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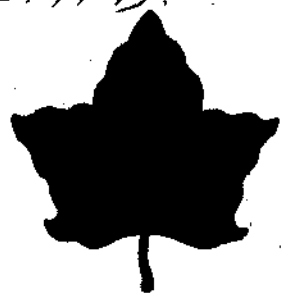
- 1/2 1 Completion of restoration of Pier #6
- 1/12 2 Completion of new playground in Queens near P.S. 174
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- 2/1 8 Opening of new playground near P.S. 106, Bronx
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- 3/4 12 Dept. of Parks receives two orangutans
- 3/7 13 Beginning of Dept. of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament
- 3/14 14 Second set of borough championship bouts in Dept. of Parks Boxing Tourment
- 3/15 15 Replacement of Shepherd's Bridge, Sunrise Highway, Queens
- 3/18 16 Baby male Bactrian camel born at Central Park Zoo
- 3/25 17 Third Annual Egg Rolling Contest - Arnold Constable
- 3/28 18 Gift plantings from Citizens' Golden Anniversary Committee of <sup>the</sup> Park  
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- 3/31 19 Opening of ten municipal golf courses
- 4/4 20 Development of entire shorefront of Astoria Housing Project, Queens,  
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- 4/6 21 Third Annual Egg Rolling Contest - Arnold Constable
- 4/8 22 Opening of Annual Easter Flower Show at Prospect Park, Bklyn.
- 4/10 25 Opening of recreational facilities available from Dept. of Parks,  
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- 4/8 23 Boxing Tournament, Senior Semi-finals
- 4/9 24 Closing of swimming pools used as play centers
- 4/11 26 Seventy-second St. Lake in Central Park stocked with fish
- 4/12 27 Third Annual Egg Rolling Contest - Arnold Constable
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- 5/16 32 Fifteenth Annual American Ballad Contest for Barber Shop Quartets
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(with statistical data)

*City Editor, Editorial Writers (Sent 6/29/49)*

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Thursday, June 30, 1949

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The Department of Parks announces the formal opening, on a limited basis, of the new bathing beach at Great Kills Park, Staten Island, on Friday, July 1st, at twelve noon. The Hon. William J. Powell, Commissioner of the Department of Sanitation; Colonel William W. Wanamaker, in charge of U. S. Army Engineers, 2nd District; The Hon. Cornelius A. Hall, Borough President of Richmond; and Mayor William O'Dwyer will participate in the ceremonies. Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside. The Department of Sanitation band will provide music for the occasion.

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Attached is an illustrated brochure summarizing the work accomplished to date and describing further improvements still to be done. The brochure also describes other related improvements on Staten Island.

Attached also is statistical data furnished by the Department of Sanitation.

Editor Please Note:

The working press are cordially invited to have lunch with the official party after the ceremony. Transportation will be provided to and from the ceremony, with cars leaving from Room 9, City Hall, at 10:30 A.M.

*Att:*

*4 Photos - # 25975, 23006, 25976, 23369.*

*Plan # R-L-16-250.*

*Great Kills booklet.*

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GREAT KILLS PARK, STATEN ISLAND

Statistical Data  
Furnished by Department of Sanitation

Operations on the land reclamation phase of the Park Department plan for the development of Great Kills Park were begun by the Department of Sanitation on November 25, 1944 and completed on July 8, 1948.

Throughout this period 5,751 barge loads of material were unloaded and deposited in this area. These barges contained 15,078,725 cubic yards of material. In addition, the Department unloaded 1,200 scow loads of sand and other material which was utilized in the dressing up or covering phase of the operation. Thus, 467 acres, formerly salt swamp marshland, infested by mosquitoes and harboring rats, were eliminated.

The barges were unloaded by a Wellman Electric Digger equipped with a 10 cubic yard bucket and a Lambert Steam Digger equipped with a 10 cubic yard bucket. This unloading phase was augmented by various marine diggers mounted on floats with bucket ranges from 2½ to 6 cubic yards. Barges were shifted in and out of the range of digging operation by a 150 h.p. diesel tug. During the course of unloading operations, barges were pulled into position by a gypsy engine. Material unloaded from the barges was deposited into automatic dump wagons with a carrying capacity of 41 cubic yards, pulled by a tractor to the point of operation on the fill, and there deposited by means of a very simple dumping device. Material deposited was bulldozed by diesel powered bulldozers ranging from 96 to 140 h.p., and weighing from 21 to

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23 tons. Scrapers were utilized to dig sand or dirt necessary to cover the material dumped and to haul and grade. Draglines were also used in this operation to dig for cover material and also construct drainage ditches.

During the winter season, a great deal of trouble developed from ice formation in the entrance channel and the cove adjacent to unloading operations. This was overcome by using the 150 h.p. diesel tug to break the ice.

During 1947 much hardship was experienced due to the failure of the Wellman Digger which was frequently down for repairs. It was subsequently condemned and sold by the Department of Purchase. This made possible the procurement of two diesel powered marine diggers from the War Assets Administration.

Because of the strong opposition from the residents at Great Kills to the "12 to 8" shift, it was eliminated with the result that the operation extended over a longer period of time than was originally contemplated.

Certain portions of the area were always muddy due to ground water and underground springs. This condition slowed down hauling operations and, at times, permitted hauling only in single wagon units.

A section of this area, known as the Oakwood truck fill, was reclaimed by depositing material from the Borough of Richmond collected in Sanitation trucks. This part of the work was begun in 1934 and continued until August 21, 1948. It is estimated that over four million cubic yards of material was deposited.

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The Department of Parks has planned a comprehensive program of swimming events for all of New York City's youngsters no matter how expert, or how inexperienced, they may be.

Learn-to-Swim classes will be conducted each weekday morning, Monday through Friday, from 10 A.M., to 12 Noon (the free period for children) at each of the 17 Park Department outdoor swimming pools. Any child up to 14 years of age who does not know how to swim, or who would like to receive instruction in proper swimming technique, may attend these classes which begin on Tuesday, July 5, and continue to July 29th. Beginners who pass the initial tests at the end of this period, may enter the classes for intermediate and advanced swimmers to be conducted during the month of August.

Twelve competitive swimming meets have been scheduled for the month of July, five for girls up to 17 years of age, and five for boys up to 19 years of age. Six events arranged according to age are on the program at each girls' meet and eight similar events at each boys' meet. Junior and senior Metropolitan Championship events for swimmers registered with the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union will also be conducted at these events. Prizes will be awarded to those finishing first, second and third in each final. Entry blanks may be secured from Park Department swimming pools, or from borough offices listed in the telephone directory under New York City, Park Department.

Last but not least, toddlers and other young children may find relief from the hot weather at the 195 wading pools or under the 260 showers operated by the Park Department at neighborhood playgrounds.

June 29, 1949

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES

FARMERS OVAL PLAYGROUND

65th Place & 68th Avenue,  
Queens

Tuesday, June 28th, 3:45 P.M.

BAND SELECTIONS

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HON. JAMES A. BURKE, PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS

HON. WILLIAM O'DWYER, MAYOR, CITY OF NEW YORK

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TO: ALL CITY AND PICTURE ASSIGNMENT EDITORS.

Most unusual and human interest news and picture stories will be available at 8:30 P.M., Monday, June 27, on Riverside Drive, 103rd Street, (lower level), when the first of the Annual Series of free public Square Dances sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks opens there.

Two features will highlight the public dances, which are participated in by New Yorkers from 6 to 60.

I. Real live barnyard animals -- including a cow, pig, chickens and goat -- brought from the country, will be on hand to lend rustic atmosphere to city streets by being quartered near the dance floor on the Drive (103rd Street).

II. There will be a special exhibition of square dances by the "Roseanna McCoy Square Dance Group" reproducing scenes from the Samuel Goldwyn film production "Roseanna McCoy". The group will perform the dances of the mountain folk of West Virginia and Kentucky of the 1880's, dressed in appropriate and colorful costumes.

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The combination of real live barnyard animals, costumed dancers of the '80's, and the general participating public, in ages ranging from tiny children to elderly people in all walks of life, should combine to make most unusual photographic feature and news material of this traditional New York event.

Your photographer and reporter cordially invited to cover: RIVERSIDE DRIVE, 103rd Street (lower level) Monday, June 27, 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth R. Maier,  
Press Information on Square Dances.

P.S. Two copies of release enclosed - 1 respectfully submitted for release Monday, June 27, the other for your reporter's reference.

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Monday, June 27, 1949

REAL COW, PIG, CHICKENS AND GOAT IN CITY'S STREETS  
WILL ADD RUSTIC ATMOSPHERE TONIGHT (MONDAY, JUNE 27)  
ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE FOR OPENING OF ANNUAL FREE PUBLIC  
PEPSI-COLA SQUARE DANCES UNDER AUSPICES OF DEPARTMENT  
OF PARKS; CENTRAL PARK MALL SERIES OPENS TOMORROW  
NIGHT (TUESDAY, JUNE 28)

"Roseanna McCoy Square Dance Group" Will Give Exhibi-  
tion Series from Samuel Goldwyn Film Production "Rose-  
anna McCoy" as Special Entertainment Feature; All  
Members of the Public Invited to Join in Regular Dance  
Program

Real live barnyard animals, including a cow, pig,  
chickens and goat, brought in from the country, will add rustic  
atmosphere tonight, Monday, June 27, to city streets and give  
city dwellers a real taste of the country when they are brought  
to Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) for the open-  
ing of the first of the series of 30 Annual Free Public Square  
Dances sponsored as a public service by Pepsi-Cola Company under  
the auspices of the Department of Parks. The dances will again  
be held this year throughout the summer three times a week in  
three of the city's parks, it was announced today by Walter S.  
Mack, Jr., President of Pepsi-Cola Company, and by the Parks  
Department.

Another special feature which will highlight tonight's  
dances, in which the entire public from 6 to 60 is invited to

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join, will be a special exhibition by the "Roseanna McCoy Square Dance Group", reproducing a Square Dance scene from the Samuel Goldwyn film production "Roseanna McCoy". The group will perform the dances of the mountain folk of West Virginia and Kentucky in the 1880's, dressed in appropriate and colorful costumes.

Tomorrow night (Tuesday, June 28), Pepsi-Cola Square Dances will take place on Central Park Mall at 72nd Street where the public will again participate and the "Roseanna McCoy" exhibition dances will also take place. Later in the year, the troupe will tour the country presenting similar exhibition dances in major cities.

This year's series of dances, totalling 30, will all be held under the stars in the three city parks as in previous years. The Riverside Drive dances will take place every Monday night at 103rd Street, (lower level), to August 29, inclusive. The Central Park series, after tomorrow night's program, will continue every subsequent Tuesday on the Mall at 72nd Street until August 30, inclusive. Wednesday night, June 29, the Brooklyn series will open in Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, and will be held there every subsequent Wednesday night to August 31, inclusive. Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands will again provide the calling and music for the dances, which are from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Women's Voluntary Services, Y.W.C.A., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other groups will be among those taking part in the dances, which are traditionally participated in by New Yorkers of all ages.

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Sunday, June 26, 1949

UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT TO MARK OPENING WEEK OF FIFTH ANNUAL SERIES OF 30 FREE PUBLIC SQUARE DANCES SPONSORED BY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER AUSPICES OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Real Cow, Pig, Chickens and Goat Will Add Rustic Atmosphere on Riverside Drive Tomorrow Night (Monday, June 27)

"Roseanna McCoy Square Dance Group Will Give Exhibition Dances from Samuel Goldwyn Film Production "Roseanna McCoy" at First Three Dances to be held This Week in Three City Parks; All Members of the Public Invited to Join in Regular Dances.

Unique entertainment will mark the opening week of the fifth annual series of 30 free public Square Dances sponsored as a public service by Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks. The dances will be held again throughout the summer three times a week in three of the city's parks, Walter S. Mack, Jr., President of Pepsi-Cola Company, and the Parks Department announces.

Real live barnyard animals including a cow, pig, chickens and goat brought in from the country will add rustic atmosphere to the city streets and give city dwellers a real taste of the country, when they are brought to Riverside Drive & 103rd St. (lower level) tomorrow night, Monday, June 27th for the opening of the first of the series of dances.

Another special feature which will highlight tomorrow night's dance, in which the entire public from 6 to 60 is invited to join, will be a special exhibition by the "Roseanna McCoy Square Dance Group", reproducing a Square Dance scene from the Samuel Goldwyn film production "Roseanna McCoy". The group will perform the dances

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of the mountain folk of West Virginia and Kentucky in the 1880's, and will wear the costumes of that day and region.

On Tuesday night, June 28 the Central Park series of Square Dances will open and on Wednesday, June 29 the Brooklyn series will begin at Prospect Park. The public will again participate in these events and the "Roseanna McCoy" exhibition dances will also take place on these two occasions. Later in the year the troupe will tour the country presenting similar exhibition dances in major cities.

This year's series of dances, altogether totalling 30 summer dances will all be held under the stars in the three city parks as in previous years. The Riverside Drive dances after tomorrow night's program will continue every subsequent Monday night at 103rd Street (lower level) to August 29 inclusive. The Central Park series following the opening there Tuesday, June 28 will be held on the Mall at 72nd Street every Tuesday night to August 30 inclusive. Wednesday night, June 29, the Brooklyn series will open in Prospect Park, and will continue at Prospect Park West and 11th Street every Wednesday night to August 31 inclusive. Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands will again provide the calling and music for the dances which are from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

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The Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre will begin a three week tour of Queens playgrounds on Monday, June 27th, giving six performances this week of the summer presentation, "Happy the Humbug".

Happy, the hero of the drama, is an odd creature, part giraffe, part turtle, with a dash of the monkey. Happy encounters a variety of adventures, some gay, some sad, some good, some bad, but in the end, Happy, with the assistance of his friend, Hunkey, the monkey, rescues the heroine, Miss Pink Elephant, from Cock and Bull, the villains of the piece who have been exploiting her remarkable talent for crying strawberry tears.

This week's performances are scheduled as follows:

Monday	June 27	4:00 P.M.	Kissena Park 164th Street, Rose and Oak Avenues, Flushing
Tuesday	June 28	4:00 P.M.	Brookville Park Brookville Blvd. and 143rd Avenue, Rosedale
Wednesday	June 29	4:00 P.M.	Van Wyck Playground 111th Avenue and 134th Street, Ozone Park
Thursday	June 30	3:30 P.M.	Liberty Park Liberty Avenue and 173rd Street, Jamaica
Friday	July 1	11:00 A.M.	Raymond O'Connor Playground 210th Street and 32nd Avenue, Bayside.

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Saturday afternoon, June 25 or Sunday, June 26, 1949

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MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARKS

- SUNDAY - June 26  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert, Mall, Central Park - Grand Opera Program
- MONDAY - June 27  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert, Mall, Central Park - Miscellaneous Program.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi Cola Company - Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower level - Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands.
- TUESDAY - June 28  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens. Sam Donahue and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi Cola Company - Mall, Central Park, Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands.  
12 Noon - 1 P.M. - Band Concert - Bowling Green.
- WEDNESDAY - June 29  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Children's Music  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company, Zoo Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse - Sam Donahue and Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi Cola Company, Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands.
- THURSDAY - June 30  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Original Band Music  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company Mall, Central Park - Sam Donahue and Orchestra.

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FRIDAY - July 1

8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert, Mall, Central Park - Original Band  
Music

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company,  
Larry Clinton and Orchestra.

SATURDAY - July 2

8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln  
Road Entrance, American Music.

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





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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction of and the opening to the public, of a new 3.3 acre playground adjacent to P.S. #176, between 235th and 237th Streets and north of 121st Avenue, Queens.

This is one of a number of playgrounds acquired and constructed under a cooperative program of joint operation by the Board of Education and the Park Department.

The development contains a section, open at all times to mothers and pre-school children, containing swings, slides, see-saws and a sand pit; two other sections for older children, containing a wading pool, paddle tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, slides and swings, and a rather large permanently surfaced area for adolescents, containing two basketball courts, two handball courts, a softball diamond with hooded backstop, and a roller skating area, which in sub-freezing temperatures can be flooded and used for ice skating.

The entire recreational development is fenced in and landscaped with shade trees. Numerous benches have been provided for guardians of children at play and for other users of the various facilities.

With the addition of this new area, there are now 516 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

Att:

Plans # A-L-307-101 & 102.

Photo # 25978, 25979.

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The 20 best marble shooters in New York City will knuckle down at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 25th, at Heckscher Playground, 62nd Street and West Drive in Central Park, to vie for the City-wide Championship of the 20th Annual Marble Shooting Tournament conducted by the Department of Parks.

More than 8,000 youngsters participated in this year's tournament. Play began during the week of June 6th when elimination contests were held at 300 park playgrounds. Saturday's sharp-shooters have survived the district and borough eliminations which followed. They are the four best players from each of the five boroughs.

In the event that rain on Saturday makes it necessary to postpone the contest, it will be conducted at the same time and place on Sunday, June 26th.

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NEW YORKERS TO ENJOY FIFTH ANNUAL SERIES OF 30 FREE PUBLIC OUTDOOR SQUARE DANCES TO BE HELD AGAIN THIS SUMMER IN THREE CITY PARKS SPONSORED BY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER AUSPICES OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

New Yorkers will enjoy their fifth annual series of free public outdoor square dances sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company as a public service, under the auspices of the Department of Parks, according to announcement by Walter S. Mack, Jr., President of Pepsi-Cola Company, and the Parks Department. This summer's series, totalling thirty dances, will again all be held at night under the stars in the three City Parks.

There will be a series of 10 dances held on Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) starting Monday, June 27, which will continue on the Drive every subsequent Monday night to August 29, inclusive.

A series of 10 Square Dances will be held in Central Park at 72nd Street, opening on the Mall, Tuesday, June 28, and running there every Tuesday night to August 30, inclusive.

The third series of 10 dances will be held for Brooklynites, at Prospect Park West and 11th Street, opening Wednesday, June 29, and continuing there every Wednesday night to August 31, inclusive.

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Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands will again provide the calling and music for all of the Dances, which are from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Last season the dances were enjoyed by over a quarter of a million New Yorkers of all ages.

For Further Information Please call  
Ruth R. Maier, MU 8-4500

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The ninth season of dancing under the stars to the music of the top "name" bands of the country will open on Thursday evening, June 23d, at the Mall, 72nd Street and Center Drive, in Central Park, at 8:30 P.M. This summer's series of 54 dances, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be conducted by the Department of Parks each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, in parks located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens. Sonny Dunham and his orchestra will play for the opening dance at the Mall, Thursday, June 23d, and also for the opening dance of the Brooklyn series at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, on Friday, June 24th. Booked for early appearances are Sam Donahue and Larry Clinton.

Sonny Dunham is America's foremost trumpet and trombone stylist. Musicians and teachers, among them Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, who maintain it is impossible to master both the trumpet and the trombone, stare in disbelief when they catch Sonny's performances. In fact, Dunham's unique feat has been featured in a "Believe It or Not" Ripley cartoon.

"Hottest" of the swing bands during the jitterbug rage, Sonny has kept up with the decisive swing to sweeter music, retaining only the best of the "hot" arrangements in his reper-

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toire. It is obvious that in following this "middle of the road" policy, Dunham has found the right combination because his popularity is steadily rising. He is a prime New York favorite and Name Band Dance fans will welcome his initial appearance on the series. Sonny features talented Pete Hanley as vocalist.

Name Band Dances will be held regularly on Thursday evenings at the Mall, until September 8th; Friday evenings at Prospect Park, until September 9th. The Queens series will be held Tuesday evenings at Forest Park, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, June 28th to September 6th. Bronx dances will be conducted at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, on Wednesday evenings, June 29th to September 7th. Everyone is invited to attend these dances whether to dance or listen to the music.

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Seven hundred young dancers from Department of Parks playgrounds in Manhattan, will present their annual dance festival at Sheep Meadow, 66th Street and West Drive, Central Park, on Saturday afternoon, June 18, at 2:30 P.M. Traditionally entertaining because of its unpretentious charm, the festival holds a special place in the Park Department's year-round recreation program.

For the past six weeks the youngsters have been preparing for the fete under the supervision of the park recreation staff of playground directors. Their busy fingers have been fashioning the colorful costumes and much of their leisure has been consumed by rehearsals to perfect their dance routines.

The festival will open with a procession by all participants, giving spectators an opportunity for a close-up of the costumes. Then the dancers will form a giant horseshoe within which the dances will be performed. Seats for thousands of spectators, including parents and friends of the dancers, will be provided on all sides of the field, affording an excellent view of the festival.

The following dances, and the playgrounds presenting them, are:

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| "Tarantella"   | McCaffrey, Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, West 45th Street, DeWitt Clinton, St. Gabriel's and East 24th Street Playgrounds.   |
| "Doll Dance"   | Inwood, Payson Avenue, Fort Tryon, J. Hood Wright, Highbridge and 167th Street, Highbridge & 170th, Highbridge and 189th St.  |
| "Geisha Girls" | Heckscher, Rumsey, North Meadow, Morningside and 123rd Street, 74th Street & Riverside Drive, 83rd St. & Riverside Drive, 97th St. & Riverside Drive, 102nd Street and Riverside Drive Plgds. |

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- "Sun Flower"      Cuvillier, Machine & Metal Trades, Thomas Jefferson, James Weldon, Joynson, Harlem Health Roof, Carl Schurz, St. Catherine's, 60th Street and York Avenue Playground.
- "Anchors Aweigh"      Columbus, Gulick, Roosevelt, Seward.
- "Classique"      Sauer, Tompkins Square, Kelly, East River, Corlears Hook, Downing Street, Minetta Lane.
- "The Golden Swirl"      Mt. Morris West, McCray, 140th and Lenox, Col. Charles Young, Annunciation, Sheltering Arms, Hamilton Place, St. Nicholas, Carmansville, Colonial.

June 17, 1949





D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Immediately

There has been a change in the arrangements for the Barber Shop Quartet Finals, scheduled for the Mall in Central Park on Wednesday, June 15th. The original plan was, in case of rain, to hold the contest at the Hunter College Auditorium. Should it rain on Wednesday evening the contest will be postponed and held on the Mall Thursday evening at 8:30 P. M.

June 14, 1949



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Tuesday, June 14, 1949

Misc. 5M-100848 114

The Department of Parks announces the opening with ceremonies of a new playground between Third Avenue and Brook Avenue, from East 157th Street to East 158th Street, Borough of The Bronx, on June 14, 1949, at 3:30 P.M. James J. Lyons, Borough President of The Bronx and ~~Mayor O'Dwyer~~ <sup>Mayor LaGuardia</sup> will participate in the exercises. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside.

This property, eight-tenths of an acre in size, was acquired by transfer from the Board of Education to the Park Department. It was formerly the site of the old Mount Morris High School Annex, which had been abandoned and the building then demolished. It was recently named the John and Michael Flynn Playground by the City Council.

Included in the playground are a comfort station, a sand pit, shuffleboard courts, handball courts, basketball and volleyball courts, a roller and ice skating area, wading pool, flagpole, fences, benches, drainage and irrigation, lighting system, and separate play areas with play equipment for pre-school and older children. The area has been landscaped and provided with adequate benches for guardians and parents watching children at play.

With the addition of this new recreational area, there are now 515 playgrounds in the park system.

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks will again turn back the clock musically on Wednesday evening, June 15, when the 15th Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest will be conducted at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, at 8:30 P.M. Be-bop and jive will take a back seat as the five outstanding amateur male quartets in New York City sing the old-time favorites as they were sung before the turn of the century. To add to the illusion of the "good old days", competing quartets will wear costumes appropriate to the period, and the band stand at the Mall will be transformed into a "Main Street" tonsorial parlor.

At elimination contests held in each of the boroughs last week, thousands of "close harmony" fans witnessed the selection of the quartet which will represent their home borough at the city-wide finals on Wednesday. These quartets are the "Village Four" from Manhattan, Brooklyn's "Vanderveer Four", the "Club Harmony Quartet" of the Bronx, the "Queens Men", and the "Tunetellers" representing Richmond.

Led by Mr. J. Bailey Harvey, the chorus of 60 voices from the Manhattan Chapter of the Society for the preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America,

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whose musical offerings were enthusiastically appreciated by the audience at last year's contest, will appear as one of the guest attractions. Other guest artists, stars of stage, radio and television, will also appear. The Police Department Band, through the courtesy of Commissioner William P. O'Brien, will weld the evening's program together instrumentally under the baton of Capt. Eugene La Barre.

Henry Armstrong, author of "Sweet Adeline", William C. (St. Louis Blues) Handy, James F. Evans, J. Bailey Harvey, Charles B. McCabe, Douglas Paige, Charles U. Powell, Sigmund Spaeth, Hinson Stiles, George E. Spargo, Paul T. Winslow and Commissioner Robert Moses will serve as judges of the competition.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the contest. There is no charge for admission and more than 15,000 seats are available. In case of rain, the competition will be held at the Hunter College Auditorium, 69th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues.

June 13, 1949.

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority and the Park Department of the City of New York announce completion of financial arrangements for the construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Harlem River from the East River Drive at 103rd Street, Borough of Manhattan, to Ward's Island. The bridge will open a new 125 acre recreation area to the residents of the upper East Side.

The permit for construction of this bridge, originally approved by the Army Engineers in 1937, was allowed to lapse for lack of funds during the war years and was recently submitted for reapproval. It will have an overall length of 958 feet, with a central vertical lift span of 300 feet. The vertical clearance will be 55 feet above mean high water when closed and 135 feet above mean high water when raised. The construction of the bridge, estimated to cost approximately \$1,750,000, has been financed by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. Contracts for its construction will be advertised in July and work will start in September of this year. It will be completed in November 1950. Upon completion, the bridge will be maintained and operated by the City.

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The Metropolitan Conference of Parks first suggested the use of Ward's and Randall's Islands for recreation in 1930. In 1933, State and City park officials, the Park Association of New York City, Inc., and other groups united in support of a bill providing for the removal of the old outmoded and dilapidated State hospital buildings, the gradual evacuation of the inmates, and the return of Randall's and Ward's Islands to the City for park purposes by 1943. This bill, after sustained effort on the part of the officers, directors and members of the Park Association and the present Park Commissioner, became Chapter 144 of the State Laws of 1933. Later, this was incorporated in the City Code by Chapter 929 of the Laws of 1937.

As a result, the first section of the park was transferred to the City in 1938. Approximately thirty-two old wooden institutional buildings, which for the most part had been vacant for some time, were torn down, a comfort station was built, and the area was fenced in and landscaped by W.P.A. forces in accordance with the ultimate park plan for the island.

Further legislation extended the time for evacuation several times (finally until April 7, 1950), and modified the part of the island to be returned to the City. In the meanwhile, clearance of the island was delayed, and the fifty acres of land already developed as a park to the south of the remaining building were left inaccessible to the public. All of these difficulties have been settled, the State Department of Mental Hygiene

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and the State Architect's Office are completing plans for the new institutional buildings, and it appears that the balance of the new park will be turned over to the City shortly.

During this time, the Triborough Bridge Authority completed plans for the high level pedestrian bridge from 103rd Street in Manhattan to Ward's Island, and the site for the Manhattan approach was acquired by the Park Department in Manhattan. This proposed pedestrian bridge will provide convenient access to Ward's Island for the residents of the East River housing development, and for the densely populated adjacent neighborhood immediately opposite the Island, which has no other possible source of adequate recreation facilities. All plans for recreation in the lower Harlem area were made on the assumption that the State would carry out its agreement to clear Ward's Island.

The transformation of part of Ward's Island into a modern city park will provide a carefully balanced combination of active and passive recreation in an area equal in size to that portion of Central Park between Fifth Avenue and Central Park West, from 99th to 110th Streets.

This is an important addition to the City's park system and will provide active recreation on a large scale, and a wholesome and necessary outlet for the overcrowded tenement neighborhoods of southwest Harlem and the upper east side of New York City. The development will include two playgrounds, two regula-

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tion sized baseball diamonds, and two softball diamonds, a concession building, several open play fields, large meadows and picnic groves, adequate walks, benches, drinking fountains, and a shorefront promenade, and trees and shrubs will be planted to accentuate the informal design.

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June 8, 1949.





DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Saturday afternoon, May 28th, or Sunday, May 29th, 1949

The first of four concerts this season by the Naumburg Orchestra will be given on Decoration Day, Monday May 30th, at 8:15 P.M. on the Mall in Central Park. Maximillian Pilser will conduct the orchestra, and Maria Noelte, Coloratura Soprano, will appear as guest artist.

These concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the City of New York. For many years, Mr. Elkan Naumburg had contributed orchestral concerts of high quality, in the cause of good music for the people. His sons have continued this custom in his memory.

The program for the Decoration Day concert will be:

- 1. Overture - "Oberon" . . . . . Weber
- 2. Sixth Symphony (Pathetique) - 1st Movement . . . . . Tschalkowsky
- 3. Aria "Cara Nome" from Rigoletto . . . . . Verdi  
Maria Noelte
- 4. Andante Cantabile . . . . . Tschalkowsky  
In Memory of Paul Berthoud  
"A Tribute to Paul Berthoud" . . . . . Dr. Sigmund Spaeth
- 5. (a) Overture - "In Bohemia" . . . . . Hadley  
(b) Romance sans Paroles . . . . . Volpe
- 6. Artist's Life Waltz . . . . . Strauss
- 7. Aria - "Bell Song" from Lakme . . . . . Delibes  
Maria Noelte
- 8. Second Hungarian Rhapsody . . . . . Liszt

Naumburg concerts to follow during the summer are scheduled for July 4th, July 31st, and Labor Day, September 5th.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The Department of Parks announces that the bathing and swimming season at the 16.2 miles of municipally operated beach and seventeen outdoor swimming pools will officially open on Saturday, May 28th.

The swimming pools are located as follows:

Manhattan -

Hamilton Fish Pool  
Colonial Pool

East Houston and Pitt Streets  
Bradhurst Avenue, West 145th to 147th  
Streets

Highbridge Pool  
Thomas Jefferson Pool  
23rd Street Pool  
Carmin Street Pool  
60th Street Pool

Amsterdam Avenue and 173rd Street  
111th to 114th Streets and First Avenue  
23rd Street and East River Drive  
Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue  
59th Street between Amsterdam and  
11th Avenues

John Jay Pool

78th Street and East River Drive

Brooklyn -

Sunset Pool  
McCarren Pool  
Red Hook Pool  
Betsy Head Pool

Seventh Avenue and 43rd Street  
Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street  
Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets  
Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

Bronx -

Crotona Pool

173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

Queens -

Astoria Pool  
Flushing Meadow  
Amphitheatre

19th Street and 23rd Drive

Flushing Meadow Park

Richmond -

Faber Pool  
Tompkinsville Pool

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

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From May 28th to June 25th, the pools will be open for weekends only, and from June 25th until the end of the season, they will be open daily with the following operating schedule:

On weekdays and Saturdays, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., there will be a free period for children under 14 years of age, during which hours no adults will be admitted to the pool area.

After 1:00 P.M. on weekdays and all day Sundays and holidays, there will be a 9¢ charge for children under 12 years of age, and a 26¢ charge for older children and adults. These charges include tax.

Groups in swimming and diving contests and water shows will be organized at all pools. Classes in life saving and first aid will also be included in the Aquatic Program, in addition to the yearly "Learn to Swim" campaign which will be held during July and August.

Orchard Beach, located in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx; Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens; Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn; and South Beach and Wolfe's Pond Park on Staten Island will also open for bathers on May 28th. Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach will be open for weekend operation from 8:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. from May 28th to June 25th and then daily thereafter until the end of the season.

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The beach at Great Kills Park on Staten Island, which is now under construction, is progressing according to schedule and will be open for bathing after July 1st. The facilities available for public use will be limited, however, as the work presently under way only includes drainage ditches, water and supply lines, the erection of two buildings to serve as comfort stations and maintenance headquarters, entrance roadways, walks, and a one thousand car parking field. Other improvements will follow in future years and will include a 1,000 foot boardwalk, a boat basin, boathouse, playgrounds, bicycle paths, court games, roller skating and picnic areas, softball and hard baseball diamonds, and an eighteen hole pitch putt golf course to complete the park as one of the finest public waterfront areas.

At Orchard Beach, there is a total of 9,145 lockers for bathhouse patrons and parking space is provided for 7,500 cars. At Jacob Riis Park, the bathhouse accommodates 11,400 people and the parking space 14,000 cars. Parking at both beaches will be 25¢ per car; bathhouse fees - 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers. Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational areas at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach, providing shuffleboard, paddle tennis and handball, are available to the public at 10¢ per person per half hour.

At Jacob Riis, there is also an eighteen hole pitch putt golf course at which a charge of 50¢ is made for each round of golf, which includes clubs. A 50¢ deposit is required on each ball.

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Beach chairs and umbrellas may be rented at Orchard Beach and Jacob Riis at a nominal charge, and beach shops are provided where bathing accessories can be purchased.

To supervise and protect the millions of visitors who will patronize the pools and beaches, 549 lifeguards, lieutenants and chief lifeguards have been trained during the winter in the indoor pools by department experts. Of these, 175 will be on duty this weekend. Others will be assigned as the weather gets warmer and the bathers increase. All, however, will be assigned to duty by June 25th.

May 26, 1949.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Thursday, May 19, 1949

*Friday 5/20/49*

The Department of Parks announces the opening, with ceremonies, of a new playground on Wyckoff Street between Hoyt and Bond Streets, Brooklyn, adjacent to the Gowanus Housing Project. The Honorable Thomas F. Farrell, Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, Honorable Herman T. Stichman, Commissioner of the Division of Housing of New York State, Honorable John Cashmore, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and Mayor William O'Dwyer will participate. The Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside.

Constructed by the Slattery Contracting Company of Woodside, Queens, this new facility provides a playground within the Gowanus Housing Project, and will satisfy the needs of the recreational facilities for both the 1139 families of the housing project and the residents of the surrounding congested community.

In accordance with the plan and project for the Gowanus Houses, as approved by the City Planning Commission, the New York City Housing Authority contributed \$60,000 towards the cost of the development of the playground.

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Included in the improvement are a brick comfort station, a sand pit, a wading pool, paddle tennis courts, handball courts, basketball and volleyball courts, water supply, drainage and lighting systems, and a completely equipped playground with slides, seesaws, swings, etc.

With the addition of this new recreational area, there are now 514 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-SM-100848 114

Tuesday, May 17, 1949

The Park Department announces that Miss Kate Wollman of 301 Park Avenue, New York City, has donated \$600,000 to the City of New York for the construction of a playground, ice-skating rink and recreation center in Central Park, to be known as the "Wollman Memorial". The Mayor and Board of Estimate accepted the gift on behalf of the City and it is expected that construction will be started early this fall.

This is a most important and needed recreational facility and is designed to be useful throughout the year. It is a unique project and is not duplicated in any park in the world. It will be located in an amphitheatrelike depression at the north end of the 59th Street Lake, approximately opposite East 63rd Street. Its outstanding feature is a large, artificial ice-skating rink which will provide outdoor skating from the end of October to late spring. The rink will be used for roller skating, dancing and concerts during the late spring, summer and early fall.

The work includes the construction of a semi-circular building at the northerly end of the rink to house the refrigerating equipment, dressing rooms, a food concession, skate shop,

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and other incidental facilities. A completely equipped playground with swings, seesaws, sandpit and shower basin will be constructed on the roof of the building and will extend back into the park.

The gift of Miss Wollman is for a memorial to her parents, and her deceased brothers. Her father, Mr. J. Wollman, never resided in New York, but lived in Leavenworth, Kansas. One of the brothers, William J. Wollman, came to New York at the turn of the century, and shortly thereafter three other brothers and her mother, Mrs. Bettie Wollman, also moved here. Mr. William J. Wollman at the time of his death was the head of the banking firm of William J. Wollman & Company, and his brothers, Morton and Benjamin F. Wollman, who predeceased him, were associated with him in that firm. The other brother, Mr. Henry Wollman, was a prominent attorney in New York for many years. Miss Wollman is now the sole surviving member of the family.

Under the terms of the will of Mr. William J. Wollman, his estate was left to his sister for life, and thereafter to be used for charitable purposes. Miss Wollman has caused to be organized under the membership law of New York, a charitable corporation known as The William J. Wollman Foundation, which will receive for philanthropic purposes her brother's estate upon her death. The present gift, however, is made by Miss Wollman individually.

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This is not the first gift made by the Wollman family to the City of New York. In 1926, after the death of the brother, Morton Wollman, the Trustees of the estate selected the City College of New York to receive the sum of \$300,000, to be paid to the college upon the death of Miss Wollman, to endow a chair in the science of business and banking.

A memorial tablet giving the names of the members of the Wollman family in whose honor the gift is made will be placed in the interior of the building near the main entrance.

The recreation center will be maintained and operated by the Park Department as part of the park system, in accordance with the established policies governing similar facilities of the department.

The City of New York will provide an additional \$125,000 for incidental features and facilities.

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
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FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Monday, May 16, 1949

The Department of Parks is calling all sentimental male songsters to form their quartets and enter the Fifteenth Annual American Ballad Contest for Barber Shop Quartets to be held on the Mall in Central Park, on Wednesday evening, June 15th, at 8:30 P.M. The only qualifications that the foursomes must meet are that they are all amateur singers, reside in New York City, and sing, without musical accompaniment, two numbers, or two medleys, or a combination of one number and one medley, of the type popular in the "Gay Nineties".

Preliminary contests will be held in each borough, the winning quartet at each to compete in the City-wide Championships at the Mall on June 15th. The borough contests are scheduled as follows, all starting at 8:30 P.M.:

Monday,	June 6th	- Manhattan	- Mall in Central Park
Tuesday,	June 7th	- Queens	- Music Grove, Forest Park
Wednesday,	June 8th	- Richmond	- McDonald Playground, Broadway and Forest Avenue, S. I.
Thursday,	June 9th	- Bronx	- Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 164th Street
Friday,	June 10th	- Brooklyn	- Music Grove, Prospect Park

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The Judges, in selecting the winning quartets, will consider tone, rhythm, technique, originality, expression, phrasing, costume, and stage presence. Prizes will be awarded to the winning quartet in each borough, and to the winners of first, second, and third place in the city-wide contest.

Entry blanks may be obtained at all Park Department borough offices: Manhattan - Arsenal, Central Park, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue; Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion, Fifth Street and Prospect Park West; Bronx - Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue; Queens - The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Kew Gardens; Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road.





D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces that the eighteen hole Pitch Putt Golf Course at Jacob Riis Park, Rockaway, will open for weekend play this season starting Saturday, May 7th, and for daily operation on May 28th.

With the exceptional weather the past winter and this spring, the course is in excellent condition.

A charge of 50 cents a round is made to play on this course. A golf ball deposit of 50 cents is also required.

May 6, 1949



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
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FOR RELEASE

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The City-wide Championships of the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament, which Gimbel Brothers is co-sponsoring again this year, will be held at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, on Friday, May 6th, at 8:30 P.M. Judging by the caliber of the competition in the borough championships and in city-wide semi-finals, Friday's program of 13 bouts may prove the most exciting in the history of this annual event.

Junior division titles to be decided are in the 90, 100, 105, 112, 118, 126, and 135 pound classes, while senior boys will compete in 118, 126, 135, 147, and 160 pound classes. The 26 contenders, all 14 to 18 years of age, are the best of 700 boys who participated in an intensive instruction and training course conducted by playground directors at 15 Department of Parks boxing centers located in the five boroughs. The purpose of the course has been to foster correct health habits, self-reliance, physical fitness, and the ideals of sportsmanship. The youngsters have learned the relationship of these practices to the boxing techniques taught during instruction periods. The series of elimination bouts which followed has given the boys an opportunity to compete against boys of equal skill and training. Friday's championship matches will terminate the five month program for these youngsters.

Gimbel Brothers will award prizes to the 13 new city-wide park playground champions, and to the runners-up in each event. A special award, the John F. Murray Memorial Trophy, will go to the boxing center scoring the most points of Friday night.

May 3, 1949

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Saturday, April 23, 1949

In response to the pressure of increasing interest in bicycle racing throughout the city, a temporary bicycle race course will be opened by the Park Department, Saturday, April 23rd, in the westerly section of the old World's Fair parking area between Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue in Flushing Meadow Park.

During the past few years, various cycling groups have carried on their competition under severe handicaps. The oval pedestrian walk, almost a mile long, in the north section of Marine Park, Brooklyn, has been used to some extent but with increasing conflict between ball players, pedestrians and other patrons of the park, and the bicycle racers. In the interest of public safety, the Park Department has found it necessary to terminate racing use of this track.

Cycling groups in the easterly section of the city have been racing during the very early Sunday morning hours on the section of Francis Lewis Boulevard, south of Horace Harding Boulevard. This has been a most unsatisfactory arrangement because of the early schedule necessary to avoid traffic and because it is only a straightaway course.

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The track in Flushing Meadow is being laid out on the old parking field surface which has been patched, swept clean and marked with traffic paint. This location was selected, not only because of the availability of pavement, but because it is very close to the geographic and population centers of the city, and therefore the most convenient to the majority of cyclists.

The amount of usage of this new facility will determine whether or not future park plans may include specially constructed tracks and other accommodations for cycling competition.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Immediately

More than 1,000 youngsters, from 5 to 12 years of age, will participate in the 3rd Annual Egg Rolling Contest, sponsored by Arnold Constable, Fifth Avenue, which is to be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets, on Saturday, April 16th, at 2 P.M. Dorothy Kilgallen, and her husband, Dick Kollmar, will be on hand to serve as honorary judges of the Lenten Festival.

Arnold Constable will award worthwhile prizes, consisting of toys or gift certificates, to the winners of the six events.

The Park Department requests that the contestants report to the Great Lawn on Saturday by 1:30 P.M. Wooden eggs and spoons will be provided for each competitor.

The general public is invited to join the parents and friends of the youngsters in witnessing the egg rolling frolic, which is to be telecast on Monday, April 18th, from 6 to 6:30 P.M., on the Bob Emory "Small Fry" television show over the Dumont Network.

April 12, 1949.

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Immediately

At noon today, Monday, April 11, 1949, agents of the New York State Conservation Department stocked the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park with 525 white perch with an average length of six inches, 675 yellow perch from seven to eight inches in length, 515 small sun fish, and 125 bullheads averaging about 1½ lbs. each.

The white and yellow perch were secured from Stehli's Pond, Oyster Bay Road, Mill Neck, Long Island, and the sun fish and bullheads from Gardiner's Pond, Greenlawn, Long Island, by salvage crews of the State Conservation Department with nets and special trucks.

Mr. H. Stehli, owner of Stehli's Pond, read with interest about the inauguration last summer of fishing in the 72nd Street Central Park Lake by children under sixteen years of age, and promptly offered fish from his 2½ acre overstocked pond for the benefit of young city anglers. Inasmuch as perch are game fish, a permit to transfer the fish had to be obtained from the State Conservation Department, which promptly agreed to take care of all the arrangements this spring.

April 11, 1949.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, April 10, 1949

Misc.-25M-100848 114

With 156 regulation baseball and 525 softball diamonds opening for play on Saturday, April 16th, the Department of Parks is prepared to receive the thousands of people who make use of these recreation facilities during the spring and summer season. Requests for use of diamonds have been exceptionally heavy, and permits have been issued to hundreds of teams to use the diamonds on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Last Saturday, the ten municipal golf courses were opened to the public, and, if the large number of players who used the courses over the weekend is an indication, they will receive a big play during the coming season.

Weather permitting, the 498 park tennis courts will be opened next Saturday, April 16th. 2100 persons have anticipated the season by securing their permits, which have been on sale since February 1st. Tennis permits can be secured at any of the five borough offices, either by personal application or by mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed. Season permits, which cost \$3.00, are good at any of the park tennis locations. Season lockers cost \$2.00.

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The mild spring weather has drawn children and adults in great numbers to the 513 outdoor playgrounds operated by the Department of Parks. 400 permanent playground directors are assigned to these recreational facilities to regulate their usage and to conduct activities.

Court games are popular spring pastimes for New Yorkers of all ages. To accommodate these fans, the Park Department maintains 1130 handball courts, 636 shuffleboard courts, 470 paddle tennis courts, 399 horseshoe pitching courts, and 410 outdoor basketball courts.

And last but not least, now that "Little Jack Frost got lost", a sunny bench in the park at noontime is a magnet for office workers fortunate enough to work near parks or public squares. On pleasant spring days, toilers emerge from the business district canyons to take a big city version of a siesta at oases provided by the Park Department.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Saturday, April 9, 1949

The Department of Parks announces that the Fall, Winter and Spring use of twelve of the seventeen swimming pools as play centers will terminate on Sunday evening, April 10, 1949. These free play centers, with facilities such as handball, volley ball, paddle tennis and basketball, were used by approximately 800,000 children and adults since the closing of the swimming season in 1948.

The closing is necessary so that the areas can be painted and otherwise put in readiness for the forthcoming swimming season, which this year is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th.

Pools are located at:

### Manhattan

Hamilton Fish Pool  
Colonial Pool

East Houston and Pitt Streets  
Bradhurst Avenue, West 145 to 147  
Streets

Highbridge Pool  
Thomas Jefferson Pool

Amsterdam Avenue and West 173 Street  
East 111 to 114 Streets and First  
Avenue

23rd Street Pool  
Carmine Street Pool  
60th Street Pool

East 23 Street and East River Drive  
Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue  
West 59 Street between Amsterdam  
and 11 Avenues

John Jay Pool

East 78 Street and East River Drive

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Queens

Astoria Pool  
Flushing Meadow  
Amphitheatre

19 Street and 23 Drive  
Flushing Meadow Park

Richmond

Faber Pool  
Tompkinsville Pool

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



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Immediately

The City-wide Senior Semi-finals in the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament, which is sponsored by Gimbel Brothers, will be held at 8 P.M. on Monday, April 11th, at Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx. Twelve matches for senior boys, 17 and 18 years of age, are on the program, and the contestants have qualified by winning the championships of their respective boroughs. These semi-finals are the last hurdle for the boys, who, having survived an intensive instruction and training course, as well as the series of elimination bouts which followed, are now battling for a spot in the City-wide Championships scheduled for the evening of May 6th, at 69th Regiment Armory. Junior division semi-finals were conducted on March 30th. More than 700 boys have participated in this tournament.

The contestants and the weight classes in which they will compete on Monday evening are as follows:

118 Pound Class

Patsy Fermo  
John Brocco  
Horatio Hicks

Rutgers Center, Manhattan  
Red Hook Center, Brooklyn  
Williamsbridge Center, Bronx

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126 Pound Class

LeRoy Williams  
John Pasqua  
Bernard McCoy  
Manuel Vinho

West 28th Street Gym, Manhattan  
McCarren Center, Brooklyn  
Crotona Center; Bronx  
Astoria Center, Queens

135 Pound Class

John Mulvaney  
Armond Bernsten  
Anthony Coletti  
Joseph Bonelli

East 54th Street Gym, Manhattan  
Sunset Center, Brooklyn  
Williamsbridge Center, Bronx  
Von Dohlen Center, Queens

140 Pound Class

Frank Boncimino  
Vincent Carrube  
Albert Hoffman  
Edward Broderick

Rutgers Gym, Manhattan  
Red Hook Center, Brooklyn  
Crotona Center; Bronx  
Astoria Center, Queens

147 Pound Class

Peter Catanese  
Sol Berlen  
Tony Cade  
James Nielson

East 54th Street Gym, Manhattan  
Red Hook Center, Brooklyn  
Crotona Center, Bronx  
Von Dohlen Center, Queens

160 Pound Class

David DeLong  
William Blecher  
Anthony Edwards  
Robert Hayes

East 54th Street Gym, Manhattan  
McCarren Center, Brooklyn  
Crotona Center; Bronx  
Astoria Center, Queens

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouses at Prospect Park West and Seventh Street, Brooklyn, New York, on Palm Sunday, April 10th, 1949, at 10 A.M.

More than 200 varieties of flowers will be on exhibit. The main feature of the show is a huge cross, twenty feet high, made up of Mexican Lilies with an edging of Blue Cinerarias. Leading to the steps of the cross is a path of grass with beds of Azaleas in over 50 varieties.

As a background for the central motive, the walls of the Greenhouse are banked with a colorful display of flowers in great varieties, among which are Sweet Peas, Snap Dragons, Camellias and many other plants.

Press photographs may be taken daily starting Friday, April 8th.

April 8, 1949.

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Misc.-45M-100848 114

The Third Annual Egg Rolling Contest, sponsored by Arnold Constable, Fifth Avenue, and conducted by the Department of Parks on the Great Lawn in Central Park, will be photographed and shown on the Bob Emory television show, "Small Fry". A real news item in the small fry world, the Egg Rolling Contest can be seen on "Small Fry" television show on April 18th, from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., over Dumont Television Network.

During their program, "Breakfast With Dorothy and Dick", heard every Monday through Friday from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m., Dorothy Kilgallen and her husband, Dick Kollmar, will, on April 12th, tell their listeners about this colorful Lenten Festival. They will personally invite the children of New York City to participate in this well-known Easter event. Dorothy and Dick will also act as honorary judges of the contest.

On April 7th, Jack Sterling, CBS radio star, heard daily from 6:00 to 7:45, will also announce the Easter Egg Rolling Contest to his many listeners, including New York City school children. Every youngster in the City will hear direct from Jack Sterling about the many wonderful and worthwhile gifts and gift certificates Arnold Constable is awarding winners of their Egg Rolling Contest.

April 6, 1949.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Misc.-25M-100848 114

The Department of Parks announces the beginning of work in connection with the development of the entire shorefront of the Astoria Housing Project at Hallets Avenue, Queens, as a park promenade with sitting areas and sand pits and a large playground at each end.

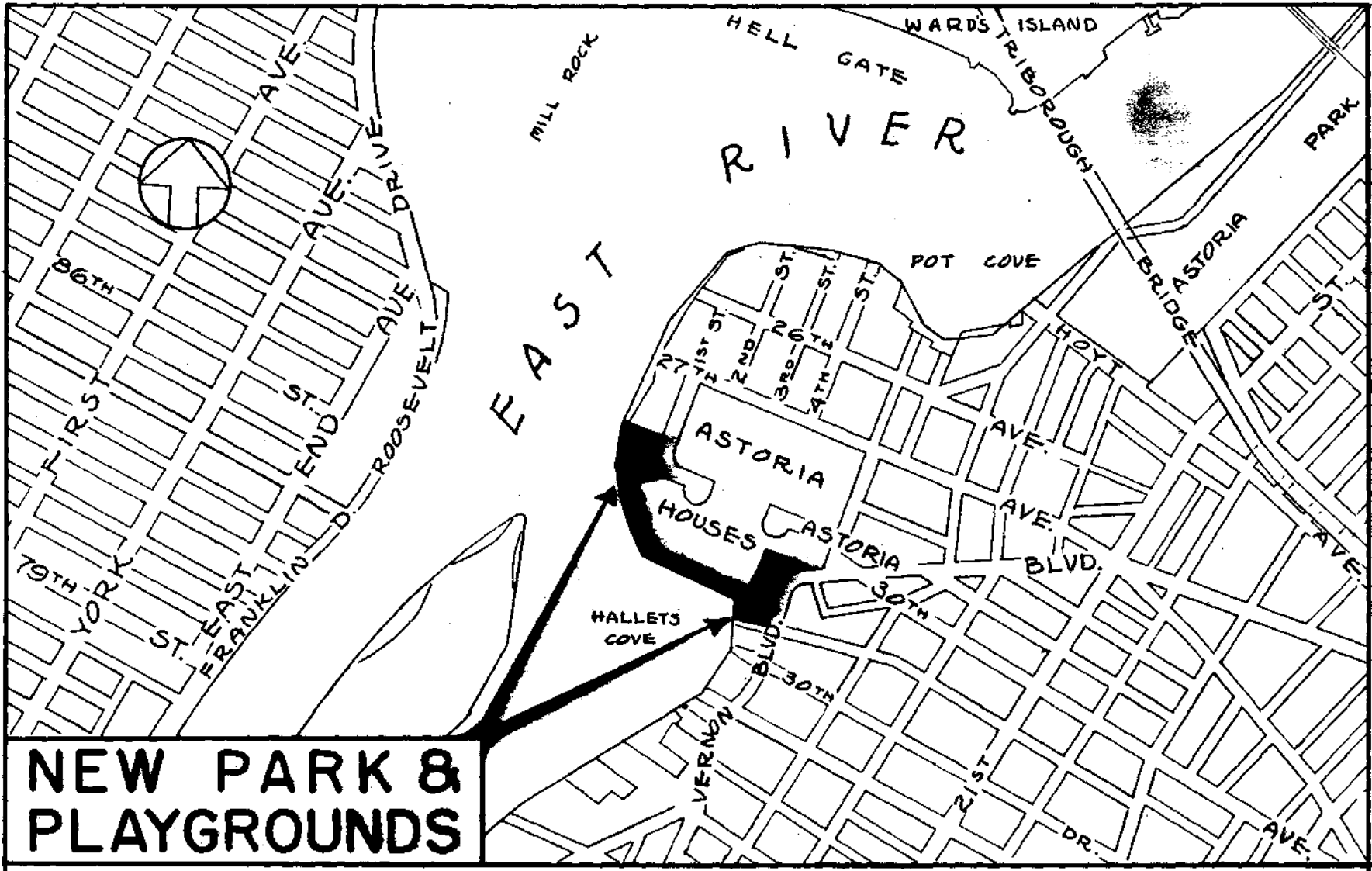
In accordance with terms of the contract for the Housing Project, approved by the City Planning Commission, the City of New York agreed to develop the park areas to be paid for in part by a contribution of \$160,000 by the New York City Housing Authority.

The work includes the construction of two comfort stations, curbs, pavements, fences, benches, drinking fountains, play areas, including playground equipment, shower basin, handball courts, sand pits, softball diamonds, and horseshoe pitching courts, together with grading, drainage, lighting and irrigation systems, and landscaping. When completed this fall, it will serve the tenants of the Housing Project and the residents of the surrounding community.

The improvement will cost \$302,605.65, and the work will be carried on by Lenmar Construction Co., Inc., 232 Varet Street, Brooklyn, New York, the successful bidder.

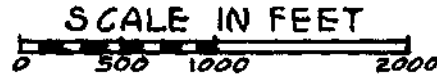
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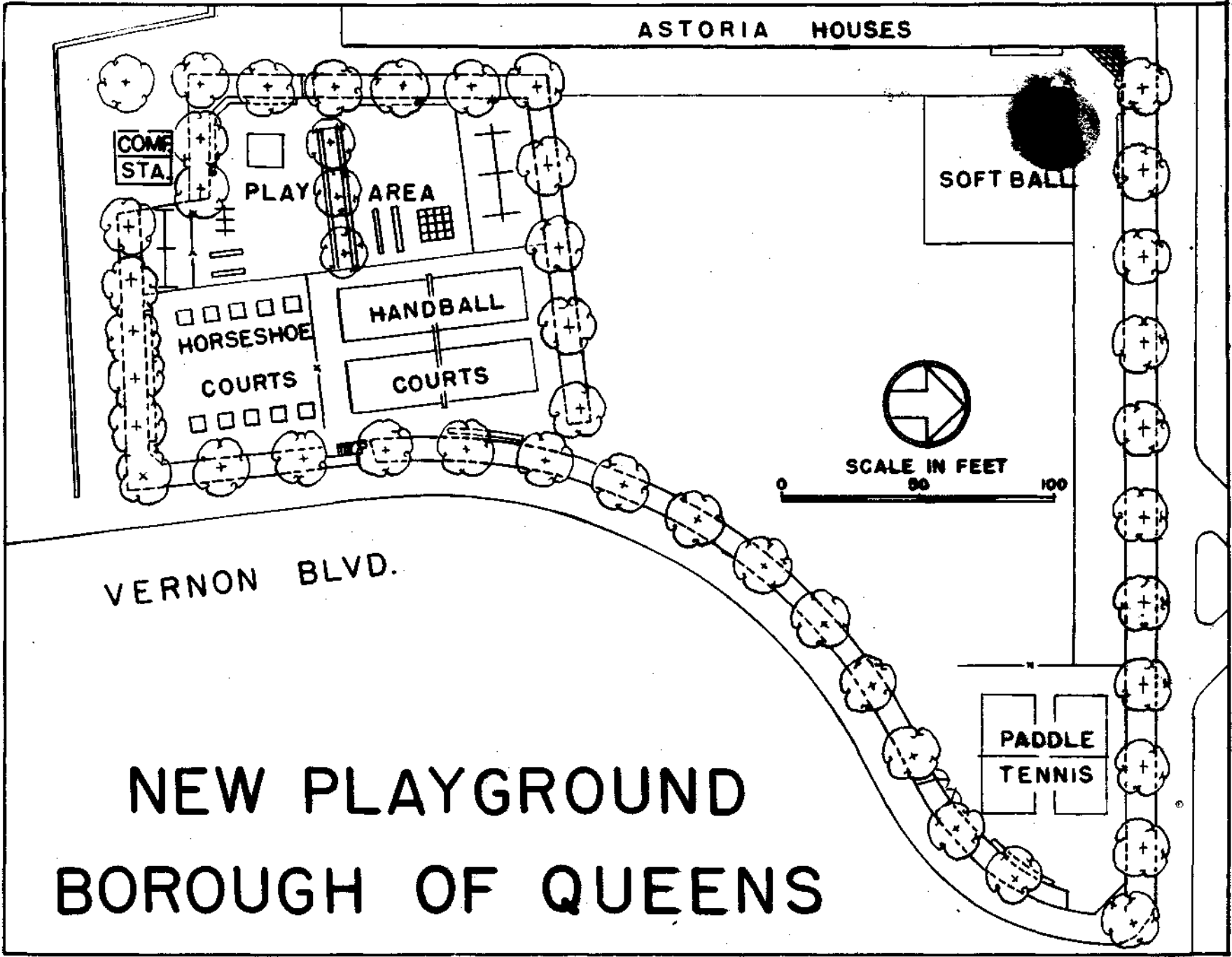
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PARK & PLAYGROUND AREAS ADJACENT TO ASTORIA HOUSES  
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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-SME-100848 114

Friday, April 1, 1949.

