

# I N D E X

American Jewish Tercentary

Andrada Statue Dedication

Barber Shop Contest

Basketball Tournament (Brownsville Rec. Center)

Bathing & Swimming Season

Beach Erosion Control (South Beach)

Boxing Program

Brownsville Recreation Center

Concerts -- City Symphony, Naumburg, "Pop"

Coast Guard World War II Memorial (Battery Park)

Dance Festivals

Downing Memorial Stadium

Egg Rolling Contest

Fife and Drum Competition

Fishing Contest (Nathan's Famous) A&S

Florina Lasker Foundation

Golf Courses Opening

Gymnastic Championships

Ice Skating on Lakes

Marionette Theatre

Monuments -- Robert Fulton

Music and Dancing in City Parks - (Name Band and Square Dances)

Parkway Resurfacing

Permits - Golf and Tennis

PLAYGROUNDS -- #640 (Van Dyke), 639 (Redfern), 638 (Hammels),  
637 (G. Washington), 636, (St. John's add. area) PS 260  
(part of Breukelen Houses Plan) #635, 634, 633, 632, 631  
630, 629, 628

Poster Contest

Recreational Facilities

Sitting Area

(over)

St. Mary's Rec. Center  
Weight Lifting, Open House Week, Swimming Meet

Smith Memorial Fund

Wollman Memorial Skating Rink - Ice & Roller Skating

*Ray Muepfer*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1955

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Req MAIL-11/18/55

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The Department of Parks announces that the Altman Foundation, through its president John S. Burke, has made a generous gift to the City of New York for the purpose of rehabilitating and improving the Children's Pony Track in Central Park.

The Pony Track is a source of enjoyment to thousands of children each year. It is located at 63d Street just off Fifth Avenue adjacent to and south of the Central Park Zoo. It has long been in urgent need of rehabilitation, but the limited funds available in the Department's annual budgets have delayed the scheduling of this work.

The Altman Foundation was founded by the widely known New York merchant and philanthropist Benjamin Altman, founder of B. Altman & Company, who died in 1913. Mr. John S. Burke is head of the Foundation and Mr. John Coleman is a Trustee.

Proposed improvements to the Pony Track include landscaping, realignment of the track, replacing the old wooden curbing with concrete, a new drinking fountain combined with a watering trough for the ponies, <sup>relocating</sup> the pony shelter, benches and other incidental work.

Plans for this work are now being prepared and a contract will be let in the near future.

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11/18/55

*Ray Sleeper*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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11 AM  
Regular Mail 6/6*

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IMMEDIATELY

Triborough Stadium on Randalls Island is to be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Saturday, June 11 at 12 noon, as the John J. Downing Memorial Stadium.

Participating in the ceremonies will be the various organizations with which the late John Downing spent so much of his time and energy. Commissioner Robert Moses of the Department of Parks will preside and the invocation will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. O'Donnell, Chaplain of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

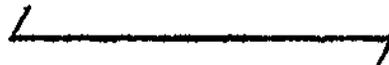
Mrs. John Kane and Mrs. Paul Pirundini, daughters of the late John Downing will unveil the plaque assisted by Mr. Daniel Ferris, representing the National A.A.U.; Mr. Jay Ehret Mahoney, President of the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U.; Mr. Brian J. Kellaher, Chairman of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus and staff members of the Department of Parks Recreation Staff. The Department of Parks American Legion Post will act as color guard.

The dedication of the John J. Downing Stadium is in recognition of the service rendered by John Downing to the youth of the City of New York.

He served for 44 years on the recreation staff of the Department of Parks. For the last 11 years he was closely associated with Commissioner Moses as the Director of Recreation during

which time he helped actively plan and expand the scope and variety of recreation oppertunities for the people of New York City.

He was a former President and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Metrepelitan Association of the A.A.U. and at the time of his death was 2nd Vice President of the National A.A.U. He was a former Chairman and District Deputy of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus and for many years was Chairman of the famous Knights of Columbus Games at Madison Square Garden. His many friends in all these organizations have contributed toward the cost of the bronze plaque which is being placed on the wall of the John J. Downing Memorial Stadium on June 11th.



*R.C. Buttridge*



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

**FOR RELEASE**

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**IMMEDIATELY**

*10 AM*  
*Hand Delivered 4-19-55*  
*Regular Mail 4-19-55*

The Department of Parks announces the dedication of the Andrada statue on Friday, April 22, 1955 at 11 a.m.

Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva, Patriarch of the Independence of Brazil was born in 1763 and died in 1838. A scholar, scientist and statesman, he joined in history with other great South American liberators, Bolivar and San Martin. The statue, a gift from the United States of Brazil to the United States of America, is located in Bryant Park, at the corner of 42nd Street and the Avenue of the Americas, Manhattan.

The program includes: Commissioner Robert Moses, presiding; invocation by Francis Cardinal Spellman; and addresses by Hulan E. Jack, Borough President of Manhattan; Edward J. Sparks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Joao Carlos Muniz, Ambassador of the United States of Brazil to the United States of America; and Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York. The official representatives of the Brazilian Government are Ambassador Joao Carlos Muniz and Consul General Hugo Gouthier.

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4-19-55



*Ray Gleason*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Picture of Flagpole + Plaque  
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Regular Mail 5-19-55*

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The Department of Parks announces the dedication of a flagpole and plaque on Friday, May 20, 1955, under the auspices of the New York Joint Legislative Committee for the American Jewish Tercentenary, commemorating the arrival of the first group of Jewish settlers in New York.

The ceremonies will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the site of the flagpole in Peter Minuit Plaza, State and Whitehall Streets, Battery Park, Manhattan. Governor Averell Harriman will present the flagpole and plaque to the City of New York and Park Commissioner Robert Moses will accept it for the City. The 75-foot flagpole rises from a granite base nearly 7 feet high on which is mounted a bronze plaque inscribed: "Erected by the State of New York to honor the memory of the twenty-three men, women and children who landed in September 1654 and founded the first Jewish Community in North America"

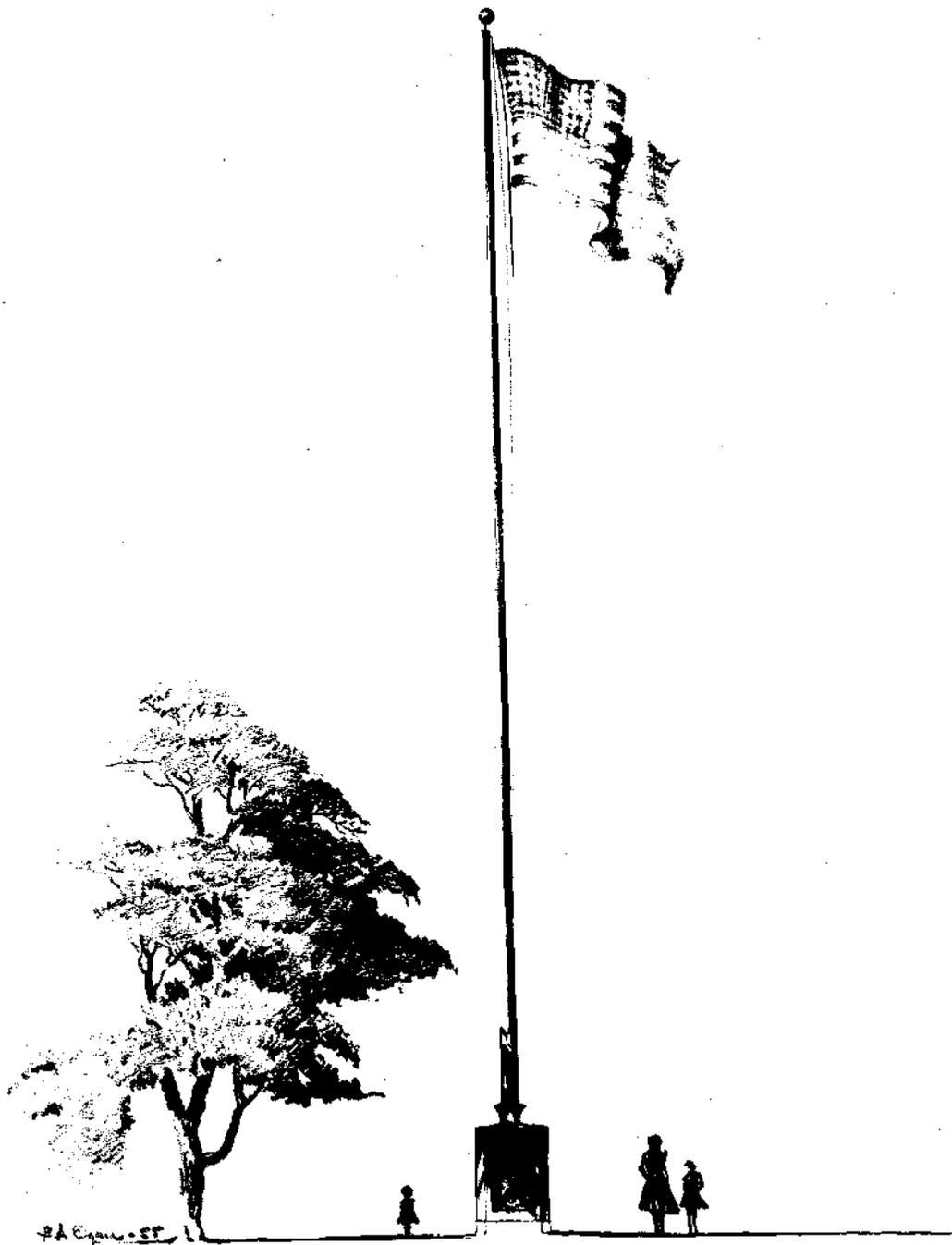
Others participating in the program are: Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, Chairman of the Committee; Walter J. Mahoney, President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate, and New York State Supreme Court Justice Edgar J. Nathan Jr. Dr. Julius Mark, Chairman of the Tercentenary Committee of the New York Board of Rabbis will deliver the invocation; a prayer will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York; and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor James J. Lynch, Executive Director of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, will deliver the benediction. Music will be

furnished by the Department of Sanitation Band, conducted by John Celebre; and New York City's Municipal Broadcasting System will provide the public address system.

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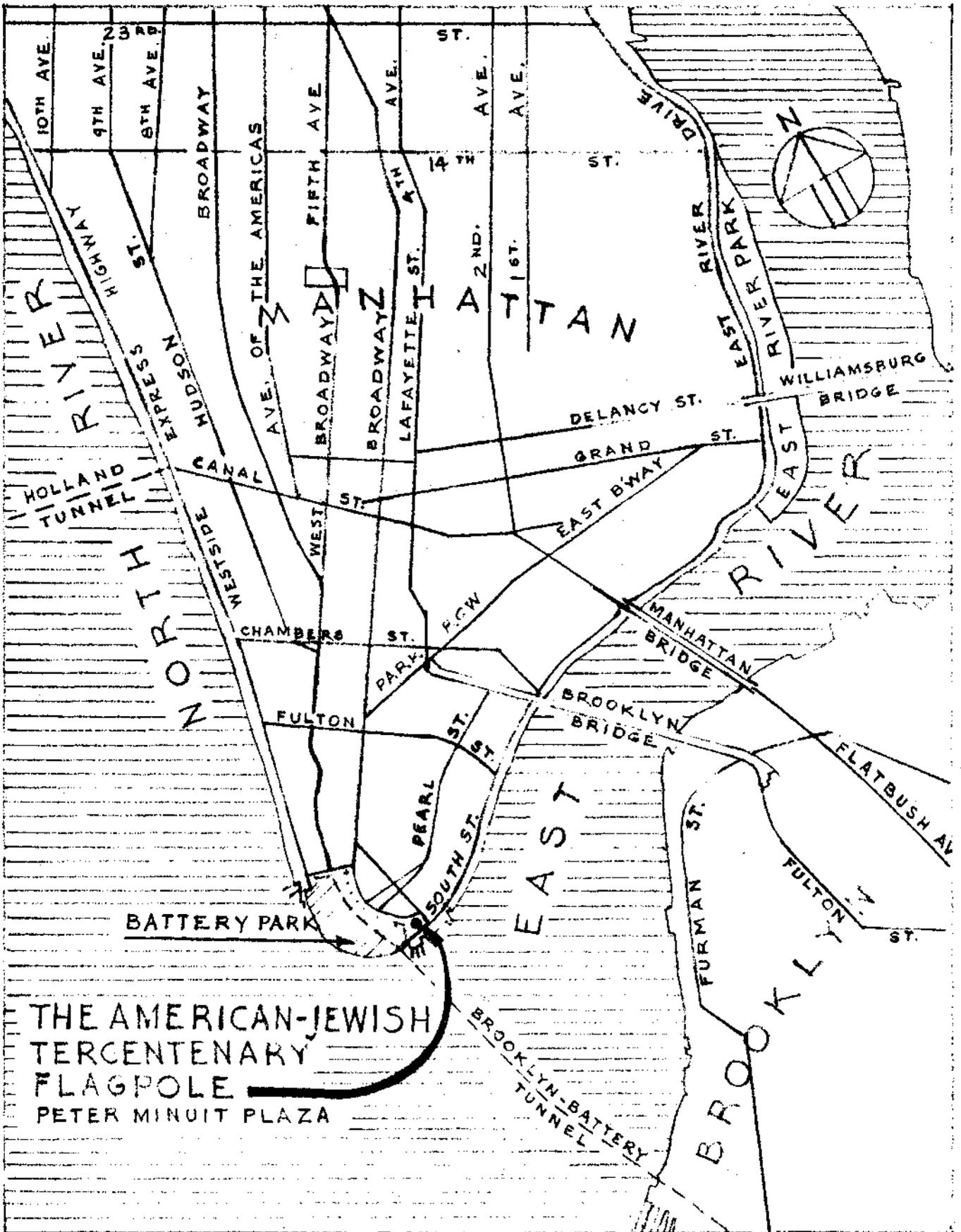
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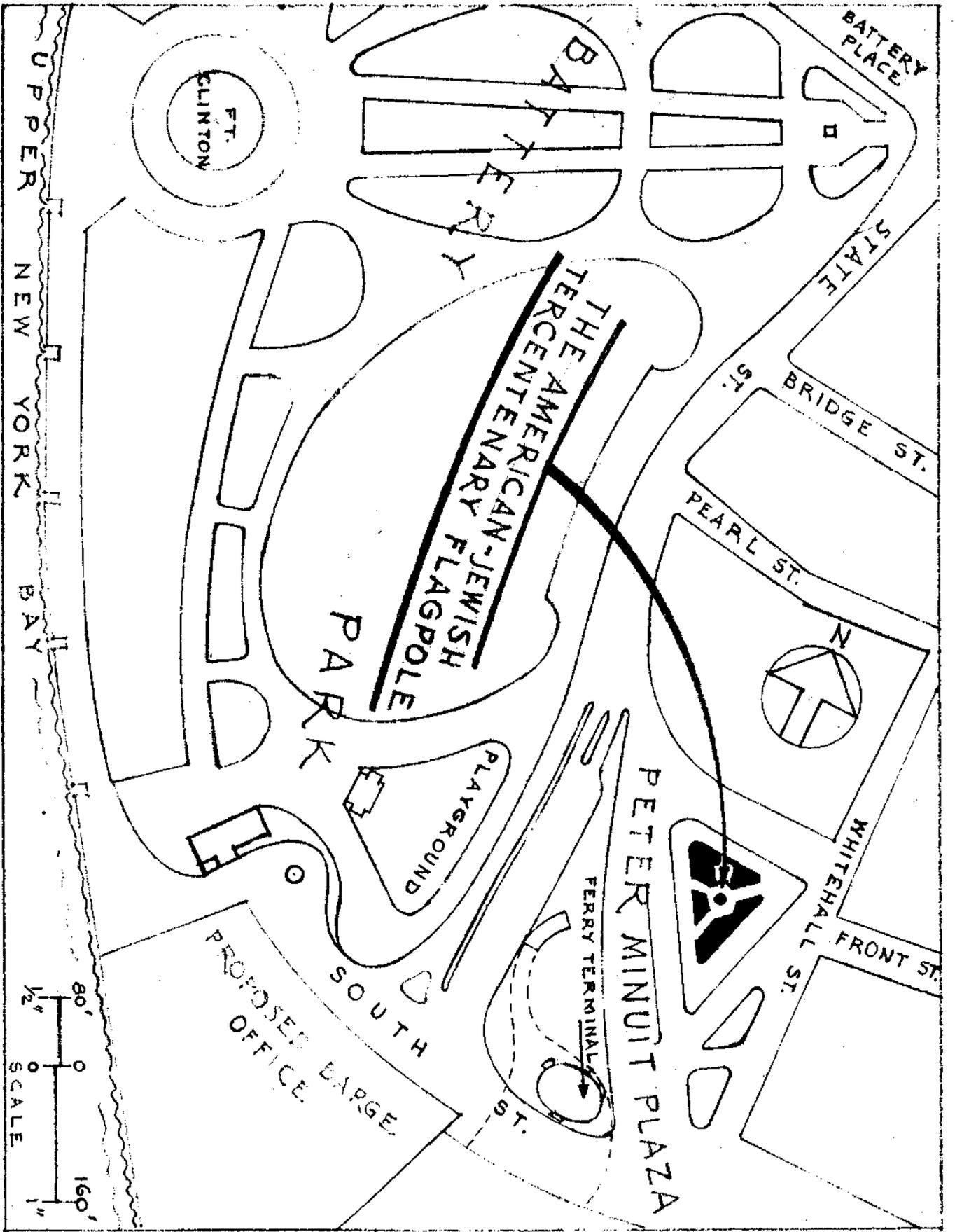


PA. Cap. - ST.

*The American Jewish Centenary Memorial  
1654-1954*



AMERICAN-JEWISH TERCENTENARY FLAGPOLE.  
 PETER MINUIT PLAZA - MAN. MAY 5, 1955 RLR.



AMERICAN-JEWISH TERCENTENARY FLAGPOLE  
 PETER MINUIT PLAZA, MAN. MAY 5, 1955 R.L.L.R.

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*Ray Glesper*

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

IMMEDIATELY

*Hand Delivery 5-26-55  
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The Department of Parks and the United States Coast Guard announce that on Monday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m., ceremonies will be held at Battery Park dedicating the Coast Guard World War II Memorial.

The monument is located in the south section of the park about 150 feet back of the promenade. Consisting of three figures - two Coast Guard men supporting a wounded comrade - its overall height is 13 feet. The monument, financed by the Coast Guard, was designed by the sculptor, Norman M. Thomas.

Park Commissioner Moses will preside at the ceremonies. Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and Vice Admiral A. C. Richmond will speak. The memorial will be unveiled by Mrs. James Munro and Rear Admiral J. A. Hirshfield.

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5-26-55

*Ray Glesper*



**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**

IMMEDIATELY

*Hand Delivery 5-26-55*  
*Regular Mail 11AM 5/26*

1-1-30M-526100(54) 114

Music in modern tempo will give way to the gentle rhythms of four-part harmony when borough competitions for the 21st Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks in each of the five boroughs.

Amateur male quartets, vying for the honor of representing their borough at the finals on the Mall on June 14, will compete in preliminaries to be held as follows:

- Wednesday, June 1 - Queens - Music Grove, Forest Park, Main Drive west of Woodhaven Boulevard
- Thursday, June 2 - Manhattan - Mall, Central Park
- Friday, June 3 - Brooklyn - Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance
- Tuesday, June 7 - Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard
- Wednesday, June 8 - Bronx - Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue

All contests begin at 8:30 p.m.

