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The Department of Parks announces that Mr. Ernest G. Jarvis has donated a pair of Jaguars to the Central Park Zoo.

These Jaguars were captured in the South west part of Brazil, S. A. and shipped by boat from Sao Paulo, Brazil to New York where they arrived on June 30, 1951.

These animals, which are excellent specimens, are about five years of age and weigh from 100 to 125 lbs. each.

Press photographs may be taken at any time at the Lion House.



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FOR RELEASE Saturday, June 30, 1951

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The Department of Parks announces that the Michael Friedsam Memorial, Central Park's new merry-go-round, centrally located in the southerly end of the park, just south of the 65th Street Transverse Road, will be dedicated, with appropriate ceremonies, on July 2nd, at 11 a.m.

Mr. John S. Burke, President of the Friedsam Foundation, Inc., and the Honorable Vincent R. Impellitteri, Mayor of the City of New York, will participate in the exercises. The Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside.

Immediately after the ceremonies, this important recreational facility will be opened for public use.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 1, 1951

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The Naumburg Orchestra will give its second concert of the season on Wednesday evening, July 4, at 8:15 P.M. at the bandstand on the Mall in Central Park. The orchestra will be conducted by Simon Asen.

Seymour Benstock, Violoncellist, will appear as guest soloist.

The bandstand on the Mall was donated to New York City by Mr. Elkan Naumburg who for many years contributed orchestra concerts of high quality in the cause of good music. After his death, his sons, Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, have continued this custom as a living memorial to him.

The program for Wednesday's concert will be:

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

- 1. Overture -- Die Fledermaus.....Strauss
- 2. Fingal's Cave.....Mendelssohn
- 3. Concerto for Violoncello -- First Movement.....Dvorak
SEYMOUR BENSTOCK
- 4. Fantasy -- Romeo and Juliet.....Tchaikovsky

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- 5. Overture to Rienzi.....Wagner
- 6. Emperor Waltz.....Strauss
- 7. Allegro Appassionato.....Saint-Saens
SEYMOUR BENSTOCK
- 8. Stars and Stripes Forever.....Sousa

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS

Sunday, July 1

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Wagnerian Program.

Monday, July 2

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - School Band Festival.

8:30 P.M. - Colonial Park, 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Andy Kirk and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and "Arizona" Cliff Martin.

Tuesday, July 3

8:30 P.M. - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Charlie Peterson and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dancing, - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and "Arizona" Cliff Martin.

Wednesday, July 4

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Concert by Naumburg Orchestra - Simon Asen, conducting; Seymour Benstock, Violoncellist, guest soloist.

Thursday, July 5

8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Bach Program

8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Bobby Byrne and his Orchestra.

Friday, July 6

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Bach Program

8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area - Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Charlie Peterson and his orchestra.

8:30 P.M. - Victory Field, Forest Park, Queens - Square Dancing - Sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and "Arizona" Cliff Martin.

Saturday, July 7

8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove - Guggenheim Memorial Concerts - Goldman Band - American Music.

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Judge Leopold Prince, conducting.

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The second week of the Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks will feature the music of Andy Kirk, Charlie Peterson, Bobby Byrne and their orchestras.

On Monday evening, July 2 Andy Kirk and his orchestra will appear at Colonial Park, 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan. Andy Kirk is noted for his danceable, yet fully modern and rhythmic music. Charlie Peterson and his orchestra, well known throughout the Eastern part of the United States for their "smooth rhythm" have been engaged for Tuesday evening, July 3 at the Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens. Bobby Byrne and his orchestra will appear on Thursday, July 5 at the Wollman Memorial, Central Park. The music of Charlie Peterson and his orchestra will be heard again at the Prospect Park Dance area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, on Friday, July 6.

All dances will begin at 8:30 P.M.

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The Department of Parks announces a summer schedule of operation at the popular St. Mary's Recreation Center in St. Mary's Park at St. Ann's Avenue and East 144th Street, The Bronx.

As of the ^{Close} end of business on Saturday, June 30th, the rooms for manual training, music, domestic science and boxing instruction will close. They will reopen again in the fall.

The arts and crafts room, senior and junior games room, meeting rooms, gymnasium, locker and shower rooms, and the 40 feet by 75 feet indoor swimming pool, will remain open for summer usage.

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The Department of Parks announces that the first of the Pepsi-Cola free Square Dances will start Monday evening, July 2 at the Lower Level, Riverside Drive and 103rd Street. This will be the beginning of the seventh season that the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company has sponsored free Square Dancing under the auspices of the Department of Parks, New York City.

Featured this year with caller Ed Durlacher will be Arizona Cliff Martin.

Each week through August 31st, the Dances will take place as follows: Every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level; every Tuesday night at Central Park Wollman Memorial, 64th Street & 5th Avenue; every Wednesday night at Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and every Friday night at Victory Field, Forest Park, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Avenue, Queens.

Ed Durlacher has selected a "Dance of the Week" for each week of the series. July 2nd through the 6th will have "My Little Girl." From coast to coast from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of New Mexico "My Little Girl" takes its place as Number One on the Square Dance hit parade.

Ed Durlacher first found this dance in upper New York State and knew if he could incorporate a Western form of chorus figure with this dance, he could encourage the Western part of the country to do more of the singing call dances. He introduced it in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the fall of 1947 and overnight it became so popular, he recorded it the same year. "My Little Girl" is the friendly link between the Eastern and Western square dancing.

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The Department of Parks of the City of New York announces that starting Wednesday, June 27th at 8 A.M., the newly paved section of the southbound roadway of Henry Hudson Parkway between 72nd Street and 79th Street will be reopened to traffic.

At the same time, the northbound roadway of the Henry Hudson Parkway between 72nd Street and 79th Street will be closed to traffic for the purpose of reconstructing this roadway with a new concrete pavement.

At 72nd Street and the Parkway, northbound traffic will be detoured on to Riverside Drive, and the existing no parking regulation on Riverside Drive will remain in effect.

During the period of construction, the Department of Traffic has designated Riverside Drive a one way northbound street between 72nd and 79th Streets.

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Sunday, June 24, 1951

547 Park Department playgrounds are ready to receive New York City's children during their vacation periods. 462 permanent playground directors and 300 additional temporary playground directors are assigned to supervise the anticipated crowds during the longer hours of summer operation.

Park playgrounds have a variety of activities and equipment for all age groups. Active recreation is provided younger children by 7800 swings, 2100 see-saws, 1000 slides, 300 jungle gyms, 500 pieces of other exercise equipment, 200 wading pools, and numerous kite flying, model airplane flying, and model yachting facilities. Group games, handcraft, and quiet games periods will be scheduled regularly.

Older boys and girls of elementary and high school age may make use of 1200 handball courts, 460 basketball courts, 600 shuffleboard and 430 paddle tennis courts, and 200 roller skating and roller hockey areas.

Children old enough to visit park facilities unaccompanied by parents may have a full program of summer recreation without straining their allowances. Free concerts and dances, both social and square, will be scheduled at the larger parks all summer long. Picnic facilities are available in every borough, as are salt water fishing areas. There are 51 miles of bicycle paths in the city's parks. Added to these, there is bathing at park pools and beaches, boating on park lakes, tennis, baseball and softball.

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A special program of city-wide competitive activities has been arranged for the youth of New York City. A softball tournament for boys from 14 through 17 years of age gets underway on July 2. Tennis and golf tournaments in which boys and girls may compete will open July 9 and 15 respectively. Six competitive swimming meets for boys up to 19 years of age, and six for girls up to 17 years of age will be held at Park Department outdoor pools beginning on July 9. In August, a fishing contest for boys and girls up to 16 years of age will be conducted at fresh and salt water locations throughout the city.

Children who do not know how to swim may enroll for Learn-to-Swim Classes at the 17 Park Department outdoor pools. These classes for children up to 14 years of age, will be held daily, Monday through Friday, during the free period from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The first session will be held on July 9 and new classes will be formed each Monday in July. Children who have attended at least 10 classes will be eligible to take the beginner's test and advance to the intermediate class lessons. Intermediate classes will be conducted July 30 to August 10. Senior, or advanced class instruction will be given from August 13 to August 24.

Parents should advise their children to use these safe, supervised playgrounds and other park areas, and to participate in the program of activities so as to insure them a healthful, wholesome summer of outdoor recreation.



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The Department of Parks announces that roller skating at the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park will terminate at the close of business on Wednesday, June 20th.

Starting Thursday, June 21st, the facility will be operated daily, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as a free recreational facility with fourteen shuffleboard courts in operation. Fourteen more courts will be added to meet public demand, if necessary. Cues and discs will be available without charge.

On Tuesday evenings the shuffleboard courts will be closed down at 6:30 and free square dancing, sponsored by the Pepsi Cola Company and with the popular Ed Durlacher as caller, will take over from 8:30 to 10:30; and on Thursday evenings, free Name Band dances under the stars, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be held from 8:30 to 10:30.

Located at the rear of the Central Park Zoo Cafeteria, opposite 64th Street, the rink may be reached by the B.M.T. to Fifth Avenue the East Side I.R.T. or Third Avenue L to 59th Street, and the Independent Subway to Columbus Circle.

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on June 16th

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the general public, without ceremonies, of a new playground at the Wollman Memorial Recreation Center, on the east side of Central Park at about 63rd Street just north of the 59th Street Lake.

The playground, which is for small children of kindergarten age, is equipped with swings, see-saws, sand pit, shower basin, flagpole, and brick comfort station, with copper roof, which also houses the transformers for the skating rink.

This new playground, six tenths of an acre in size, is located at the northerly end of the Wollman Memorial Recreation Center, on the roof of the semi-circular shaped building which houses the refrigeration equipment, dressing rooms, small restaurant, skate shop and other incidental facilities required for the operation of the skating rink. It is an integral part of the two-acre recreation center which was made possible by a \$800,000. gift to the City in the spring of 1949 by Miss Kate Wollman, in memory of her parents and her brothers.

The perimeter of the playground is fenced in and landscaped with shade trees. Adequate benches have been provided throughout the area for parents and guardians of children at play.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 548 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The 10th annual summer series of Name Band Dances under the stars, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be conducted by the Department of Parks beginning Thursday evening, June 21, and continuing through Friday, September 7. Thursday's dance, the first of 54 dances, will be held at the Wollman Memorial, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, in Central Park.

Dances will be held out-of-doors from 8:30 to 10:30 each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, at major parks throughout the city. Manhattan's dances are scheduled every Thursday evening at the Wollman Memorial, Brooklyn's every Friday evening at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Bronx dances every Wednesday evening at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse. In Queens, dances will be held Tuesday evenings, alternating between Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, and Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue. Monday evening dances are scheduled at various locations throughout the city.

The June dances and the bands playing for them, are listed below:

Thursday	June 21	Wollman Memorial	- Sunny Dunham and his orchestra
Friday	June 22	Prospect Park Dance Area	- Sunny Dunham and his orchestra
Tuesday	June 26	Victory Field, Queens	- Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra
Wednesday	June 27	Poe Park, Bronx	- Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra
Thursday	June 28	Wollman Memorial	- Boyd Raeburn and his orchestra
Friday	June 29	Prospect Park Dance Area	- Boyd Raeburn and his orchestra

There is no charge for admission at any of these dances. A complete schedule of the season's dances may be secured by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Dance Schedule, Department of Parks, 64th Street and 5th Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction, and opening for public usage, of a new playground at Schmidt Lane, LaGuardia Avenue, Westwood Avenue and Manor Road in the Todt Hill section of Richmond.

The construction of this playground was part of the plan and project of the Todt Hill Houses, and was constructed and paid for by the New York City Housing Authority. It provides recreation for both the tenants of the housing project and the residents of the adjacent rapidly growing community.

This new 1.08-acre playground, semi-circular in shape, contains a basketball and volley ball court, four handball courts, two shuffleboard courts, a paddle tennis court, a comfort station, flagpole, wading pool, sand pit and separate swings, slides and see-saws for both pre-school children and older children.

The perimeter of the playground is fenced in and the Schmidt Lane side landscaped and bordered with shade trees.

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New Yorkers will have an opportunity to hear the nationally acclaimed J. W. Sexton High School Band of Lansing, Michigan, on Sunday, June 17, at 3:00 p.m. at a special concert to be given on the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and West Drive. Mr. Hal Bergen, director of the band, will conduct the concert.

The Band will stop off in New York en route to Niagara and Ontario, Canada, from an engagement at the Philadelphia Music Festival.

The most noted band of its kind in the country, the Sexton High School Band has appeared at a Presidential Inaugural in Washington, D. C., the Utah State Fair, the Los Angeles Coliseum, Milwaukee's Civic Auditorium, San Francisco; and were selected to play Grofe's Grand Canyon Suite on the rim of the Grand Canyon.

Under the direction of Mr. Bergen they have made a series of educational sound films used throughout the country in training other bands.

The program for Sunday's concert will be:

- March.....On the Mall..... Goldman
- Overture.....Stradella..... Von Flotow
- A Mighty Fortress is Our God..... Luther-Bach
- Three Trumpeters..... Agostini
- Richard Long William Robinson David Lundy
- Chorale and Folk Tune..... Chesnokov
 - (a) Salvation is Created
 - (b) The Ditch
- By the Light of Polar Star from "Looking Upward"..... Sousa
- Joshua..... arr. Paul Yoder
- March.....Klaxon..... Filmore

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Department of Parks playgrounds in Manhattan will present the Annual Children's Dance Festival on Saturday, June 16, at 2:30 P.M. on Sheep Meadow, 66th Street and West Drive in Central Park. 600 young dancers will take part in the festival.

By participating in these festivals, the youngsters acquire skills and crafts aside from dancing. They learn costume design and sewing through helping to make their costumes, flower making and other paper crafts by making the accessories they wear. Of greater importance, they learn the satisfaction of cooperating successfully in a community project.

On Saturday, the young dancers will parade to the meadow and form a giant horseshoe within which will be performed the eight dances comprising the program. Thousands of benches will be placed outside the horseshoe to seat the parents and friends of the dancers and the general public.

Saturday's dances and the playgrounds participating in them, will be:

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| In a Persian Garden | McCaffrey, West 45th Street, Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, East 24th Street, and St. Gabriel's Playgrounds. |
| Colonial Varieties | Colonial & 149th Street, Colonial & 152nd Street, Harlem River Housing, Carransville, Hamilton Place, and Annunciation Playgrounds. |
| Sunshine Cake | St. Catherine's, John Jay, Carl Schurz, Machine & Metal Trades, 108th Street & Park, James Weldon Johnson, Thomas Jefferson, and Cuvillier Playgrounds. |
| Pinky | Kelly, Sauer, Tompkins Square, East River & 11th Street, Downing Street, Corlears Hook, and Minetta Lane Playgrounds. |
| French Polka | Alfred E. Smith, Bernard Downing, Columbus, Roosevelt, and Seward Playgrounds. |
| Spanish Gypsies | Payson Avenue, Highbridge and 189th and 167th Streets, Dyckman Housing, and J. Hood Wright Playgrounds. |
| Butterfly Dance | Rumsey, Riverside and 74th, 83rd, 103rd, 109th Streets, Morningside & 123rd Street, and North Meadow Playgrounds. |
| Salute of the Majorettes | McCray, Mt. Morris, 140th Street and Lenox and St. Nicholas Playgrounds. |

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The Department of Parks announces that the Honorable Maurice A. Fitzgerald, President of the Borough of Queens, and the Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks, will participate as speakers in ground breaking exercises at 94th Avenue, 106th Street and Atlantic Avenue in the Woodhaven section of Queens, on Monday, June 11th, at 3:30 P.M.

These ground breaking ceremonies will mark the start of construction of a playground at this location which will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the surrounding community of small homes and apartment buildings, now entirely devoid of them.

The contract, awarded to Lenmar Construction Company, Inc., 232 Varet Street, Brooklyn, New York, includes excavation and grading, construction of pavements, fences, flag pole, sand pit, benches, comfort station including electrical heating and plumbing work, drinking fountains, play areas with playground equipment, drainage and irrigation systems, park lighting, top soiling and landscaping, and other incidental work.

When completed, the area will contain four handball courts, three basketball courts, four shuffleboard courts, a large roller and ice skating area and separate play equipment for children of pre-school age and older children.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction, and opening for public usage, of a new playground at Avenue X and Nostrand Avenue in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn.

The construction of this playground was part of the plan and project of the Sheepshead Bay Houses, containing 1,056 apartments, and was constructed and paid for by the New York City Housing Authority. It provides recreation for both the tenants of the housing project and the residents of the adjacent rapidly growing community.

This new two-acre playground is built in five sections for control purposes. The largest section contains a baseball diamond; another section contains a basketball and volley ball court; a third section contains four handball courts; a fourth section contains two shuffleboard and two paddle tennis courts, and the fifth section contains a comfort station, flag-pole, wading pool, and separate swings, slides and see-saws for both pre-school children and older children.

The perimeter of each of the units is fenced in and landscaped and bordered with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground there are now 546 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will begin its spring and summer tour of park playgrounds on Monday, June 11, by giving a performance of "Pinocchio" at Sunset Playground, 44th Street and 6th Avenue, Brooklyn. The show will begin at 3:30 P.M.

The theatre will visit the individual boroughs according to the following schedule:

Brooklyn - June 11 through June 29
Richmond - July 2 through July 10
Queens - July 11 through July 30
Bronx - July 31 through August 16
Manhattan - August 17 through September 7

These shows will be performed out-of-doors in a special, stainless steel theatre built on a truck chassis. The theatre is equipped with lighting and sound systems and has been engineered to house all the puppets, props, and paraphernalia required for the production of marionette shows.

This theatre, too, has its prima donna - the lucite fairy. All the other marionettes are old hands at trouping, but not the fairy, a fragile, translucent creature with nylon hair. She demands special accommodations and care. She has a sturdier stand-in for most performances but will put in one of her rare appearances at the opening performance.

The complete schedule for the borough of Brooklyn follows:

Mon.	June 11	3:30 P.M.	Sunset Playground, 44th Street and Sixth Avenue.
Tues.	June 12	3:30 P.M.	Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street.
Wed.	June 13	3:30 P.M.	Gravesend Playground, 56th Street and 18th Avenue.
Thurs.	June 14	3:30 P.M.	Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Avenue P.

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Fri.	June 15	3:30 P.M.	Red Hook Stadium, Bay and Columbia Streets.
Sat.	June 16	11:00 A.M.	Playground, Gerritsen Avenue and Avenue X.
Mon.	June 18	3:30 P.M.	Neptune Playground, West 28th Street and Neptune Avenue.
Tues.	June 19	3:30 P.M.	McCarren Playground, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street.
Wed.	June 20	3:30 P.M.	Playground. Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street.
Thurs.	June 21	3:30 P.M.	New Lots Playground, Sackman Street and Riverdale Avenue.
Fri.	June 22	3:30 P.M.	Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and East New York Avenue.
Sat.	June 23	11:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	Prospect Park Playground at Prospect Park West and 11th Street.
Mon.	June 25	3:30 P.M.	Playground at Howard, Pacific, and Dean Streets.
Tues.	June 26	3:30 P.M.	McKibben Playground, McKibben and White Streets.
Wed.	June 27	3:30 P.M.	Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker Avenue and Starr St.
Thurs.	June 28	3:30 P.M.	Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues.
Fri.	June 29	3:30 P.M.	Marcy Housing Playground, Marcy and Nostrand Avenues.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening for public usage of a playground at Beach 54th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard in the Arverne section of Rockaway, Queens.

The construction of this playground was part of the plan and project of the Arverne Houses and was constructed and paid for by the New York City Housing Authority. It provides recreation for both the tenants of the housing project and for the residents of the adjacent community.

This new 1.0 acre playground is built in two sections for control purposes. The easterly half contains four handball courts, two basketball and volley courts, two paddle tennis courts and three shuffle board courts. The westerly half of the area contains a large wading pool, brick comfort station, sand pit, flagpole, a drinking fountain, pipe frame exercise unit and separate slides, swings and see-saws for children of pre-school age and older children.

The perimeter of each unit is fenced in, landscaped and bordered with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 545 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The 8th Annual Children's Dance Festival of the Department of Parks playgrounds in Queens, will be presented by 600 dancers at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at King Park, 150th Street and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica.

Weeks of preparation during which the girls rehearsed and helped to make their costumes, are required to integrate the individual dances into the polished production which parents, friends of the youngsters, and the general public will witness on Saturday.

All dances, folk, ballet, and novelty types, are on the program.

These dances, and the playgrounds presenting them, will be:

Flying Eagle Polka	Braddock and P.S. 133 Playgrounds
Hawaiian Dance	Liberty Playground
Missouri Waltz	Brookville and O'Connell Playgrounds
English Ribbon Dance	Flushing Memorial, Kissena, O'Connor, P.S. 20 and P.S. 26 Playgrounds
Bird Ballet	Jackson Heights Playground
Tarantella	Corona & 102nd Street, J. F. Murray, and Newtown Playgrounds
French Gavotte	Jamaica & 179th Street and Von Dohlen Playgrounds
Sailor's Hornpipe	Rockaway and P.S. 104 Playgrounds
Our Own Red, White, and Blue	Dry Harbor, Highland Upper, Jackson Pond, and Liberty and 102nd Street Playgrounds
Swiss Weggis	Cleveland, Farmer's Oval, P.S. 174, and Thomson Hill Playgrounds
American Square Dance (Finale)	All Groups

Manhattan playgrounds will celebrate their festival on June 9.

Brooklyn and Richmond festivals will be held in August. Bronx playgrounds open this series on June 2.

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Barber Shop Quartet

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, June 3, 1951

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Old songs and old harmony will be new again when the Department of Parks conducts the 17th Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contests each evening this week at 8:30 p.m., as follows:

Monday	June 4	Manhattan	- Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive
Tuesday	June 5	Queens	- Music Grove, Forest Park, west of Woodhaven Boulevard
Wednesday	June 6	Richmond	- Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard
Thursday	June 7	Bronx	- Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 164th Street
Friday	June 8	Brooklyn	- Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance

60 amateur male quartets will vie for the honor of representing their home borough at the city-wide championships to be held at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, June 13, at the Mall in Central Park.

The contestants will sing songs of the American ballad or barber shop variety popular at the turn of the century. Judging will be based on tone, rhythm, technique, harmony, and originality (60%), interpretation, expression, and phrasing (30%), costume, stage presence and stage presentation (10%).

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these events. There is no charge for admission and tickets are not required.

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600 young dancers representing Department of Parks playgrounds in The Bronx, will present their 8th Annual Children's Dance Festival at Williamsbridge Oval Playground, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 2.

The Bronx festival is the first of five borough festivals. Queens playgrounds will hold theirs on June 9, Manhattan's is scheduled for June 16, and Brooklyn's and Richmond's will follow in August.

These festivals are important and colorful events in the year-round recreation program planned for the youth of the city by the Park Department. The girls help to make their costumes and accessories as part of the handcraft program. The wide variety of folk dances teach the youngsters how the rest of the world finds recreation through dancing.

The program of dances for the Bronx festival, and the playgrounds participating in them, follows:

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| Espani Cani
A Spanish Folk Dance | By the children of St. James, Fort #4, and Devos and Bailey Avenue Playgrounds |
| Starlight Schottische
American Folk Dance | By children of St. Mary's Park |
| Around the World
Composite dance of basic American, European, Israeli and Hawaiian steps | By children of Bronx River Houses, Lyons Square, and Flynn Playgrounds |
| The Charleston | By children of P.S. 21, Eastchester Houses, Pelham Bay, Waterbury Avenue, and Castleton Avenue Playgrounds. |
| In My Garden
Hungarian Folk Dance | By children of Claremont Park, Crotona Park, and Ciccarone Playgrounds |
| Siege of Ennis
Irish Reel | By children of Mullaly, Morris Avenue, and Goble Place Playgrounds |
| Tip Top Hambo
Swedish Folk Dance | By children of Williamsbridge Oval, Zimmerman Pelham Houses, and Mosholu Playgrounds |

The public is invited to attend this event. There is no charge for admission.

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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 *Recreation Day* ~~Saturday~~, *will be open officially May 20th* ³⁰ ~~May 20th~~.

The swimming pools are located as follows:

Manhattan

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| Hamilton Fish Pool | East Houston and Pitt Streets |
| Colonial Pool | Bradhurst Avenue, West 145th to 147th Streets |
| Highbridge Pool | Amsterdam Avenue and 173rd Street |
| Thomas Jefferson Pool | 111th to 114th Streets and First Avenue |
| 23rd Street Pool | 23rd Street and East River Drive |
| Carmine Street Pool | Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue |
| 60th Street Pool | 59th Street between Amsterdam and 11th Avenues |
| John Jay Pool | 78th Street and East River Drive |

Brooklyn

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

Bronx

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| Crotona Pool | 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue |
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Queens

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| Astoria Pool | 19th Street and 23rd Drive |
| Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre | Flushing Meadow Park |

Richmond

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

From May ³⁰ ~~20th~~ to June ¹⁵ ~~27th~~, the pools will be open for weekends only, and from June ²¹ ~~23rd~~, until the end of the season, they will be open daily with the following operating schedules:

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

After 1:00 p.m. on weekdays, Saturdays and all day on Sundays and holidays, there will be a ¹⁰ ~~8~~ charge for children ^{over 12 years of age} under 12 years of age, and a ⁵ ~~25~~ 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 26th. 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 26th to June 17th and then daily thereafter until the end of the season.

^D ~~While no~~ dressing facilities are ^{now} available at Great Kills Park ~~and~~ ^{and} parking space for 1,000 cars has been provided at a fee of 25¢ per car.

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

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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. The pitch putt golf course will operate on a full time basis starting May ²⁴~~26~~th.

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.

At the Rockaways, seven parking fields are available, at Beach 32nd Street, Beach 52nd Street, Beach 59th Street, Beach 62nd Street, Beach 64th Street, Beach 68th Street and Beach 69th Street, to take care of the many visitors who will come to use the beach during the coming summer. These parking fields will accommodate 1,700 cars and will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight, at a fee of 25¢ per car.

*Note - One parking field extended W/o B. 29 St.
adjacent to Bivalve*

May 25, 1951

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SAN MARTIN

**IN CENTRAL PARK AT THE AVENUE
OF THE AMERICAS . . . A GIFT TO
THE CITY OF NEW YORK FROM THE
CITY OF BUENOS AIRES . . . DEDICATED
MAY 25 1951**

PROGRAM

National anthems of the
United States of America, Argentina, Chile and Peru

Presiding

THE HONORABLE ROBERT MOSES
Commissioner of Parks

Invocation

HIS EMINENCE, CARDINAL SPELLMAN

Presentation and Unveiling of the Statue

HIS EXCELLENCY, SR. DR. JERONIMO REMORINO
Ambassador of Argentina to the United States

Acceptance of the Statue

THE HONORABLE VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI
Mayor of the City of New York

Addresses by

HARVEY WILEY CORBETT
President of The Avenue of the Americas Association

HIS EXCELLENCY, SR. DON FELIX NIETO DEL RIO
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Ambassador of Peru to the United States

THE SAN MARTIN EQUESTRIAN STATUE

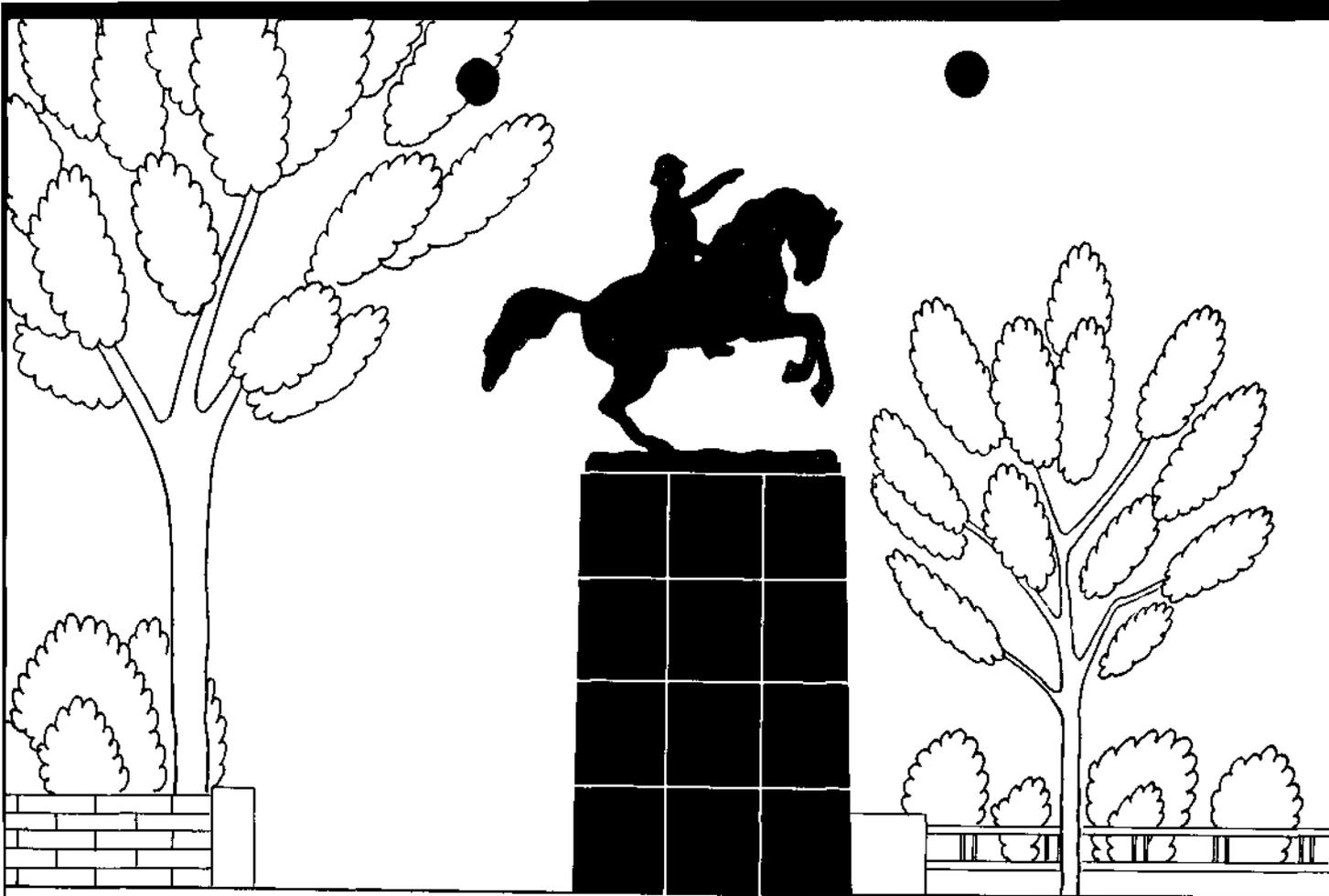
The dedication today of the Statue of San Martin marks another milestone in the plan conceived some ten years ago to change the name of Sixth Avenue to the Avenue of the Americas as a mark of hemisphere solidarity, and eventually to make it one of the great boulevards of the world.

The San Martin statue was presented to New York City by the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, as a generous gesture of friendship, reciprocating a gift made several years ago of a statue of George Washington by the people of North America to the City of Buenos Aires.

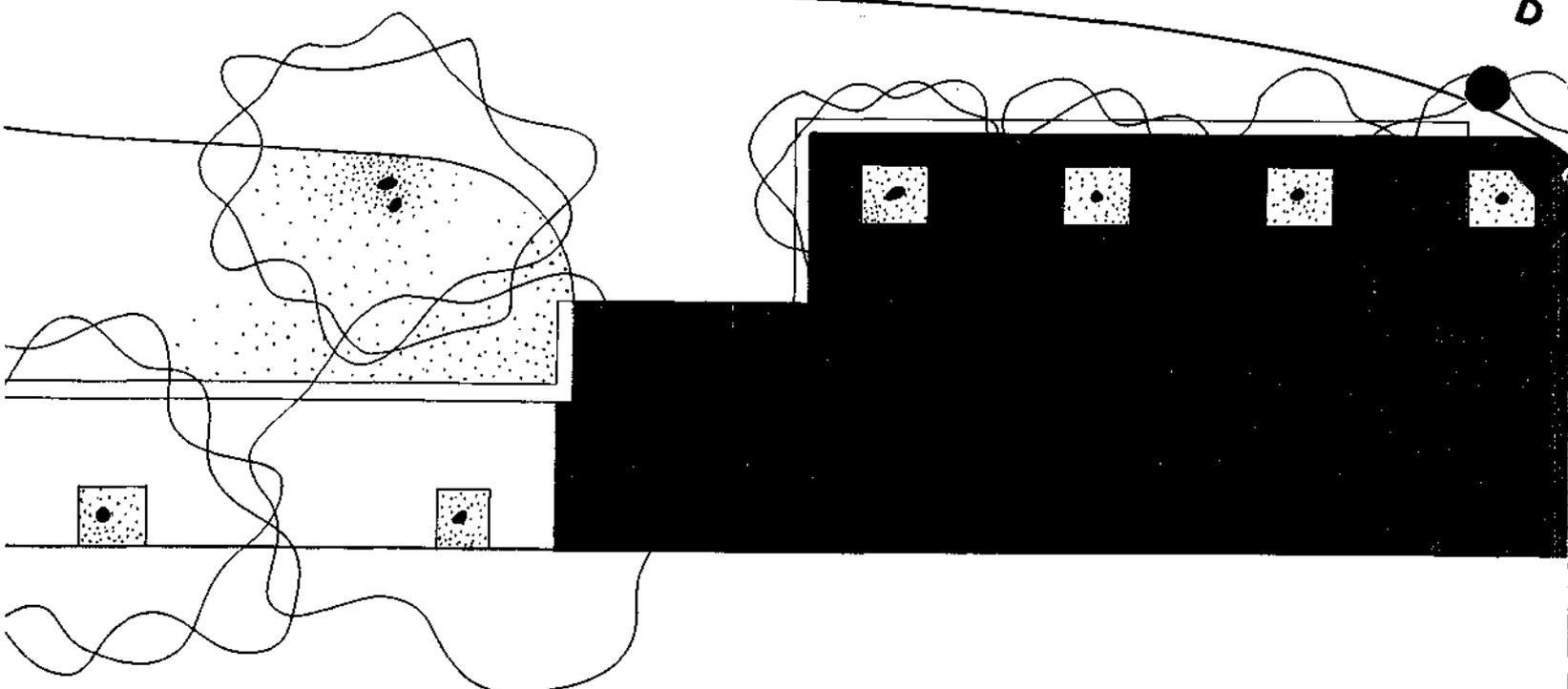
Located at Plaza San Martin in Central Park, Manhattan, opposite the Plaza Bolivar at the north end of the Avenue of the Americas and Central Park South, the statue rises on a twenty-foot high, dark Quincy granite pedestal within a paved area surrounded by an appropriate frame of trees and granite stone walls with park greenery in the background. The Plaza is paved with granite set in a large-scale basket weave design. A simple guard rail surmounts the low granite wall along the west and north sides of the Plaza. The pedestal and plaza have been provided by New York City.