The Department of Parks announces the opening of the ten municipal golf courses on Saturday morning, April 2, 1949. The club houses, with food facilities, locker and shower accommodations and other facilities, will be opened at the same time for the use of the public. The locations of these ten courses are as follows:

- Brooklyn - Dyker Beach Golf Course, 86th Street and Seventh Avenue.
- Bronx - Van Cortlandt Golf Course, 242d Street and Broadway, Van Cortlandt Park.  
Mosholu Golf Course, Jerome Avenue and Holley Lane, at Woodlawn.  
Pelham Golf Course, Shore Road, north of Hutchinson River Parkway, Pelham Bay Park.  
Split Rock Golf Course, Shore Road, north of Hutchinson River Parkway, Pelham Bay Park.
- Queens - Clearview Golf Course, 23d Avenue and Willets Point Boulevard, Bayside.  
Kissena Golf Course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road, Flushing.  
Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Parkway, Forest Park.
- Richmond - Silver Lake Golf Course, Silver Lake Park on Victory Boulevard and Park Road.  
La Tourette Golf Course, Forest Hill Road and London Road.

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Fees for permits will be \$10.00 for a season permit. An additional daily fee of 25 cents entitles the permit holder to play on weekdays at any of the ten courses, and an additional charge of 50 cents is made on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For non-permit holders, the daily fee from Monday to Friday will be \$1.00 and \$1.25 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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Due to the construction, it will be impossible to provide parking space near the new #1 tee and golfers will be required to walk from the clubhouse to the new starting tee. It is anticipated that the construction work on the golf course on those holes affected will be completed during the summer.

March 31, 1949.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The New York City Park Department has awarded a contract to John Cascione, 71-53 - 69th Street, Glendale 27, New York, for the planting in April of hundreds of new colorful flowering trees and shrubs, such as Cherry trees, Crabapple trees, Magnolias, Dogwood trees, and Forsythia, Azalea and Viburnum shrubs, in parks in four boroughs.

These generous gift plantings, funds for which were solicited by the public-spirited Citizens' Golden Anniversary Committee of the Park Association of the City of New York, Inc., as a way of commemorating fifty years of progress in the Greater City of New York, will add interest and beauty to several city parks and parkways, and will bring pleasure to millions of its residents and visitors who look to the parks for recreation, rest and play for years to come.

Three Dogwoods, seventy-three Magnolias, six hundred sixty-four Crabapples, eight hundred fifty-nine Japanese Cherries, four Red Oaks, and scores of Forsythia and double-pile Viburnum shrubs will be planted in Bowling Green Park, City Hall Park, Central Park and Washington Square Park, in Manhattan; Prospect Park, in Brooklyn; Van Cortlandt Park, in the Bronx; and the Queens Botanical Garden, in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

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Of the total of one thousand six hundred and twenty trees, fourteen hundred and fifty-five will be planted in Central Park in concentrated groupings, along the East and West Drives, around the 72nd Street Lake, at the rear of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and around the Great Lawn on the site of the old reservoir.

The Park Department horticulturists will select the trees and shrubs from nurseries and will supervise the planting.

March 28, 1949.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Misc. 45M-100848 114

The Third Annual Egg Rolling Contest, sponsored by Arnold Constable, will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets, on Saturday, April 16th, at 2 P.M. The "hen-fruit" derby is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 13 years, and they may file their entry blanks at Park Department playgrounds, or at the booth in the Boys and Girls Department at Arnold Constable, Fifth Avenue at 40th Street, Manhattan.

Colored wooden eggs and spoons will be provided by Arnold Constable to each participant on April 16th. The youngsters will push their eggs along courses determined by their ages. Competition will be divided into six classes: Group I - for girls and boys, 5, 6 and 7 years of age, who will cover a 20 yard course; Group II - for girls and boys, 8, 9 and 10 years old, for a distance of 30 yards; Group III - for girls and boys, 11, 12 and 13 years of age, who will roll a 40 yard course.

Arnold Constable will award worthwhile prizes to first, second and third place winners in each final event. For Group I, these prizes will be a velocipede, a scooter and beach ball, and roller skates for boys, and a doll carriage, a large doll and beach ball, and roller skates for the girls. Group II winners

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will receive Merchandise Certificates for \$25, \$20 and \$15, in that order. The Group III winners will receive similar Merchandise Certificates.

Entries must be filed on or before Monday, April 11th.

March 25, 1949.

FOR RELEASE: Immediately

The Department of Parks announces that a new baby male Bactrian Camel was born at the Central Park Zoo at 9:30 A.M., March 16th.

The mother is "Elly" and the father "Artie", both fifteen years old.

*17 years old*

*635 Press Bureau 6th - 1957*

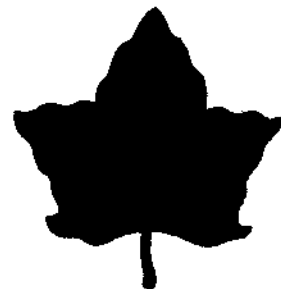
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Press photographs may be taken between the hours of 10:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Thursday, March 17th.

*Phone call to Associated Press 3/18/49 - 11:40 AM*

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks and the Office of the Borough President of Queens announce that work in connection with a new modern grade separation, replacing the old rickety wooden structure known as Shepherd's Bridge, at Cross Bay Boulevard and Conduit Boulevard (Sunrise Highway), Queens, will start March 16, 1949.

This marks the first stage of the physical improvement of the present narrow inadequate Conduit Boulevard from Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn to its junction with the Belt Parkway System at Southern Parkway in Queens. The old existing wooden bridge carries a great amount of traffic to and from the Rockaways, especially during the summer months, and, as a result of eighteen years of heavy service and exposure to the elements, it has deteriorated to such an extent that the cost of repairs became excessive and uneconomical.

Official attention was focused on the bridge when, on December 18, 1948, a truck which tried to get under it failed to make it, and almost tore down the wobbly structure and tied up traffic for hours. Instead of making extensive and expensive repairs, it was decided to replace the old structure with a modern, substantial span.

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The new bridge will be stone-faced and similar in design to other bridges spanning the Belt Parkway. It will have two fifty-foot wide roadways, separated by a ten-foot center mall. Besides the construction of the bridge, the work entails the construction of a new drainage system, alterations to the existing lighting and water systems, alteration of the existing approaches and exits to and from Conduit Boulevard, and the paving with concrete of the east and westbound roadways of Conduit Boulevard on both sides of the bridge to provide for three lanes of traffic in each direction.

While the new structure is under construction, traffic will be taken care of by a temporary detour across Conduit Boulevard, with necessary approaches, lighting and traffic signs.

The successful bidder for the work was Gull Contracting Co., at a cost of \$877,421.

*Att: Plan # Q-L-96-4400*

March 15, 1949.





D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-5M-100848 114

Monday, March 14, 1949

The second set of borough championship bouts in the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament, which is sponsored by Gimbel Brothers, will get under way on Wednesday evening, March 16th, when Bronx will conduct its championship matches at Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue. Queens championships will be held the next evening, March 17th, at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard. On the following Monday, March 21st, Manhattan youngsters will battle for borough titles at 342 East 54th Street Gymnasium. Bouts will begin at 8 P.M. each evening.

These bouts are part of the City-wide Boxing Tournament conducted by the Park Department for boys 14 to 18 years of age. Training sessions have been held regularly at 15 Department of Parks boxing centers located throughout the five boroughs, for several months. The boys in this week's bouts, and those held in Brooklyn and Richmond last week, are the best of the 700 boys who participated in the boxing program. The bouts are scheduled by weight and age into 13 classes, ranging from 90 to 160 pounds.

Gimbel Brothers will award medals to the individual borough champions and runners-up, and to the City-wide winners and runners-up. The borough champions will represent their boroughs

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in the final round of the Tournament--the City-wide Semi-finals, and Final events. These are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, March 30 - City-wide Junior Semi-finals - Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens.
- Monday, April 11 - City-wide Senior Semi-finals - Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.
- Friday, May 6 - City-wide Championships - 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

There is no admission charge for any of these bouts. However, boxing fans who wish to see the finals at the 69th Regiment Armory on May 6th may secure guest tickets by addressing their request to "Boxing", Department of Parks, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N. Y., and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for their tickets.

March 11, 1949.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Monday, March 7, 1949

The Department of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament, sponsored by Gimbel Brothers, will begin tomorrow evening, at 8 P.M., when the first set of borough elimination bouts will be held at Red Hook Center, Bay and Henry Streets in Brooklyn. These matches mark the opening of a city-wide tournament for which over 700 boys have been training at fifteen Department of Parks boxing centers for the past few months.

All the boys competing are between 14 and 18 years of age. Their training and conditioning program has been carefully supervised and directed by a special staff of Park Department Playground Directors. The tournament will be conducted in two divisions, Junior - for boys 14 to 16 years of age, and Senior - for boys 17 and 18 years of age. Junior boys will compete in seven weight classes: 90, 100, 105, 112, 118, 126, and 135 pounds. Seniors will compete in the 118, 126, 135, 140, 147, and 160 pound classes.

Each borough will conduct an elimination tournament, the winners to represent their respective boroughs in the city-wide semi-finals, and the city-wide championships which will

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conclude the tournament. Gimbel Brothers will award medals to the winners and runners-up in the borough championships, and to the winners and runners-up in the city-wide championships.

The boxing shows are scheduled as follows, all starting at 8 P.M.:

- Tuesday, March 8 - Brooklyn Semi-finals at Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Henry Streets
- Wednesday, March 9 - Brooklyn Championships at Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Henry Streets
- Thursday, March 10 - Bronx Semi-finals at Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue
- Friday, March 11 - Richmond Championships at Cromwell Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street
- Wednesday, March 16 - Bronx Championships at Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue
- Thursday, March 17 - Queens Championships at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens
- Monday, March 21 - Manhattan Championships at 342 East 54th Street Gymnasium, between First and Second Avenues
- Wednesday March 23 - Five Borough Quarter Finals at 342 East 54th Street Gymnasium, between First and Second Avenues
- Wednesday, March 30 - City-wide Semi-finals - Juniors - Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens
- Monday, April 11 - City-wide Semi-finals - Seniors - Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue.

The city-wide championships will be held at the 69th Regiment Armory on a date to be announced later.

March 3, 1949.

FOR RELEASE: Immediately

The Department of Parks received today one male and one female Orangutan, both about two years old, from Sumatra.

They are the gift of an anonymous donor, and will be on display starting Saturday, March 5th, at 11 A.M.

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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE TAKEN AT 10:30 A.M., SATURDAY.

*Revised to Associated Press - 3/4/77 - 4 P.M.*



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Misc.-45M-100848 114

Junior boys basketball teams representing the New York City and Boston Park Departments will resume inter-city competition next Saturday evening, March 5th, at the 69th Regiment Armory. The "home and home" series, arranged for the first time last year, is again sponsored jointly by New York's Madison Square Garden and the Boston Garden. The two Park Department teams will participate next Saturday in the first game of a triple-header at the Armory, starting at 6:30 P.M. At the conclusion of their game, the youngsters will have the opportunity of watching the N.Y. Knickerbocker - Boston Celtics game.

The New York Park Department team is selected on the basis of the borough winning the previous year's city-wide Park Department junior championship. The current basketball tournament championship will not be decided until April 2nd, at the Madison Square Garden. Since Brooklyn garnered the junior title last year, their 1949 borough champions, the Kelly Playground Violets, will represent New York City in the inter-city games. The line-up of the Kelly Violets is:

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Ralph De Crescenzo	Forward (Captain)
Joel Schenkman	Forward
Ben Prezizzo	Forward
Sheldon Weiner	Center
William Sigalone	Center
Robert Morgan	Guard
Steve Gladstone	Guard
Donald Lubin	Guard

New York Park Department officials have arranged a sight-seeing tour for the Boston visitors during their stay, and the officials of Madison Square Garden have arranged a luncheon in honor of the Bostonians at the Belvedere Hotel before the boys depart for home.

The following Saturday, March 12th, the New York team will go to Boston for the second and final game of the series. Jacob Goldfarb, Coach, and Edward J. Cummins, Manager, will accompany the team to Boston.

March 1, 1949.

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Bear Mountain State Park  
Bear Mountain, New York  
Stony Point 701, Ext. 35

IMMEDIATE RELEASE - PLEASE

BEAR MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK: The passenger ferry operated by Costello Launch Service, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Marine and Aviation and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, from the end of Dyckman Street across the Hudson River to the Palisades Interstate Park, proved to be such a popular service last year that the Department of Marine and Aviation and the Park Commission have arranged for the construction of a new and more suitable passenger ferry terminal on the site of the old Dyckman Street Ferry at the end of Dyckman Street.

The old ferry terminal will be completely demolished and fill will be placed in the area. There will be a wooden walkway to a float, from which the passengers will gain access to the ferries. It is expected that service will start on or about May 1, 1949 and will continue on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays until June 15th, 1949, on the following minimum schedule:

Leave Englewood Dock (New Jersey side)	8:30 A.M. and every half hour thereafter until 8:30 P.M.
Leave Dyckman Street Ferry Terminal (New York side)	8:45 A.M. and every half hour thereafter until 8:15 P.M.

Daily service will begin on June 15th and be maintained throughout the summer on the foregoing schedule, which, however, may be augmented by additional boats if the traffic warrants it.

Many New Yorkers have already tried out the new ferry service and have remarked that as long as 20 or 30 years ago, they made frequent trips on this route. Some used the ferry as an access to the Palisades Interstate Park, for hiking and picnicking expeditions; others merely went for the ride, to enjoy the scenic beauties of the ever-changing Palisades.

February 25, 1949.



## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces that, with the construction of the Major Deegan Highway through Van Cortlandt Park by the New York State Department of Public Works, it will be necessary to open the Van Cortlandt Golf Course with a shortened layout.

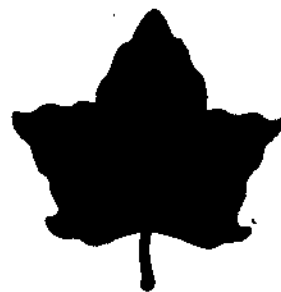
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Due to the construction, it will be impossible to provide parking space near the new #1 tee and golfers will be required to walk from the clubhouse to the new starting tee. It is anticipated that the construction work on the golf course on those holes affected will be completed during the summer.

February 21, 1949.

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction of and the opening for public usage of a new playground adjacent to Public School No. 106, from Odell Street to Purdy Street, south of St. Raymond Avenue, Borough of the Bronx.

This one-acre plot was acquired by the Board of Education for play purposes in connection with the recently enlarged public school. The westerly portion of the improvement, comprised mainly of a large open asphalt-surfaced play space, will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours to provide recreation for the increased school population. At all other times, it will be operated by the Park Department, together with the easterly portion, for the residents of the adjacent, densely populated community.

The improvement contains separate play units for both young and older children, and also handball courts, basketball and volley ball courts, shuffleboard courts, and a large free play area for group games.

The border of the perimeter of the development has been landscaped with shade trees and others have been spotted around the area to shade an adequate supply of benches for guardians of children.

With the addition of this new recreation area, there are now 513 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

February 1, 1949.

*Att:**Plans # X-L-G-9002 & 9003**Photo # 25808**(8)*

City Editors, Golf Editors, Editorial Writers & Mailing List



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Saturday, January 29, 1949

Misc.-25M-100848 114

The ten municipal golf courses operated by the Department of Parks will be opened for play for the 1949 season on Saturday, April 2d. All of the courses are readily accessible by transit facilities. The food and refreshment bars and golf shops in the clubhouse will also open for the season at that time.

Golf permits for the season cost \$10.00. An additional charge of 25¢ per round will be made to permit holders on weekdays and an additional charge of 50¢ per round on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Daily golf fees: \$1.00 on weekdays Monday through Friday and \$1.25 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Complete listing of the golf courses can be found in the telephone directory.

Starting Tuesday, February 1st, golf permits can be secured at any of the five borough offices listed below, either by personal application or by mail with a self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed; a face photograph of passport size taken not more than 30 days previous to date of application is required; address should include postal unit number.

Season tennis permits which cost \$3.00 and are good on all the City's 508 public tennis courts, which will be open

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for play on April 16th, may be secured in the same manner and at the same time.

Applications for golf lockers for the 1949 golf season will be accepted at each borough office from season golf permit holders only, from March 1st until the close of business March 15, 1949. Mailed applications must bear post-office stamp prior to midnight, March 14, 1949 to be valid. Applications must list the season golf permit number and the golf course where the locker is desired. Applications for golf permits and locker permits must be made separately with separate checks for each. This is important. Where the number of applications exceeds the number of lockers available at a golf course, the season golf permit numbers shall be used in a public drawing for award of locker permits for that course. The drawing will take place on March 18, 1949 in each borough, beginning at 10 A.M.

MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building - Telephone: REgent 4-1000  
64th Street and Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion - Telephone: SOuth 8-2300  
Prospect Park West and Fifth Street  
Brooklyn 15, New York

QUEENS - The Overlook - Telephone: VIRginia 9-4600  
Forest Park  
Union Turnpike and Park Lane  
Kew Gardens 15, N. Y.

BRONX - Administration Building - Telephone: TALmadge 9-5200  
Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue  
Bronx Park 60, New York

RICHMOND - Clove Lakes Park - Telephone: GIBraltar 2-7640  
1150 Clove Road  
West New Brighton, Staten Island 1, N. Y.

January 27, 1949.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Saturday, January 29, 1949

Misc.-5M-100848 114

The Manual Training Room and the Arts & Crafts Room, on the second floor of Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, will open with a bang on Monday, January 31st, according to an announcement made by the Department of Parks today.

The Manual Training Room is part of the Cromwell Indoor Recreation Center, also known as Pier #6, that was occupied by the U. S. Navy during the war and reopened to the public officially by Mayor O'Dwyer on January 3rd, this year, to provide additional year-round healthful and adequate recreation facilities for active young people. Other facilities at the center consist of an arena, 88 feet wide and 300 feet long, with a stage for dramatics, 6 basketball courts; also, volleyball, tennis, and badminton courts. A boxing and exercise room, and game rooms for boys and girls are also available. The center is open Mondays through Fridays from 3 P.M. to 10 P.M.; Saturdays and Sundays from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. An average of 1500 children and adults have been using the facilities daily.

The Manual Training Room, which is to open Monday, will be staffed with four experienced instructors appointed by the Department of Parks, who will teach children and adults carpentry

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and metalwork, and who will also assist and advise them in connection with other types of hobbies in which they may be interested. It will be open from Monday to Friday from 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.; and on Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.

The shop has been furnished with up-to-date equipment consisting of planning tables, work benches, scroll saw, jointer, lathe, circular saw, pedestal grinder, drill press, polishing head, squaring shears, blacksmiths forge, quenching trough, and other equipment that is to be found in modern shops. Tools, such as chisels, hammers, saws, braces, drills, mallets, and planes, will be loaned by the department to persons making use of the facilities.

Individuals desiring to make use of the facilities may do so by visiting the recreation center and registering with the instructors.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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"Arthur von Briesen Park" on Staten Island, overlooking the Narrows and lying north of and adjacent to the United States Government Fort Wadsworth Reservation, is now open for public usage. It affords excellent views of upper and lower New York Harbor, as well as the skyline of lower Manhattan and downtown Brooklyn.

This twelve-acre waterfront park was donated to the City by Mrs. Fay von Briesen, Mrs. Barbara B. Tweed and Mrs. Arthur von Briesen Menken.

In the ultimate development, which must wait until funds are available, the many large and valuable shrubs and trees now on the property will be retained, and softball diamonds and a comfort station will be provided; also, the scenic value of the site will be stressed, with wide terraces with benches overlooking the Narrows.

January 28, 1949.

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Photo # 25807

Plan # R-L-59-100

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new one-acre playground adjacent to Abraham Lincoln Houses, a New York City Housing Authority development, containing 1,286 apartments and an estimated population of 5,000, at Fifth Avenue and East 135th Street, Manhattan.

This playground, built simultaneously with the housing development, provides recreational facilities for both the tenants of the housing project and the residents of the surrounding community in the heart of Harlem.

The area is fenced off into five separate recreational units for control purposes. One contains a kindergarten area with sand pit, slides and see-saws and an adjacent area contains swings, slides and an exercise unit for older children; a third unit contains a comfort station, a large wading pool and a flagpole. A fourth area contains handball courts. The fifth area is a large permanent surfaced area for basketball, volley ball and other group games. During sub-freezing temperatures, it will be flooded for ice skating.

Numerous benches have been provided throughout the development for the guardians of children and the perimeter of the various areas have been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this new recreational area, there are now 512 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

January 25, 1949.

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Plans # M-L-G-22301 &amp; 22302

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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The expanded New York City park system has had added to it one more new playground, located south of 76th Avenue and east of 137th Street, adjacent to P.S. 164, Queens. This area was opened for public usage over the past week-end.

This new .8 of an acre recreation area is one of those agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks in order to provide recreation facilities both for the school pupils and the residents of the adjacent community.

The eastern half of the playground is a large asphalt-surfaced area containing two shuffleboard courts, two basketball standards and backstops with baskets for practice, and a softball diamond. This portion of the playground will be operated during school hours by the school authorities for the school children, and at all other times by the Department of Parks for the general public. The remainder of the area, or westerly half, which will be open at all times to the public, contains a comfort station, a sand pit and kindergarten slides, swings and see-saws for pre-school children; and a pipe frame exercise unit, slides, swings and handball courts for older children.

The improvement has been fenced off into four separate units for control purposes, and has been landscaped with trees, and an adequate number of benches provided for guardians of children at play and users of the facilities.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now

511 playgrounds in the park system.

January 25, 1949.

Att:

Plans # QL-212-109 + 110

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FOR RELEASE

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Over 700 boys, ranging from 14 through 18 years of age, are receiving boxing instructions at 15 Department of Parks boxing centers located in the five boroughs. The youngsters are given an extensive course of training and body conditioning by a staff of trained playground directors. The fundamentals of hitting, blocking and footwork, as well as the elements of defense, attack and counter-attack, are essential techniques which the boys must learn.

Arrangements are being made for the Department of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament. Gimbel Brothers have donated prizes which will be awarded to winners and runners-up in the borough and city-wide contests. Thirteen events, classed according to weight and age divisions, have been arranged. Boys who are registered and training at one of the following Park Department centers by February 14th will be eligible to compete in the tournament:

Manhattan -

Rutgers Gym, 5 Rutgers Place  
West 28th St. Gym; 407 West 28th Street  
East 54th St. Gym, 342 East 54th Street  
Thomas Jefferson Center, East 111th Street and First Avenue  
West 134th St. Gym, 35 West 134th Street  
Highbridge Center, West 173rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue

Brooklyn -

McCarren Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street  
Sunset Center, 43rd Street and Seventh Avenue  
Red Hook Center, Bay and Henry Streets

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Bronx -

St. Mary's Park, 149th Street and St. Ann's Avenue  
Crotona Park, 173rd Street and Crotona Avenue  
Williamsbridge Park, Bainbridge Avenue and 208th Street

Queens -

Astoria Center, 19th Street opposite 23rd Drive  
Von Dohlen Playground, 138th Street and Archer Avenue

Richmond -

Cromwell Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street

The schedule for the borough and city-wide matches is:

Mon.	Mar. 7	- Brooklyn Semi-Finals; Juniors - Red Hook Center
Tues.	Mar. 8	- Brooklyn Semi-Finals, Seniors - Red Hook Center
Wed.	Mar. 9	- Brooklyn Finals - Red Hook Center
Thurs.	Mar. 10	- Bronx Semi-Finals - Mullaly Center
Fri.	Mar. 11	- Richmond Finals - Cromwell Center - Bronx Semi-Finals - Mullaly Center
Mon.	Mar. 14	- Queens Jr. Eliminations - Lost Battalion Hall
Wed.	Mar. 16	- Bronx Finals - Mullaly Center
Thurs.	Mar. 17	- Queens Finals - Lost Battalion Hall
Fri.	Mar. 18	- Manhattan Finals - East 54th St. Gym
Wed.	Mar. 23	- Five-Boro Quarter Finals - East 54th St. Gym
Wed.	Mar. 30	- City-wide Semi-Finals, Juniors - Lost Battalion Hall
Mon.	Apr. 11	- City-wide Semi-Finals, Seniors - Mullaly Center
Fri.	Apr. 22	- City-wide Finals - 69th Regiment Armory

Entries may be filed at Park Department borough office  
on or before March 1st.

January 19, 1949.



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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction and the opening to the public of a new playground west of Alderton Street, between Elwell Crescent, adjacent to Public School No. 174, in the Borough of Queens.

This 1.9 acre playground contains five separate areas, each with different recreational units and facilities for control purposes. One section contains a wading pool and comfort station; a second, a sand pit, see-saws and swings for children of kindergarten age; the third, slides and swings for older children; the fourth, handball courts; and the fifth, a large free play area containing basketball courts, volley ball courts and softball diamonds. This latter area can also be used for roller skating, and, during sub-freezing temperatures, flooded for ice skating.

The area has been equipped with numerous benches for guardians of children, and landscaped with shade trees.

Acquired by the Board of Education for recreational purposes in connection with P.S. 174, the playground will be operated by the Board of Education when school is in session to provide recreation for the pupils, and, at all other times, it will be operated by the Department of Parks for the residents

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of the adjacent community. However, the section containing the sand pit, see-saws and swings for guardians with children of pre-school age, will be open at all times to the general public.

With the addition of this new play area, there are now 510 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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Plans # Q-L-G-32001 + 32002.

January 12, 1949.

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, January 2, 1949

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the restoration of Pier No. 6 on Murray Hulbert Avenue near Hannah Street, Richmond. Pier 6, better known as Cromwell Center, will be reopened to the public with ceremonies at 4 P.M., on Monday, January 3rd. Hon. G. Joseph Minetti, Commissioner of Marine & Aviation; Hon. Cornelius A. Hall, President of the Borough of Richmond; and Mayor O'Dwyer will participate in the exercises. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside. Music will be provided by the Department of Sanitation Band.

This pier was occupied by the U. S. Navy from July 1, 1942 to July 1, 1946. From that date until the spring of 1948, the pier remained idle pending a settlement for damages. Finally, a satisfactory settlement was reached and the federal government made the funds available to the Comptroller of the City. The Navy, in order to adapt the structure for wartime use, made extensive alterations within the pier building which destroyed its former value as a recreational and social center.

The work performed by three separate contracts, one for general restoration and the other two for plumbing and heating work, consisted of the actual restoration of former facilities,

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necessary rehabilitation work, and the alteration of certain areas, particularly on the second floor, to provide additional all-year, all-weather recreation facilities for active young people.

This is the first indoor, year-round recreation center to be opened and operated by the Park Department and it will serve as a model for a limited number planned for other boroughs in densely populated sections to meet the problem of providing year-round, healthful, adequate recreation for the youth of this City.

