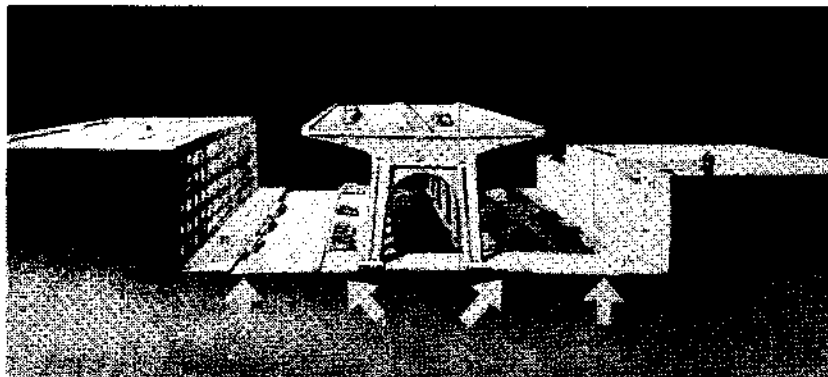
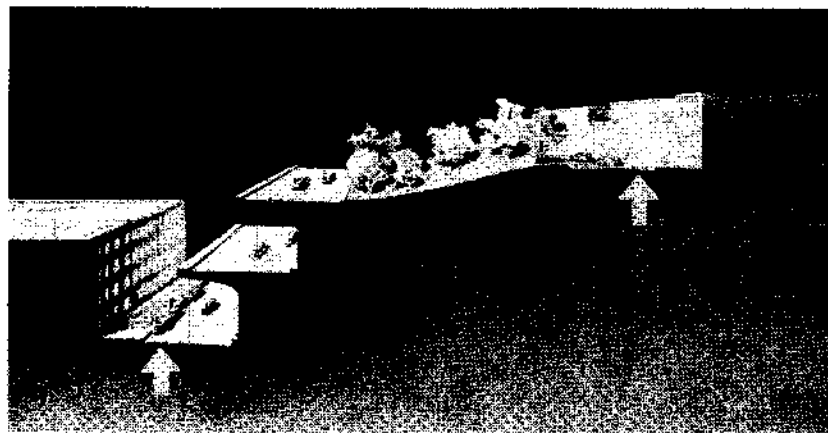


1. Gowanus Parkway, Brooklyn.
2. Park Avenue center malls, now used for parking, site of future expressway. Ft. Greene Houses in background, Brooklyn.
3. Eastern Boulevard, Bronx.
4. Queens Boulevard, near Kew Gardens, Queens.



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Typical parkway and expressway cross-sections showing parking on service roads.



ended the Randalls, Wards and Astoria ferries. The Marine Parkway Bridge finished the Rockaway ferry at Flatbush Avenue, the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge ended the life of the College Point ferry, the Port Authority tunnels and bridges put a crimp in several ferries if they did not entirely finish them, and so on.

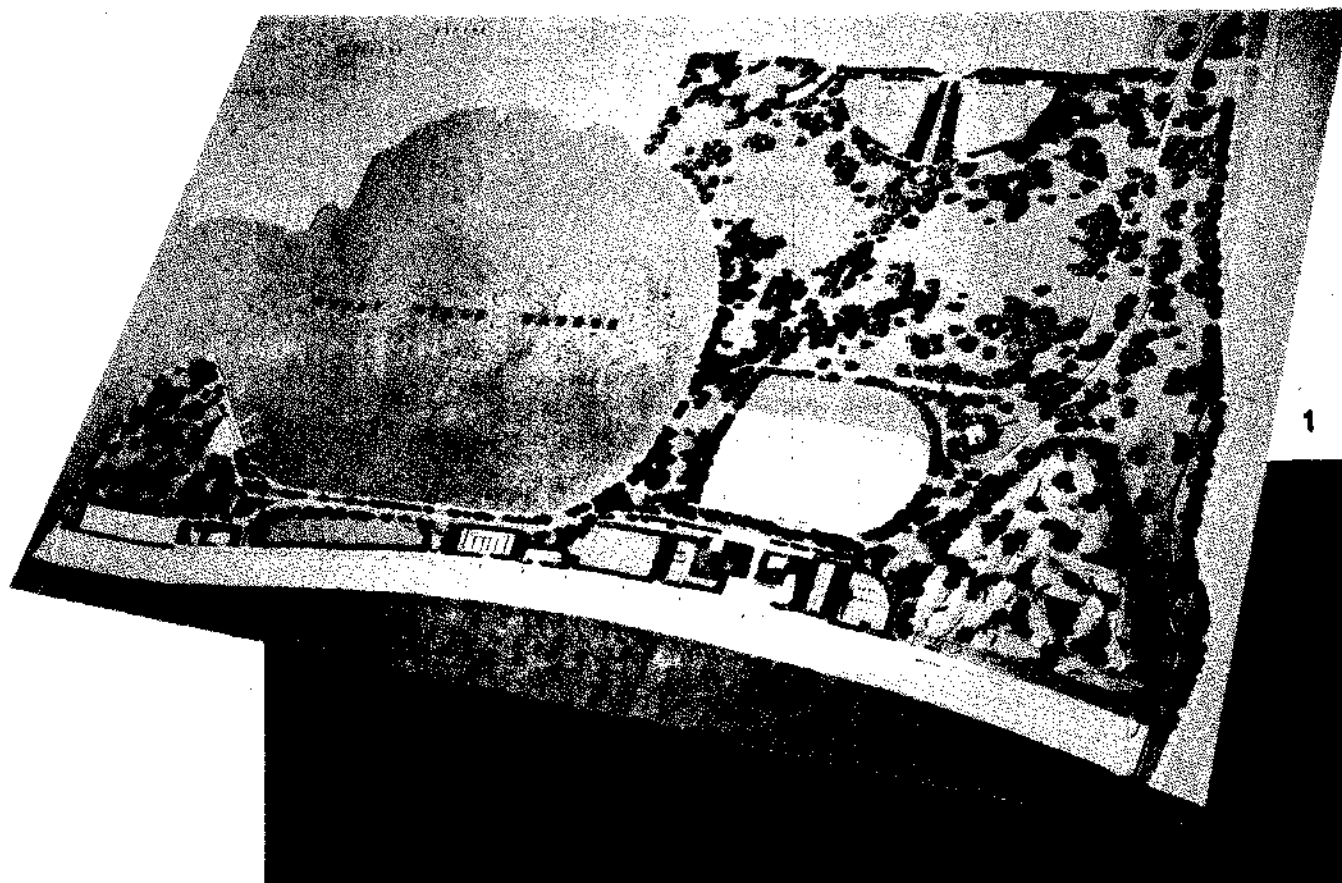
Railroad grade crossing eliminations have also played their part in promoting the flow of traffic, easing congestion and providing parking. The Atlantic Avenue Improvement has given us a new wide boulevard with two parking lanes. The Rockaway Elimination and the Rockaway Improvement sponsored by the park, parkway and borough authorities opened up the Rockaway Peninsula, reduced traffic congestion and added many acres of summer parking space.

Our postwar plans include the removal of many miles of trolley tracks, and the substitution of buses which stop at curbs, are maneuverable and do not tie up traffic, for trolleys which are responsible for a goodly share of our present difficulties. Buses bring some troubles of their own, but there is a clear net gain in this exchange.

The City of New York as a matter of established principle builds parking fields if they are needed in connection with its recreation facilities. Parking 200 cars in an open lot requires an acre of ground, and at most 180 cars can be parked per acre in a garage building. The huge fields at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach are cases

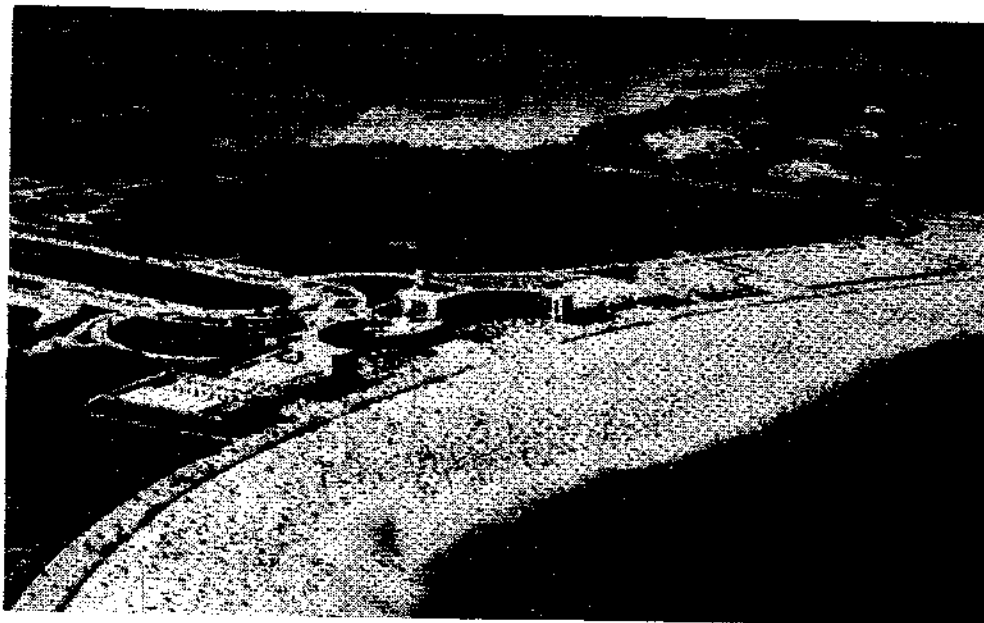
in point. The parking facilities at Randall's Island Stadium, Cunningham and Alley Pond Parks, Flushing Meadow Park on the site of the former World's Fair and others on a smaller scale are further evidences that the problem has not been neglected where it is capable of solution. As a matter of fact, the Jacob Riis field with a capacity of 13,000 cars has not been filled more than half a dozen times since it was built. At least three World's Fair fields were never filled and one never had a customer in it. The largest World's Fair field now used by the Army will be cut down to less than one tenth of its size after the war. Incidentally, the Army can testify that our parkway system, from which the Germans and Italians got most of their ideas for their autobahnen and strada, have served admirably for convoys and other vehicular military movements in World War II.