The quartets will sing, without accompaniment, songs of the American ballad or barber shop variety which were popular at the turn of the century and which are now part of our musical heritage.

The public is cordially invited to attend these evenings of "easy on the ears" musical entertainment as guests of the Park Department.

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R. C. Guthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1955

Hand Delivery 5-10-55  
1 P.M.  
Regular Mail 5-10-55

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Entry blanks are available for the 21st Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park on Tuesday evening, June 14. Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Department of Parks borough offices.

The contest is open to amateur male quartets who do not earn their livelihood as a singing group. Each quartet may sing two numbers, two medleys, or a combination of one song and one medley of the American ballad or barber shop variety. Judging will be based on musical technique, originality, expression, and stage presentation.

Preliminary contests will be held in each of the five boroughs at 8:30 p.m. as follows: Queens - Wednesday, June 1 at Forest Park Music Grove; Manhattan - Thursday, June 2 at the Mall in Central Park; Brooklyn - Friday, June 3 at Prospect Park Music Grove; Richmond - Tuesday, June 7 at Clove Lakes Park; Bronx - Wednesday, June 8 at Mullaly Recreation Center.

The winning quartet in each borough will be eligible to compete in the finals at the Mall on June 14. Costumes appropriate to the Gay Nineties period will be required to be worn by finalists.

Prizes will be awarded to members of winning quartets in the borough contests and to first, second and third place winners in the city-wide event.

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5-10-55

*Mr. Hooper*

CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



TWENTY-FIRST  
ANNUAL  
AMERICAN BALLAD  
CONTEST

SPONSORED BY  
NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR

BARBER SHOP QUARTETS

ON THE MALL, CENTRAL PARK

JUNE 14, 1955

8:30 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

HON. ROBERT MOSES, Commissioner of Parks

STUART CONSTABLE, Executive Officer

GEORGE L. QUIGLEY, Director of Maintenance and Operation

CHARLES H. STARKE, Director of Recreation

HONORARY JUDGE

HON. ROBERT F. WAGNER

Mayor of the City of New York

JUDGES

HON. ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner of Parks

OSBORN ELLIOTT

CHARLES U. POWELL

JAMES F. EVANS

SIGMUND SPAETH

WILLIAM C. HANDY

HINSON STILES

J. BAILEY HARVEY

LUTHER C. STEWARD

CHARLES B. McCABE

PAUL T. WINSLOW

PROGRAM

SELECTIONS BY FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND

Courtesy of Fire Commissioner, HON. EDWARD F. CAVANAGH, JR.  
HON. DEPUTY CHIEF GEORGE F. BRIEGEL, *Conductor*

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STUART CONSTABLE, *Executive Officer, Department of Parks*  
Master of Ceremonies

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SINGING OF THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

THE MANHATTAN CHAPTER CHORUS

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing  
in America, Inc.

Chorus Chairman—ROBERT HUTCHINSON

Director—DR. RICHARD GRANT

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COMPETITIVE QUARTETS

The Tunesmiths  
Bronx

“Seven or Eleven”  
“Dear Old Girl”

The Golden Day Four  
Brooklyn

“Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie!”  
“Waiting For the Robert E. Lee”

The Manhatters  
Manhattan

Medley “Smile”  
“If I Had My Way”

The Four Knights of Harmony  
Queens

“My Sweetie in Tahiti”  
“Someday”

The Metropolitans  
Richmond

“Sweet Adeline”  
“Shine”

GUEST STARS FROM STAGE, RADIO, AND TELEVISION

Robert Merrill, Red Buttons, The Four Peanuts, Vaughn Monroe,  
Cass Franklin and Monica Lane

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNING QUARTETS

AULD LANG SYNE

SELECTIONS BY FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND

## COMMUNITY SINGING

### *SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK*

East side, West side, all around the town  
The tots sing "ring-a-rosie," "London Bridge is falling down"  
Boys and girls together, me and Mamie O'Rourke  
Tripped the light fantastic,  
On the sidewalks of New York.

### *DAISY BELL*

Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer true,  
I'm half crazy, all for the love of you.  
It won't be a stylish marriage,  
I can't afford a carriage,  
But you'd look sweet, upon the seat  
Of a bicycle built for two

### *LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART*

Let me call sweetheart, I'm love with you  
Let me hear you whisper that you love me too.  
Keep the lovelight glowing in your eyes so true;  
Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you.

### *SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD*

Darling, I am growing old, silver threads among the gold  
Shine upon my brow today; life is fading fast away;  
But, my darling, you will be, always young and fair to me,  
Yes, my darling, you will be, always young and fair to me.

### *SWEET ADELINE*

Sweet Adeline, My Adeline  
At night dear heart  
For you I pine  
In all my dreams  
Your fair face beams  
You're the idol of my dreams  
Sweet Adeline.

### *AULD LANG SYNE*

Should Auld acquaintance be forgot  
And never brought to mind  
Should Auld acquaintance be forgot  
And days of Auld Lang Syne  
For Auld Lang Syne my dear  
For Auld Lang Syne  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
For Auld Lang Syne

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*Mr. Gutierrez*



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

FOR RELEASE

Saturday, April 23rd

*Hand del'd. 3:30pm.  
Reg. mail 4/22/55*

1-1-1-30M-915094(54) 114

The Department of Parks announces today that at 9 P.M. Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Williamsburg Y.M.H.A. will meet in the final game for the championship of the First Annual Invitation Basketball Tournament held at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn 12, New York.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help reached the final by defeating Union Temple 81-77 while Williamsburg Y.M.H.A. entered the final by downing the Lincoln Stars 85-74.

The consolation playoff game pits Union Temple against the Lincoln Stars at 7:30 P.M.

Presentation of awards to the winning teams and outstanding players of the tournament will take place immediately following the championship game.

The tournament is sponsored by the New York City Park Department, the Alumni Association of the Brownsville Boys Club, and the Board of Directors of the Brownsville Boys Club with the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union.

4/22/55

R. C. Yuthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Hand Delivery 4-18-55  
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1-1-30M-915094 (54) 114

IMMEDIATELY

Regular Mail 4-18-55

The Department of Parks announces the pairings for the quarter-final round of the First Annual Invitation Basketball Tournament at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn 12, New York.

On Monday, April 18, Our Lady of Perpetual Help will meet the New York Gothams at 7:30 p.m. and Union Temple will play the Franciscan Club at 9:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 19, the Prospect Park Y.M.C.A. will oppose the Williamsburg Y.M.H.A. at 7:30 p.m. with the Lincoln All-Stars meeting the Brownsville Recreation Center at 9:00 p.m.

Semi-finals will be played on the evenings of April 21 and 22 with the championship game scheduled for Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 p.m. A consolation game at 7:30 p.m. will precede the championship match.

Tickets for all games are free and may be obtained from the Supervisor at Brownsville Recreation Center.

Travel Directions: IRT Subway to Junius Street Station; BMT Canarsie Line to New Lots Avenue Station.



4-18-55

*R. C. Guthridge*



**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, APRIL 11, 1955

*Hand Delivery 3 P.M.  
4-7-55*

*Regular Mail 4-7-55*

1-1-1-30M-915094(S4) 114

The Department of Parks announces the opening today of the First Annual Invitation Basketball Tournament to be held at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 15-55 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn 12, New York.

The tournament is sponsored by the New York City Park Department, the Alumni Association of the Brownsville Boys Club, and the Board of Directors of the Brownsville Boys Club with the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union.

This will be a single game elimination tournament which will lead up to the final game on April 23rd, 1955. Sixteen teams featuring some of New York City's outstanding college and high school basketball stars will participate.

The following teams will play in the opening round: Union Temple, Flatbush Boys Club, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenville All Stars, Colony House, Franciscan Club, Boro Park Y.M.H.A., Lincoln Stars, Long Beach Recreation Commission, New York Gothams (St. Mary's Recreation Center), Brownsville Recreation Center, Community Center 42 (Board of Education), Joan of Arc Community Center (Board of Education), Williamsburg Y.M.H.A., Fort Hamilton American Legion Post, and Prospect Park Y.M.C.A.

The schedule for the first round will be as follows:

Monday, April 11

7:30 P.M.

9:00 P.M.

Community Center 42 vs  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

New York Gothams vs  
Glenville All Stars

7:30 P.M.

9:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 12	Colony House vs Franciscan AC	Union Temple vs Fort Hamilton Amer. Legion
Wednesday, April 13	Flatbush Boys Club vs Prospect Park Y.M.C.A.	Williamsburg Y.M.H.A. vs Joan of Arc Community Center
Friday, April 15	Boro Park Y.M.H.A. vs Lincoln All Stars	Long Beach Recreation Comm. vs Brownsville Recreation Center

No charge for admission.

Travel Directions: IRT subway to Junius Street Station,  
BMT Canarsie Line to New Lots Avenue Station.

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4-7-55

R. C. Sutcliffe



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

5-13-55 REGENT 4-1000

Hand Delivery 1 PM  
Regular Mail 5/13/55

FOR RELEASE

May 16, 1955

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the bathing and swimming season at the 17.66 miles of municipally operated beach will open May 21 and seventeen outdoor swimming pools will officially open on Saturday, May 28, 1955.

From May 28th to June 12th, the pools will be opened for weekends only, and from June 18, until the end of the season, they will be open daily with the following operating schedule: On weekdays and <sup>changed 7/16/55</sup> Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a free period for children 14 years of age and under, during which hours no adults will be admitted to the pool area. After 1:00 p.m. on weekdays, <sup>(7/16/55)</sup> Saturdays, and all day on Sundays and holidays, there will be a 10¢ charge for children 14 years of age and under, and a 25¢ charge for older children and adults.

The aquatic program at park pools during July and August will include the annual Learn-to-Swim Campaign held Monday through Friday during the free period for boys and girls 14 years of age and under; twelve Competitive Swimming Meets, six for boys and six for girls to be held at a major pool in each borough; and the newly instituted free instruction classes in swimming for patrons 15 years of age and over. These classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and applicants may register at the pool at which they will participate. Instruction in life saving and first aid will also be included in the aquatic program.

Orchard Beach located in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx; Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens; Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn; and South Beach, Great Kills Park and Wolfe's Pond Park on Staten Island will also open for bathers on May 21st. An additional 1.1 miles of beach adjacent to South Beach, formerly known as Midland, Graham and Woodland Beaches, is now under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and is presently under construction. Of this newly acquired area, approximately one half mile will be available to the public this season for bathing. Bathhouse accommodation at Jacob Riis Park, Great Kills and Orchard Beach will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until the end of the season.

At Great Kills Park there is a total of 6,000 lockers, and a parking space for 2,000 cars is provided. 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 parking space is provided for 14,000 cars. Wolfe's Pond Park has parking space for 1,600 cars.

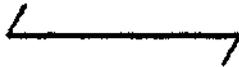
Parking at these four beaches will be 25¢ per car and, with the exception of Wolfe's Pond Park which has no bathhouse facilities, bathhouse fees are 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers. Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational area game courts at Jacob Riis Park, Orchard Beach, and Rockaway are available to the public free of charge.

At Jacob Riis there is also an eighteen hole pitch putt golf course at which a charge of 75¢ 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 21st.

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

Seven parking fields are available at the Rockaways (Beach 32d Street, Beach 52d Street, Beach 59th Street, Beach 62d Street, Beach 64th Street, Beach 68th Street and Beach 69th Street) for the convenience of the many visitors who will visit the beaches during the coming summer. These parking fields will accommodate 1,940 cars and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight at a fee of 25¢ per car.



5-13-55



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Ray Glesper

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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Sand Delivery - 3 P.M.  
PICTURE # 28541

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Regular Mail 6/17/55

The Department of Parks announces the completion of the dredge and fill operations for the placing of sand and erosion control fill for the southerly one mile section of South Beach in the Borough of Richmond.

This section of the beach was opened last year on a limited basis, and a contract was let for fill operations this spring with the anticipated completion date in the fall. By use of efficient methods and modern equipment and favorable weather conditions this contract was completed 3 months ahead of schedule, thereby permitting use of the area by the public this season.

The operation included the dredging and placing of 2,000,000 cubic yards of sand at a cost of \$800,000, equally shared by the State of New York and the City of New York. In addition to providing an added 200 feet average to the beach front, the fill will prevent future flooding of adjacent uplands. Future scheduled developments for this area include a park, promenade, parking facilities, picnic area, recreational facilities, concessions, comfort station and a bathhouse.

South Beach and other projects in Richmond will become more readily accessible to the entire City under the future arterial programs for the Narrows Bridge, Cloves Lakes Expressway and the West Shore Expressway.

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6-17-55



*R. C. Guthridge*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

*3/16/55*  
*Hand Delivered 1:30 pm*  
*Mailed 3/16/55*  
*PICTURE 28453*  
*MAP 28455*

1-1-30M-1110044 (53) 114

The Borough President of Richmond and the Department of Parks announce the start of construction in the rehabilitation and enlargement of South Beach, Richmond. The first stage consists of dredge and fill operations for the placing of a sand beach and erosion-control fill for the southerly addition to the existing beach. South Beach is a 2- $\frac{1}{2}$  mile waterfront strip between Fort Wadsworth on the north and Miller Field to the south. The northerly 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  miles was acquired by the City in 1935 and a boardwalk was built at that time. However, inadequate property was acquired back of the boardwalk for proper control and recreational facilities.

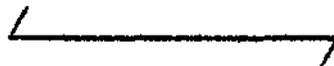
The project as planned today includes the construction of a promenade on the southerly one-mile portion, a new beach and park, and recreational facilities back of the boardwalk for the entire length of the project. Sufficient land has been acquired to permit the construction of parking fields for 7,000 cars, picnic areas, games and playground areas, bathhouses with adjacent bus terminals, and incidental comfort stations and concession buildings. To the west of this recreational and parking development a boulevard-type road will be constructed with access to the various features at convenient points.

The cost of rehabilitation and development will total four million dollars for the area between Seaside Boulevard and the water

line, and two million dollars for a boulevard and other street improvements. The line of the existing elevated boardwalk at the north will be continued at close-to-beach level as a paved promenade to the south.

The operation about to start will be dredging and placing of 2 million cubic yards of fill at a cost of \$800,000, equally shared by the State of New York and the City of New York. In addition to providing a beach, the fill will prevent future flooding of adjacent uplands. One of the world's largest dredgers, "The Pittsburgh", will be used for this operation.

South Beach, along with other great Richmond projects such as Great Kills, Fresh Kills reclamation, and Richmondtown will become more readily accessible to the entire City of New York under the program for arterial facilities recently announced by the Port of New York Authority and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. The Narrows Bridge, Cloves Lakes Expressway, and West Shore Expressway, in conjunction with the three existing bridges connecting to New Jersey and operated by the Port of New York Authority, will immensely accelerate the growth of the Borough. Long-range planning and early recognition of the unique opportunity offered at South Beach will increase the City's recreational facilities.



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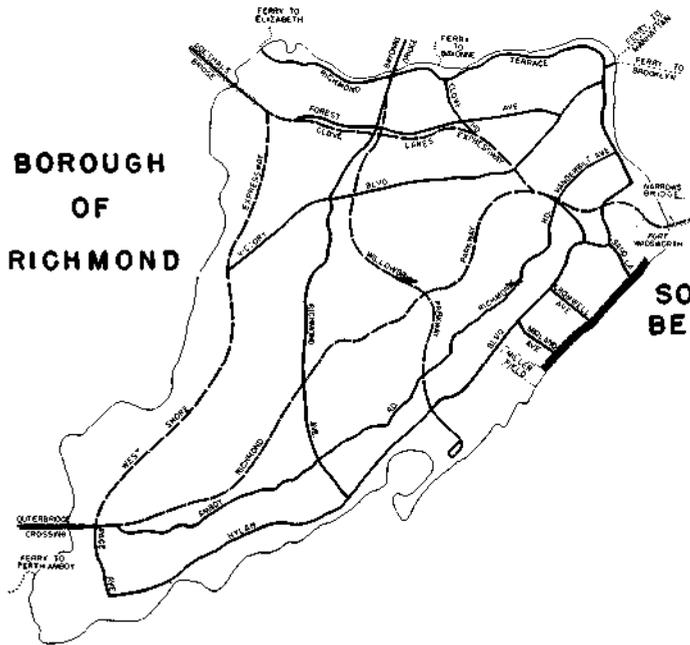
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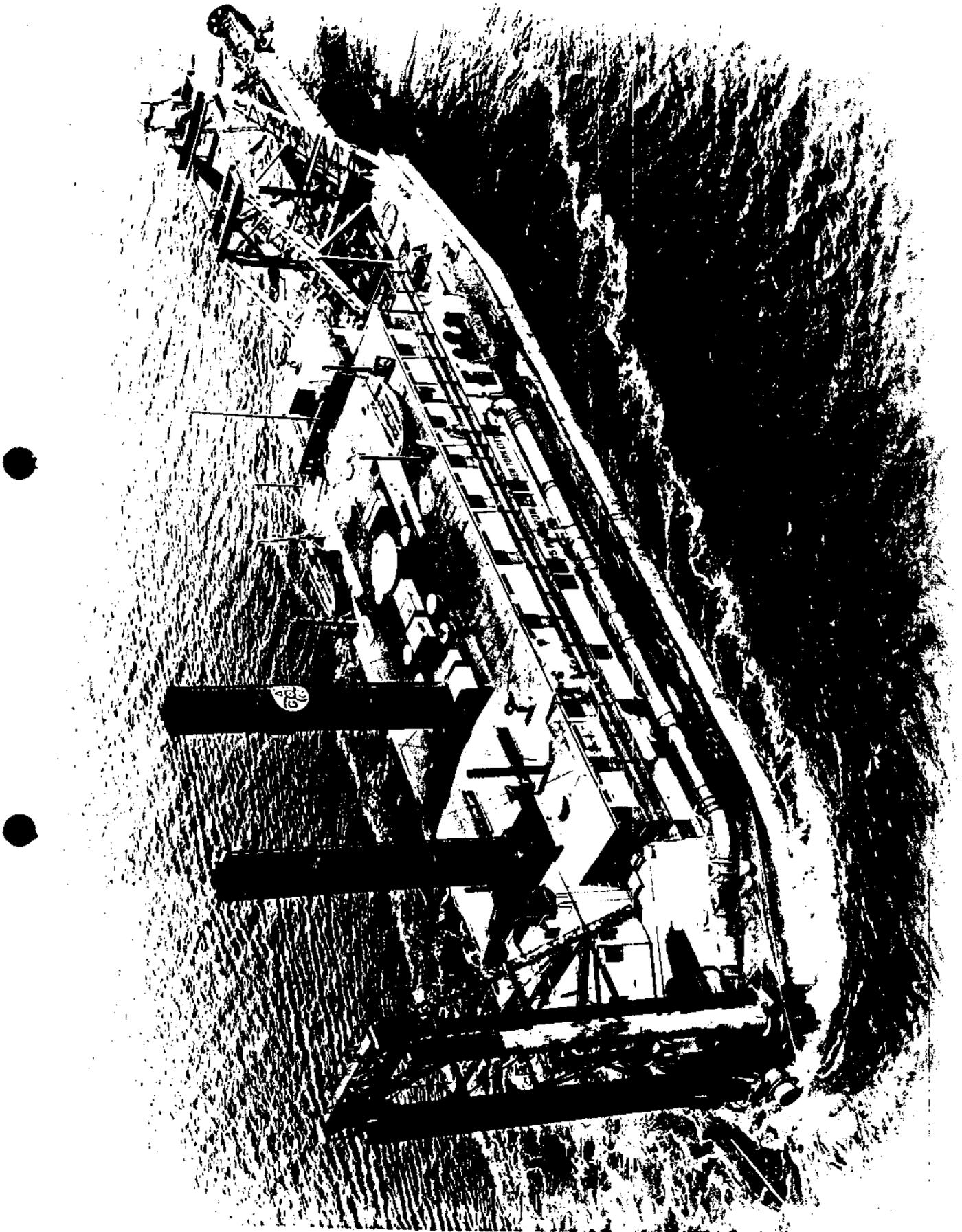
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MR. GUTHRIDGE



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Six additional inter-center boxing shows have been scheduled by the Department of Parks in connection with the expanded boxing program for teenage boys. These shows, part of 25 made possible through sponsorship by the Honorable Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld, will be held at 8:30 p.m. each evening as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Competing Centers</u>
Jan. 11	Highbridge Center, Amsterdam Ave. and West 173rd Street, Manhattan	East 54th St. Gym. Astoria, Flushing and Highbridge
Jan. 14	Sunset Center, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street, Brooklyn	West 28th St. Gymnasium Rutgers, McCarren, and Sunset
Jan. 18	Rutgers Center, 5 Rutgers Street near Jefferson Place, Manhattan	Astoria, Sunset, Cromwell and Rutgers
Jan. 21	St. Mary's Park Center, East 145th St. and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx	East 54th and West 28th St. Gymnasias Flushing and St. Mary's
Jan. 25	West 134th St. Gymnasium, 35 W. 134th St., Manhattan	McCarren, Red Hook, Highbridge and West 134th St. Gymnasium
Jan. 28	Astoria Center, 19th St. and 23rd Drive, Astoria	East 54th St. Gym, Rutgers, Red Hook and Astoria

Eight bouts of various age and weight classes are on the program each evening. The bouts are open to boys who have participated in boxing classes conducted at 12 of the Department of Parks recreation centers. These special boxing shows afford more

competitive opportunities than it has been possible to provide in previous years. The program as conducted by the Department of Parks offers instruction in physical training and development through boxing to boys for whom this activity holds a special interest. For many of these boys boxing is a means of working off tensions and belligerent impulses. They are taught the relationship between good health habits and physical development and well-being.