The three-ton equestrian statue, done in enduring bronze, in lively Victorian style, arrived in this country on Monday, October 17, 1949, on the Argentine freighter Rio Chico, and was placed in storage pending the preparation of a suitable and prominent site, at the northerly end of the Avenue of the Americas.

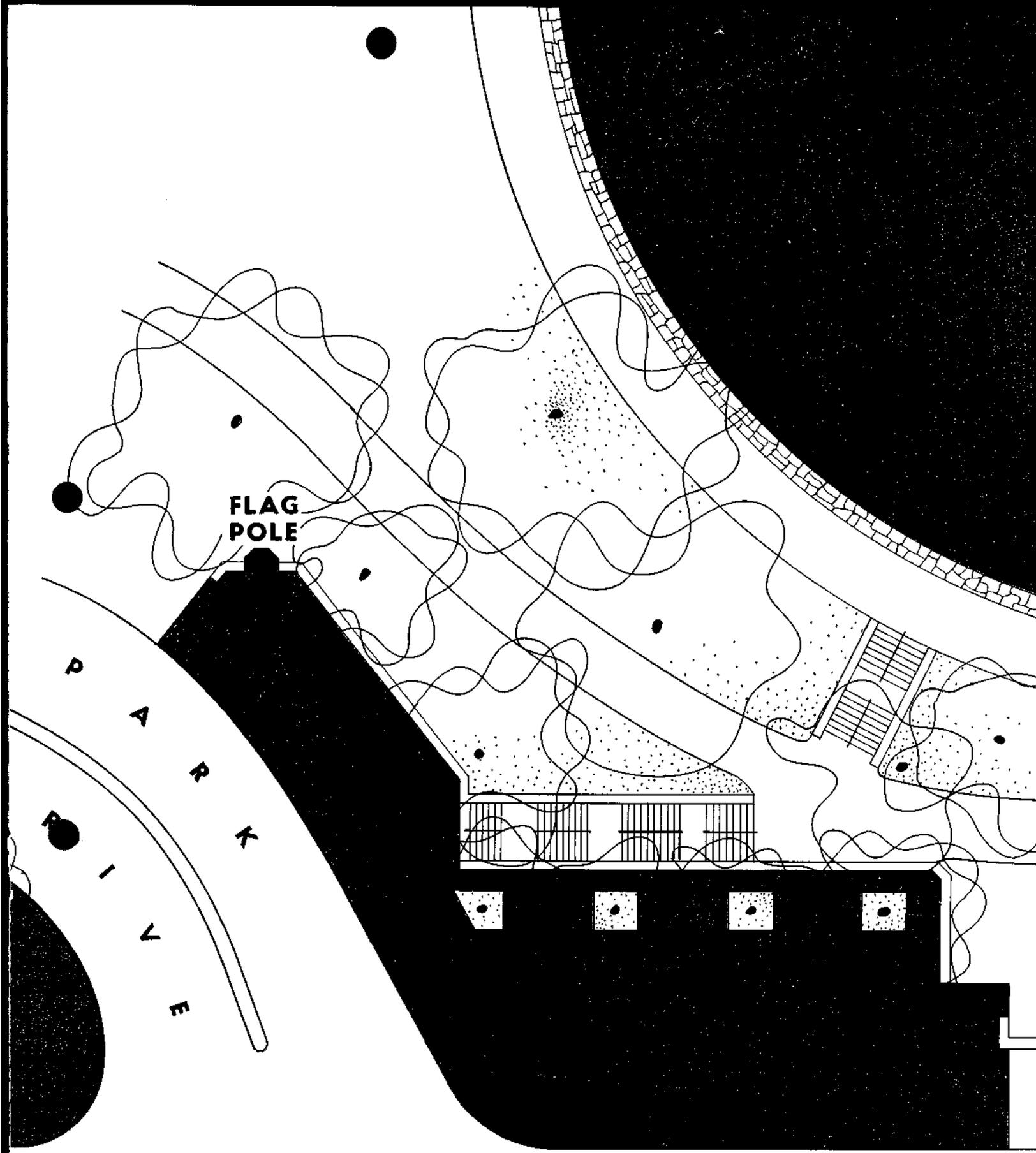
It is similar in size to the General Sherman equestrian statue at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, and is an exact replica of an existing figure located on a prominent public square bearing the Liberator's name, near the Washington statue now standing in front of the American Embassy in Buenos Aires.



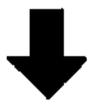
SAN MARTIN



CENTRAL PARK SOUTH



AVENUE OF
THE AMERICAS



General Jose de San Martin, able soldier, clear sighted and vigorous statesman, was a great South American patriot, and one of America's noblest and bravest sons, often compared to George Washington. History records that San Martin did more than any other man for the cause of independence in Argentina, Chile and Peru. He is referred to as "Argentina's Liberator", "Knight of the Andes" and "Protector of Peru". He was born February 25, 1778, at Yopeyn on the River Uruguay, educated at Madrid, Spain, for a military career, and served in the struggle against Napoleon. In 1812 he offered his services to the Government of Buenos Aires in its war for independence. From 1817 to 1821, he raised, equipped and led well trained armies of Argentines and Chileans to liberate Chile and Peru from the Spaniards. In January, 1817, he moved his army across the Andes and routed the Spanish forces at Charabuco. Northern Chile, including Santiago, was freed, and on April 5, 1818 a decisive victory at Maipu completely established the independence of Chile from the Spaniards. In July, 1821, the Spaniards evacuated Lima and San Martin proclaimed its independence and assumed the reins of government as "Protector" of Peru. In 1822 he resigned his post as "Protector" of Peru, withdrew from Lima, proceeded to Argentina and left to others the completion of the independence of Peru. In 1824, he retired to Europe to live a peaceful private life until his death at Boulogne, France, on August 17, 1850.

Located at the head of the Avenue of the Americas, which was dedicated in 1945 by the late President Juan Antonio Rios of Chile, the San Martin statue and Plaza, together with the adjacent and recently dedicated statue of Bolivar, will symbolize permanently the freedom and unity of the Americas.

The New York City Park Department, which was responsible for the design and construction of the Plaza San Martin, is proud to have had a part in honoring the memory of this great patriot. It will be our privilege to protect and maintain this distinguished memorial.



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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, May 27, 1951

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The Naumburg Orchestra opens the music season on the Mall in Central Park by giving the first in a series of four concerts on Wednesday evening, May 30, at 8:15 p.m.

These concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the band stand on the Mall. They have continued their father's custom of contributing concerts on three holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day, and have added a fourth concert on July 31, the anniversary of their father's death.

The Decoration Day concert will be conducted by Leon Barzin, and contralto Winifred Heidt will appear as guest soloist. The program follows:

"The Star Spangled Banner"

- 1. Egmont Overture Beethoven
- 2. Unfinished Symphony Schubert
- 3. My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice (Samsen and Delilah). Saint-Saens
(WINIFRED HEIDT)

Intermission

- 4. Polovetsian Dances from Prince Igor. Borodin
- 5. Habanera from Carmen Bizet
WINIFRED HEIDT
- 6. Italian Caprice. Tchaikovsky
- 7. Damnation of Faust Berlioz
 - 1 - Minuet des Follets
 - 2 - Marche Hongroise

"America"

May 24, 1951



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, May 20, 1951

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The 1951 issue of the Park Department brochure "Recreational Facilities for New Yorkers" is now available.

The brochure lists the 37 major types of recreational facilities from A to Z, archery to zoos. It gives the length of each of the seven municipal beaches and the fees charged for rental of lockers, umbrellas, and beach chairs; the rates for mooring boats at boat basins and rental fees for row boats at the nine park lakes having rowing facilities.

It includes the location and length of bridle paths, bicycle paths and running tracks; the par and yardage of each of the 10 golf courses; the location of tennis courts and the fees charged for their use; the locations of model airplane flying fields; fishing areas; lakes where youngsters and adults may sail model yachts; picnic grounds and the numbers of fireplaces and tables at each area. It lists the swimming pools and gives their size, hours of operation, and admission charges.

Also listed are the locations of bocce courts and bowling greens; kite flying, coasting, skiing, roller hockey, and ice skating areas; soccer, football, cricket, and hockey fields; softball and baseball diamonds; cross-country courses, stadia, gymnasias, and recreation centers; botanical and children's gardens; music groves, museums, and historical points of interest. Several pages are devoted to travel directions for the best way to reach the major facilities.

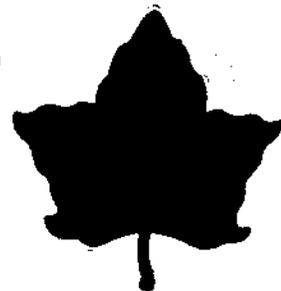
Copies may be secured by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope, 4-1/8" by 9-1/2" in size, to Brochure, Department of Parks, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

Copy of the 1951 brochure enclosed.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

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The repairs to the Henry Hudson Parkway have been needed for some time. This reconstruction project was approved in the 1951 Capital Budget and on January 10, 1951, we asked the Board of Estimate for the funds and the approval of the construction contract. The Board approved the contract on March 15, 1951, bids were opened on April 3, 1951, and the contract awarded on April 17, 1951. The contractor was ordered to start work on May 14th after we had assurance that he had the necessary critical materials such as steel on the job.

Work of this sort can only be done by reasonable expedition after the winter season. Only a certain amount of progress can be made in a normal working week, considering also occasional bad weather, further reducing the working time. It would be prohibitively expensive to pay for overtime work which would run the cost of such jobs to astronomical figures.

Having been largely responsible for the actual construction of the West Side Improvement from 72nd Street north and the Henry Hudson Parkway, I feel that we are entitled to some forbearance on the part of the public. These improvements were accomplished in the face of enormous difficulty. The original plans were made in 1894 and nothing happened until 1934. The original plans and some of the land for the Henry Hudson Bridge dated back to 1906 when we picked them up in 1934. You can't make an omelet without breaking some eggs and this applies to repairs as well as new construction. The Arterial Program under way here is without parallel in any other city in the world.

These repairs won't take long and if the ridiculous parking on Riverside Drive is out out there will be little inconvenience. Let me add that there are much more difficult problems of repair and construction elsewhere throughout the city and the public will have to put up with considerable inconvenience if it

expects within a reasonable time to have a really adequate parkway and expressway system.

The latest government report shows an unprecedented output of cars in the last year. No one has suggested stopping the manufacture of automobiles except to the extent necessary for the mobilization effort. We have to take the cars when they get off the assembly lines. Everyone wants a car including those who cannot afford one. Most of our people are increasingly dependent on vehicles of one kind or another driven by internal combustion engines.

This particular situation will not be cured by impatience, cursing public officials who are doing their best and smart aleck solutions dreamed up by people whose sleeplessness is no longer cured by aspirin.

May 16, 1951



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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The City-wide Championships of the Annual Department of Parks Boxing Tournament, sponsored by Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld, will be conducted at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens, on Friday evening, May 18 at 8:00 p.m. Seven junior and six senior division matches are on the program.

The seventeen Park Department boxing centers, staffed by specially trained instructors of the recreation division, opened for the season last October. More than 600 boys participated in training and instruction classes at these centers. The best of the 600 boxers were permitted to enter the competition. Friday evening's contenders for championship honors will be matched as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION

90 pound class	-	John Divaney	of W. 28 St. Gym.	VS	Richard Mannix of Astoria Play Center
100 pound class	-	Iswald Cuvilji	of W. 28 St. Gym.	VS	Louis Weber of Flushing Meadow
105 pound class	-	Donald Tyson	of W. 134 St. Gym.	VS	Frank Mangiapane of Flushing Meadow
112 pound class	-	John Kimball	of McCarren Play Center	VS	Ranson Robinson of Flushing Meadow
118 pound class	-	John Laughlin	of W. 28 St. Gym.	VS	John Moscatello of Flushing Meadow
126 pound class	-	John Williams	of Rutgers St. Gym.	VS	Walter Lowe, of Flushing Meadow
135 pound class	-	Vincent Ensulo	of Red Hook Play Center	VS	Alvin Koch of O'Connell Play Center

SENIOR DIVISION

126 pound class	-	Louis Therman	of W. 134 St. Gym.	VS	Edward Brower of O'Connell Play Center
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SENIOR DIVISION (cont'd)

135 pound class	- Joseph Ferucci	of Sunset Play Center	VS	Santo Di Angelo of Flushing Meadow
140 pound class	- George Clementi	of E. 54 St. Gym.	VS	Al Vitale of Astoria Play Center
147 pound class	- Robert Brandoff	of E. 54 St. Gym.	VS	Warren Petersen of Sunset Play Center
155 pound class	- James Clementi	of Rutgers St. Gym.	VS	Harold Cochrane of McCarren Play Center
160 pound class	- Ronald Meishlem	of E. 54 St. Gym.	VS	Harold Green of West 134 St. Gym.

May 15, 1951



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FOR RELEASE

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Misc.-10M-812022(49) 114

The directors of the Park Association of New York City at their meeting on May 9, 1951, unanimously went on record as opposing the discontinuance of the 26th and 110th Precincts which are very necessary to the proper policing and protection of park areas near these precincts. These parks are neither safe nor adequately protected at the present time. Any further reduction of force in our opinion would be absolutely unjustified and would represent false economy.

May 11, 1951

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work and opening, without ceremonies, to the public of a new playground between the Boardwalk and Brightwater Court, west of Brighton 2nd Street, Brooklyn.

This new one and one-quarter acre playground was built on city-owned land acquired through foreclosure. It provides recreational facilities for all age groups and serves not only the bathers but also the residents of the adjacent congested apartment house area who live at Brighton Beach throughout the entire year.

The new area is built in three units for control purposes. The perimeter of each section has been enclosed with chain link fence and landscaped with shrubs and trees. The westerly unit contains three basketball and volleyball courts. The other two units are provided with separate play equipment for both children of kindergarten age and older children. They contain slides, swings, exercise units, see saws and drinking fountains. Numerous benches have been provided for the users of the facilities and for the guardians of children at play.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 542 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

May 11, 1951

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, May 13, 1951

Misc.-10M-731060(50) 114

Borough eliminations for the 16th Annual American Ballad Contest, to be held on Wednesday evening, June 13, 1951, will be conducted by the Department of Parks as follows:

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| Monday | June 4 | Manhattan | - Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive. |
| Tuesday | June 5 | Brooklyn
<i>Queens</i> | - Music Grove, Forest Park, west of Woodhaven Boulevard. |
| Wednesday | June 6 | Richmond | - McDonald Playground, Broadway and Forest Avenue. |
| Thursday | June 7 | Bronx | - Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 164th Street. |
| Friday | June 8 | Brooklyn | - Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance. |

All contests begin at 8:30 p.m.

Entry blanks may be secured and filed now at Park Department borough offices listed in the telephone book, or at neighborhood park playgrounds.

The contest is open to amateur male quartets whose members do not earn their livelihood as a singing group. Quartets must choose songs of the American ballad or barber shop variety. They may sing two numbers, two medleys, or a combination of one number and one medley. However, no quartet may sing longer than six minutes.

Judging will be based on musical technique, originality, expression, presentation, and stage presence. Prizes will be awarded to winning quartets in the borough contests, and to quartets finishing first, second, and third in the city-wide competition.

May 9, 1951



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

Friday, May 11, 1951

Misc.-25M-706069(50) 114

The Department of Parks of the City of New York announces that the southbound roadway of the Henry Hudson Parkway from 79th Street to 72nd Street, in Riverside Park, Manhattan, will be closed to traffic starting Monday, May 14, 1951, at 10 a.m. for the purpose of reconstructing this roadway with a new concrete pavement.

At 79th Street and the parkway, southbound traffic will be detoured on to Riverside Drive and parking will be prohibited on Riverside Drive between 72nd and 82nd Streets during the period of construction.

May 9, 1951



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-706069(50) 114 Wednesday, May 9, 1951

The reconstruction of the Astoria Athletic Field marks another step in the program to provide more recreation facilities for all age groups in the Astoria section of Queens. Fronting on the East River between 26th Avenue and 2nd Street, Queens, it will reopen for public use on Thursday, May 10, 1951.

The reconstruction of the Athletic Field, including the alterations to the building and reconstruction of the concrete bulkhead adjacent to the East River, was part of the project for the Astoria Houses. The improvement included demolition of the old dilapidated grand stand, reconstruction of the running track, construction of new chain link fence and baseball backstop, the reconstruction of the ball field, conversion of the old building into a modern comfort station and maintenance building, and reconstruction of the damaged section of the bulkhead along the river front. This new play field will provide recreation facilities for older children and adults for both the tenants of the adjacent housing area and for the residents of the surrounding community; and it will augment the recreation facilities built in connection with the Astoria Housing Project where the entire shore front at Halletts Cove was developed into a park promenade with sitting areas and sand pits, and with a large playground at each end.

Prior to 1934 the only park areas in the Astoria section were the undeveloped Astoria Park, containing a one quarter-mile running track and two ball diamonds; and Rainey Park, with one ball diamond and a small children's playground.

Since 1934 many other additional facilities have been developed in the Astoria section. The 56.25-acre Astoria Park fronting on the East River, from

Ditmars Boulevard to Hoyt Avenue, was completely reconstructed and provided with a large outdoor swimming pool and bathhouse. The pool, one of the finest in the world, was opened for public use on July 3, 1936. It is 165 feet by 330 feet in size, with large semi-circular diving and wading pools at either end. The large bathhouse is used as a recreation center during fall, winter and spring seasons, providing a program of boxing, quiet games, ping pong and social dancing. Besides the large lawn and promenades overlooking the East River, the park also contains two small children's playgrounds, a large athletic field with a field house, two baseball fields, a football and soccer field, 14 tennis courts and the renovated one quarter-mile running track.

Adjacent to Astoria Park are eight playgrounds built as part of the approach to the Triborough Bridge. These are located along Hoyt Avenue from 19th Street to 31st Street.

Other recreation facilities in the Astoria section are the Playground at 14th Street and 31st Avenue at the Astoria Health Center, the Playground at 20th Avenue and 47th Street, and the Playground adjacent to P.S. 10 at 30th Road and 45th Street.

Future recreation areas will be provided in connection with the new P.S. 171 now under construction, from 14th Street to 21st Street and from 29th Avenue to 30th Avenue. Tenant relocation problems are delaying the development of the playground which will be jointly operated by the Park Department and the Board of Education. Another future jointly operated playground will be built at P.S. 112 which is now under construction, at Crescent Street to 28th Street and 36th Avenue to 37th Avenue.

A new neighborhood playground will be built at 20th Avenue and 37th Street, and the New York City Housing Authority is building a large recreation area at 34th Avenue and 21st Street in connection with the Ravenswood Housing Project now under construction.



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

Monday, May 7, 1951

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Inter-borough semi-finals of the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament will be held on Wednesday evening, May 9, at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens, for the Junior Division, and on Friday evening, May 11, at St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, for the Senior Division. Bouts are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. each evening.

Seven bouts, 90 through 135 pound classes, are on the junior division program, and six bouts, 126 through 160 pound classes, are on the senior division card. Winners of the semi-final matches will be the contenders for the city-wide championships to be conducted on May 18 at Lost Battalion Hall.

Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld is sponsoring this year's tournament which terminates a six-month program of instruction and training classes held at 17 Park Department boxing centers, and he has donated the prizes which will be awarded champions and runners-up in the borough and city-wide championships.



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-10M-731060(50) 114

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening to the public of a new playground at Nagle Avenue, West 204 Street and Tenth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan.

The construction of this one-acre playground was part of the plan and project of the "Dyckman Houses" and was constructed and paid for by the New York City Housing Authority, at the northerly end of the housing project. It will provide recreation for all age groups residing both in the housing project and in the surrounding community.

This new recreational area is built in two sections for control purposes. The southerly section, adjacent to the housing project, contains three paddle tennis courts, three double handball courts, a basket ball and volley ball court, and two shuffle board courts. The northerly section, fronting on West 204 Street, contains a sand pit, swings, slides and see saws for both children of kindergarten age and older children, an exercise unit, a wading pool, a flag pole, and a comfort station.

The perimeter of the area has been enclosed with chain link fence and landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 541 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

Picture # 26923.

May 4, 1951



ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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May 3, 1951

FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY

Hon. Thomas F. Murphy
Commissioner
Police Department
240 Centre Street
New York 13, N. Y.

Dear Commissioner:

I understand that you are seriously considering the discontinuance of the 26th Police Precinct in Manhattan and 110A Precinct in Flushing. Under Section 532-10 of the City Charter, police in the park system are under the dual and joint control of the Police and Park Commissioners.

The 26th Precinct was established to cover Riverside and Fort Washington Parks in Manhattan. The area of these parks is 420 acres, bounded by the North River, Riverside Drive, West 72nd Street and Spuyten Duyvil; this is one of the most extensively used recreation areas in the city. Active recreation facilities include 12 playgrounds, 52 handball courts, 15 softball diamonds, 1 dance area, 1 picnic area and 8 public comfort stations, etc. Other specialized activities include fishing stations at several locations and one of the major yacht basins of the eastern seaboard; the square dancing draws crowds of six to eight thousand people at a time. Besides, there are numerous memorial and other public gatherings; and the Henry Hudson Parkway which carries one of the heaviest traffic loads of any highway in the country. While I understand that the direction of traffic on the parkway is handled by the Traffic Division and not by the local precinct, accidents, breakdowns and other incidental conditions requiring police attention are handled by the local precinct rather than by the Traffic Division.

It has been our unbroken experience that policing of park activities such as these, when left to adjacent precincts with all their other duties around the neighborhood, seldom, if ever, gets adequate attention. The Captain of a local precinct, in general, is not familiar with park conditions and the need for enforcement of park rules and regulations. The fact that we reported less than one case of vandalism a day to the 26th Precinct during the past year, is proof of the effectiveness of a precinct confined to a park; if the 26th Precinct is abandoned and the responsibility for policing the park is delegated to the four adjacent precincts, I believe that vandalism and violence will be multiplied many times. For such a result the Police Department will have to

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take full responsibility.

For the past few years, Riverside Park has been one of the best policed parks in the city; there have been few reports of acts of violence, and vandalism has been lower than in many areas receiving comparable usage. This condition would not be maintained under what could properly be termed "absentee police command". The city administration would be subject to severe and justified public criticism if the police control of this area is allowed to deteriorate, as I am sure it will, if the 26th Precinct is abandoned.

I understand also that you are considering discontinuing the 110A Precinct in Flushing Meadow Park. While this park does not at present receive as concentrated use as some of the other large centrally located parks, its use is very rapidly increasing, and such increase will be accelerated as new residential developments already under way in the neighborhood are occupied. Before the end of the year, we expect the City Building to be released by the United Nations, and it will revert to its former use as a skating rink. This is one of the largest parks in the city, 1257 acres, and as time goes on, it will accommodate crowds comparable to those using Central and Prospect Parks. We are completing development of previously undeveloped parts of this park because of the enormous anticipated increase in the surrounding population. You must realize that this park is in the exact geographical and population center of the city.

I ask that you carefully consider these facts before any final decision is made, and that the matter be taken up with the Mayor. The parks are neither safe nor adequately protected and maintained at the present time. Further understaffing and reduction of forces are absolutely unjustified and represent false economy.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner



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FOR RELEASE

Immediately

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Bronx and Manhattan Championships in the Department of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament, sponsored by Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld will be conducted on Monday, April 30 in the Bronx at the recently opened up-to-date St. Mary's Recreation Center, located at East 45th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, and on Thursday, May 3 at 342 East 54 Street Gymnasium, Manhattan, starting at 8:00 P.M.

The contestants are the best of more than 600 boys who have participated in instruction and training classes held at 17 Park Department boxing centers during the past six months. They will compete in 13 age and weight classifications: Junior Division - boys 17 and 18 years old - 126, 135, 140, 147, 155, and 160 pound classes. Contenders for the Bronx Championships are the best boxers from St. Mary's, Crotona, and Williamsbridge boxing centers. Manhattan's contenders for championship honors topped the entries at boxing centers located at Rutgers, West 28th, East 54th, and West 134th Street Gymnasiums, and at Thomas Jefferson and Highbridge Recreation Centers.

These matches not only determine the borough champions but also serve as eliminations for the inter-borough competitions which are scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 in the junior division, at Lost Battalion Hall, Queens, and for Friday, May 11 in the senior division at St. Mary's Recreation Center. The City-wide Championships are slated for Friday, May 18 at Lost Battalion Hall.

The winner and runner-up in the borough championships will receive medals donated by Mr. Maurice Rosenfeld who will also award the City-wide championship prizes.

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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening to the public of a new playground at Jefferson Avenue and Dongan Hills Avenue, in the Dongan Hills section of Richmond.

The construction of this playground was part of the plan and project of the Charles A. Berry Housing project and was paid for by the New York City Housing Authority. It provides recreation for both the tenants of the housing project and for the residents of the adjacent community.

This new 5-acre play area is built in three sections: The easterly section contains a full-sized hardball baseball diamond, and a softball diamond with turf outfields; another unit contains basketball courts, paddle tennis courts, handball courts and play apparatus. A third unit at the easterly end of the development, contains a wading pool, comfort station, sand pit, kindergarten swings, slides and see-saws for children of pre-school age.

The perimeters of the various sections, as well as the perimeter of the entire area, are fenced in for control purposes and landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 540 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

April 27, 1951

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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces that the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park, which closed as an ice skating rink on Sunday, April 22, 1951, will reopen for public usage as an outdoor roller skating rink on Saturday, April 28, 1951, with sessions and rates as follows:

Afternoon Sessions - 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Children under 12 years..... 9¢
All others.....14¢ (including tax)

Evening Sessions - 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
All ages.....14¢ (including tax)

Persons bringing their own skates will be permitted to use them provided they are equipped with fiber or wooden wheels.

The Park Department will rent clamp skates at 25¢ and shoe skates at 50¢ a session.

Located at the rear of the Central Park Zoo Cafeteria, opposite 64th Street, the rink may be reached by the B.M.T. to Fifth Avenue, the East Side I.R.T. or Third Avenue L to 59th Street, and the Independent Subway to Columbus Circle.

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The Annual Department of Parks City-wide Boxing Championships for boys up to 18 years of age, will be held at Lost Battalion Hall, Queens, on Friday, May 18, at 8:00 p.m. The tournament is sponsored by Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld, noted child welfare philanthropist.

Borough championship bouts and inter-borough eliminations to determine the competitors for the city-wide finals, will be held at 8 p.m. each evening, as follows:

Tuesday, April 24	- Queens Championships	- Lost Battalion Hall, Queens
Thursday, April 26	- Brooklyn Championships	- McCarren Recreation Center, Driggs Ave. & Lorimer St.
Monday, April 30	- Bronx Championships	- St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, E. 145 St. & St. Ann's Ave.
Wednesday, May 2	- Manhattan Championships	- E. 54 St. Gymnasium, 342 E. 54 St., Man.
Monday, May 7	- Inter-boro Quarter Finals	- E. 54 St. Gymnasium, 342 E. 54 St., Man.
Wednesday, May 9	- Inter-boro Junior Semi-finals	- Lost Battalion Hall, Queens.
Friday, May 11	- Inter-boro Senior Semi-finals	- St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, E. 145 St. and St. Ann's Ave., Bronx.

The contestants are the best of more than 600 boys who have been participating in instruction and training classes held at 17 Park Department boxing centers during the past six months. They will compete in 13 age and weight classes: Junior Division - boys 14, 15, 16 years old - 90, 100, 105, 112, 118, 126, and 135 pound classes; Senior Division - boys 17 and 18 years old - 126, 135, 140, 147, 155, and 160 pound classes.

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Mr. Maurice Rosenfeld has donated all prizes for the tournament. Medals will be presented to winners and runners-up in the borough championships. City-wide champions and runners-up will be awarded wrist watches.

April 20, 1951



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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces that ice skating will terminate at the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park, at the close of business on ~~Sunday, April 22, 1951.~~ *Wednesday 73 1951* The Memorial was opened for public usage by Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri on December 22, 1950, as an outdoor ice skating rink, and has been used by 170,394 persons of all ages since that date.

and the unmerciful warm weather
With the coming of spring, people are turning to baseball, tennis, fishing, boating and other outdoor sports, and the attendance is falling off rapidly to a point where it is no longer practical or economical to continue the ice skating sessions.

Monday
Starting ~~Saturday~~, April 28th, the Wollman Memorial Rink will re-open for roller skating with sessions and rates as follows:

- Afternoon Sessions - 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Children under 12 years..... 9¢
 - All others.....14¢ (including tax)
- Evening Sessions - 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - All ages.....14¢ (including tax)

Persons bringing their own skates will be permitted to use them provided they are equipped with fiber or wooden wheels.

The Park Department will rent clamp skates at 25¢ and shoe skates at 50¢ a session.

April 20, 1951

The City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

For Release Wednesday, April 11, 1951

GOVERNOR SMITH MEMORIAL FUND
Randall's Island, New York

There was a small balance remaining in the funds raised for building the Governor Smith Memorial on land made available by the City Housing Authority. This balance was sufficient to provide exterior repairs at the Mariners' Church on Oliver Street, to rehabilitate the old Spanish-Portuguese Jewish Cemetery on the Bowery, and to provide new bronze doors at St. James Parochial School on James Street, where Governor Smith received his only formal education. All of these improvements are in the "Old Neighborhood", as the Governor called it, and are in keeping with his interest in all religious denominations.

At the Spanish-Portuguese Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in the city located on New Bowery between St. James and Oliver Streets, the old wrought iron fence on St. James Place was repaired and relocated on top of the existing masonry wall. The old boundary wrought iron fence was repaired and painted, new concrete sidewalk was installed along the St. James Place frontage, and the area reseeded and landscaped with trees and shrubs.

We also repaired the facade of the Mariners' Temple, a Protestant organization, at Oliver Street and Henry Street, including patching and staining columns and capitals, installation of new eight-foot wrought iron fence and gates, repairs to the existing wrought iron boundary fence, and the planting of four trees.

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At the St. James Parish School at St. James Street and New Bowery, which former Governor Alfred E. Smith attended in his youth, two pairs of new bronze memorial entrance doors were designed by Eggers and Higgins, fabricated and installed, one pair of which bears the inscription in raised bronze letters:

"Governor Alfred E. Smith Attended This School"
"It Was Here He Received His Only Formal Education"

On Wednesday, April 11th, at 10 a.m., Mayor Impellitteri, Park Commissioner Moses and the Governor Smith Memorial Executive Committee, will meet in the old neighborhood to inspect these improvements. The inspection will start at St. James Parochial School, where the Mayor will cut a ribbon at the memorial doors. Commissioner Moses and the Mayor will address the children of the St. James Parochial School, assembled in front of the school, after which the children will sing "God Bless America" and "The Sidewalks of New York".

The inspection group will then proceed to the Spanish-Portuguese Cometary and to the Mariners' Church.

Representatives of the press and press photographers are invited to attend.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 490 tennis courts, and its 357 softball and 151 regulation baseball diamonds on Saturday, April 14.

Two types of season tennis permits are issued: A \$3.00 permit good for play Mondays through Fridays, excepting holidays, and a \$5.00 permit good for play every day. Application forms for permits may be secured by calling in person at borough offices of the Park Department, or by mail, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request. A new photograph, passport size, is required when the permit is issued.

The demand for baseball and softball diamonds is so great that their use must be regulated by issuing permits for definite periods. These permits may be secured in person, or by mail if a self-addressed, stamped envelope accompanies the request.

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The Department of Parks announces that since the opening of the new St. Mary's Recreation Center in the Bronx on March 30, 1951, over 7,000 adults and children have registered to use this facility.

In order to provide the maximum usage of the center for all age groups, starting Sunday, April 8, 1951, the weekly schedule of operations will be as follows:

Pre-school children 4 to 5 yrs. of age accompanied by parent Supervised school groups	Monday through Friday.....10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Juniors 6 to 11 yrs. of age	Tuesday & Thursday..... 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday..... 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Intermediates 12 to 15 yrs. of age	Monday, Wednesday and Friday..... 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday.....12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday.....12 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Seniors and Adults 16 yrs. of age & up	Monday through Friday.....10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday..... 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday..... 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 6, 1951



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, to meet public demand, ice skating at the Wollman Memorial Outdoor Ice Skating Rink in Central Park, will continue until further notice.

When attendance at the ice skating sessions falls off, to a point where it is no longer practical or economical to continue these sessions, it is planned to make the facility available for roller skating. Details on roller skating sessions will be announced at a later date.

April 6, 1951



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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the ten municipal golf courses on Saturday morning, April 7, 1951, at 6:00 a.m. 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, 86 Street and Seventh Avenue.

Bronx - Van Cortlandt Golf Course, 242 Street and Broadway, Van Cortlandt Park.

Moshulu 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, 23 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.

LaTourette Golf Course, Forest Hill Road and London Road.

There is no change in the rates from last year. 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,

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and an additional charge of 50 cents is made on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For non-permit holders, the daily fee from Monday through Friday will be \$1.00, ⁷ (20th round) and \$1.25 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The new enlarged grass tees are now in use. There are rubber tee mats installed on all short holes where excessive damage to the grass tees would result from the use of iron clubs.

The Department has been experimenting for the past two years with several strains of newly developed grasses that are tougher than those previously in use. In the course of the present season, some of these grasses will be introduced into the new tees in order to maintain a surface more able to stand the heavy use that a tee gets.

The construction of the Major Deegan Highway through Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course by the New York City Department of Public Works, has not yet been completed, so that 18-hole play cannot be guaranteed at all times during the coming season. The remodeled course will not be in full use until certain strips of the new highway are paved and Gun Hill Road can be shut off to permit the completion of construction on the golf course.

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The City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

For Release Immediately

STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT MOSES
AS TO ST. MARY'S RIOT

The junior riot, at the newly opened St. Mary's Indoor Recreation Center which occurred when an overflow of youngsters could not get into the building, stoned it and broke about \$1,000 worth of windows, requires action.

This is a club for the neighborhood. We have charged only ten cents for a membership card. No doubt a minority of trouble makers did the damage, but all will have to pay the bill because the Park Department can't meet the cost of both operation and vandalism. Therefore, every member will be assessed an extra ten cents which will be indicated on membership cards as the holders seek admission.

ROBERT MOSES

April 3, 1951



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

Wednesday, March 28, 1951

Misc.-25M-70609(50) 114

The Park Department announces the opening, with ceremonies, to the public of the new St. Mary's Recreation Center in St. Mary's Park at St. Ann's Avenue and East 144 Street, The Bronx, on Friday, March 30, 1951, at 2:30 p.m.