Plans are now being made for additional postwar parking areas at Coney Island, Rockaway Beach and South Beach on Staten Island where we know they will be needed at least forty or fifty days in the year. These fields will be built adjacent to recreation facilities so that cars will be stored within easy walking distance. In this connection it should be remembered that ten years ago the city attempted to charge for parking at a number of centrally located city parks (including Prospect Park in Brooklyn and Central Park in Manhattan), and that there was such pub-

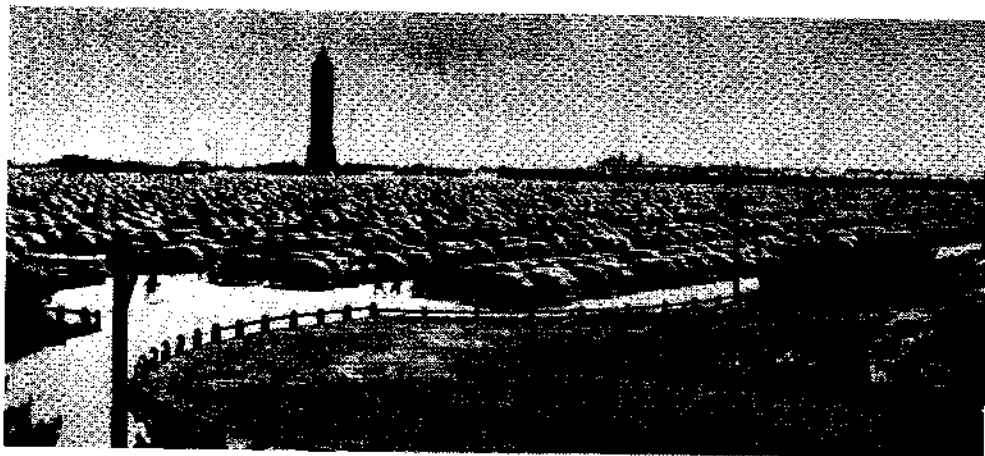


1. Proposed postwar Great Kills Park, Richmond. Beach, bath-house, pitch-putt golf, athletic fields, playgrounds and parking.
2. Orchard Beach, Bronx. 3. Jones Beach parking field, Long Island. 4. Jacob Riis Park Beach, Queens.

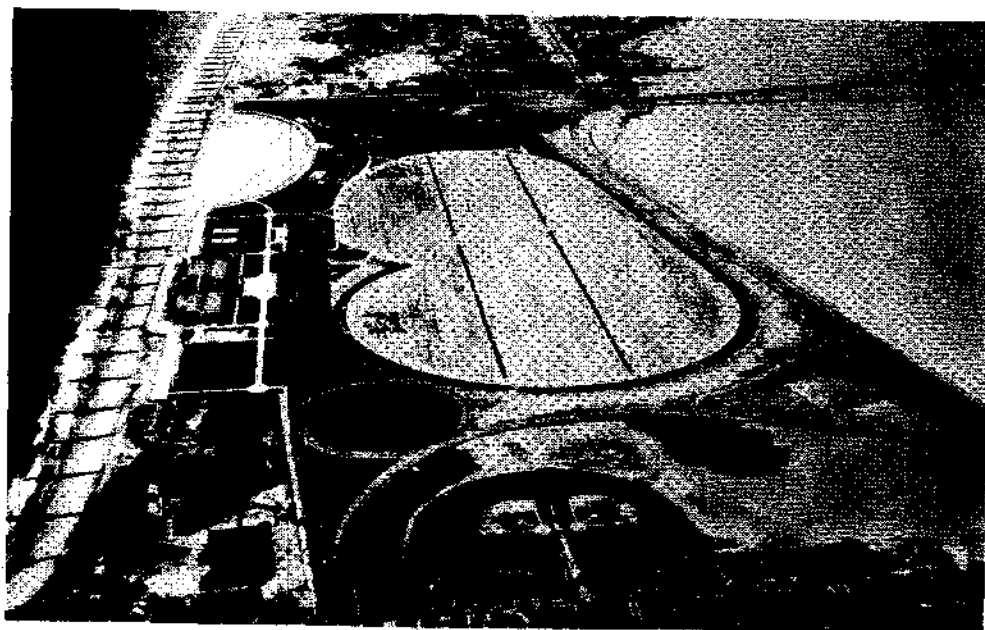
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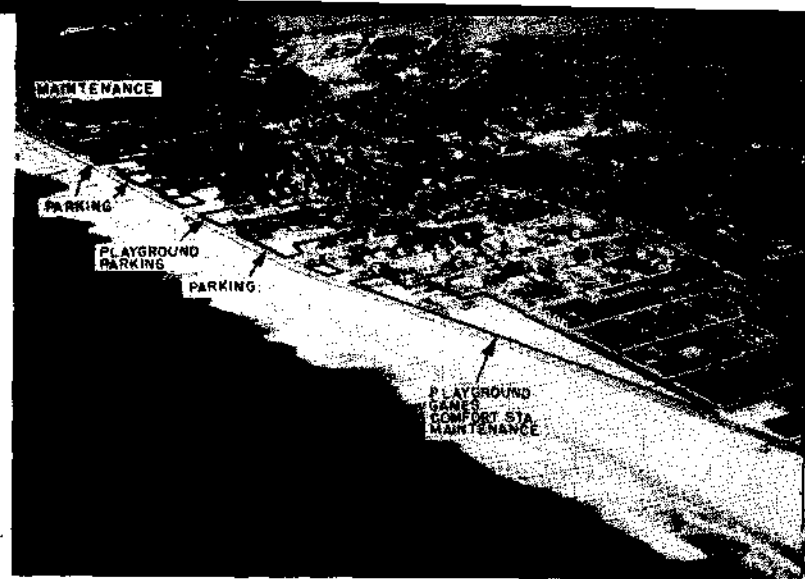


lic disapproval that the policy was abandoned. Revenues from parking fields are not what they are popularly supposed to be. Even in the state park system we have found as the result of twenty years' experience that parking charges at public beaches and outlying parks with picnicking facilities rarely exceed operating costs except during the three months of summer.

Some of our parking problems are temporary. An example is the congestion around the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn due to greatly increased employment which will taper off after the war. In the meantime the temporary malls on the Park Avenue section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway are being used as parking fields. Later, these malls will be dug up for the depressed roadway and the service roads which are now used for through traffic will be available for local traffic and parking.

Most of our really congested areas are well served by rapid transit, and the overwhelming majority who work in, frequent or visit these areas are provided for by the rapid transit system. The number of people who can be transported in private passenger vehicles will always be small even if taxicabs are included in the list. In this respect New York is immeasurably better off than many other cities which have no mass transportation facilities or inadequate ones, where the old central business sections are drying up because it is so difficult to get into and out of them.

Publicly owned and operated garages are constantly urged as the complete solution of our parking problem. The proponents of this idea shut their eyes to the fact that sufficient public parking garages to meet the problem in these areas would have to be built on land of such high value that all kinds of uses in addition to automobile storage would be required to lift these projects out of the red. A public garage must furnish gasoline and oil, make at least minor repairs on cars and sell accessories and gadgets to secure the additional revenue needed to offset the losses involved in storing cars without service. Such garages would also have to be operated twenty-four hours a day to be financially successful. In most business and industrial districts congestion exists only during working hours, and there is little demand for multiple use. In other words, as a business, a public garage is usually a magnet to draw cars off the streets in order to sell incidental profitable maintenance and repair services, and the tail really wags the dog. Prudent taxpayers will agree that



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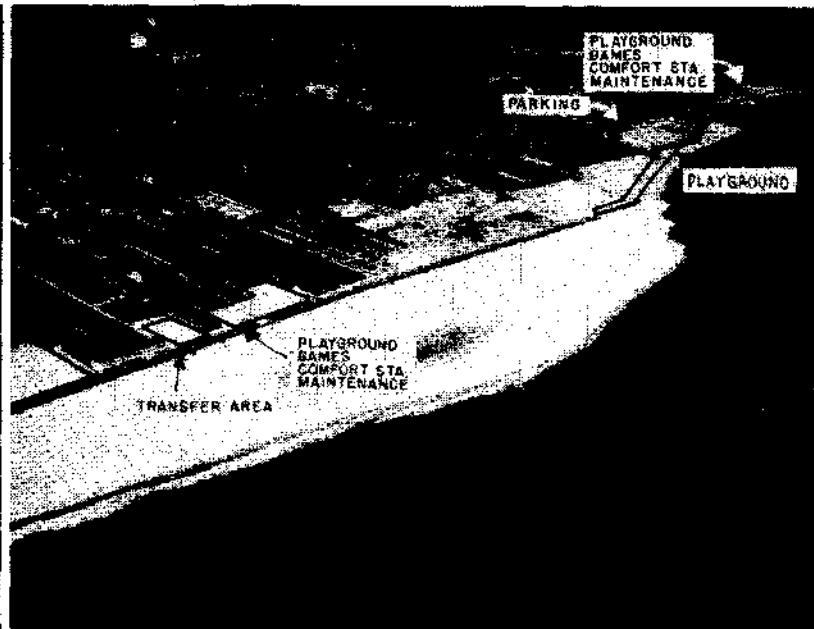
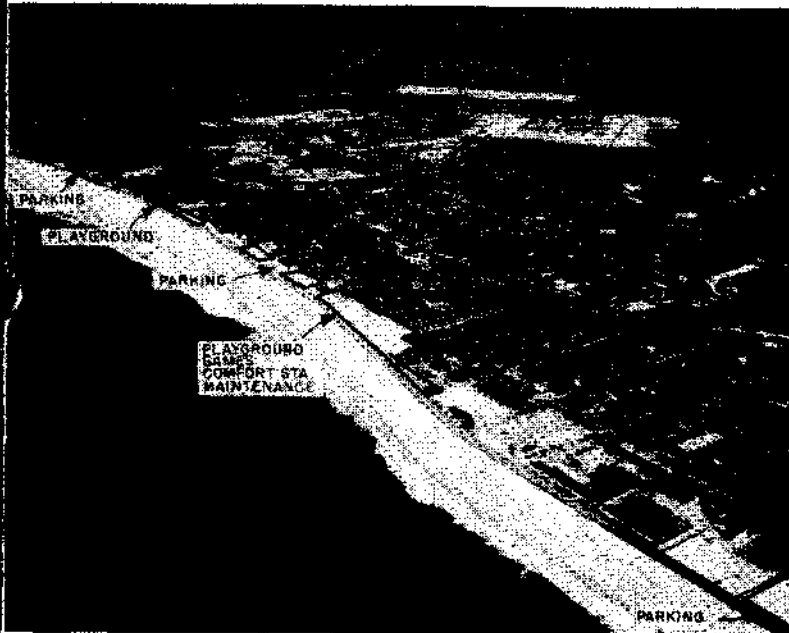