These shows are open to the general public and there is no charge for admission.



1-7-55

*R. C. Guthridge*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1955

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The Department of Parks has scheduled nine inter-center boxing shows between February 1 and March 4 in the five boroughs. These matches will conclude a series of twenty-five shows sponsored by the Honorable Maurice Rosenfeld, Deputy Police Commissioner, for the purpose of expanding the boxing program conducted by the Department of Parks for teenage boys. In previous years the competitive phase of the program had to be curtailed because of limited funds.

The nine shows and the centers participating in them are listed below. Eight matches are on each evening's program, the first bout beginning at 8:30 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Competing Centers</u>
Feb. 1	McCarren Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn	Flushing, McCarren, St. Mary's Park, and West 28th Street Gym.
Feb. 4	Highbridge Center, Amsterdam Ave and West 173d Street, Manhattan	Sunset, Cromwell, Highbridge, and West 134th St. Gymnasium
Feb. 8	St. Mary's Park Center, East 145th St. and St. Ann's Ave. Bronx	Red Hook, St. Mary's, Flushing, and West 134th Street Gymnasium
Feb. 11	Astoria Center, 19th Street, opposite 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens	Red Hook and Astoria
Feb. 15	Gymnasium, 35 West 134th St. Manhattan	Flushing and West 134th Street, Gymnasium
Feb. 18	McCarren Center, Driggs Ave. and Lorimer Street	McCarren and Highbridge

(continued)

Feb. 25	Cromwell Center, Murray Hulbert Ave. and Hannah St. Tompkinsville, S. I.	Cromwell and Rutgers Gymnasium
Mar. 1	Gymnasium, 342 E. 54th St. Manhattan	St. Mary's Park and E. 54th St. Gymnasium
Mar. 4	Gymnasium 407 West 28th St. Manhattan	Sunset and West 28th St. Gymnasium

These inter-center shows are approved by the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. and are closed to boys who have participated in the special instruction and coaching classes conducted at 12 park recreation centers by Park Department Playground Directors. For the hundreds of boys who are interested in boxing for recreation, the Department of Parks program offers competent instruction and supervision under conditions conducive to safeguarding their welfare, health and morals. Only those who qualify as to ability and physical fitness are permitted to participate in competitive events.

These shows, with the exception of Astoria Center where only limited seating is available, are open to the general public without charge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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1-27-55

R.C. Guthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SATURDAY, January 22, 1955

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The Park Department announces the reopening to the public of the Brownsville Recreation Center at 1555 Linden Boulevard, in the Borough of Brooklyn on January 24, 1955.

This recreation center known as the Brownsville Boys' Club was first opened in 1953, after years of planning by a group of public-spirited citizens of Brooklyn under the leadership of Abe Stark, now President of the Council of the City of New York. The Brownsville Boys' Club started as a one-room club house. Vigorous leadership, unceasing effort and the public-spirited generosity of the sponsors finally produced the fine million-and-a-half-dollar club house being reopened as a City Park recreation facility. Negotiations started in the summer of last year culminated in the official gift of this facility to the City of New York. As their latest contribution to this important work, Mr. Stark and his group gave \$18,500. for alterations.

The new center will be a full-time facility open every weekday from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M., on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. and on Sundays from 12 Noon to 7:00 P.M.

The Department of Parks and the City of New York express their heartfelt thanks to those who have made this magnificent public recreation center a reality.

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1-21-55



*Ray Hlepkew*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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The Park Department announces that beginning July 2, 1955, the City Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Franz Bibo, will resume its regular series of summer concerts on the five Saturdays in July at the Central Park Mall.

The concerts are made possible through the cooperation of the General Motors Corporation, the Columbia Broadcasting System and Fabergé Perfumes, Inc. These business firms have generously agreed to sponsor this series of free public concerts.

The first concert on July 2, 1955 will feature a complete concert performance of Johann Strauss' Operetta "Die Fledermaus", in the new English version by Ruth and Thomas Martin.

Marjorie McClung, Metropolitan Audition Winner in 1954 will head the cast of outstanding young singers all of whom will contribute their services to the public. Judith Raskin, Orin Hill, William Sparks, Robert Rue and William Ryan are the other featured singers in the cast.

On the subsequent concerts the City Symphony Orchestra will continue to present outstanding young soloists who will appear for the first time with the orchestra in Central Park.

All concerts will start at 8:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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6-27-55

*Ray Steeper*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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The second in a series of four annual Naumburg concerts will be given on the Mall in Central Park on Monday evening, July 4th, at 8:30 p.m. The Naumburg Orchestra will be under the direction of Tibor Serley and Sy Shaffer, trombonist, will appear as guest soloist.

The program will be:

- 1. Overture -- "Merry Wives of Windsor" . . . . . Nicolai
- 2. A Night on a Bare Mountain . . . . . Moussorgsky
- 3. a) Allegro . . . . . Haydn
- b) "Ich Grolle Nicht" . . . . . Schumann  
       Mr. Shaffer
- 4. Selections from "Mlle. Modiste" . . . . . Herbert
- 5. Symphony No. 5 -- "New World" 2nd Movement and Finale . . Dvorak
- 6. Lullaby . . . . . Serly  
       Mr. Shaffer
- 7. Les Préludes . . . . . Liszt
- 8. Stars and Stripes Forever . . . . . Sousa

The remaining Naumburg concerts will be given on July 31 and on Labor Day.

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*Mr. Geyer*



ELKAN NAUMBURG

*Independence Day Concert*

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 4th, 1955

EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK

CENTRAL PARK --- ON THE MALL

THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA, *Tibor Serly, Conductor*

THE MALL—CENTRAL PARK

1905-1955

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 4th, 1955 at 8:30 o'clock

INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT

THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA

TIBOR SERLY, *Conductor*

SY SHAFFER, *Trombonist, Soloist*



## Program

### "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

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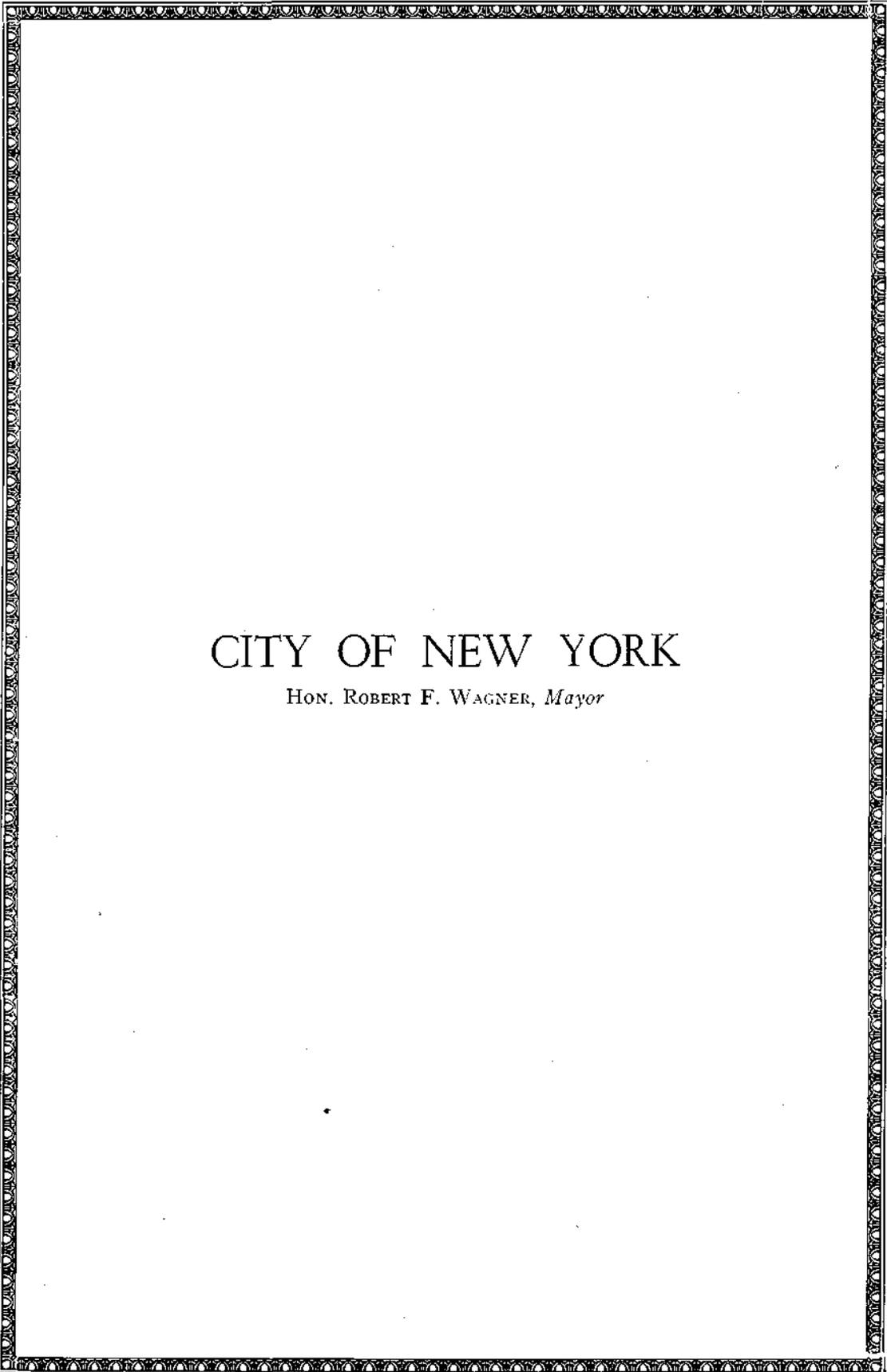
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.....*Dvorak*
6. Lullaby .....*Serly*  
MR. SHAFFER
7. Les Préludes .....*Liszt*
8. Stars and Stripes Forever .....*Sousa*

"AMERICA"

*1955* MARKS THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the NAUMBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERTS begun in 1905 by ELKAN NAUMBURG. This concert is contributed by MR. WALTER W. NAUMBURG and MR. GEORGE W. NAUMBURG, sons of MR. ELKAN NAUMBURG, who donated the bandstand on the Mall and lived to see it put to the purpose he had in mind of erecting a veritable Temple of Music.

MR. ELKAN NAUMBURG had been impressed with the need of an adequate bandstand in Central Park by reason of his custom, long years of practice, of contributing Orchestral Concerts of high quality, in the cause of good music for the people, on three holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. His sons, continuing this custom in his memory, have added a fourth concert to the NAUMBURG series by giving a similar concert on July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death.

THE NAUMBURG concerts for the season of 1955 are therefore set down for May 30th at 8:30 P.M., July 4th, at 8:30 P.M., July 31st, at 8:30 P.M., and Labor Day at 8:30 P.M. These dates are remembered by lovers of good music.

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CITY OF NEW YORK

HON. ROBERT F. WAGNER, *Mayor*

*Ray Hesper*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1955

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For the 50th year, the Naumburg Symphony Orchestra will open the season of outdoor concerts in Central Park with the first of a series of four concerts to be given on Decoration Day, May 30 at 8:30 p.m. at the Mall, 72nd Street and Center Drive.

The concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the City of New York.

The Decoration Day concert will be conducted by Dr. Howard Hanson and Ethel Barrymore Colt, soprano, will appear as guest soloist. The program will be:

1. Overture - "Lenore" - No. 3 ..... Beethoven
2. Aria-"Oh! Quante Volte" -  
    "I Capuletti ed i Montecchi" ..... Bellini
3. Romantic Symphony - Slow Movement ..... Howard Hanson
4. Peer Gynt Suite ..... Grieg
  - 1 - Morning
  - 2 - The Death of Ase
  - 3 - Anitra's Dance
  - 4 - In the Hall of the Mountain King
5. Scherzo and Nocturne  
    "A Midsummer Night's Dream" ..... Mendelssohn
6. Aria - "L'Altra notte in Fondo" -"Mefistofele"... Boito
7. Español ..... Chabrier

The remaining Naumburg concerts at the Mall will be given on July 4, July 31, and Labor Day, all at 8:30 p.m.

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*Loy Hesper*

D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
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IMMEDIATELY <sup>1/20</sup> Hand Delivery 11 AM  
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The Department of Parks announces the second annual series of free weekly outdoor "pop" concerts sponsored by the Washington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Association.

These pop concerts will include live band concerts, featuring Broadway show tunes, motion picture scores, and popular classics and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the locations and on the dates listed below:

HIGHBRIDGE PARK PLAYGROUND - AMSTERDAM AVENUE & 180th STREET

June 22, July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17 and August 31, 1955

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J. HOOD WRIGHT PARK - 174th STREET & FORT WASHINGTON AVENUE

June 29, July 13, July 27, August 10 and August 24, 1955

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Because of the popularity of these concerts last year which were the first of this type presented in the uptown area of Manhattan, the Washington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Association generously agreed to sponsor the program again this year.

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*Ray Glesper*

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

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The Annual Dance Festivals of the Park Playground children of the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, postponed because of last Saturday's heavy rain, will be presented on Saturday, June 18th at 2:30 p.m. The Manhattan Dance Festival will take place on Sheep Meadow, near 67th Street and Central Park West, Central Park, while the Bronx Dance will be held at Williamsbridge Oval, 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue.

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6-15-55



*Ray Blasper*

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

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The 40th Annual Dance Festival and Field Day by the park playground children of Brooklyn will be held on Saturday, June 18, 1955 at 2:30 p.m. on the Long Meadow, Prospect Park, near the Union Street entrance.

Hundreds of colorfully costumed children will perform folk, novelty, and ballet dances for the entertainment of their families, friends, and interested spectators many of whom had participated in these festivals at one time or another during the past four decades.

The children will march to the dance area and form a giant horseshoe within which the dances will be performed.

The program to be presented will be:

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| Pretty Baby           | - | Borough Hall Section        |
| Soubrettes in Pink    | - | Greenpoint - Williamsburg   |
| Tweedle - Dee Clowns  | - | Bushwick - Stuyvesant       |
| Nordic Dance          | - | Brownsville - East New York |
| Neopolitan Tarantella | - | Flatbush - Marine           |
| Swiss Folk Dance      | - | Sheepshead Bay              |
| Teddy Bear Picnic     | - | Coney Island                |
| Fantasy               | - | Bay Ridge                   |

At the conclusion of the program the dancers will congregate at the picnic area for refreshments.

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6-14-55



*Ray Glesper*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

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Hundreds of park playground children from Manhattan and the Bronx will present their annual dance festivals on Saturday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m. Manhattan's 28th annual festival will take place on Sheep Meadow, near 67th Street and Central Park West, in Central Park. The 12th annual festival in the Bronx will be held at Williamsbridge Oval, 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue.

The dances in Manhattan and the playgrounds participating in them will be:

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| Little Shoemaker | Children from Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, McCaffrey, West 45th Street, De Witt Clinton, St. Gabriel's and East 24th Street Playgrounds.  |
| El Toreador      | Children from 60th & York Avenue, St. Catherine's, John Jay, Carl Schurz, Machine & Metal Trades, 108th & Park, James Weldon Johnson, Thomas Jefferson, and Cuvillier Playgrounds.                      |
| The Velvet Glove | Children from J. Hood Wright, Payson Avenue, Dyckman Houses, Highbridge & 189th, Highbridge & 173rd, Highbridge and 167th Playgrounds.  |
| Tweedle Dee      | Children from Alfred E. Smith, Roosevelt, Seward, Downing Street, and Baruch Playgrounds.   |
| Guffus Mambo     | Children from East River & 11th St., Sauer, Downing and Tompkins Square Playgrounds.  |
| Pandora          | Children from Stephen Foster, Hamilton Place, McCray, Col. Young, Harlem Housing, St. Nicholas Houses "B", Colonial North, Colonial South, Carmansville, Annunciation, and Mt. Morris East Playgrounds. |
| Fleet's In       | Children from Heckscher, North Meadow, 83rd & Riverside, and Morningside & 123rd Street Playgrounds.  |

The Bronx children will present the following dances:

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| Little Shoemaker     | Children from Pelham Bay, Tratman Avenue, Purdy Street, Watson Avenue, and Waterbury Avenue Playgrounds.         |
| South American       | Children from Lyons Square, Crotona Park, Spofford Avenue and Melrose Playgrounds                                |
| By the Beautiful Sea | Children from Mullaly, Morris Avenue, Goble Place, and Nelson Avenue Playgrounds.                                |
| Tarantella           | Children from Marble Hill, Williamsbridge, Parkside, Zimmerman, Gubhill, Edenwald, and 225th Street Playgrounds. |
| Artist Jamboree      | Children from St. James, Devoe, Fort #4, and Claremont Playgrounds.  |
| Mambo                | Children from Webster Memorial, Ciccarone and Bronx River Playgrounds.   |
| Skokian              | Children from St. Mary's Recreation Center.  |
| Polka                | Children from St. Mary's E., St. Mary's W., Brook Avenue, Patterson, and Flynn Playgrounds.                      |

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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THE 12TH ANNUAL DANCE FETE by children from the Department of Parks playgrounds in Queens will be presented at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4th at King Park, 150th Street and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica.

The theme of this year's carnival is based on events taking place in an imaginary library in Prince Charming's Castle where the favorite fairy tales of children come to life in dance rhythm.