*Att. - Photo # 25770, 25771*

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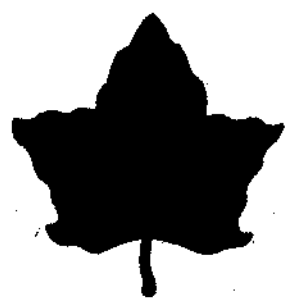
- 7/3 54 The week's program of name band dancing
- 7/3 55 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 7/3 56 Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater continues its tour of "Happy the Humbug"
- 7/3 57 Second concert this season by Naumburg Orchestra
- 7/7 58 Attendance at the ten Dept. of Parks Municipal Golf Courses
- 7/7 59 Athletic meets, track and field, sponsored by Thomas M. Quinn & Sons, in Queens
- 7/7 60 Twenty-four evening dances at Jacob Reis Park, Queens, scheduled
- 7/8 61 Four swim meets this week at Park Dept. outdoor pools
- 7/9 62 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 7/10 63 Opening of new playground in the Bronx between University and Merriam Aves.
- 7/10 64 Starlight name band dancing program for the week
- 7/10 65 Fifth week of summer tour of Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater
- 7/10 66 History of the Prison Ship Martyr's Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brkly
- 7/10 67 Completion of Prison Ship Martyr's Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brkly
- 7/11 68 More free square dancing - Pepsi Cola Co.
- 7/11 69 Playground opening, Bronx at University Ave.
- 7/11 70 Announcement of groundbreaking ceremonies for new playground, Austin St., Queens
- 7/11 71 Groundbreaking ceremonies for new playground in Queens, on Austin St.
- 7/14 72 Schedule for second week of Dept. of Parks swimming tournament for boys and girls
- 7/16 73 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 7/17 74 Fourth week of name band dancing
- 7/17 75 Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater's schedule for the week
- 7/20 76 Sr. Metropolitan A.A.U. Women's Swimming Championship - Flushing Meadow Park
- 7/20 77 Beginning of tenth annual golf tournament
- 7/21 78 Reopening of redesigned playground, Park Ave. and 108th St., Manhattan
- 7/23 79 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the week
- 7/24 80 Memorial concert of Mr. Elkan Naumburg
- 7/24 81 Program for the week of name band dances
- 7/24 82 Week's schedule for Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater
- 7/25 83 Fifth week of square dance series - Pepsi Cola Co.
- 7/25 84 Opening of new playground, Jackson Heights, Queens, and program
- 7/27 85 Sr. Metropolitan A.A.U. Men's Swimming Championship, Sunset Pool, Queens
- 7/28 86 Series of concerts to be given by International Music Lovers Guild
- 7/30 87 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 7/31 88 Week's schedule for Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater



- 7/31 89 Sixth week of name band dances - Con Edison
- 7/31 90 Tenth annual golf team championships and program of schedule of starting times, Forest Park Golf Course
- 8/1 91 New playground between Dean and Bergen Sts., Brklyn.
- 8/1 92 Sharks near the shore of Staten Island
- 8/2 93 New playground at Amsterdam Houses, Manhattan, and program
- 8/2 94 Program for opening of playground between Dean St. and Bergen St.
- 8/2 95 Schedule for playoffs for borough championships in tenth annual municipal tennis tournament
- 8/3 96 Eliminations for municipal golf tournament for men
- 8/6 97 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 8/7 98 Program for the week of name band dances - Con Edison
- 8/7 99 Week's schedule for Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater
- 8/8 100 "Honor your Partner" square dance to be introduced in Pepsi Cola series
- 8/9 101 Annual Dance Festival for children, Prospect Park, Brklyn.
- 8/14 102 Program for name band dances - Con Edison
- 8/14 103 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 8/14 104 Schedule for the week, for Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater
- 8/14 105 Annual Lifeguard Championship Tournament, Rockaway Beach
- 8/21 106 Women's and jr. boy's city-wide championship of Dept. of Parks Annual Golf Tournament, Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brklyn.
- 8/21 107 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 8/21 108 Week's schedule for Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater
- 8/21 109 Week's program for name band dances - Con Edison
- 8/22 110 New playground to be built at Bennett Park, Manhattan, and program
- 8/28 111 Finals of Annual Harvest Dance Contest
- 8/28 112 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 8/28 113 Week's program for name band dances - Con Edison
- 8/28 114 Week's program for Dept. of Parks Marionette Trailer Theater
- 8/31 115 Band of Shawinigan Falls, Quebec to <sup>perform</sup> be given in Prospect Park, Brklyn
- 9/4 116 Final Naumburg Concert of 1949 series, and program
- 9/4 117 Week's program for name band dances - Con Edison
- 9/4 118 Music and Dance Events in the parks for the coming week
- 9/4 119 Closing of outdoor pools (17swimming pools)
- 9/8 120 Schedule for the harvests of youngsters' 4"x8" "farms"
- 9/13 121 Three letters regarding the Bolivar and San Martin statues, between Mr. Robert Moses and Mr. Oren Root
- 9/18 122 Cromwell Center, Staten Island will reopen for indoor recreation
- 9/27 123 Final rounds of Knickerbocker Handicap Golf Tournament, Clearview Golf Course, Queens
- 10/3 124 Groundbreaking ceremonies for Wollman Memorial Recreation Center, Central Park

- 10/4 125 Annual Harvest and Flower Show, Seward Park, Children's Garden
- 10/5 126 Resolution regarding statues of Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin, and covering letter
- 10/6 127 Announcement regarding groundbreaking for Wollman Memorial Recreation Center, Central Park
- 10/8 128 New playground and Gov. A.E. Smith Memorial Area adjacent to P.S. #114, Manhattan
- 10/10 129 Chrysanthemums to be displayed at Jones Beach
- 10/11 130 Letter from Manuel V. Rodriguez to Mayor O'Dwyer regarding payment by Venezuela for moving statue of Bolivar
- 10/17 131 Groundbreaking ceremonies for Recreation Center in St. Mary's Park, ~~Brklyn.~~ Bronx
- 10/17 132 Regarding the report of accomplishments of New York City Park system during the past fifteen years
- 10/17 133 New playground near Bronx River Housing, Bronx
- 10/19 134 Announcement of reception of gift from Argentina, i.e. statue of Jose de San Martin, also announcement of moving statue of Simon Bolivar
- 10/22 135 Seventh annual outdoor chrysanthemum display at Central Park Conservatory
- 10/28 136 Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum Show, Prospect Park, Bklyn.
- 10/28 137 Construction for new playground adjacent to P.S. #133, Queens
- 10/29 138 Closing of tennis courts for the season
- 11/10 139 Schedule of free clinics for basketball for youngsters
- 11/25 140 Closing of ten municipal golf courses
- 12/1 141 Traffic at intersection of Northern Blvd. and Grand Central Pkwy to be rerouted
- 12/2 142 Construction of new playground adjacent to P.S. #162, Queens, with two maps
- 12/5 143 Construction of new playground adjacent to P.S. #20, Queens
- 12/14 144 Ceremonies regarding lighting of twenty-four Christmas trees in parks throughout the five boroughs
- 12/15 145 Annual Christmas exhibit of the season's flowers in greenhouse, Prospect Park, Brklyn.
- 12/16 146 City's water conservation program discontinuing swimming pools

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Due to the continuing seriousness of the water shortage, and as part of the City's water conservation program, the Department of Parks is discontinuing until further notice the use of its nine indoor swimming pools located at:

MANHATTAN

- Rivington St. & Baruch Pl.
- Carmine St. & Seventh Ave.
- East 23rd St. at Avenue A
- East 54th St. between First and Second Aves.
- 5 Rutgers Place
- 407 West 28th St.
- West 60th St. between 11th and Amsterdam Aves.
- 35 West 134th St.

BROOKLYN

- Metropolitan Ave. Pool at Bedford Ave.

December 16, 1949

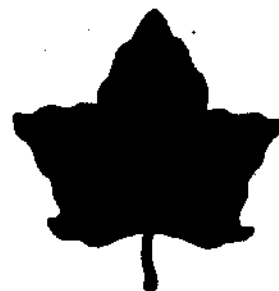
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The Annual Christmas Exhibit of the season's flowers will be on exhibition in the Greenhouse in Prospect Park, at Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, Brooklyn.

This year's display comprises of over 1500 colorful Poinsettia blooms in pink, white and red. Some of the Poinsettias measure 12 to 15 inches in diameter. Cyclamen in various colors will add to the attractiveness of the display.

Camelias are to be seen grouped with the Poinsettias and various other plants.

The exhibit will be open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., starting Sunday, December 18, 1949.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Wednesday, December 14, 1949

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The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with the lighting of twenty-four Christmas trees, which have been erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on Friday, December 16th, 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; and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park, Manhattan, the ceremonies will be broadcast over Station WNYC. Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of the City Council and Acting Mayor, will deliver the annual Christmas message, and, assisted by Mayor O'Dwyer's nephew, Rory, throw the switch lighting the sixty-foot high tree, officially starting New York's observance of the Yuletide season. Borough President Hugo E. Rogers will also participate in the exercises. Arthur S. Hodgkiss, Executive Officer of the Department of Parks, will act as master of ceremonies. Selections will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band, and Christmas carols will be sung by the Police Department's Glee Club, and a boys' choir from St. Vincent Ferrer Church.

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When the Mayor throws the switch lighting the tree, he will also light a traditional red and green wreath, eighteen feet in diameter, over the main entrance of the Park Department Headquarters at the Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, Manhattan. In the center of the wreath is a decorative panel depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East. In keeping with the holiday spirit, Park Department gardeners made the wreath by ingenious use of simple, inexpensive materials, such as attractive holly, laurel, rich brown pine cones, moss, soft hemlock - the most graceful of all evergreens, and large clusters of Red Ruscus, more brilliant than holly berries. In all, there are over 19,000 selected branches of various materials mounted on a wooden frame, braced and reinforced with 3/8 inch steel rods. The wreath weighs approximately two thousand pounds. The foliage across the frame is six feet wide and the depth of the foliage and filling from the face of the wreath to the base of the frame is over three feet.

The trees and the wreath will be lighted each evening from 4:30 P.M. until midnight, up to and including January 2, 1950.

Christmas trees have been erected at the following locations:

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Manhattan

- \* City Hall Park, Broadway and Murray Street
- Tavern on the Green, Central Park West and 67th Street
- Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111th Street
- Roosevelt Park, Block 7, Forsyth and Canal Streets
- Mt. Morris Park, center line of Fifth Avenue, top of hill
- Ft. Tryon Park, Dyckman Street and Broadway
- Carl Schurz Park, 85th Street and East End Avenue
- Bellevue Hospital, East River Drive and 26th Street
- Washington Square Park, Washington Arch
- Madison Square Park, Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street

Brooklyn

- \* Borough Hall Park, Fulton and Joralemon Streets
- Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Union Street
- Leiv Eiriksson Park, 67th Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues
- McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
- Dyker Beach Park, southwest corner of 86th Street and Seventh Avenue

Bronx

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

Queens

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

Richmond

- \* Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place
- \* Principal Ceremony

Borough Presidents Cashmore, Lyons, Burke and Hall will light the trees in their respective boroughs, with appropriate ceremonies.

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In addition to the ceremonies at the larger trees, there will also be 100 children's Christmas parties held between December 17th and the New Year, in the neighborhood playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. In general, the parties will include carol singing, tree trimming, and special Christmas games.

The largest of the children's parties in Manhattan will be at J. Hood Wright Playground on December 20th, Heckscher Playground on December 21st, and the playground at 74th Street and Riverside Drive on December 22nd. Brooklyn's largest parties will be at Col. David Marcus Playground on December 20th, Sunset Park on December 22nd, and Kelly Memorial Playground on December 23rd. The gayest parties in The Bronx will be at St. Mary's West Playground and at Mullaly Playground on December 20th, and at Williamsbridge Oval on December 21st. Queens will hold its largest parties at the Dry Harbor and Newtown Playgrounds on December 20th, Van Dohlen Playground on December 22nd, and Flushing Memorial Playground on December 23rd. In Richmond, parties of unusual interest will be held at DeMatti Playground on December 17th, at Cromwell Center, Pier 6 on December 21st, and at Mahoney Playground, McDonald Playground and Silver Lake Play Center on December 23rd.

*Sent out Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1949.*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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The Department of Parks announces that work has started on the construction of a new playground from Barclay Avenue to Sanford Avenue between Bowne and Union Streets, adjacent to Public School No. 20, Queens.

The contract, awarded to Acme Contracting Corporation, 66 Wyandanch Avenue, Babylon, New York, includes the demolition of existing school buildings; construction of a comfort station; construction of walks, curbs and fences; installation of drainage and irrigation systems; the construction of a school garden, and landscaping.

When completed, the playground will be operated jointly by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks, and will provide much-needed recreational facilities for both the school children and the residents of this old congested section of Flushing.

The improvement will contain an area with sand pit for small children of pre-school age, and a much larger separate area with shuffleboard courts, basketball courts, handball courts, a softball diamond, flagpole, comfort station, sand pit and play apparatus for older children. The recreation areas will be landscaped with borders of trees and shrubs.

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The Department of Parks announces the start of work in connection with the construction of a new playground adjacent to Public School No. 162, north of 56th Avenue from 201st Street to 202nd Street, Borough of Queens.

The contract, awarded to Moser Contracting Co., Inc., 24-16 Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City, New York, at a cost of \$112,577.50, includes the construction of a comfort station, including electrical, heating and plumbing work, the construction of curbs, pavements, fences, benches, play areas with playground equipment, erection of a flagpole, installation of drainage, irrigation and park lighting systems, and landscaping.

This playground is one of those agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks, and it will serve both the school children and the residents of the adjacent community. The present school play area is very limited and its redesign and enlargement will greatly alleviate the need for recreational facilities in this rapidly growing section of Bayside.

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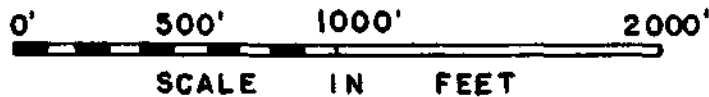
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When completed, there will be available a school garden, paddle tennis courts, basketball courts, handball courts, a softball diamond, and a large roller skating area, a completely equipped playground with shower basin and sand pit, and a separate area for kindergarten age children, with play apparatus and a sand pit. The various play units will be fenced off from each other for control and safety of the children.

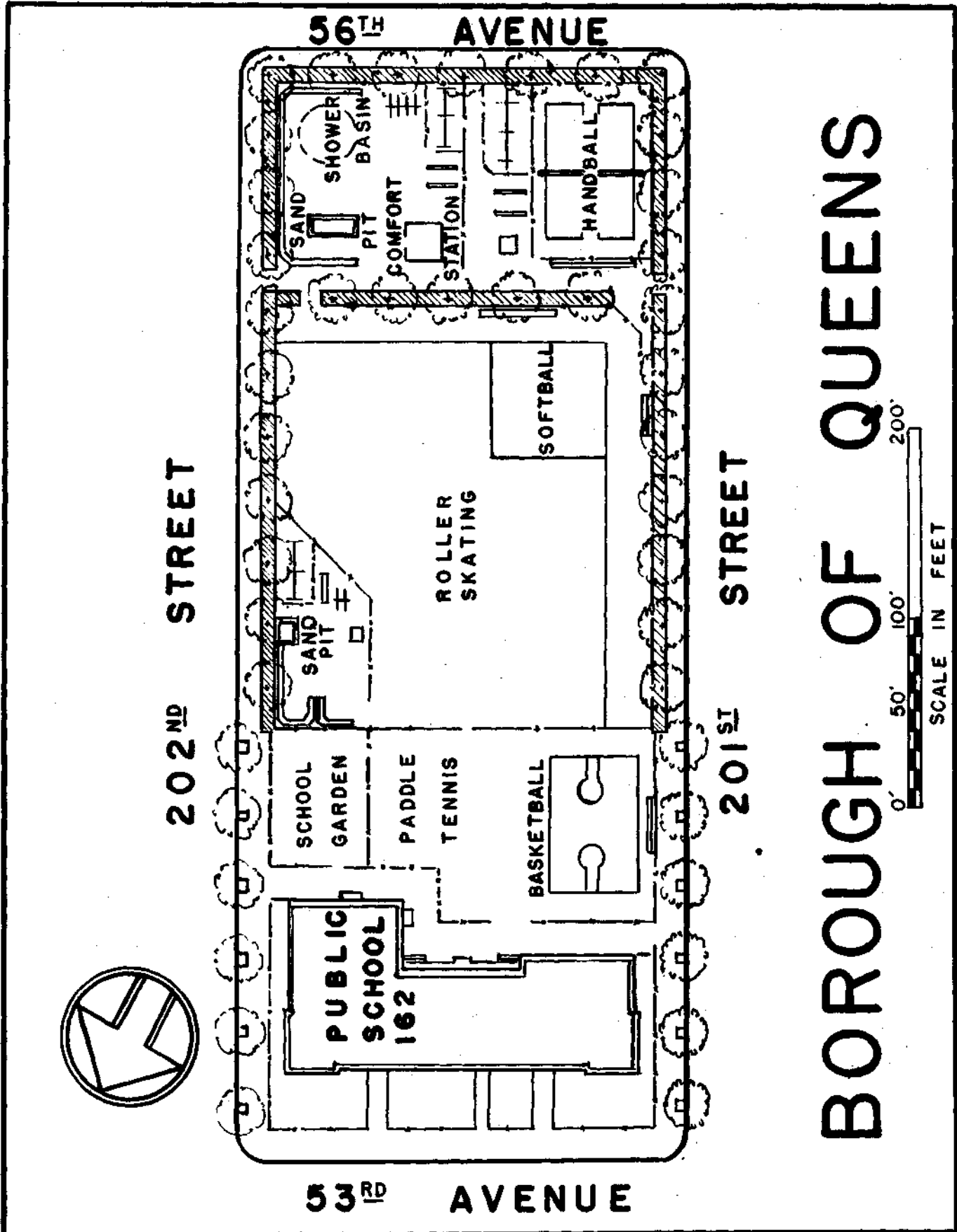
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**BOROUGH OF QUEENS**



PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO P.S. 162  
 NORTH OF 36<sup>TH</sup> AVE. FROM 201<sup>ST</sup> TO 202<sup>ND</sup> ST.  
 QUEENS S.C.G. JUNE 10, 1949



PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO P.S. NO 162  
 NORTH OF 56<sup>TH</sup> AV. FROM 201<sup>ST</sup> ST. TO 202<sup>ND</sup> ST.  
 QUEENS S. C. G. JUN 6, 1949

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Thursday, December 1, 1949

Brooklyn bound traffic at the intersection of Northern Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway will be re-routed starting Friday, December 2nd.

Both of the access drives from Northern Boulevard to the eastbound lane of the parkway, which lead to Brooklyn and Long Island, will be closed, and in their stead traffic will be routed to the access drive which enters the parkway from the intersection of 114th Street and 34th Avenue. The new routes have been marked with a complete sign installation, which should obviate any confusion.

This change is being made by the Park Department to reduce congestion which develops daily because of the mixing on the parkway of the Northern Boulevard traffic headed for Brooklyn and the parkway traffic turning off on Northern Boulevard to the Whitestone Bridge and other points to the east. Under the new arrangement, these two streams of traffic cannot come in contact with each other.

*Att: Plan # A-L-84-2801*

*Sent out Tuesday, 11/29/49.*

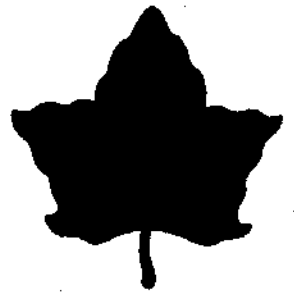
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

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Friday, November 25, 1949

The Department of Parks announces the closing of the ten municipal golf courses in the various boroughs and the popular pitch putt course at Jacob Riis Park, Queens, at the close of play on Sunday, November 27, 1949.

During the past season, more than 664,000 rounds were played over the ten courses, and approximately 46,469 rounds were played on the pitch putt course.

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FOR RELEASE

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Although youngsters need no incentive to play basketball, it is obvious that the more they know about the finer points of the game, the more they get out of their participation in the sport. Many boys and girls, however, lack opportunities to increase their knowledge of basketball. To meet this need, the Department of Parks and the Madison Square Garden Corporation are cooperating in conducting fifteen clinics throughout the city at Park Department recreation centers or gymnasias. Teen-agers and adults attending these free clinics will see the veteran Knickerbocker stars, as well as this season's rookies, demonstrate by means of actual play, lectures and motion pictures, offensive and defensive basketball strategy.

The clinics, all beginning at 8 P.M., are scheduled as follows:

- November 16, 1949 East 54th Street Gymnasium, 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan
- November 17, 1949 Carmine Street Gymnasium; Carmine and Varick Streets and 6th Avenue, Manhattan
- December 5, 1949 Highbridge Recreation Center, West 173rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan
- December 6, 1949 134th Street Gymnasium, 35 West 134th Street, Manhattan

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December 12, 1949 West 28th Street Gymnasium, 407 West 28th Street, Manhattan

January 3, 1950 Forrest House, 1122 Forest Avenue, Bronx

January 12, 1950 Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx

January 16, 1950 Crotona Recreation Center, East 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx

January 17, 1950 Betsy Head Recreation Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn

February 8, 1950 Sunset Recreation Center, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street, Brooklyn

February 13, 1950 McCarren Recreation Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn

February 28, 1950 Red Hook Recreation Center, Ray and Henry Streets, Brooklyn

March 2, 1950 President Street Gymnasium, President Street and 4th Avenue, Brooklyn

March 6, 1950 Astoria Recreation Center, 19th Street opposite 23rd Drive, Queens

March 7, 1950 Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Saturday, October 29, 1949

The Department of Parks announces the closing for the season of the tennis courts at the close of business on Sunday, October 30, 1949. After this date, players who bring their own equipment, including nets, will be permitted to use the hard surface courts free of charge.

*Sent out Thursday, October 27, 1949.*

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces the start of work in connection with the construction of a playground adjacent to Public School No. 133, south of 85th Avenue from 248th Street to 249th Street, Queens.

The contract, awarded to the Northeastern Chemical Co., 564 Jackson Avenue, The Bronx, at a cost of \$81,900, covers the construction of a comfort station, including electrical, heating and plumbing work, construction of walks, fences, a sand pit, flagpole, a completely equipped playground, school garden, basketball, paddle tennis, handball and shuffleboard courts, and a softball diamond, playground lighting and landscaping.

When completed, the playground will be jointly operated by the Board of Education and the Park Department. It will provide recreational facilities for the pupils of the school during school hours and at all other times for the residents of the adjacent community.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Friday, October 28, 1949

The Park Department announces that the Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Brooklyn, will open to the public on Sunday, October 30, 1949, at 10:00 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 Avenue 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 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for three weeks, and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to view the display.

More than three thousand pots of chrysanthemums will be on exhibition. 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, Marie De Petries, Indianapolis Pink and White 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.

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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 Queens, Red Rover, Orchid Beauty, Long Island Beauty, Nevada and Red Robin Hood.

Press photographs may be taken any time after 9:00 a.m. Friday, October 28, 1949.

*Sent out Thursday, October 27, 1949.*

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Saturday, October 22, 1949

The New York City Park Department's Seventh Annual Outdoor Chrysanthemum Display is presently coming into full bloom in the Borough of Manhattan at Central Park Conservatory Gardens, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue; the Plaza, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street; Bryant Park, 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas; Bowling Green Park, Broadway and Whitehall Street; at Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Tillary Streets in Brooklyn, and at the City Building in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens. The display will last through the first week in November.

These permanent and colorful massed plantings are cuttings from plants, 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 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, Inc.

Over 11,500 individual plantings have been used in this year's display. Massed solidly in beds in large-scale plantings, the flowers range in color from white through pale yellow to pink to the various shadings of red. The plants range in size from the small dwarf varieties to plants more than three feet in spread.

The plants in New York City's display are seedlings and

cuttings from the "Chicago" strain of winter-hardy chrysanthemums developed by Dr. E. J. Krause, Chairman of the Botany Department of the University of Chicago. Dr. Krause, 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 1934. He wanted to develop a chrysanthemum whose flower would withstand severe frost, and whose plants would survive sub-zero temperatures.

In the spring of 1942, Mrs. Lasker gave the seeds and funds to establish the original plantings at the Conservatory Gardens and at Bryant Park to the New York City Park Department. The additional plantings were made in the succeeding years.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY.

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The Statue of General Jose de San Martin, a gift to the City of New York by the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was received by the City today without formal ceremony and placed in storage pending the preparation of a suitable site in Central Park. After the statue has been erected in its new location, the Mayor has directed that appropriate unveiling ceremonies will be held in which officials of the Argentine Government will be asked to participate.

The Mayor also authorized the announcement that the Venezuelan Government has formally and officially requested the City to move the Statue of General Simon Bolivar from its present location in Central Park to a new site in Central Park at 59th Street and The Avenue of the Americas. The Venezuelan Government has offered to pay all of the expenses of relocating this statue, and landscaping the surrounding area, presently estimated at \$200,000. This offer was originally made verbally to the Mayor by a distinguished Commission appointed by the Secretary of State of Venezuela, consisting of Manuel Discente, Elias Perez Sosa, Eduardo Chataing and Margo Boulton de Bottome, and was confirmed in a letter to the Mayor from Manuel V. Rodriguez L., President of the Boliverian Society of the United States, Inc., and by the Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States.

At the Mayor's direction, the Park Department has prepared a tentative plan for the location of both of these statues at the

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northerly end of The Avenue of the Americas in Central Park. This has been recommended and endorsed by the Avenue of the Americas Association. The Bolivar Statue will be placed in the plaza to the east of the roadway leading into the park from The Avenue of the Americas, and the Statue of San Martin will be located in a plaza to the west of the drive. Preliminary plans have been prepared by Gilmore D. Clarke, photographs of which are attached. Detailed plans will be prepared by the Park Department and submitted to the Art Commission for formal approval.

The total estimated cost of the work is \$400,000, of which approximately \$200,000 or more will be contributed by the Venezuelan Government for the Bolivar work, and approximately \$200,000 by the City for the San Martin installation.

ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces the start of construction of a new one-acre playground adjacent to and as part of the plan for the Bronx River Houses, north of East 174th Street from Bronx River Avenue to Manor Avenue, The Bronx.

The property for the improvement was acquired as part of the housing site and paid for by the New York City Housing Authority. The Housing Authority also is contributing \$60,000 towards the cost of its construction.

The contract for the development of the playground has been awarded to Hank Construction Corporation, 209 East 120th Street, New York City, at \$95,473.41. It provides for the construction of a playground containing four handball courts, a basketball and volleyball court, two paddle tennis courts, two shuffleboard courts, a wading pool, sand pit, jungle gym, see-saws, slides, swings, a flag-pole, and a comfort station. There will be a large paved area which can be used for ice and roller skating. Also included is the installation of lighting, drainage and irrigation systems. For control purposes, the games area will be separated from the children's apparatus area by a fenced-in, planted strip, and the perimeter of the development also will be bordered with trees and shrubs. Numerous benches will be provided for guardians of children and others watching those at play.

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When completed, this new recreational area will provide recreational facilities for both the tenants of the 1,246 unit Bronx River housing project and residents of the surrounding community.

October 17, 1949.

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Monday, October 17, 1949

To Editors and Editorial Writers:

Attached is an illustrated copy of a report summarizing what has been accomplished in the New York City park system during the past fifteen years. It describes in detail the program completed since our last report was issued in 1945.

The booklet, while condensed, is a complete and accurate report of the expansion, rehabilitation and improvements of the park system, financed with city, state and federal funds and through contributions from the Triborough Bridge Authority and other agencies, institutions and individuals.

The report also describes our construction program of essential and worth while improvements for the next four years.

ROBERT MOSES.

Commissioner

*Sent out Friday, Oct. 14, 1949 with 16 yr. Report.*

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Monday, October 17, 1949

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces that Mayor O'Dwyer; The Honorable Lazarus Joseph, Comptroller of the City of New York; The Honorable James J. Lyons, President of the Borough of The Bronx; and The Honorable Charles E. Keegan, Councilman, will participate as speakers in ground breaking exercises for the Recreation Center in St. Mary's Park, at St. Mary's Street and St. Ann's Avenue, The Bronx, on Tuesday, October 18th, at 2:30 P.M. Park Commissioner Robert Moses will preside.