Besides Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, the Honorable Lazarus Joseph, Comptroller, the Hon. James J. Lyons, President of the Borough of The Bronx, and the Hon. Charles E. Keegan, Acting Majority Leader of the City Council will participate as speakers. The Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside. Music will be furnished by the band of the New York City Fire Department.

The Center consists of a recreation building containing an indoor swimming pool, 40 feet by 75 feet, gymnasium, locker and shower rooms, and rooms for meetings, boxing instruction, domestic science, music, arts and crafts, and games. Its opening marks the first step in a comprehensive, city-wide, all-year-round, all-age indoor recreation program approved by the Mayor and Board of Estimate in 1946. It will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for children and adults residing in the adjacent community.

An outdoor swimming pool, concession building and playgrounds to supplement the indoor facilities will be provided in the second stage of the program, funds for which, it is expected, will be made available within the next three years.



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The Department of Parks announces that a new baby female Bison Buffalo, weighing 40 lbs., was born at the Central Park Zoo, at 5 a.m., March 26, 1951.

The mother is named "Mary" and the father "Bill", both ten years old.

Press photographs may be taken starting 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 28th.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, March 25, 1951

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The Department of Parks will conduct a Figure Skating Contest at the Wollman Memorial Ice Skating Rink in Central Park, near 64th Street, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

The contestants will be boys and girls up to 14 years of age who have been receiving free figure skating instructions from Mr. Paul Von Gassner, rink professional, during the children's free Saturday morning periods at the rink.

Miss Kate Wollman who donated the rink as a memorial to her family, has donated the prizes for this contest and future contests to be held during the next ten years.

Four events will be conducted: one for boys up to and including 14 years, and three for girls in the following age groups: up to and including 10 years, 11 and 12 years, and 13 and 14 years.

Messrs. Joseph K. Savage, Joseph Pen Gibson, E. Frank Matusek, and Dr. B. Steigman will judge the competition.

Exhibitions of figure skating by Mr. Von Gassner, Misses Audrey Peppe and Ruth Acker, and Mr. Sandy Fixtell will lend added interest to the program as will group numbers by children who have been participating in the instruction classes.

The public is invited to attend the contest. There will be no charge for admission. A grand stand with seats for spectators is located at the west side of the rink.



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FOR RELEASE

Friday, March 23, 1951

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The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouses in Prospect Park, at Prospect Park West and 7 Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., on Easter Sunday, March 25, 1951, 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 of Mexican Lillies, with an edging of mixed 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 Thursday, March 22nd.

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Misc.-10M-731060(50) 114

Two thousand boys and girls, five through thirteen years of age, have filed entries for the Fifth Annual Egg Rolling Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of Arnold Constable on next Saturday afternoon, March 24, at 2 p.m., on the Great Lawn, 80 to 84 Streets, in Central Park.

This gale egg and spoon derby highlights the Lenten and spring vacations for New York City's youngsters. Fun will be the order of the day as the contestants roll their brightly colored eggs down courses ranging from 20 to 40 yards depending upon their particular age group. Eggs and spoons will be provided by Arnold Constable.

A grand array of prizes has been selected by Arnold Constable for presentation to the winners in each of the six events. Awaiting the champions in the younger group are a velocipede, doll carriage, scooter, doll, and roller skates. The older children will receive merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15.

Children who have been unable to file entries will not be turned away on Saturday. Parents are requested to bring them to the Great Lawn and register them at 1:30 p.m.

March 21, 1951



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The Department of Parks announces the arrival of two new young elephants at the Central Park Zoo.

Lucy and Julia, Indian elephants, four and five years old respectively, arrived at the Zoo March 14, 1951.

Both animals were purchased from Trefflich Animal Company, 228 Fulton Street, New York 7, N. Y.

Press photographs may be taken at any time.

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The 5th Annual Egg Rolling Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of Arnold Constable, will be held Saturday, March 24, at 2 P.M. on the Great Lawn, 80th to 84th Streets, in Central Park.

Entries from children 5 through 13 years of age, may be filed at Park Department playgrounds and at the Contest Booth on the 2nd floor of the Boys and Girls Department at Arnold Constable, Fifth Avenue at 40th Street. Entries close Thursday, March 22.

The children will use wooden spoons to roll their eggs across the lawn. Eggs and spoons will be provided by Arnold Constable. Six events, as listed below, will be conducted.

- Group I - Boys, 5-6-7 years - 20 yard course
- Group I - Girls, 5-6-7 years - 20 yard course
- Group II - Boys, 8-9-10 years - 30 yard course
- Group II - Girls, 8-9-10 years - 30 yard course
- Group III - Boys, 11-12-13 years - 40 yard course
- Group III - Girls, 11-12-13 years - 40 yard course

Children finishing first, second, or third in the finals of their events will be awarded prizes donated by Arnold Constable. Group I prizes, in order of finish, will be a velocipede, scooter, or roller skates for the boys, and a doll carriage, large doll, and roller skates for the girls. Prizes for Group II and III winners will be merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15 respectively.

The Department of Parks and Arnold Constable extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the contest. No tickets are required.

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The Department of Parks announces that a new playground has been opened for public usage, adjacent to P.S. #14, west of Tompkins Avenue between Meadow Street and Hill Street in the Borough of Richmond.

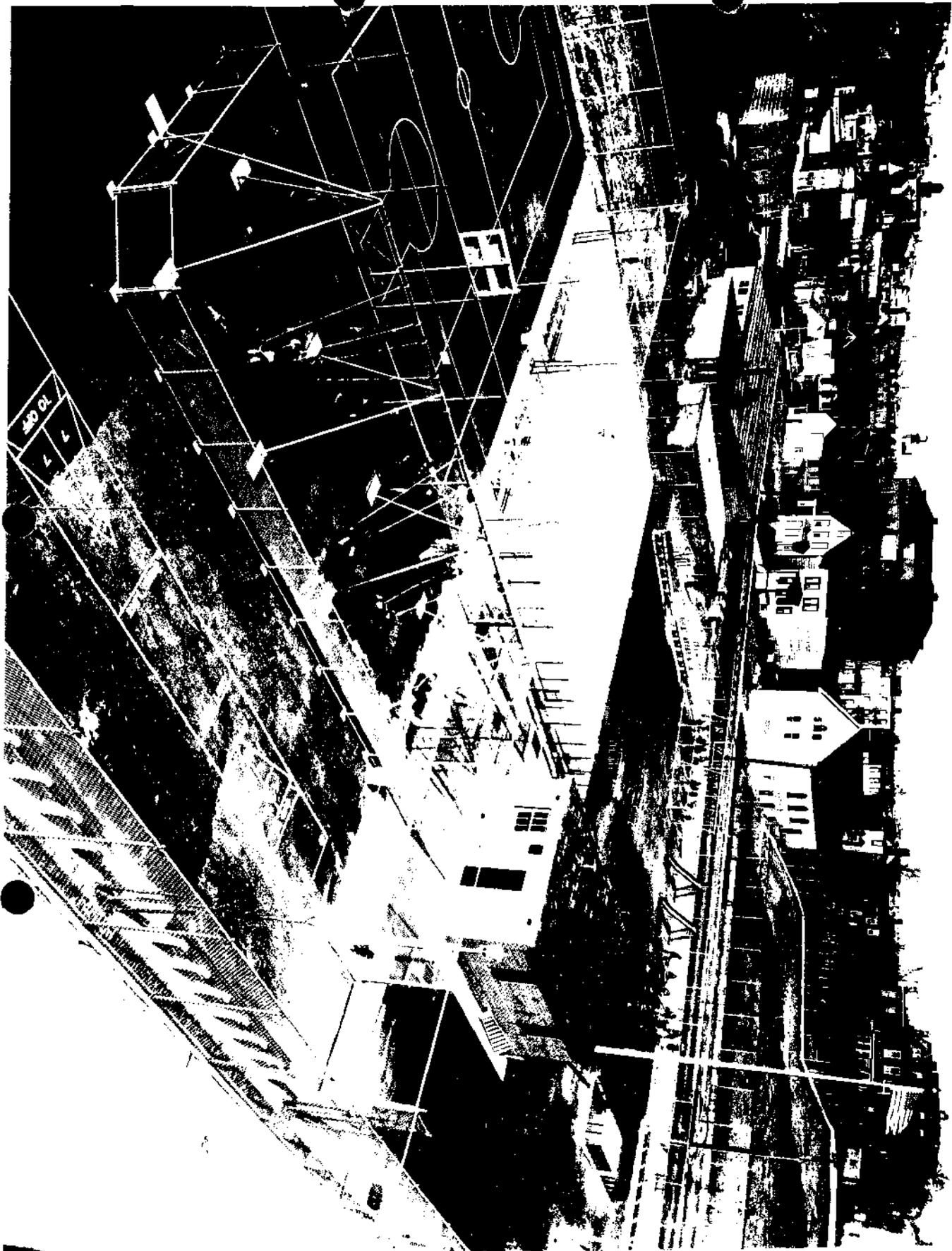
This playground will provide much needed recreational facilities for the school pupils, as well as for the children of the surrounding community. It is one of those projects agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. During school hours it is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and at all other times under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

1.6 acres in extent, the playground is built in three separate sections; one contains a wading pool, bicycle rack, comfort station, sand pit, kindergarten swings, slides and see saws for pre-school children; another unit contains four basketball and volleyball courts, a pipe frame exercise unit, slides and swings, two shuffleboard courts and a paddle tennis court for older children; a third unit contains four handball courts. The perimeter of the playground is fenced and bordered with shade trees. Numerous benches have been located throughout the improvement for the use of mothers and guardians of children at play and others using the area.

with the addition of this new playground, there are now 539 playgrounds in the expended park system.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 9, 1951

Statement by Robert Moses
on the Long Island Rail Road

I have been asked repeatedly to comment on recent Long Island Rail Road developments, including the substitute Albany program, the statement by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the increase in commuter fares asked by the Trustee.

As to the extremely complicated substitute Albany program, to the extent that I understand it, not having as yet seen the proposed legislation, it seems unworkable and not in the interest of the people on Long Island.

As to the self-serving Pennsylvania statement, the Pennsylvania is apparently determined to keep or sell the Long Island on its own terms.

As to an immediate increase in commuter fares, such an increase at this time will simply raise the fictitious equity of the Pennsylvania and make the ultimate reorganization of the Long Island on a reasonable basis more difficult.

Robert Moses



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The Department of Parks announces that a new baby male Bactrian camel was born at the Central Park Zoo, at 6:35 p.m., March 6, 1951.

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

Press photographs may be taken after 10 a.m. Monday, March 12th.

March 9, 1951

JOINT RELEASE

by

JAMES J. LYONS, BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF THE BRONX
CHARLES E. KEEGAN, ACTING MAJORITY LEADER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

and

ROBERT MOSES, CITY PARK COMMISSIONER

For Release

Immediately

At the request of civic and neighborhood groups and associations, of adjacent neighbors, educational and business interests, and public officials, it has been decided to cancel a contract for the improvement of Joyce Kilmer Park between the Grand Concourse and Walton Avenue, 162nd to 164th Streets, The Bronx.

The improvement included the construction of two marginal playgrounds, a public comfort station and rehabilitation of the general park area.

The only work done by the contractor is the preparation of trees for transplanting, and the small amount of park surface disturbed will be restored to its former condition. The funds appropriated for Joyce Kilmer Park will be used to provide additional facilities at the heavily used Vincent Ciccerone Playground, East 188th Street, Arthur and Hughes Avenues, and to construct a new playground at St. Peter's and Tratman Avenues, where there are no local playground facilities in this section of the Bronx.



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The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will conclude its current tour by giving 27 performances of Pinocchio, in the Bronx, beginning Monday, March 5 and continuing through Thursday, March 22.

The Park Department's puppeteers have contrived many unusual effects in staging the production. Youngsters who have already seen the show in the other four boroughs, heartily approved the unexpected transformations which take place during the telling of Pinocchio's adventures. Two particularly enjoyable scenes are the sickbed scene when poor Pinocchio's nose grows and grows because of his falsehoods, and the scene in which the bad boys change into donkeys.

The performances in the Bronx will be given as follows:

Monday	Mar. 5	1:30 P.M.	St. Mary's School, 580 Minneford Avenue, City Island
Tuesday	Mar. 6	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 114, 1155 Cromwell Avenue
Wednesday	Mar. 7	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 48, Coster Avenue and Faile Street
Thursday	Mar. 8	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 52, Kelly Street and St. Johns Avenue
Friday	Mar. 9	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	Our Lady of Mercy School, 2510 Marion Avenue
Monday	Mar. 12	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 75, 984 Faile Street
Tuesday	Mar. 13	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 115, East 183rd Street and Ryder Avenue
Wednesday	Mar. 14	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 21, White Plains Road and 225th Street

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Thursday	Mar. 15	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	St. Philip Neri, 3031 Grand Concourse at 201st Street
Friday	Mar. 16	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P. S. 57, 2111 Crotona Avenue at 180th Street
Monday	Mar. 19	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 43, 165 Brown Place
Tuesday	Mar. 20	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P. S. 90, Sheridan Avenue and 166th Street
Wednesday	Mar. 21	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P. S. 51, 810 Trinity Avenue at 158th Street
Thursday	Mar. 22	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 40, Prospect Avenue and Ritter Place



Mr. Heaslip

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FOR RELEASE

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Sunday, February 11, 1951

On Tuesday, February 13, the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will begin a tour of educational and recreational agencies in Queens, giving 28 performances of "Pinocchio".

The Marionette Theatre has visited Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Richmond since December 1, when the current schedule opened. Like Pinocchio's nose, the list of enthusiastic spectators grows longer and longer after each performance. The show is not run-of-the-mill puppetry. It is staged with attention to detail worthy of a Broadway production.

The schedule in Queens will be:

Tuesday	Feb. 13	1:30 P.M.	P.S. 20, Sanford Avenue and Bowne Street, Flushing
Wednesday	Feb. 14	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 164, South of 76th Avenue and east of 137th Street, Kew Gardens Hills
Thursday	Feb. 15	1:30 P.M. 3:30 P.M.	P.S. 125, 46-02 47th Street, Woodside
Friday	Feb. 16	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 63, 90-15 Sutter Avenue, Ozone Park
Saturday	Feb. 17	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	Flushing Memorial Playground, 149 Street and Bayside Avenue, Whitestone
Monday	Feb. 19	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 176, 121st Avenue and 235th Street, Cambria Heights
Tuesday	Feb. 20	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 174, Alderton Street, Dieterle and Elwell Crescents, Rego Park
Wednesday	Feb. 21	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	St. Mary's, 70-20 47th Avenue, Winfield

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Friday	Feb. 23	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 93, 66th Street and Forest Avenue, Ridgewood
Saturday	Feb. 24	11:00 A.M.	Queensbridge Housing, 10-06 41st Street, L.I.C.
Monday	Feb. 26	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 116, 173rd Road and 107th Avenue, Jamaica
Tuesday	Feb. 27	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 26, 69th Avenue and 195th Street, Flushing
Wednesday	Feb. 28	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 173, Fresh Meadow Lane and 67th Avenue, Flushing
Thursday	Mar. 1	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 73, 54th Avenue and 71st Street, Maspeth
Friday	Mar. 2	10:30 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	P.S. 118, 190-20 109th Road, St. Albans

At the conclusion of the Queens tour, the Marionette Theatre will play in the Bronx from March 5 through March 22.



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Starting Thursday, February 15th, golf and tennis 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.

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.

Season tennis permits for weekdays, Monday to Friday inclusive, cost \$3.00, and for every day including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the cost is \$5.00. The permits are good for use on all the City's 508 public tennis courts.

Applications for golf lockers for the 1951 golf season are not being accepted at this time. They will be accepted at each borough office from season golf permit holders only, from March 1st until the close of business March 15, 1951.

Applications for golf permits only will be received at the following offices of this Department:

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

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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, New York

BRONX Administration Building, Telephone: TAlmadge 8-3200
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, New York

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The Park Department announces that skating is permitted today at the following locations:

Central Park, Conservatory Lake, 72nd Street and Fifth Avenue, Man.
Van Cortlandt Park, East of 242nd Street and Broadway, Bronx.

Other Lakes: Bowme Park, 158th Street and 32nd Avenue, Flushing
Pea Pond, Hollis Court Blvd. and Grand Central Parkway, Hollis.
Flooded Areas

Bronx: Bronx Park E. Tennis Courts, Bronx Park East and Unionport Road.
Claremont Park - Mt. Eden and Teller Avenues
Pelham Bay Park - Kane's Road, rear of Pelham Memorial
Playground - Bruckner Boulevard and East 134th Street
Playground - Waterbury, Edison and LaSalle Avenues
St. James Park - West 192nd Street and Jerome Avenue

Queens: Astoria Housing Playground - Vernon Boulevard and 4th Street
Linden Park - 104th Street and 41st Avenue, Corona
Crocheron Park - 35th Avenue, 214th Place, Bayside
Cunningham Park - Union Turnpike and 192nd Street, Hollis

Brooklyn:

Bensonhurst Playground - Belt Parkway and 21st Avenue
Bushwick Playground - Putnam and Irving Avenues
Playground - Ft. Hamilton Parkway and 52nd Street
Playground - Douglas Street and 3rd Avenue
Playground - Tilden Avenue and East 48th Street
Playground - Vermont Street and Stanley Avenue
Kelly Memorial Playground - Ave. S. and East 14th Street
Red Hook Recreation Center - Bay and Court Streets
Seth Low Playground - Bay Parkway and Avenue P

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Motion pictures of the N. Y. Rangers Ice Hockey Team in action have been scheduled by the Department of Parks and the Madison Square Garden Corporation for showing at 10 park recreation centers during February.

Admission is free and parents may accompany their youngsters to the performances.

The pictures, highlights from games played by the Rangers, will be shown at 8 P.M. each evening according to the following schedule:

Thurs.	Feb. 1	McCarren Recreation Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn
Fri.	Feb. 2	Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx
Mon.	Feb. 5	O'Connell Playground, 113th Avenue and 196th Street, St. Albans, Queens
Tues.	Feb. 6	West 134th St. Gymnasium, 35 West 134th Street, Manhattan
Thurs.	Feb. 8	Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn
Fri.	Feb. 9	Amphitheatre, East River Drive and Grand Street, Manhattan
Tues.	Feb. 13	President Street Gymnasium, Fourth Avenue and President Street, Brooklyn
Thurs.	Feb. 15	Highbridge Recreation Center, 173rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan
Fri.	Feb. 16	East 54th Street Gymnasium, 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan
Mon.	Feb. 19	West 60th Street Gymnasium, 232 West 60th Street, Manhattan

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NEW YORK CITY PARKING AUTHORITY
Arsenal Building
New York 21, N.Y.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1/18/60

At the request of the New York City Parking Authority Senator Halpern and Assemblyman Steingut have introduced as a bi-partisan measure amendments to the New York City Parking Authority Law necessary to permit the Authority to proceed with its program for the construction of off-street parking facilities.

The attached memorandum in support of the amendments outlines the purposes and reasons for these changes.

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NEW YORK CITY PARKING AUTHORITY
Arsenal Building
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January 18, 1951

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
AN ACT

to amend the public authorities law, in relation to New
York City Parking Authority generally

(Senate Int. No. 668 - Senator Halpern)
(Assembly Int. No. 856 - Assemblyman Steingut)

These amendments to the New York City Parking Authority law are requested by the Authority after careful study and investigation of the problems to be faced in financing off-street parking facilities with private capital. The members of the Authority are convinced that the Authority will fail unless they are approved.

The purpose of the Authority is to reduce traffic congestion on the city streets through the construction of off-street parking facilities without involving city credit or requiring charges against the city's debt limit. In fact, the bill as originally drawn and as it continues to be, specifically provides that the city and state shall not be liable for any obligations of the Authority.

The City of New York recently employed engineering consultants to investigate the income possibilities and costs of constructing five parking garages and one parking lot in congested sections of the city where such facilities would be most productive from a revenue standpoint. This extensive report shows conclusively that off-street parking facilities by themselves cannot be made to be self-supporting. The City of New York proposes to supply the additional needed revenues without involving its credit by transferring parking meters and meter income to the Authority.

Thus, the most important change made by the amendments is to transfer jurisdiction and control over all parking meters in the city to the Parking Authority. It gives to the Authority the right to install, maintain, repair and police meters, to collect revenues and to use these revenues to support bonds issued for the construction of off-street parking facilities. The city and members of the Authority are convinced that these bonds cannot be sold to private investors unless complete control of meters is with the Authority and not subject to changing policies of succeeding city administrations or departments and agencies of the city. The right of the Authority to regulate the

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use of metered spaces with its own employees does not preclude the Police Department from enforcing these regulations. There is concurrent jurisdiction expressly provided by the amendment. The purpose is not to supercede but rather to supplement enforcement by regular officers.

The Authority also requests the elimination of the present impractical requirement for the public sale of authority revenue bonds. Public sale of bonds is only workable in instances where the bond is supported by the unlimited taxing power of government and where the full credit of the municipality or state is in back of the bond issue. Authority revenue bonds are entirely different from municipal and state issues since they do not have recourse to the unlimited taxing power of government and, in fact, are specifically denied this privilege by the Constitution. The law itself provides that neither the state nor city shall be liable for any obligations of the Authority.

Authority bonds also differ from bonds of private corporations where the holder has recourse if need be to the assets as well as the revenues of the corporation. In the final analysis, therefore, the purchaser of an authority revenue bond must rely upon the integrity of the members of the Authority and the businesslike management of its affairs. Under these circumstances the sale of these bonds requires endless negotiations over the smallest details which may substantially affect the sales price or the interest rate. There is no way that these details can be beneficially ironed out if the bonds must be offered at public sale. The members of the Authority are certain that the present provision precludes the sale of bonds at advantageous prices and rates of interest.

The proposed legislation also removes the present restriction against operation by the Authority of business, commercial and industrial facilities in its projects. The Authority has no desire to enter into such activities and will, as a matter of policy, operate through lessees or concessionaires. There may be instances, however, where services are required by patrons of off-street parking facilities for which reasonable arrangements cannot be made with concessionaires. In such instances it is the duty of the Authority to provide the facilities and it should be free to do so, if necessary.

An additional section permits the Authority to assist the city and contribute toward the cost of construction of other facilities for the relief of traffic congestion in the city. This amendment is requested to enable the Authority to cooperate to the greatest extent possible in the relief of traffic problems generally.

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Assembly Int. No. 856

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Another new section authorizes the city or state to terminate the Authority at any time by providing for the payment of its obligations.

The remaining changes in the present law are incidental and are made either for the purposes of clarification, such as the statement of authority purposes, the restatement of the present provisions for contracts with the city and the provision for employing professional consultants, or for purposes of more specifically defining the powers of the Authority over the administration of its own affairs, such as the provisions relating to audit of its accounts, designation of depositories and award of its construction contracts.

The work of the Authority is closely related to effective civil defense. All defense authorities, including General Lucius D. Clay, Chairman, New York State Civil Defense Commission, find that present conditions of traffic congestion on the city streets will prevent access by fire, ambulance and emergency equipment to distressed areas in the event of a disaster. They agree that the program of the Authority which is designed to relieve the traffic congestion through installation of meters and off-street parking spaces, is an integral part of civil defense and should go forward. The parking garages will afford bomb shelters during an attack and subsequently will supply places for temporary housing, emergency hospitals and disaster control units and will be an invaluable aid to public safety and protection.

The Authority regards the proposed amendments as absolutely necessary to its success. Its members are convinced that it will fail to carry out its responsibilities unless the additional powers and privileges are granted to them as provided in the amendments. They are essential to the financing of off-street parking facilities and to the prudent administration of its affairs.

The New York City Parking Authority strongly recommends the approval of these amendments.

/s/ George V. McLaughlin
Chairman

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FOR RELEASE: Immediately

Mayor Impellitteri announces that the Michael Friedsam Foundation has donated \$75,000 to erect a building to house the new carousel in Central Park. The old, much-revered merry-go-round, which was a part of Central Park tradition for the past seventy-nine years, was burned beyond repair on November 8, 1950. The new building will be erected on the site of the old carousel and will be known as the "Michael Friedsam Memorial", after Michael Friedsam, widely known philanthropist, former president of B. Altman & Co., and president of the Fifth Avenue Association from 1925 to the time of his death in 1931. A bronze commemorative plaque will be placed on the structure.

The structure will be brick, with a slate roof, cupola, octagonal in shape, and approximately seventy-eight feet in diameter. It will be of authentic vintage to harmonize with other Victorian structures in Central Park.

Some money will be spent to provide an organ and refurbish the new carousel which the Park Department recently received free from the Board of Transportation. This carousel, formerly located at the BMT trolley terminal at Surf Avenue and West Fifth Street, Coney Island, acquired by the City in 1940 from the BMT at the time of transit unification, has been taken apart and transferred to the Park Department shops for

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repairs. Metal work will be chromium plated, other damage suffered through years of use will be repaired, and the entire carousel will be repainted.

The new carousel has fifty-seven handsome, prancing and dancing, hand-carved, vari-colored, wooden horses and two chariots, on a turntable fifty feet in diameter. Carved figures of animals dear to children are being made to decorate the carousel and keep it in the Victorian period.

Immediately after the pre-dawn fire of unknown origin, on November 8th, which destroyed the mechanism and mounts of the old carousel so dear to New York youngsters since 1871, steps were taken to replace it. Park Department representatives started shopping around far and wide for a solid second-hand one with good, old-fashioned, hand-carved, prancing animals, that could be repaired, repainted and re-energized readily and at not too great a cost.

Public interest was instantaneous. Many letters were received from nostalgic citizens and civic-minded organizations, all wanting to help financially and otherwise. Among the first to be interested were Dorothy Kilgallen and Dick Kollmer of the "Breakfast with Dorothy & Dick" radio program, who made an appeal for funds on their radio program. The response was immediate, and funds collected have been deposited with the City to help defray some of the cost of repairing the new carousel.

It is expected that the new merry-go-round will be rehoused and ready before next summer to again delight the City's pleasure bent children.

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THE FRIEDSAM FOUNDATION, INC.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ROBERT MOSES, *Commissioner*

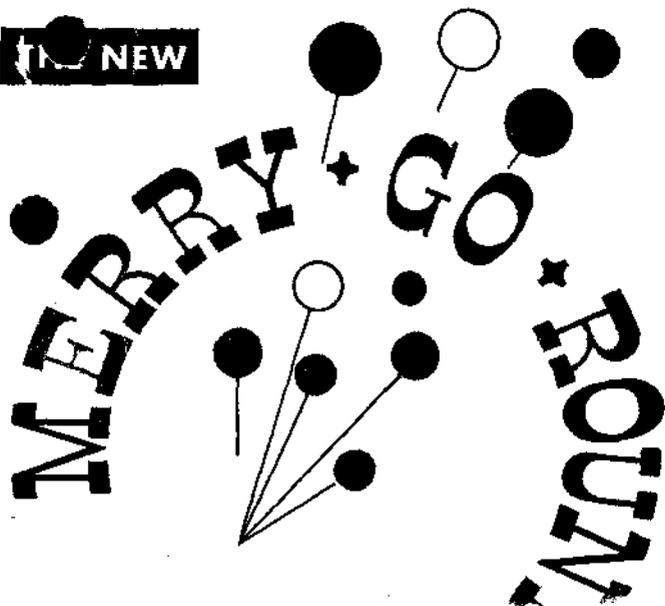
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JULY 2, 1951

PROGRAM

Music

New York Fire Department Band

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HON. ROBERT MOSES, Commissioner of Parks

Presentation of Merry-Go-Round Building

MR. JOHN S. BURKE

President of The
Friedsam Foundation, Inc.

Acceptance of Building

HON. VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI
Mayor of the City of New York

an appeal for funds on their program, was only a fraction of the total needed. It was not until The Friedsam Foundation, Inc., through Mr. John S. Burke, President, offered to the City of New York through Mayor Impellitteri, the sum of \$107,650.95, with which to erect a building to house the new carousel and landscape the adjacent park areas, that restoration was assured.

The new structure is on the site of the old carousel and is named after the widely known philanthropist, Michael Friedsam, former president of B. Altman & Company and president of the Fifth Avenue Association, who died in 1931.

A bronze commemorative plaque placed on the front of the structure reads as follows:

MICHAEL FRIEDSAM MEMORIAL

This Merry-Go-Round
Replacing A Famous Landmark is A
Gift to the Children of the City
By The
Michael Friedsam Foundation

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1940 at the time of the transit unification. The Board of Transportation had no use for the carousel in its scheme of improvements at the depot, and through Colonel Sidney H. Bingham, the Chairman, generously offered it free to the Park Department. Park Department mechanics dismantled it and transferred it to the Park Department shops for repairs. Metal work was chromium plated, damage suffered through years of use was repaired, and the entire carousel was repainted.

The new carousel has 57 prancing and dancing, hand-carved, vari-colored, wooden horses and two chariots, on a turntable 50 feet in diameter. New carved figures of animals dear to children were made in the Park Department shops to decorate the carousel and keep it in the Victorian period.

A new mechanical organ, larger and much better than the old one, which was destroyed by fire, replaces the worn out one received from the Board of Transportation. It has 86 keys, 2 drums, a tambourine and cymbals, and plays twenty paper roll records which provides the music.

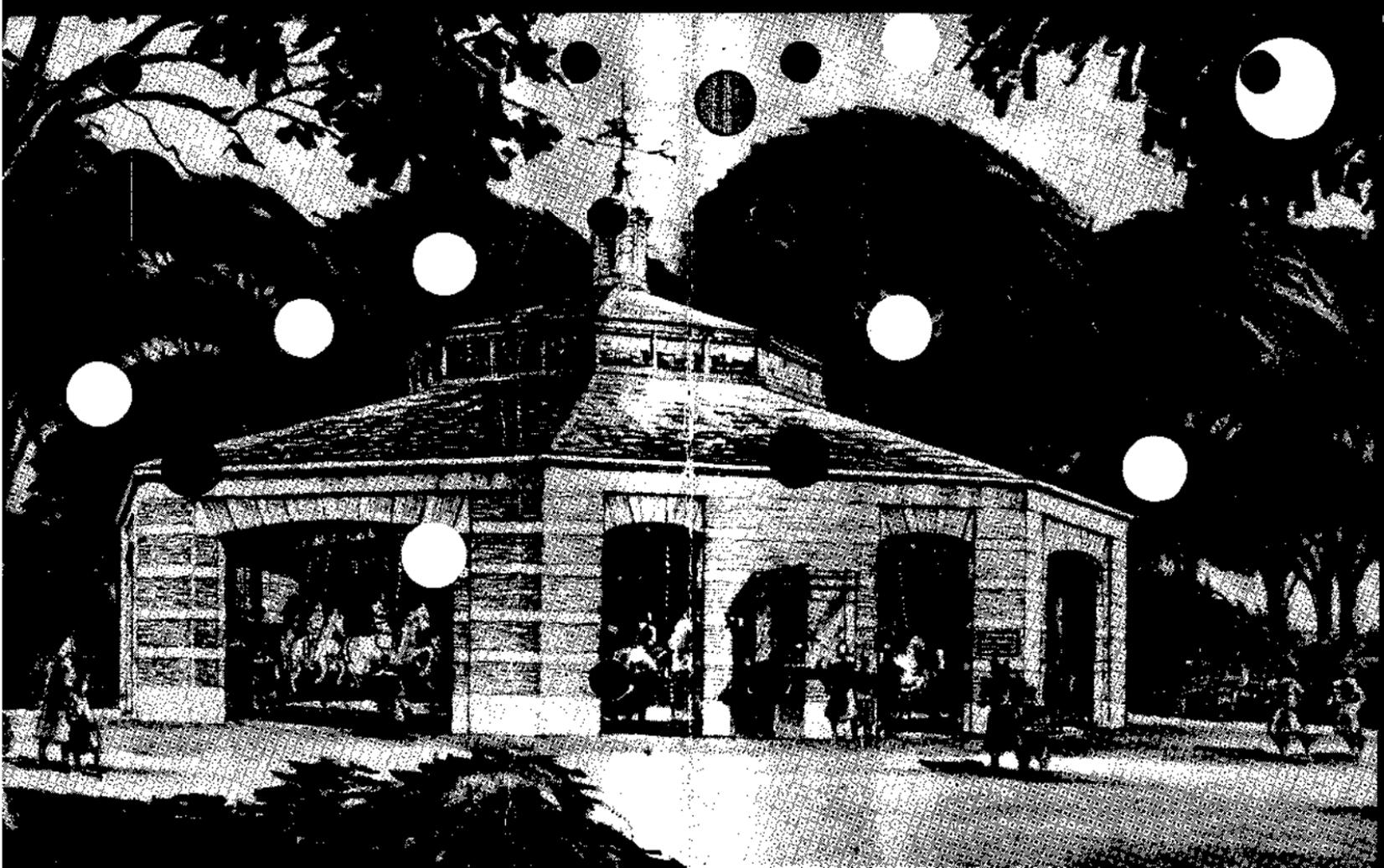
While public interest in the replacement of the old carousel was instantaneous and widespread, the amount of money contributed by individuals and groups, together with that collected by Dorothy Killgallen and Dick Kollmar of radio fame, who made

The Michael Friedsam Memorial, Central Park's new Merry-Go-Round, is pseudo-Victorian in style and an octagonal shaped structure of two-toned brick designed to harmonize with other buildings in the park. Arched openings for public access and air circulation afford a spacious note and marry the interior to the adjacent paved terrace. Elevated a few feet, and pleasantly framed and shaded by large locust, oak and plane trees, the 78-foot diameter Memorial is surmounted with clerestory and cupola roofed with slate, and is centrally located in the southerly end of the park near the 65th Street Transverse Road.

The old, much-revered carousel, which was a major part of Central Park tradition and an important recreational facility for the past 80 years, burned down on November 8, 1950.

Immediately after the fire, which destroyed the mechanism and mounts of the carousel, dear to the children since 1871, steps were taken to replace it. Park Department representatives shopped around far and wide for a solid, second-hand merry-go-round, with good, old-fashioned, hand-carved, prancing animals, that could be repaired, repainted and re-energized at not too great a cost.