The dances and the playgrounds presenting them will be:

- The Shoemaker and the Elves - Liberty Park Playground
- The Toy Fair - Newton, John F. Murray, Corona & 102nd Street, and Jackson Heights Model Playgrounds
- Peter Rabbit - Flushing Memorial, R. O'Connor, Pomonok Houses, Richmond Park, Kissena Park, Sanford & Union Avenues, and 21st Avenue & 166th Street Playgrounds
- Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp - Jackson Pond, Atlantic & 125th Street, and Dry Harbor Playgrounds
- Sinbad the Sailor - Thomson Hill, Yellowstone Boulevard & 64th Avenue, Grover Cleveland, Alderton Street & Elwell Crescent, and Highland Park Playgrounds.
- Alice in Wonderland - St. Albans, Allendale & Liberty, Brinkerhoff & 109th Avenues, and Marconi Playgrounds

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- The Wooden Soldier and the Dancing Doll - Von Dohlen, Lucas & 192nd Streets, and O'Connell Playgrounds
- Cinderella and the Glass Slipper - Brookville, 85th Avenue & 248th Street, Braddock, and Reid & Parkinson Avenues Playgrounds

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

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5-31-55



*R. C. Guthridge*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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Hundreds of youngsters 5 through 13 years of age will participate in the 9th Annual Egg Rolling Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of Arnold Constable at the Great Lawn, 80th to 84th Streets, in Central Park on Saturday, April 9 at 2 P.M.

Through the ages the egg has been used during spring festivals to symbolize fertility, new life, and rebirth. An ancient statue of Eostre the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring from whose name "Easter" is derived, shows her holding an egg in her hand as a symbol of life. Eggs painted red were exchanged as springtime tokens of good will as early as 5000 B.C. As time went on, other colors as well as ornamentation were applied to eggs and many new customs using eggs as vernal symbols, were evolved the world over.

For the ninth year New York City's boys and girls will roll gaily colored wooden eggs on the lawn in Central Park. They will use spoons to propel their eggs along courses suited to their ages. Six events for three age groups of boys and three of girls will be on the program: 20 yard contests for the youngest, 30 for intermediates, and 40 for the oldest. Eggs and spoons will be supplied by Arnold Constable.

Prizes donated by Arnold Constable will be presented to

those placing first, second, and third in each final event. The youngest girl winners will receive a doll carriage, a large doll, or roller skates in that order and the boys a bicycle, a scooter, or roller skates. Winners in the age group events will be presented with merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15 respectively.

Entries may be filed through April 7 at neighborhood park playgrounds, Department of Parks borough offices, and at the contest booth on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue. There is no fee charged for entering.

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R. C. Guthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1955

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1-1-30M-526100(54) 114

Eggs as gaily colored as crocus will herald spring on Saturday, April 9 at 2 P.M. when the 9th Annual Egg Rolling Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Great Lawn, between 80th and 84th Streets, in Central Park.

The contest is sponsored by Arnold Constable of Fifth Avenue for boys and girls from 5 through 13 years of age. For the many children who have been competing annually since the first contest was held in 1947, this will be the last opportunity to participate as they will be over the age limit by 1956.

Youngsters may file their entries at Department of Parks playgrounds and borough offices and at the contest booth in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue. There is no fee for filing. Entries close April 7.

Competition is not difficult - the children merely propel their eggs, using a spoon as a mallet, down a course suited to their age group. Wooden eggs and spoons are provided by Arnold Constable. The events are arranged as follows:

- Group I - Boys 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
  - Group I - Girls 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
  - Group II - Boys 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
  - Group II - Girls 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
  - Group III - Boys 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course
  - Group III - Girls 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course
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Prizes donated by Arnold Constable will be awarded to the winners in each group. For Group I boys there will be a bicycle for 1st place, scooter for 2nd, and roller skates for 3rd. Group I girls will receive a doll carriage for 1st place, a large doll for 2nd, and roller skates for third. Group II and III boy and girl winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15 respectively.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FIFE AND DRUM COMPETITION AT JACOB RIIS PARK

The shrill of fifes and the roll of drums will officially herald in the summer season at Jacob Riis Park on Saturday, May 21, when the Fifth Annual Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps Competition will be held.

This event, sanctioned by the New York State Fife and Drum Association, promises to be one of the most heated contests to be held at Jacob Riis Park in recent years, as is indicated by the endless hours spent rehearsing by the entered corps. Competition will be held for baton twirling and drum majors, in addition to the regular contests for the various combinations of fife, drum and bugle.

A galaxy of color, accompanied by pomp and circumstance, will create an atmosphere reminiscent of a combination of West Point and Annapolis. The blue and gold will march along with the maroon and yellow. A total of about 800 boys and girls, representing 18 corps will assemble their colors and proudly march by the judges, who will determine the winners of the four classes of competition. The youngsters represent various organizations, including St. Camillus of Rockaway, St. Francis De Sales of Belle Harbor, Immaculate Conception of Astoria, All Saints Church of Brooklyn, Saint Bernadette of Brooklyn, Saint Clement Pope of South Ozone Park, Andrews Methodist Church of Ridgewood, Our Lady of Sorrows of Corona, First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, Saint Mary's Winfield of Woodside,

Ridgewood Circle Columbian Squires, Cub Pack Scouts Troop 18 from the Saint Fidelis Church of College Point, Scout Troop 69ers from P.S. 155 in South Ozone Park, the Polish National Alliance Group #2637 of Maspeth, and the Topper PAL Corps from The Wynn Center in Brooklyn.



5-17-55

FOR FISHING EDITORS ONLY

*Mr. Guthridge*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1955

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NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ADULTS AT CONEY ISLAND FISHING  
CONTEST; SOUVENIR FISHING CAPS NOW DISTRIBUTED TO ALL CONTESTANTS

Complaints of discrimination against adults in the Coney Island Fishing Contest last year, when souvenir fishing caps were distributed to junior contestants under 16 years of age, have led the sponsor of the contest, Nathan's of Coney Island, to order caps this year for all competitors.

More than 3,000 fishermen of both sexes, aged from four to 87, are taking part in the fifth annual contest, which is conducted by the Park Department. The tourney, which began on Monday will continue through Sunday, May 15, with prizes of fishing equipment valued at more than \$1,500. to be awarded winners in 27 different categories.

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5-11-55

R. C. Luthridge - 5-6-55

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MEMO TO PHOTO ASSIGNMENT DESKS

More than 3,000 contestants, from youngsters under four years to old-timers in their eighties, are expected to take part in the Fifth Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, the largest pier-fishing event in the East.

The contest provides wonderfully colorful picture opportunities-- in the past four years we've had whole families out fishing together, fishermen with the most ingenious home-made rigs, dowager-type ladies with black hats gingerly holding drop-lines over the side of the pier, an authentic Indian princess (1951 -- in mufti), and lots of kids, kids, kids!

We cordially invite you to cover this gala event. Park Department personnel supervising the contest on the Pier and representatives of the sponsor (Nathan's Famous hot-dog parlor in Coney Island) will be happy to aid your cameramen in every way.

PLACE: Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island Boardwalk at  
W. 15th Street

DATES: Monday, May 9 to Sunday, May 15

Opening: Monday, May 9 at 3 P.M. Juniors (to age 16) compete Monday through Friday, 3 to 8 P.M.; Seniors same days, until 10 P.M.

Final Days: Juniors only -- Saturday, May 14,  
8 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
Seniors only -- Sunday, May 15,  
8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

(Prizes awarded on final days at 3 P.M.)

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5-6-55



R. C. Muthridge 5-6-55  
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1955

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FIFTH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST OPENS TODAY,  
MORE THAN 3,000 CONTESTANTS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE

Prizes Valued at \$1,500 Offered in Week-long  
Event Conducted by Park Department and Spon-  
sored by Nathan's Famous; Contest Open to All

The Fifth Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, the largest regular pier-fishing competition in the East, which is conducted by the Department of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's Famous, noted Coney Island restaurant, opens today at 3 p.m.

More than 3,000 contestants of both sexes and all ages are expected to participate in the week-long event, which is held at Steeplechase Pier, off the Coney Island boardwalk. Prizes in 27 separate categories, valued at more than \$1,500 and donated by Nathan's will be awarded to the winners in the mammoth fishing derby. Prizes consist of the latest models of salt-water fishing equipment, plus a special award in the parent-child class consisting of a full-day fishing trip, all expenses paid. There is no fee for entering the contest.

Competition will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and every day until Friday, May 13, for junior contestants to age 16, and from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. for seniors. Final day for juniors only will be Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and final Senior day will be Sunday, May 15, during the same hours.

Two daily prizes, consisting of glass pier-fishing rods and steel reels, will be awarded at the end of each day's fishing, one to the junior and one to the senior contestant catching the heaviest fish of the day. On opening day, there will be special prizes for the junior and senior landing the heaviest fish caught in the first hour of competition.

Four grand prizes, consisting of salt-water spinning rod and reel, tackle box, casting shirt, waders and other accessories comprising a complete fishing outfit, will be awarded at the end of the week to the contestants landing the heaviest fish in each of the four divisions: boys, girls, men and women. There will also be a second-place award in each division, as well as special prizes for the most fish caught by one contestant, the youngest and oldest contestants catching fish, and the parent-child combination landing the heaviest joint catch.

In addition, each junior enrolled in the contest will receive a souvenir fisherman's cap, and each junior who catches a fish, of whatever size, will be awarded a special bait container.

The quarter-mile-long pier, which juts out over the ocean from the Coney Island Boardwalk at West 15th Street, has been decorated by the Park Department for the contest, with carnival-striped canopies spotlights, banners and other displays, and a public-address system has been installed, which will regale the contestants with music while they fish and announce the names of leading anglers as the contest progresses.

In a letter to Murray Handwerker, executive vice-president of Nathan's Famous, Inc., the Coney Island restaurant which joins with

the Park Department to conduct the annual fishing contest. New York City's Park Commissioner Robert Moses commended him for sponsoring the event, declaring that "it will serve to introduce many youngsters to healthy outdoor sport."

Initiated in 1951 with a two-day tournament in which 700 fishermen competed, the Coney Island contest grew rapidly to 3,000 contestants in 1953 and 1954, with an even greater number expected this year, on the basis of advance registrations. Entries have been accepted for the past three weeks at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the five boroughs and at Nathan's, Surf & Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island, where the prizes are on display. Late entries will be taken on the pier itself while the contest is in progress.

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5-6-55

*Richard C. Leutridge*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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*12<sup>30</sup> PM - 5-4-55*

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1200 CONTESTANTS SIGNED UP FOR CONEY ISLAND FISHING  
CONTEST ONE WEEK BEFORE OPENING OF WEEK-LONG COMPETITION

More than 1,200 contestants of both sexes and all ages, including boys and girls of four years of age and men in their 80's, had signed up as of May 2, one week before the opening of competition, to take part in the Fifth Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, it was announced by the Department of Parks, which conducts the yearly event. Enrollment was proceeding at a more rapid pace than last year, when 3,000 fishermen took part in the contest, which is sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Inc., noted Coney Island restaurant.

Entries for the contest are being accepted at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's seafood counter, Surf & Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island, where prizes valued at more than \$1,500, which will be awarded to 27 winners in various classes, are on display.

The contest will open at 3 p.m. Monday, May 9, and will continue daily from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. until Friday, May 13, for boys and girls under 16 years of age, while senior fishermen may compete until 10 p.m. on those days. Final day for the juniors will be Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and seniors will have their final chances during the same hours on Sunday, May 15.

Local fishermen this week noted that blackfish, fluke, flounder and occasional striped bass are being taken in the area around Steeplechase Pier, where the contest will be held.

5-4-55



*R. C. Guhrige*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1955

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**MORE THAN 200 ITEMS OF SALT WATER FISHING GEAR  
OFFERED AS PRIZES IN 5TH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND CONTEST**

More than 200 items of up-to-date salt-water fishing equipment, including the latest models of spinning tackle, will be taken home by the winners of the 5th Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, which begins on Monday, May 9. Conducted by the New York City Department of Parks under the sponsorship of Nathan's Famous, Inc., noted Coney Island restaurant, the contest will be held for a full week on Steeplechase Pier, off the Coney Island Boardwalk.

The awards are grouped in 27 separate prizes, including four grand prizes to be awarded to the contestants landing the heaviest fish of the week in each of the four contest divisions: Junior Boys and Junior Girls (each under 16 years of age), Senior Men and Senior Women. Each of the grand prizes consists of a salt-water spinning rod and reel, elaborate tackle box, waterproof wading pants and hooded casting shirt, 200 yards of nylon fishing line, 24 assorted hooks, sinkers, a device for weighing and measuring fish and a belt-attached bait box.

Second prize in each of the four divisions will consist of conventional stainless steel reel and fiber-glass rod, plus tackle box and other fishing paraphernalia, but not including the waterproof clothes. For the Junior and Senior landing the heaviest fish in each

day's competition, there will be a daily prize, consisting of fiberglass rod, steel reel and fishing line.

Special awards, including tackle boxes, creels and other fishermen's necessities, will be given in a number of other contest categories. In addition, each junior contestant who lands a fish will receive a bait container, and every junior entering the competition, whether he lands a fish or not, will be awarded a souvenir fishing cap.

Valued in total at more than \$1,500, the contest prizes are on display at Nathan's Famous Seafood Counter, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island. Applications for the contest may be obtained at any Park Department playground or at Nathan's Famous.

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4-28-55

R. C. Guttridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1955

4-21-55 11:00 AM  
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FIFTH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST  
TO BE HELD FOR FULL WEEK, MAY 9 TO 15

Youngsters and Adults Compete for Prizes in 27 Categories  
In Fishing Derby Conducted by Park Department, Sponsored  
By Nathan's Famous, Noted Coney Island Restaurant

The Fifth Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted by the Park Department and sponsored by Nathan's Famous, noted Coney Island restaurant, will be held at Steeplechase Pier on the Coney Island boardwalk for a full week, Monday, May 9 to Sunday, May 15, the Park Department announced today.

Prizes in 27 separate categories, consisting of luxury salt-water fishing equipment valued at more than \$1,500, will be awarded to winners of various classes in the four divisions of the contest: junior boys and junior girls, to age 16, senior men and women, aged 16 and over. The competition is open to all, and there is no entry fee or other requirement.

More than 3,000 contestants took part in the contest in 1953 and 1954, it was announced, making the event one of the largest pier-fishing contests in the country. Prior to 1953, the contest was limited to two days, attracting 1,000 competitors.

A grand prize will be awarded in each of the four divisions, to the contestants landing the heaviest fish of the week, and there will be a second place award in each division as well. In addition,

daily prizes will be awarded the junior and senior contestants catching the heaviest fish in each day's competition. Added special awards include: a junior and senior prize for catching the greatest number of fish during the week, a junior and senior prize for the contestant in each category taking the first fish during the first hour on opening day, Monday, May 9, and a special prize for the parent and child, fishing together, who land the heaviest joint catch of the contest.

The hours of competition will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. for junior contestants and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. for seniors on the weekdays, Monday, May 9 to Friday, May 13. On Saturday, May 14, competition will be limited to juniors and will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; seniors will compete during the same hours on Sunday, May 15. Prizes will be awarded after the close of competition on Saturday and Sunday.

Applications for the contest are now available at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city and at Nathan's Famous seafood counter, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.





*Roy Hlesper*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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MONDAY, MAY 30, 1955

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The Department of Parks announced today that the trustees of the Florina Lasker Foundation have made available a generous gift of \$250,000, which will make possible the construction in Central Park of an indoor and outdoor recreation center. The Center will be restricted to use by older persons. The need for such a development has long been felt but its realization has been dependent in large part on private philanthropy.

To be called the Florina Lasker Recreation Center, it will be located in a rocky, wooded area, known for many years as "The Ramble", bounded by the East and West Drives, the 79th St. Transverse Road and the 72nd Street Lake. Its shrubs and fine old trees, picturesque topography, and variety of bird life have made its network of meandering paths especially appealing to older people.

Supplementing the Florina Lasker Foundation's grant of funds, the City's Park Department will undertake the general rehabilitation of the area, including new paths, fencing, drainage and irrigation, lighting and turnouts for bus stops which Borough President Jack has agreed to provide on the 79th Street Transverse Road. Proper facilities for convenient access by bus is an essential part of this project.

The funds to be provided by the Foundation will construct a recreation building, an outdoor paved terrace and recreation area - including horseshoe, croquet, shuffleboard courts, and so forth - and will equip and furnish all these facilities. Other new facilities

in the Ramble will include a parking area; a service yard; lighting and fencing; game tables; umbrella tables and chairs, etc.

The recreation building will be well-equipped and attractively furnished. It will contain a food bar, toilet facilities, storage space and boiler room, a television room, a radio room, a music room with a piano, a record player and a wide variety of records, a game room, and social hall. It will be staffed with Park Department personnel trained in recreational leadership and with special insight into the needs of the older generation.

The late Florina Lasker, a graduate of the New York School of Social Work, was born in Galveston, Texas. Over a period of three decades, Miss Lasker had been actively associated with many social and civic movements in New York City in the field of civil liberties, labor and racial relations. For more than twenty years, she was chairman of the New York Civil Liberties Committee and also served until her death in 1949 as president of the Consumers League of New York.

The Florina Lasker Foundation's public-spirited gift will provide a splendid addition to the growing number of fine contributions to the recreational facilities of Central Park by private donors in recent years. The Wollman Ice Skating Rink, the Loeb Boat House, the Friedsam Carousel, the Kerbs Model Yacht Boat House, and the Chess and Checker Building are other examples of private generosity meeting special needs which the City cannot ordinarily undertake to supply.

The increasing proportion of older people in New York City will soon have the excellent opportunities for undisturbed recreation in Central Park in their own haven - The Ramble. The Department of Parks speaks especially on behalf of them, as well as for the other citizens of New York in expressing gratitude to the Florina Lasker Foundation.

CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

May 25, 1955

Miss Loula Lasker  
Hotel Pierre  
Fifth Avenue at 61st Street  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Miss Lasker:

I am delighted to learn that the Florina Lasker Foundation will provide funds for construction of a recreation center for older adults in the Ramble in Central Park. This generous gift will provide a unique addition to the growing number of recreation facilities in Central Park constructed in recent years with the aid of gifts from public-spirited private donors. The Wollman Memorial, Loeb Boat House, Friedsam Carousel, Kerbs Model Yacht Boat House, and the Chess and Checker Building are examples of popular facilities which could not have been built without such generous private contributions.