These ground breaking ceremonies will mark the start of the first phase of the development, which will consist of the recreation building containing an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, locker rooms and showers, and rooms for meetings and games, together with the necessary electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilating work and the installation of a complete filter system for the pool.

The construction of an outdoor swimming pool and other related recreational facilities will follow as the second stage of the program at a later date.

This center is the first of eight planned for various congested communities and is part of a comprehensive city-wide,

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all-year-round, all-weather recreation program, strongly endorsed by the Park Association of the City of New York and approved by the Mayor and the Board of Estimate in 1946 to provide additional urgently needed recreational facilities for children and adults residing not only in the immediately adjacent congested community but also in outlying districts.

*Att. -*

*Photo # 25736*

*2 Plans - # X-L-45-903 + 904.*

*Sent out Friday, October 14, 1949.*

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THE BOLIVARIAN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.  
19 Rector Street - Room 204  
New York 6

October 11, 1949

His Honor The Mayor  
William O'Dwyer  
City Hall  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will confirm to you that I as President of the Bolivarian Society of the United States, Inc., and as head of the mission sent to New York by the Government of Venezuela and composed of Mr. Elias Perez Sosa, Secretary of the Bolivarian Society of Venezuela, Mrs. Margot de Bottome, Member of the Municipal Counsel of Caracas and Dr. Luis Eduardo Chataing, prominent architect of Caracas and the undersigned, am authorized by the Government of Venezuela to offer to the City of New York and hereby do offer to that city to pay the entire cost, estimated at \$200,000/\$235,000, of moving the Bolivar statue from its present site in Central Park to a new site in Central Park at the North-eastern corner of the Avenue of the Americas and 59th Street.

Could you send me for transmission to my Government your acceptance of this offer and a copy of the plan prepared by Mr. Gilmore D. Clarke, which you showed us this morning.

Assuring you of our pride in cooperating with your great city to honor the hero who so justly merits the titles of Liberator and Founder of Inter-Americanism, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

THE BOLIVARIAN SOCIETY OF THE U.S., INC.

(Signed) Manuel V. Rodriguez L.  
President

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ARSENAL. CENTRAL PARK

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Saturday, October 8, 1949

The Department of Parks announces the start of construction of the playground and the Governor Alfred E. Smith Memorial Area adjacent to Public School No. 114, between Cherry and Monroe Streets, west of Catherine Street, on the lower East Side of Manhattan.

The property for the playground and the memorial site was acquired by the City Housing Authority and turned over to the City for park and recreational purposes, and the Housing Authority is contributing \$150,000 towards the development of the playground.

The improvement, which will cover the construction of a playground and the Governor Alfred E. Smith Memorial Area adjacent to Public School No. 114, is part of the plan and project for the Governor Smith Houses which were started last October. It will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for school children, the 1,380 families in the housing project, and the residents of the surrounding congested neighborhood.

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The memorial park will be developed as a formal mall, 200 feet long and 100 feet wide, bordered by double rows of trees, shading benches for users of the area. The dominating feature of the park will be a nine-foot bronze figure of the late Governor, paid for with funds contributed to the Governor Smith Memorial Committee by his friends and by the school children of the city. The plaza will be flanked by play areas. On the north will be a kindergarten age group area, containing a sand pit, a wading pool, swings, slides, a comfort station, and a Memorial Flagpole, which was also provided by the Memorial Committee. On the south side of the plaza, the play area will contain a basketball court, eight handball courts, and an existing gymnasium building. Immediately south of the school building will be a large open play area, containing a softball diamond, four shuffleboard courts, and four practice basketball standards.

The borders of the several play areas will be landscaped with shrubs and trees.

*Att.: - 3 Photos - # 24713, 25083, & 25540*

*Plan # M-L-194-100*

*sent out Friday, October 7, 1949.*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Thursday, October 6, 1949.

The Department of Parks announces that Miss Kate Wollman, The Honorable Hugo Rogers, and Mayor O'Dwyer will participate as speakers at the ground breaking ceremonies at the Wollman Memorial Recreation Center in Central Park, on Friday afternoon, October 7th, at three o'clock. Park Commissioner Robert Moses will preside.

The Wollman Memorial will be located immediately north of the 59th Street pond in the southeast corner of Central Park. Its outstanding feature will be a large, artificial ice-skating rink, which will provide outdoor ice-skating from the end of October to late spring. The rink, during late spring, summer and early fall, will be used for roller skating, dancing and concerts. Also included in the Memorial is a semi-circular building at the northerly end of the rink to house the refrigerating equipment, dressing rooms, a food concession, skate shop, and other incidental facilities. A completely equipped playground with swings, seesaws, sand pit and shower basin will be constructed on the roof of the building and will extend back into the park.

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The Wollman Memorial is the gift of Miss Kate Wollman of 301 Park Avenue, New York City, who donated \$600,000 to the City of New York for the construction of a playground and skating rink in Central Park for a memorial to her parents and her deceased brothers. Her father, Mr. J. Wollman, never resided in New York but lived in Leavenworth, Kansas. However, her four brothers and her mother, Mrs. Bettie Wollman, moved to New York in the early nineteen hundreds. One of the brothers, Mr. William J. Wollman, at the time of his death was the head of the banking firm of William J. Wollman & Co., and his brothers, Morton and Benjamin F., who predeceased him, were associated with him in that firm. The other brother, Mr. Henry Wollman, was a prominent attorney in New York for many years. Miss Wollman is now the sole surviving member of the family.

A memorial tablet, giving the names of the members of the Wollman family in whose honor the gift is made, will be placed in the interior of the building near the main entrance.

*Sent out Wednesday, October 5, 1949.*

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AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS ASSOCIATION  
570 Avenue of the America's  
New York 11, N. Y.

October 5, 1949

Hon. Robert Moses  
Commissioner of Parks  
Arsenal Building  
64th Street & Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Commissioner Moses:

You will please find enclosed copy of a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Avenue of the Americas Association at a meeting held on the third day of October, 1949.

You will note that it is recommended by the Association that the proper City authorities take immediate steps in accord with the historic tradition so fittingly established by the City of Guayaquil, Ecuador, to place the statues of both Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin in an appropriate composition and setting in Central Park in the City of New York, at the head of the Avenue of the Americas, in such manner as will adequately do justice and pay homage to the revered memory of these two immortal patriots.

With deep appreciation of your co-operation,  
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Sincerely yours,

/s/ FARRIS A. FLINT

Chairman, Executive Committee

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AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS ASSOCIATION INC.  
570 Avenue of the America's  
New York 11, N. Y.

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Avenue of the Americas Association held on the third day of October, 1949.

The officers of the corporation, including the President, Secretary and Treasurer, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and others, were present.

Upon Motion duly made, and seconded, the following preambles and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Avenue of the Americas Association has for many years devoted its activities to the progress of the Avenue of the Americas as a great thoroughfare in the heart of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Avenue of the Americas Association and various civic groups have long urged the removal of the statue of the great liberator, Simon Bolivar, to a more appropriate and better location at the head of the Avenue of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York has been honored with a gift of the statue of the great liberator, Jose de San Martin, to be placed in some appropriate setting in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Avenue of the Americas Association is dedicated to the cause of better understanding among all the American Republics; and

WHEREAS, the Avenue of the Americas Association is advised that adequate funds are available; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

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AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS ASSOCIATION, INC. (continued)

RESOLVED that it be recommended by the Avenue of the Americas Association that the proper City authorities take immediate steps in accord with the historic tradition so fittingly established by the City of Guayaquil, Ecuador, to place the statues of both Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin in an appropriate composition and setting in Central Park in the City of New York, at the head of the Avenue of the Americas, in such manner as will adequately do justice and pay homage to the revered memory of these two immortal patriots.

/s/ FARRIS A. FLINT

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Chairman of the Executive Committee  
of the Board of Directors

/s/ P. A. WILLOUGHBY

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Vice President of the Corporation

/s/ DUDLEY S. MACDONALD

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Secretary of the Corporation

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The Seward Park Children's Garden, Canal Street and East Broadway, will hold its Annual Harvest and Flower Show beginning Thursday, October 6, at 2 P.M., in the garden and the park recreation building.

During the season, more than forty varieties of vegetables and forty species of flowers were grown by the youngsters or raised in observation plots from which youngsters learned the habits of plants too large for their individual 4 by 8 foot plots.

Five competitive classes of flower arrangements will be judged on Thursday. In the miniature class, lipstick cases are required as containers, and for the special petunia competition, children will use baby food jars. The "Anything Goes" division gives the youngsters lots of leeway for the use of imagination and ingenuity. Mrs. Robert A. Booke, of the Central Garden Club of Brooklyn, Mrs. Charles Doscher and Miss A. M. Hale from the Federated Garden Clubs of New York, and Miss Mary R. Mackey, Executive Director of the National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild, will judge the show. Prizes will be awarded to blue ribbon winners in each class.

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Boys and girls who have demonstrated outstanding ability in tending their plots will also receive recognition for their accomplishments when National Garden Institute medals, certificates, and prizes are presented in the garden at 3:30 P.M. on Thursday.

The show will be open to the public on Thursday, October 6, from 2 to 5 P.M., and on Friday, October 7, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

October 4, 1949.

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Monday, October 3, 1949

The Department of Parks announces that ground breaking ceremonies at the Wollman Memorial Recreation Center in Central Park will take place on Friday, October 7th, at 3 P.M.

Earlier this year, Miss Kate Wollman of 301 Park Avenue, New York City, donated \$600,000 to the City of New York for the construction of a playground, ice-skating rink and recreation center in Central Park. The Mayor and the Board of Estimate accepted the gift on behalf of the City, and the City is providing \$140,000 for incidental features and facilities.

The Memorial will be located in an amphitheatre-like depression at the north end of the 59th Street Lake, approximately opposite 63rd Street. It will contain a completely equipped playground with swings, seesaws, sand pit and shower basin on top of a semi-circular building housing equipment, dressing rooms, a food concession and skate shop. Its outstanding feature will be a large, artificial ice-skating rink, which will provide outdoor skating from the end of October to late spring. The rink will be used for roller skating, dancing and concerts during the late spring, summer and early fall.

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The gift of Miss Wollman is for a memorial to her parents and her deceased brothers. Miss Wollman is now the only surviving member of her family. A memorial tablet giving the names of the members of the Wollman family in whose honor the gift is made will be placed in the interior of the building near the main entrance.

The recreation center, when completed, will be maintained and operated as part of the park system, in accordance with the established policies governing similar facilities of the department.

*Att. -3 Photos # 25842, 25843, 25845  
Plan # M-L-10-3451*

*Sent out Friday, Sept. 30, 1949.*

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The final rounds of the Knickerbocker Handicap Golf Tournament, to decide who will be Father Knickerbocker's 1949 golf champion, will be played at Clearview Golf Course, Belt Parkway and Willets Point Boulevard, Queens, on Sunday, October 2. Twenty golfers, local course champions and runners-up from the ten Park Department courses, will tee off starting at 8 A.M., for 36 holes of medal play. The finalists are the low gross scorers from a field of 1500 entrants in the annual tourney.

Along with the city-wide handicap title, the winner will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, and the runner-up will be awarded a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

The foursomes will be lined up on Sunday, as follows:

<u>Starting Time</u>		<u>Handicap</u>
8:00 A.M.	Milton Kaye, Forest Park	11
	Martin Luther, Dyker Beach	22
	Les Boyd, Split Rock	19
	Robert Brennan, La Tourette	16
8:05 A.M.	Jack Spinelli, La Tourette	4
	Louis Bittner, Kissena	8
	John L. Singleton, Clearview	18
	Ed Fields, Mosholu	14
8:10 A.M.	William McCarthy, Silver Lake	7
	Harold Lynch, Van Cortlandt	14
	A. D. Jones, Pelham	38
	Morris Slugh, Forest Park	14

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<u>Starting Time</u>		<u>Handicap</u>
8:15 A.M.	Michael Quinn, Silver Lake	8
	Wardel Young, Van Cortlandt	11
	Joseph Schmid, Clearview	19
	Martin Ryan, Kissena	18
8:20 A.M.	M. Tenney, Mosholu	8
	Jess Freeman, Dyker Beach	17
	Harold Schwartz, Pelham	17
	I. Grayber, Split Rock	14

September 27, 1949.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, September 18, 1949

Misc.-25M-100848 114

The Department of Parks announces that Pier 6, better known as Cromwell Center, in Staten Island, will reopen as an indoor recreation center on Monday, September 19th.

This indoor recreation center was occupied by the Navy during the war, reopened for public use on January 3rd of this year by Mayor O'Dwyer, and closed for the summer on May 14th. During this time, 109,934 persons, mostly youngsters, used the various facilities, which include an 80 ft. wide and 300 ft. long arena with a stage for dramatics, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts and badminton courts, a boxing and exercise room, and game rooms. The center will be open Mondays through Fridays from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.; and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

A manual training room, furnished with up-to-date equipment, consisting of planning tables, work benches, scroll saws, jointer, lathe, circular saw, squaring shears, drill press, blacksmith forge and other equipment to be found in a modern shop, and staffed with four experienced instructors who teach carpentry and metal work, will be open from Monday to Friday from 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.; and on Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.



ROBERT MOSES  
COMMISSIONER

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL  
64TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE  
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WILLIAM H. LATHAM  
DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

September 15, 1949

FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY

Oren Root, Esq.  
25 Broad Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Root:

I have your letter of September 14th. Apparently you are able neither to write nor to read the English language. You made a series of misstatements which I answered seriatim. There was not a single fact in these statements.

You can't squirm out of the implications of your silly charges by attempting to involve other officials.

What you said in effect about me as Park Commissioner - the Park Department being the agency of government under the Charter responsible for acting on this program - was that I was in cahoots with favored contractors. You would not dare make such a statement to the District Attorney or before a grand jury and I don't propose to let you get away with anything of this kind.

You compounded the felony by adding a further completely irresponsible and misleading statement regarding the Beecher Statue in Brooklyn. Here again your ignorance of city business is manifest. You said that \$725,000 was being thrown away on the unnecessary and undesirable moving of the Beecher

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Statue, that graft and favored contractors were involved in it and that Mr. Wagner and others were somehow responsible. The facts are that the moving of this statue is part of the Brooklyn Civic Center program, originally approved in the LaGuardia administration and to which Newbold Morris was committed both as President of the Council and later as a member of the City Planning Commission, that so far as Cadman Plaza is concerned and the park, the guts of this program is a war memorial which is being paid for by public subscriptions of Brooklyn veterans and their friends, that the moving of the Beecher Statue involved at most \$7,000 of the pending \$725,000 contract, that this moving was necessary to provide an appropriate plaza-like approach to the memorial, that the new location was approved by the Art Commission, and that all the rest of this particular appropriation is for other features of a program which was agreed upon long before Mr. Wagner was on the City Planning Commission, which, by the way, consists of seven members, five of whom served under Mayor LaGuardia. Assuming for the sake of argument that you know more about parks, memorials and landscaping than all the rest of us put together, you would be right as to less than 1% of the appropriation you refer to, and wrong as to a little more than 99%. This is a pretty poor mark in any examination.

To the extent that your mouthings affect works for which I am directly responsible, I have felt it essential to

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make a public reply. I don't think it necessary, however, to dignify any future statements of yours along these lines by answering them because I think that by now intelligent people have caught up with you. Let me repeat that slinging mud at honest officials who have served the public for many years at considerable sacrifice won't advance your career.

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner

212 Hotel Claridge  
New York 18, N. Y.  
Citizens Committee for Oren Root for Borough President

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September 14, 1949

Honorable Robert Moses  
Department of Parks  
64th Street at 5th Avenue  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moses:

I have your letter of September 13th which you were certainly entitled to make public. I am not giving this letter to the press, however.

A careful reading of your letter indicates that while you apparently disagree with me in my position that \$1,040,000 of city funds could better be spent on schools, hospitals and other facilities, than on the moving and landscaping of statues, your letter does not take issue with a single fact contained in either of my statements. On the point of Mr. Wagner's responsibility, you overlooked the fact that Mr. Wagner presided at the meeting of the City Planning Commission which amended the Capital Budget for the purpose indicated in my statement.

I am sorry that you used the vituperative language contained in your letter with respect to me personally. Your language will neither deflect me from performing my public duty in this campaign, nor will it diminish the high regard which I have for your considerable public services.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ OREN ROOT

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ROBERT MOSES  
COMMISSIONER

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL  
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September 13, 1949

FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY

Oren Root, Esq.  
25 Broad Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Oren:

The Mayor has given me for reply your recent letter regarding the Bolivar and San Martin Statues, since the subject is in my jurisdiction as Park Commissioner.

You ask the Mayor whether he intends to spend \$495,000 of capital funds for the erection of statues of Bolivar and San Martin at the ends of the Avenue of the Americas, state that this was recommended by the City Planning Commission of which Mr. Wagner is Chairman, declare the amount excessive and say it could be better used for schools and hospitals, remark that the people are entitled to know whether the "O'Dwyer-Wagner-DeSapio-Rogers administration" will waste these funds on fantastic, ornate pedestals and ask why the cost is so great and to whom the contracts are to be given.

Ignorance could rise to no dizzy heights. There isn't one iota of accuracy or decency in your comments.

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To begin with, the moving of the Bolivar Statue to a place in Central Park at the end of the Avenue of the Americas dates back to the LaGuardia administration. It was requested by distinguished South American Republics, was referred to me, and by me to Mr. Gilmore D. Clarke, leading Landscape Architect and Engineer, Dean of the School of Architecture at Cornell, President of the Fine Arts Commission which passes on all federal buildings, statues in the District of Columbia, etc. Incidentally, Mr. Clarke is like me, an enrolled Republican. Mr. Clarke was paid for a preliminary plan out of funds made available by the Bolivarian Society.

Subsequently, the Mayor of Buenos Aires wrote General O'Dwyer offering to New York City a replica of the San Martin Statue in one of the main squares of Buenos Aires where the George Washington Statue, our gift to the Argentine Republic also stands, and asking that we provide a suitable location. Acceptance was strongly urged by our Department of State at Washington. The suggestion that Bolivar and San Martin, two great liberators of South America, be placed at the northern and southern ends of the Avenue of the Americas came from me after discussion with a number of prominent and wholly disinterested people. The southerly site for the San Martin Statue I recommended was on vacant land controlled by the Board of Transportation and would have afforded an opportunity for another much needed small neighborhood park around the base. This idea was opposed by one South American group which did

not want Bolivar moved from his present location, and the Art Commission which took the same view. As a result, it was finally decided to leave Bolivar where he is and to put San Martin at the location in Central Park at the end of the Avenue of the Americas, originally reserved for Bolivar.

The design contract with Mr. Clarke has been amended to provide for a reduced fee and in the meantime, he is proceeding with final plans for the San Martin project having an estimated cost of \$315,000. This amount is the minimum required for a proper base and setting. There is nothing fantastic or ornate about it.

Borough President Rogers had no part in this project except to vote for the plans in the Board of Estimate. Mr. Wagner had no responsibility, and I have never met or heard from Mr. DeSapio. As to the question of a contractor, all contracts are let by open competition and the lowest bidder, if qualified, gets the work. Finally, the appropriation in question is not one which would be used for housing and could not possibly hurt the school program.

If this is a sample of your knowledge of city government and responsibility as a young man seeking public office, you are not entitled to the consideration of intelligent voters and as one who expected something better from you, I must express my disappointment.

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Since you gave your letter to the press, I am following the same course.

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner



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Misc.-20M-92347 114 Youngsters tending 4 by 8 foot "farms" this summer at children's gardens in Park Department Playgrounds experienced the farmer's dependence on weather, but, despite all setbacks, they will harvest this fall as usual. Among the produce to be taken home by the boys and girls will be Swiss chard, broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi and corn. The youngsters have maintained their plots since April, spading, fertilizing, sowing, weeding, and watering them faithfully. Now their work will be rewarded by Park Department officials who will present medals for outstanding accomplishments.

The boys and girls have also kept close watch on observation plots where nature study materials and such plants as peanuts, kale, flax, and hemp were grown.

Dates of harvests have been scheduled as follows:

Highbridge Playground, Saturday, September 10 - 10:30 A.M.  
189th Street and Amsterdam Avenue

St. Gabriel Playground, Wednesday, September 14 - 3:30 P.M.  
East 35th Street and First Avenue

Crotona Park, Thursday, September 15 - 3:30 P.M.  
Crotona Park South and Fulton Avenue, Bronx

Seward Park, Thursday, October 6 - 3:30 P.M.  
Canal Street and East Broadway, Manhattan

Highland Park, Wednesday, October 12 - 10:30 A.M.  
Lower Playground, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street

Betsy Head and Fort Greene Parks in Brooklyn harvested earlier this month.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, September 4, 1949

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The Department of Parks announces the closing of seventeen outdoor swimming pools, located throughout the five boroughs, at the close of business on Monday, September 5, 1949. During the summer, 4,200 youngsters participated in swimming meets in the pools. Many young swimmers had their first try at competition swimming in these Park Department meets.

In addition to the swimming events, the annual "Learn to Swim Campaign" was also held in each of the 17 pools throughout July and August. During these months, 6,200 children learned how to swim.

Twelve of the outdoor pools will reopen as active play centers on Monday, September 12th, with facilities for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, table tennis, and group games. The pools which will convert to play centers and which will operate free of charge are:

MANHATTAN

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

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Sunset Pool, 7th Avenue and 43rd 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, 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

QUEENS

Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive

RICHMOND

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street  
Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay Street

Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park and  
also at Orchard Beach will close for the season at the end  
of the day's business on Sunday, September 11, 1949.

*Sent out Friday, Sept. 2, 1949.*



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, September 4, 1949

Misc.-25M-100848 114

MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS  
For The Coming Week

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 P.M. - Naumburg Concert - Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive - Yasha Fishberg, conducting and Paul King, Baritone Soloist.

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens - Billy Bishop and his orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Elks Band Concert - arranged by International Music Lovers Guild - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance.

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Billy Bishop and his orchestra.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, Manhattan - Billy Bishop and his orchestra.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 P.M. - Final Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra.

*Sent out Tuesday, August 30, 1949.*

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-5M-100848 114

Sunday, September 4, 1949

The Department of Parks announces that its '49 season of name band dancing has been the most successful. All previous three month attendance records are null and void as the dancing under the stars program concludes on Friday, September 9th. Over a half million New Yorkers enjoyed dancing at some time or another during the series. Fifty-four dances were sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company since mid-June. Weekly dances were held at central borough locations in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens. Name band dancing was a very popular part of the city's recreation program for teen-agers and adults.

The usual Monday dance will not be held on Labor Day. However, one of the nation's most sensational newcomers will appear on Tuesday evening, September 6th, at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens. He is Billy Bishop, America's new fan idol. Tuesday's appearance will be his first on this summer's list of popularly demanded name bands. The field of excellent bands is so great that it is difficult to get them all in during one season. On Wednesday, Billy will play at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, and, on Thursday, September 8th, at the Mall, Central Park.

The final and fifty-fourth dance this season will be conducted at the widely known Prospect Park Dance Area on 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Hal McIntyre, who played on several Con Ed - Park Department occasions in July and August will give Brooklynites their final fling on Friday evening, September 9th.

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FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Sunday, September 4, 1949

The final Naumburg Concert of the 1949 series of four special occasion performances will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Labor Day evening, September 5, 1949, at 8:15 P.M.

The late Mr. Elkan Naumburg had noted the need for an adequate bandstand in Central Park for many years. Fortunately for the people of New York, this need was alleviated when he donated the present-day bandstand on the Mall and lived to see it put to the purpose he had in mind of erecting a veritable Temple of Music. Today, his sons, Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, continue this custom in his memory and present four concerts yearly--on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death, and on Labor Day.

For the Labor Day concert, Yascha Fishberg will conduct the Naumburg orchestra and Paul King will be featured as the Baritone Soloist.

The following classical pieces are on the program for the summer season's concluding concert:

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"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

1. Overture "Carnival".....Dvorak
2. Fifth Symphony - Third and Fourth Movements.....Tschaikowsky
3. Aria, "Eri tu che macchiavi" from Masked Ball...Verdi  
Paul King
4. Siegfried's Rhine Journey from Gotterdammerung..Wagner
5. Overture, "Russlan and Ludmila".....Glinka
6. The Prologue from "Pagliacci".....Leoncavallo  
Paul King
7. Emperor Waltz.....Strauss
8. Symphonic Poem "Les Preludes",.....Liszt

"AMERICA"

*Sent out Monday, August 29, 1949.*



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FOR RELEASE

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The band of Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, with Mr. Philip Fillion conducting, will give a concert at the Music Grove in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, on Thursday, September 1, at 8:30 P.M. The band, one of the finest municipal bands in the world, is making a good will tour of New England this summer. The tour is being financed by their municipality and the Province of Quebec. Mayor Francois Roy and other Provincial officials are accompanying the band.

Thursday evening's soloists will be Miss Marthe Letourneau and Mr. Arturo Romana, both of the Canadian Broadcasting Company of Montreal, and Miss Leona May Smith of Brooklyn. Mr. George Seuffert, Jr., also of Brooklyn, who is director of the Ethan Allen Music Center at Craftsbury, Vermont, will be guest conductor.

The program for Thursday evening will be:

The Star Spangled Banner

1. March - L'Entente Cordiale.....Allier
2. Overture - Operatic Selections.....Tobani
3. Tambourin Chinois.....Kreisler  
Arturo Romano, Saxophone Soloist
4. French Canadian Medley - Dans Le Bon Vieux Temps....Fillion
5. March - Semper Fidelis.....Sousa  
George Seuffert, Jr., Guest Conductor

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6. Humoresque.....Alford
7. Scottish Fantasy.....Smith  
Leona May Smith, Trumpet Soloist
8. French Canadian Medley - Sur Les Bords  
Du St. Laurent.....Laurendeaux
9. Vocal Selections
  - a) Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark.....Lax
  - b) Gavotte - Manon.....Massenet
  - c) Voices of Spring.....Strauss  
Marthe Letourneau, Soprano
10. Modern Rhapsody - Rhythms of Rio.....Bennett  
Canadian National Anthem - O Canada

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 28, 1949

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East side, west side, all around the town, "Happy the Humbug", the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre's summer entertainment for children has been acclaimed by more than 60,000 youngsters and parents who have attended performances at neighborhood park playgrounds this season.

The 100th and final performance of this summer's schedule will be given on September 2d. The marionette troupe will then prepare for their fall and winter show which will be given at Park Department indoor recreation centers and at other childcare organizations throughout the city, beginning in mid-October.

The schedule for the last week of the current tour will be:

Manhattan

Monday	Aug. 29	2:30 P.M.	Mt. Morris Playground, East 123rd Street and Madison Avenue
Tuesday	Aug. 30	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Thomas Jefferson Playground, 112th Street and East River Drive
Wednesday	Aug. 31	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Inwood Playground, Seaman Avenue and Isham Street
Thursday	Sept. 1	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue and 150th Street
Friday	Sept. 2	2:30 P.M.	Playground, Riverside Drive and 105th Street

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 28, 1949

Misc.-5M-100848 114

Over a million New Yorkers have actively participated in the Consolidated Edison Company - Department of Parks series of name band dances held from June until mid-September. These dances are one of the most popular sources of summer recreation and have been keen competitors of air-cooled theatres and show houses throughout the entire season. This annual series of name band dances is sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks at several large dancing areas within the boroughs.

On Monday, August 29th, Joe Thomas will bring his band to Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan. This is the fourth dance which has been held at this location during the '49 season.

Tony Pastor and his celebrated orchestra have been scheduled for the four remaining appearances of the week. The famed vocal-instrumentalist is currently heading what trade observers have called one of the finest bands in the land. During his career as a bandleader, Tony has been under contract to Bluebird, RCA Victor, Cosmo and is currently a leader in sales for Columbia. He is also one of the top song writers

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in the nation. Ballads which came from the Pastor pen include "Blossoms", "There's a Love Song in the Air", and "Sunday in Savannah".

He will play on Tuesday, August 30th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th-30th Avenues, Queens; on Wednesday, August 31st, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; on Thursday, September 1st, at the Mall, Central Park, and, on Friday, September 2nd, at the Dance Area on 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. His music on Thursday evening will key the borough's top dancers who will compete in a gala Annual Harvest Dance Contest on the Mall in order to determine New York City's best waltzers, fox trotters, jitterbuggers and Rhumba King and Queen.