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1. Aerial views of Rockaway Beach from Hammels to Far Rockaway showing proposed playgrounds, maintenance groups and parking fields, Queens. 2. Overlook parking field at Henry Hudson Parkway near 96th Street, Manhattan. 3. Parking field in Cunningham Park, Queens. 4. Overlook parking field on Grand Central Parkway near La Guardia field, Queens. 5. Air view of World's Fair showing north parking field. 6. Parking field in Alley Park, Queens.



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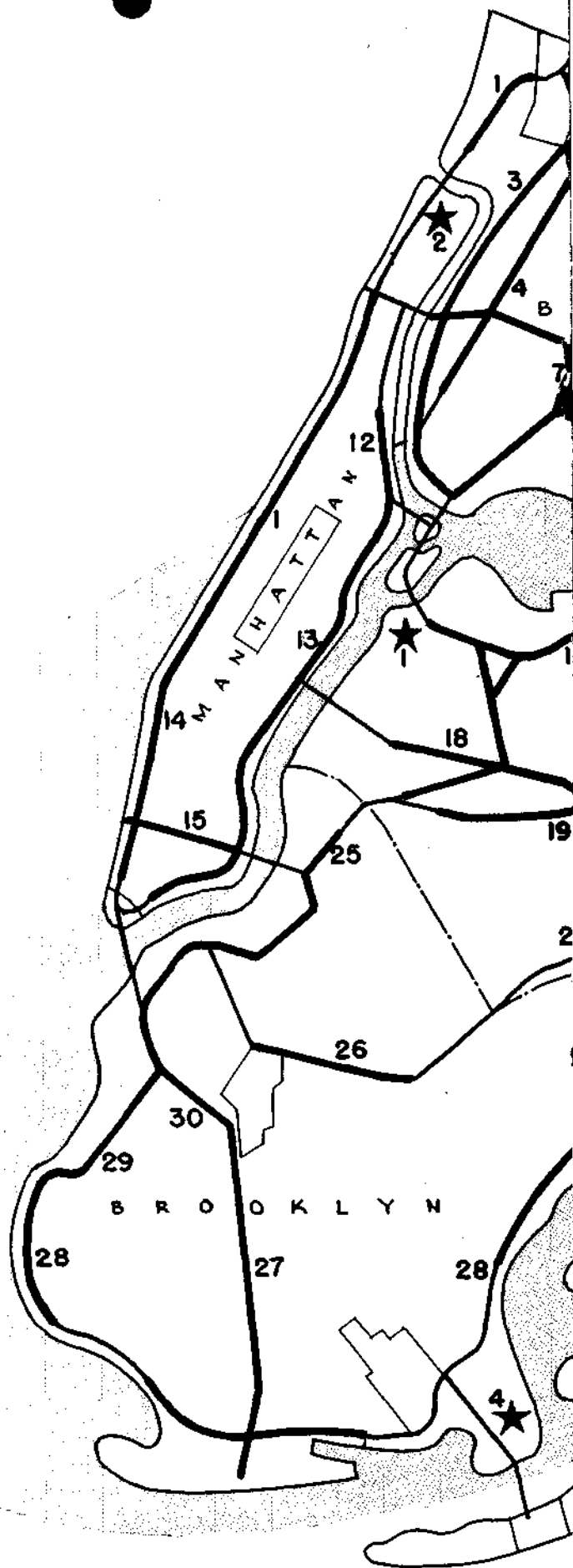
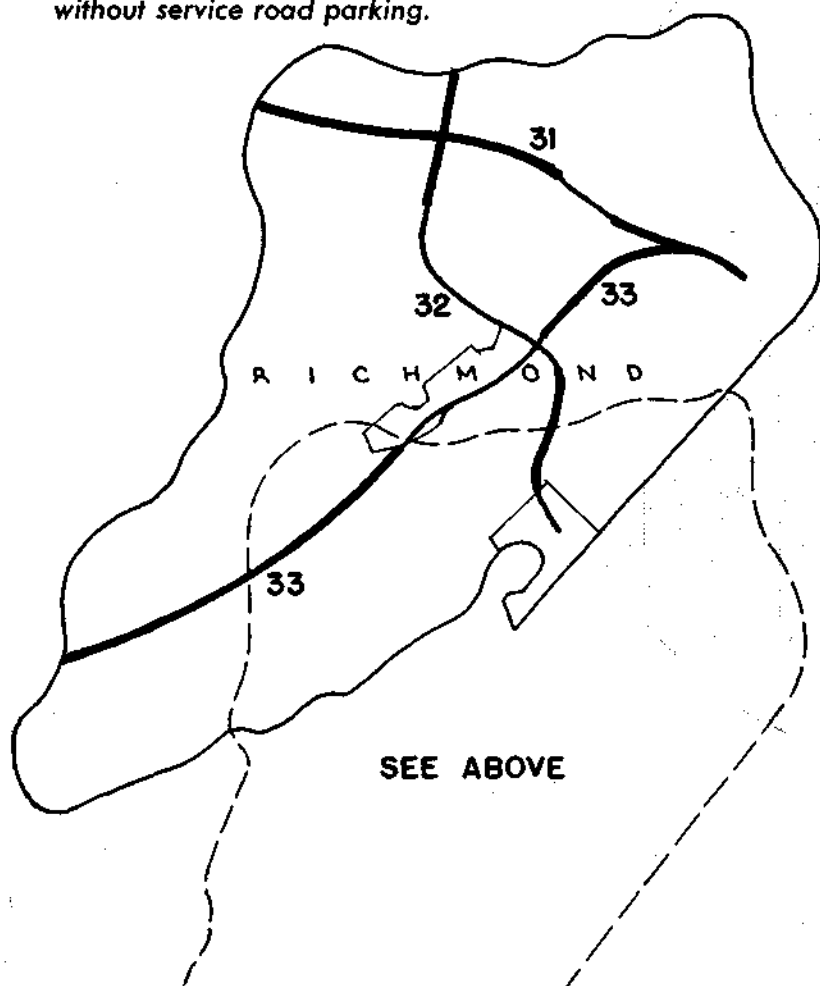


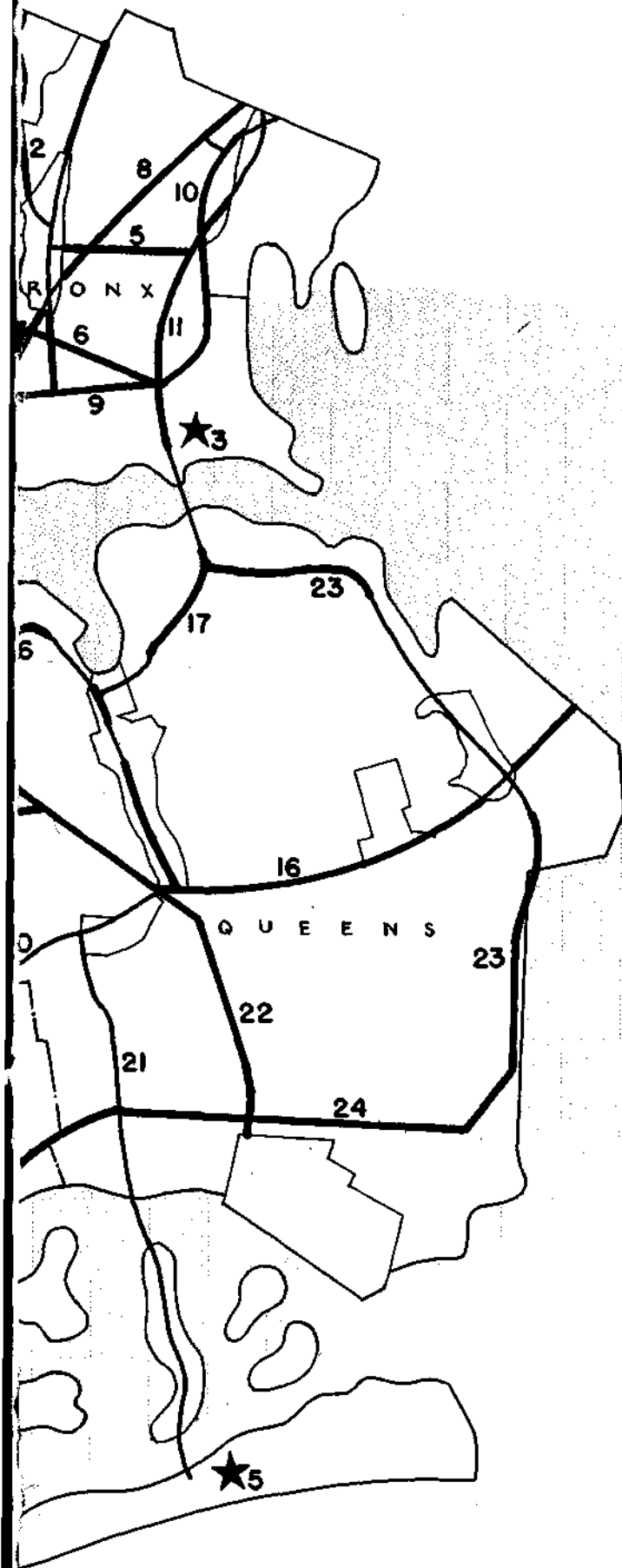
1. Henry Hudson Parkway. 2. Mosholu Parkway. 3. Putnam Expressway. 4. Grand Concourse. 5. Bronx and Pelham Parkway. 6. Cross-Bronx Expressway. 7. Bronx River Expressway. 8. Boston Road. 9. Eastern Boulevard. 10. New England Thruway. 11. Hutchinson River Parkway. 12. Harlem River Drive. 13. East River Drive. 14. Miller Highway. 15. Williamsburg Expressway. 16. Grand Central Parkway. 17. Whitestone Parkway. 18. Queens Boulevard. 19. Queens Midtown Expressway. 20. Interborough Parkway. 21. Cross Bay Boulevard. 22. Van Wyck Expressway. 23. Cross Island Parkway. 24. Southern Parkway. 25. Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. 26. Eastern Parkway. 27. Ocean Parkway. 28. Shore Parkway. 29. Gowanus Parkway. 30. Prospect Expressway. 31. Clove Lakes Expressway. 32. Willowbrook Parkway. 33. Richmond Parkway.