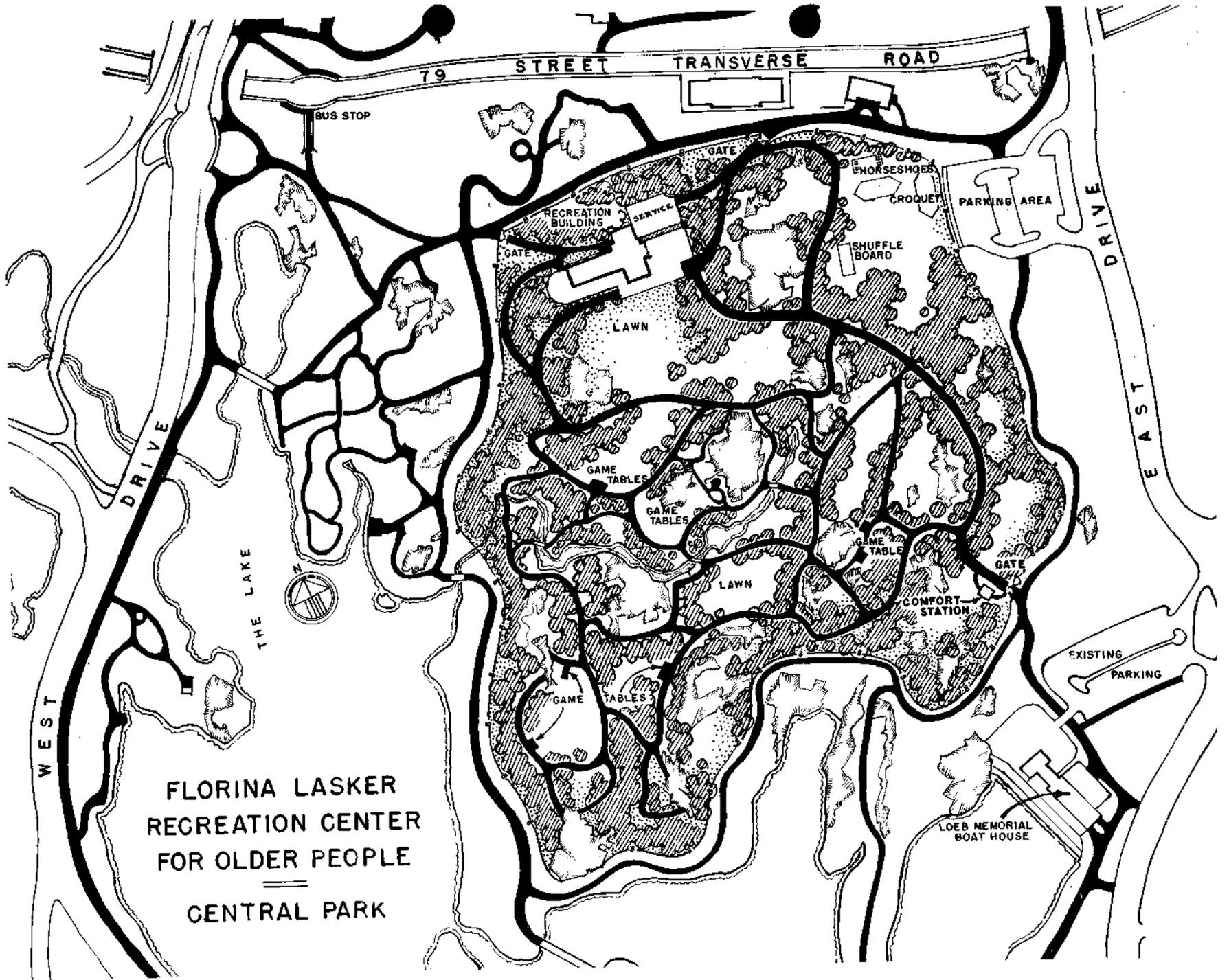
The City will assist in the creation of this urgently needed facility by fencing and rehabilitating the area and providing turnouts for bus stops on the 79 Street Transverse Road near the new recreation building.

On behalf of the City of New York, and especially its older citizens, I accept this most generous gift and express to the Florina Lasker Foundation the City's appreciation for the Foundation's public-spirited action which will provide much pleasure for many of its citizens in the years to come.

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT F. WAGNER

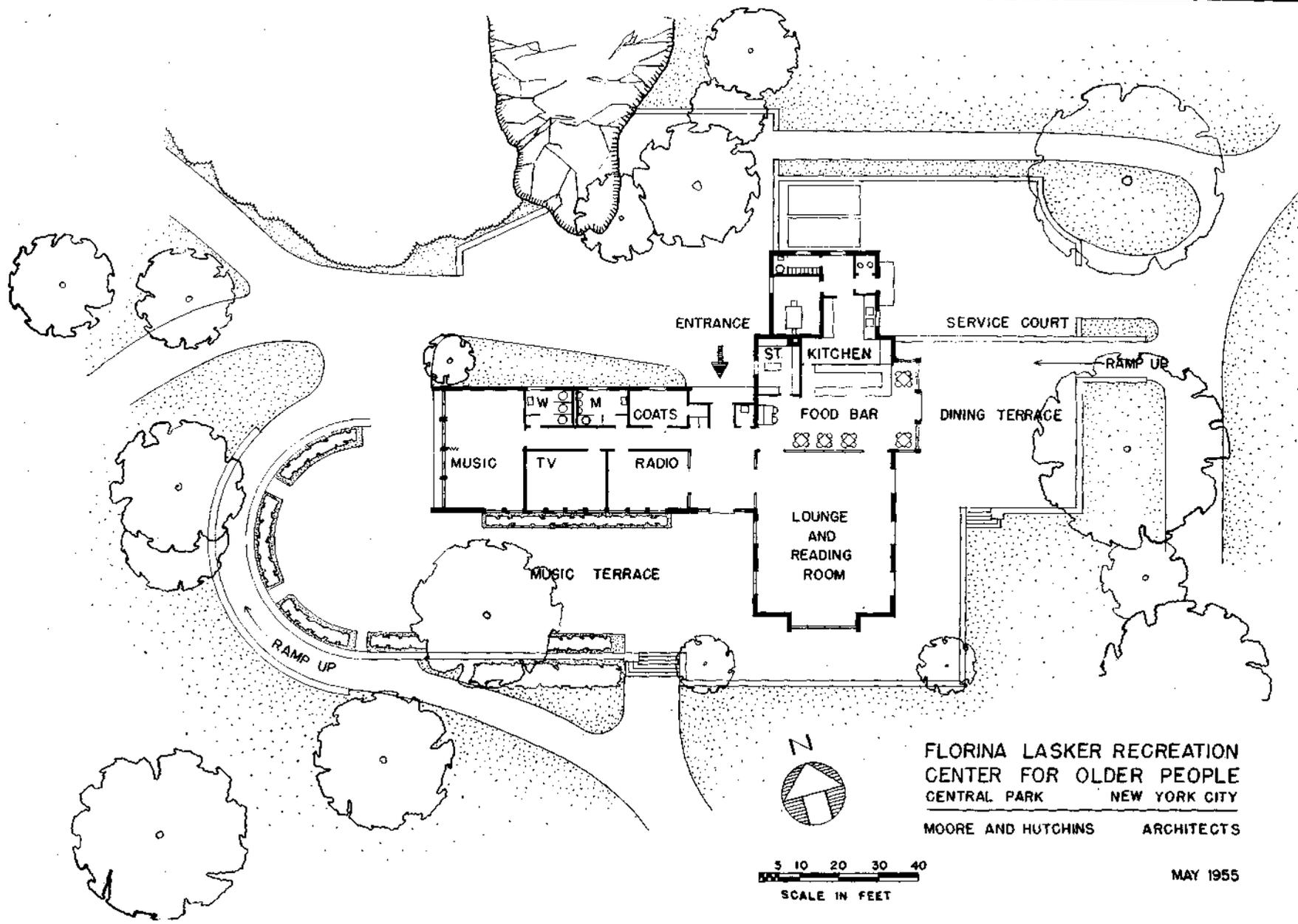
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CENTRAL PARK

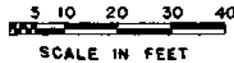


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FLORINA LASKER RECREATION  
 CENTER FOR OLDER PEOPLE  
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MAY 1955





R.C. Yuthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

MARCH 30, 1955

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the following six golf courses on Saturday morning, April 2, 1955 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 use by the public.

- BRONX: Van Cortlandt Golf Course,  
242 Street and Broadway, Van Cortlandt Park
- 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: 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

The following courses which remained open for winter play will be re-scheduled to open at 6:00 A.M. on the same date.

- BRONX: Mosholu Golf Course,  
Jerome Avenue and Holley Lane at Woodlawn
- BROOKLYN: Dyker Beach Golf Course,  
86 Street and Seventh Avenue
- QUEENS: Clearview Golf Course,  
23 Avenue and Willets Point Boulevard, Bayside

RICHMOND: LaTourette Golf Course  
Forest Hill Road and London Road

The fee for annual permits is \$15.00 and may be used on any course. An additional daily fee of 50¢ per round entitles the permit holder to play on weekdays, and an additional charge of \$1.00 per round is made on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For non-permit holders, the daily fee from Monday through Friday will be \$1.50, and \$2.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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R.C. Guthridge



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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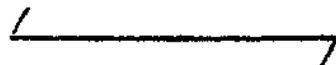
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IMMEDIATELY

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The Department of Parks announces that the Men's Junior A. A. U. Gymnastic Championships will be held at St. Mary's Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, on Saturday, March 19, 1955 at 8 p.m. The championships are sponsored by the Bronx Lodge #871, B. P. O. E., and sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. The events include one optional and one compulsory exercise in the following: Long Horse, Side Horse, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar, Rings (Still Exercises) and one optional Free Exercise (Calisthenics) of 1-1/2 to 2 minutes' duration.

Further information may be obtained at St. Mary's Recreation Center, CY 2-7254



3-1-55

MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
CITY OF NEW YORK

TO: R. Guthridge

Jan. 20, 1955

FROM: John J. Downing

SUBJECT: ICE SKATING ON LAKES

Manhattan:

Conservatory Lake, 72nd St. east, Central Park  
Belvedere Lake, 80th St. center, Central Park  
**59th St. LAKE**

Bronx:

Van Cortlandt Park Lake, Broadway & 242nd Street  
Bronx Park, Twin Lakes, Mosholu Parkway & Allerton Avenue  
Crotona Park Lake, E. 173dr St., & Crotona Park East

Queens:

Alley Park Lake, Grand Central Parkway & 233rd St, Hollis  
Bowne Park Lake, 158th St. & 32nd Avenue, Flushing  
Crocheron Park Lake, 35th Avenue & 214th ~~Place~~ Place, Bayside  
Pea Pond, Hollis Blvd. & Grand Central Parkway, Hollis

Richmond:

Brooks Pond, Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road & Victory Blvd.  
Martling's Pond, Clove Lakes Park

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*Ray Glesper*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

*6/27/55  
Huck Hlinsky - 11 AM  
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The popular Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will begin a fourteen day tour of parks and playgrounds in Queens on Thursday, June 30, giving nineteen performances of Hansel and Gretel at fourteen locations.

The imagination and artistry with which this show has been produced lends new charm to the classic story of Hansel and Gretel. Some amusing liberties have been taken in portraying the old tale so that it will be up to date to children accustomed to the wonders of our jet propelled age. Even parents will find the hour long show an entertaining experience.

The performances in Queens will be given as follows:

- Thurs. June 30 2:30 p.m. Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street, Ridgewood
- Fri. July 1 2:30 p.m. Jackson Heights Playground, 34th Avenue and 77 Street, Jackson Heights
- Tues. July 5 2:30 p.m. Chisholm Playground, 115th Street and Poppenhusen Avenue, College Point
- Wed. July 6 2:30 p.m. Van Wyck Playground, 111th Avenue and 134th Street, South Ozone Park
- Thurs. July 7 11:00 a.m. Forest Park, Main Drive off Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale  
2:30 p.m.
- Fri. July 8 11:00 a.m. Brookville Park, Brookville Boulevard  
2:30 p.m. and 143rd Avenue, Rosedale
- Mon. July 11 2:30 p.m. Astoria Park, 21st Street and Hoyt Ave. Astoria
- Tues. July 12 11:00 a.m. Kissena Park, 164th Street between Rose  
2:30 p.m. and Oak Avenues, Rosedale

Wed.	July 13	2:30 p.m.	Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 192nd Street, Hollis
Thurs.	July 14	2:30 p.m.	Jacob Riis Park, Softball Area, Neponsit
Fri.	July 15	2:30 p.m.	St. Albans Playground, Merrick Road and Linden Blvd.
Mon.	July 18	2:30 p.m.	Linden Park, 104th Street and 41st Avenue, Corona
Tues.	July 19	11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Alley Park, Springfield Area, Queens Village
Wed.	July 20	11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	King Park, 153rd Street and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica

Performances will also be given in Brooklyn from July 21 to August 10; in Richmond from August 11 to 18; and in Manhattan from August 19 to September 8.

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*Ray Glesper*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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The 15th annual summer tour of the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will open on Monday, June 13 and run through Thursday, September 8. The Park Puppeteers have scheduled 89 performances of Hansel and Gretel at 69 parks and playgrounds in the five boroughs.

The trailer theatre will play in the Bronx from June 13 through June 29; in Queens from June 30 through July 20; in Brooklyn from July 21 through August 10; in Richmond from August 11 through August 18; and in Manhattan from August 19 through September 8. Performances are scheduled Monday through Friday of each week.

This production of Hansel and Gretel is the same show performed for more than 250,000 children in recreation centers and elementary schools during the fall and winter months. The Department of Parks is repeating it this summer for the benefit of pre-school agers and children whose schools could not be scheduled for performances.

The show is so delightful that it is difficult to say whether children or adults enjoy it most. At any rate parents and guardians who attend with their youngsters will find time turning back for them as they watch the scenes unfold.

The schedule of performances in the Bronx will be:

- Mon. June 13 3:30 p.m. Claremont Park, Teller and Mt. Eden Aves.
- Tues. June 14 3:30 p.m. Devoe Park, University Ave. & 188 Street

Wed.	June 15	3:30 p.m.	Marble Hill Houses Playground, West 230th Street and Marble Hill Avenue
Thurs.	June 16	3:30 p.m.	Eastchester Houses Playground, Adee & Tenbroeck Avenues
Fri.	June 17	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Edenwald Houses Playground, East 229th Street and Schiefflein Avenue
Mon.	June 20	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Patterson Houses Playground, East 148th Street and College Avenue
Tues.	June 21	3:30 p.m.	Pelham Parkway Houses Playground, Williamsbridge Road and Mace Avenue
Wed.	June 22	3:30 p.m.	Playground at Waterbury, Edison & LaSalle Avenue
Thurs.	June 23	3:30 p.m.	Playground at Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues
Fri.	June 24	3:30 p.m.	Gun Hill Houses Playground, Magenta Street between Holland and Cruger Aves.
Mon.	June 27	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Poe Park, Grand Concourse and East 192nd Street
Tues.	June 28	3:30 p.m.	Bronx Park, East 180th Street and Boston Road
Wed.	June 29	3:30 p.m.	Melrose Houses Playground, Courtlandt Avenue and East 154th Street

R. C. Guttridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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The Park Department announces the restoration of the Robert Fulton Monument.

Located in Fulton Park at Chauncey and Fulton Streets, Brooklyn, the memorial is a heroic-scale portrait statue of the inventor leaning on a model of the Nassau, the first steam ferry from Brooklyn to New York. A zinc statue of this figure, originally erected in 1872 in a niche at the Ferry House at Fulton Ferry was the first statue cast in this country. The sculptor was Casper Buberl, 1834-1899. This had been discarded, but was reclaimed and erected in Fulton Park in 1930. Through neglect it had deteriorated and collapsed. In 1935 the figure was rehabilitated.

Zinc is a very soft metal and in the years since 1935 the figure again deteriorated. It has now been re-cast in bronze and placed upon a new granite base on the site it has occupied since 1930 in Fulton Park.

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FULTON PARK BKLYN. RESTOR. OF STATUE. MAY 9-1955-RL-R.

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*Reg. Glasper*



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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 3

8:30 p.m.

- Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - American Music

Monday, July 4

8:30 p.m.

- Mall, Central Park - Naumburg Concert - Tibor Serly conducting, Sy Shaffer, trombonist, guest artist

Tuesday, July 5

8:30 p.m.

- Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens - Name Band Dance\* - Art Mooney and his orchestra

8:30 p.m.

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Wednesday, July 6

8:30 p.m.

- Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Famous Overtures

8:30 p.m.

- Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance\* - Tiny Markle and his orchestra

8:30 p.m.

- Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond - Name Band Dance\* - Art Mooney and his orchestra

Thursday, July 7

8:30 p.m.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Berlioz Program

8:30 p.m.

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Name Band Dance\* - Art Mooney and his orchestra

Friday, July 8

8:30 p.m.

- \* Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Berlioz Program

8:30 p.m.

- Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance\* - Ernie Rudy and his orchestra

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Friday, July 8

8:30 p.m.

- Riverside Drive and 104th Street - Square Dance -  
Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, July 9

8:30 p.m.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road entrance  
Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band -  
Special Memorial Concert

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 26

8:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Grand Opera
- Forest Park Music Grove, Glendale, Queens Concert by Leone Musical Society

Monday, June 27

8:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Bach Program
- Colonial Park, 146th St. and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - Name Band Dance\* - Umberto Morales and His Orchestra

Tuesday, June 28

8:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.

- Playground, 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens - \*Name Band Dance - Bernie Cummins and His Orchestra
- Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands

Wednesday, June 29

8:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Children's Music
- Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - \*Name Band Dance - Bernie Cummins and His Orchestra

Thursday, June 30

8:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.

*Wollman* →

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Original Band Music
- Mall, Central Park - \*Name Band Dance - Ray McKinley and His Band

Friday, July 1

8:30 p.m.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Original Band Music

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Friday, July 1

8:30 p.m.

- Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - \*Name Band Dance - Charlie Peterson and His Orchestra

8:30 p.m.

- Riverside Drive and 104th Street - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands

Saturday, July 2

8:30 p.m.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Famous Overtures.

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*Ray Glesper*

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 19

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Miscellaneous Program

8:00 P.M.

- Forest Park Music Grove, Glendale, Queens Concert by Elks Glee Club

Monday, June 20

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Concert - Goldman Band - Special program for 2,100th concert

Tuesday, June 21

8:30 P.M.

- Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens - \*Name Band Dance - Blue Barron and his orchestra
- Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands

8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 22

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Wagnerian Program
- Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse Bronx - \*Name Band Dance - Blue Barron and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Thursday, June 23

8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road entrance Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Russian Music

8:30 P.M.

*Wollman*

- > Mall, Central Park - \*Name Band Dance - Al Lombardy and his orchestra

Friday, June 24

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park, Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Russian program
- Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - \*Name Band Dance - Claude Thornhill and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

- Riverside Drive and 104th Street - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands

8:30 P.M.

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Saturday, June 25  
8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road  
entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -  
Goldman Band - Grand Opera Program

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*Ray. Blasper*



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The third week of Name Band Dances in New York City parks will feature the music of Art Mooney, Tiny Markle, and Ernie Rudy. These dances are part of the 14th annual series of 54 summer dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks on weekday evenings from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M.

Art Mooney will make three appearances this week playing Tuesday, July 5th at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue in Glendale, Queens; Wednesday, July 6th at Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond; and Thursday, July 7th at Wollman Memorial in Central Park. Mooney, a top band attraction everywhere he plays, skillfully combines entertainment with danceable music.

Tiny Markle will play Wednesday, July 6th at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Markle's orchestra is a really fresh and capable group of musicians and entertainers who have established themselves atop New England's dance band circuit. Joyce Chris handles the vocals.

Ernie Rudy will play Friday, July 8th at Prospect Park Dance Area Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. Rudy, popularly known as the daffy drummer, heads an aggregation of such stars in their own right as Chubbie Silvers, Don Roger, Charlie Wilson and Phil Gilbert. Betty Clarke is the featured songstress. A full evening of fine entertainment and dancing is in store for Name Band Dance fans.

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*Ray Glesper*

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Five Name Band Dances are scheduled in New York City Parks next week. These dances are part of an annual series of 54 dances sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks.

The dances are scheduled at 8:30 p.m. on weekday evenings.

On Monday, June 27, Umberto Morales and his famous Latin Music will be heard at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.

Bernie Cummins and his smooth danceable music and featuring vocalist Toni Dee will appear on Tuesday, June 28, at the Playground at 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, and again the following night at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Ray McKinley who presents a well-rounded program of music, entertainment and humor and whose keynote is versatility is featured Thursday, June 30, at the Wollman Memorial Dance Area in Central Park.