*Sent out Tuesday, August 23, 1949.*



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 28, 1949

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MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS  
For The Coming Week

MONDAY - AUGUST 29

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - Joe Thomas and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower level - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

TUESDAY - AUGUST 30

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Glendale - Tony Pastor and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Mall, Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.
- 8:30 P.M. - Elks Band Concert - arranged by the International Music Lovers Guild - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance.
- 12 Noon - Bowling Green Concert.

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 31

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Tony Pastor and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:30 P.M. - Harvest Dance Finals sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Mall, Central Park - Tony Pastor and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Concert by Shawinigan Falls Band from Quebec at Prospect Park Music Grove, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 2

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street.

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On Thursday, September 1, 1949, the Mall in Central Park at 72nd Street will be adorned for the Finals of the Annual Harvest Dance Contest. A series of 54 dances has been held since mid-June at several colorful Park Department locations. Dancing under the stars has attracted thousands all summer long and has offered keen competition to New York City's air-cooled show houses. All dances are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

Elimination contests have been held in each of the five boroughs and those placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division will dance in the Finals on the Mall. A \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond will be awarded to each member of the winning team in each of the four groups--fox trot, waltz, rhumba and jitterbug. The second place team will receive \$10.00 in Savings Stamps. The city-wide champions in each division will compete in a contest to determine the best All 'Round dancers. These couples will receive special prizes.

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The Olympic Point Scoring System will be used by the judges, Mr. Donald Sawyer, Miss Florence Terrace, Mrs. Florence Doughty and Mr. Oscar Duryea, all well known dancing instructors.

One of the nation's leading name bands will furnish the music for the contest. Tony Pastor and his boys will cue the borough's best with slow, medium and fast tempos.

The public is cordially invited to come out for an evening's entertainment and witness the crowning of the Waltz, Fox Trot, Rhumba and Jitterbug King and Queen.

*Sent out Tuesday, August 23, 1949.*

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES

AT

BENNETT PARK

Fort Washington Avenue and 183rd Street  
Manhattan

August 23, 1949  
3:00 P.M.

Band Selections by Fire Department Band

Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, presiding

Hon. Hugo E. Rogers, President, Borough of Manhattan

Hon. William O'Dwyer, Mayor of New York City

Band Selections



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Monday, August 22, 1949

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The Department of Parks announces that on Tuesday, August 23 at 3 P.M., ground breaking ceremonies will take place in connection with the start of construction of a new playground and the reconstruction of Bennett Park at West 185th Street and Fort Washington Avenue, Manhattan. The Honorable Hugo E. Rogers, Borough President of Manhattan and Mayor O'Dwyer will participate. The Honorable Rober Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside. Mayor O'Dwyer is scheduled to turn the first spadeful of earth.

The construction provides for a new marginal playground at the north end of the park and the reconstruction of eroded and deteriorated sections of the park as well as the provision for additional sitting areas. The work includes the demolition of masonry walls, grading, construction of walls, pavements, curbs, fences, flag pole, tool storage building, park lighting, drainage and irrigation, top soiling and planting.

The outline of the old Fort, dating back to Revolutionary days, will be preserved in granite block.

The park serves the residents of a congested apartment house district on Washington Heights and the urgently needed children's playground will provide for a fuller use of the area. It will contain swings, see-saws, a sand pit and numerous benches for mothers and guardians of children at play.

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Sunday, August 21, 1949

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There are only two weeks of practice time left for those who intend to compete on September 1st in the wind-up Harvest Dance Ball on the Mall, Central Park. The Consolidated Edison Company has provided some extra special bands for the remaining dances which are conducted under the auspices of the Department of Parks in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Queens. With a starlit sky as the roof and a top notch name band as the music box, the atmosphere is most enchanting. Fifty-four dances are scheduled in this series which is held during June, July, August and September.

Milt Buckner, a new comer to the name band honor roll will play for the first dance of the week which will be held at Colonial Park at 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan, on Monday, August 22.

A return appearance will be made by Johnny Messner on Tuesday evening, August 23 at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Ave., Glendale.

America's foremost trumpet and trombone stylist, Sonny Dunham and his orchestra, featuring the trombone choir, is the next attraction for New York dance enthusiasts. Rhumbas, waltzes, sambas and two-steps play an important part in his entertainment box-score. To keep the hepsters happy Sonny has retained some of his jump masterpieces which he usually tacks on to the end of a set. He and his boys will come to Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse on Wednesday, August 24 and to the Mall, Central Park on Thursday, August 25.

For the Friday night dance in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, Johnny Messner will ignite the borough's sparks at the dance area on 116th Street and Prospect Park West.

Remember the Call - Come one, come all at 8:30 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE

Misc.-5M-100848 114

Sunday, August 21, 1949

Happy the Humbug will rescue the fair lady, Miss Pink Elephant at a special performance by the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre, for young patients at Bellevue Hospital this week. Hunkey the Monkey, Happy's fellow adventurer, will help him perform the good deed. The charming lady elephant sings and dances, and cries strawberry-flavored tears from which the enterprising Happy and Hunkey make delicious strawberry ice cream sodas. All this, and many more amusing deeds add up to a pleasant hour of entertainment for children. The puppet cast includes a ballet of flowers and many other animal characters who help to keep the plot revolving around the fantastic-appearing Happy.

Happy and his friends will perform this week at the following locations in Manhattan:

Monday	August 22	2:30 P.M.	Highbridge and 174th Street Playground, area north of softball field at 175th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.
Tuesday	August 23	10:00 A.M.	Bellevue Hospital, Parking lot east of hospital at 28th Street
		2:30 P.M.	Chelsea Playground, 28th Street and Ninth Ave.
Wednesday	August 24	2:30 P.M.	Heckscher Playground, 66th Street and West Drive, Central Park.
Thursday	August 25	11:00 A.M.	Harlem Housing Playground, Handball court at West 151 Street and 7th Avenue.
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at 148 Street and Riverside Drive.
Friday	August 26	11:00 A.M.	J. Hood Wright Playground, 175 Street and Fort Washington Avenue.
		2:30 P.M.	



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Sunday, August 21, 1949

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**MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS in the PARKS**  
for the coming week

**MONDAY - August 22**

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company  
Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Man.  
Milt Backner and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company  
Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower level  
Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

**TUESDAY - August 23**

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company  
Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Ave., Glendale  
Johnny Messner and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company  
Mall, Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.
- 8:30 P.M. - Elks Band Concert - arranged by the International Music  
Lovers Guild - Prospect Park Music Grove - Lincoln Road  
Entrance.
- 12:00 Noon - Bowling Green Concert

**WEDNESDAY - August 24**

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company  
Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx  
Sonny Dunham and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company  
Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West & 11th St., BK.  
Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.
- 8:30 P.M. - Concert - Choral Group - sponsored by the Equitable Life  
Assurance Society, Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive  
Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale.

**THURSDAY - August 25**

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company  
Mall, Central Park, Sonny Dunham and his orchestra.

**FRIDAY - August 26**

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company  
Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th  
Street, Brooklyn - Johnny Messner and his orchestra.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY

On Sunday, August 21 the women's and junior boy's city-wide championship in the Department of Parks Annual Golf Tournament will be decided at the Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn. The field of twenty women and eighteen boys who qualified in the local course tournaments held Sunday, July 24 will tee off starting at 9:00 AM. Jean Stuhler of Kissena Golf Course, Queens, last years winner is a heavy favorite to retain her title as she shot a sparkling 73 to run away with the local championship at Kissena Golf Course. In the junior boys championship George Bernstein, representing Mosholu Golf Course, Bronx, is slightly favored over the rest of the field. The following is the starting schedule:

JUNIOR BOYS

WOMEN

9:00 A.M.		9:30 A.M.	
Walter Jacobsen	Dyker Beach	Gertrude Hyde	Dyker
Richard Carroll	Pelham	Rie Cassela	Pelham
George Bernstein	Mosholu	Anna Rosenberg	Split Rock
A. Wayne Corcoran	Van Cortlandt	Dolores Dalziel	Mosholu
9:05 A.M.		9:35 A.M.	
John Schattie	Forest Park	Nancy Dalby	Van Cortlandt
James Henderson	Kissena	Rita Ryan	Forest Park
Arthur Stoll	Clearview	Jean Stuhler	Kissena
Robert Jacobson	Silver Lake	Mrs. Olga Herbeck	Clearview
9:10 A.M.		9:40 A.M.	
Joseph Moresco	La Tourette	Marge Gannon	Silver Lake
James B. Colby	Dyker Beach	Mildred Hanisch	La Tourette
John Cardizis	Pelham	Patricia Babitz	Dyker Beach
Myron Meadow	Mosholu	Elizabeth Roper	Pelham
9:15 A.M.		9:45 A.M.	
Barry Cohen	Van Cortlandt	Fanny Kleisrath	Split Rock
Richard Tannenbaum	Forest Park	Kitty Morgan	Mosholu
Donald Ahern	Kissena	Betty McDwyer	Van Cortlandt
		Mary Jawor	Forest Park
9:20 A.M.		9:50 A.M.	
Frank Sherry	Clearview	Mary Kohlmyer	Kissena
Thomas Noone	Silver Lake	Marjorie Campbell	Clearview
Thomas Drake	La Tourette	Lillian Fuller	Silver Lake
		Hazel Chapman	La Tourette

NOTE: Directions to Dyker Beach Golf Course

By Subway - BMT 4th Avenue Subway to 86th Street Station, walk to Seventh Avenue.

By Car - Belt Parkway to Bay 8th Street exit.



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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 14, 1949

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The Department of Parks announces its Annual Lifeguard Championship Tournament at Rockaway Beach and 97th Street on Tuesday, August 16 at 1 P.M. Representatives from among New York City's 575 lifeguards at the various municipal beaches will compete in order to culminate seasonal rivalry.

The champions in all phases of rescue work and the beach which has the most expert and proficient water safety protection will be determined by a program in which nine events are scheduled.

Individual Lifeguard Championships will be decided by three events: the quarter Mile Speed Race, the half Mile Catamaran Race, and the 75 yard Individual Surf Rescue. Winners of first, second, and third place in each event will receive medals and the lifeguard scoring the most points will be awarded the championship trophy.

The remaining six events will resolve the beach championship: the half Mile Endurance Swim, 200 yard Obstacle Race, Three Man Rescue Race, 350 yard Catamaran Rescue Race, 75 yard Individual Surf Rescue, and the Half Mile Catamaran Race. Points will be scored for the first five places and the beach with the highest score will win the trophy. Winners of each event will also receive medals. Rockaway Beach, champion for 1946 and 1947 will defend its title against Orchard Beach, Bronx; South Beach, Richmond; Jacob Riis Park, Queens; and Coney Island, Brooklyn.

Of course, "victims" in all rescue races, will be volunteers.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 14, 1949

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On Monday of this week, the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre will conclude its tour of Richmond playgrounds and then the caravan will move on to Manhattan where the first of 22 performances will be given on Tuesday. The streamlined trailer which serves as a stage for the marionette drama, has been welcomed at every neighborhood park playground along its tour. The puppet cast performs so realistically it is not surprising that they receive fan mail from countless numbers of boys and girls to whom they have given so much happiness and pleasure.

"Happy the Humbug", this summer's presentation, has an all-animal cast headed by Happy, the hero, who is a combination of the most amusing features of giraffe, turtle and monkey.

Happy's schedule for this week will be:

RICHMOND

Monday - August 15 11:00 A.M. - P.S. 39 Playground, Sand Lane and Major Avenue, South Beach.  
2:30 P.M. - Fox Hills Houses, 280 Vanderbilt Avenue, Fox Hills.

MANHATTAN

Tuesday - August 16 2:30 P.M. - Columbus Park, Baxter and Worth Streets  
Wednesday - August 17 2:30 P.M. - John Jay Playground, 77th Street and East River Drive  
Thursday - August 18 11:00 A.M. - Hamilton Fish Playground, Stanton, Pitt and  
2:30 P.M. East Houston Streets  
Friday - August 19 11:00 A.M. - Roosevelt Playground, Broome and Forsyth  
2:30 P.M. Streets,

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Saturday afternoon, August 13 or Sunday, August 14, 1949

FOR RELEASE

MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS in the PARKS  
for the coming week

Misc.-25M-100848 114

- SUNDAY - AUGUST 14**  
8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Mall, Central Park - Request Program.
- MONDAY - AUGUST 15**  
8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Mall, Central Park - Closing Request Program.  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Ave. Charlie Peterson and his orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower level, Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.
- TUESDAY - AUGUST 16**  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue Charlie Peterson and his orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Mall, Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.  
12 Noon - Concert, Bowling Green.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk  
8:30 P.M. - Elks Band Concert - arranged by the International Music Lovers Guild - Prospect Park Music Grove - Lincoln Road.
- WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 17**  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx Charlie Peterson and his orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street. Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.  
8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.  
8:00 P.M. - Concert by American Express Glee Club - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive and Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale.
- THURSDAY - AUGUST 18**  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company, Mall - Central Park - Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.
- FRIDAY - AUGUST 19**  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th St., Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

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FOR RELEASE

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Sunday, August 14, 1949

It's 8:30 P. M. Amid eager and frolicsome thousands, a star name band strikes up for an evening of gay entertainment and dancing under the stars. These Consolidated Edison Company dances are conducted until mid-September at several scenic park locations. Mother Nature provides cost-free air conditioning and Con Ed furnishes the music men. Ever-increasing attendance records continue to push the mercury in the success thermometer nearer to the top.

Charlie Peterson and his "smooth rhythm" orchestra will make dancers' feet glide when he returns to the series for three appearances. While still a comparatively young organization, this band is well known throughout the eastern portion of the United States. Successful engagements include the Terrace Room of the Hotel New Yorker, Glen Island Casino, Pennsylvania Hotel, major college proms and country clubs. Individual vocal interpretations by Mickey Damor coupled with the skillful direction of the maestro will meet with the approval of the most critical.

His first performance will be on Monday, August 15 at Williambridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx; his second on Tuesday, August 16th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25-30th Avenues, Queens; and his third, on Wednesday August 17th at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

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Tommy Reynolds will make his first appearance at the outdoor dances on Thursday evening, August 18th. Reynolds plays soprano and alto sax and clarinet. His likable personality is the band's greatest asset. He extends a radiant beam to the fans on the floor. He will play for the dance in Central Park, on the Mall on Thursday, August 18 and in Prospect Park at the Dance Area on Prospect Park West and 11th Street on Friday, August 19.

Dances begin at 8:30. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.



Mrs K. Ratzman



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

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On Saturday afternoon, August 13, 1949, at 2:30 P.M., the Long Meadow in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, will be adorned by a spectacular array of costumed children who will present a program of varied numbers at their Annual Dance Festival. One thousand girls, ranging in age from 6 to 16 years, typical playground youngsters, have been busy for the past six weeks costume-making and step-perfecting. Enthusiastic parents have given their dancing daughters some unusual sewing cues for the colorful outfits which were made in the Brooklyn Park Department playgrounds. Dances have been taught by Playground Directors and seven numbers will be presented with about 150 participants in each. After the presentation there will be a picnic for the children and their guests in the Picnic Grove.

The following dances will be performed by children of named localities:

- "Daughter of Rosie O'Grady" ..... Borough Hall and Red Hook Sections
- "Swiss Medley" ..... Greenpoint and Williamsburg Sections
- "Clowning Hobo" ..... Bushwick and Stuyvesant Sections
- "Step Lively" ..... Brownsville and East New York Sections
- "Krakowski" ..... Flatbush Section
- "Medley of Hope" ..... Coney Island and Bensonhurst Sections
- "Balle Mexicano" ..... Bayridge Section

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FOR RELEASE

Monday, August 8, 1949

For Further Information Please Call  
Ruth R. Maier MU 8-4500

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NEW SQUARE DANCE "HONOR YOUR PARTNER" WILL BE INTRODUCED TO PUBLIC FOR FIRST TIME  
AT PEPSI-COLA SQUARE DANCE SERIES AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE, AUG 8, CENTRAL PARK AUG 9,  
PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN, AUG 10

Record Crowds of 145,000 Have Enjoyed Free Outdoor Entertainment This Summer in  
3 City Parks Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company Under Auspices of Department of Parks.

A new Square Dance known as "Honor Your Partner" will be introduced  
to the public for the first time tonight, Mon., Aug. 8 at Riverside Drive, tomorrow  
night, Tues., Aug. 9 on Central Park Mall, and Wed. night, Aug. 10, at Prospect  
Park Brooklyn, at the free Pepsi-Cola Square Dance series, held under the auspices  
of the Department of Parks.

The lyrics and music for the new dance "Honor Your Partner" were  
written in collaboration with Ed Durlacher, regular caller for the series. Every-  
one is invited to join in the fun at the introduction of this number when Ed Dur-  
lacher calls:

Head Couples Right and Circle Four  
Circle Left in the middle of the Floor  
Chassé by your Partners two  
Then you HONOR YOUR PARTNER

The dances will continue every Monday night at Riverside Drive &  
103rd Street (lower Level) through Aug. 29; every Tuesday night on Central Park  
Mall at 72nd St. through Aug. 30; and every Wednesday night at Prospect Park West  
& 11th Street, Brooklyn, through Aug. 31, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Record Crowds of 145,000 New Yorkers and Brooklynites have already  
this summer enjoyed this free outdoor entertainment.

*Sent out by Pepsi-Cola Co.*

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 7, 1949

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"Happy the Humbug", the matinee idol of New York's younger set is touring Staten Island this week with the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre. Ten performances of the puppet play will be given at nine locations in the borough. "Happy the Humbug" is the story of a funny little animal, a combination of giraffe, monkey and turtle, who has many unusual adventures with his friend, Hunkey the Monkey. The adventures include rescuing Miss Pink Elephant, a lady of remarkable talents, from Cock and Bull, two villainous characters who work as a team to keep Happy anything but happy.

The performances are scheduled as follows:

Monday	August 8	11:00 A.M.	Markham Houses, Richmond Terrace and Broadway, West Brighton
		2:30 P.M.	Levy Playground, Jewett and Castleton Avenues, West Brighton
Tuesday	August 9	11:00 A.M.	Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, West Brighton
		2:30 P.M.	Tappen Park, Canal and Wright Streets, Stapleton
Wednesday	August 10	11:00 A.M.	Westerleigh Park, Maine and Neal Dow Avenues, Westerleigh
		2:30 P.M.	Willowbrook Park, Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue, Bulls Head
Thursday	August 11	11:00 A.M.	Mount Loretto,
		2:00 P.M.	Pleasant Plains
Friday	August 12	11:00 A.M.	Schmul Playground, Wilde Avenue and Pearson Street, Travis
		2:30 P.M.	Lincoln Avenue Playground, Lincoln and Boundary Avenues, Grant City

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 7, 1949

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As the season grows hotter, the crowds grow larger at the dance areas in all boroughs for dancing under the stars on Monday through Friday evenings. Some of the country's outstanding name bands have already performed this season and many old favorites will return before the end of the series in September. Music for the varied delights of all dancers is provided. There are plenty of rhumbas, waltzes, fox trots, sambas and polkas, some song specialties, and instrumental gymnastics by the bandleader. New Yorkers express their appreciation to the Consolidated Edison Company and the Department of Parks by their enthusiastic on-looking, participation and ever-increasing attendance records.

On August 8th, the band which all America and especially New York loves will reappear for a three day engagement. One of today's brightest stars on the musical horizon is Hal McIntyre, young, dynamic saxophonist and bandleader. McIntyre's style is all his own. Subdued reed voicing, bright, clipped brasses and the maestro's own brilliant sax solos are all a part of the presentation. His band has been featured in four Columbia musicals and is currently heard on best-selling MGM records.

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McIntyre and his crew will appear at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan, on Monday, August 8th; at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, on Tuesday, August 9th; and at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, on Wednesday, August 10th.

It's an arresting new band that Bobby Byrne is bringing to this section, and his many fans are anticipating his arrival with keen interest. Bobby was playing piano scales at two years of age but he insists he didn't begin a day too soon, since competition is tough. He will play at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday, August 11th, and at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street on Friday, August 12th.

Dances are free and all are welcome.

*Sent out Monday, August 1, 1949.*



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FOR RELEASE

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Saturday Afternoon, August 6, 1949  
or  
Sunday, August 7, 1949

MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS  
For The Coming Week

SUNDAY - August 7

8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Mall, Central Park - Miscellaneous Program.

MONDAY - August 8

8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Mall, Central Park - Old Music.

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower level - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

TUESDAY - August 9

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Mall, Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

12 Noon - Concert - Bowling Green.

8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

8:30 P.M. - International Music Lovers Concert, by the Brooklyn Elks Band - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance.

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WEDNESDAY - August 10

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Mall, Central Park - Popular Music Program.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.
- 8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

THURSDAY - August 11

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Miscellaneous Program.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Mall, Central Park - Bobby Byrne and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

FRIDAY - August 12

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Mall, Central Park - Symphonic Program.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Bobby Byrne and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

SATURDAY - August 13

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Request Program.

*Sent out Monday, August 1, 1949.*



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FOR RELEASE

Misc--5M-100848 114

Immediately

Only 32 of a total entry of 2300 golfers remain in the Municipal Golf Tournament for men. These qualified with low gross scores in the Municipal Golf Team Championships at Forest Park Golf Course last Sunday, and will next see action Saturday, August 6th, at 12 noon, when play starts for the Individual Championship at La Tourette Golf Course, Forest Hill and London Roads and Rockland Avenue, Richmond. Eighteen holes of match play will determine the survivors who will play in the second round of the tournament at the same course on Sunday, August 7th, starting at 8 A.M.

The players for Saturday's eliminations have been matched as follows:

UPPER BRACKET

12:00 George Baskiel  
George Anderson  
12:05 Edward Kohn  
Herbert Barghaan  
12:10 Harold Southwick  
Peter DeCaprio  
12:15 Fred Vollet  
William Butgeret  
12:20 Robert Lorenz  
Joseph Farrell  
12:25 James Manzone  
Thomas Cataliata  
12:30 Bernard Kane  
George Finley  
12:35 James Singleton  
Arthur Carns

LOWER BRACKET

12:40 Louis Kaufman  
Seward Wood  
12:45 Roy Faber  
George Pavis  
12:50 Thomas Malone  
Vernon Edwards  
12:55 Emil Beley  
William McIntyre  
1:00 Edward Solan  
Adam Gousheski  
1:05 Jack Amanna  
John McGovern  
1:10 Patsy Palmeri  
Jack Valentino  
1:15 Gilbert Smith  
Al Marus

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Playoffs for borough championships in the 10th Annual Municipal Tennis Tournament will get underway on Saturday, August 6th. Quarter-finalists from 39 local court contests, in which more than 2400 players participated, qualified for these matches. Men's division play will take place August 6th to 14th; junior boys' division from August 8th to 12th; and women's division from August 20th to 28th, at the following locations:

### 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 Seventh Avenue  
Juniors 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

Prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up in each borough tournament, and all quarter-finalists will be eligible for play in the City-wide Championships to be held in Central Park from August 20th to September 10th.

August 2, 1949.

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OPENING OF PLAYGROUND

Between Dean and Bergen Streets  
East of Sixth Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

August 2, 1949  
3:00 P.M.

Band Selections by Fire Department Band

National Anthem

Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, presiding

Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, Pastor, St. Joseph's Church

Hon. John Cashmore, President, Borough of Brooklyn

Hon. Vincent R. Impellitteri, Acting Mayor, City of New York

Band Selections

Inspection of Playground

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Tuesday, August 2, 1949

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks of the City of New York announces the completion of work and the opening to the general public, with formal exercises on Wednesday, August 3d, at 3 P.M., of a new playground at Amsterdam Houses, between West 63rd and West 64th Streets, Manhattan. The Hon. Thomas F. Farrell, Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, the Hon. Herman T. Stichman, Commissioner of Housing for New York State, the Hon. Hugo E. Rogers, Borough President of Manhattan, and Hon. Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of the Council and Acting Mayor of the City, will participate. The Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside. Music will be provided by the Fire Department Band.

The property, .75 acres in extent, was acquired by the Housing Authority and the playground replaces a former undeveloped park play area which was absorbed in the housing site. It not only satisfies the needs of the 1,084 families in the housing project, but also the residents of the surrounding congested community.

Included in the improvement are two separate, fenced in playgrounds, equipped with play apparatus for both the children of kindergarten age and those older, a sand pit, a shower

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basin and a flagpole. There is also a large open roller skating area, which can be used for group games. Separating the various play units and surrounding the development are planting borders, with numerous trees shading benches for parents and guardians of children.

With the addition of this new recreational area, there are now 520 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

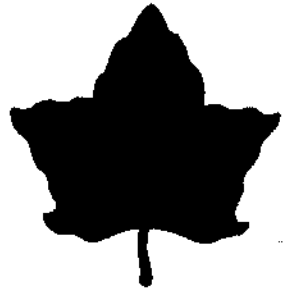
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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

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During the past week, there have been reports of sharks near the shore of Staten Island. The specie has not been determined but they have probably wandered north from their normal habitat because of the unusually warm summer which has brought water temperature above normal. Without doubt, they will move south again as soon as the hot spell has broken.

As a precautionary measure, the Park Department has alerted all of its lifeguards at Great Kills Beach, South Beach and Wolfe's Pond Park, and has established a motor patrol outside of the bathing areas at South Beach and Great Kills. While there appears to be little danger, the Park Department has posted signs at the beaches warning bathers to stay within the established bathing areas and to retire from the water when directed to do so by the lifeguards.

A word of special caution is directed to those venturesome individuals who delight in swimming far offshore.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Mic.-20M-92347 114

Monday, August 1, 1949.

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work and the opening to the public, with formal ceremonies on Tuesday, August 2d, at 3 P.M., of a new playground between Dean and Bergen Streets, east of Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn. The Reverend Edward Lodge Curran, pastor of St. Joseph's Church; the Hon. John Cashmore, President of the Borough of Brooklyn; and Mayor O'Dwyer will participate in the exercises. The Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside.

This new recreational area, jointly sponsored by the Borough President of Brooklyn and the Park Department, is in an old congested section of Brooklyn sorely lacking in essential recreational facilities of any kind. It lies in the center of a block widely publicized two years ago as being the worst block in Brooklyn because of the many serious cases of juvenile delinquency.

The present development on the Dean Street side is the first stage of the entire improvement and includes the construction of a comfort station with electrical, heating and plumbing systems, a basketball court, a volleyball court, a paddle tennis court, two shuffleboard courts, and a separate area with sand pit, shower basin and play apparatus for both younger and older children.

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While the Park Department has title to the property to the rear of the new playground, the second stage of the improvement of the property fronting on Bergen Street will be done at a later date after tenant relocation problems have been taken care of. It will be developed as an adult court games area with a softball diamond.

With the addition of this new area, there are now 519 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

Att:

2 Plans - B-L-G - 12702 & 12703.

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Sent out Friday, July 29, 1949.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Immediately

The 10th annual City-wide Municipal Golf Team Championship to be conducted by the Department of Parks will be held Sunday, July 31st, at the Forest Park Golf Course, Main Drive and Interboro Parkway, in Queens.

The increasing popularity of this tournament is evidenced by the fact that more than 2300 players submitted attested score cards in an effort to qualify as competitors. The 64 golfers with the lowest cards at each course competed in ten local course tournaments on July 24th. The players selected for Sunday's team championship are the best eight players from each of the ten Park Department Golf Courses. These eighty players representing the best of the Municipal divot diggers will be on hand to tee off starting at 8 A.M.

The following champs at their local courses will lead their teams on Sunday when play starts in the City-wide Team Championships. Leading the Mosholu Golf Course contingent will be Peter Manzone who came in three strokes ahead of Peter DeCaprio, last year's city-wide champion. Tom Malone heads the Silver Lake Golf Course entry. Others who will captain

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their teams are Harry Bernstein, Dyker Beach; Edward Synal, La Tourette; Lou Marus, Pelham; Bernard Kane, Split Rock; Charles Crowther, Van Cortlandt; George Baskiel, Forest Park; Arthur Carns, Kissena; John McGovern, Clearview.

Play will consist of 36 holes of medal play. Medals will be awarded to members of the winning team and runner-up. The 32 low gross scorers will qualify for the men's City-wide Match Play Championships which will start at La Tourette Golf Course, Richmond, on the week-ends of August 6th and 13th.

Copies of schedules of foursomes and starting times are attached.

Sports writers may secure results by telephoning Forest Park Golf Course, Virginia 9-9145, Sunday evening after 7 P.M.