EXISTING AND POSTWAR

———— Major Arterial
with service road parking.

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there is no reason why the City with its many more urgent postwar commitments involving traffic relief, should enter the garage business in competition with private owners, and invest millions of dollars in hazardous enterprises which depend for their success on side lines not adapted to exploitation by civil service employees.

A search has been made to determine if there are locations in the city where there is a need for public garages which cannot be met by private enterprise. Let us call the roll by boroughs. In Richmond the only really serious and persistent traffic and parking problem is at the St. George Ferry Terminal, a problem complicated by topography. Here a plan for reconstruction estimated to cost over seven million dollars is being made to provide better access and circulation at a completely rebuilt ferry, railroad and car terminal system. The new plan will be designed to include parking facilities. At extreme peaks there will still be some congestion, but it will occur so infrequently that building of extraordinary facilities to meet these occasional demands cannot be justified.

In the Bronx, many miles of new expressway and parkways will be built with flanking service roads immediately after the war. Some of these will cut through highly developed areas and will relieve the traffic congestion on nearby local streets. I have searched for possible locations for needed publicly owned garages in the Bronx and find none where the problem cannot be measurably solved by private enterprise.

As to Queens, the most serious parking needs are in Jamaica, Flushing and Long Island City. I have examined what seem to be likely sites in these areas and have concluded that there need be no publicly operated garages in these communities. Present privately operated parking fields will meet the demand until economic conditions encourage private capital to replace open lots with parking garages and incidental services. Private enterprise is planning just such construction. It will reach substantial proportions not only in Queens but elsewhere in the city if reasonable zoning adjustments are made. Some of these temporary storage facilities will be provided in conjunction with a store or a factory for the use of employees and customers. At least one large Manhattan department store is already making plans for branches in Jamaica and Flatbush to include roof parking reached by ramps.

In Brooklyn, additional parking facilities are

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required in the neighborhood of Borough Hall. We canvassed the possibility of building an underground public garage in Cadman Plaza, and concluded that the cost will be too great. The new plan for the Plaza will include surface marginal parking lanes and areas without detracting from the appearance, dignity and pedestrian use of this civic center. The new arterial improvements in downtown Brooklyn will relieve to a substantial degree parking congestion just off the center, and private enterprise should provide additional garages where they are needed.

The big problem of course, is in downtown and midtown Manhattan. It is obvious that further widening of existing surface streets cannot do the trick. The great need is for new express cross arteries running east and west to loosen up congestion. Elevated highways in the middle of existing streets offer no help. They are opposed by nearly everyone and have no influential friends. Elevated highways running through buildings, while practical from an engineering standpoint and on paper not prohibitively expensive, also have too many enemies. Few owners of buildings would dedicate rights-of-way or sell them to the City at fair figures, and there is no experience to indicate what awards the Courts would make in condemnation.

The State and Federal postwar highway system includes an expressway across downtown Manhattan between the Williamsburg Bridge and the Holland Tunnel and new Washington Market, running largely through distressed slum property. The Borough President of Manhattan proposes that this elevated expressway connect primarily with the Manhattan Bridge with a spur to the Williamsburg Bridge. The Manhattan Bridge connection is opposed by the New York City Tunnel Authority and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on the ground that it would interfere unduly with the traffic and revenues of the future Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel. In any event it is clear that there will be an express elevated highway with additional surface facilities across the lower end of Manhattan Island and north of the marginal river-front artery.

On the other hand, no entirely satisfactory and at the same time practical solution has been advanced for the midtown section of Manhattan, either on the surface or over or under ground. A tunnel deep in the ground under the subways between the Lincoln and the Queens Midtown tubes is no answer because, in addition to being

financially premature, it would be accessible only at the two river fronts.

If we cannot drive a new genuine expressway across the midtown hotel, shopping, office building and theatrical sections, we can at least approach the center of Manhattan from both rivers. This can be done by providing terminals at the Lincoln and Queens Midtown tunnel plazas. Arrangements have therefore been made with the State Postwar Public Works Planning Commission to advance design funds to the Port of New York Authority to complete plans for a bus and automobile terminal with related services near the Lincoln Tunnel Plaza, that is in the neighborhood of Ninth Avenue and 40th Street. This terminal will provide accommodations for loading and unloading long distance and suburban passengers and baggage; parking facilities for buses in the basement; stores, restaurants, and concessions incidental to travel; space for ticket sellers, information booths and offices for officials of the bus companies; and possibly parking space for private cars. The State has also advanced funds to the New York City Tunnel Authority for preliminary plans for a similar bus terminal and car parking garage near the portal of the Queens-Midtown Tunnel somewhere in the vicinity of Third Avenue and 36th Street. At the same time an appropriation has been made for general plans for a similar terminal at the Manhattan outlet of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel north of Battery Place. These projects will require close cooperation between the two Authorities, various state and city agencies, private concerns and utility companies.

Congestion in midtown and downtown Manhattan will be relieved if the store and loft building operators increase the volume of trucking at night with the resulting decrease of loading and unloading on the side streets in the daytime. Some of the larger stores already are making plans to restrict heavy trucking to distribution warehouses out of the congested midtown area and confine day-time trucking to and from the stores to smaller trucks. The Port of New York and New York City Tunnel Authorities have a good chance to get this business in their new terminals.

We canvassed the possibility of underground garages at Union and Madison Squares and other similar areas and found that subways, conduits, water pipes, sewers and other subsurface structures interfered. We tried a paper scheme to convert the old Tombs and Criminal Courts sites

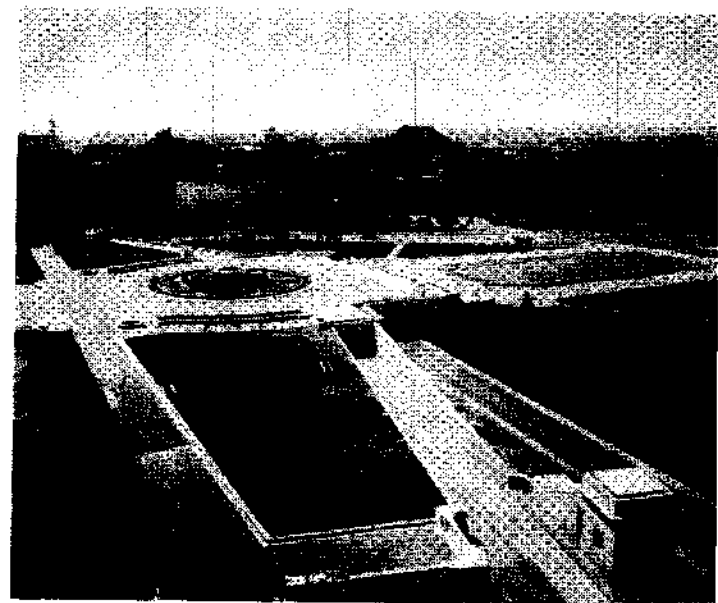


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1. Aerial views of Manhattan showing proposed bus and automobile terminals near Lincoln, Queens and Battery tunnels. 2. Parking area at Greyhound bus terminal near Pennsylvania station. 3. Parking garage, Washington, D. C. Exterior and interior.



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north of City Hall in lower Manhattan into an under and over ground garage with the roof used as a slightly elevated Police Memorial park, but found it wholly uneconomical. A two-story ramp garage would accommodate at most 400 cars, and these would be largely vehicles of public officials and employees. The benefits would be out of all proportion to the cost of construction and upkeep. The city can provide surface street parking around the Police Memorial Park without going into the garage business. We could find no other Manhattan locations to suggest for public garages.

The parking garage in Rockefeller Center is an outstanding example of convenient garaging in midtown Manhattan. It should be understood, however, that this facility is operated primarily as a service to the Center's customers and tenants, and not as a money making enterprise. The rates charged at this garage are higher than could be established and sustained for a publicly owned facility. Similar structures should be encouraged, but they prove nothing as to public operation. Even if it doesn't pay, one private parking garage isn't too great a contribution for the planners of Rockefeller Center to make toward relieving the congestion which inevitably followed the substitution of a group of skyscrapers for an opera house and an arcaded Italian piazza. There is an inevitable price for such remarkable institutions as Radio City, and until New York ceases to take pride in them their magnetic influence will draw crowds and to some extent clog our streets.