Popular Charlie Peterson and his "Smooth Rhythm" Orchestra, who have just completed an extensive engagement at the Terrace Room of the Hotel New Yorker, will provide an evening of dance music at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

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*Ray Neeser*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1955

*6/8 Hand Delivery 11PM  
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The 1955 season of outdoor dances in New York City parks will open on Thursday, June <sup>16</sup> at 8:30 p.m. on the Mall in Central Park. For the 14th year, the Consolidated Edison Company is sponsoring this popular series of fifty-four dances. Some of the nation's finest dance bands are scheduled to appear during the season. The dances will continue through September 1<sup>5</sup>.

The dances will be conducted by the Department of Parks on weekday evenings from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in each of the five boroughs according to the following schedule:

MANHATTAN

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Thursday evenings June 16 through September 1, except August 25.
- Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue - Monday evenings June 27, July 11, August 1, August 15, August 22
- Mall, Central Park - Thursday, August 25

BROOKLYN

- Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street - Friday evenings June 17 through August 26

BRONX

- Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse - Wednesday evenings June 22 through August 31

QUEENS

- Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale - Tuesday evenings June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, August 30
- Jackson Heights - Playground at 34th Avenue and 77th Street - Tuesday evenings June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23

RICHMOND

- Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah St., Tompkinsville - Wednesday evenings July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17

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Claude Thornhill will play for the opening dance at the Mall on June 16, and also on Friday, June 24 at Prospect Park. The Claude Thornhill band has been around for quite a few years, yet Thornhill's piano styling and unique orchestrations are still the most original musical offerings among modern dance bands.

On Friday, June 17, Bill Lawrence will appear at the Prospect Park Dance Area. Voted the most popular dance band along the Eastern Seaboard, the Bill Lawrence orchestra, famed for its varied presentations, is especially noted for its beautiful blending of musical instruments.

On Tuesday, June 21, Blue Barron will play at Victory Field in Queens and again on Wednesday, June 22, at Poe Park in the Bronx. Blue Barron is a long time favorite of name band dance enthusiasts. Creator of "Music of Yesterday and Today", Blue has starred in leading supper clubs and hotels throughout the nation.

On Thursday, June 23, the music of popular Al Lombardy and his orchestra will be featured on the Mall in Central Park.

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*Ray Glesper*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1955

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TWENTY SQUARE DANCES SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS

Square dancing is just as popular in New York City as it is anywhere else in the United States and for the next ten weeks dancing feet will trace the figures of hoe-downs and squares at the Mall in Central Park and Riverside Park and 104th Street.

Twenty dances sponsored by a civic-minded organization will be conducted by the Department of Parks on Tuesday evenings at the Mall and on Friday evenings at Riverside Park, beginning Tuesday, June 21 and continuing through Friday, August 26. All dances will begin at 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

These dances can be enjoyed by everyone, young or old, family groups or couples, experienced square dancers or novices. Ed. Durlacher's calling and the music of his Top Hands will soon have feet flying through the figures. Ed. Durlacher will give simple but concise instructions before each dance so the calls may be followed without difficulty.

The Department of Parks invites dance-minded New Yorkers and visitors to the city to come and swing their partners "country style".





*Ray Glesper*

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IMMEDIATELY <sup>6/16</sup> *Sand Steiner 2:45 PM.*  
*Regular Mail 6/17*

The Department of Parks announces that on Monday, June 20, 1955, work will start on the resurfacing of Shore Parkway and Pelham Bay Park, Bronx.

This 1.3-mile stretch of roadway from the Bartow Circle to the Pelham Manor New York City boundary is flanked on the east by the Pelham Bay and the Bartow Mansion and on the west by the Pelham-Split Rock Golf Courses.

The Park Department states that the road will be kept open to traffic at all times but recommends that motorists make use of the Boston Post Road and the Hutchinson River Parkway as alternate routes during the construction.

The contractors for this work are Frank Mascali and Sons who were low bidders. The work will be completed in August, 1955.

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R. C. Muthridge



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FOR RELEASE

APRIL 5, 1955

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 472 tennis courts at various locations in the five boroughs on Saturday, April 9, 1955.

Regular Season Permits cost \$5.00 and are good for play every day, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, on all courts.

Junior Tennis Permits cost fifty cents and will be issued to children who will not have reached their 15th birthday by November 15, 1955. Proof of age must be presented with applications. This permit will be valid for use on hard surface courts only, and when there is no demand for these courts by regular season permit holders.

Applications may be secured by calling in person at the borough offices of the Park Department or by mail, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope with the request. A new photograph, passport size, must accompany the application.

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R. C. Guttridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1955

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Starting <sup>Monday</sup> ~~Tuesday~~, February 28, 1955, applications for

season playing permits for golf and tennis, and locker permits for tennis, other recreational activities and golf, with the exceptions noted below, will be accepted at each of the five Borough Offices of the Park Department. Application may be made either in person or by mail. Application for a playing permit for golf or tennis must be accompanied by a face photograph of passport size, taken not more than thirty days prior to date of application. Applications filed by mail must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and the address must include the postal zone, if any.

A season golf permit costs \$15. Daily golf fees for season permit holders will be 50¢ per round on weekdays and \$1.00 per round on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Daily golf fees for non-season permit holders will be \$1.50 for weekdays and \$2.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

A season golf locker permit costs \$5.00 and will expire on November 27, 1955.

Because at some locations the demand for golf lockers exceeds the supply, applications for golf lockers are not being accepted at this time for the following locations:

DYKER BEACH, BROOKLYN  
MOSHOLU, BRONX - (MEN'S LOCKERS ONLY)

Applications for lockers at these locations will be

accepted from season permit holders only at any Park Department Borough Office from February 28 to March 15, 1955. Public drawings will be conducted on March 24, 1955 at 10 A.M. to determine the successful applicants. The drawings will be held in the offices of the Department in Boroughs in which the respective courses are located.

Season locker permits for Pelham-Split Rock, Van Cortlandt, Mosholu (Women's Lockers only), Forest Park, Clearview, Silver Lake and La Tourette courses may be obtained by season golf permit holders as soon as they have their permits.

A tennis permit costs \$5.00 for the season and is good for play every day of the season on any of the City's 477 public park tennis courts. No daily permits are issued for tennis.

Junior tennis permits cost 50¢ per season and are limited to children who will not have reached their 15th birthday as of November 15 of the current season. Proof of age must be submitted. These Junior permits are for use on hard surface tennis courts only, subject to priority of \$5.00 season tennis permit holder.

Applications for seasonal recreation lockers, located at various athletic fields and tennis court areas, also will be received, starting February 28. Locker rental is \$5.00 for the season.

Season locker permits for the Field House at the North Meadow in Central Park may be secured by personal application only at the Permit Office in the Arsenal Building, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, starting February 28th. Only one locker will be issued to an applicant.

Park Department offices in the five boroughs are located

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as follows:

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

BROOKLYN: Litchfield Mansion, Telephone: SOuth 8-2300  
Prospect Park West and Fifth Street  
Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

QUEENS: The Overlook, Telephone: LIggett 4-4400  
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 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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*Mr. Hutchbridge*

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 273, Jerome Street to Warwick Street, south of Wortman Avenue, Brooklyn.

Located in the Spring Creek section of Brooklyn, this one-acre playground will serve the outdoor recreational needs of all age groups in the neighborhood, including nearby 1440-unit, City-subsidized Boulevard Houses as well as the needs of the children from adjacent P.S. 273.

In accordance with the policy of joint operation, the older children's area will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours, and by the Department of Parks at all other times. It includes basketball and handball courts, and an open area for skating, running, games and practice basketball.

The northeast section reserved for pre-school-age children, and operated by the Park Department at all times, contains sand pit, shower basin, kindergarten play area and the centrally located comfort station. Adjacent is a tree-shaded area with games tables and benches open to older people at all times.

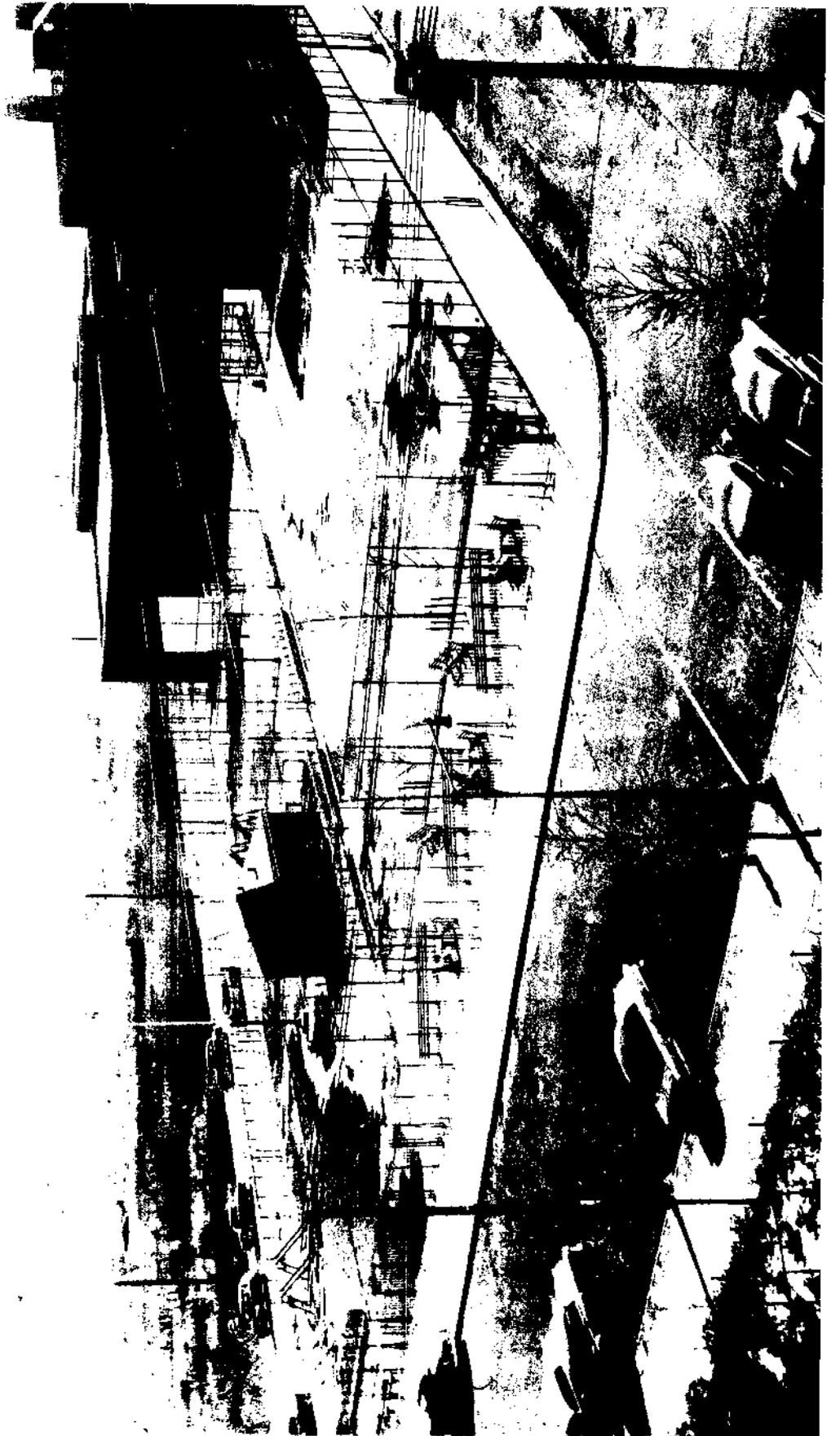
Sitting areas are also provided for spectators and guardians.

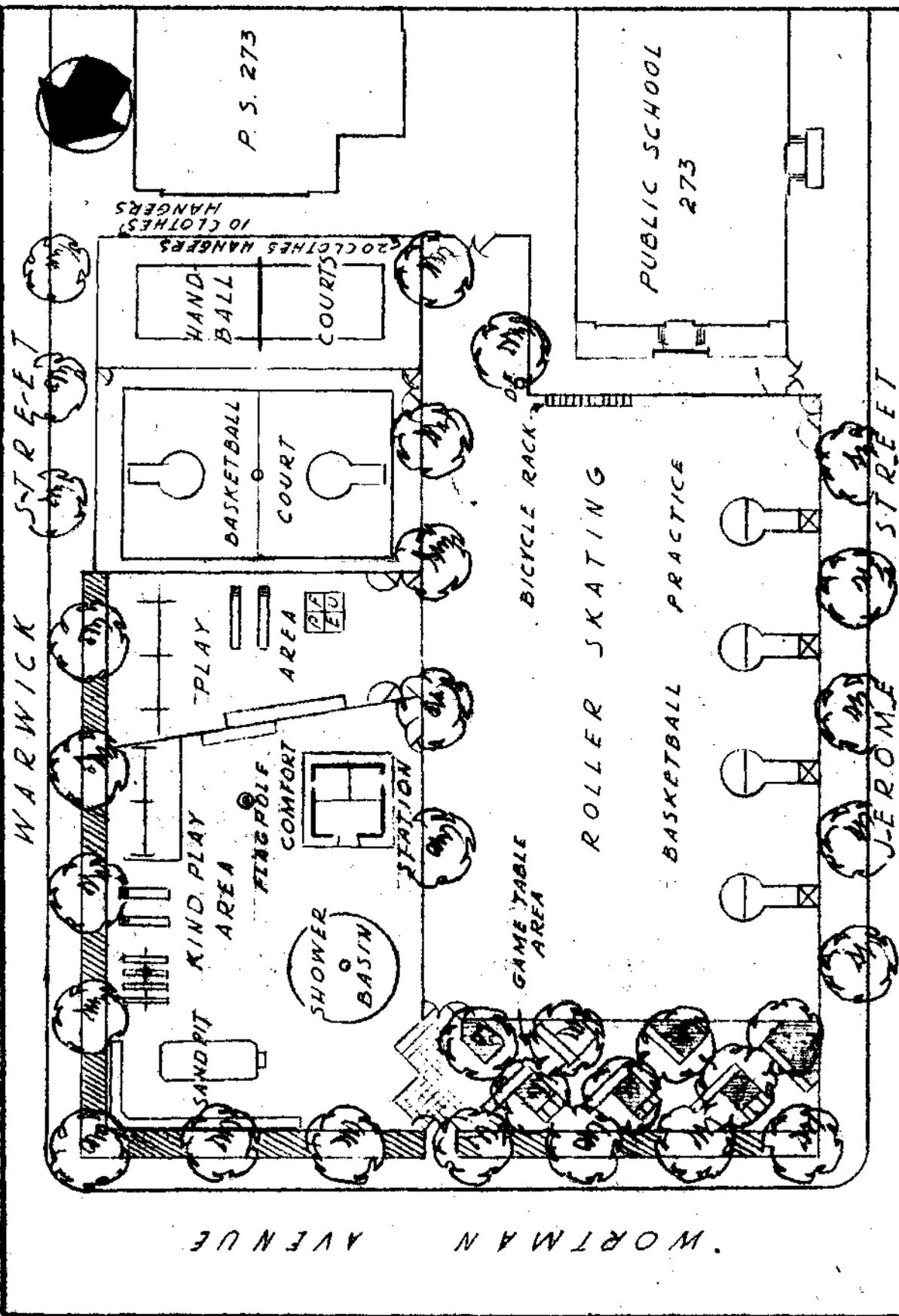
Multiple use may be made of the play area for such seasonal activities as roller skating, stickball, punchball, touch football, folk dancing, etc.

With this addition there are now 628 playgrounds in the City's ever-expanding park system.

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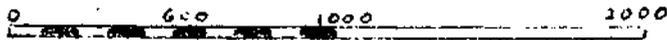
# BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND - ADJACENT TO P.S. 273  
 JEROME STREET TO WARWICK ST. - SOUTH OF NORTHMAN AVENUE  
 BORO. OF BROOKLYN 1/25/55 SCALE 1" = 40' 0" M. BERKE

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# BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN



CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND - ADJACENT TO PS 273  
 JEROME ST. TO WARWICK ST. SOUTH OF WORTMAN AVE  
 BORO. OF BROOKLYN 11/25/35 SCALE - 1" = 600'-0. MERRILL

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground and ballfield at Woodhull, Hicks and Rapelye Streets, Brooklyn.

Located in the congested Red Hook section of Brooklyn, the 2-1/2 acre area will serve the outdoor recreational needs of all age groups, including the children of nearby P. S. 142.

The playground and ballfield are typical of many which were constructed and are proposed in conjunction with the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. The Expressway extends from the Battery Tunnel at the south, through the Brooklyn Civic Center, and continues north to Grand Central Parkway, directly connecting to Triborough Bridge. The Brooklyn section between Kent Avenue and the Tunnel, developed with emphasis on neighborhood and community improvements, was designed and constructed by the Office of the Borough President of Brooklyn.

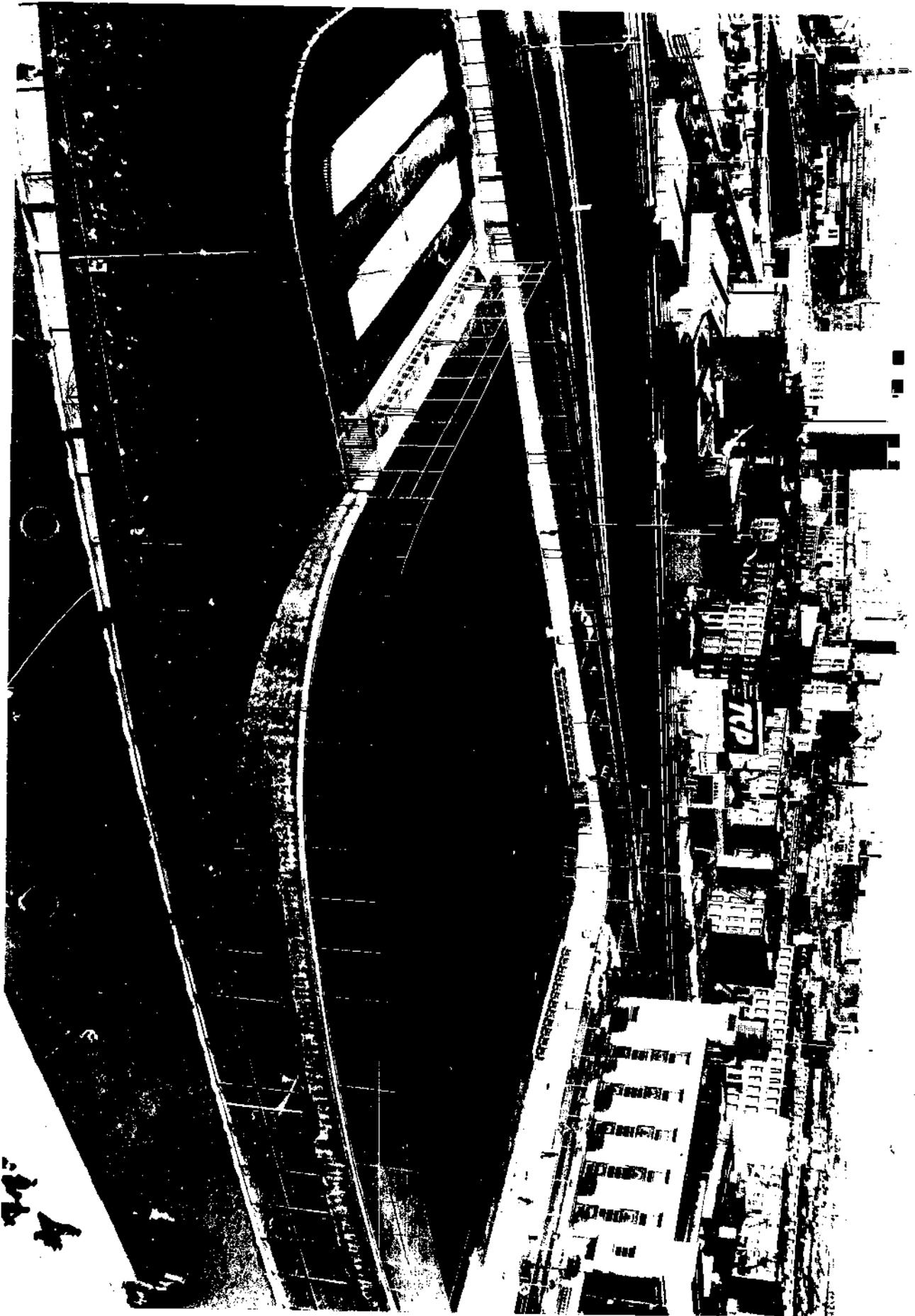
The playground contains sand pit, swings, slides, see-saws, jungle gym and comfort station. Tree-shaded sitting areas are provided for spectators and guardians. The softball field with adjoining bocci courts includes ample tree-shaded areas with benches for spectators. Multiple use may be made of the field for such seasonal activities as stickball, touch football and other open field games.