Finally, we located a carousel at the old B.M.T. trolley terminal at Surf Avenue and West 5th Street, Coney Island, which was acquired by the City in



JOINT RELEASE
by
JAMES J. LYONS, BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF THE BRONX
and
ROBERT MOSES, CITY CONSTRUCTION CO-ORDINATOR

for

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1951

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THROGG'S NECK - FERRY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

The Throgg's Neck - Ferry Point section of the Bronx will be changed during the next decade as a result of improvements sponsored by the Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority, the New York City Housing Authority, the City Construction Co-Ordinator, the Department of Parks, the Borough President of the Bronx, and other city agencies. This transformation is so important that it has been made the subject of a special exhibit sponsored jointly by the Borough President of the Bronx and the Construction Co-Ordinator, which will be opened to the public on Tuesday, January 16, 1951, in the Veterans' Hall of the Bronx County Court House. The exhibit consists of a large model, an air map and many illustrations showing the school, arterial, street, park and related improvements in the neighborhood.

The key to these changes is the Whitestone Bridge which, together with its approaches, the Hutchinson River Parkway in the Bronx, and Whitestone and Cross Island Parkways in Queens, has made the area easily accessible to vehicular traffic. This will be supplemented shortly by the completion of

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Bruckner Boulevard and the new drawbridge over Westchester Creek which will ease the flow of traffic through the community. The Cross-Bronx Expressway, which terminates at the Hutchinson River Parkway, will provide a convenient route to the heart of the Bronx and to the George Washington Bridge leading to New Jersey and connecting with the main highways to the west.

The first stage of Ferry Point Park was acquired and constructed with the Whitestone Bridge and has been opened to public use for many years. Extensive additions to the park, the former lands under water at Baxter Creek and the swamp lands to the north and east, are presently being graded by the Department of Sanitation in anticipation of the construction of a public bathing beach, bath house, parking fields and incidental facilities and an intensively developed active recreation area.

It is because of its accessibility and of the important recreational advantages that the lands adjacent to the park have been selected as the site for public and quasi-public housing projects. Schuyler Houses, Throgg's Neck Houses and the proposed housing for postal employees to the north and east of Ferry Point Park are located largely on undeveloped land, much of which required extensive grading and filling before it could be used for this purpose. Only forty-six families have to be relocated to make space for approximately 3,700 new dwelling units.

There continues to be a pressing need for housing in New York City, particularly for those in the lower income group. These projects are designed for that purpose and, in accordance with law, preference will be given to veterans of World War II. Presumably at this session of the Legislature similar preference will be given to those engaged in the present hostilities. The housing program is not, as many suggest, run on a hit or miss basis. It is designed to meet a specific problem in the only way that those of us who have been active in public life for many years could find. The continued growth of the city forces vacant land in outlying areas to be used as part of a comprehensive program for the rehabilitation of rundown central areas.

The construction of these housing projects with the necessary concurrent rezoning of the area will fix permanently the residential character of this section of the Bronx and will bring more schools, churches, better transportation and increased property values.

The reconstruction and development of the Throgg's Neck - Ferry Point section is one of the most comprehensive community improvements in the city. Everything possible has been done to provide for the comforts and convenience of the public and local residents.

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Throggs Neck Area Model - (Am. Museum of Natural Hist.)*

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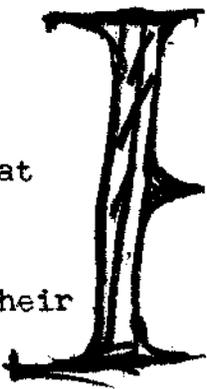
FOR RELEASE: Immediately

The Park Department announces free figure and dance skating instruction for children up to 14 years of age, at the Wollman Memorial Ice Skating Rink in Central Park, near the 64th Street and 5th Avenue entrance.

The free instruction classes will begin officially on Saturday, January 13, and will continue each Saturday morning during the free skating session for children between the hours of 10 and 11 A.M. throughout the skating season.

Mr. Paul Von Gassner, Senior Professional Instructor at the Wollman Memorial, is donating his time for these classes and will personally instruct the youngsters. Mr. Von Gassner is a Gold Medalist of the United States Figure Skating Association and is well qualified to instruct children in the finer arts of figure and dance skating.

Miss Kate Wollman, whose generosity made the ice skating rink possible, has donated prizes to be awarded to the winners in the Figure and Dance Skating Competition that has been scheduled for Easter week when the youngsters who attended the classes will have an opportunity to display their newly acquired ability.



January 11, 1951.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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64th Street and Fifth Avenue
Central Park
New York 21, N. Y.

FOR RELEASE: Immediately

New York City's boys and girls will have four opportunities to attend free basketball clinics to be conducted by the Department of Parks and the Madison Square Garden Corporation during the next three weeks.

Members of the New York Knickerbockers Basketball Team will show youngsters how they may improve their game by learning the knack of ball handling, passing, playmaking, and shooting, so necessary to big league basketball stars.

The four clinics, last of a series of eight, are scheduled as follows:

Mon.	Jan. 15	8 P.M.	Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Pier 6, Staten Island
Thurs.	Jan. 25	8 P.M.	134th Street Gymnasium, 35 West 134th Street, Manhattan
Fri.	Jan. 26	8 P.M.	McCarren Recreation Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn
Mon.	Feb. 5	8 P.M.	Crotona Recreation Center, East 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx

Interested spectators will be members of teams still in the running for the Department of Parks Basketball Championships to be played on the Knickerbockers' home court - Madison Square Garden - later on in the year. Some of the techniques they will observe may insure them a victory in a close game.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend these clinics.

January 11, 1951.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Central Park
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FOR RELEASE: Immediately

With new Christmas skates and the new Wollman Memorial Ice Rink to practice on, the boys and girls of New York City are making up for the two year dearth of ice. Once youngsters are fair skaters, they want to learn how to have more fun on ice. Of interest to them will be a program of ice hockey motion pictures, jointly arranged by the Madison Square Garden Corporation and the Department of Parks, for showing at 20 playgrounds and recreation centers throughout the city.

These pictures, for the boys at least, will show highlights of sport on ice as played by the N. Y. Rangers and their opponents. For girls, the pictures will provide interesting and exciting entertainment. For all spectators, the films will reveal the coordination, maneuverability, and dexterity that are possible to achieve on skates.

During January, the pictures will be shown at 8 P.M. each evening as follows:

Mon.	Jan. 15	Roosevelt Playground, Building D, Hester and Christie Streets, Manhattan
Tues.	Jan. 16	Betsy Head Recreation Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn
Thurs.	Jan. 18	Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx

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- Fri. Jan. 19 Astoria Recreation Center, 19th Street opposite
23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens
- Mon. Jan. 22 Cromwell Recreation Center, Pier 6, Murray
Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkins-
ville, S. I.
- Tues. Jan. 23 Thomas Jefferson Recreation Center, 111th
Street and First Avenue, Manhattan
- Thurs. Jan. 25 Sunset Recreation Center, 43rd Street and
Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn
- Fri. Jan. 26 Crotona Recreation Center, 173rd Street and
Fulton Avenue, Bronx
- Mon. Jan. 29 Flushing Meadow Park, Amphitheatre, Horace
Harding Blvd. and Grand Central Parkway,
Corona, Queens
- Tues. Jan. 30 West 28th St. Gymnasium, 407 West 28th Street,
Manhattan

Dates and locations of February showings will be
announced later.

January 10, 1951.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal
64th Street and Fifth Avenue
Central Park
New York 21, N. Y.

FOR RELEASE: Sunday, January 7, 1951

It is a civic responsibility of the local government of any large city to provide recreational facilities to meet both the present and future needs of the public. New Yorkers are particularly fortunate that, in recent years, our municipal officials have kept pace with their recreational requirements despite the many difficulties of land acquisition in so crowded a city as ours.

The appreciation of the public is reflected in the use they make of the recreational facilities provided through the Department of Parks. The tabulation of activity attendance for 1950 totaled 130½ million people using specific facilities for recreational activities. This figure does not include people visiting larger parks, historical points of interest, gardens and zoos, or those using areas for fishing, model yachting and airplane flying, etc. It would be difficult to record so transient a usage.

The activity attendance does indicate that the average New Yorker is using the parks and playgrounds for recreational pursuits at least once a week, presumably on his day of leisure.

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The most popular 1950 activities, accounting for more than half the participants, were bathing at beaches and pools, basketball, handball, softball and baseball.

Dual games, such as paddle tennis, ping pong, and shuffleboard, attracted more than a million participants each. Team sports, football, soccer, roller and field hockey drew two million players to city parks during their short seasons. Golf, tennis, bridle and bicycle paths lured two million fans to special facilities for these sports.

Family groups, numbering five million persons, went picnicking, row boating and skating, or attended concerts and square dances in 1950. Although archery, horseshoe pitching and lawn bowling have relatively few enthusiasts, the Park Department maintains facilities for them.

Youngsters had their kindergarten activities, wading pools, quiet games, dramatics, dancing, pageants and special events planned for their entertainment.

As New York City's parks and playgrounds are open and ready to serve the public 365 days a year, each adult, youth, and child may find recreational activities to meet his leisure time needs. Those not yet familiar with the variety of recreational facilities available in New York City parks should visit one of the 538 neighborhood playgrounds. The playground director in charge has a listing of the locations of major facilities throughout the city.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Monday, December 31, 1951

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of four new playgrounds, one in Richmond at Reid and Parkinson Avenues adjacent to R. S. No. 46 in the South Beach Housing section, one in Brooklyn at 4th Street and 4th Avenue, adjacent to R. S. No. 51 in South Brooklyn, one in the Harlem District of Manhattan at 130th Street and Madison Avenue adjacent to P. S. 133 and one in the Elmhurst section of Queens at Yellowstone Boulevard between 64th Road and 65th Avenue adjoining P. S. No. 175. All four playgrounds will be jointly operated by the Park Department and the Board of Education, and have been available for use by the children of the neighboring areas during the Christmas school holidays.

The Richmond play area provides facilities for softball, roller skating and a play area for kindergarten children where outdoor classes can be conducted and is equipped with sand pit, kindergarten swings and slides and see-saws. A school garden has also been provided and numerous benches have been installed for users of the facility and guardians of children at play. The playground is 1.5 acres in area.

In the South Brooklyn playground at 4th Avenue and 4th Street, provision has been made for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball and volleyball, softball and these facilities are for the use of the children of the neighborhood and the students attending Junior High School No. 51. The area of the playground is approximately 1.0 acre and the perimeter is planted with shade trees.

The playground at 130th Street and Madison Avenue in Harlem has facilities for handball, roller skating, softball, and basketball backstops for practicing. The area is approximately .8 of an acre and is located in a densely populated section where these play facilities are greatly needed.

The playground in Queens is in the southern section of Elmhurst, located at 65th Avenue and Yellowstone Boulevard and is one acre in area. This playground will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for both the school children and the residents from the surrounding, established community, developed with many six-story apartment buildings.

This improvement has been developed in five separate units for control purposes. Immediately adjacent to the school is a large area containing three shuffleboard courts, two paddle tennis courts and four basketball and volley ball courts. Also adjacent to the school is a garden area. Along Yellowstone Boulevard is a completely equipped play area for older children, as well as a separate

play area for smaller children, containing a comfort station, swings, slides, see-saws, a sand pit, and a shower basin, while at 64th Rd.

& Yellowstone Boulevard, there are two handball courts. Numerous benches have been provided throughout the improvement for guardians of children and others using the facility. The development has been landscaped with shade trees.

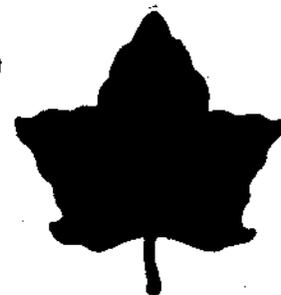
With the opening of these four new playgrounds, there are now 567 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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FOR RELEASE

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

This year's display is comprised of over 1,500 Poinsettia blooms in pink, white and red. Some of the Poinsettias measure 12 to 15 inches in diameter. The Cyclamen in various colors are also attractive.

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

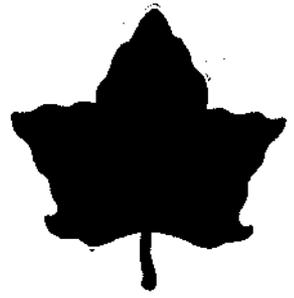
The exhibit will be open to the public every day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will open Thursday, December 20, 1951.

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Press photographs may be taken at anytime.

December 14, 1951

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Wednesday, December 12, 1951

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The Department of Parks announces that ceremonies in connection with the lighting of twenty-eight Christmas trees, which have been erected and decorated in parks and public places throughout the five boroughs, will take place on ~~Friday~~, ^{Tuesday Dec 16,} December 14, 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; Queens-Borough Hall, Kew Gardens; and ~~Borough Hall,~~ Richmond.

At City Hall Park, Manhattan, the ceremonies will be broadcast over the city owned and operated radio station, WNYU. Hon. Vincent R. Impellitteri, Mayor, ^{3.60} will deliver the annual Christmas message and throw the switch lighting the sixty-one foot high tree, officially beginning New York's observance of the Yuletide season. Hon. Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Borough President of Manhattan, will also participate in the exercises. James A. Sherry, 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 ^{school} boy's choir from Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church ~~from St. Paul's R. C. Church of East Harlem.~~

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, 84th 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 1, 1952.

Christmas trees have been erected at the following locations:

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~~ *Lawn at approx 179 St + Madison Ave*
- 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
- Museum of Natural History, 77th Street and Eighth Avenue

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
- Esplanade, Montague Terrace between Romsen and Pierrepont Streets

BRONX

- * Joyce Kilmer Park, 161st Street and Grand Concourse
- St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East ~~144th~~ *141st* 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

QUEENS (Cont'd)

Forest Park, Park Lane South and 108th Street
St. Albans Memorial Park, Merrick Boulevard and 113th Street

RICHMOND

* Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place
Tappen Park, Bay and Canal Streets

*Principal Ceremony

Borough Presidents Cashmore, Lyons, ~~Mafers~~ ^{Lundy}, and Hall will light the trees in their respective boroughs, with appropriate ceremonies.

In addition to the ceremonies at the larger trees, there will be 142 children's Christmas parties held between December 11th 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 principal children's parties are scheduled as follows:

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| Monday, December 17th | 10:30 A.M. | Jackson Pond Playground, 108th Street and Myrtle Avenue, Richmond Hill, Queens |
| Tuesday, December 18th | 10:00 A.M. | Jackson Heights Playground, 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Queens |
| Wednesday, December 19th | 10:00 A.M. | James J. Byrne Playground, 3rd Street and 4th Avenue, Brooklyn |
| Thursday, December 20th | 10:30 A.M. | Lincoln Terrace, Buffalo and East New York Avenues, Brooklyn |
| | | Silver Lake Tennis House, Hart and Forest Avenues, Richmond |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Playground, Highbridge Avenue and 174th Street, Manhattan |
| | | Playground, Riverside Drive and 74th Street, Manhattan |
| | | Liberty Playground, Liberty Avenue and 172nd Street, Queens |
| | 1:00 P.M. | Mosholu Playground, Mosholu Parkway North and Kossuth Avenue, Bronx |
| Friday, December 21 | 10:00 A.M. | St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th St. and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Flushing Memorial Playground, Bayside Avenue and 194th St. Queens. |

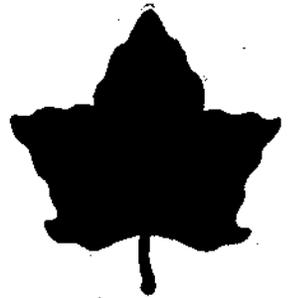
Friday, December 21 (cont'd) 10:30 A.M. De Matti Playground, Tompkins Avenue
Rosebank, Richmond
3:30 P.M. McLaughlin Playground, Jay and Tillary
Streets, Brooklyn

Saturday, December 22 1:30 P.M. Farmer's Oval, 65th Place and 68th
Avenue, Queens
2:00 P.M. Cromwell Recreation Center, Pier 6
Richmond
2:30 P.M. Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview
Avenue and Stanhope St. Ridgewood,
Queens

Monday, December 24 11:00 A.M. Seward Park, Canal and Essex Streets,
Manhattan
3:30 P.M. Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker and Irving
Avenues, Brooklyn

Wed., December 26 1:00 P.M. Marcy Housing Playground, Myrtle
and Nostrand Avenues, Brooklyn

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

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The Department of Parks of New York City announces that Tide Water Associated Oil Co. and Shell Oil Co. were the successful bidders for operating gasoline service stations on various New York City parkways in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan under the jurisdiction of the Park Department.

Shell Oil Co. was the successful bidder for the gasoline station on the Henry Hudson Parkway, just south of the George Washington Bridge.

Tide Water Associated Oil Co. was the successful bidder for the gasoline stations on Grand Central Parkway, Grand Central Parkway Extension and Interborough Parkway. The stations are located on Grand Central Parkway Extension, just north of LaGuardia Airport, on Grand Central Parkway opposite Cunningham Park, west of Francis Lewis Boulevard, and on the Interborough Parkway in Forest Park near Metropolitan Avenue.

Shell Oil Co. and Tide Water Associated Oil Co. will take over the operation of these stations at 12:01 A.M. January 1, 1952.

December 7, 1951

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

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Misc.-10M-731060(50) 114

The Department of Parks announces the opening of the Municipal Life Guard Training Course conducted each year to train young men for the position of Life Guard at New York City's municipal pools and beaches. Applications are available at all Borough Headquarters of the Department of Parks, and at all Parochial high schools, university and college placement offices, as well as at Y.M.C.A. and Y.M.H.A. and the Department of Parks School at East 54th Street Pool, Manhattan. Tuition is free.

The Course, consisting of practical and theoretical instruction in life guard procedure and practice, will be divided into five parts: life saving and water safety; resuscitation and inhalator operation; beach and pool control; use and care of beach and pool equipment; boat and surf rescue technique. Staff members of the Park Department will act as instructors.

Each candidate will be required to attend one two-hour session a week beginning Wednesday, January 2, 1952. Sessions will be held afternoons and evenings Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Candidates will be given their choice of class periods. All classes will be held at the Park Department East 54th Street Pool, 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan. This pool can be easily reached from any part of the City via the Municipal Transit System.

This training course is open to any citizen of the United States and resident of New York City, who will reach his 17th birthday on or before July 1, 1952, who can pass a non-competitive swimming test of fifty yards in 32 seconds in qualifying tests given through the month of December, and who can also pass a qualifying medical and physical examination.

Registration will be by written application on forms provided by the Department of Parks. A medical Certificate of Fitness from the candidate's personal physician is necessary before the candidate will be permitted to take the course.

In addition to becoming eligible for appointment as a Municipal Life Guard for the summer season, successful candidates will receive a certificate of qualification from the Department of Parks.

BOROUGH HEADQUARTERS

MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue,
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BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and Fifth Street,
Prospect Park 15, SOUTH 8-2300

BRONX - Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx Park 60,
TAlmadge 8-3200

QUEENS - The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Forest Park,
Kew Gardens 15, L.I. VIRginia 9-4600

RICHMOND - Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton,
GIBraltar 2-7640

EXECUTIVE DIVISION,
BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
BOROUGH HALL, BKLYN 2, N.Y.

FOR RELEASE:
SUNDAY EDITIONS,
DECEMBER 2, 1951.

Borough President John Cashmore announced yesterday (Sat) that ceremonies will be held next Friday (Dec. 7th) to mark the official opening of the final section of the Brooklyn Heights Promenade and two newly-constructed playgrounds in the Columbia Heights section of Brooklyn.

The three recreational projects, developed at a cost of approximately \$656,000, are situated in one of the oldest and most historic sections of the Borough and provide an imposing view of the New York harbor, the nearby Brooklyn Bridge, the lower Manhattan skyline and other well-known landmarks.

The ceremonies will be under the joint auspices of the Department of Parks and the Borough President's Office and will be held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon in the larger of the two playgrounds at the westerly side of Columbia Heights at the foot of Middagh Street.

The list of speakers invited by Commissioner Moses and the Borough President is headed by Mayor Vincent R. Impbellitteri. More than 1,000 pupils of nearby schools and their parents are expected to attend. The program will include a concert by the Police Department Band and Glee Club.

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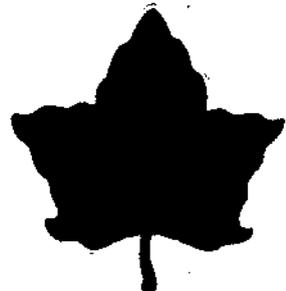
The two new playgrounds represent the latest progress in Borough President Cashmore's program for the construction of 21 playgrounds and other marginal park and recreational facilities along the route of the Brooklyn-Queens Connecting Highway. The play areas include slides, swings, a skating area, a summer wading pool, sand pits, basketball standards, a pipe frame and exercise unit.

The first of the 21 recreational areas for children, a playground at Pierrepoint Street and Columbia Heights, was opened about a year ago, and a fourth will be completed in the near future at Atlantic Avenue and Hicks Street.

The Brooklyn Heights section of the Connecting Highway extends along the waterfront between Columbia Heights and Furman Street and is surmounted by a Promenade built on cantilevers over two lower express roadways. The main portion of the Promenade was opened to the public in October, 1950. The final section to be dedicated Friday extends from Clark Street to a point between Orange and Middagh Streets. The Promenade is separated from abutting residential buildings by an attractively-landscaped and tree-lined park strip and has benches along its entire length.

The connecting highway is now in use along Hicks Street from the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel Plaza at Hamilton Avenue to Atlantic Avenue. The various sections under construction by the Borough President's Office will connect with the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and will extend to Kent Avenue.

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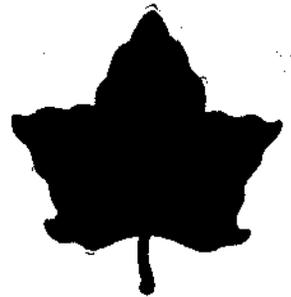
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1951

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, December 2, 1951.

During the past season, more than 667,000 rounds were played over the ten courses, (an increase of about 37,000 rounds over last year), and approximately 50,000 rounds were played on the pitch-putt course, (an increase of about 6,000 over 1950.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work and opening for public usage, without ceremonies, of a playground at Morris Park, Tomlinson, Van Nest and Haight Avenues, the Bronx.

This 2.18 acre playground in the Morris Park section of the Bronx, will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for a community formerly devoid of them. The improvement contains a comfort station, flagpole, sand pit, wading pool, swings, slides, and see-saws for children of pre-school age; and for older children, two basketball courts, four handball courts, two shuffleboard courts, a games table area, and a large play area containing a softball diamond, four practice basketball standards, and a roller skating rink. During sub-freezing temperatures this area will be flooded for ice skating. The perimeter of this area has been landscaped with shade trees and numerous benches have been provided for guardians of children as well as the users of the facility.

This new park area has been named after Alfred Loreto, a former policeman who lost his life trying to protect his next door neighbor from bandits, and a bronze plaque has been erected on the face of the brick comfort station. It reads as follows:

ERECTED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK
IN MEMORY OF
PATROLMAN ALFRED LORETO
WHO DIED IN THE HEROIC PERFORMANCE
OF DUTY ON JULY 21, 1950
"GREATER LOVE THAN THIS NO MAN
HATH, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS"
St. John, Chapter 13
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With the addition of this new playground, there are now 561 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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Tuesday, November 27, 1961

The Department of Parks announces the opening to the public of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 34, at Hollis Avenue, Robard Lane, Monterey Street, and 107th Avenue, Queens.

This 3.1 acre playground is another one of those agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks, and will provide recreational facilities previously lacking for both the school children and the residents of the surrounding established community.

The improvement has been developed in six separate units for control purposes. Immediately adjacent to the school is a small play area containing kindergarten swings, slides, see-saws, and a sand pit, which will serve as an outdoor class for small children. Along Hollis Avenue are located a school garden, four handball courts, a completely equipped play area for older children, as well as a separate play area for smaller children, containing swings, slides, see-saws, a sand pit, and a shower basin. There is a large permanent surfaced area containing a softball diamond which will be used for roller skating and also for ice skating during sub-freezing temperatures. The adjacent Wayanda Park has been reconstructed in connection with this improvement. Numerous benches have been provided throughout the improvement for guardians of children and others using the facility. The perimeter of the development has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 560 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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FRESH KILLS

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**CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF RICHMOND
CONSTRUCTION CO-ORDINATOR
DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**

REPORT TO MAYOR IMPELLITTERI AND THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE

BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF RICHMOND
CORNELIUS A. HALL, President

CITY CONSTRUCTION CO-ORDINATOR
ROBERT MOSES, Co-Ordinator

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION
ANDREW W. MULRAIN, Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ROBERT MOSES, Commissioner

FRESH KILLS LAND-FILL

During the last three hundred years, land-fill operations have played an increasingly important part in the development of the area now comprising Greater New York. Early in the City's history, as population, trade and commerce grew, the shelving shores of lower Manhattan were raised and extended to provide wharves at deep water for ocean-going vessels and additional space for adjacent warehouses.

Under the economic pressures caused by this steady growth, swamps, ponds and streams in the interior of the Island were filled, so that new streets and building sites could be created and unsightly

and unsanitary waste lands made useful and profitable to match rising land values in surrounding districts. As the development of Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx quickened, similar filling operations were undertaken there too, the process of making usable land being stimulated by the need of dumping space for material from demolished buildings, subway and cellar excavations, garbage collections, and other refuse of an expanding city.

For many years prior to 1934, however, more than one-half of New York City's refuse and garbage was dumped at sea. In that year, the U. S. Supreme Court handed down a decision that such

dumping created a public nuisance by littering the Long Island and New Jersey coasts and polluting off-shore waters. The Court ordered that the practice of dumping at sea be abandoned.

In the absence of adequate, modern, efficient incinerators, the City was forced to dispose of most of its refuse by land-fill methods within the city limits. The result was the establishment or expansion of vast and poorly controlled dumps which became malodorous, smoking, insect- and rat-infested nuisances whose existence was made known for miles with each shifting wind. Notorious examples of these conditions were the mountainous dumps at Corona in Queens and Riker's Island in the East River.

Finally, after vigorous and continued complaints by nearby residents, civic organizations, newspapers and the more farsighted city officials, steps were taken to end these old-style, unsanitary dumping operations. The Corona dump became the site of the 1939 World's Fair and the great piles of refuse were used to grade the remaining unfilled portions of the Flushing Meadow. This fill formed the base for the development of Flushing Meadow Park, temporary home of the United Nations General Assembly, gradually but steadily taking form as one of the City's most valuable central recreational developments. Similarly, the smoking hills of Riker's Island were lowered to provide fill for the construction of LaGuardia Airport, and the refuse remaining at the Island was regraded and covered. The extensive farm gardens of the City Penitentiary and a flourishing plant nursery of the Park Department now occupy the major part of the former Riker's Island dump.

War-time shortages of construction materials and manpower, and the reluctance of the City to spend the large sums necessary for new incinerators, forced the Department of Sanitation to continue waste disposal on low-lying lands, both public and private, but under increasingly improved and effective conditions designed to keep the operations inoffensive and nuisance-free. Since 1948, all such projects, with two exceptions, have been confined to public lands where public funds can be used for proper planning and equipment, clean cover material and adequate supervision. Through the cooperation of the Departments of Parks and Sanitation, outstanding examples of the permanent benefits derived from these improved methods of utilizing sanitation land-fill are now to be found in Marine Park, Brooklyn; Spring Creek Park, Queens; Great Kills Park, Richmond; and Ferry Point Park in the Bronx, where great areas of former swamp lands are being prepared for future large-scale recreation.

Important as these projects are, they are overshadowed by one of the world's largest sanitary land-fill operations at Fresh Kills, Staten Island. This reclamation work covers an area of 2,741 acres, mostly salt marsh, where approximately 6,000,000 cubic yards of refuse, household ashes and incinerator residue are being deposited annually. After settlement, displacement and compaction this produces about 2,500,000 cubic yards of fill. Upon the completion of the City's program of incinerator construction in about 1960, there will remain the problem of disposing of about 2,300,000 tons of coal ash and incinerator residue annually. About 60% of the material being deposited in Fresh Kills is collected in Manhattan and the remainder from northwest Brooklyn. No land suitable for sanitary land-fill operations is available in these sections of the City and the collected material must be carried to waterfront loading stations, placed in barges and towed to Fresh Kills. The life of the Fresh Kills project will be affected by the progress of the incinerator construction program. It is presently estimated that Fresh Kills will not be completely filled and finished until 1968.

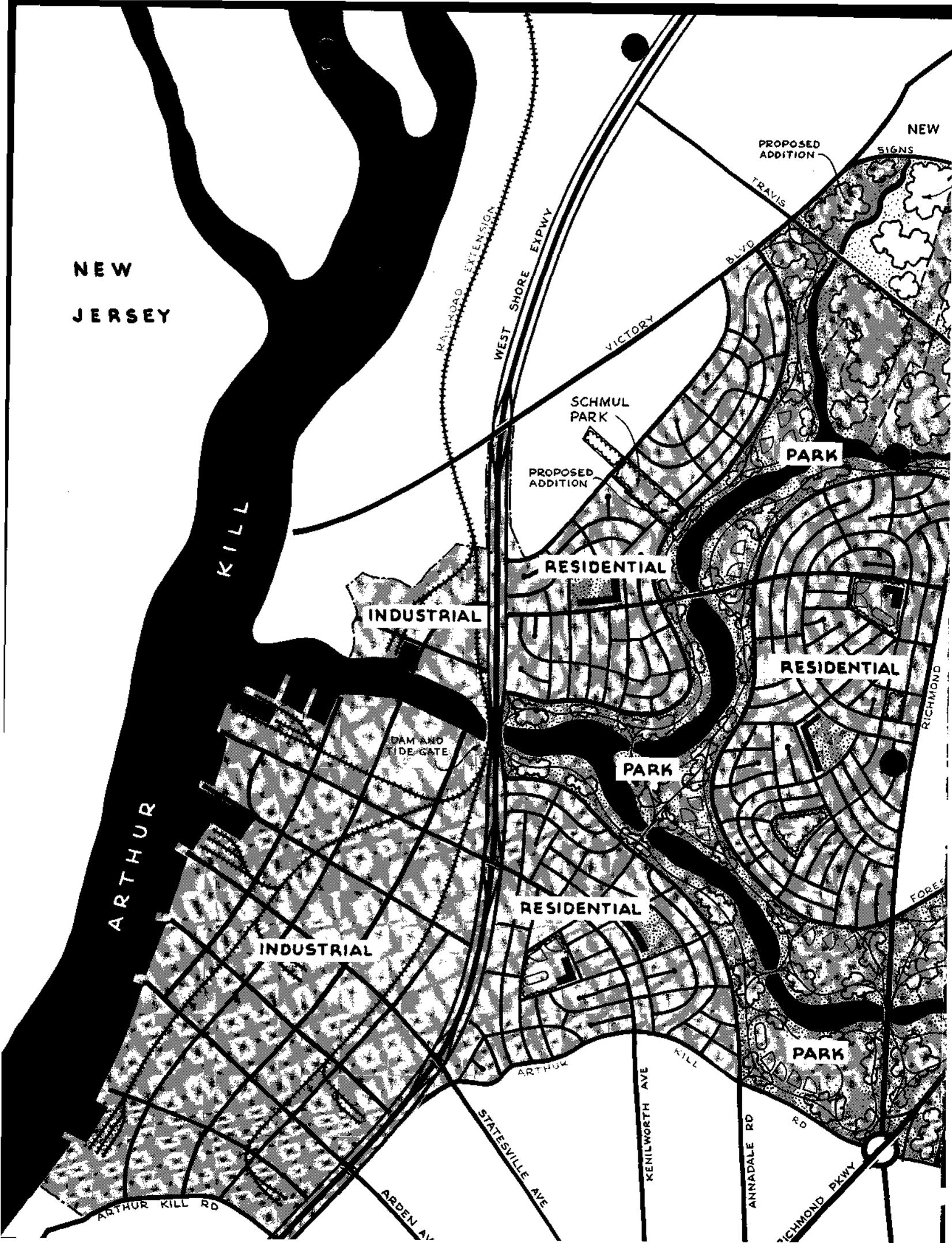
Despite the fears of local civic organizations and neighboring residents prior to the start of the Fresh Kills undertaking, much praise and but few complaints have been heard in the three years the work has actually been under way. This is the result of rigid, undeviating compliance with the Sanitary Code of the City of New York and the plans of the Park Department and Borough President, with the addition of new techniques developed by engineers of the Department of Sanitation.

The Sanitary Code governing land-fills requires:

1. Operations planned as an engineering project, with general supervision by a sanitary engineer.
2. Face of fill kept narrow to expose minimum area of refuse.
3. Prompt coverage of exposed surfaces, and complete coverage of surface and face of fill at close of each day's operations.
4. Sufficient standby equipment to prevent delays in covering fill.
5. Bulky material likely to harbor rats not used for final surface or side slopes but promptly incorporated within the fill.
6. Final cover for surface and side slopes twenty-four inches deep.
7. Sand and gravel filled ditch at the toe of boundary side slopes of finished fill, to prevent crumbling of the toe with consequent exposure of waste material and to obviate puddles by absorbing seepage.