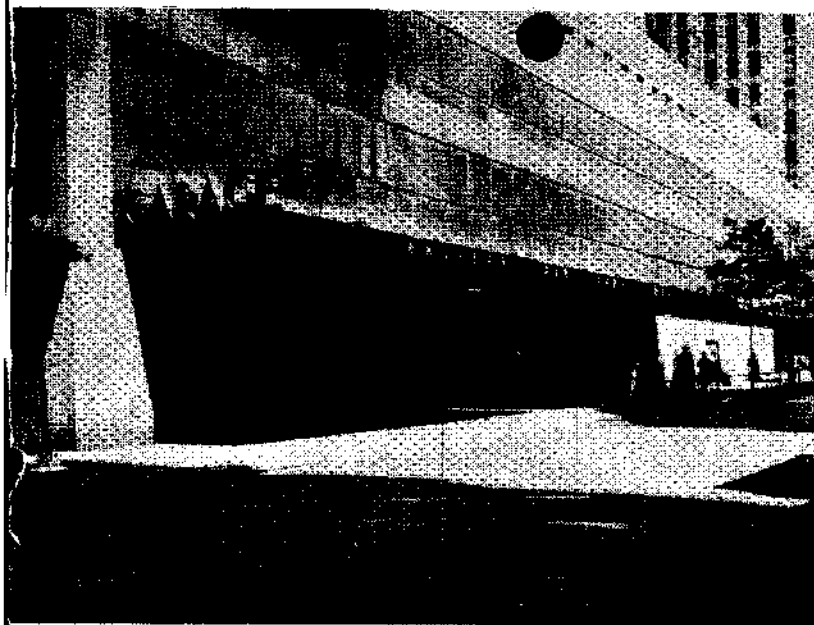
The underground parking facilities constructed by agreement with the City of San Francisco under Union Square Park are often pointed to as outstanding examples of successful publicly owned and operated garages. Anyone who knows the extraordinary topography of San Francisco will realize that there was a reason to spend considerable money at this particular location which would not be controlling elsewhere. Aside from the exceptional conditions which prompted the construction of this project, it is not a strictly public enterprise. While the City furnished the easements and gets some revenue on this account, private business enterprises in the neighborhood participated in the financing and are being repaid by common stock dividends and increased service for their customers. It is a curious fact, rarely discussed with frankness, that in cities like Los Angeles, recent traffic surveys have

had as their purpose bringing more traffic into the heart of the City, and adding to congestion and parking problems in order to restore and sustain business and tax value. This is another way of saying quite a few important centers live on congestion. This is a home truth which the busy little decentralizers might put in their feverish bonnets.

The underground public garage in Washington near the Capitol was constructed at great cost and is used by only a few cars of public officials. The total capacity is 214 cars and this obviously cannot be cited as an example of public enterprise to be followed blindly elsewhere. In Pittsburgh, attempts have repeatedly been made to find good places for public garages, but it was finally decided to establish surface parking facilities along the marginal riverfront traffic arteries. These have been fairly satisfactory. Arterial improvements rather than public garages will save Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle from traffic suffocation.

It may be a trifle late, but we can congratulate ourselves that no public building is being planned without due regard for traffic and parking of tomorrow. Public and private redevelopment and limited dividend housing projects and the larger real estate subdivisions and speculative developments are in some measure controlled by the City Planning Commission, which insists upon wide surrounding streets with service roads and usually additional parking facilities for tenants and visitors. The smaller private developments are not as carefully regulated. Here we are dependent on jacking up low zoning regulations. We live under an obsolete pioneer zoning resolution devised thirty years ago in the face of public scepticism and legal uncertainties, and little improved since that time. This scheme is so loose and weak that if every advantage were taken of it, we would have a population of seventy million people. Our present code invites more overcrowding and the sooner we tighten it and raise our standards, the better off we shall be.

The Planning Commission should give careful study to the possibility of amendments to the zoning resolution which would permit the construction of parking garages at needed locations throughout the city. Such a proposal would have to be done carefully so that it would not adversely affect existing conditions in these neighborhoods. Garages in apartment houses in residential areas have been satisfactory mainly because they

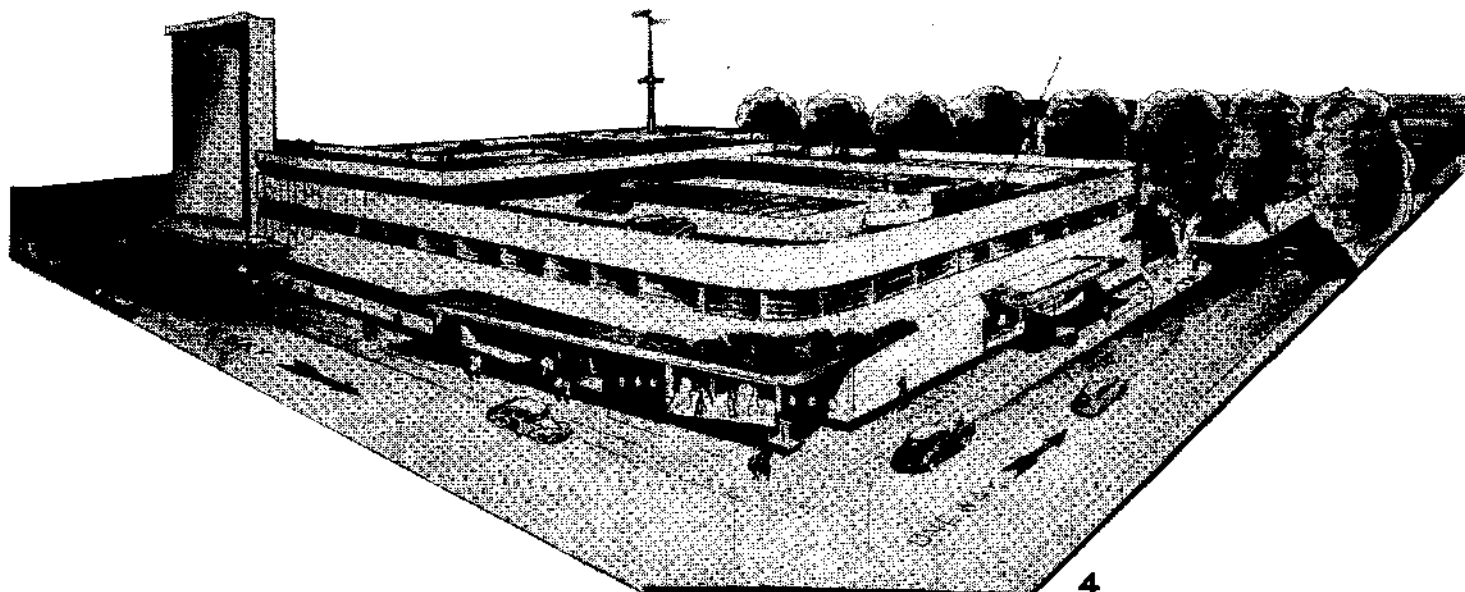


1. Entrance to Rockefeller Center garage, Manhattan. 2. Interior of Rockefeller Center garage. 3. Parking area operated by Sears Roebuck Store, Brooklyn. 4. Proposed department store, showing method of roof parking, Jamaica, Queens.