July 27, 1949.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Forest Park Golf Course

Main Drive and Interboro Parkway, Queens

Sunday, July 31, 1949

CITY-WIDE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS  
36 holes  
Schedule of Starting Times

All Foursomes will follow same order for second round, starting immediately after first round is completed.

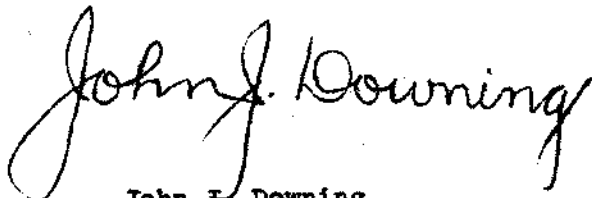
<u>STARTING TIME</u>	<u>FOUR SOME</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
8:00 AM.	Edward Synal James Manzone George Baskiel John McGovern	La Tourette Mosholu Forest Clearview
8:07 AM.	Lou Marus Harry Bernstein Arthur Carns Charles Crowther	Pelham Dyker Kissena Van Cortlandt
8:14 AM.	Thomas Malone Bernard Kane Roy Faber Peter DeCaprio	Silver Lake Split Rock La Tourette Mosholu
8:21 AM.	Fred Vollet Edward Korbelt Lou Cerbone Arthur Rorke	Forest Clearview Pelham Dyker
8:28 AM.	Emele Bee Robert Schell Edward Solan Ralph Muranelli	Kissena Van Cortlandt Silver Lake Split Rock
8:35 AM.	Cameron Thorsten Anthony Monaco Vernon Edwards Arnold Gray	La Tourette Mosholu Forest Clearview
8:42 AM.	Frank Ortoleva Albert Levy Roy Christensen William Young	Pelham Dyker Kissena Van Cortlandt
8:49 AM.	Gilbert Smith Steve Maurath George Pavis Domenic DeCaprio	Silver Lake Split Rock La Tourette Mosholu
8:56 AM.	Robert Loveng Harold Southwick Thomas Robinson Lew Kaufman	Forest Clearview Pelham Dyker
9:03 AM.	George Worthington George Kellog George Anderson Andrew Scholl	Kissena Van Cortlandt Silver Lake Split Rock
9:10 AM.	Richard Martinsen Patsy Palmeri Robert Pellnitz John R. Sullivan	La Tourette Mosholu Forest Clearview
9:17 AM.	Jack Amanna Fred Boreum George Lowe John May	Pelham Dyker Kissena Van Cortlandt

STARTING TIMEFOURSOMECOURSE

9:24 AM.	James Singleton William McIntyre Herbert Barghaan Christopher Joyce	Silver Lake Split Rock La Tourette Mosholu
9:31 AM.	Frank Graff Myron Timoshuk John Graves Albert Davidson	Forest Clearview Pelham Dyker
9:38 AM.	Elias Ware Edward Galloway Norwood Smith Jack Valentino	Kissena Van Cortlandt Silver Lake Split Rock
9:45 AM.	Jack Spinelli Thomas Cataliata Joseph Walters John Barry Brown	La Tourette Mosholu Forest Clearview
9:52 AM.	Aurel Warren John Mulverhill Adam Gousheski Charles Forsythe	Pelham Dyker Kissena Van Cortlandt
9:59 AM.	James Haverty Edward Sweeney Gene Clark Edward Kohn	Silver Lake Split Rock La Tourette Mosholu
10:06 AM.	Jack Schattie Seward A. Wood Robert Bernhard Dominic Strafacci	Forest Clearview Pelham Dyker
10:13 AM.	Thomas Tyson Donald Ahearn George Finley Nicholas Cimaglia	Kissena Van Cortlandt Silver Lake Split Rock

ALTERNATES

Walter Butgevet	Forest Park
Harry Grauerholtz	Forest Park
Carl Pearce	Van Cortlandt
William P. McCarthy	Silver Lake



John F. Downing  
Director of Recreation



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 31, 1949

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On Monday evening, the sixth big week of dancing under the stars to the music of America's leading orchestras commences. While the breezes blow, and rhythms flow, the genial crowd glows to the individual specialties of the orchestra and its guest stars. Dances are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted under the auspices of the Department of Parks until mid-September. A similar series of 54 dances has been conducted for the past decade. This year's dances are being held at nine different locations throughout the five boroughs.

Ray Anthony, the man with the horn, features "music in action", with an all-round balance of dancing, showmanship, comedy and versatility. In his compact troupe, Ray has everything a good variety show requires. Along with the trumpeting antics of the leader, the crew presents a wealth of talent in the persons of balladeer Dick Noel, the Skyliners vocal quartette, comic Kenny Trimble, the funniest man in music, tenor saxophonist Billy Usselton, and trumpet-trombone star Eddy Butterfield. This unusual performance will be given in triplicate: On Monday, August 1, at the Playground on Ocean Avenue and Avenue P, Brook-

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lyn; on Tuesday, August 2, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th to 30th Avenues, Queens; and, on Wednesday, August 3, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Bobby Byrne, one of last year's favorites, will appear at the Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, Manhattan, on Thursday, August 4th.

Next on this list of famous name bands to appear at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, is Sam Donohue and his orchestra, on Friday, August 5th. Recently, Sam recorded several of his choice arrangements for Capitol. "Dinah", "Scufflin", and "Take Five" have already earned a niche in the best record libraries. Donahue features Bill Raymond and the Blue Hues as his guest artists.

The band starts playing at 8:30 P.M. All are welcome.

*Sent out Tuesday, July 26, 1949.*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 31, 1949

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New York City's youngsters have a special summer theatre, of their own--the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre, which is currently touring the "straw hat" circuit of neighborhood playgrounds in the five boroughs. "Happy the Humbug", this summer's presentation, has afforded entertainment for thousands of children in Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens during the past seven weeks. Forty performances will be given during the balance of the tour which will end September 2nd.

The drama, with its cast of unusual characters, appeals to all ages, but for children there is the added fascination of seeing "talking dolls" act out the engaging story. Adults, on the other hand, are more impressed with the professional aspects of the show--the expert manipulation, the craftsmanship behind the making of the puppets, costumes, and scenery, and the showmanship of the production.

The Marionette Troupe will conclude their Brooklyn tour this week by giving five performances at park playgrounds, and will open in Richmond on Friday. The schedule for this week will be:

Monday	August 1	2:30 P.M.	Playground, Howard, Pacific and Dean Streets.
Tuesday	August 2	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	New Lots Playground, Sackman Street and Riverdale Avenue
Wednesday	August 3	2:30 P.M.	Playground, Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street.
Thursday	August 4	2:30 P.M.	Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and East New York Avenues.
Friday	August 5	2:30 P.M.	Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place, West Brighton, Richmond.

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Saturday Afternoon, July 30, 1949  
or  
Sunday, July 31, 1949

MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS  
For The Coming Week

SUNDAY - July 31

8:15 P.M. - Naumburg Memorial Concert - Mall, Central Park -  
Benjamin Grosbayne, Conductor; Maurice  
Bialkin, Violoncello Soloist.

MONDAY - August 1

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Gold-  
man conducting - Mall, Central Park -  
Russian Program.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Playground at Ocean Avenue and  
Avenue P, Brooklyn - Ray Anthony and his  
Orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -  
Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower  
level - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

TUESDAY - August 2

- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th  
Street and 25th Avenue, Queens - Ray Anthony  
and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -  
Mall, Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top  
Hands.
- 12 Noon - Concert - Bowling Green.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Board-  
walk.

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WEDNESDAY - August 3

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Mall, Central Park - Music Memory Contest.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Ray Anthony and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.
- 8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

THURSDAY - August 4

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Wagner Program.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Mall, Central Park - Bobby Byrne and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

FRIDAY - August 5

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Edwin Franko Goldman conducting - Mall, Central Park - Victor Herbert Program.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Sam Donohue and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

SATURDAY - August 6

- 8:30 P.M. - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Verdi Program.

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FOR RELEASE

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Immediately

A series of seven band concerts arranged by the International Music Lovers Guild will be given by the Brooklyn Elks Band, Lodge 22, at the Prospect Park Music Grove on Tuesday evenings, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and September 6 and 13, beginning at 8:30 P.M. each evening.

Members of the International Music Lovers Guild observed that an appreciative audience from the entire community was attracted to rehearsal sessions of the Elks Band. These people would sit in the street listening to renditions of popular concert favorites. Mr. Ernst Fischer, the Guild's Director, asked the musicians why they did not play out-of-doors so that they could be heard to better advantage by more people. A mutual appeal by these two organizations to the Park Department resulted in the above arrangements at Prospect Park Music Grove.

The members of the Elks Band are musicians by profession. All have been associated at some time with symphonic orchestras, musical comedy and operetta, the opera, or with musical institutions and schools. Mr. Casey Ciccone, the conductor, was Bandmaster for the 23rd Regiment Band.

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The program for the first concert, on Tuesday, August 2, will be:

"The Star Spangled Banner"

1. March "Washington Post".....Sousa
2. Overture from "Orpheus".....Offenbach
3. Favorite Selections.....Herbert
4. Spanish Suite "Don Quixote".....Safranek
5. American Patrol.....Meacham
6. March "Kilties".....Morris

Intermission

7. March "Amparito Rocca".....Texidor
8. Overture "Lustspiel".....Keler-Bela
9. Selections from "Show Boat".....Kern
10. Hungarian Dance.....Brahms
11. Waltz "Estudiantina".....Waldteufel
12. Descriptive "Atlantis".....Safranek
13. March "High School Cadets".....Sousa



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The Department of Parks will conduct Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Men's Swimming Championships at Sunset Pool, 43rd Street and Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, on Saturday, July 30th, at 5:00 P.M., rain or shine. The eight events to be contested are the 100 and 1500 Meter Freestyle, 100 Meter Backstroke, 200 Meter Breast Stroke, 300 Meter Individual Medley, 800 Meter Freestyle Relay, 300 Meter Medley Relay, and the 3 Meter Dive.

This meet concludes a three week series of competitive swimming events at Park Department outdoor pools, in which more than 2400 boys and girls, 7 to 19 years of age, participated. The tournaments are part of the summer program planned by the recreation staff of the Park Department to keep New York City's youngsters engaged in worthwhile recreational pursuits.

Also competing on Saturday will be boys representing their home boroughs by virtue of placing first or second at elimination meets held earlier this month. These events are conducted for swimmers not registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., in order to encourage youngsters to swim in competition with others of their own age. Eight events for these boys, at distances suited to the various age groups, are scheduled for Saturday's tournament.

Prizes will be awarded to those placing first, second, or third in each event.

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OPENING OF PLAYGROUND

North of 34th Avenue  
77th to 78th Streets  
Jackson Heights, Queens

July 26, 1949  
3:30 P.M.

Band Selections

National Anthem

Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, presiding

Hon. Maurice A. FitzGerald, Commissioner of Borough  
Works, Queens

Hon. James A. Burke, Borough President of Queens

Hon. Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of The Council

Band Selections

Inspection of Playground

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Monday, July 25, 1949

The Department of Parks will open, with ceremonies, the new playground between 77th and 78th Streets, north of 34th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens, at 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26th. The Hon. Maurice A. FitzGerald, Commissioner of Borough Works, Queens; Hon. James A. Burke, President of the Borough of Queens; and Hon. William O'Dwyer, Mayor of the City of New York, will participate in the exercises. Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside.

The acquisition of the property, 1.9 acres in extent, by condemnation, for park and playground purposes, was jointly sponsored by both the Park Commissioner and the President of the Borough of Queens. It is located in an intensely developed section of Jackson Heights, containing large six-story apartment houses, completely lacking in garden or play space. The new playground will also be available to residents of the nearby Northern Boulevard Veterans' Emergency Housing area.

The new playground contains a comfort station with electric, plumbing and heating systems, a wading pool, sand pits, flagpole, separate play areas with play apparatus for smaller and larger children, park drainage, lighting and irrigation systems, two handball courts, two shuffleboard courts,

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a paddle tennis court, a basketball and volley ball court, a softball diamond, and a large roller skating area. The various units have been fenced in for control purposes, benches have been provided for guardians of children, and the entire area landscaped with trees and shrubbery.

With the opening of this new playground, there are now 518 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

*Att.:*

*2 Plans - A-L-303-102 & 103.*

*Sent out Friday, July 22, 1949.*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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FOR RELEASE

Monday, July 25, 1949

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"FIFTH PART OF THE LANCERS" IS SQUARE DANCE TO BE FEATURED AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE, JULY 25, CENTRAL PARK MALL, JULY 26, AND PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN, JULY 27, IN FIFTH WEEK OF SERIES SPONSORED BY PEPSI - COLA COMPANY UNDER AUSPICES OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

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A square dance known as "The Fifth Park of the Lancers", which is one of the oldest figures in Square Dance history, is to be featured for public participation tonight, Monday, July 25, at Riverside Drive, tomorrow night, Tuesday, July 26, on Central Park Mall, and Wednesday night, July 27, at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, in the fifth week of the series of free square dances, held each week in the three city Parks, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

"The Fifth Part of The Lancers", a stately figure of both English and French origin, is danced to a march tune of measured tempo, and was a favorite of '98. The dance was introduced in this country in New England where it is still considered one of the "proper" dances and is performed with the observance of all early formalities.

Everyone is invited to participate in or watch these free outdoor dances every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) through August 29; every Tuesday night on Central Park Mall at 72nd Street through August 30; and every Wednesday night at Prospect Park, West and 11th St., Brooklyn, through August 31.

All of the dances are held from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., with Ed Durlacher calling the dances, and music by the Top Hands.

*Sent out by Pepsi-Cola Co.*

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FOR RELEASE

Misc.-25M-100848 114

Sunday, July 24, 1949

Eight performances of "Happy the Humbug", a puppet drama for children, will be presented by the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre at Brooklyn park playgrounds this week.

The ballerina heroine, Miss Pink Elephant, is endowed with the ability to shed strawberry tears from which delicious ice cream sodas are made right on the stage. This talent alone is enough to endear her to the young audiences and it is possible that, at first, children sympathize secretly with Cock and Bull who kidnap her in order to profit by her unusual gift. However, as the plot unfolds, they understand why Happy the Humbug and Hunkey the Monkey must rescue her and want to see the villains outwitted.

Next week's schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 25	11:00 A.M.	Gravesend Playground,
	2:30 P.M.	56th Street and 18th Avenue
Tuesday, July 26	2:30 P.M.	Neptune Playground,
		Neptune Avenue and West 28th Street
Wednesday, July 27	11:00 A.M.	Playground,
	2:30 P.M.	Prospect Park West and 11th Street
Thursday, July 28	11:00 A.M.	Bushwick Playground,
	2:30 P.M.	Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues
Friday, July 29	2:30 P.M.	Kelly Memorial Playground,
		Avenue S and East 14th Street

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Sunday, July 24, 1949

The usual quota of five name band dances will be held this week in various borough parks. Three star music maestros have been furnished by the Consolidated Edison Company for the weekly series. Last year's July attendance records have already been topped, and, from all present indications, the popularity of dancing under the stars continues to grow. This is no longer an infant feature of New York's summer recreation program and there's no telling when adult proportions will be reached. The Department of Parks and Consolidated Edison Company welcome Ray McKinley, Buddy Williams and Hal McIntyre in their first name band dance engagement of the '49 season.

For the week's opening dance on Monday, July 25, 1949, Ray McKinley and his orchestra will play at a local Brooklyn playground, Kelly Memorial, on Avenue S and East 14th Street. Monday evening's dance is the only one which will be held at this location. Ray and his orchestra will also feature some special musical stunts for Tuesday's hop, July 26th, at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale. There's

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a second treat for the Bronx this month. Buddy Williams and his orchestra will appear at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse on Wednesday, July 27th.

When the late Glenn Miller died, his music did not perish with him. Several disciples are carrying on, and one of the most popular and successful is Hal McIntyre who will play for the remaining two dances. McIntyre is known for his wide variations in music. His is one of the most modern and polished name bands, yet he manages to keep a finger on the public pulse. His boys boast of engagements at leading music showcases, including the Palladium, Hollywood; Hotel Commodore, New York; Hotel Sherman, Chicago; and the Paramount and Strand Theatres in New York. He will play at the Mall, Central Park, on Thursday, July 28th, and at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on Friday, July 29, 1949.

Dances are free. All are welcome.

*Sent out Monday, July 18, 1949.*



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FOR RELEASE

Misc.-5M-100848 114

Sunday, July 24, 1949

On Sunday, July 31st, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Elkan Naumburg's death, a memorial concert will be given on the Mall, Central Park, by the Naumburg Orchestra, at 8:15 P.M. This concert is contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumburg, a New York banker and philanthropist who donated the bandshell on the Mall.

The late Mr. Elkan Naumburg had noted the need for an adequate bandshell in Central Park for the many years during which he contributed orchestral concerts at the Mall on three holidays, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. His sons have added a fourth concert on July 31st in honor of their father.

Mr. Benjamin Grosbayne will conduct and Maurice Bialkin will appear as violoncello soloist. The program for the July 31st concert will be as follows:

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

Chorale.....Bach-Albert  
(In memory of Elkan Naumburg, Founder of these concerts)

1. Overture "Rienzi".....Wagner
2. Fourth Symphony - First Movement.....Tschaikowsky

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3. Concerto in B flat major - First Movement.....Boccherini  
Maurice Bialkin
4. Overture "Fledermaus".....Strauss

INTERMISSION

5. Polevitzian Dances from "Prince Igor".....Borodin
6. Kol Nidrei.....Brush  
Maurice Bialkin
7. Rhapsody "España".....Chabrier
8. Overture "Tannhauser".....Wagner

"AMERICA".

*Sent out Monday, July 18, 1949.*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Saturday Afternoon, July 23, 1949  
or  
Sunday, July 24, 1949

MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS  
For The Coming Week

- SUNDAY - July 24  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park -  
Sousa Program.
- MONDAY - July 25  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park -  
Johann Strauss Program.  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue  
S and East 14th Street, Brooklyn - Ray  
McKinley and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company  
Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower  
level - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.
- TUESDAY - July 26  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Victory Field, Woodhaven Boule-  
vard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale - Ray  
McKinley and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -  
Mall, Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top  
Hands.  
12 Noon - Concert - Bowling Green.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Board-  
walk.
- WEDNESDAY - July 27  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park -  
Bach-Handel Program.  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand  
Concourse, Bronx - Buddy Williams and his  
Orchestra.

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WEDNESDAY - July 27 (Continued)

- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.  
8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

THURSDAY - July 28

- 8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Beethoven Program.  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Mall, Central Park - Hal McIntyre and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

FRIDAY - July 29

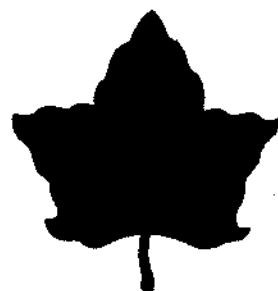
- 8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Beethoven Program.  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Hal McIntyre and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

SATURDAY - July 30

- 8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Miscellaneous Program.  
8:30 P.M. - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Mall, Central Park.

*Lent out Monday, July 18, 1949.*

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces the reopening for public usage and the completion of work in connection with the redesign and reconstruction of the playground west of Park Avenue between East 108th Street and East 109th Street, Manhattan.

This playground, 0.9 acres in extent, was one of those left in an incompleated state by the W.P.A. at the start of the war, and, because of war restrictions, rapid and serious deterioration took place to the extent that the area no longer served the recreational needs of the neighborhood adequately. It is located in a very congested, old residential neighborhood, closely packed with three-story houses and apartment houses, and lacking in adequate recreational facilities.

The old layout was redesigned to provide for better control, and the shuffleboard and basketball courts were relocated. Two new basketball standards were installed, as well as a shower basin, sand pit, flagpole, drinking fountain, and a small children's playground with play apparatus. The handball courts on the Park Avenue side were left in place. Old fencing was relocated and new fencing installed for better control of the use of the area; drainage and irrigation systems

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were installed; heating equipment was provided in the comfort station, which previously had to be winterized during the winter months; and the entire area was resurfaced with asphalt to replace the former inadequate surface so as to provide a permanent usable surface at all times of the year. Landscaped, tree shaded borders separate the playground from the games area and also encircle the perimeter of the area.

*Att.:*

*2 Photos - # 26022, 26023.*

*2 Plans - # ML-183-102 & 108.*

July 21, 1949.





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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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The first round of play for men and women in the 10th Annual Golf Tournament at the ten municipal golf courses will be conducted by the Department of Parks on Sunday, July 24th. Play in the junior boys division will be held Monday, July 25th. More than 2300 men, women and boys filed attested score cards for this tournament, the 64 low gross scorers in each division qualifying for the local course championships.

The eight low gross scorers in the men's division local course championships at each course will qualify for the City-wide Team Championships (36 holes of medal play) to be held Sunday, July 31st, at Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Parkway, Queens. The 32 low gross scorers on that day will take part in the City-wide Match Play Championships to be conducted during the August 6th and August 13th weekends, at La Tourette Golf Course in Richmond. The winner and runner-up in the women's and junior's local course championships will qualify for the City-wide Championships to be held at Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, on Sunday, August 21st.

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Prizes will be awarded to the players finishing first, second and third in the local course championships in each division; to the winners and runners-up in the Team Championships; and to the champion and runner-up in each division in the City-wide Championships. In addition, the men's champion will have his name inscribed on the sterling silver Newbold Morris trophy, and the women's and junior champions will have their names inscribed on the sterling silver Park Association trophies.

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Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Women's Swimming Championships will be conducted by the Department of Parks at Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Swimming Pool, Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway, Corona, on Saturday, July 23d, at 5 P.M., rain or shine.

Among the outstanding swimmers of the metropolitan district who have filed entries for the meet are Barbara Daggett, Senior Metropolitan 100 and 220 yard indoor and 220 yard outdoor champion; Hazel Barr, Senior Metropolitan high and low board diving champion; Jean Piser, Junior Metropolitan 50 meter medley champion; Dorothy Kloss, 800 meter freestyle champion; Barbara Cunningham, 200 yard Junior Metropolitan indoor backstroke champion; Joyce Sullivan, Junior Metropolitan 100 meter backstroke champion; 12 year old Carole Giardine, member of the winning Junior Metropolitan 150 and 300 meter medley and the 400 meter freestyle relay teams; and Betty Mullen and Phoebe Rosen, both members of the Senior Metropolitan 800 meter relay championship team.

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Saturday's Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. events will be the 100 Meter Freestyle, 100 Meter Backstroke, 100 Meter Breaststroke, 300 Meter Individual Medley, 800 Meter Freestyle Relay, and the 3 Meter Dive.

Also on the program are six events for girls, 7 to 17 years of age, who are not registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., for which the competitors have qualified by placing first or second in their events at elimination contests held at Park Department outdoor swimming pools in the five boroughs during the past two weeks.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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Sunday, July 17, 1949

The Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre rolls along on its merry tour of park playgrounds, giving nine performances of "Happy the Humbug" at Brooklyn playgrounds this week.

An entomologist would have difficulty classifying Happy, the Humbug, for he is a droll fellow with the body of a turtle and the neck of a giraffe, topped off with simian facial features. The story of Happ's adventures, however, can be classed as ideal entertainment for children. The lively action arouses a variety of emotional responses from young audiences. They sympathize with lonely Happy, rejoice when Hunkey, the Monkey, befriends him, mourn when the villains, Cock and Bull, kidnap Miss Pink Elephant, and exult when Happy and Hunkey rescue her and all ends well for the puppet hero.

The schedule for this week will be:

MONDAY	July 18	2:30 P.M.	Lindsay Park Lorimer Street and Johnson Avenue
TUESDAY	July 19	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Playground Fort Hamilton Parkway and 52nd Street
WEDNESDAY	July 20	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Seth Low Playground Bay Parkway and Avenue P
THURSDAY	July 21	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Marine Park Fillmore Avenue and Marine Parkway
FRIDAY	July 22	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Sunset Park Playground 44th Street and 6th Avenue

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Sunday, July 17, 1949

Gala name band dancing and entertainment in New York City Parks is entering its fourth week. This special feature of a variety of summer recreation is conducted by the Department of Parks and sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company. The active participation of New Yorkers and their out-of-town guests has added zest and color to the local setting of each of the eight locations at which the dances are held. This week brings two new stars and their orchestras to the name band dance schedule.

The golden voiced Tommy Ryan has made over 300 recordings with such hits as "Begin the Beguine", "My Buddy" and "Night and Day". He has won the acclaim of critics and the dancing public of New York City with his record breaking engagements at the Arcadia Ballroom and the Commodore Hotel. Tommy Ryan features a trio, known as the Ryaneers, and vocalists for both bounce tunes and ballads, and comedy songs with Tommy Ryan taking the top spot as vocalist. He will play for the first three dances of the week - on Monday, July 18th, at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan; on Tuesday, July 19th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th-30th

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Avenues, Queens; and on Wednesday, July 20th, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Charlie Peterson and his "smooth rhythm" orchestra, while still a comparatively young organization, is well known throughout the eastern portion of the United States. Successful engagements include the Hotel New Yorker, Hotel Pennsylvania and Glen Island Casino. The individual vocal interpretations by Mickey Damon, plus the entertaining qualities of this orchestra, have met with the approval of the most critical and have increased the attendance wherever he has played. On Thursday, July 21st, Charlie Peterson and his band will play for Manhattanites at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, and, on Friday, July 22nd, for Brooklynites at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West.

The band strikes up at 8:30 P.M. Come one; come all!

*Sent out Monday, July 11, 1949.*



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Saturday Afternoon, July 16, 1949  
or  
Sunday, July 17, 1949

MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS  
For the Coming Week

SUNDAY July 17

8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park -  
Italian Program.

MONDAY July 18

8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park -  
Berlioz Program.

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Colonial Park, 146th Street and  
Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - Tommy Ryan  
and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -  
Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, lower  
level - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

TUESDAY July 19

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th  
Street and 25th-30th Avenues, Queens -  
Tommy Ryan and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -  
Mall, Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top  
Hands.

12 Noon - Concert - Bowling Green.

8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Board-  
walk.

WEDNESDAY July 20

8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park -  
Gilbert and Sullivan.

8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand  
Concourse, Bronx - Tommy Ryan and his Or-  
chestra.

8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -  
Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and  
Prospect Park West, Brooklyn - Ed Durlacher  
and Top Hands.

8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Board-  
walk.

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THURSDAY July 21

- 8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Original Band Music.
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Mall, Central Park - Charlie Peterson and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

FRIDAY July 22

- 8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Original Band Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Charlie Peterson and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park Boardwalk.

SATURDAY July 23

- 8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn - Tschaikovsky Program.
- 8:30 P.M. - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Mall, Central Park.

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The second week of competition in the Department of Parks Swimming Tournaments for boys and girls will be conducted according to the following schedule:

- Girls' Elimination Meet - Monday, July 18, at Crotona Pool, East 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx
- Boys' Elimination Meet - Tuesday, July 19, at Astoria Pool, 19th Street opposite 23rd Drive, Queens
- Girls' Elimination Meet - Wednesday, July 20, at Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173rd Street, Manhattan
- Boys' Elimination Meet - Thursday, July 21, at Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay Street, Richmond
- Girls' City-wide Final Meet - Saturday, July 23, at Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Pool, Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway, Corona

All meets begin at 5:00 P.M., rain or shine.

Entries are being accepted from girls up to 17 years of age and boys up to 19 years of age (who are not registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U.) for all of the elimination meets. Blanks may be secured and filed at the pools or at local park playgrounds. Races suited to the various age groups are scheduled for each meet. Girls will compete in the

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25 and 50 meter freestyle and the 50 meter backstroke; boys in the 25, 50 and 100 meter freestyle and 50 meter backstroke. Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. championship events will be conducted at each meet for swimmers registered with the association.

Competitors in the fifth meet, to be held on Saturday, July 23, at the Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Pool, will be girls who finished first, second and third in each event at the preliminary meets, and they will vie for city-wide crowns in races for which they previously qualified. Six Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. championship events will also be on the program that day.

Prizes will be awarded to swimmers placing first, second and third in each event at each meet.

July 14, 1949.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES

AUSTIN STREET PLAYGROUND

Forest Hills, Queens

Tuesday, July 12, 1949 - 3 P. M.