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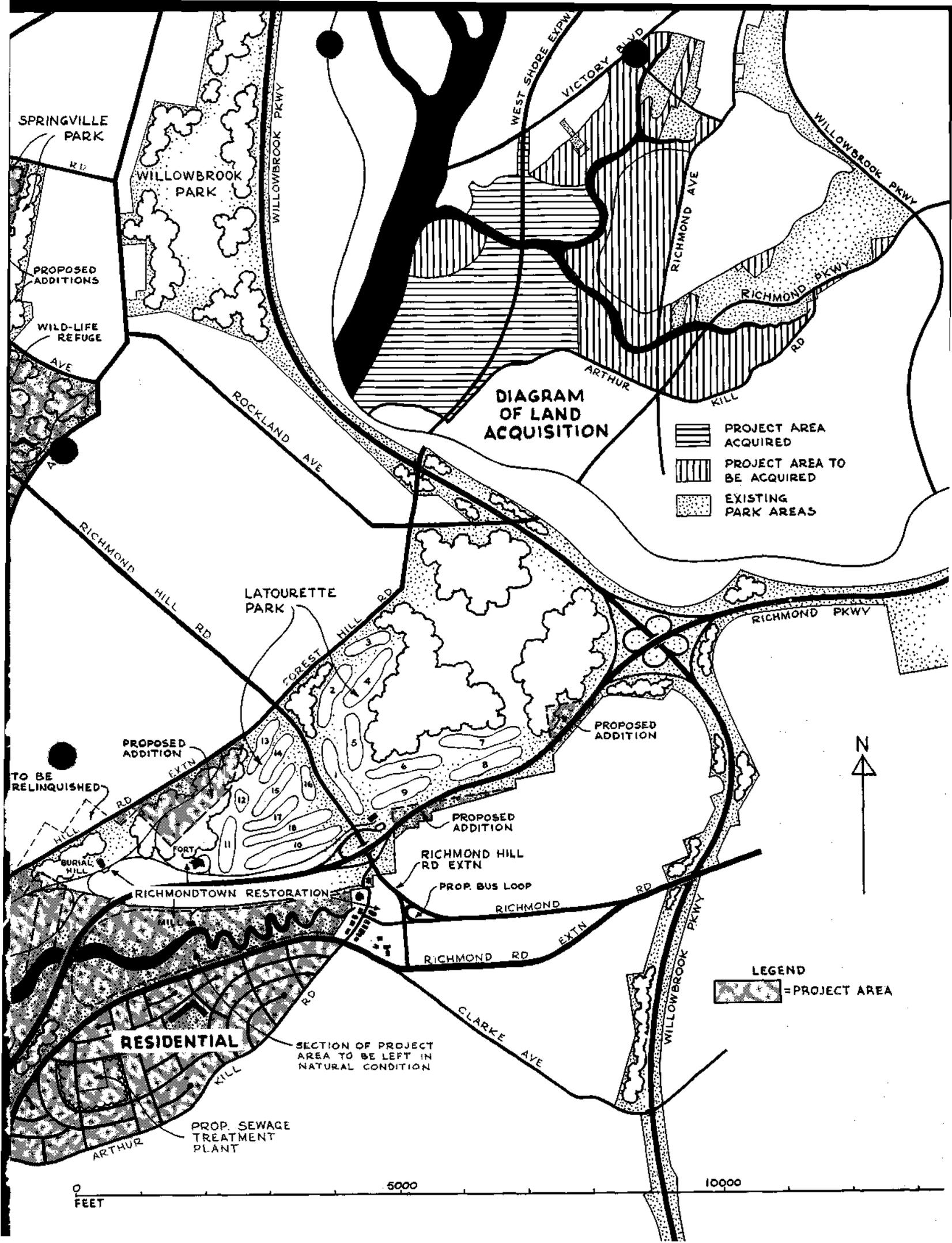
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8. Exposed waste material sprayed, when necessary, to allay dust.
9. Layers of refuse not to exceed fifteen feet in depth after initial compacting. Deeper fills carried on in stages.
10. Snow fences to control blowing of papers.
11. Water under pressure available for fire fighting. Scavengers supervised.
12. Collections of surface water drained, filled or sprayed with chemicals to prevent disagreeable odors and the breeding of mosquitoes.
13. Waste material prevented from floating into open water.
14. Inspection for and control of rodents maintained until fills are stabilized.
15. Maintenance program continued until fills are stabilized to insure prompt repair of cracks, depressions and erosion.

In addition to these measures, other precautions peculiar to this site are required:

1. As a precaution against mud waves into the adjoining streams from the newly placed overburden, the toe of slope of the refuse bank is placed at least 35 feet from edge of stream and the slope is limited to one on three.
2. Special drainage ditches and culverts are built not only to intercept existing drainage channels subjects to filling, but also for surface drainage from the newly created filled areas.
3. Some filling is made in single stages to depths greater than 15 feet in order to conserve cover material now available in limited quantities.
4. Floating booms are made to surround continuously the barge unloading so as to confine the refuse dropped inadvertently into the water during the unloading operation. This refuse is skimmed off periodically to avoid littering the main stream.

At Fresh Kills, all but the small quantity of refuse originating on Staten Island arrives by barge at one of the two unloading plants where it is transferred to tractor-drawn wagon trains. Material is dumped by the wagons at the working face of the fill where it is then pushed down the bank by bulldozers. The continual travel of the heavy wagon trains and bulldozers serves to compact the fill. The completed fill measures from fifteen to thirty-five feet in depth. The refuse deposited compacts to about 40% of its original volume. Some of this reduction may be due to settlement of the marshy foundation and the gradual displacement of water from mud voids.

Before covering, the refuse is sprayed with a larvicide for insect and dust control. A layer of

clean native sand and gravel is placed upon the completed bank as soon as possible, and in any event at the close of each day's operations. The tightly compressed material cannot harbor rats, the cover prevents them from burrowing, and the insecticide and cover reduce the danger of odor and insect nuisances. It is intended eventually to cover the completed fill with a two-foot layer of clean earth now available in sufficient quantities on the site if used frugally. The completed surface is finished generally to a 2% slope to provide proper drainage, necessary ditches are dug, and culverts and drains installed. Topographical layouts and drawings showing the grades, drains and sequence of operations are prepared in advance and adhered to during operations.

The Fresh Kills project extends along the east shore of Arthur Kill opposite New Jersey for approximately one and two-thirds miles, and includes most of the undeveloped area within the limits of Arthur Kill Road, Old Mill Road, Richmond Avenue, Travis Avenue and the eastern edge of the community of Travis. The fill boundaries exclude certain park lands and private properties to be preserved in their present condition, but include other areas for proper drainage along the borders, to facilitate operations or round out property lines of existing parks. Twelve hundred thirty-six acres, or a little less than half of the total property involved, has been acquired by the City. The balance of the property, approximately 1,505 acres with an assessed value of \$1,391,475, will be acquired next year.

Great Fresh Kills and its two main branches which traverse the fill are navigable waters under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. The West Shore Expressway, preliminary studies for which are now being prepared by the engineering firm of Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, roughly parallels Arthur Kill and connects Richmond Parkway at Outerbridge Crossing with proposed Clove Lakes Expressway near Goethals Bridge. This Expressway will cross Fresh Kills, and previous proposals provided for a very expensive high-level bascule bridge to carry this artery over the Kills. The present plan, however, is much more economical. It will close Fresh Kills to navigation above the point of crossing by the West Shore Expressway. This can be done only if the City acquires title to all lands fronting on presently navigable waters above the mouth of Great Fresh Kills. Once this property is acquired it will be possible to close the Kills to navigation and to build a tide gate and dam on which the West Shore Expressway and the Railroad will cross. The cost of such a structure will be much less than the

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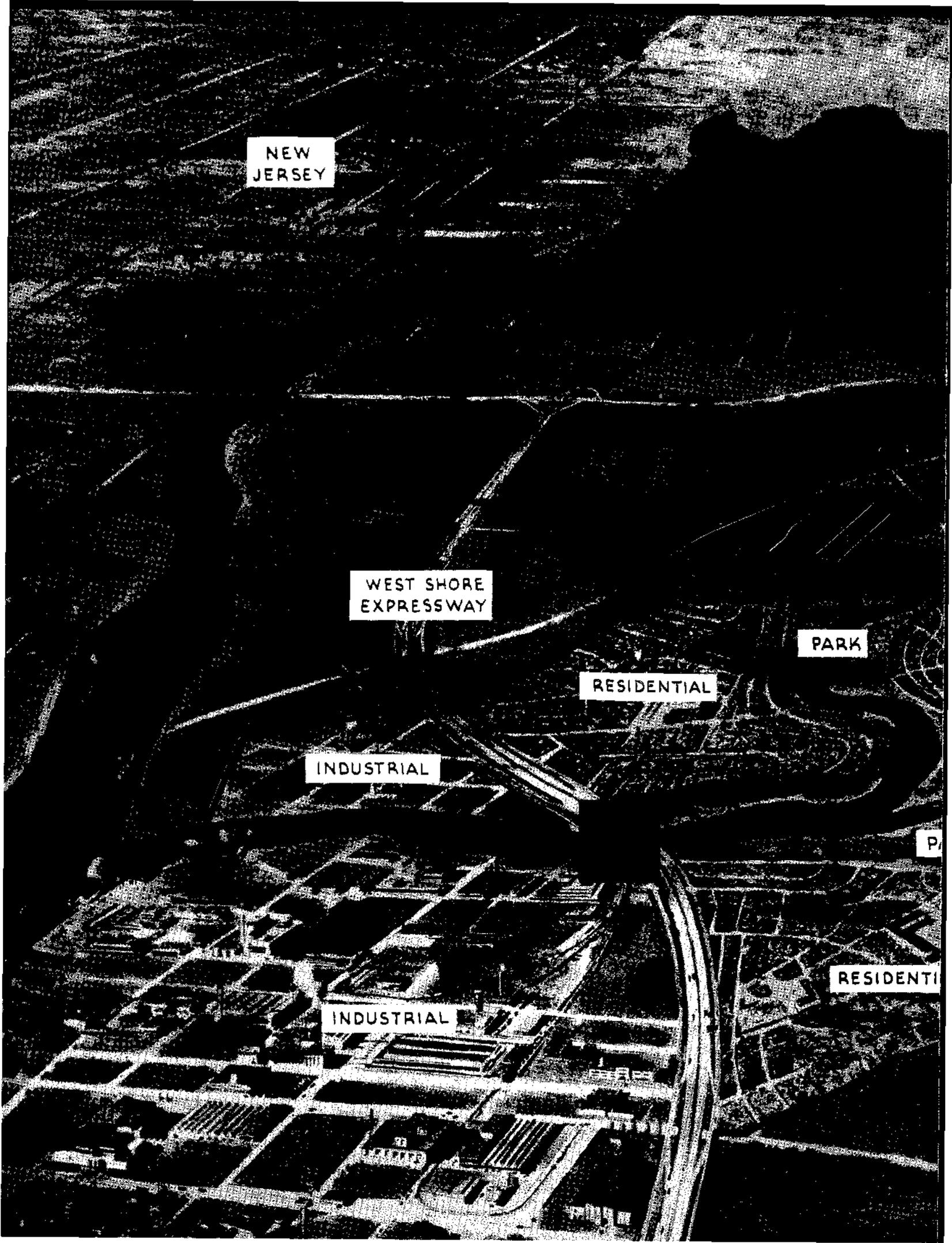
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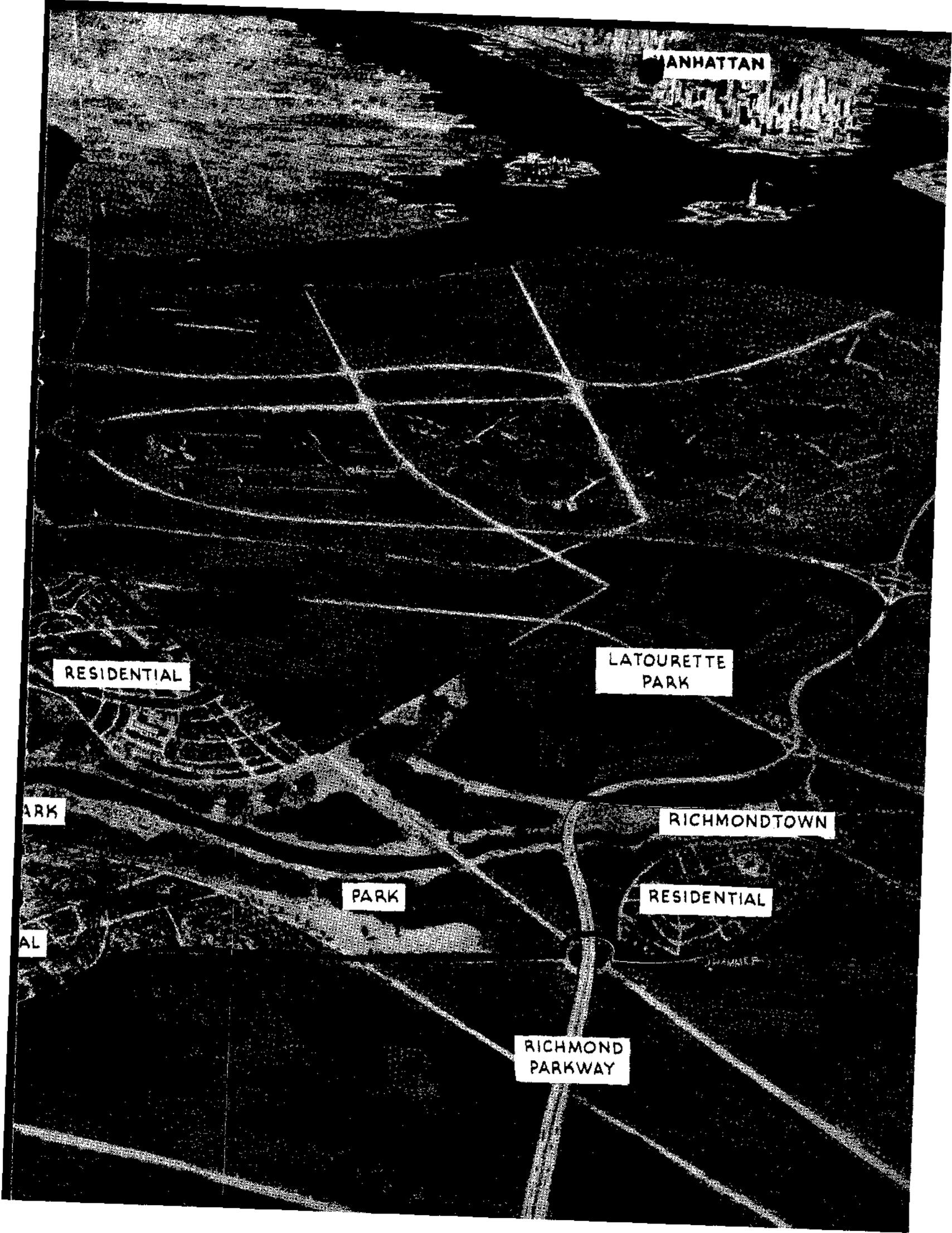
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cost of the bridge previously proposed. Furthermore, it will make possible the extension of the Railroad to industrial property south of Fresh Kills between the West Shore Expressway and Arthur Kill. The Railroad could not be extended south of the Kills if a separate movable span permitting navigation were installed. Damming the Kills is also an essential part of the plan for the ultimate development of the reclaimed area inside the West Shore Expressway. The tide gate and dam will maintain a constant level slightly above mean high water and, since the creeks serve as the final storm water outfall for this section of Staten Island, they will become fresh water lakes admirably adapted to recreation. A constant water level will eliminate the unsightliness and unpleasant odors of muddy shores exposed at low tide and will add greatly to the values of the adjacent land by making it usable and desirable for park and residential purposes.

Schmul, New Springville and LaTourette Parks, comprising 790 acres of existing park property, lie partially within the limits of Fresh Kills. The creation of fresh-water, constant level lakes in this area will double the acreage devoted to recreation. The major part of this additional park area will lie entirely within the land-fill limits and will consist of a continuous belt of park lands, varying in width and bordering the waterways on both banks. The property between these park belts and the boundaries of the Fresh Kills project will eventually be sold by the City, after fill operations are completed, and will be returned to the tax rolls for residential and commercial development. Preliminary zoning studies for the project anticipate a total area of approximately 1,068 acres restricted to residential use, 45 acres set aside for retail use, 18 acres zoned for business, and 875 acres of unrestricted industrial and commercial area between the West Shore Expressway and Arthur Kill.

The land area in the park additions will total 575 acres and the new lakes under park jurisdiction will approximate 160 acres. The proposed park belts will provide for baseball, softball and other organized sports, playgrounds, picnicking, boating and fishing. Pedestrian bridges will cross the streams at convenient points to provide easy circulation throughout a system of tree-shaded paths along the water's edge. Ample space will be available for bicycle and bridle paths. The project includes a small addition to Schmul Park so that residents of Travis will have a connecting corridor to the varied facilities of the new Fresh Kills park system.

New Springville Park with its fine old woodlands

is at present divided into two almost equal parts by a long narrow strip of privately owned cultivated land. This property will be made part of the park and additional purchases will be made to extend the park boundaries west to Victory Boulevard. There is an existing bird sanctuary in New Springville Park south of Travis Avenue and it is planned to enlarge this to include all the park area between Travis Avenue and the fork of Main and Springville Creeks in a protected wild-life refuge.

Within the section of Fresh Kills, which includes the southern part of LaTourette Park and extends along Arthur Kill Road from Richmond Avenue to the Town of Richmond, fill operations will be severely limited and will require greater care in execution. This section contains features of historic and scenic interest which should be preserved, as far as is practicable, in the conditions which have prevailed for more than two and a half centuries.

Fill operations in this portion of the project will be divided into two parts by the right of way of the proposed Richmond Parkway. This parkway connects Outerbridge Crossing with Hylan Boulevard in the vicinity of Grasmere and provides connections via the proposed Willowbrook Parkway and Clove Lakes Expressway with the Goethals and Bayonne Bridges. Richmond Parkway enters the Fresh Kills project limits at the intersection of Richmond Avenue and Arthur Kill Road and proceeds northward through a proposed addition to LaTourette Park, across Richmond Creek and through the present LaTourette Park to Willowbrook Parkway. When all land for the Fresh Kills project has been acquired, the City will own the entire right of way of Richmond Parkway from Willowbrook Parkway to Arthur Kill Road.

One fill operation in this area will be bounded by the west side of Arthur Kill Road and by the proposed alignment of a new thoroughfare which will leave Arthur Kill Road in the vicinity of Getz Avenue and curve northeast to form an extension of Clarke Avenue, so planned as to by-pass and preserve the narrow streets in the heart of the old town of Richmond. The other operation will be in the triangle bounded by Richmond Parkway, Richmond Avenue and a proposed extension of Forest Hill Road. Intersected by Richmond Creek and Ketchum's Brook, a tributary stream, much of this low and marshy tract already forms a part of LaTourette Park. The remainder will be incorporated in the future park development. The Department of Parks will assist the Department of Sanitation in the preparation of grading studies and in the supervision of operations in this area so that the existing features of natural and historic interest

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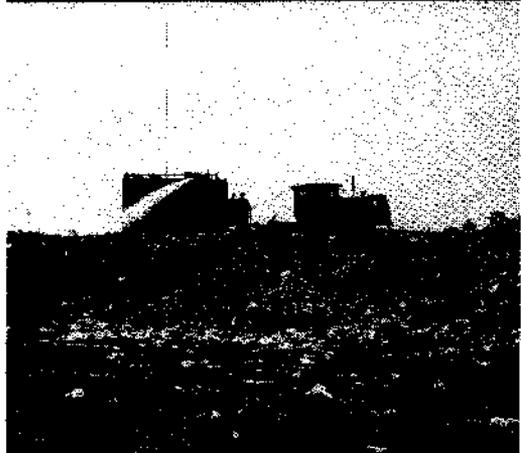


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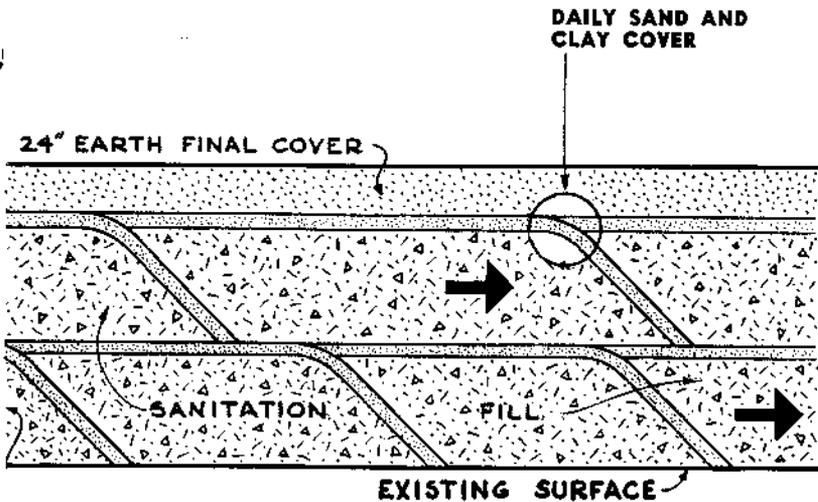
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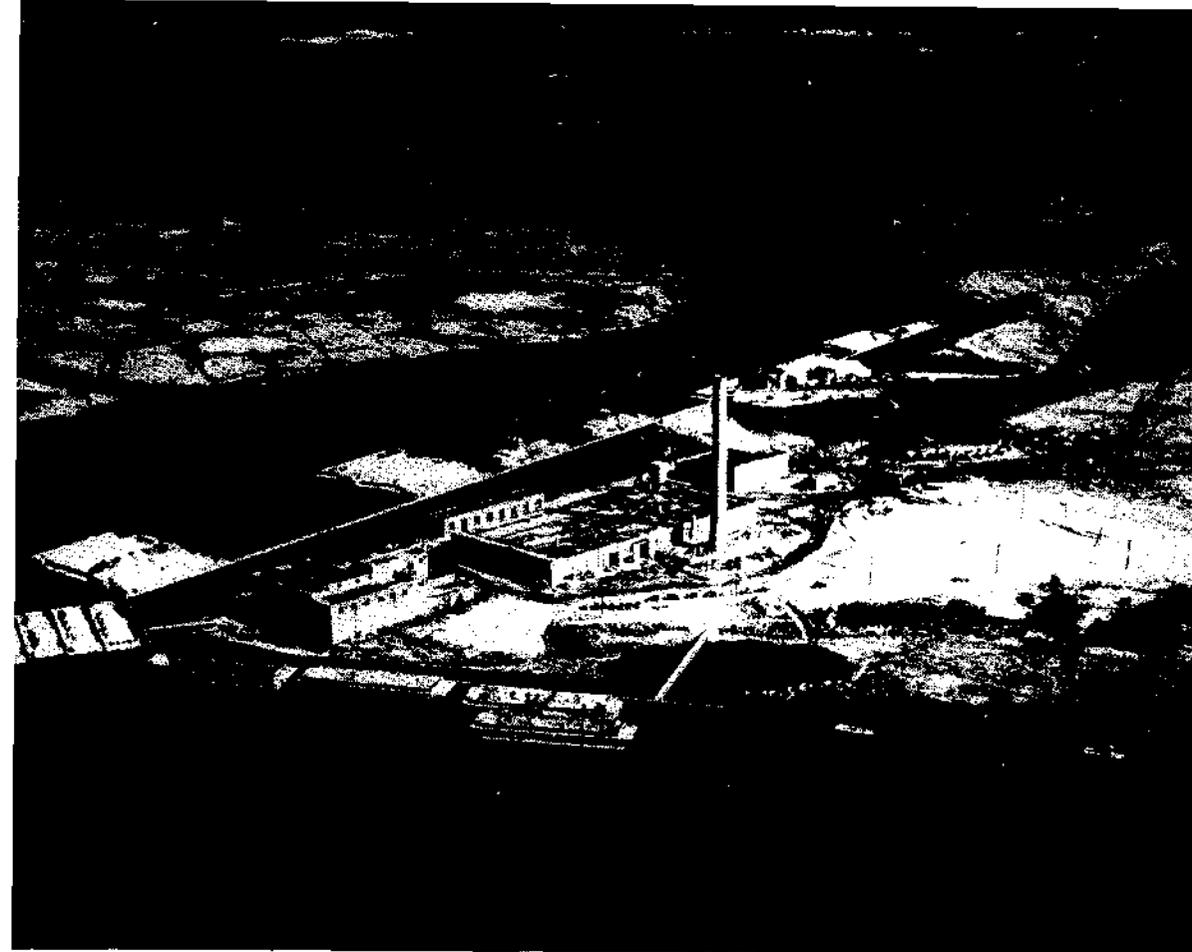


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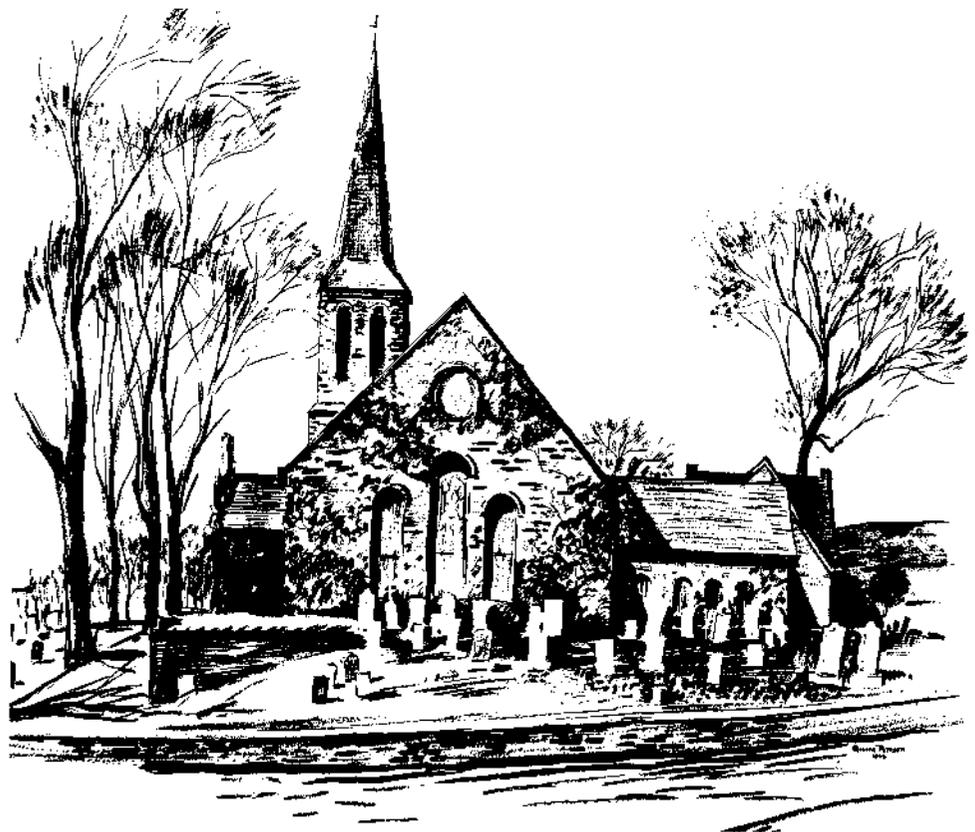


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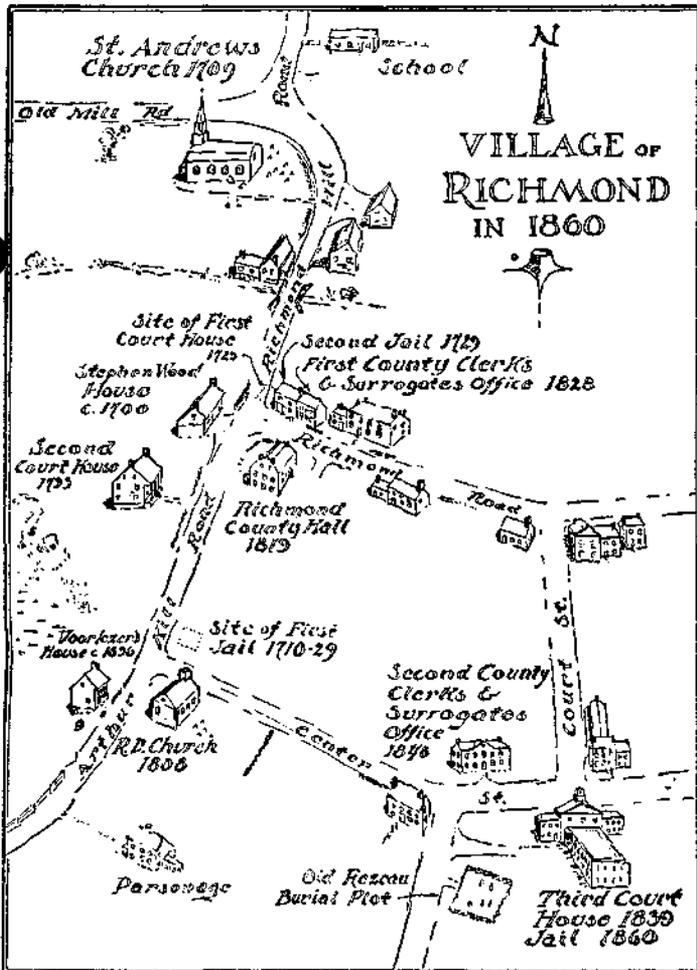
THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

THE EARLY COLONIAL VILLAGE OF RICHMOND TOWN LIES AT THE EAST END OF THE FRESH KILLS PROJECT AND CONTAINS A REMARKABLE NUMBER OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS, SUCH AS THE VOORLEZER'S HOUSE BUILT IN 1696, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BUILT IN 1709, THE SECOND COURT HOUSE OF 1793, THE STEPHEN WOOD OR TREASURE HOUSE OF 1700 AND THE THIRD COURT HOUSE OF 1836. THE OLD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE OF 1848 IS NOW THE MUSEUM OF THE STATEN ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

RICHMONDTOWN



SECOND COURT HOUSE



THE VOORLEZER'S HOUSE

will be retained wherever possible, and a harmonious blending of existing topography, parkway and newly made land insured. The new fill will be placed at a level not higher than that of the parkway profile so that the broad sweep of meadows and waterways seen from the north will remain unbroken.

To preserve further this expanse of marsh and stream, celebrated in the history of Staten Island and of the Town of Richmond for 250 years, no fill operations will be permitted in the central area on either side of Richmond Creek between the Parkway and Richmondtown, from Old Mill Road on the west to the proposed extension of Clarke Avenue on the east. Within this central area were the old public docks, where schooners landed their goods and loaded the products of Richmond's flour mills, tanneries and farms. Here also remain the foundations of the old tide mill, the miller's house and the dam where the tidal waters were impounded. Generations of Staten Islanders came here for fishing, swimming, trapping and other pastimes, and the preservation of this fine historic spot within the LaTourette Park development will provide a valuable contrast with the rolling meadows, hills and woods which comprise the remainder of the Park.

No other community on Staten Island has so rich and significant a history as the village of Richmond, which served for almost two hundred years as the county seat of Richmond County. Many of the buildings which helped to make the old town the political, social and religious center of the Island are still standing; the remains of others still exist; and additional sites of historic interest lie free from encumbrances and ready for restoration. Among the existing buildings are the Voorlezer's House (1695), erected to serve as a church, school and home, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and graveyard (1709), the County Court House (1836-37), the County Clerk's and Surrogate's Office (1848), and the County Jail (1860). There are foundations and other remains of such structures as the redoubts of a fort built by the British during the War of Independence, old houses, mills and taverns. The old Town Bridge, a stone structure, is still in use.

The Staten Island Historical Society, which has restored the Voorlezer's House and the County Clerk's office and maintains them as museums, has envisioned the preservation and gradual restoration or rebuilding of the principal buildings which formerly composed the village of Richmond. To carry out these plans the Society has established the Richmondtown Foundation and steady progress is being made in the acquisition of sites and in

planning for the future. Unlike more widely known restorations such as New Castle, Delaware, Williamsburg, Virginia, and Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts, Richmondtown is easily accessible to the residents of the largest metropolitan population center in the world. Historically, the project presents a rare opportunity to preserve for posterity the last remaining example of the early Colonial and Federal village and county center from which our present great city grew.

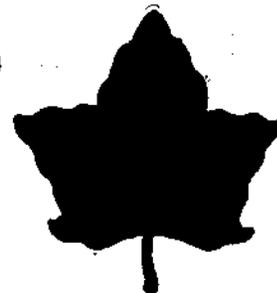
To permit the retention of the quiet, narrow streets in the heart of Richmondtown, the office of the Borough President of Richmond is preparing plans to divert through-traffic. One of these proposals involves the extension of Clarke Avenue south to Arthur Kill Road and the construction of a new street connection north of the village which will divert Richmond Road traffic into Clarke Avenue and by-pass the center of Richmondtown. A further proposal is to build a connection from Richmond Hill Road, in LaTourette Park, to Richmond Road, by-passing the village on the west, and including a bus turnaround for the Richmond Road buses.

Since many historic sites outside the village proper lie within the limits of LaTourette Park, most of them can be preserved and suitably marked even though all may never be restored. Burial Hill with its fine views should become a park overlook, and the thirty-foot square burial ground of the Bedell family should be suitably fenced and its pre-revolutionary headstones, now in the possession of the Historical Society, once more set up. The dam, pond and waterfall at the site of Ketchum's Freshwater Mill should be restored and made a feature of the park development. This part of the project will involve the construction of a culvert under Richmond Parkway to carry the water from the mill-race. A pedestrian underpass or overpass will also be needed to provide easy access for visitors. There are many other sites, some of which lie in the path of Richmond Parkway and cannot be preserved, but the majority can be set aside as part of an impressive record of the past.

The Fresh Kills land-fill project cannot fail to affect constructively a wide area around it. It is at once practical and idealistic. The historic village of Richmond will be one of the neighborhoods most vitally affected. Through careful and practical planning and the cooperation of public officials, civic groups and interested citizens not only of Staten Island but of the entire City, Richmondtown, an important relic of past years, will be preserved, restored and revitalized for the instruction, inspiration and pleasure of present and future generations.

The Fresh Kills project is not merely a means of disposing of the city's refuse in an efficient, sanitary and unobjectionable manner pending the building of incinerators. We believe that it represents the greatest single opportunity for community planning in this City. The cooperation of the Borough President of Richmond, the Departments of Sanitation and Parks, the City Planning Commission and Board of Estimate will create enough valuable new property in this presently fallow and useless area to pay the cost of the project many times over and to produce a well rounded and diversified community, practically planned, to meet the future needs of Staten Island.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work and opening for public usage, without ceremonies, of a playground at 106 Street, Atlantic Avenue to 94 Avenue, Queens.

This 1.2 acre playground in the Woodhaven section of Queens, will provide urgently needed recreational facilities, formerly lacking, for a community of small homes and apartment houses. The improvement contains a comfort station, flagpole, sand pit, shower basin, swings, slides and see-saws for children of pre-school age; and for older children, three basketball courts, four handball courts and four shuffleboard courts. The perimeter of the area has been landscaped with shade trees and numerous benches have been provided for guardians of children as well as the users of the facility.

The new playground, ground for which was broken on June 6th of this year by the late Borough President Maurice A. FitzGerald, has been named after him, and a bronze plaque has been erected on the face of the brick comfort station. It reads as follows:

In Memory of
MAURICE A. FITZGERALD
1897 - 1951
Assemblyman, Sheriff,
Commissioner of Borough Works
President of the Borough of Queens

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 559 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The popular Department of Parks Marionette Theatre opens its fall and winter tour with a completely new production of Jack and the Beanstalk, on Monday, November 26, at the Betsy Head Recreation Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn. The performance will begin at 3:30 P.M.

The Marionette Theatre will give 149 performances at 86 locations including park indoor center, schools, hospitals, museums, settlements and community houses, orphan homes, and child care centers. The dates during which the Marionette Theatre will play in the boroughs are:

Brooklyn	-	November 26 through December 28
Manhattan	-	December 29 through January 25
Queens	-	January 28 through February 19
Bronx	-	February 20 through March 12
Richmond	-	March 13 through March 28

This production of Jack and the Beanstalk is an exciting and engrossing version of the perennial story favorite. The park puppeteers have been working for months creating enchanting marionettes, props, and scenery. The magic beanstalk, fashioned from liquid latex rubber, shoots up from nowhere and dissolves just as mysteriously before your eyes. The Giant is an imposing character, truculent, ferocious, and clad in full armor. Technology too, has added its contribution to the construction of the Hen That Lays Golden Eggs. Previously she could lay but one egg, now her production has been upped to three eggs per performance, an accomplishment sure to delight young audiences.