This newly constructed recreation area marks the 629th playground addition to the City's extensive park system.

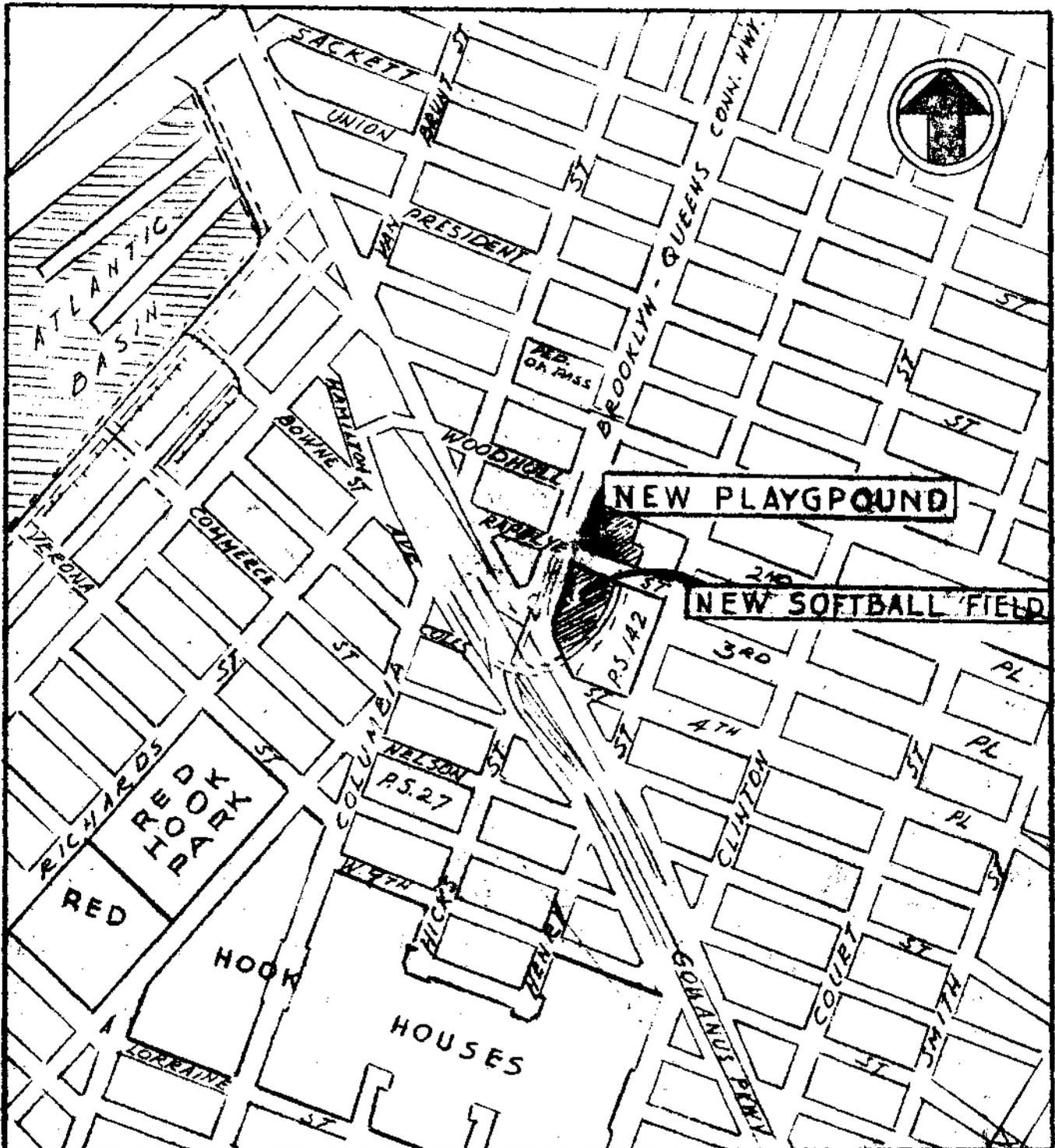
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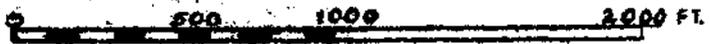
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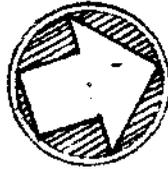
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 BORO OF BROOKLYN. FEB. 23, 1954. M. BARKE 1" = 500' 0" P-L-3-17-2000

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WOODHULL STREET

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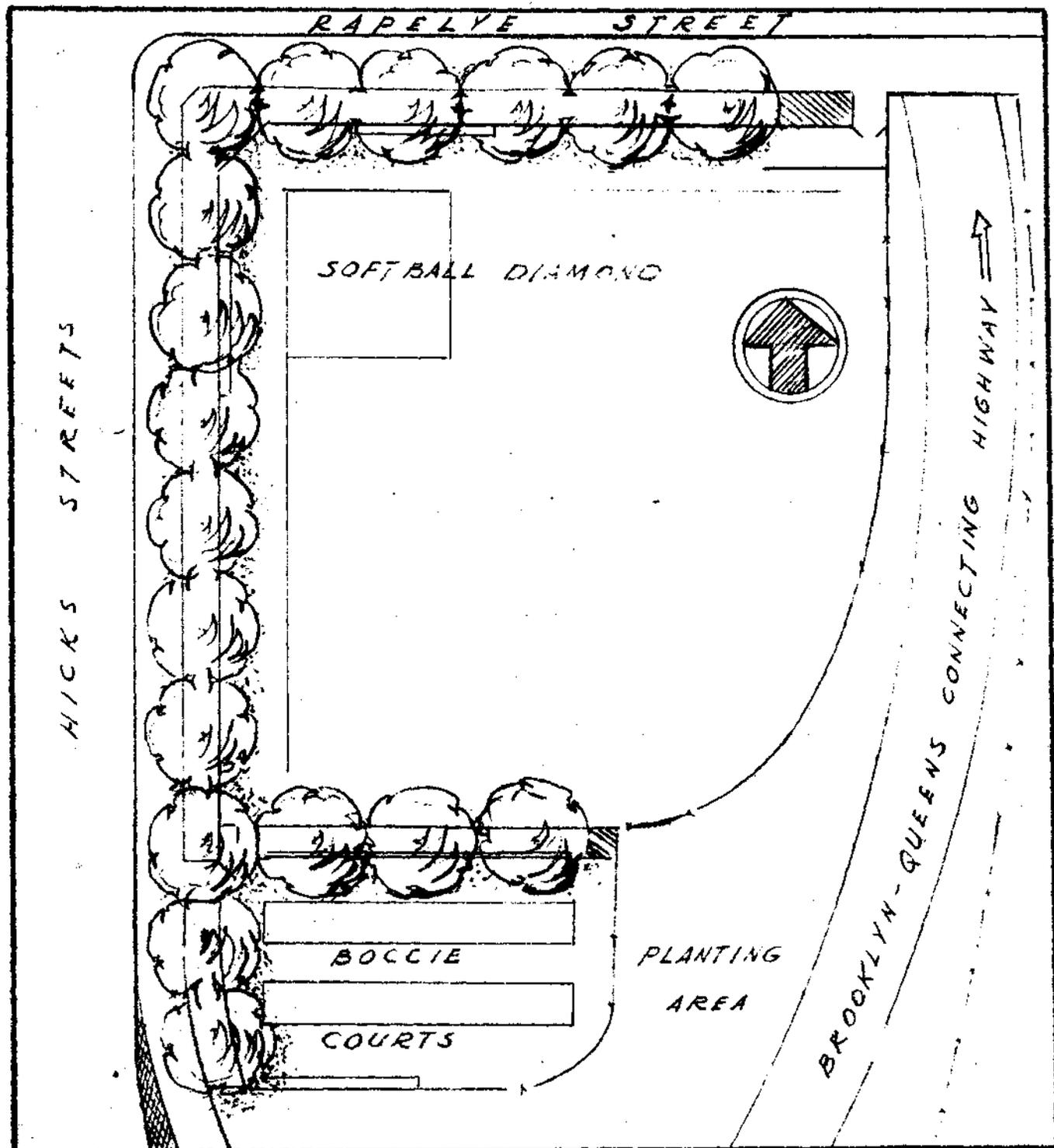
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# BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

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CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND & SOFTBALL DIAMOND  
 HICKS ST., RAPELYE ST. & BROOKLYN-QUEENS CONN. HIGHWAY  
 BORO. OF BROOKLYN FEB 23, 1954 M. BERRY SCALE 1"=40'

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*R. C. Guttridge*

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground west of Francis Lewis Boulevard between 120th and 121st Avenues, Queens.

Located in the Cambria Heights section of Queens, the new 4-1/2 acre playground will serve the outdoor recreational needs of this developed residential area.

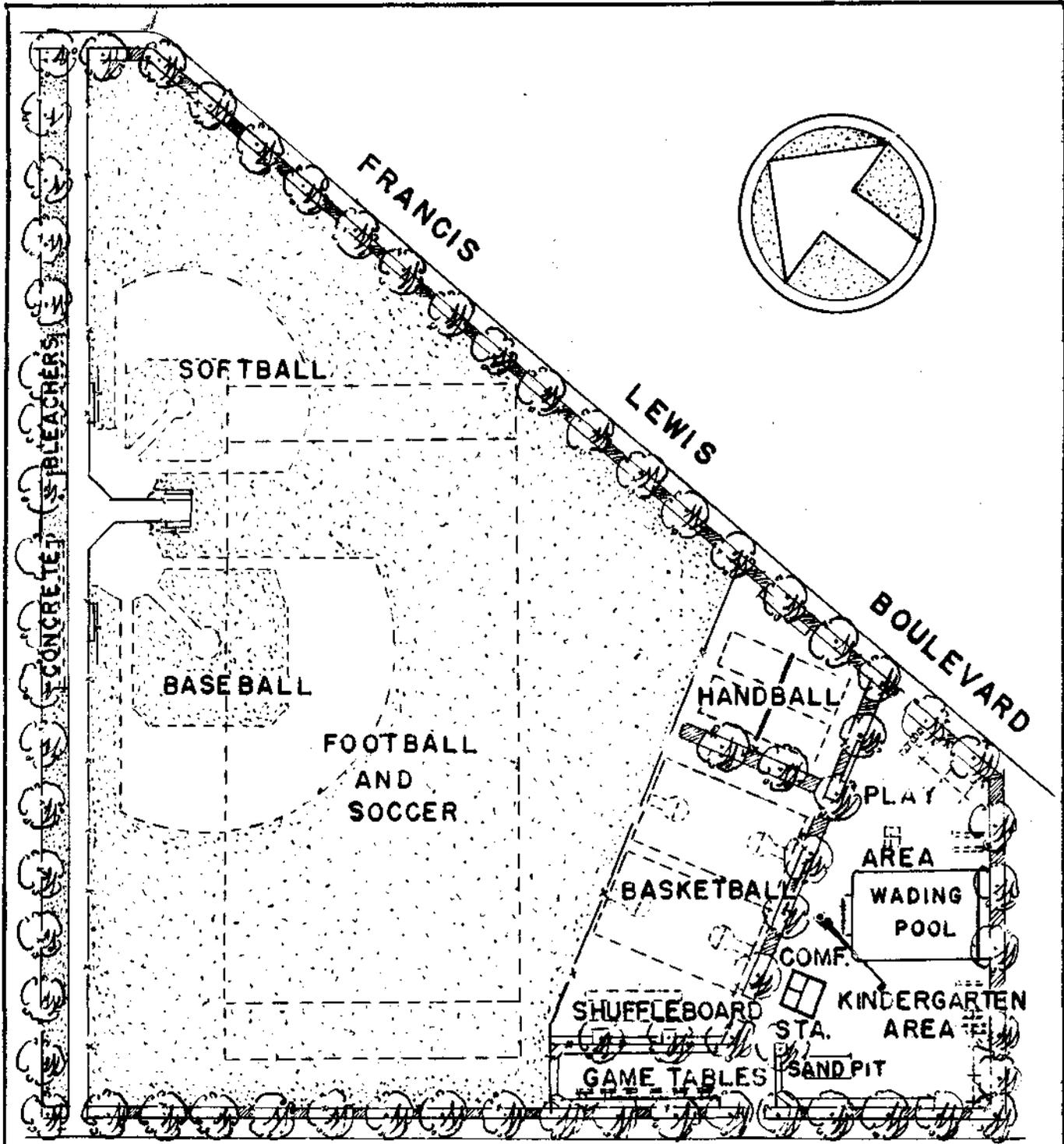
The southeast section of the playground includes a comfort station, kindergarten play area, sand pit and wading pool. Adjacent are basketball, handball and shuffleboard courts, and a tree-shaded area with games tables and benches. To the west and occupying the major portion of the playground are baseball and softball diamonds and bleachers for spectators. The area can also be used for football, soccer and other open field activities.

This playground marks the 630th addition to the City's ever expanding park system.

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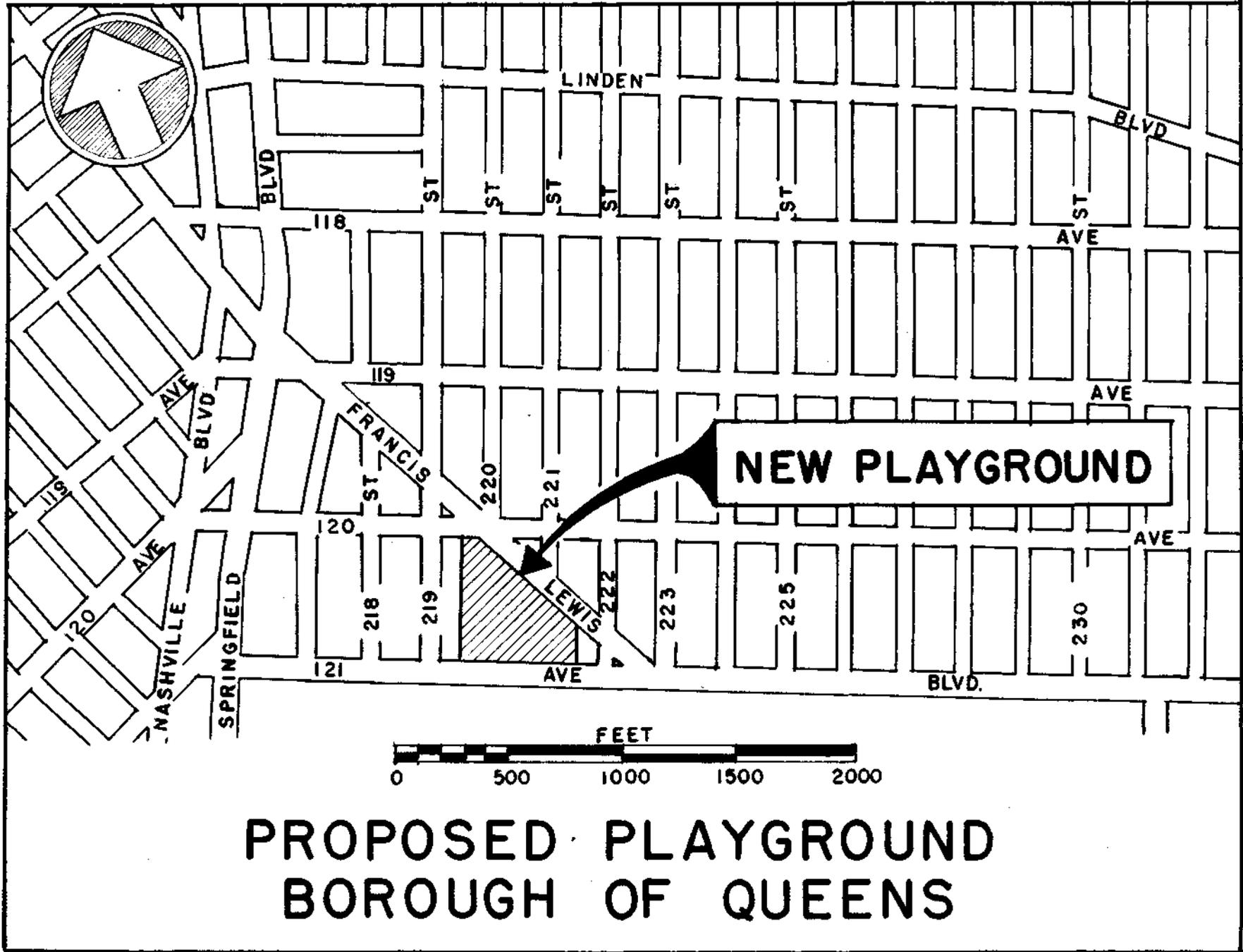
AVENUE

# PROPOSED PLAYGROUND BOROUGH OF QUEENS

PROPOSED PLGP - W. OF FRANCIS LEWIS BLVD 1" = 80'  
BET. 120<sup>TH</sup> & 121<sup>ST</sup> AVE BORO. OF QUEENS 1.6.5. 2-16-51

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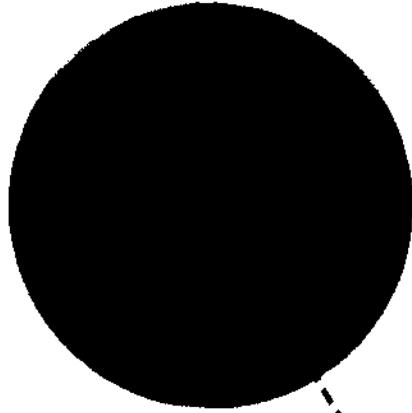


**PROPOSED PLAYGROUND  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS**

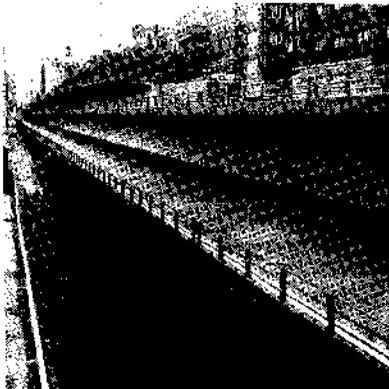
PROPOSED PLGD. W. OF FRANCIS LEWIS BLVD.  
 BET. 120<sup>TH</sup> & 121<sup>ST</sup> AVE. BORO OF QUEENS 2/20/51 - I.L.S. 1" = 600'

**↑**  
**QUEENS**

**BROOKLYN**



**EXPRESSWAY**



ATLANTIC

AVENUE TO

FULTON

STREET

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CITY CONSTRUCTION CO-ORDINATOR**

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## BROOKLYN - QUEENS EXPRESSWAY

Today's ceremony marks the opening of a unique section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, a vital link in New York City's arterial highway system.