Band Selections by Sanitation Band

National Anthem

Hon. Robert Moses, Park Commissioner, presiding

Mr. Leo Ehrenreich, Local Mayor

Hon. James A. Burke, Borough President of Queens

Hon. William O'Dwyer, Mayor of the City of New York

Band Selections

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The Department of Parks announces that, on Tuesday, July 12th, at 3:30 P.M., ground breaking ceremonies will take place in connection with the start of construction of a new playground on Austin Street between 76th and 77th Avenues, Queens. Leo Ehrenreich of Forest Hills, Hon. James A. Burke, and Mayor O'Dwyer will participate. Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside. Mayor O'Dwyer is scheduled to turn the first spadeful of earth.

The contract, awarded to Northeastern Chemical Co., Inc., 544 Jackson Avenue, Bronx 55, New York, covers the construction of a playground with playground apparatus areas, including a wading pool, comfort station, flagpole, sand pit, handball, shuffleboard and basketball courts, roller and ice skating areas, electrical, plumbing and heating work, drainage, irrigation and lighting systems, landscaping, fencing and benches.

When completed, the area will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for all age groups in a heavily congested residential section of Forest Hills, containing numerous large apartment houses and private dwellings.

*Att:*

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PLAYGROUND OPENING

University Ave. and West 169th St.  
Bronx, New York

Monday, July 11, 1949 - 3 P.M.

Band Selections by Sanitation Band

Robert Moses, Park Commissioner, presiding

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William C. Humphrey

James J. Lyons, President, Borough of The Bronx

Lazarus Joseph, Comptroller, City of New York

William O'Dwyer, Mayor, City of New York

Band Selections

Playground Activities

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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FOR RELEASE

MONDAY, JULY 11

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NEW YORKERS AND BROOKLYNITES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FREE SQUARE DANCES MADE AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER AUSPICES OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AS SERIES ENTERS THIRD WEEK

Over 40,000 Have Already Enjoyed This Outdoor Entertainment  
in the 3 City Parks This Summer

New Yorkers and Brooklynites are invited to participate tonight, Monday, July 11 in the free Square Dances entering their 3rd week this evening at Riverside Drive; tomorrow night, Tuesday, July 12 at Central Park Mall, and Wednesday night, July 13 at Prospect Park, Brooklyn. The series is made available as a public service each week by Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

City dwellers may continue to enjoy these free dances every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) through August 29; every Tuesday night on Central Park Mall at 72nd Street through August 30; and every Wednesday night at Prospect Park, West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, through August 31.

Ed Durlacher does the calling and the Top Hands provide the music for all of the dances which take place from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

*Sent out by Pepsi-Cola Co.*

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

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Sunday, July 10, 1949MARTYRS' MONUMENT

The Department of Parks announces completion of work in connection with alterations to and preservation of the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn.

This tall, stately granite shaft, a landmark for over forty years, is located on an eminence in the center of the park on one of the highest points in Brooklyn, and was constructed in 1908 from plans prepared by the well-known architect, Stanford White. Unlike and distinguished from Fort Clinton in Battery Park, it is a genuine memorial and one of the important historical and architectural monuments of the City.

Structural members of the monument, both interior and exterior, had deteriorated to the point of endangering public safety. The area surrounding the base had to be roped off because of danger of injury to persons from possible collapse of metal ornaments on top of the shaft. The interior stairway had deteriorated so badly that it could no longer be used.

The restoration work involved the demolition of the interior stairs and elevator, the installation of a new structural steel service ladder, restoration of the bronze urn on

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top of the monument, restoration of the bronze doors at the bottom, and copper doors on the top of the shaft, and repointing of exterior masonry joints.

Beneath massive granite steps leading up to the monument from Myrtle Avenue is a brick vault, 25 by 11 feet with twenty-two lead coffins containing the bones of the martyrs, 12,000 or more in number, who died aboard the British prison ships anchored in Wallabout Bay, off the present New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, during the Revolutionary War.

Attached is a comprehensive history of this monument.

HISTORY OF THE PRISON SHIP MARTYRS' MONUMENT  
FORT GREENE PARK, BROOKLYN

No chapter in the history of the American Revolution is more appalling or revolting to every human feeling than that which records the sufferings of the prisoners who were captured by the British. The capture of New York in September, 1776, and of Fort Washington in November of the same year, delivered into the hands of the British a large number of prisoners. To the confusion and embarrassment, which this sudden accumulation of prisoners necessitated, were added the negligence of the British commander and the brutality of the notorious Provost Marshall Cunningham and his subordinates. While the condition of the prisoners in New York was pitiable, that of the seamen confined in the prison ships at the Wallabout was horrible. Prisoners died from starvation and disease, flogging and other forms of violence and were buried, usually by their fellow prisoners, in the sands of the bay.

From the autumn of 1776 when the British came into possession of New York, during six years, one or more condemned hulks were stationed at the Wallabout, Long Island, nearly opposite the then City of New York, in which were confined such American seamen as were taken prisoners by the British. The first of these ships was the "Whitby", which was moored in the Wallabout in October, 1776. In May, 1777, two other large ships were also anchored there, one of which was burned in October of the same year and the other in February, 1778.

In April, 1778, the old "Jersey", the remains of whose hulk were visible for some years on the Long Island shore, was moored there. The "Hope" and the "Falmouth", two so-called hospital ships, were stationed nearby, along with the "John", the "Scorpion", the "Strumbolo" and the "Hunter".

The "Jersey" was an old 64-gun ship which, through age, had become unfit for further actual service. Her dark and filthy external appearance corresponded with the death and despair that reigned within. Doubtless no other ship in the British Navy ever proved the means of destruction of so many human beings. It is computed that not less than 11,000 American seamen perished in her.

Walt Whitman, the poet, was moved by the story of the prisoners on the old "Jersey", who defied their guards and attempted to commemorate Independence Day in 1782. Driven below by bayonets, the prisoners continued to sing patriotic songs until several were killed. So moved was Whitman that he wrote an "Ode to the Prison Ship Martyrs", which was sung at Fort Greene Park on July 4, 1846.

After October, 1780, when the English Major John Andre was executed, the British, in retaliation, seized all who were suspect of holding American sentiment. They were placed aboard these floating dungeons, on which it was next to certain death to be confined. After nights of intolerable suffering in the stifling holds where many human beings were crowded together along with the dead, the dying and the diseased,

the survivors were confronted in the mornings with the appalling spectacle of a boat loaded with dead bodies being conveyed to the shore. The bodies of those who died on the ships were buried in the sand along the shore, on the slope of a hill, in a ravine and in several other localities. The bones of many were washed out of the sand and were seen lying along the shore.

The English officers endeavored to persuade many of the prisoners to enter the services on a British ship of war but had little success. The prisoners preferred death in its most horrible form to the disgrace and infamy of fighting the battles of the enemy against the liberties of their country. These were the patriots whose bones were so long bleaching on the shores of the Wallabout and whose names suffer no diminution by a comparison with the heroes and patriots of antiquity.

In 1803, some societies began to agitate the subject of awarding funeral honors to the remains of these martyrs, but nothing was accomplished until 1808. The Tammany Society, which then embraced many Revolutionary patriots, took the lead in the work and the cornerstone of a monument was laid on April 13th on land donated by John Jackson, Esq., adjoining the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Their bones were collected, placed in thirteen large coffins and, on the 26th of May, 1808, each coffin, in charge of one of the Tammanial tribes and escorted by eight Revolutionary soldiers as pall bearers, was borne to the place of sepulture, and all were, with solemn and imposing ceremonies, deposited in a common tomb.

After the interment of these remains, steps were taken toward providing funds to erect a suitable monument to the memory of these martyrs; but the interest which was at first felt in the matter subsided, and, at length, the lot on which the vault was constructed was sold for taxes. It was purchased by Major Benjamin Romaine, who, in order to prevent its further desecration, fitted it up as a burial place for himself and his family and there, at his death in 1844, he was entombed.

In the year 1845, public attention was again called to the neglected condition of these remains and the matter was brought to the attention of Congress by a report of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives with a recommendation for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the purpose of affording a secure tomb and a fitting monument to the patriots. This also failed of its objective and the matter lay dormant for ten years. In 1855, a large meeting of influential citizens of Brooklyn was held, at which it was resolved to erect a monument to the Martyrs of the Prison Ships, and an organization was formed for the purpose, entitled "The Martyrs' Monument Association". The association secured plans for the proposed monument, agitated the subject publicly and privately and solicited donations. It was not, however, until 1873 that the new site was utilized. In that year, a brick vault, 25 by 11 feet, was completed in the side of a hill facing the junction of Myrtle Avenue and Canton Street, the present-day site at Fort Greene Park.

In the meantime, the receptacle at Hudson Avenue had been so neglected and had become so dilapidated that the remains deposited there were in a very exposed state. Many of the old coffins were broken or defaced. New boxes were prepared and into these boxes, numbering twenty-two, the old coffins, with their contents, were placed. On the 17th of June, 1873, they were quietly removed to the vault at Fort Greene Park containing, it is supposed, all the remains preserved of nearly 12,000 victims of prison ship captivity. The vault was covered with asphalt, the surface restored and the basework of the present 145-foot granite column constructed. The monument was finally completed in 1908 and cost \$174,144. It was dedicated on November 14, 1908 by President Taft to the Unknown Dead, the heroes and martyrs whose long-neglected remains rest beneath. Seven of the boxes contain bones of Unknown Martyrs, while the remaining fifteen exhibited labels that could be deciphered as follows:

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| 8. Delaware               | 15. Maryland       |
| 9. Major Benjamin Romaine | 16. North Carolina |
| 10. Massachusetts         | 17. Connecticut    |
| 11. Pennsylvania          | 18. New Jersey     |
| 12. Rhode Island          | 19. Georgia        |
| 13. Drummer Boy           | 20. New York       |
| 14. Virginia              | 21. South Carolina |
| 22. New Hampshire         |                    |

The old cornerstone taken from the original vault on Hudson Avenue has been placed over the steps leading to the vault in Fort Greene Park. It bears the following inscription:

Sacred to the memory of that portion  
of American Sailors, Soldiers and  
Citizens who perished in the cause of  
Liberty and their Country aboard the  
Prison Ships of the British during the  
revolutionary war at the Wallabout.  
This is the cornerstone of the vault  
which contains their relics erected by  
the Tammany Society or Columbian  
order of the City of New York. The  
erection for which was bestowed by  
John Jacob Astor  
Nassau Island Season of Blossoms  
Year of Discovery the 316th  
of the Institution the 19th & of  
American Independence the 32nd  
April 6, 1808

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Jacob Vandervoort  
John Jackson  
Burdet Stryker  
Isaachar Cozzens                   - Wall-about  
Robert Townsend                   Committee  
Benjamin Watson  
Samuel Cowdray  
David Campbell

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Only recently, the old dimly-lit tomb yielded up  
evidence upon which hangs a fabulous tale of Revolutionary  
War espionage, heroic sacrifice and suffering - the tale of  
a woman who was reported to have been one of General Washing-  
ton's most successful spies and who died incognito on the  
prison ship "Jersey".

According to Mr. Morton Pennypacker, 70-year-old  
Revolutionary War scholar and official historian of Suffolk  
County, she was the wife of Robert Townsend, Washington's most  
trusted and efficient agent behind the British lines, and the  
two Americans had a son who was rescued from the prison ship.

Last year, in the small room under the monument, Mr. Pennypacker successfully ended a two-decade search for evidence in support of this historical finding, which he stated has hitherto been unknown to historians. An old sandstone plaque was uncovered, revealing the name of the son of Robert Townsend cut in the 140-year-old stone. This proved to be the missing piece in a long chain of evidence which the historian had been accumulating for twenty years, indicating the alliance of Mr. Townsend, who ranks with Nathan Hale in American espionage, with the woman spy. A copy of the inscription of the stone of the original monument had been discovered by Mr. Pennypacker, but he felt that, until he had seen the real stone which seemed to have disappeared, his proof would not be complete. He said that he just took the chance that it might be somewhere near the tomb.

Mr. Pennypacker related that Townsend was in his twenties, a handsome fellow, a merchant by trade and an extensive importer of flax. He concealed his true identity while working for the Americans and called himself "Culper Junior". According to Mr. Pennypacker, "Culper Junior" was perhaps the best spy Washington ever had. He owned a restaurant near Wall Street, catered to the British officers, and quietly collected his information.

In the Nineteen Twenties, Mr. Pennypacker met a near-relation of Townsend, Howard Townsend, a New York banker, who hinted that "Culper Junior" had been married. Since that time,



Mr. Pennypacker has collected three trunks full of evidence, some written, some hearsay, and pieced the story together. He learned that Townsend did marry, that his pretty and vivacious wife attended society parties where high-ranking enemy officers were sure to appear, and kept her ears open for bits of gossip that might prove valuable. According to papers of Townsend which Mr. Pennypacker found, she learned much that was of great use to Washington. She was seized, along with many others, by the British in revenge after the execution of the English Major Andre, and sent to the prison ship. Townsend, too, was arrested and, since they did not know that he was a spy, he was forced to wear the red and white enemy uniform and act as a doorman in front of the British headquarters at No. 1 Broadway. At first, he was humiliated, and then broken in spirit after he had learned of the death of his wife.

Mr. Pennypacker traced the history of their son, Robert Townsend, Jr., through wills, letters and bills. He was rescued from the prison ship, brought up in Brooklyn by two prominent women of the era, and later became a member of the State Legislature. Undoubtedly, Townsend told his son of his heritage, but the story of the marriage was kept secret by the Townsend family and did not come to light until Mr. Pennypacker received the first hint.

Young Townsend began a crusade for the erection of a monument to those who died on the prison ships. His plan was successful, and the cornerstone of the original tomb at Hudson

Avenue was laid in April, 1808. From there, the remains were transferred to the present crypt in Fort Greene, under the memorial which the Park Department has just rehabilitated and put in a safe condition, in order to preserve its historical significance for future generations of Americans.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 10, 1949

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Four Queens playgrounds, and one in Brooklyn, will be visited by the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre this week, the fifth week of this summer's tour. "Happy the Humbug", the current presentation, will be performed twice daily, at 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.

Happy appeared on the boards of the traveling theatre just a few years ago. His popularity increased so rapidly that today he holds his own special place among the storybook characters that people childhood's world of fantasy and fable. The main characters in the puppet cast are the unique Happy, his friend Hunkey the Monkey, Miss Pink Elephant the singing and dancing ingenue, and Cock and Bull, the frustrated villains. A host of minor characters enliven the entertaining drama about Happy's adventures.

This week's performances are scheduled as follows:

### QUEENS

Monday	-	July 11	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Boulevard and Bridge Plaza North, L. I. C.
Tuesday	-	July 12	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Maurice Park Maurice, Borden, and 54th Avenues, Maspeth.
Wednesday	-	July 13	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	King Park, Jamaica 153rd Street and Jamaica Avenue, in front of Mansion
Thursday	-	July 14	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Linden Park 104th Street and 41st Avenue, Corona

### BROOKLYN

Friday	-	July 15	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Bushwick Park Sydam Street and Irving Avenue.
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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Sunday, July 10, 1949

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Starlight name band dancing is a favorite diversion for thousands of New Yorkers. Dances are held each weekday evening in various parks throughout the five boroughs and music is provided by the country's leading name bands, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company. The Park Department suggests that you have some fun and exercise, hear some rhythms and cool off at the same time in the city's local parks. For the week of July 11th dances will be conducted at the following locations.

On Monday, July 11th, Alvino Rey and his orchestra will reappear on the summer schedule at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Ave., Bronx. Last week Brooklyn listeners and participants were thrilled when Alvino Rey, his talking guitar, and orchestra, featuring Marilyn King, Jimmy Joyce and the Blue Reys took the stand at 8:30 P.M. The same treat is in store for Bronx inhabitants on Monday.

On Tuesday, July 12th, Victory Field dancers will be cued by the same boys at Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens.

Johnny Messner, a new comer to this season's series will make his name band dance debut at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, on Wednesday July 13th. Within the last year he has appeared in several large cities and has won acclaim from coast to coast.

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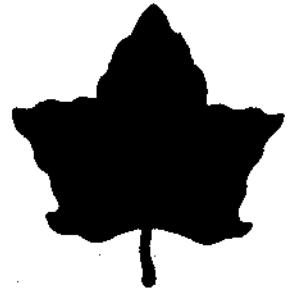
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For Thursday and Friday of this week Boyd Raeburn will come back again, as he has done in previous years, to his enthusiastic Manhattan and Brooklyn audiences. He will play at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive for the Thursday dance, July 14th. On Friday, July 15th, he will maestro the Brooklyn dance at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street.

All dances start promptly at 8:30 P.M. Everyone is cordially invited.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

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Sunday, July 10, 1949

The Department of Parks will open with ceremonies the new playground between University and Merriam Avenues, at West 169th Street, The Bronx, at 3 P.M., on Monday, July 11th. The Right Reverend Monsignor William C. Humphrey of the Church of the Sacred Heart; Hon. James J. Lyons, President of the Borough of The Bronx; Hon. Lazarus Joseph, Comptroller of the City of New York; and Hon. William O'Dwyer, Mayor of the City of New York, will participate in the exercises. Hon. Robert Moses, Park Commissioner, will preside.

The acquisition of the property, formerly vacant, rugged, and of an odd shape unsuitable for private development, was jointly sponsored by the Department of Parks and the Borough President of The Bronx for park and playground purposes, so as to provide active recreational space in the congested Highbridge section, west of the Grand Concourse. This densely populated residential neighborhood was completely lacking in recreational facilities.

The improvement contains a wading pool, comfort station, small children's play area with a sand pit, a flagpole, and a promenade connecting a sitting area. The promenade for passive recreation provides a wonderful view of the Harlem River and

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Fort George to the west. The area has been landscaped with shade trees and numerous benches have been provided for mothers and guardians of children.

The southerly portion of the property has not been developed because of existing buildings and tenant relocation problems. When completed, it will contain court games facilities for older children.

With the opening of this playground, there are now 517 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

*Att:*

*2 Photos - # 26017 & 26018.*

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Saturday afternoon, July 9 or Sunday, July 10, 1949

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### MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS For the Coming Week

- SUNDAY** - July 10  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Verdi Program
- MONDAY** - July 11  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Wagner Progra  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company  
Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge  
Avenue, Bronx. Alvino Rey and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Riversid  
Drive and 103rd Street, lower level - Ed Durlacher and  
Top Hands.
- TUESDAY** - July 12  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Compan  
Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue,  
Glendale. Alvino Rey and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Mall,  
Central Park - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.  
12 Noon - Concert - Bowling Green  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park - Don Durlacher.
- WEDNESDAY** - July 13  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Schubert.  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Co.,  
Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.  
Johnny Messner and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dance - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Prospect  
Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street -  
Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.  
8:30 P.M. - Equitable Life Assurance Society Choral Concert - Forest  
Park Music Grove - Main Drive, west of Woodhaven Blvd.,  
Glendale.  
8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Central Mall, Riis Park
- THURSDAY** - July 14  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove -  
Lincoln Road Entrance - French Program  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - Mall, Central Park - 72nd Street and  
Center Drive. Boyd Rayburn and his Orchestra.



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FRIDAY - July 15  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - 72nd Street  
and Center Drive - English Program  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - Prospect Park Dance Area - 11th Street  
and Prospect Park West - Boyd Rayburn and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Social Dancing - Riis Park, Central Mall.

SATURDAY - July 16  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove -  
Lincoln Road Entrance - Italian Program  
8:30 P.M. - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Mall, Central Park.

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FOR RELEASE

Immediately

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Four swim meets will be conducted by the Department of Parks during the coming week for New York City's boys and girls at the following Park Department outdoor swimming pools:

- Boys' Meet - Tuesday, July 12 Crotona Pool, East 173rd Street and Fulton Ave.,  
Bronx
- Girls' Meet - Wednesday, July 13 Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay St.  
Richmond
- Boys' Meet - Thursday, July 14 Thomas Jefferson Pool, First Avenue and East 111  
Street, Manhattan.
- Girls' Meet - Friday, July 15 Sunset Pool, 42nd Street and Seventh Avenue,  
Brooklyn.

All meets begin at 5:00 P.M.

Girls up to 17 years of age and boys to 19 years who are not registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. may enter the events scheduled for their age group at these meets. For girls these events are the 25 and 50 meter freestyle and the 50 meter backstroke races. Special events for swimmers registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. will also be conducted at each meet. Entry blanks may be secured and filed at the above pools or at neighborhood park playgrounds. The excellent swimming weather of the past few weeks has given youngsters a splendid opportunity for continuous practice and it is estimated that several hundred youngsters will compete at each meet.

Boys and girls finishing first, second, and third in each event will be awarded prizes, and they will also qualify for the city-wide finals to be held July 23rd at Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre Pool for girls, and on July 30th at Sunset Pool for boys.

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The Department of Parks has scheduled a series of twenty-four evening dances on the central mall of the boardwalk at Jacob Riis Park in Queens, beginning Tuesday, July 12, and continuing until Friday, August 19th, all dances at 8:30 P.M. Half of the dances will be traditional American square dances, and the others conventional round dances to currently popular dance music.

The square dances will be conducted each Tuesday and Thursday evening during the series, by Don Durlacher and square dance band. Participants will not need to know square dance steps or figures to join in the fun. A few minutes of "on the spot" instructions from Caller Durlacher will have all beginners in the swing.

Wednesday and Friday evenings will be devoted solely to regular dancing with music by "live" dance bands.

There will be no charge for admission on any of these evenings and the public is cordially invited by the Park Department to attend these dances.

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Immediately

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250 boys and girls in Queens have filed entries for the first of two athletic meets sponsored by Thomas M. Quinn and Sons, Inc., which will be conducted by the Department of Parks at Liberty Park, 173rd Street and 106th Avenue, Jamaica, at 2 P.M., on Sunday, July 10th. The second meet will be held at Astoria Park, on Sunday, August 7th.

These meets are sponsored by Thomas M. Quinn and Sons in order to interest and encourage youngsters to participate in track and field competition. Any boy or girl residing in Queens may enter, providing he has not won prizes at P.S.A.L. or private high school meets, or is not a member of the A.A.U., and is 17 years of age or under. Aside from the physical benefits derived by the youngsters, athletics have long been recognized by teachers and educators as a medium of fostering good sportsmanship and fellowship.

Sixteen events, arranged according to weight and sex, are scheduled for each meet. For girls, there are the 40, 50, and 60 yard dashes, and a potato race; for boys, the 50, 60 and 70 yard dashes, and a potato race; and, in the unlimited weight class for boys, the events are 100, 220, and 440 yard races, a half mile run, one mile run, running broad and high jumps, and the 12 pound shot put.

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Medals will be awarded to boys and girls finishing first, second, and third in each final event, by Thomas M. Quinn and Sons, Inc.

Entries will be accepted for the August 7th meet until July 31st. Blanks may be secured and filed at the Department of Parks office at the Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, or at any Queens park playground.

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On July 6th, the three hundred thousandth round of golf of the 1949 season was played on the ten Department of Parks Municipal Golf Courses. This is six days ahead of 1948, when the three hundred thousandth round was played on July 12th.

This attendance at the courses is the more remarkable because play has fallen off during the recent prolonged hot spell, and play at the Van Cortlandt Course is about 30% off due to modification of the course necessitated by construction of the Major Deegan Boulevard. As last year's play exceeded that of any previous year, the attendance at the courses seems to be on its way to another record year.

In spite of the extremely hot, dry weather and restrictions on watering the courses, play has been possible at all times. There has been some drought damage to the fairways, especially on those courses that do not have complete irrigation systems, but the greens have stood up quite well.

Cooperation by the golfers in replacing divots and refraining from causing excessive wear by practising their strokes on the course will be of great help in maintaining satisfactory playing conditions during this continued period of drought.

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FOR RELEASE

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Sunday, July 3, 1949

The second of four concerts this season by the Naumburg orchestra will be given on the Mall in Central Park on Monday, July 4, at 8:15 P. M. Tibor Serly will conduct and Bela Urban, violinist, will appear as guest soloist.

The concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall and who had for many years contributed three annual band concerts on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day. His sons have continued these concerts in his memory, adding a fourth concert on July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death.

The program for the Fourth of July concert will be:

1. Overture - "The Meistersingers of Nuremberg" . . . . . Wagner
2. Concerto in D Minor, Second and Third Movements . . . . . Wieniawski  
Bela Urban
3. Fantasy "Romeo and Juliet" . . . . . Tschaikowsky
4. Hungarian March (Rakoczy) from "Damnation of Faust" . . . . . Berlioz
5. a. Meditation from "Thais" . . . . . Massenet  
b. Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Airs) . . . . . Sarasate  
Bela Urban
6. Waltz from "Der Rosenkavalier" . . . . . Strauss
7. American Fantasy . . . . . Herbert



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The Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre continues its summer tour of park playgrounds by giving nine performances of "Happy the Humbug" at five Queens playgrounds this week.

Happy the Humbug is one bug that will not get the D. D. T.'s this summer because he is welcomed by children and parents wherever he goes. In this marionette fantasy about his adventures Happy is accompanied by his good friend Hunkey the Monkey. Other stars in the cast are Miss Pink Elephant, Cock and Bull and many minor characters who help make the entertainment a solid hour of fun for old and young alike.

Happy and his friends will perform at the following locations this week:

- TUESDAY - July 5 11:00 A.M. Cunningham Park  
2:30 P.M. Union Turnpike and 192nd Street, Hollis
- WEDNESDAY - July 6 2:30 P.M. Jacob Riis Park  
Lawn Area at Central Mall, Neponsit
- THURSDAY - July 7 11:00 A.M. Forest Park Music Grove  
2:30 P.M. Main Drive, off Woodhaven Blvd., Woodhaven
- FRIDAY - July 8 11:00 A.M. Juniper Valley Playground  
2:30 P.M. Dry Harbor Road and 63rd Street, Rego Park
- SATURDAY - July 9 11:00 A.M. Highland Upper Playground  
2:30 P.M. Highland Boulevard and Heath Place,  
Cypress Hills.





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Saturday, July 2nd or Sunday, July 3, 1949

Misc.-5M-100848 114

MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS IN THE PARKS  
For the Coming Week

- SUNDAY - July 3  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Tchaikovsky Program
- MONDAY - July 4  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -  
Riverside Drive and 103rd Street - lower level  
Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands.  
8:30 P.M. - Naumburg Concert - Mall, Central Park
- TUESDAY - July 5  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Co.,  
Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue  
Larry Clinton and Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Mall,  
Central Park - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands.  
12 Noon - Band Concert - Bowling Green
- WEDNESDAY - July 6  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park, American  
Music  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Co.,  
Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx  
Larry Clinton and his Orchestra.  
8:30 P.M. - Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Pros-  
pect Park Dance Area - Prospect Park West and 11th St.,  
Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands.
- THURSDAY - July 7  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove,  
Lincoln Road Entrance - Bach Program  
8:30 P.M. - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison  
Company - Mall, Central Park - Larry Clinton and his  
Orchestra.

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- FRIDAY - July 8  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Mall, Central Park - Bach Program
- 8:50 P.M. - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn.  
Alvino Rey and his Orchestra.
- SATURDAY - July 9  
8:30 P.M. - Goldman Band Concert - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert.
- 8:30 P.M. - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Mall, Central Park.



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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 3, 1949

Misc.-25M-100848 114 Name Band Dancing in New York City Parks has been a distinguished and popular attraction for city dwellers during the balmy summer evenings of July and August. Thousands have forsaken the hot sidewalks on weekday evenings when cool breezes blowing from the parks carried the rhythmical strains of leading name bands playing for dances under the stars which are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks.

On Tuesday, July 5th, Larry Clinton will entertain name band dancers at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens. This maestro, an ace bandleader, arranger and musician has devised a "New Look" for modern dancing which is based primarily upon tone and flavored with visual appeal. However, you'll have to come out on Tuesday and see for yourself the features which make this band sound and look different from all the others.

On Wednesday, July 6th, Larry Clinton and his orchestra will again surprise his audience with his newest idea in music at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Maestro Clinton will also perform on Thursday, July 7th at the Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive. Added attractions for the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday programs are Dollie Houston and the Dipsy Doodlers

On Friday, July 8th, Alvino Rey, his talking guitar and his orchestra featuring Jimmy Joyce, Betty Bennett and Blue Reys will entertain his public guests at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West. In addition to making his guitar sound like an airplane or a human voice, Alvino Rey is a fine jazz artist and can hold his own with a classical symphony. He has been awarded the Gold Cup by the Association of American Guitarists as the nation's greatest.

All dances start at 8:30 P.M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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