The seating capacity of most locations where Jack and the Beanstalk will be presented, will accommodate only the regular students or members. However, the general public is invited to attend the following performances:

Monday	Nov. 26	3:30 P.M.	Betsy Head Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Aves., Brooklyn
Friday	Nov. 30	3:30 P.M.	McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillary Streets, Brooklyn
Saturday	Dec. 15	1:30 P.M.	Sunset Recreation Center, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street, Brooklyn
Thursday	Dec. 27	11:00 A.M. and	Brooklyn Museum, Eastern Parkway and Washing- ton Avenue. Write Museum for free tickets.
Friday	Dec. 28	2:00 P.M.	
Saturday	Dec. 29	11:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.	Museum of the City of New York, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue, Manhattan Write Museum for free tickets.
Sunday	Dec. 30	2:00 P.M.	Museum of the City of New York, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue, Manhattan Write Museum for free tickets.
Wednesday	Jan. 16	3:30 P.M.	J. Hood Wright Playground, 174th Street and Ft. Washington Avenue, Manhattan
Thursday	Jan. 17	3:30 P.M.	Playground at Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street, Manhattan

Beginning in June of 1952, the Marionette Theatre will tour outdoor park locations throughout the city with the same production of Jack and the Beanstalk and give every youngster an opportunity to see this remarkable puppet show.

*Dedication and
Opening Ceremonies*

of

BROOKLYN WAR MEMORIAL

and

S. PARKES CADMAN PLAZA PARK

at the Brooklyn Civic Center

Monday, November 12, 1951

3:00 P.M.

Program

BAND SELECTIONS

By New York City Police Department Band

RAISING OF COLORS

By Color Guard, American Legion, Kings County

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by Everett M. Clark

HONORABLE ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner of Parks, Presiding

INVOCATION

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**TOUR OF INSPECTION
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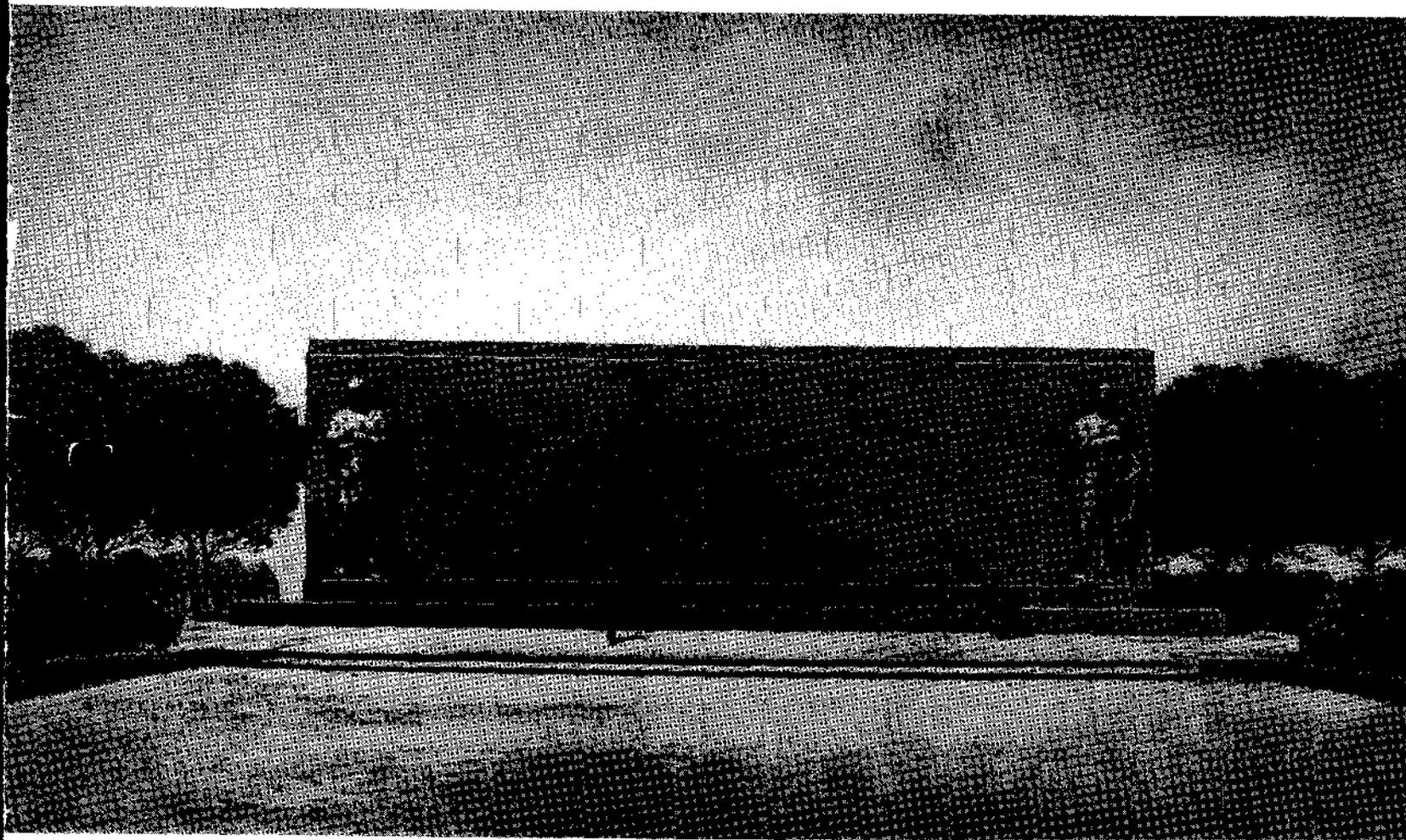
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THE BROOKLYN WAR MEMORIAL

On June 6, 1944, Frank D. Schroth, Publisher of the Brooklyn Eagle, called together John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn; Mary E. Dillon, President of the New York Board of Education; Edward C. Blum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences; Colonel John J. Bennett, former Attorney General of the State of New York and a veteran of World War I and World War II; and Dr. Harry S. Rogers, President of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, to act as a committee to formulate a program for and judge a competition which would produce a war memorial for Brooklyn meeting the standards set forth by Park Commissioner Robert Moses when he urged that each of the City's five boroughs take up the matter as a boroughwide project and thus prevent the recurrence of the pattern of small, scattered, inadequate, temporary war memorials put up after the first World War.

On June 11, 1944, the Brooklyn Eagle announced a \$5,000 prize contest for an appropriate memorial to commemorate the valor and sacrifice of the 300,000 men and women of the Borough who had served or were then serving in the armed forces of the United States of America. The purpose of this contest was to obtain ideas for an appropriate memorial expressed in simple, straightforward terms. It was specifically announced that contestants need not be architects, sculptors, engineers, technicians of any sort, authors or journalists, and that the award would be made solely on the basis of originality and appropriateness of the proposal.

The contest closed on April 1, 1945 with 243 entries. On Sunday, May 27, 1945, the winners were announced in the Brooklyn Eagle. The winning design by Elisabeth Gordon, Sculptor, and Stuart Constable, Chief Designer of the Department of Parks, proposed the development of the area between Tillary Street, the Brooklyn Bridge approaches, Washington Street and Fulton Street, as a park setting for a group of three buildings. The largest of these buildings was to be an auditorium, with a seating capacity of 1,500 to 2,000, facing a memorial court. This court was to be flanked on the west by a veterans' office building, and on the east by a memorial room. It was proposed that the park development and the group of buildings be developed together as Brooklyn's War Memorial.

On August 15, 1945, Japan surrendered and preparation for the construction of the Memorial began. The Brooklyn Eagle authorized the preparation of a model of Brooklyn's new Civic Center with the Memorial area shown in complete detail. A corporation known as The Brooklyn War Memorial Inc. was formed to raise funds for the Memorial by public subscription and to build the Memorial. The officers and directors of the Corporation are Hon. John Cashmore, Honorary Chairman; George V. McLaughlin, President; Robert E. Blum, Vice President; Mary E. Dillon, Secretary; Everett M. Clark, Treasurer; Hon. John J. Bennett, Dr. Harry S. Rogers, Gilbert C. Barrett and H. Russell Burbank, Directors.

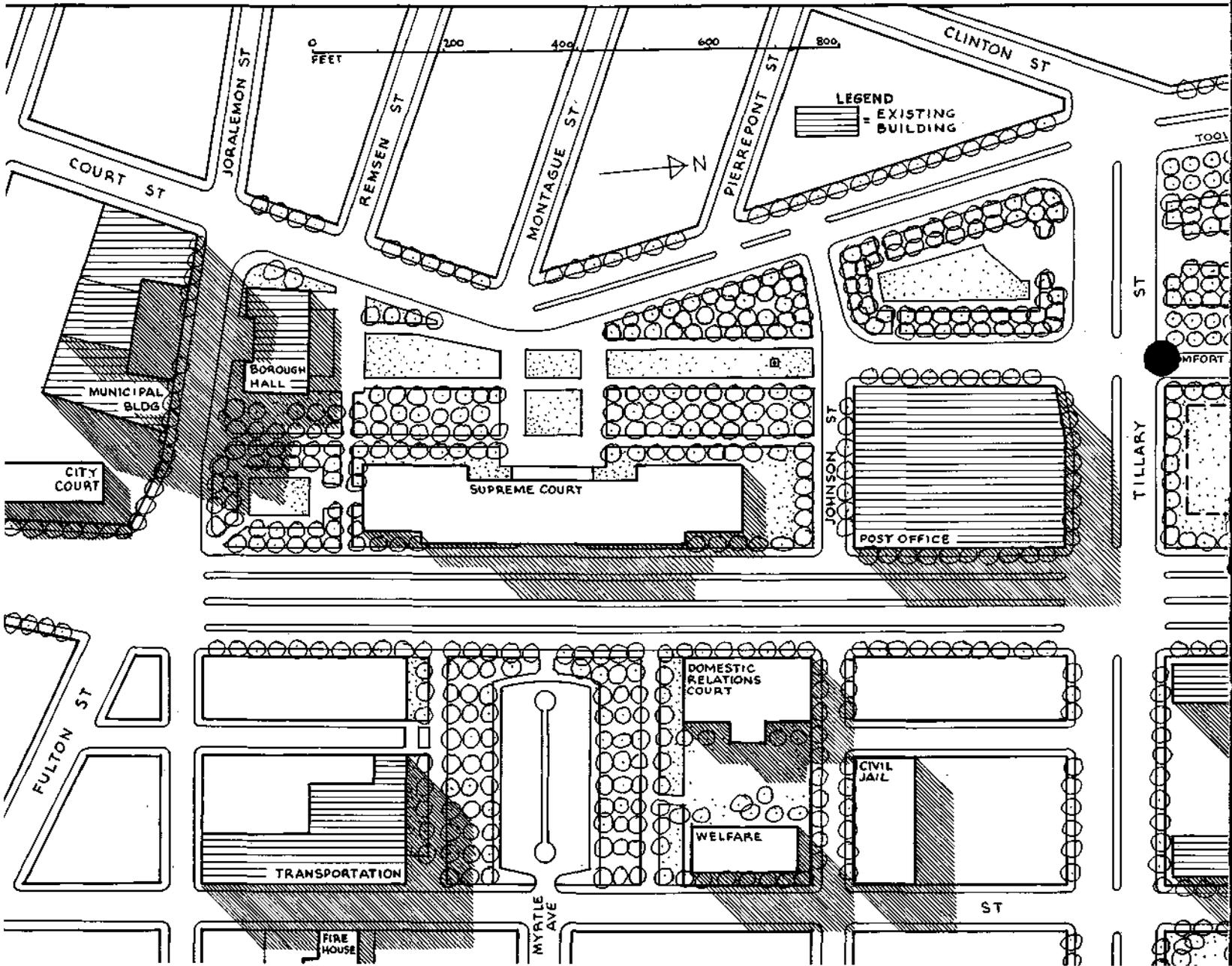
The firm of John Rae Associates was engaged to conduct the fund raising campaign and it seemed that the Memorial would soon be a reality. The distinguished firm of Eggers and Higgins was employed as architects for the project and preliminary drawings, based on the winning design, were prepared and perspective drawings made for the use of The Brooklyn War Memorial Inc. in its campaign for funds. On October 11, 1945, the City of New York, by resolution of the Board of Estimate, agreed to accept and maintain the Memorial.

The response of business and industry to George McLaughlin's call for funds to build the Memorial was immediate and generous. General public response, however, was apathetic and

in 1947 the campaign was abandoned. After paying all expenses, The Brooklyn War Memorial Inc. had about \$500,000 available for construction of the Memorial. The postwar inflationary spiral had begun by this time and it was evident that it would be impossible to build the originally planned Memorial with the funds available. After numerous conferences between The Brooklyn War Memorial Inc. and interested City officials, it was decided that the City would bear the entire cost of park development of the portion of S. Parkes Cadman Plaza in which the Memorial building was to be located.

A Design Committee, consisting of Gilmore D. Clarke, W. Earle Andrews and Stuart Constable, was appointed to investigate, with the architects, Eggers and Higgins, the possibility of constructing a satisfactory war memorial building with the funds available. On April 27, 1949, this Committee presented preliminary studies and estimates for the building now completed. Preparation of final drawings was authorized and the architects were directed to recommend a sculptor for the two figures they had shown at the ends of the Memorial wall.

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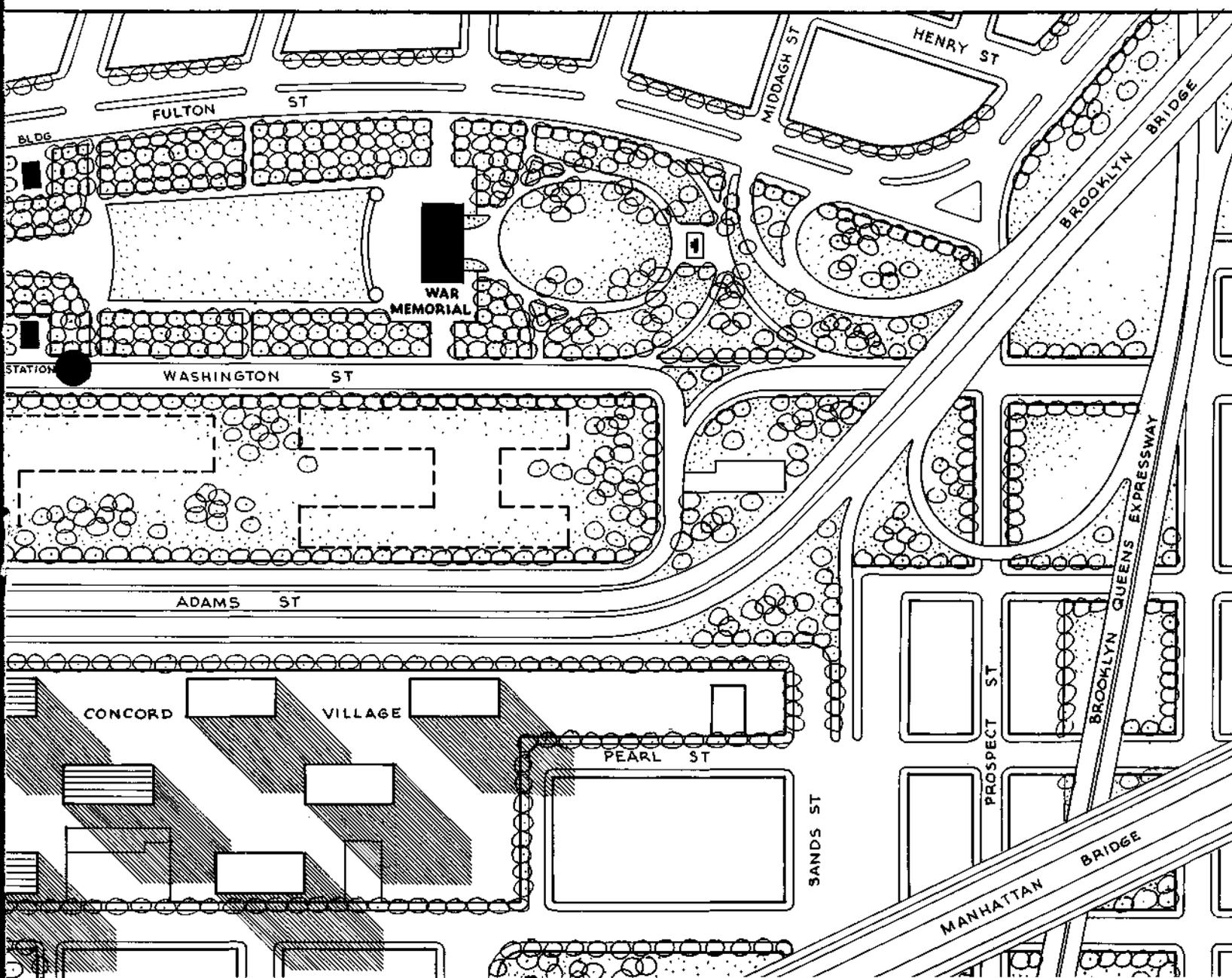


The late Charles Keck, one of the ablest sculptors in the country, creator of the statues of Father Duffy in Longacre Square, Abraham Lincoln in Lincoln Houses, Alfred E. Smith and of many other distinguished works throughout the world, was recommended and chosen for this important work. The stone figures—24 feet high—are the largest in New York City.

Bids for the Memorial were taken and a contract for construction was awarded to the Caye Construction Company of Brooklyn on September 13, 1950. The Department of Parks had prepared plans for the development of Cadman Plaza from Tillary Street to the Brooklyn Bridge approaches and these plans had been coordinated with the plans of Eggers and Higgins for the Memorial building.

Keeping its part of the agreement, the City let a contract for the development of the park area around the Memorial on August 18, 1950. The two contracts running concurrently have produced a distinguished Memorial surrounded by a magnificent park area of 8½ acres, designed as a setting for, and to augment the usefulness of, the building. This development is one

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of the first completed evidences of the effort that has gone into the planning and construction of Brooklyn's new Civic Center. Other evidence that this truly great project is nearing reality stands around the Memorial area.

Three completed units of Concord Village, the privately financed housing project of the Concord Freeholders, a savings bank group, stand one block to the east. Between this project and Cadman Plaza, the dilapidated commercial buildings and slums have been demolished and the area eventually to be occupied by a new Federal Building and a public high school will be converted to temporary park use in the spring of 1952.

The old elevated station which formerly occupied part of Cadman Plaza has been removed. All surface transportation running on rails has been converted to more flexible motor or trolley bus service and the new building of the Board of Transportation has been completed. Brooklyn Bridge is now being reconstructed from plans by Robinson & Steinman, Engineers, and the new Brooklyn approaches will be opened to the public in late 1952.

Commissioner Frederick H. Zurmuhlen of the Department of Public Works expects to let contracts for the construction of the new Domestic Relations Court before the end of the year, and has scheduled the start of construction on the new Welfare Center for 1952.

The firm of Clarke, Rapuano and Holleran, Engineers, has completed plans for the development of the portion of S. Parkes Cadman Plaza south of Tillary Street, around old Borough Hall and the proposed Supreme Court Building, and is now preparing contract plans for Myrtle Avenue Park, east of the Supreme Court Building between Adams and Jay Streets.

President John Cashmore has done everything within his power to advance the realization of this far-reaching public improvement. His office has expedited all necessary street improvement and sewer projects; widened Adams Street north of Tillary Street will soon be a reality; and Washington Street along Cadman Plaza north of Tillary Street will be regraded and repaved in 1952.

The Supreme Court Building site will be cleared in 1952 and it is hoped that a start can be made on actual construction in 1953.

Tillary Street, from Washington Street to Flatbush Avenue Extension will be realigned and repaved in 1953 to form a proper connection to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. This important artery, which forms the north and east boundaries of the Civic Center, will be completed from Gowanus Parkway to Brooklyn Bridge in 1953. The section from Brooklyn Bridge to Navy Street will be completed in 1955.

The dedication of the Brooklyn War Memorial, a relatively small but important and conspicuous part of the plan for the development of Brooklyn's Civic Center, marks one more step toward the realization of a most ambitious and carefully planned central urban development. This is no paper job of theoretical planning, embracing as it does intelligent slum clearance and new housing, privately financed, planning and construction of arterial interborough connections and important East River crossings; coordination of street plans with main traffic facilities, and the location, design and construction of many new public buildings. The financing of all of these projects and their coordination into a unified, practical and beautiful whole, has required the skill of many firms of engineers and architects, and the unceasing effort and cooperation of public officials at national, state and local levels. Fortunately this skill has been available and the cooperation forthcoming.

The completed Brooklyn War Memorial is a promise of things to come, a foretaste of the beauty and order which will mark the heart of Brooklyn when the Center is completed.

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The Department of Parks announces the closing for the season of the tennis courts at the close of business on Monday, November 12, 1951. After this date, players who bring their own equipment, including nets, will be permitted to use the hard surface courts free of charge.



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The Department of Parks and the Madison Square Garden Corporation have arranged for members of the New York Knickerbocker Basketball Team to conduct a free basketball clinic for boys and girls at the East 54th Street Gymnasium, 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan, on Thursday, November 15, at 8 P.M.

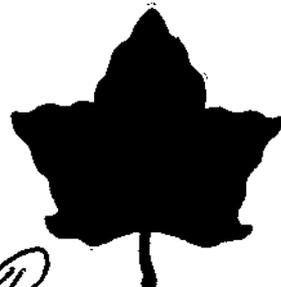
Teaching youngsters how to have more fun through sports by learning more about the games they play is a rewarding service as well as an obligation for outstanding athletes. The Knickerbocker players in recent years have donated a great deal of their time to this work. The Knickerbockers, by means of motion pictures, lectures, and floor demonstrations, explain methods, techniques, and plays which will help youngsters to perfect their basketball skills.

All boys and girls are urged to take advantage of this opportunity by attending Thursday evening's clinic which will begin promptly at 8 P.M. Youngsters and any parents who wish to attend are asked to be at the gymnasium by 7:45 P.M.

Clinics will also be held in Brooklyn and the Bronx later in the season.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the new Hanover Square Park, constructed in cooperation with the Borough President of Manhattan. Located in lower Manhattan at the intersection of Hanover, Stone, Pearl and William Streets, Hanover Square was the historic center of the old shipping industry and is today still surrounded by export-import houses dealing in overseas products.

The demolition of the Third Avenue Elevated opened the square to light and air and permitted its construction as a park with block paving, trees and numerous benches.

Various civic and historical organizations have been deeply interested in this restoration of a small but interesting part of Old New York.

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DAILY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9 A.M. - 10 A.M. - Figure & Dance Session - \$1.00 with privilege to stay over for the next session.

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " ---- 25¢(adults); 10¢(children 14 years of age or under)

8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - " " ---- 50¢

MONDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " ---- 25¢(adults); 10¢(children 14 year of age or under)

6:00 7:00
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - ~~(Figure & Dance Session)~~ *Speed Skating* 50¢ - (\$1.00 with privilege to stay over for the next session.)

8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " ---- 25¢(adults); 10¢(children 14 year of age or under)

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8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " ---- 25¢(adults); 10¢(children 14 year of age or under)

6:00 7:00
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - ~~(Figure & Dance Session)~~ *Speed Skating* - \$1.00 with privilege to stay over for the next session.

8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

THURSDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " ---- 25¢(adults); 10¢(children 14 year of age or under)

7:30 8:30
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - ~~(Speed Skating)~~ *Figure & Dance Session* --- 50¢

8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - Public Skating --- 25¢(adults); 10¢(children 14 year of age or under)

6:00 7:00
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - ~~(Figure & Dance Session)~~ *Speed Skating* - \$1.00 with privilege to stay over for the next session.

8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢

SATURDAY, SCHOOL VACATION AND HOLIDAYS EXCEPT SUNDAYS

8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. - ~~Public Session~~ *Skating* for the Wollman Children Figure Skating Team (free) by Registration.

10:00 A.M. - 12 Noon - Free Session - ~~14 years of age and under~~ *14 years of age and under*

12 Noon - 1 P.M. - Free Speed Session for the Wollman Speed Skating Team - by Registration

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - Public Skating -- 25¢(adults); 10¢(children 14 years of age or under)

7:30 8:30
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - ~~(Speed Skating)~~ *Figure & Dance Session* --- 50¢

8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢

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850 YOUNGSTERS TO COMPETE TODAY
IN CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST

More than 850 boys and girls, ranging in age from 5 to 16, will compete today (Saturday, October 27) from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. for \$500 in fishing equipment prizes at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island.

The fishing contest, conducted by the Department of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's Famous, well-known Coney Island restaurant, will award an additional \$500 in prizes to winners and runners-up among the 800-odd adults competing in the men's and women's divisions tomorrow (Sunday, October 28).

There will be a total of eight winners in the contest, one each in the boys' and girls' divisions on Saturday, and two each in the men's and women's competition on Sunday. Each of the winners will receive eight separate items of fishing equipment, including a six-foot fibre-glass rod, a salt-water reel, 150 feet of nylon fishing line with assorted hooks and sinkers, a lantern for night fishing, a squid bag, tackle box and other items. The prizes have been on display at Nathan's sea-food bar, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island, for the past three weeks.

Of the 850 entrants in the junior divisions, 150 are girls and 700 boys. Some 725 men and 75 women aged 16 and over will be competing in the adult divisions on Sunday.

Winners in the contest will be judged on the basis of the largest fish caught. In case of a tie, length of catch will determine the winner. Whiting and sea-bass are now running in the Coney Island-Sheepshead Bay area.

Registration centers for the contest included all Park Department playgrounds throught the city, and Nathan's Famous.

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MEMO TO PHOTO EDITORS

What: Coney Island Fishing Contest

When: Saturday, October 27, 3 P.M.

Where: Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island

Picture Possibilities: More than 1,600 men, women, boys and girls entered in this weekend's CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST. On Saturday, the junior divisions will find boys and girls (700 boys and 150 girls) ranging from five to 16 years, competing from 8 A.M. for \$500 in fishing equipment prizes. Hundreds of youngsters will be hauling in their catch, bringing it to the judges' tables for weighing. Prizes will be awarded on the spot, at shortly after 3 P.M.

On Sunday, some 800 adults will be competing. In addition to the pier-fishing, the men and women will also cast from beaches near the pier. Prizes valued at \$500 will be awarded to winners and runners-up (one man and one woman each) shortly after 3 P.M.

Contest conducted by Department of Parks, sponsored by Coney Island restaurant Nathan's Famous, Inc.

Note: We are providing lunch for judges and the press at 1 P.M. both days. If your photographer would care to come, the meeting place is Nathan's, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.

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1,500 REGISTRATIONS ALREADY RECEIVED
FOR PARK DEP'T - NATHAN'S FISHING CONTEST
TO BE HELD AT CONEY ISLAND OCT. 27 & 28

More than 1,500 registrations have already been received for the Coney Island fishing contest to be conducted Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 by the Department of Parks at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island, under the sponsorship of Nathan's Famous, Inc., well-known Coney Island restaurant, it was announced today by the Park Department.

Winners in the four divisions of the contest will receive sixty-four separate items of fishing equipment valued at approximately \$1,000. Boys and girls under 16 will compete on Saturday, October 27, with the senior men's and women's contest the following day, Sunday, October 28.

Most of the registration for the junior division has been taking place at Park Department playgrounds in Brooklyn. Adult registrants include many sportsmen who regularly fish the Coney Island-Sheepshead Bay area.

Entry blanks for the contest are now available at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's sea-food bar, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.

Winners and runners-up in each division will receive eight prizes each, making up a full salt-water outfit. The prizes, which include a six-foot fibre-glass rod, a reel, 150 feet of nylon fishing line with assorted hooks and sinkers, a lantern for night fishing, a squid bag, tackle box and other items, are now on display at Nathan's sea-food bar.

Winners will be judged on the basis of the heaviest fish caught. In case of a tie, length of the fish will determine the winner. Whiting and sea-bass are expected to be the chief catch.

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ADVANCED INFORMATION FOR PROGRAM AND SPECIAL EVENTS EDITORS

On November 1st, at 3:30 p.m., the Brooklyn War Memorial, Inc., the Department of Parks of the City of New York, and the Borough President of Brooklyn, will dedicate the Brooklyn War Memorial and S. Parkes Cadman Plaza Park at the Brooklyn Civic Center, at the Brooklyn end of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Park Commissioner Robert Moses; the Honorable Frank D. Schroth, publisher of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle; Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger, Commanding General, First Army; Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, U.S.N., Commander, Naval Base, New York; the Honorable George V. McLaughlin, President of the Brooklyn War Memorial, Inc.; the Honorable John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn; the Honorable Joseph T. Sharkey, Acting President of the City Council, and the Honorable Vincent R. Impellitteri, Mayor of the City of New York, will participate as speakers.

Chaplains from the Jewish War Veterans, American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, will also participate.

The First Army Band will provide music.

This memorial will be dedicated to the men and women of Brooklyn who served their country in the Second World War. It is a living, useful, enduring and beautiful reminder of their valor and sacrifice.

It is expected that the ceremonies will be most colorful.

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The dedication of the Brooklyn War Memorial, a relatively small but important and conspicuous part of the plan for the development of Brooklyn's Civic Center, marks one more step toward the realization of a most ambitious and carefully planned central urban development. The dedication of the memorial and opening of S. Parkes Cadman Plaza Park, is a promise of things to come, a foretaste of the beauty and order which will mark the heart of Brooklyn when the Civic Center is completed.

A release, with illustrations, will be sent to you at a later date.

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Several million chrysanthemum blooms massed in colorful and vivid display throughout the city are now flowering in New York City's Annual Outdoor Chrysanthemum Display, the Department of Parks announced today. These flowers are now on view in ~~eight~~ ^{FIVE} park areas in New York City: The Central Park Conservatory Gardens at Fifth Avenue and 105th Street; ~~Brooklyn Park at 100th Street~~, the Central Park ~~Plaza~~ the Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street; Bryant Park at 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas; Bowling Green Park, at Broadway and Whitehall Street; Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Tillary Streets, Brooklyn, ~~and Flushing Meadows Park, Queens.~~

Thousands of visitors to the parks, as well as people in the surrounding office buildings, hospitals and apartment houses, have enjoyed this dramatic and unique outdoor show for many years. Planted solidly in beds, some of them 250 feet long, the flowers range in color from white through pale yellow to blue to pink to brilliant red, and the plants range in size from the small dwarf varieties to more than three feet high and three feet in spread. This display, comprised of ^{10,000} ~~11,000~~ plants, is one of the largest and most spectacular outdoor mass planting of chrysanthemums in the country.

In the Conservatory Gardens there are over twenty-five different varieties of the flowers consisting of: Buckingham, pink; Barham, bronze; Ethel, bronze red; Hardy Red; Courageous red; Heart Fire, bronze red; October Girl, pink; Rose Pink; Azalea Mum, red; Azalea Mum, pink; Azalea Mum, white; Bronze Cushion, bronze; Early Harvest, bronze; Charles Nye, bronze red; Early Bronze, bronze; Golden Lode, yellow; Irene, white button; White Dotty, white; Starlight, white and yellow; Autumn Song, bronze red; Brookside, pink; Purple Seedling, lavender; Ruth Cummings, bronze; Barbara Cummings, yellow; Barbara Small, white; etc.

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Friday, October 26, 1951

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The Department of Parks announces that roller skating at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park will terminate at the close of business on October 28th, and that the rink will be reopened for ice skating starting Friday, November 2nd.

The Wollman Memorial is located in the easterly side of Central Park, at about 63rd Street, west of the Central Park Zoo and north of the 59th Street Lake. It consists of a large outdoor skating rink, a semi-circular one-story brick building, housing refrigeration machinery, dressing rooms, a food concession, skate shop, and incidental facilities. A completely-equipped children's playground with swings, see-saws, sand pit, and shower basin has been constructed on the roof of the building and extends back into the park.

Skating sessions and prices are in accordance with the attached schedule.

Free figure and dance skating instruction for children up to fourteen years of age will be held on Saturday mornings between the hours of 10 and 11, throughout the ice skating season. Mr. Paul Von Gassner, senior professional instructor at the Wollman Memorial, is donating his time again this year as he did last year for these classes, and will personally instruct the youngsters.

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SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9 A.M. - 10 A.M. - Figure & Dance Session - \$1.00 with privilege to stay over
for the next session.
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating --- 50¢
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " --- 25¢, 10¢ *made 1¢*
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - " " --- 50¢

MONDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " -- 25¢, 10¢
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - Figure & Dance Session - \$1.00 with privilege to stay
over for the next session.
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " -- 25¢, 10¢
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - Speed Skating -- 50¢
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " -- 25¢, 10¢
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - Figure & Dance Session - \$1.00 with privilege to stay
over for the next session.
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢

THURSDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - " " -- 25¢, 10¢
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - Speed Skating -- 50¢
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating -- 50¢

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Public Skating - 50¢
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - Public Skating - 25¢, 10¢
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - Figure & Dance Session - \$1.00 with privilege to
stay over for the next
session.
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating - 50¢

SATURDAY, SCHOOL VACATION AND HOLIDAYS EXCEPT SUNDAYS

8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. - Patch Session for the Wollman Children Figure
Skating Team (free) by Registration.
10:00 A.M. - 12 Noon - Free Session - for under 14 years of age
Free Group instruction from 11 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
12 Noon - 1 P.M. - Free Speed Session for the Wollman Speed Skating Team -
by Registration
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. - Public Skating ---- 25¢, 10¢
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - Speed Skating ---- 50¢
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Public Skating ---- 50¢

*All revised schedule
& rates - 10/31/51*

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The Department of Parks announces completion of work in connection with the construction of and the opening to the general public of a new playground located adjacent to the Sedgwick Houses, between University Avenue and Undercliff Avenue, immediately north of the proposed Cross Bronx Expressway.

The construction of this playground was part of the plan and project of the Sedgwick Housing Project. It provides recreation for both the tenants of the housing project and for the residents of the adjacent community.

This new playground is built in two sections: The westerly portion contains kindergarten swings, slides, and see-saws, for children of pre-school age. The easterly section contains two basketball standards and two handball courts. Numerous benches have been provided throughout both sections for guardians of children at play and other users of the areas.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 558 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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FISHING EQUIPMENT VALUED AT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
OFFERED AS PRIZES IN CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST

Sixty-four items of up-to-date salt-water fishing equipment, valued at approximately \$1,000, will be given to the winners and runners-up in the Coney Island fishing contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28, under the sponsorship of Nathan's Famous, Inc., well-known Coney Island restaurant, it was announced today by the Park Department.

Entry blanks for the contest, which will be held at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island, are available at all New York City Park Department playgrounds and at Nathan's Famous, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.