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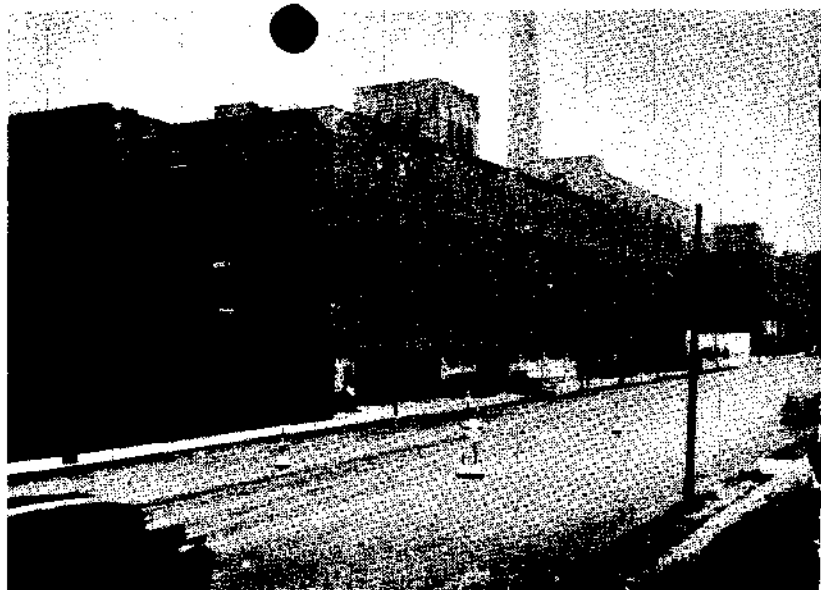
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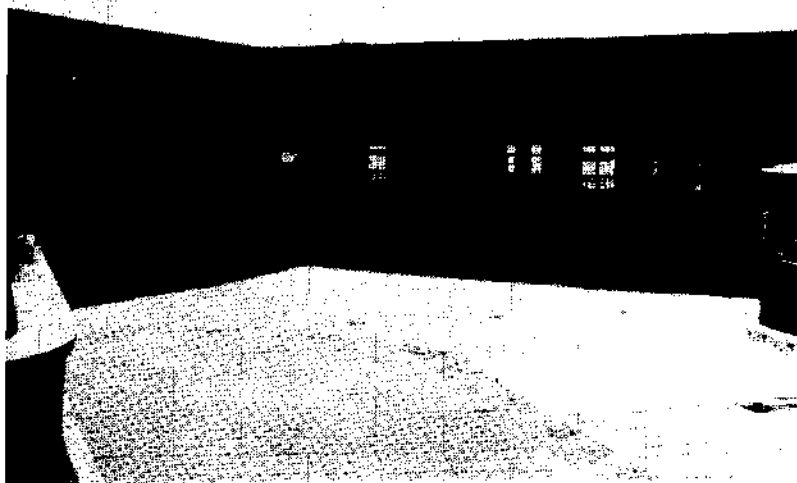
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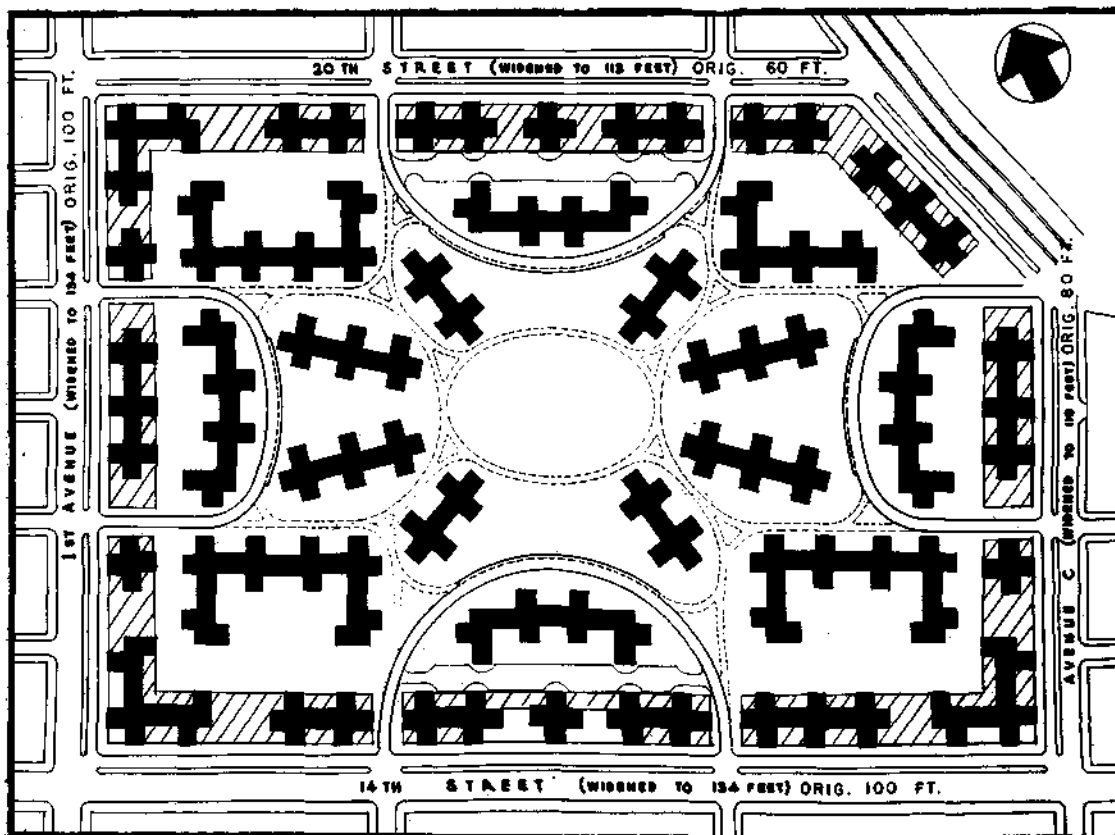


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1. Attached garage, apartment house, Brooklyn.
2. Garage, Parkchester Houses, Bronx. 3. Street Parking, Parkchester Houses, Bronx. 4. Attached garage, apartment house, Bronx. 5. Entrance to garage, Castle Village, Manhattan. 6. Proposed Stuyvesant Town showing street widening to permit parking and parking garages (crosshatched).



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have been designed carefully and often constructed so as not to interfere with the residential character of the neighborhood.

Any objective study of the parking problem provides no perfect answer to the peak load question. There will always be over-crowding of public facilities on streets, parks, beaches, and other public places during recurring and occasional extraordinary peak loads if these places are not over-designed and extravagantly built from the point of view of year-round usage. Private theaters, stores, race tracks, ball fields and other places of assembly are similarly overcrowded at certain hours, and shrewd business men deliberately count on and even encourage over-crowding because of the incidental advantages to them.

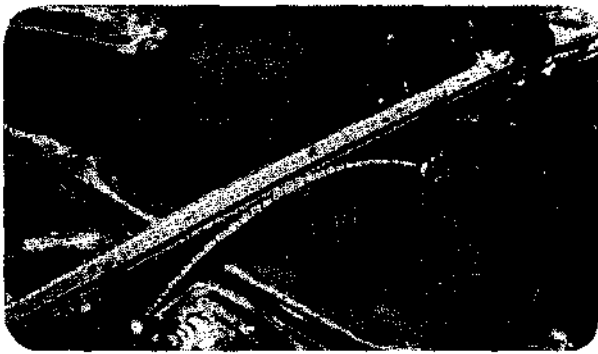
Summing up, the extent and seriousness of the parking problem in New York City has been exaggerated. The problem is acute only in exceptional small areas of great density. In some of these areas congestion is almost a business principle. The chief contribution of the city to the solution of the parking problem lies on the surface of the ground, not in buildings over or under it. Present and future boulevards, expressways and parkways with service roads and incidental parking facilities constitute our greatest single contribution. They draw through traffic off other roads and streets, provide for parking along their borders, save time and reduce the burden of policing. Future large scale housing developments, as well as parks and public beaches, will

have more adequate provision for traffic, parking and storage of cars, and zoning standards should be raised to require more adequate safeguards in the case of the smaller speculative building. Terminal parking buildings will be provided at the Manhattan plazas of the new tunnels. Other parking garages should be left to private enterprise, but each application should be carefully scrutinized as to its effect on the neighborhood. Roof parking and similar devices should be encouraged.

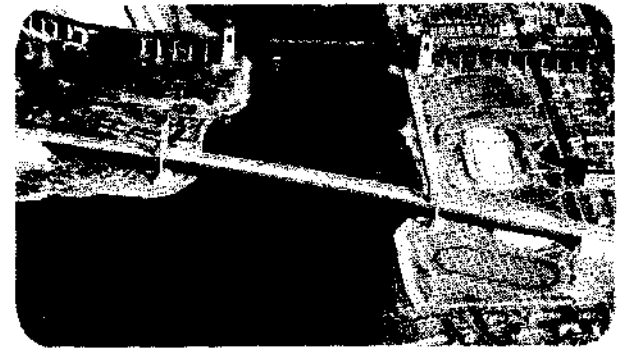
The City cannot afford to go into the construction and operation of public parking garages on a large scale. The total number of such garages which the City could afford to build and operate would not make a dent in the problem. There is no complete solution of the peak load problem except at prohibitive cost. New York City after the war will have an arterial and traffic system superior to that of any other large city. It will be comparatively easy to get into, out of and through town. Most people will be able to park in comfort except at peak hours and in a few congested areas. We may as well admit that we cannot provide the mobility and space which go with life on the open plains where as a steady diet a good many New Yorkers would be supremely unhappy.

Very truly yours,

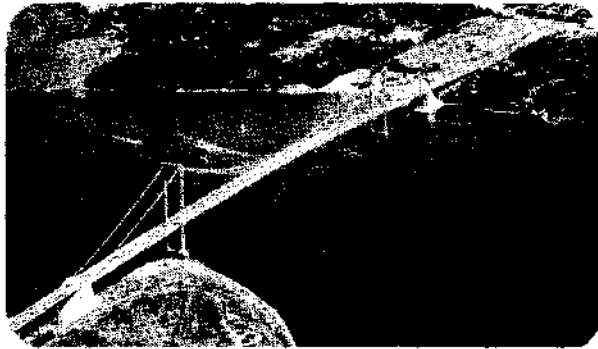
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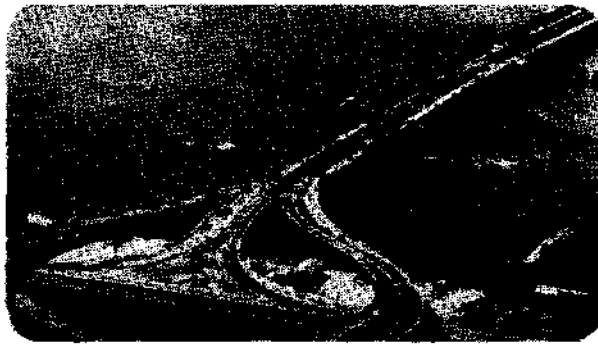
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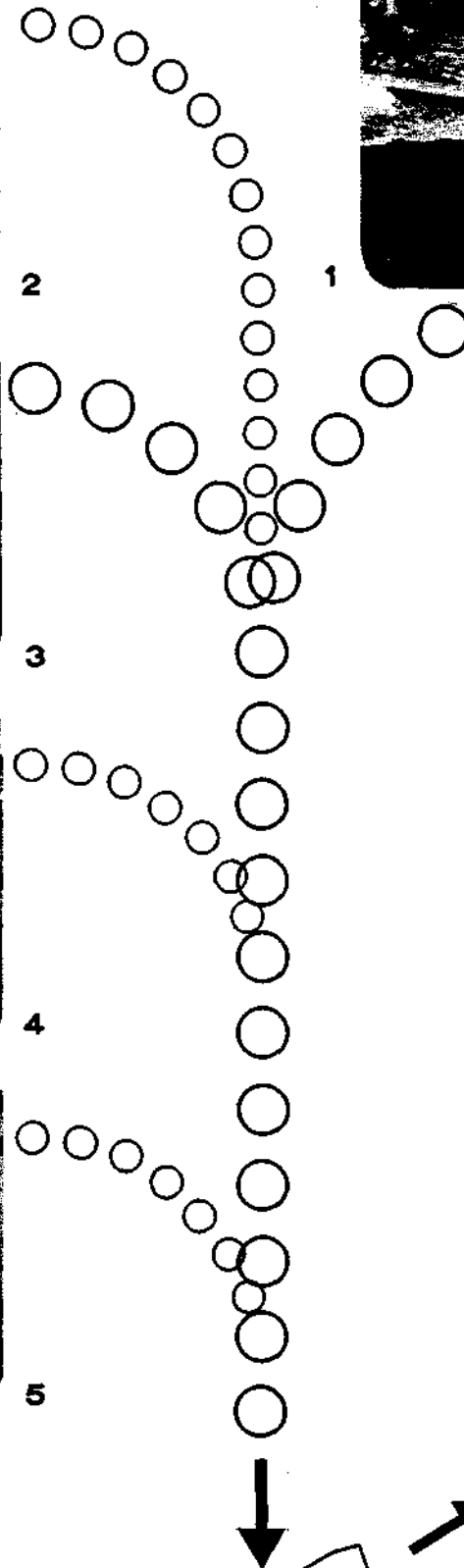
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1. Triborough Bridge
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3. Bronx-Whitestone Bridge
4. Marine Parkway Bridge
5. Cross Bay Bridge

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Sunday
July 9, 1944.