Eight prizes, making up a full salt-water outfit, will be given to each of the winners and runners-up in the four divisions of the contest, junior boys and girls, to age 16, to be held Saturday, October 27, and Senior men and women, Sunday, October 28.

Winners in the senior men's and women's divisions will be awarded all the following prizes: a six-foot Ply-Tex live fiber-glass rod, a Penn "Senator" reel, 150 feet of nylon fishing line with assorted hooks and sinkers, a Headlight lantern for night fishing, a large squid bag, a fiber tackle box, a stainless steel fishing knife and a device called a "de-liar" for measuring and weighing fish.

Junior division winners will receive sportsmen's bait cans instead of knives. For runners-up in the adult divisions, the prizes will be Gliebe fiber-glass rods and Ocean City reels, together with the other items. Second-prize outfits in the junior divisions will contain Montague rods.

All prizes are on display at Nathan's Famous sea-food bar at Coney Island.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the public of a new playground adjacent to Public School 46, south of 64th Avenue, from 218th to 219th Streets in the Bell Garden section of Queens.

This 1.4 acre playground is another one of those agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. It is located on the outskirts of Queens in a section which has recently been developed with residences and garden-type apartments, and it will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for both the children of the school and the residents of this newly built up community.

The improvement has been built in three separate units for control purposes: The larger unit immediately adjacent to the school, will be used for roller skating and also ice skating during sub-freezing temperatures. It contains a softball diamond, two handball courts, and five practice basketball standards. The northeast corner of the improvement contains a small children's playground with a sand pit, shower basin, two kindergarten slides, kindergarten swings, a pipe frame exercise unit, a rack for ten bicycles, see-saws, flagpole, and a comfort station. The northwest corner of the improvement contains a basketball and volleyball court and two shuffleboard courts.

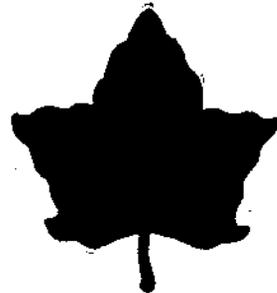
Numerous benches have been provided throughout the improvement for guardians of children and others using the facilities. The perimeter of the development has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 557 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The Department of Parks announces that a hippopotamus, shipped from Nairobi, Kenya, Africa, arrived at the Central Park Zoo on October 3, 1951. He is six years old, 4 feet high, 7 feet long, and will replace Schlemiel who died three years ago.

Press photographs may be taken at any time.

weight 2000 lb
Rosie's age 24
purchased from Henry Tufflich

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Sunday, October 7, 1951

FISHING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN CONEY ISLAND OCTOBER 27 - 28
CONDUCTED BY THE NEW YORK CITY PARK DEPARTMENT, SPONSORED BY NATHAN'S FAMOUS

A fishing contest for men, women, boys and girls will be held at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island, on the weekend of October 27-28, under the sponsorship of Nathan's Famous, Inc., Coney Island restaurant, it was announced today by the Department of Parks which will conduct the contest. Prizes of fishing equipment valued at approximately \$1,000 and donated by the sponsor, will be awarded the winners.

Applications for the contest are now available at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's Famous, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island. The contest will be divided into four parts: pier fishing for boys and girls to age 16 on Saturday, October 27, and pier and surf casting for men and women over 16 on Sunday, October 28. Two prizes will be awarded at the end of each day's fishing, to the boy and girl catching the biggest fish on Saturday, and to the man and woman catching the biggest fish Sunday. Prizes are on display at the sea-food bar of Nathan's Famous.

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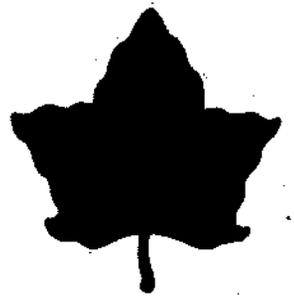
On Saturday, September 29, 1951, the Department of Parks will reopen Cromwell Center, located on Pier 6 in Staten Island, for public use. The hours of operation at the huge indoor recreation center will be from 3 P.M. to 10 P.M. Mondays through Fridays, and from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. on Saturdays, and Sundays. *3:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.*

Besides an 80' by 300' arena in which the basketball, volleyball, tennis and badminton courts are located, the center has special rooms for senior and junior games, arts and crafts, boxing and exercise, and manual training.

The manual training room, furnished with up-to-date equipment for woodworking and staffed by experienced instructors, will be open from Monday to Friday between the hours of 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.

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The first Mixed Twosome Championship for municipal course golfers will be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company, at Clearview Golf Course beginning at 10 A.M. on Sunday, September 30.

Play will consist of 18 holes of "scotch ball" medal play, the man to drive from odd numbered tees and the woman from even numbered tees, or vice versa. From tee to green, partners will play every other shot. U.S.G.A. rules will govern all play and in case of ties, winner will be determined by matching score cards.

Contestants in Sunday's matches are the man and woman from each of the 10 municipal golf courses who turned in the lowest gross scores in the Blind Bogey Tournament held last Sunday. These contestants, and the courses they represent, will be:

Dyker Beach, Brooklyn
Michael Tadross
Gertrude Hyde

Van Cortlandt, Bronx
Raymond Friedlander
Nancy Dalbey

Mosholu, Bronx
James Manzone
Dolores Dalziel

Pelham, Bronx
Charles Pucillo
Louisa Wasserman

Split Rock, Bronx
Sam Levine
Frances Freid

Kissena, Queens
George Worthington
Jessie Aheran

Forest Park, Queens
George Baskiel
Rose Rapp

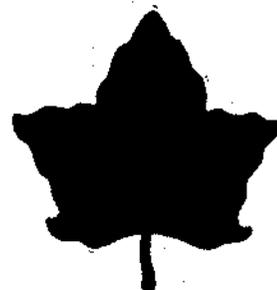
Clearview, Queens
Roswell Leslie
Annette Reyl

Silver Lake, Richmond
Benjamin Rivers
Lillian Fuller

LaTourette, Richmond
Charles Amandoles
Peggy Worley

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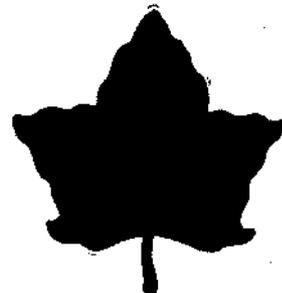
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Prizes, donated by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company, will consist of watches to be presented to the members of the winning twosome and runner-up twosome, and a handsome team trophy which will go to the golf course which the winning team represents. This Schaefer Trophy will remain in competition until one golf course secures permanent possession by winning it three times.

Results of the competition may be obtained, or photographs taken, after 3 P.M. when competition will have been completed, at Clearview Golf Course, Bayside 9-2570.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening for public usage of a new playground adjacent to P.S. No. 3, west of Bedford Avenue, between Hancock Street and Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn.

This school playground which is in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, will be jointly operated by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. It will provide urgently needed recreation facilities for both the school children and the residents of the surrounding congested neighborhood.

Slightly more than one and one-half acre in size, the improvement has been built in four separate sections: To the east of the old school building, adjacent to Bedford Avenue, are a basketball and volley ball court, a practice basketball cage, and a large play area for group games. Immediately west of the old school building are three separate units, one of which contains swings, slides, and a pipe-frame exercise unit for older children. Adjacent to this area is another section containing a sand pit, and swings and slides for children of pre-school age. At the westerly end of the improvement, immediately adjacent to the new section of the school, is another area containing a sand pit, swings, slides and see saws for children of pre-school age, as well as a school farm garden. This latter area will be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education at all times.

The perimeter of the various sections and borders adjacent to the streets have been landscaped with trees. Numerous benches have been provided for guardians of children making use of these facilities.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 555 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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*Release Folder*Wednesday
September 26, 1951

The Department of Parks announces the opening to the public, without ceremonies, on September 26, 1951, of a playground adjacent to P.S. 81, between Mosholu and Riverdale Avenues, north of West 254 Street, in the wooded Riverdale section of The Bronx.

This 3.5-acre playground is another one of those agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks, and will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for both the children of the school and the residents of the adjacent civic-minded community.

Immediately adjacent to the school is a separate, completely-equipped children's play area, with outdoor classroom, sand pit, swings, see saws, and school garden; another area contains three basketball standards, two shuffleboard courts, and a volley ball and basketball court. The southerly end of the improvement contains a softball diamond and additional play facilities along West 254 Street and Mosholu Avenue. Here there are four shuffleboard courts, a sand pit, slides, swings, see saws, a pipe-frame exercise unit, and a comfort station, as well as a wooded park area with winding paths. Numerous benches have been provided throughout the improvement for guardians of children and others using the area.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 556 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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More than 3600 golfers will tee off in the city-wide Blind Bogey Golf Tournament to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company at each of the 10 municipal golf courses at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 23. Entries were limited to 400 at each course.

Play in the Blind Bogey Tournament will consist of 18 holes of medal play and U.S.G.A. rules will govern all play. The player whose net score with his chosen handicap is closest to the Blind Bogey will be declared the winner.

All prizes for the tournament have been donated by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company. The winner of the Blind Bogey competition will be awarded a handsome carryall bag, and sterling silver-plated pewter beer mugs will be presented to the low gross man and low gross woman at each course.

The low gross man and low gross woman from each course will qualify for the Mixed Twosome Championships to be held at Clearview Golf Course, Queens, on Sunday, September 30.

Results of the Blind Bogey competition may be secured by calling the supervisor of the course after 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23.

Phone:

Dyker Beach	- BEachview 8-1722	Pelham-Split Rock	- City Island 8-1258
Van Cortlandt	- KINGSbridge 3-4585	Clearview	- Bayside 9-2570
Moshulu	- OLinville 2-6969	Silver Lake	- GIBraltar 7-5630
Forest Park	- VIRginia 9-10237	LaTourette	- DONGan Hills 8-1840
Kissena	- FLushing 3-6705		

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work and opening to the general public, without ceremony, of a new playground adjacent to Junior High School No. 54, north of 108 Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, Manhattan.

Slightly under two acres in size, the improvement, built in two sections, will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the children and the residents of the surrounding community.

The section on the north side of West 108 Street contains a wading pool, kindergarten swings, slides, see saws, and sand pit for children of pre-school age; and swings, slides and a pipe-frame exercise unit for older children. There are also a comfort station, flagpole, and numerous benches throughout the area for guardians of children.

On the south side of West 108 Street, immediately west of the school, there is a large recreation area previously opened and operated jointly by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. It contains four handball courts, a basketball court, a volley ball court, two paddle tennis courts, six basketball practice standards, a school farm garden area, a softball diamond, and a large roller skating area, which, during sub-freezing temperatures, can be used for ice skating.

Both areas have been landscaped with tree and shrubbery borders.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 554 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

September 18, 1961

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Final harvests of the season at Department of Parks

Children's Farm Gardens will be held Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21, at 3:30 P.M. at Seward Park, Canal Street and East Broadway, Manhattan, and on Saturday, September 22, at 10:30 A.M. at Highland Park, Lower Playground, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street, Queens.

At Seward Park, the harvesting will take place on Thursday afternoon and the annual flower show will be scheduled for both Thursday and Friday afternoons.

The Park Department has nine Children's Farm Gardens with more than 1300 individual "farms" which measure 4' x 8'. By following the principles taught them by their instructors, each youngster has produced a more bountiful crop than the size of his farm would indicate. Rotation of crops, careful watering, and intelligent fertilizing were some of the means by which they accomplished a good harvest.

Certificates of award will be presented at both harvests to children who have demonstrated exceptional ability and diligence in tending their farms.

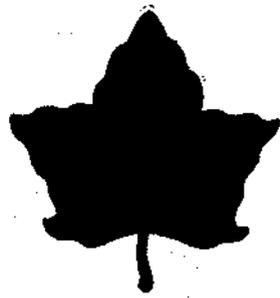
The public is cordially invited to attend these harvests.

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September 17, 1951

The Hippopotamus, hitherto known as Putzi, stranded in Boston due to lack of municipal funds, has been purchased by the Park Department of this City out of its animal fund.

This fund under provisions of the Charter and Code consists of donations and the proceeds of trading and sale of surplus exhibits.

Putzi is traveling by truck from Boston and will arrive Tuesday in the Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn under the new name of "Dodger."

Those who follow beauty contests will be interested in Dodger's measurements. He is three years old, 78 inches long, 30 inches high and weighs 900 pounds.

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The Department of Parks announces that starting Monday, September 17, the rooms for manual training, music, domestic science and boxing instruction, which had been closed for the summer at the St. Mary's Recreation Center, St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 144th Street, Bronx, will be reopened for public usage.

The indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, locker and shower rooms, rooms for meetings, games, and arts and crafts, will also be available as they have been since the facility was opened to the public on March 30, 1951.

September 14, 1951



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Misc.-25M-706069(50) 114 More than 2000 entries have been received to date for the novel city-wide Blind Bogey Golf Tournament and Mixed Twosome Championships to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company at the 10 municipal golf courses on Sunday, September 25.

The great interest this competition has aroused among patrons of park courses is due to the fact that duffer and expert, man or woman, each has an equal chance to win. Players select their own handicaps. At the termination of play, the sealed Blind Bogey is opened and the player whose net score plus his chosen handicap is closest to the Blind Bogey will be declared the winner.

Competitors will also be shooting for the honor of representing their course at the Mixed Twosome Championships to be held at Clearview Golf Course on Sunday, September 30. Low gross scorers, man and woman, at each course will be eligible for play in the Mixed Twosome competition.

Prizes contributed by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company will be presented at each course to the winner of the Blind Bogey competition, and to the low gross man and woman, to the members of the championship team in the Mixed Twosome competition, and the Schaefer Trophy will go to the course whose team finishes first in the mixed team championship.

Entries may be secured and filed with the Supervisor at which the contestant will play, not later than Sunday, September 16. Contestants must be regular patrons of municipal courses. No entry fee will be charged.
September 11, 1951



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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening for public usage, without ceremonies, of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 173 at Fresh Meadow Lane and 67th Avenue, Queens. This playground, on 173rd Street, between 67th Avenue and 68th Avenue, is another school playground which will be jointly operated by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. It will provide much needed recreational facilities for the school pupils as well as for the children of the surrounding community.

Slightly more than an acre in size, it is built in four separate fenced-in sections for control purposes. One section for children of kindergarten age in the northeast corner of the development contains swings, slides, see-saws, a sand pit, flag pole and comfort station. A second section for older children contains swings, slides, pipe-framed exercise unit, two shuffle-board courts and bicycle racks. A third section contains four handball courts; and the fourth section, which is a large asphalt-surfaced area, contains one basketball court, five practice basketball goals and a paddle tennis court, as well as a softball diamond. This area will also be used for roller skating and during subfreezing temperatures for ice skating.

The perimeter of the area is bordered with shade trees. Numerous benches have been provided throughout the improvement for the use of mothers and guardians of children at play and for others using the facilities.

With the addition of this new playground, there are 553 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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Friday, September 7, 1951

The Department of Parks announces that the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park, which has been used as a free recreational facility, with fourteen shuffleboard courts in operation, and for ~~(free shuffleboard)~~ dancing ~~on Sunday and on~~ Thursday evenings, will reopen for public usage as an outdoor roller skating rink on Saturday, September 8th, with sessions and rates as follows:

Afternoon Sessions - ~~2:30 to 6:00 p.m.~~

Children under 12 years.....	10¢	<i>10¢</i>
All others.....	15¢	<i>15¢ (including tax)</i>

Evening Sessions - 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

All ages.....	15¢	<i>15¢ (including tax)</i>
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Persons bringing their own skates will be permitted to use them, provided they are equipped with fiber or wooden wheels.

The Park Department will rent clamp skates at 25¢ and shoe skates at 50¢ a session.

Located at the rear of the Central Park Zoo Cafeteria, opposite 64th Street, the rink may be reached by the B.M.T. to Fifth Avenue, the East Side I.R.T. or Third Avenue L to 59th Street, and the Independent Subway to Columbus Circle.

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Sunday, September 2, 1951

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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 3, 1951. During the summer, ^{4,344} 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, ^{6,640} 6,570 children learned how to swim.

Twelve of the outdoor pools will reopen as active play centers on Monday, September 10th, 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

BROOKLYN

- 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 2, 1951.

The parking fields at Rockaway Beach will close on Sunday, September 2nd and will reopen as free play areas on Monday, September 10, 1951.

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Entries are now being accepted for a city-wide Blind Bogey Golf Tournament and Mixed Twosome Championship to be conducted at the 10 municipal golf courses by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company. The Blind Bogey Competitions will be held on Sunday, September 23, and the low gross scorers, man and woman, from each course will qualify for the Mixed Twosome Championship at Clearview Golf Course, Queens, on Sunday, September 30.

Entries, limited to 400 at each course, may be filed with the Supervisor of the course at which the contestant will play, not later than Sunday, September 18. Entrants must be regular patrons of municipal courses. No entry fee will be charged.

Play in the Blind Bogey Tournament will consist of 18 holes of medal play. U.S.G.A. rules will govern all play. (The player whose net score with his chosen handicap is closest to the Blind Bogey will be declared the winner.) Prizes will be awarded at each course to the winner of the Blind Bogey Competition and to the low gross man and low gross woman.

Play in the Mixed Twosome Championship will also consist of 18 holes of medal play - man to drive from odd numbered tees, woman from even numbered tees, or vice versa. From tee to green, partners play every other shot. This competition will be for the Schaefer Trophy, with individual prizes to the members of the winning team and runners-up. The Schaefer Trophy will remain in competition until one course has won it for the third time.

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Sunday, September 5, 1951

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Thirteen hundred farmers at Department of Parks Children's Gardens will learn that their spade and hoe work pays off when they harvest their crops this month. During the spring and summer months they have learned all the processes of good gardening: spading, fertilizing, watering, weeding, and rotation of crops. They have been taught to recognize plant diseases and how to combat them.

Their farms, though measuring but 4' x 8', produced for each "farmer" a good crop of vegetables such as carrots, lettuce, beets, radishes, chard, kale, onions, corn, and kohlrabi.

Five of the nine Park Department Children's Gardens will harvest during the first half of September:

Wednesday	September 5	2:00 P.M.	Thomas Jefferson Playground, 114th Street and First Avenue, Manhattan.
Thursday	September 6	10:30 A.M.	Crotona Park, Crotona Park South and Fulton Avenue, Bronx.
Friday	September 7	10:30 A.M.	Betsy Head Playground, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn.
		2:00 P.M.	Fort Greene Playground, Myrtle Avenue and St. Edward's Street, Brooklyn.
Wednesday	September 12	3:30 P.M.	Highbridge Playground, 189th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.

Harvest dates for the other gardens will be announced later.

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS

Sunday, September 2
8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York - Old Timers' Symphony.

Monday, September 3
8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Concert - Naumburg Orchestra - Zoltan Fekete conducting, William Ryan, Baritone, guest soloist.

Tuesday, September 4
8:30 P.M.

Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Buddy Morrow and his orchestra.

Wednesday, September 5
8:30 P.M.

Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Buddy Morrow and his orchestra.

Thursday, September 6
8:30 P.M.

Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Buddy Morrow and his orchestra.

Friday, September 7
8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Bobby Byrne and his orchestra.

Saturday, September 8
8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York - Old Timers' Symphony.

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More than 300,000 people to date have attended this summer's series of 54 Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted out of doors at major parks by the Park Department.

This series, which began on June 21 and which will be concluded with this week's schedule of four dances, completes a decade of dances under the stars to the music of the nation's top dance bands. The Consolidated Edison Company has contributed these dances annually as a public service. They have proved to be by far the most popular form of evening outdoor recreation planned for New Yorkers by the Department of Parks.

The final week will feature the music of Buddy Morrow and Bobby Byrne.

Buddy Morrow will play for three dances: Tuesday evening at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens; Wednesday evening at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; Thursday evening at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park.

Bobby Byrne will play for the Friday evening dance at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn.

All dances begin at 8:30 p.m.



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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work and the opening to the public, with appropriate ceremonies, a new playground and recreation area on the site of the former Brooklyn Orphan Asylum bounded by Atlantic, and Kingston Avenues, Herkimer Street and St. Andrew's Place, Brooklyn, on the 5th of September at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri; Borough President of Brooklyn, John Cashmore; Acting President of the City Council, Joseph T. Sharkey; the Reverend Gardener Taylor of the Concord Baptist Church; Honorable Edna F. Kelly of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Fred G. Moritt of the New York State Senate; the Honorable Betram L. Baker of the State Assembly will participate as speakers. The invocation will be given by Rabbi Max Schenk of the Temple Shaari Zedek and Benediction by the Reverend James L. McCabe, Pastor, Our Lady of Victory Church.

The Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks will preside.

Music will be provided by the Department of Sanitation Band.

This 3.38-acre park development contains three separate fence-enclosed units. The westerly unit contains two softball diamonds with hooded backstops, and a large level paved area for roller skating, which during sub-freezing weather can be used for ice skating. The northeast corner of the development contains a completely equipped children's playground with slides, see-saws, swings, pipe frame exercise unit, wading pool, comfort station and flagpoles. The unit in the southeasterly part of the improvement contains three basketball courts and six handball courts.

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The entire development is bordered with shade trees and landscaped. It is provided with adequate benches for guardians of children and those using the facilities.

Located in the congested Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn where the need for additional recreational facilities is acute, it will be of great benefit to the residents of the surrounding community.

With the addition of this play area, there are 552 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The fourth and final Naumburg concert of the season will be given at the Mall in Central Park on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, at 8:30 p.m. The Naumburg Orchestra will be conducted by Zoltan Fekete and William Ryan, Baritone, will appear as guest soloist.

These concerts are contributed annually by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall and who for many years made contributions of orchestral concerts of high quality on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day. His sons, continuing this custom, added a fourth concert on July 31, the anniversary of their father's death.

The program for the Labor Day concert is as follows:

1. Overture - Euryanthe Weber
 2. Symphony No. 4 - Second Movement Tchaikovsky
 3. Aria - "Vision Fugitive" - Herodiade Massenet
William Ryan
 4. Symphonic Suite - Scheherazade - First Movement. Rimsky-Korsakoff
- Intermission
5. Overture - Semiramide Rossini
 6. Symphony No. 7 - C. Major - Second Movement Schubert
 7. Aria - "Non Piu Andrai" - Marriage of Figaro. Mozart
 8. Prelude - Die Meistersinger Wagner



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The ninth and next to the last week of the Name Band Dances conducted by the Department of Parks, under the sponsorship of Consolidated Edison Company, will feature the rhythms of Teddy Wilson, Shep Fields and Buddy Morrow and their orchestra.

Dances are held out of doors each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Teddy Wilson, formerly featured with Benny Goodman's Band, will bring his band to Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Ave., Bronx, Monday, August 27.

Shep Fields and his rippling rhythm have been engaged for three successive evenings - Tuesday, August 28, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 30th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens; Wednesday, August 29, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; Thursday, August 30, at the Wollman Memorial, Central Park, Manhattan.

Shep, a product of Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, needs no introduction to Name Band Dance lovers. Long a favorite of dancers, Fields is best known for his unique rippling rhythm, a style that has become one of the most famous and easily recognized in the country. Making for more pleasant listening as well as being ideal for dance tempos, Rippling Rhythm has been featured at leading ballrooms, theatres, hotels and clubs everywhere in the United States.

Buddy Morrow and his band, newcomers to the Name Band circuit, will be heard on Friday, August 31, at the Prospect Park Dance area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Before organizing his own band, Buddy was featured on the trombone with Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra, (August 22, 1951).



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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS

Sunday, August 26
2:00 p.m.

Forest Park Music Grove, Queens - Concert - Paul Leone's Accor-
dian Band.

Monday, August 27
8:30 p.m.

Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Ave., Manhattan - Name
Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Teddy
Wilson and his Orchestra.

8:30 p.m.

Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level - Final Monday
evening Square Dance of season - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola
Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

Tuesday, August 28
8:30 p.m.

Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens -
Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -
Shep Fields and his Orchestra.

8:30 p.m.

Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Final Tuesday evening Square
Dance - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and
Arizona Cliff Martin.

Wednesday, August 29
12:15 p.m. to }
1:30 p.m. }

Bowling Green, Battery Street and Broadway - Final Bowling Green
Concert of season - Sponsored by Isbrandtsen Company - Con-
cert Band, Richard Franko Goldman conducting.

8:30 p.m.

Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band
Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Shep
Fields and his Orchestra.

8:30 p.m.

Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street,
Brooklyn - Final Wednesday evening Square Dance of season -
Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona
Cliff Martin.

Thursday, August 30
8:30 p.m.

Mall, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated
Edison Company - Shep Fields and his Orchestra.

Friday, August 31
8:30 p.m.

Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street,
Brooklyn - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated
Edison Company - Buddy Morrow and his Orchestra.

8:30 p.m.

Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens -
Final Square Dance of season - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola
Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

Saturday, September 1
8:30 p.m.

Mall, Central Park - Old Timers Symphony Concert - Associated
Musicians of Greater New York.

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The dance of the week for the Free PEPSI Square Dances starting August 27th will be the "Bachelor's Delight."

Although the vast majority of square dances have come down through the years, occasionally a new combination of figures is put together and immediately accepted by the dancers.

Ed Durlacher found this dance last April in Texas.

Starting out as a regular square dance, it becomes in part similar to the Virginia Reel, but with only one man doing the reel with the ladies in the center.

The dances sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company in conjunction with the Department of Parks, are held weekly: Monday at 105th Street and Riverside Drive; Tuesday at Wolman Memorial, Central Park; Wednesday at Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Friday at Forest Park, Queens.

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Repaving of the Northbound roadway of the Henry Hudson Parkway between West 95th Street and West 98th Street, with a new reinforced concrete surface, will start on Wednesday, August 22nd.

This section, approximately 900 feet long and from 55 to 60 feet wide, is the final section to be repaved under the present program.

The work will start on the Westerly half of the roadway while the Northbound traffic is maintained on the Easterly half. Upon completion of this stage, Northbound traffic will resume the use of the Westerly half of the roadway while the Easterly half is being completed.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening, without ceremony, for public usage, of a new playground at White Plains Road and Arnow Avenue, the Bronx.

The construction of this playground was part of the plan and project of the Parkside Housing Project and was constructed and paid for by the New York City Housing Authority. It provides recreation for both the tenants of the housing project and for the residents of the adjacent community.

This new .82-acre playground is built in two sections for control purposes. The northerly half contains eight handball courts and four basketball courts. The southerly half contains a large wading pool, brick comfort station, sand pit, flag-pole, and separate slides, swings and see-saws for children of pre-school age and older children. The perimeter of each unit is fenced in, landscaped and bordered with trees.

With the addition of this new playground there are now 551 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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On Sunday, August 19, the Women's and Junior Boys' City-wide Championship in the Department of Parks' Annual Municipal Golf Tournament will be decided at The Silver Lake Golf Course, Victory Boulevard and Forest Avenue, Richmond. The field of 20 women and 20 boys, who qualified in the local course tournaments held at the 10 Department of Parks' courses, will tee off starting at 9:00 a.m. Miss Rie Casella of the Bronx, representing Pelham Golf Course as defending champ, is a heavy favorite to annex the crown in the Women's competition.

In the Junior Boys' event, a strong battle is anticipated between young Walter Jacobsen of Brooklyn, representing Dyker Beach Golf Course, and Eddie Sorge of Richmond, representing La Tourette Golf Course. In the 1950 tournament, Jacobsen edged out Sorge for top honors by a single stroke at the Forest Park Golf Course in Queens. Following is the starting schedule:

<u>JUNIORS</u>		<u>WOMEN</u>	
<u>9:00 a.m.</u>		<u>9:25 a.m.</u>	
Stanley Cegelski	Split Rock	Gertrude Richstone	Split Rock
Ronald Kowalski	Forest Park	Rita Ryan	Forest Park
Edward Sorge	LaTourette	Ellen Sorge	LaTourette
Walter Jacobsen	Dyker Beach	Gertrude Hyde	Dyker Beach
<u>9:05 a.m.</u>		<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	
Kenneth Ellyn	Pelham	Rie Casella	Pelham
Charles Gordon	Kissena	Alice Seidel	Kissena
Leonard Shapiro	Van Cortlandt	Edith Morgan	Van Cortlandt
Thomas J. Walsh	Silver Lake	Lillian Fuller	Silver Lake
<u>9:10 a.m.</u>		<u>9:35 a.m.</u>	
Myron Meadow	Mosholu	Edna Hayden	Mosholu
Edward Gilseman	Clearview	Gertrude Gifford	Clearview
Larry Schlissberg	Split Rock	Selma Lewald	Split Rock
Joseph McGirr	Forest Park	Rose Ropp	Forest Park
<u>9:15 a.m.</u>		<u>9:40 a.m.</u>	
Norbert Healy	LaTourette	Helen Rappa	LaTourette
Alan Cook	Dyker Beach	Betty Margules	Dyker Beach
Buddy Weinstein	Pelham	Louisa Wasserman	Pelham
Bruce Staats	Kissena	Jessie Ahern	Kissena

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9:20 a.m.

Richard Simberg
Denis J. Malone
Jack Butchin
Denis MacPherson

Van Cortlandt
Silver Lake
Mosholu
Clearview

9:45 a.m.

Rose Rosenthal
Clara M. Boera
Adele Kohn
Cathleen Rodman

Van Cortlandt
Silver Lake
Mosholu
Clearview

NOTE: Directions to Silver Lake Golf Course:

Ferry from 69th St. and Shore Road, Brooklyn, to St. George; or
ferry from the Battery, Manhattan, to St. George.

Bus No. 6 from St. George to Victory Boulevard and Forest Avenue to park.

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Tommy Reynolds, Buddy De Franco, Tommy Tucker and their orchestra, will be featured during the eighth week of the Name Band Dances conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company.

Dances are held out-of-doors each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra, one of the most danceable bands in the country, will appear on Monday, August 20, at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.

Buddy De Franco, America's New King of the Clarinet and his dance band have been booked for three successive evenings - Tuesday, August 21, at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens; Wednesday, August 22, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; Thursday, August 23, at the Wollman Memorial, Central Park, Manhattan. Before forming his own band Buddy had been featured as clarinet soloist with such top organizations as the Count Basie group and Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra.

"Its Tommy Tucker Time", the familiar phrase that heralds an evening of splendid musical entertainment, introduces one of the outstanding bands of the country for the final dance of the week on Friday, August 24, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

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Sunday, August 19
8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Sousa Memorial Concert.

Monday, August 20
8:30 P.M.

Colonial Park - 146 Street & Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan
Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Tommy Reynolds and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M.

Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

8:00 P.M.

Poe Park, 192nd Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx - Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York.

Tuesday, August 21
8:30 P.M.

Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Buddy De Franco and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M.

Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

Wednesday, August 22

12:15 P.M. to)
1:30 P.M.)

Bowling Green, Battery Street and Broadway - Bowling Green Concerts - Sponsored by Isbrandtsen Company - Concert Band, Richard Franko Goldman conducting.

8:30 P.M.

Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Buddy De Franco and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

8:00 P.M.

Forest Park Music Grove - Choral - Equitable Life Assurance Chorus.

Thursday, August 23

8:30 P.M.

Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Buddy De Franco and his Orchestra.

Friday, August 24

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street Brooklyn - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Tommy Tucker and his Orchestra.

8:30 P.M.

Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.



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The Dance of the Week at the Free Pepsi Square Dances for the week starting August 20th will be the "Texas Star."

Horace Greeley once said "Go West young man, go West." Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin will take the thousands of dancers who visit the Free Pepsi Square Dances in the City Parks to Texas.

Pepsi-Cola Company states that although the dance is called the "Texas Star," Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and even California claim its origin. The East simply sits back quietly, knowing that a couple of hundred years ago it was brought here by the French, who called it the "Moulinet."

We of the East wouldn't tell a soul about it and spoil his fun ... or would we?

The Dances sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, in conjunction with the Department of Parks, are held weekly: Mondays at Riverside Drive; Tuesdays at Wollman Memorial, Central Park; Wednesdays at Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Fridays at Forest Park, Queens.

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More than 3,500 urban prototypes of Tom Sawyer and Betty Thatcher, aged 10 to 16 years, will compete in the 2nd annual Junior Fishing Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks in collaboration with Better Fishing, Inc., on Friday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 14 salt water and 11 fresh water fishing areas located throughout New York City.

Judging for the special grand awards to the boys and girls catching the heaviest fish of the day in the salt and fresh water divisions will take place at 3 p.m. on the day of the contest at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park. A parking area is located nearby for the convenience of those arriving by autos.

This contest, part of a nation-wide Better Fishing Program for Boys and Girls sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc., is designed to stimulate youngster interest in sport fishing for recreation.

In addition to the special grand awards, Better Fishing, Inc. has contributed fine fishing outfits - rod, reel, lines, lures, etc., which will be presented to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish at each of the 25 local contest areas.

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Misc.-25M-706069 (100) ~~Pinocchio~~, the leading man of the Department of Parks' Marionette Theatre, will have a special guest for the opening performance of the Manhattan schedule at Washington Square Park, West 4th Street and Waverly Place on Friday, August 17, at 2:30 p.m. His guest will be the lucite Blue Fairy who is making one of her rare appearances. She is much too fragile and exquisite to be subjected to the rigors of one day stands during the summer-long tour. She has long silky nylon hair and is constructed entirely of transparent lucite.

The Manhattan tour extends through September 7 and concludes the schedule of summer performances. The schedule for Manhattan follows:

Fri.	Aug. 17	2:30 p.m.	Washington Square Park, W. 4 St. & Waverly Pl.
Mon.	Aug. 20	2:30 p.m.	Columbus Playground, Baxter & Worth Sts.
Tues.	Aug. 21	2:30 p.m.	Alfred E. Smith Housing Plgd., Catherine St., bet. Madison and South Sts.
Wed.	Aug. 22	2:30 p.m.	Hamilton Fish Plgd., Stanton, Pitt & E. Houston Sts.
Thurs.	Aug. 23	2:30 p.m.	Amsterdam Houses, 63-64 Sts., Amsterdam Aves.
Fri.	Aug. 24	11:00 a.m.) 2:30 p.m.)	Heckscher Plgd., Central Park, 66 St. & West Drive.
Mon.	Aug. 27	2:30 p.m.	John J. Plgd., 77 St. & Cherokee Place
Tues.	Aug. 28	10:30 a.m.) 2:30 p.m.)	Bellevue Hospital, Parking Lot, east of hospital Chelsea Plgd., W. 28 St. & Ninth Avenue
Wed.	Aug. 29	11:00 a.m.) 2:30 p.m.)	Thomas Jefferson Plgd. 112 St. & East River Drive
Thurs.	Aug. 30	2:30 p.m.	Mt. Morris, East Plgd., E. 123 St. & Madison Ave.
Fri.	Aug. 31	2:30 p.m.	Colonial Recreation Center, Bradhurst Ave. & 150 St.
Tues.	Sept. 4	2:30 p.m.	Lincoln Houses, 135 St. & Fifth Ave.
Wed.	Sept. 5	11:00 a.m.) 2:30 p.m.)	J. Hood Wright Plgd., 175 St. & Ft. Washington Ave.
Thurs.	Sept. 6	2:30 p.m.	Highbridge Recreation Center, 174 St. and Amsterdam Avenue, near tower
Fri.	Sept. 7	11:00 a.m.) 2:30 P.M.)	Inwood Park, Seaman Ave. & Isham Street

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Sunday, August 12, 1951

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The annual Lifeguard Championship Tournament for New York City, conducted by the Department of Parks, will be held this year on Tuesday, August 21, at 2:00 p.m., at Jacob Riis Park, Bay 2. In the event of a heavy rain the tournament will be held Wednesday, August 22.