The Name Band Dances in the parks, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison System Companies, are now entering their third week, and are attracting thousands of people nightly at the parks where they are held. These dances are part of the extensive outdoor music program which has been planned for the summer in the city's parks. All dances start at 8:30 P.M.

The nationally known orchestras scheduled for the coming week are Lucky Millinder, Henry Jerome, Van Alexander, and Georgie Auld. On Monday, July 10th, Lucky Millinder and his Orchestra will play at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 153 Street, Manhattan. Millinder, young Harlem band leader, has made coast to coast appearances and has numerous recordings to his credit. He has been leading orchestras in his individual, animated style since he was seventeen years of age.

Another talented, young orchestra leader, Henry Jerome, will be heard on Tuesday, July 11th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens, and on Wednesday, July 12th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Jerome has a background of successful hotel and supper club engagements, and has developed an orchestra with a versatile and ebullient style.

On Thursday, July 13th, Van Alexander and his Orchestra will play at the Central Park Mall. Van Alexander has a national reputation as orchestra leader, song writer and pianist, and has demonstrated an ability for creating unusual arrangements. His musical group is known for a smooth style and draws on an exceptionally large library of their special arrangements.

Georgie Auld will play on Friday, July 14th, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Auld is another youngster in the ranks of orchestra leaders. Auld, who plays a hot tenor sax, leads a group of young musicians and is counted among top ranking stars by Downbeat, Metronome, and Orchestra World.

The following special events will take place in the parks
during the coming week:

Sunday, July 9th

- 2:00 P.M. Cricket, Canadian XI vs Joint Leagues XI at the Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island.
- 3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 150 Street, Queens.
- 8:00 P.M. Concert - Harlem Branch Y M C A at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 153 Street, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.

Monday, July 10th

- 6:30 P.M. Girls' Swimming Tournament, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship Events and Open Events at Crotona Pool, East 173 Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Lucky Millender's Orchestra at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 153 Street, Manhattan

Tuesday, July 11th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at East River Park at Rivington Street, Manhattan
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Henry Jerome's Orchestra at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens.
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associated Committee of the League of Composers at the Central Park Mall.

Wednesday, July 12th

- 6:30 P.M. Girls' Swimming Tournament, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship Events and Open Events at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Henry Jerome's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.
- 9:00 P.M. Concert - Associated Committee of the League of Composers at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

Thursday, July 13th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Van Alexander's Orchestra at the Central Park Mall.

Friday, July 14th

- 6:30 P.M. Girls' Swimming Tournament, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship Events and Open Events at Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173 Street, Manhattan.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Dancing - Georgie Auld's Orchestra at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street & Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Saturday, July 15th

- 8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
- 8:30 P.M. Concert - City Amateur Symphony at the Central Park Mall.

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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
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The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will start a series of one day stands in the playgrounds on July 5th. These summer shows are now in their fourth year. Daily performances are scheduled through September 9th.

The Marionette Theatre's presentation this season is "The Shoemaker and the Elves", a favorite fairy tale of all children. The show is complete in all the details which endear it to the child's heart - real furniture, tiny shoes, elves and fairies, and all the other realistic puppet people in their tiny, colorful clothes.

The Marionette Theatre, a portable stage on a trailer with the paintings of nursery characters on the exterior, is moved from playground to playground while on tour. It is equipped with amplification so that the youngsters can enjoy every fairy whisper. The puppeteers, all Department of Parks playground directors, create all the puppets, costumes, scenery and props in addition to manipulating the characters.

This week's shows will be given in Queens on Wednesday, July 5th, at the Forest Park Music Grove; on Thursday, July 6th, at Astoria Park, Ditmars Boulevard, 19 Street and 25 Avenue; on Friday, July 7th, at Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street; and on Saturday, July 8th, at Cunningham Park, Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway. There will be a show at 11 A.M. and at 3 P.M. at each location.

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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
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The Department of Parks announces that Peter Pan, the Magic Man with his bag of songs and tricks will make his initial appearance on Wednesday, July 5th, at 11 A.M. at Macomb's Road and Gobel Place Playground, Bronx. He will also appear on the same day at 3 P.M. at 166 Street and Morris Avenue Playground. During the week shows will be given on Thursday, July 6th, at 11 A.M. at 183 Street and Ryer Avenue Playground, at 3 P.M. at Devoe Playground, Fordham Road and University Avenue; on Friday, July 7th, at 11 A.M. at Watson and Gleason Avenues Playground, at 3 P.M. at 177 Street and Noble Avenue Playground; on Saturday, July 8th, at 11 A.M. at Crotona Park Playground near Marmion Avenue, and at 3 P.M. at Crotona Park Playground near Suburban Place.

The magic show is replete with magical tricks, disappearing objects, juggling and magic games. There is also a live rabbit who appears in a most astounding manner. A new character, Aleck, has joined the show this year. Aleck is the kind of boy who takes good care of his parks, and encourages his little friends to do the same by preventing vandalism, taking proper care of trees and shrubs, and using playground equipment only as it was meant to be used,

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The following special events will take place in the parks during the coming week:

Sunday, July 2nd

1:30 P.M. CYO Arch-Diocesan Track and Field Championships at Macombs Dam Park, Jerome Avenue and 161 Street, Bronx

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall.

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York, at Thomas Jefferson Park, 111 Street and First Avenue

Monday, July 3rd

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Art Paulson's Orchestra at Grover Cleveland Playground, Stanhope Street and Grandview Avenue, Queens

Tuesday, July 4th

1:00 P.M. Cricket - Cosmopolitan League vs New York League at the Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island

3:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Orchard Beach, Bronx

8:15 P.M. Naumburg Memorial Concert at the Central Park Mall

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove

Wednesday, July 5th

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Art Paulson's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx

8:30 P.M. Service Men's Dance at Heckscher Playground, Central Park

Thursday, July 6th

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Mitchell Ayres' Orchestra at the Central Park Mall

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove

8:30 P.M. Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York at Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and Rochester Avenues, Brooklyn

Friday, July 7th

8:30 P.M. Concert - Goldman Band at the Central Park Mall

8:30 P.M. Dancing - Mitchell Ayres' Orchestra at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Saturday, July 8th

8:30 P.M. Concert - City Amateur Symphony at the Central Park Mall

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The Department of Parks announces that work has started in connection with the development of two new playgrounds in Brooklyn. Both of the playgrounds lie between Monroe and Madison Streets, one at Summer Avenue and the other just west of Ralph Avenue.

The need for additional recreation facilities in this densely populated part of the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn was recognized before the war but work had to be delayed because of difficulties in securing construction materials.