Selected lifeguards from a corps of over 450 will compete to determine which of the beaches possess the most proficient and competent personnel.

Representatives from Coney Island, Orchard Beach, Jacob Riis Beach, Rockaway Beach, Great Kills Beach and South Beach will strive for top honors.

Nine events are scheduled on the afternoon program, which will be one of Riis Park's special features on that day -- three to determine the individual championship and six to resolve the team championship. The individual lifeguard championship will be determined by points scored in the 75-Yard Individual Surf Rescue, the Quarter-Mile Speed Swim and the One-Mile Catamaran Race. The lifeguard receiving the most points will be awarded an Individual Championship Trophy.

Points are to be scored 10-7-5-3-1, and a team championship trophy will be won by the beach scoring the greatest total number of points accumulated in the following events: One-Half Mile Swim, One-Mile Catamaran Race, Three-Man Rescue Race, 200-Yard Obstacle Race, 880-Yard Catamaran Rescue Race, and the 75-Yard Individual Surf Rescue.

Prizes will be awarded to the contestants finishing first, second and third in each event.

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Borough eliminations in the 10th Annual Harvest Dance Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks each weekday evening next week at 8:30 p.m. according to the schedule listed below. Couples finishing first, second, and third in the waltz, fox trot, rhumba, and jitterbug divisions at each borough competition, will be eligible to represent their borough at the city-wide championships to be held at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, August 30.

Borough eliminations:

Richmond	Monday	August 13	McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway
Queens	Tuesday	August 14	Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 30th Avenue
Bronx	Wednesday	August 15	Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse,
Manhattan	Thursday	August 16	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street and 5th Avenue Entrance
Brooklyn	Friday	August 17	Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street

The contestants are all amateurs, 16 years of age and over. Judging will be based on the Olympic Point Scoring System.

Prizes will be awarded to the couple finishing first in each dance division at the individual borough competitions.



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The seventh week of the Name Band Dances conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company, will feature the music of Tommy Reynolds, Dan Terry and Charlie Peterson and their orchestra.

Dances are held out-of-doors each weekday evening, Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra, one of the finest and most popular musical organizations in the country will appear at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, on Monday, August 13th.

Dan Terry, handsome exponent of "moods in music" has been engaged for three evenings - Tuesday, August 14 at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue; on Wednesday, August 15 at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse; and on Thursday, August 16 at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park. Dan, a successful disc jockey while attending The College of the Pacific organized a dance band in his last year of school, gathering the best talent in the territory and fashioning a fresh young aggregation of outstanding musicians. He has been called "the best young conductor in popular music" by such stars as Frances Langford and the Andrew Sisters.

Charlie Peterson and his orchestra, perennial favorites of Name Band Dance enthusiasts will be featured in the final dance of the week at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

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The Dance of the Week to be featured at the Pepsi-Cola Free Square Dances during the week of August 13th will be "Duck for the Oyster."

This dance is another that originated in New England and we assume that it tells the story of the oystermen of that area. As it also has "Dive for the Clam" in it we can understand why the clammen or clamdiggers, as they are known where Ed Durlacher lives in Freeport, L.I., were not to be left out. In this dance the first of the 'arch and under' figures of square dancing was started.

There is no 'R' in the month of August but if you like oysters, come out and learn this particular dance.

The dances, sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, in conjunction with the Department of Parks, are held weekly: - Mondays at Riverside Drive; Tuesdays at Wollman Memorial, Central Park; Wednesdays at Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Fridays at Forest Park, Queens.

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The 1951 New York City Municipal Golf Tournament for men, conducted by the Department of Parks moves into the semi-final rounds on Saturday, August 11, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Dyker Beach Golf Course, 7th Avenue and 86th Street, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

Four survivors of a record entry of over 1,900 will engage in 36 holes of match play on Saturday with the two winners meeting on Sunday, August 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the same course in a 36-hole match to decide the Municipal City-wide Individual Champion for 1951.

Saturday's matches find James Manzone of Mosholu Golf Course pitted against the Forest Park Golf Course ace, George Baskiel and John McGovern, representing Clearview Golf Course battling Bernard Kane of Split Rock Golf Course.

The City-wide Championships in the Women's and Junior's divisions of this tournament will be held on Sunday, August 19, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Silver Lake Golf Course, Silver Lake Park, Victory Boulevard and Park Road.

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Sunday, August 12

- 8:30 p.m. Mall - Central Park - Final Guggenheim Memorial Concert of season - Goldman Band - Request Program.
- 2:00 p.m. Forest Park Music Grove, Queens - Concert - Park Department Band of Queens.

Monday, August 13

- 8:30 p.m. Williamsbridge Oval, E. 208 Street & Bainbridge Ave. Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Tommy Reynolds and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 p.m. Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

Tuesday, August 14

- 8:30 p.m. Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Dan Terry and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 p.m. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

Wednesday, August 15

- 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bowling Green, Battery Street and Broadway - Bowling Green Concerts - Sponsored by Isbrandtsen Company - Concert Band, Richard Franko Goldman conducting.
- 8:30 p.m. Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Dan Terry and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 p.m. Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

Thursday, August 16

- 8:30 p.m. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Dan Terry and his Orchestra.

Friday, August 17

- 8:30 p.m. Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street Brooklyn - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Charlie Peterson and his Orchestra.
- 8:30 p.m. Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin.

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Over 700 gaily-costumed children will dance in the Department of Parks' 36th Annual Brooklyn Dance Festival at Long Meadow in Prospect Park, on Saturday, August 11, at 2:30 p.m. An audience of 15,000 is expected to view the event.

All of the young dancers are under sixteen years of age and are products of dance classes which have been held in most of Brooklyn's 157 Park Playgrounds for the past month as part of the regular, year-round recreation program conducted by the Department's staff of well-qualified Playground Directors.

The Festival will start with a procession of dancers from the Grand Army Plaza at Union Street to Long Meadow, where the youngsters will perform.

The following dances will be presented:

- "Put Your Little Foot Out" - Children of the Borough Hall - Red Hook Section.
- "Marche Militaire" - Children of the Greenpoint - Williamsburg Section.
- "South American Way" - Children of the Bushwick - Stuyvesant Section.
- "LeSecret" - Children of the Brownsville - East New York Section.
- "Paint 'n Feathers" - Children of the Flatbush - Sheepshead Section.
- "All American Girl" - Children of the Bensonhurst - Coney Island Section.
- "Gypsies' Delight" - Children of the Bay Ridge Section.

After the festival program, the dancers will parade to the Picnic Grounds where they will enjoy their annual picnic. The general public is cordially invited to attend the Children's Annual Dance Festival at Long Meadow, Prospect Park, this Saturday afternoon. The festival area may be reached through the Grand Army Plaza entrance at Union Street, or through the Third Street Entrance to the Park.

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There is only one week remaining for youngsters to enter the Junior Fishing Contest, sponsored jointly by the Department of Parks and Better Fishing, Inc. The contest will be held on Friday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at twenty-five fishing locations in New York City.

The rod and reel derby is open to boys and girls from 10 to 16 years of age. They may secure and file entry blanks at Park Department borough offices and playgrounds. Entries close on August 14.

The contest will be conducted at 14 salt water and 11 fresh water fishing areas. Contestants must compete in the borough in which they reside.

A Better Fishing grand award will be presented to each boy and girl catching the heaviest fish at each location.

A special Better Fishing award will go to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the salt and fresh water competitions. Judging for these prizes will take place at 3 p.m. on the day of the contest at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park.

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Thirty-two of a field of over 1,900 entries will tee off in the final phase of the Municipal Golf Tournament for men, conducted by the Department of Parks on Saturday, August 4, at Dyker Beach Golf Course, Seventh Avenue and 86th Street, Bayridg Brooklyn. This select field qualified as a result of medal play eliminations held a the ten Park Department Golf Courses during the past two week-ends.

The first three rounds of the tournament, starting Saturday at noon and continuing Sunday morning and afternoon will consist of 18 holes of match play. The semi-final and final rounds to be played at the same course the week-end of August 11th and 12th will be thirty-six holes of match play.

John Amanna, of Mosholu Golf Course, Bronx, the 1950 champion, will tee off at 12 noon against Lou Cerbone, of Pelham Golf Course, also in the Bronx, in an effort to successfully defend his title. The pairings and starting times are as follows:

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12:00 John Amanna Lou Cerbone	Mosholu Pelham	12:40 Peter De Caprio William Windus	Mosholu Kissena
12:05 Walter Wasnokoski Edward Dugan	Forest Park Dyker Beach	12:45 John O'Connor Louis Kaufman	Split Rock Dyker Beach
12:10 James Manzone Steve Maurath	Mosholu Split Rock	12:50 John McGovern William McIntyre	Clearview Split Rock
12:15 Mario Molinari Robert Jacobsen	Clearview Silver Lake	12:55 Edward Dadura Nicholas Colucci	Kissena La Tourette
12:20 George Baskiel Thomas Drake	Forest Park La Tourette	1:00 Charles Maurath Stanley Sawack	Split Rock Clearview
12:25 William Ireland Dominick De Caprio	Silver Lake Mosholu	1:05 Andrew Scholl Julius Vogt	Split Rock Forest Park
12:30 Harold Southwick Richard Walsh	Clearview Van Cortlandt	1:10 William Lee Bernard Kane	La Tourette Split Rock
12:35 William Lang Gene Hoch	Forest Park La Tourette	1:15 Thomas Cataliata George Delaney	Mosholu La Tourette



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Five more dances in the schedule of 54 Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be conducted by the Department of Parks during the week of August 6. The dances are held at 8:30 P.M. each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, out-of-doors in the major parks of New York City.

Umberto Morales will play for the Monday, August 6, dance at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.

Boyd Raeburn and his orchestra, featuring the newest music in America, will play two engagements, appearing at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, on Tuesday, August 7, and at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, on Wednesday, August 8. Teamed with the more common popular instruments, the Raeburn group has the rarely seen soprano sax, bass sax, alto and bass clarinets, flute, oboe, English horn, and bassoon. They are in large part responsible for the unusual, striking sound contrasts in his orchestra and give him a wider latitude in playing his unique brand of music.

Jerry Jerome, one of the country's outstanding tenor saxophonists, will wind up the week's dances, playing Thursday evening, August 9, at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, and on Friday evening, August 10, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. Jerry Jerome is musical director at WPIX and is featured on the Ted Steele Show on Channel 11 every day, and on Video Venus - WJZ-TV. His vocalist is Sonny Calello.

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Sunday, August 5

- 8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Victor Herbert Program
- 2:00 P.M. Forest Park Music Grove, Queens - Concert - Paul Leone's Accordion Band

Monday, August 6

- 8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Bach-Handel Program
- 8:30 P.M. Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Ave., Manhattan - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Umberto Morales and his orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level - Square Dancing sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin
- 8:00 P.M. Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Concert - Associated Musicians of Greater New York

Tuesday, August 7

- 8:30 P.M. Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Boyd Raeburn and his orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

Wednesday, August 8

- 12:15 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.) Bowling Green, Battery Street and Broadway - Bowling Green Concerts - Sponsored by Isbrandtsen Company - Concert Band, Richard Franke Goldman conducting
- 8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Russian music
- 8:30 P.M. Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Boyd Raeburn and his orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin
- 8:00 P.M. Forest Park Music Grove - Choral - Gimbel Brothers Glass Club

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Thursday, August 9

8:00 P.M.

Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Tchaikovsky Program

8:30 P.M.

Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Jerry Jerome and his orchestra

Friday, August 10

8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Wagnerian Program

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Jerry Jerome and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens - Square Dancing, Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

Saturday, August 11

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Final Guggenheim Memorial Concert in Brooklyn this season - Request Program

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The Dance of the Week to be featured at the Pepsi-Cola Free Square Dances during the week of August 6th will be "Darling Nellie Gray."

"This is one of the first singing calls evolved from former quadrilles of the early American Dances. Little is known today as to how singing calls first started, but it's safe to say that the popular tunes of the day struck the fancy of the up and coming prompters of that period. This new type of calling was frowned upon by the prompters of the day, who looked upon it as heresy. Today, however, singing calls are the most popular in all sections of the country. Due to the style change, many of the older songs have lived through the years."

Square Dances sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company in conjunction with the Department of Parks are held weekly: - Mondays at Riverside Drive; Tuesdays at Wollman Memorial, Central Park; Wednesdays at Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Fridays at Forest Park, Queens.

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The 5th annual Junior Olympics for the youth of New York City will be conducted by the Department of Parks at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, on Saturday, September 8, at 1:30 P.M.

The program will include: special track and field events, 11 for boys, 4 for girls, and 10 handicap events for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association, Amateur Athletic Union; 7 bicycle races for both racing and non-racing bikes; and weight lifting competition in 6 weight divisions.

Other special events scheduled are 6 boxing and 6 wrestling bouts, a tug-of-war competition, and exhibitions of aesthetic and folk dances.

All boys and girls 17 years of age and under who have not competed in A.A.U. events are eligible to compete in the park playground track and field events. The boys events will be: 100 lb. class - 50 yard dash; 110 lb. class - 60 yard dash; 120 lb. class - 70 yard dash; unlimited class - 100, 220 yard dashes, 440, 1/2, and 1 mile runs, running broad and running high jumps, and the 12 lb. shot put. For the girls there will be: 100 lb. class - 40 yard dash, 110 lb. class - 50 yard dash, 120 lb. class - 60 yard dash and potato race.

The A.A.U. Handicap events scheduled are the 100 and 220 yard dashes, the 440, 1/2, and 1 mile runs, 1 mile walk, 120 yard hurdle, running high jump, and the girls 60 yard dash, and a 1 mile club relay. Special invitation track events may be added.

Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Park Department borough offices and the 550 park playgrounds. Entries close August 29.

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The 10th Annual Harvest Dance Contest, to be conducted by the Department of Parks, under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company, will be held at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday, August 30, at 8:30 p.m.

Preliminaries to determine the contestants, who will represent each of the five boroughs at the finals, will be held as follows:

Richmond	Monday	August 13	McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway
Queens	Tuesday	August 14	Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue
Bronx	Wednesday	August 15	Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse
Manhattan	Thursday	August 16	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street and 5th Avenue entrance
Brooklyn	Friday	August 17	Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street

Entries close three days before the date of each borough elimination. Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Park Department borough offices and playgrounds.

These contests are open to all amateurs 16 years of age and over. Competition will be conducted in four classifications: Fox Trot, Waltz, Rhumba, and Jitterbug. Entrants may compete in any or all classifications.

The Olympic Point Scoring System will be used by the judges. Couples placing first, second, and third in each division, will be eligible to compete in the city-wide finals on the Mall. The winning couple in each division of the borough contests will receive awards. City-wide finalists and runners-up will be awarded a \$25-U.S. Savings Bond and \$10 in U.S. Savings Stamps respectively.

A special classification will be conducted at the city-wide finals in which winners from each division will compete for the All-Round Championship to select the couple who is the best in all the four types of dancing.

The Consolidated Edison Company is donating the prizes for the city-wide championships.

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The 12th annual City-wide Municipal Golf Team Championship to be conducted by the Department of Parks, will be held Sunday, July 29, 1951, at the Split Rock Golf Course, Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx.

This year a record entry of 1,909 men submitted attested score cards in an effort to qualify as competitors. The sixty-four golfers with the lowest score cards at each course competed in ten local course tournaments on July 15th. 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 8:00 a.m.

The following champs will captain their team on Sunday when play starts in the City-wide Team Championships. Leading the Mosholu Golf Course contingent will be John Amanna, last year's City-wide match play champion. Others who will captain their team are William McIntyre, Split Rock; Thomas Dowling, Pelham; William Geffney, Van Cortlandt; William Lee, La Tourette; Harold Southwick, Clearview; Walter Wutkiewicz, Kissena; George Baskiel, Forest Park; and Joseph Maxwell, Dyker Beach.

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 the Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, on the week-ends of August 4th and 11th.

Copies of schedules of foursomes and starting times are attached. Sports writers may secure results by telephoning Split Rock Golf Course, City Island 8-1258, Sunday evening, after 7:00 p.m.



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Gone fishing! That's the answer to queries as to the whereabouts of many of New York's youngsters. They are tuning up their techniques and tackle for the 2nd annual Junior Fishing Contest to be conducted on August 17th, by the Department of Parks, as part of the National Better Fishing Program for Boys and Girls, sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc.

There is still time for boys and girls from 10 to 16 years of age, who reside in New York City, to enter the contest. Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Park Department borough offices and playgrounds.

Youngsters may elect to fish in salt or fresh water. The fourteen salt water and eleven fresh water areas which have been selected as sites for the fishing contest are listed on the entry blanks. Entrants must compete in the borough in which they reside. Rules and regulations governing the contest are printed on the entry blanks.

Prizes - a fine fishing outfit consisting of a rod, reel, lines, lures, etc., will be presented to the boys and the girls catching the heaviest fish during the actual period of competition, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the day of the contest, at each of the twenty-five locations.

Judging for the special grand awards for the boys and the girls catching the heaviest fish of the day, in both the salt and fresh water divisions, will take place at 3 p.m., at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park.

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The fifth week of Name Band Dances conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company, will feature the music of Gene Krupa, Al Lombardy, Ralph Flanagan, and Joe Zell and their orchestra.

Dances are held out-of-doors each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M.

On Monday evening at the Playground at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn, Joe Zell and his orchestra will make their first appearance on the Name Band Series.

Gene Krupa, the world's greatest drummer, has been booked for two evenings - Tuesday, July 31, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue; and on Wednesday, August 1, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, The Bronx. Though Gene's original fame was built on frenzied drum beats, he is the first to say that the era of blatant swing is past. As a result, his music is now a melodious combination of novelty and smooth tempo numbers. The Ace Drummer Man features Dodie O'Neill and Joe Tucker and vocalists.

Ralph Flanagan, one of dancedom's brightest stars, will play for Thursday's dance at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park. Flanagan has been well known in the trade as one of the most competent arrangers of modern music. He was appointed as staff arranger for Perry Como's Chesterfield Supper Club radio and television shows. He and his band are one of RCA Victor's top recording bands.

Al Lombardy winds up the week's dance, playing Friday at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. Al, a talented clarinetist, organized his band in 1946 after his discharge from the Army Air Corps where he served with the late Glenn Miller. Al and his musicians, all ex-GIs, soon made a name for themselves in the music world. A native New Yorker who lived in Brooklyn during most of his life, Al should find many friends on hand for his engagement this week.

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS

Sunday, July 29

8:30 P.M. Mall - Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band
Italian Music

Monday, July 30

8:30 P.M. Mall - Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band
English Music

8:30 P.M. Playground at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn - Name Band
Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Joe Zell and
his Orchestra

8:30 P.M. Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level - Square Dancing -
Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona
Cliff Martin

Tuesday, July 31

8:30 P.M. Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens -
Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -
Gene Krupa and his Orchestra

8:30 P.M. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dancing - Sponsored by
Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

Wednesday, August 1

12:15 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. Bowling Green, Battery Street and Broadway - Bowling Green Con-
certs - Sponsored by Isbrandtsen Company - Concert Band,
Richard Franko Goldman conducting

8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band -
Music Memory Contest

8:30 P.M. Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band
Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Gene Krupa
and his Orchestra

8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street,
Brooklyn - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -
Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

8:00 P.M. Forest Park Music Grove - Choral - Equitable Life Assurance
Chorus

Thursday, August 2

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

8:30 P.M. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by
Consolidated Edison Company - Ralph Flanagan and his Orchestra

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Friday, August 3

- 8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band -
Beethoven Program
- 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street,
Brooklyn - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison
Company - Al Lombardy and his Orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens -
Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Dur-
lacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

Saturday, August 4

- 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim
Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Gilbert & Sullivan Program
- 8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Leopold
Prince conducting.

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During the week of July 30th at the PEPSI Square Dances the "Forward Up 4-6 & 8" Dance will be featured.

As in other nationality Folk Dances, many of our American Square dances are indigenous of a certain area and typify part of the historical background of that section of the country.

When the wagon trains left the Colonies and moved westward, the prairie schooners were drawn by horses as well as oxen. The Dance of the Week tells a story of hitching up from 4 to 8 horses and the maneuvering of the schooners into line.

Forward Up 4-6 & 8 comes to the East from the Rocky Mountains. There it is a great favorite, and since its introduction in the East, it has become one of the most popular dances here.

The Square Dances sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, in conjunction with the Park Department, are held weekly: Mondays at Riverside Drive; Tuesdays at Wollman Memorial, Central Park; Wednesdays at Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Fridays at Forest Park, Queens.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening for public usage, without ceremony, of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 98, between Nostrand Avenue and East 29 Street, south of Avenue Z, Brooklyn

This playground will provide much needed recreational facilities for the school pupils, as well as for the children of the surrounding community. It is one of those projects agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks.

Two and one quarter acres in extent, the playground is built in separate sections for control purposes. One section contains a sand pit, swings slides and see-saws for children of kindergarten age; another contains swings, slides and a wading pool for older children; a third section contains two handball courts, two basketball and volley ball courts, two paddle tennis courts and two shuffleboard courts; a fourth section, immediately adjacent to the school, contains a large flat area for roller skating, and softball. The perimeter of the playground is fenced and bordered with shade trees. Numerous benches have been provided throughout the improvement for the use of mothers and guardians of children at play and others using the area.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 549 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening for public usage, without ceremony, of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 125, west of Morningside Avenue, between West 123rd Street and West 124th Street, Manhattan.

The playground, 1.691 acres in extent, is one of those projects agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. It will provide much needed recreational facilities for the school pupils as well as for the children of the surrounding community.

The playground is built in four separate fenced-in units for control purposes. One unit contains two handball courts; another contains two basketball courts; a third contains separate play apparatus for younger and older children; and the fourth unit contains a small school garden and softball field. The area is bordered with shade trees, and numerous benches have been provided for the use of mothers and other guardians of children at play.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 550 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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Sunday, July 22, 1951

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The second annual Junior Fishing Contest for boys and girls 10 to 16 years of age, will be conducted by the Department of Parks in collaboration with Better Fishing, Inc., on Friday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 14 salt water and 11 fresh water locations in the city. Judging for the special grand awards to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the fresh and salt water divisions will take place at 3 p.m. at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park.

Prizes in the form of a fine fishing outfit - rod, reel, lines, lures, etc., will also be presented to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish at each location.

Entries must be filed by August 14. Entry blanks may be secured at all 550 park playgrounds and at Park Department borough offices. All rules and regulations governing the contest and the locations where it will be held are printed on the entry blanks.

The purpose of Better Fishing, Inc., in sponsoring this program on a nation-wide basis is to stimulate youngster interest in sport fishing for recreation. It is expected that five million boys and girls will benefit from the high health and character building values provided by their participation in fishing adventures during their summer vacation.

The inaugural contest in New York City last year accomplished these aims and purposes. Two thousand youngsters competed and caught 5,000 fish during the five-hour competition. An even larger entry is anticipated for this year's contest.

The New York City Department of Parks, with its many facilities for fishing, is cooperating with Better Fishing, Inc. in promoting this activity as a means of augmenting its year-round program of healthful recreation for the youth of our city.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the reconstruction of the playground located between Brook Avenue and St. Ann's Avenue, north of 141st Street, the Bronx.

Originally built and opened for public use on August 18, 1934, and one of the most popular facilities in the Bronx, it had deteriorated through heavy usage. Redesign and complete rehabilitation was necessary to restore it to its full use.

The work involved consisted of resurfacing the worn-out play surfaces, paving existing dirt surfaces, rearrangement of play apparatus and addition of new play apparatus, construction of a ramp and retaining wall, improvements to the drainage system, new curbs, new chain link fencing, flagpole, sand pit, and landscaping.

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This week's Name Band Dances under the stars, now in the 4th week of the season, will be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company, each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 p.m.

On Monday, July 23rd, the dance will be held at Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue S and East 14th Street, Brooklyn. Dan Terry and his orchestra, noted for their cleverly styled musical arrangements, have been engaged for this evening. This is their first appearance on the Name Band Series.

Johnny Long, young America's favorite bandleader, will play for two engagements this week. On Tuesday, July 24, they will appear at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens; and on Wednesday, July 24, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Johnny Long's band is a show in itself and the members are brimming with personality and talent. Those who attend these dances just to listen to the music will enjoy these evenings as much as the dancers.

On Thursday, July 26, at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, and on Friday, July 27th at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, Dan Terry and his orchestra give Manhattan and Brooklyn Name Band Dance fans an opportunity to hear this outstanding musical aggregation.

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Monday, July 23

8:30 p.m. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Schubert Program

8:30 p.m. Williamsbridge Oval - East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue
Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison
Company - Dan Terry and his orchestra

8:30 p.m. Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Lower Level - Square Dancing -
Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and "Arizona"
Cliff Martin

8:00 p.m. Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx - Concert - Associa-
ted Musicians of Greater New York, Local 802.

Tuesday, July 24

8:30 p.m. Victory Field, Forest Park, Myrtle Ave. & Woodhaven Blvd., Queens -
Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -
Johnny Long and his orchestra

8:30 p.m. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dancing - Sponsored by
Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

Wednesday, July 25

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bowling Green, Battery Street and Broadway, Manhattan - Bowling
Green Concerts - Sponsored by Isbrandtsen Company - Concert
Band, Richard Franko Goldman conducting

8:30 p.m. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band -
Sibelius Program

8:30 p.m. Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band
Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny
Long and his orchestra

8:30 p.m. Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street,
Brooklyn - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company -
Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

8:00 p.m. Forest Park Music Grove, Queens - Choral - American Express Com-
pany Chorus

Thursday, July 26

8:30 p.m. Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim
Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - American Music

8:30 p.m. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by
Consolidated Edison Company - Dan Terry and his orchestra

Friday, July 27

- 8:30 p.m. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Old Music
- 8:30 p.m. Prospect Park Dance Area - Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Dan Terry and his orchestra
- 8:30 p.m. Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and Arizona Cliff Martin

Saturday, July 28

- 8:30 p.m. Prospect Park Music Grove - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Italian Music
- 8:30 p.m. Mall, Central Park - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Judge Leopold Prince, Conductor.

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The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre, currently touring park playgrounds throughout the city, will visit locations in the Bronx from July 31 through August 16. Twenty-three performances of "Pinocchio" will be given in the Bronx.

No description of this production can do it justice. The best gauge of its entertainment value is the enthusiastic response from parents who take their youngsters to see these free performances. Pinocchio keeps adults and youngsters enthralled from start to finish of the hour-long show.

Bronx performances are scheduled as follows:

Tues.	July 31	2:30 P.M.	Playground at Watson, Gleason, and Noble Avenues
Wed.	Aug. 1	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	P.S. 106 Playground, St. Raymond's Avenue, between Purdy & Odell Streets
Thurs.	Aug. 2	2:30 P.M.	Playground at Waterbury, Edison, and LaSalle Avenues
Fri.	Aug. 3	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Crotona Playground, No. 9 Clinton Avenue and Crotona Park South
Mon.	Aug. 6	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Claremont Park, Teller and Mt. Eden Avenues
Tues.	Aug. 7	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	St. James Park, Jerome Avenue and 191st Street
Wed.	Aug. 8	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Devoe Park University Avenue and 188 Street
Thurs.	Aug. 9	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Poe Park, Grand Concourse and East 192 Street
Fri.	Aug. 10	2:30 P.M.	Van Cortlandt Park, Stadium, B'way & 240th Street
Mon.	Aug. 13	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Playground, West 168 Street and Merriam Avenue
Tues.	Aug. 14	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Pelham Parkway Houses, Williamsbridge Road and Mace Avenue
Wed.	Aug. 15	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Eastchester Houses, Adee and Tenbroeck Avenues
Thurs.	Aug. 16	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	St. Mary's East Playground Trinity and St. Ann's Avenues, East 145 Street

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The Dance of the Week to be presented by Ed Durlacher, caller for the Free PEPSI-COLA Square Dances, will be "Chase the Rabbit." This dance comes to New York from the southern mountain area. While it is questionable that the originators worked this out as a "courtship dance" Ed Durlacher claims that it teaches the man the proper technique in catching up to the girl of his choice for a life companion.

Ed Durlacher points out that it has been the cause of more than 94 marriages through the Square Dances in the Metropolitan Area. Stenographers and others might now change the old training line to read "Now is the time for all girls to take their men to the Pepsi Square Dances."

The dances sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company in conjunction with the Department of Parks are held weekly: - On Mondays at Riverside Drive; Tuesdays at Wollman Memorial, Central Park; Wednesdays at Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Fridays at Forest Park, [↑]Queens.

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The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will tour park playgrounds in Queens from July 11 through July 30, giving 20 free performances of "Pinocchio".

The medium of puppetry offered many opportunities for unusual effects in staging this version of Pinocchio's adventures. Children, quick to appreciate fanciful adaptations, are particularly delighted when right before their eyes, Pinocchio turns into a donkey, swims under water, or has his nose grow longer and longer as he tells his falsehoods. Best of all, adults accompanying children can share the enjoyment of the hour-long outdoor performances.

Performances in Queens will be given as follows:

Wed.	July 11	2:30 P.M.	Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street, Ridgewood
Thurs.	July 12	2:30 P.M.	Juniper Valley Playground, 80th Street and Juniper Valley Road, Middle Village
Fri.	July 13	2:30 P.M.	Queensbridge Houses, 10-25 41st Avenue, L.I.C.
Mon.	July 16	2:30 P.M.	Van Wyck Playground, 111 Avenue and 134 Street, Ozone Park
Tues.	July 17	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, off Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale
Wed.	July 18	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Brookville Park, Brookville Boulevard and 143rd Avenue, Rosedale
Thurs.	July 19	2:30 P.M.	O'Connor Playground, 210th Street and 32nd Avenue Bayside
Fri.	July 20	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Kissena Playground, 164th Street, Rose and Oak Avenues, Flushing
Mon.	July 23	2:30 P.M.	Astoria Park, 21st Street and Hoyt Avenue, Astoria

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Tues.	July 24	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 192nd Street, Hollis
Wed.	July 25	2:30 P.M.	Jacob Riis Park, Softball Area, Neponsit
Thurs.	July 26	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 173rd Street, Jamaica
Fri.	July 27	2:30 P.M.	Linden Park, 104th Street and 41st Avenue, Corona
Mon.	July 30	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	King Park, 153rd Street and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica

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Saturday, July 7, 1961

The Department of Parks announces that the Honorable Maurice A. Fitzgerald, President of the Borough of Queens, and the Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks, will participate as speakers in ground breaking exercises at Vleigh Place, 78th Road and 141st Street, immediately north of Union Turnpike, Queens, on Monday, July 9th at 11:00 a.m.

These ceremonies will mark the start of construction of a playground which will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the surrounding community of private homes and apartment houses.

When completed, the area will contain two horseshoe pitching courts, comfort station, flagpole, drinking fountains, shower basin, sand pit, separate slides and swings for the younger and older children, and two softball diamonds.

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Hal McIntyre, Al Lombardy and Johnny Messner and their orchestras will be featured during the third week of the popular Name Band Dances, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks as part of the summer recreation program for New Yorkers.

Hal McIntyre, one of today's brightest stars on the musical horizon, and his orchestra have been engaged to play on Monday, July 9 at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx and on Tuesday, July 10 at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens.

On Wednesday, July 11 the bouncing music of Al Lombardy and his orchestra will be heard at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Johnny Messner and his orchestra, long time favorites of Name Band Dance enthusiasts will appear at the Wollman Memorial, Central Park on Thursday, July 12 and at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, on Friday, July 13.

All dances will begin at 8:30 P.M.

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Sunday, July 8
8:30 P.M.

Mall - Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Johann Strauss program.

Monday, July 9
8:30 P.M.

Mall - Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Guggenheim Memorial Concert

8:30 P.M.

Williambridge Oval - East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company Hal McIntyre and his orchestra.

8:30 P.M.

Riverside Drive and 103rd Street - Lower Level - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and "Arizona" Cliff Martin.

Tuesday, July 10

8:00 P.M.

Mall - Central Park - Shriners Chantors Concert

8:30 P.M.

Victory Field - Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra.

8:30 P.M.

Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and "Arizona" Cliff Martin.

Wednesday, July 11

12:15 P.M.

Bowling Green - Battery Street and Broadway, Manhattan - Bowling Green Concerts - Sponsored by Isbrantson Comperly - Concert Band - Richard Franko Goldman, Conductor - Miscellaneous Music.

8:30 P.M.

Mall - Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Mendelssohn program.

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Dance Area - Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher and "Arizona" Cliff Martin.

8:30 P.M.

Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Al Lombardy and his orchestra.

Thursday, July 12

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Music Grove - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Light Opera Music.

8:30 P.M.

Wollman Memorial - Central Park - Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny Messner and his orchestra.

Friday, July 13

- 8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band -
Light Opera Music.
- 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Dance Area - Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Bklyn.
Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -
Johnny Messner and his orchestra.
- 8:30 P.M. Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens.
Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Ed Durlacher
and "Arizona" Cliff Martin.

Saturday, July 14

- 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Music Grove - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman
Band - French Program
- 8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - City Amateur Symphony Concert - Viennese Music -
Judge Leopold Prince, Conductor

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The Dance of the Week at the Free PEPSI Square Dances for the week starting July 9th will be the "Texas Star."

Horace Greeley once said "Go West young man, go West." Ed Durlacher and "Arizona" Cliff Martin will take the thousands of dancers who visit the Free PEPSI Square Dances in the City parks to Texas.

Though the feature dance is called the "Texas Star," Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and even California claim its origin. The East simply sits back quietly, knowing that a couple of hundred years ago it was brought here by the French, who called it the "Moulinet."

We of the East wouldn't tell a soul about it and spoil his fun....or would we?

The Dances sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, in conjunction with the Department of Parks, are held weekly: - Mondays at Riverside Drive; Tuesdays at Wollman Memorial, Central Park; Wednesdays at Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Fridays at Forest Park, Queens.

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