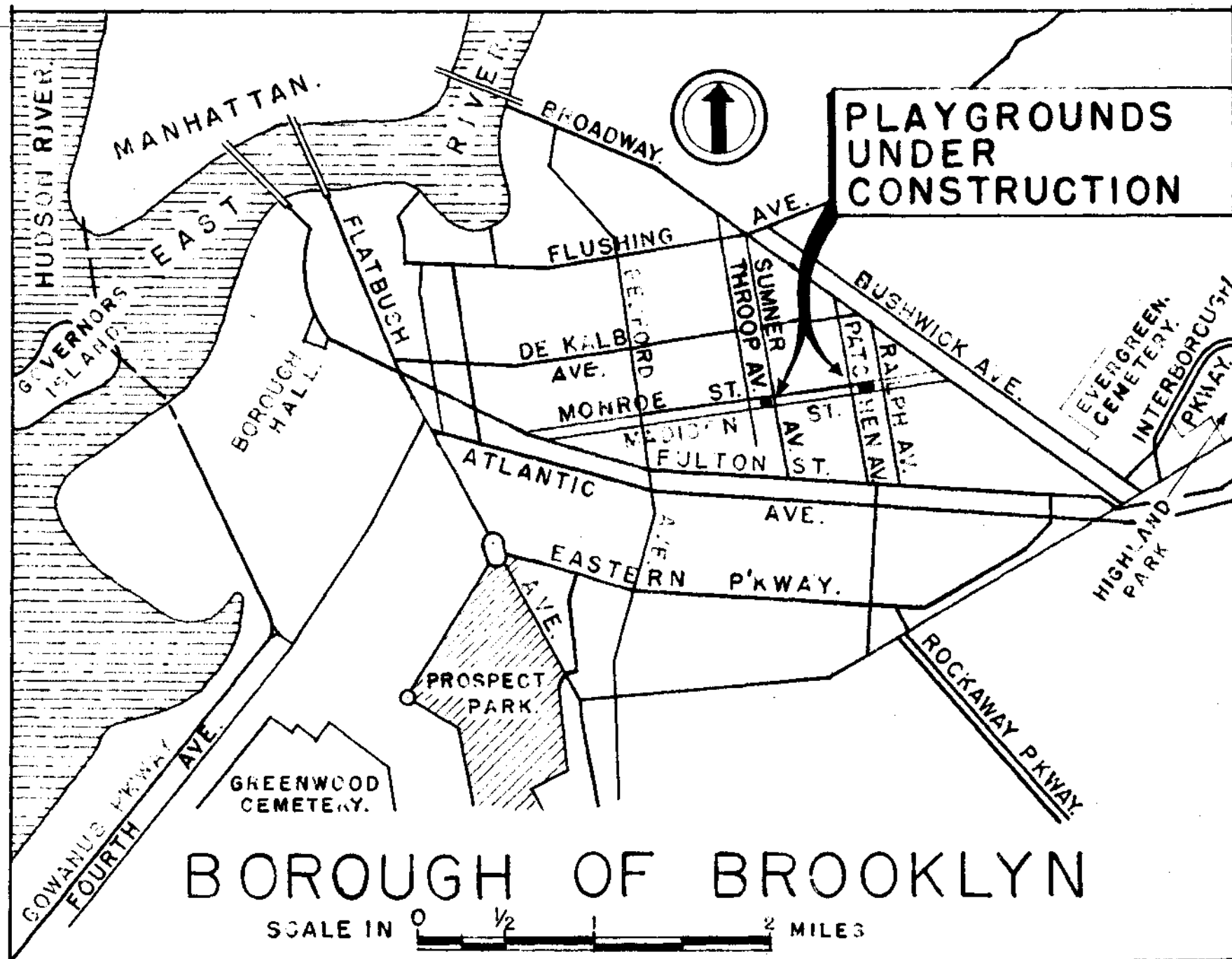
When completed both areas will have separate completely equipped playgrounds for pre-school and older children, handball courts, softball diamonds, a large free play area and a roller skating area.

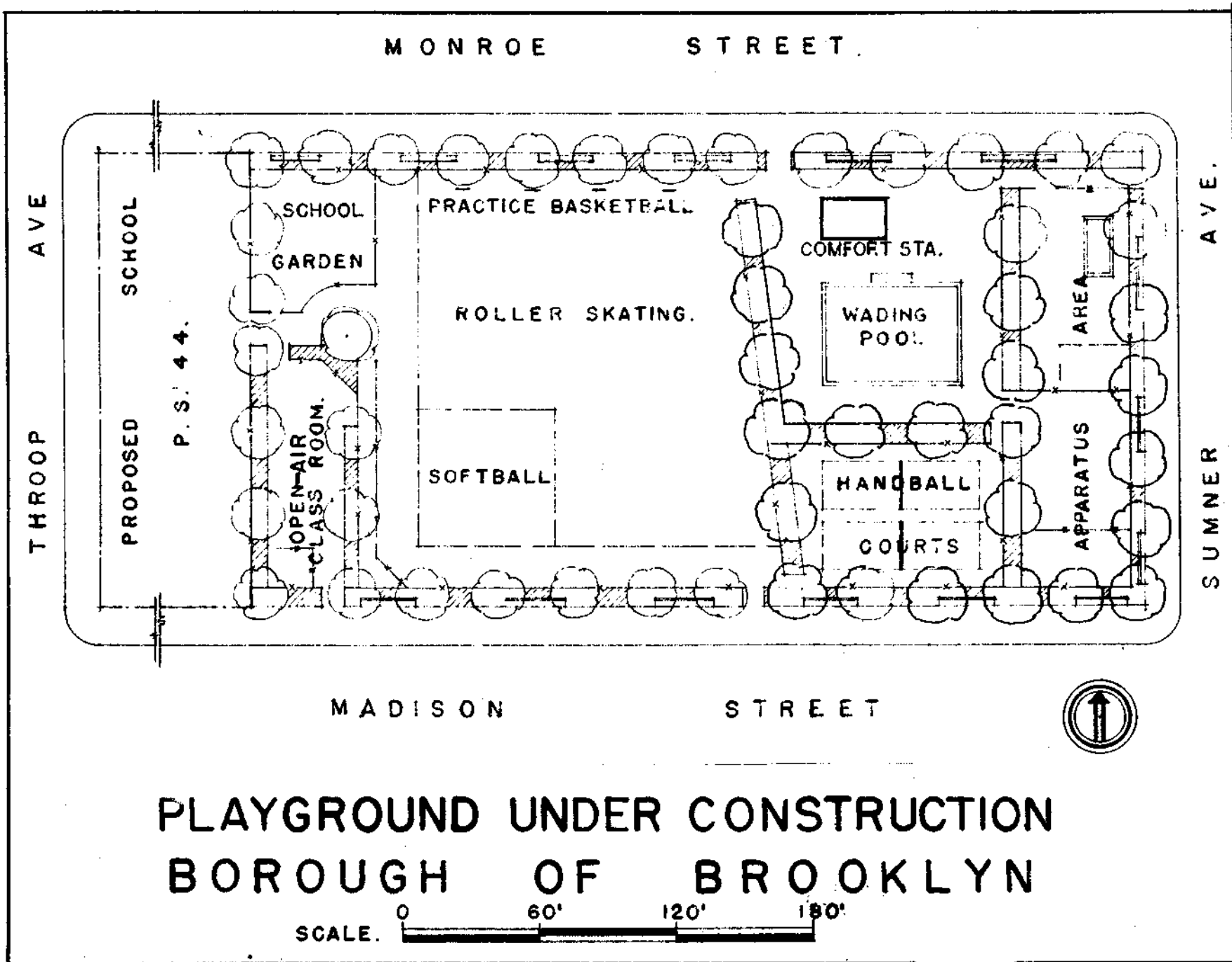
They will be surfaced with permanent material to provide year round usage.

After the war the proposed Public School will be constructed adjacent to the Summer Avenue Playground. At that time the area will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and at all other times by the Department of Parks for general community use.

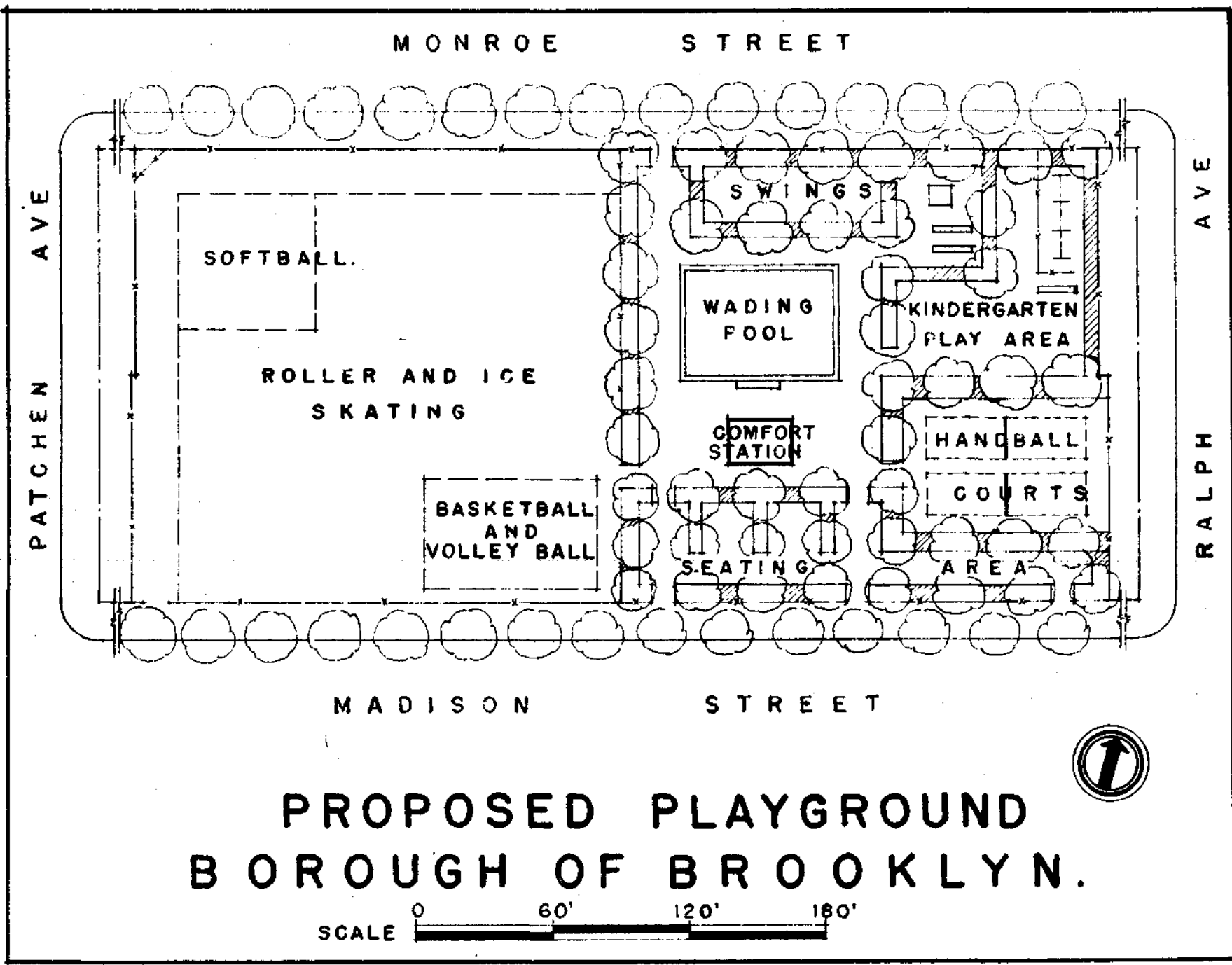
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