Considered one of America's finest examples of urban arterial construction and the most comprehensive highway improvement in the history of the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, the project will relieve local streets of through-traffic and traffic hazards, and will aid business and industry by reducing time-consuming transportation delays and congestion.

Planned for mixed traffic—commercial vehicles as well as passenger cars—the Expressway links the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens by means of three-lane express roadways in each direction, with traffic interchanges at all principal intersecting streets and direct access to and from all East River bridges and tunnels.

The Expressway begins at Gowanus Parkway and Hamilton Avenue, at the Brooklyn Plaza of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, and extends 11 miles to Grand Central Parkway near Triborough Bridge and LaGuardia Field.

The President of the Borough of Brooklyn has

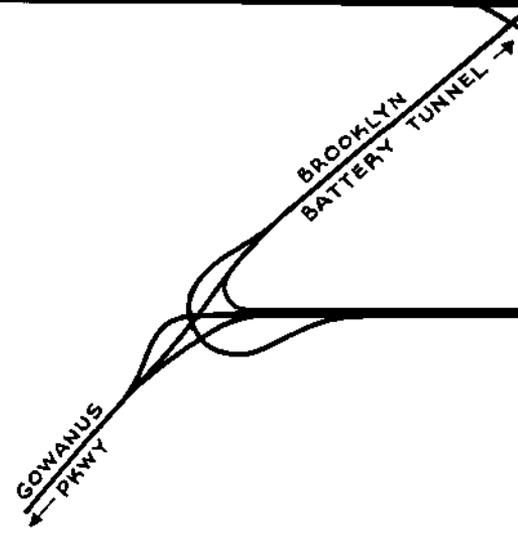
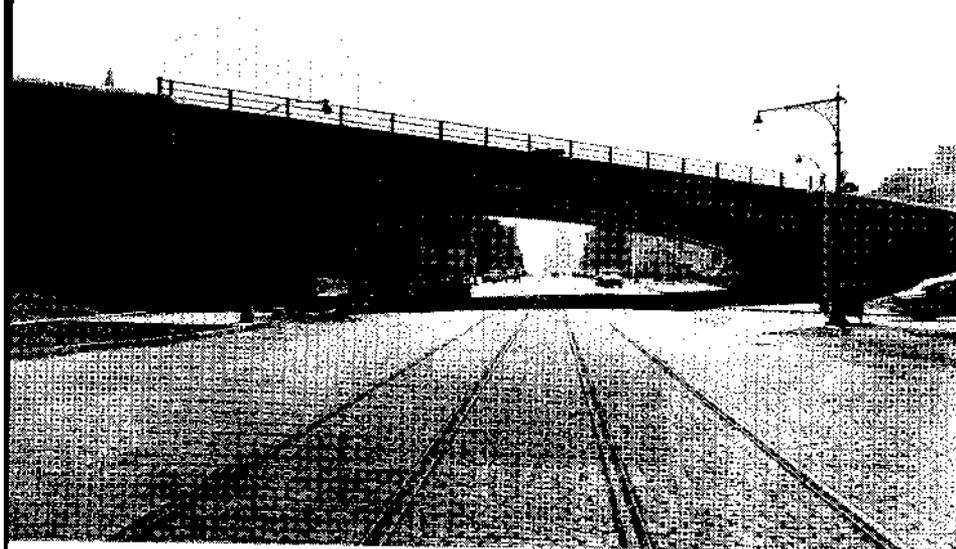
completed much of the Expressway's southwesterly part, the Borough President of Queens has been building the northerly part and the New York State Department of Public Works, with Federal aid, is responsible for the center section. The cost of construction of the entire Expressway, about 60% completed, is estimated at \$69,100,000.

The section being opened connects Atlantic Avenue with Fulton Street at Brooklyn Bridge. This new part of the Expressway overlooks New York Harbor and serves one of the world's busiest shipping and industrial areas, thus strengthening Brooklyn's position as the country's principal foreign-trade center.

North of Amity Street the Expressway is built on an embankment leading to the bridge over Atlantic Avenue and then continues along Furman Street to Middagh Street where it swings eastward to lower Fulton Street and Brooklyn Bridge.

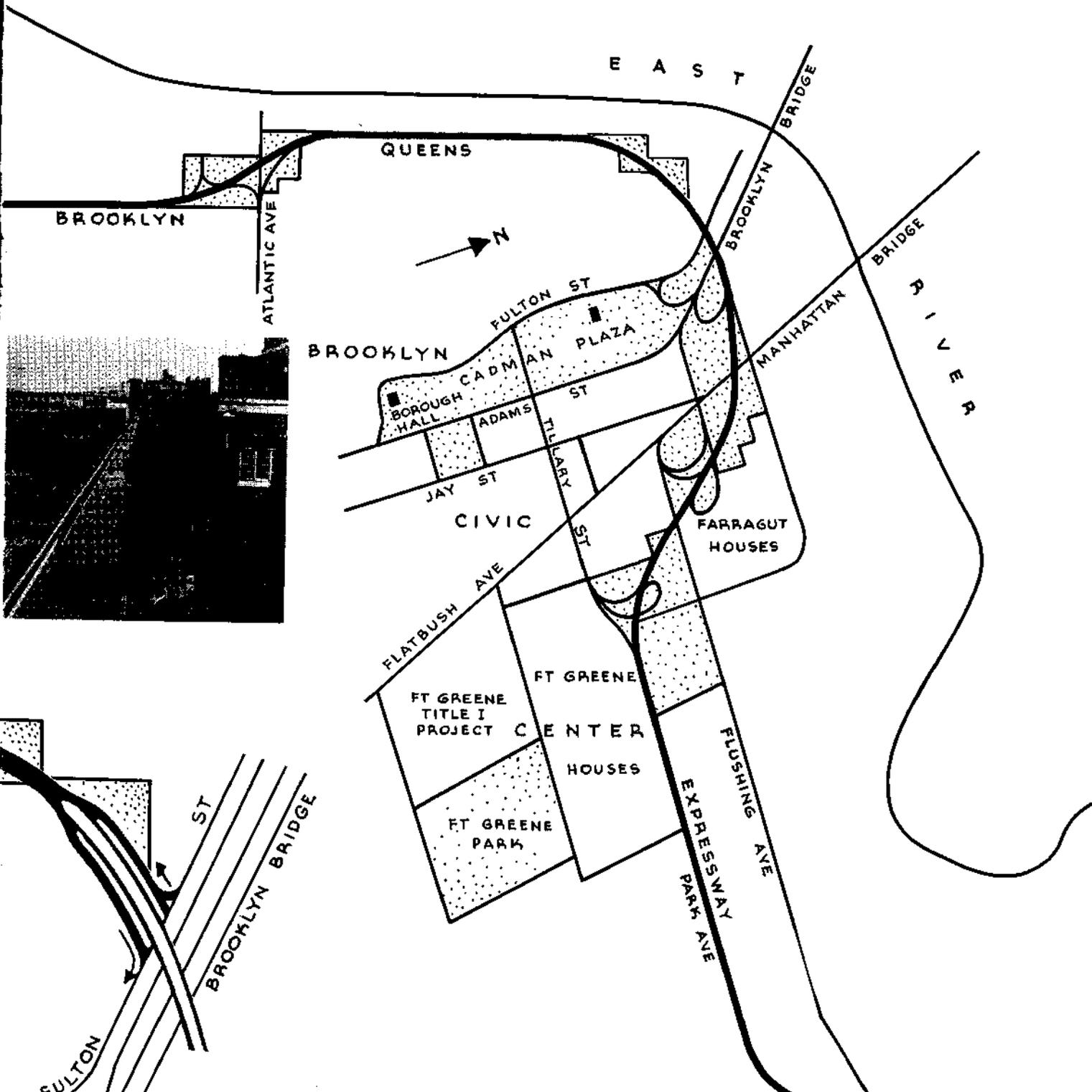
Along Furman Street the Expressway is unique in design, consisting of a three-level cantilevered structure, essential because of the limited space available between Brooklyn Heights and the busy commercial waterfront below. The lower cantilever

ATLANTIC AVENUE BRIDGE



PROMENADE





E A S T

QUEENS

BROOKLYN

ATLANTIC AVE



BROOKLYN BRIDGE

BROOKLYN

FULTON ST

PLAZA

CADMAN

BOROUGH HALL

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CIVIC

MANHATTAN BRIDGE

R I V E R

FARRAGUT HOUSES

FLATBUSH AVE

FT GREENE

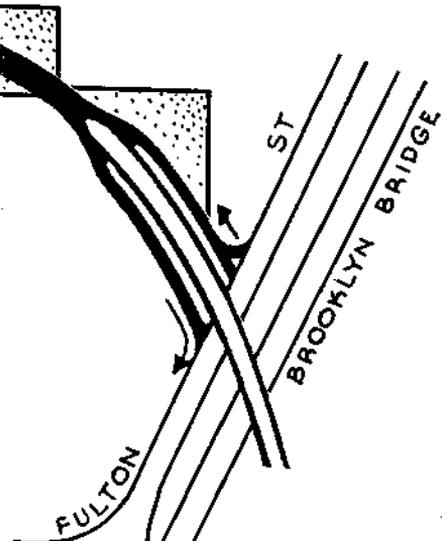
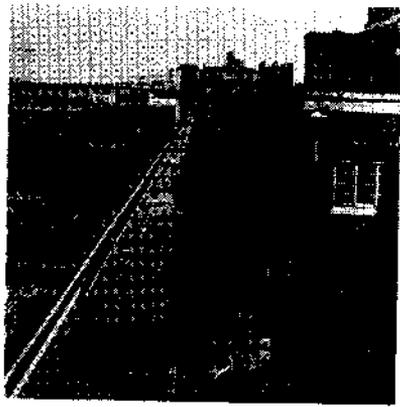
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FT GREENE PARK

FLUSHING AVE  
EXPRESSWAY PARK AVE



or southbound roadway projects over Furman Street while the second cantilever for northbound traffic extends over the southbound roadway. The top level of the structure has been developed as a beautiful pedestrian promenade.

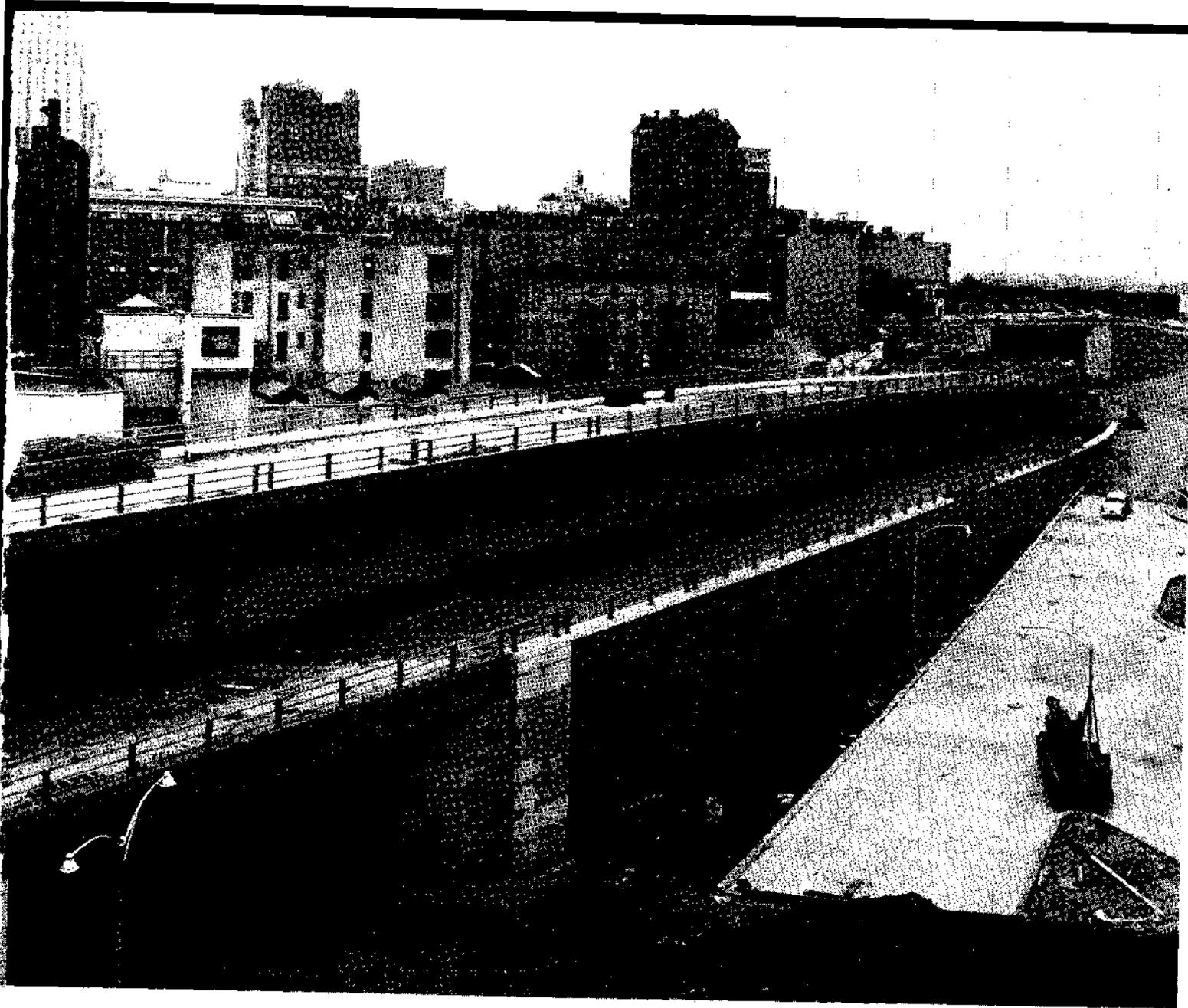
The Promenade has been landscaped and has enhanced the values of the entire adjoining area. Several small playgrounds for children also have been provided. The Promenade commands a magnificent view of the harbor.

Four bridges are included in the new section of the Expressway—at Atlantic Avenue, Joralemon Street, Middagh Street and Fulton Street. The structure at Fulton Street carries the Expressway under Brooklyn Bridge. The route of the Expressway continues under Manhattan Bridge and then turns southeast to join the Park Avenue section to Kent Avenue where the Expressway will connect with the section leading through Williamsburg.

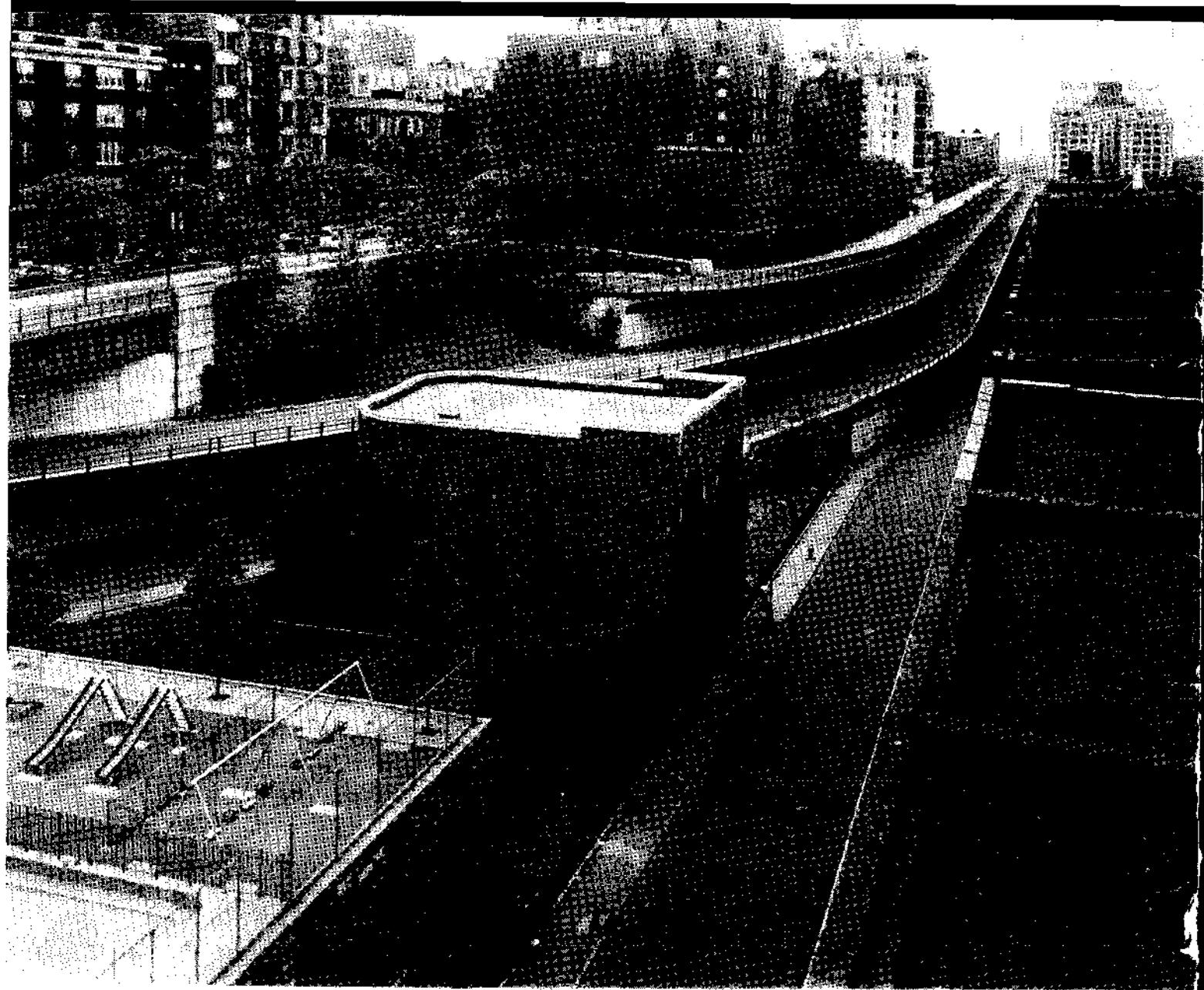
Ultimately, as part of the State and Federal expressway system this artery, under the title of Long Island Expressway, will extend all the way through Nassau and Suffolk Counties to Riverhead.

The Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, today at Fulton Street, meets the world-famous Brooklyn Bridge, opened in 1883, and the northern limit of the Brooklyn Civic Center. To the east, the Expressway becomes an integral part of the Civic Center plan with park and playground areas adjacent to other civic improvements. The Civic Center, consisting of over 40 separate projects, almost half of which have been completed or are now under construction, is the largest redevelopment of an old section of any city in America.

The Borough President of Brooklyn and the City Construction Co-ordinator have produced in the Expressway and Civic Center an outstanding example of city planning at its best.



CONSTRUCTION PICTURE LOOKING WEST FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE, FULTON STREET IN FOREGROUND



THE EXPRESSWAY AND PROMENADE ALONG FURMAN STREET, LOOKING SOUTH

R.C. Guthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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The Park Department announces the opening of a new playground west of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive, between 95th and 97th Streets, Manhattan.

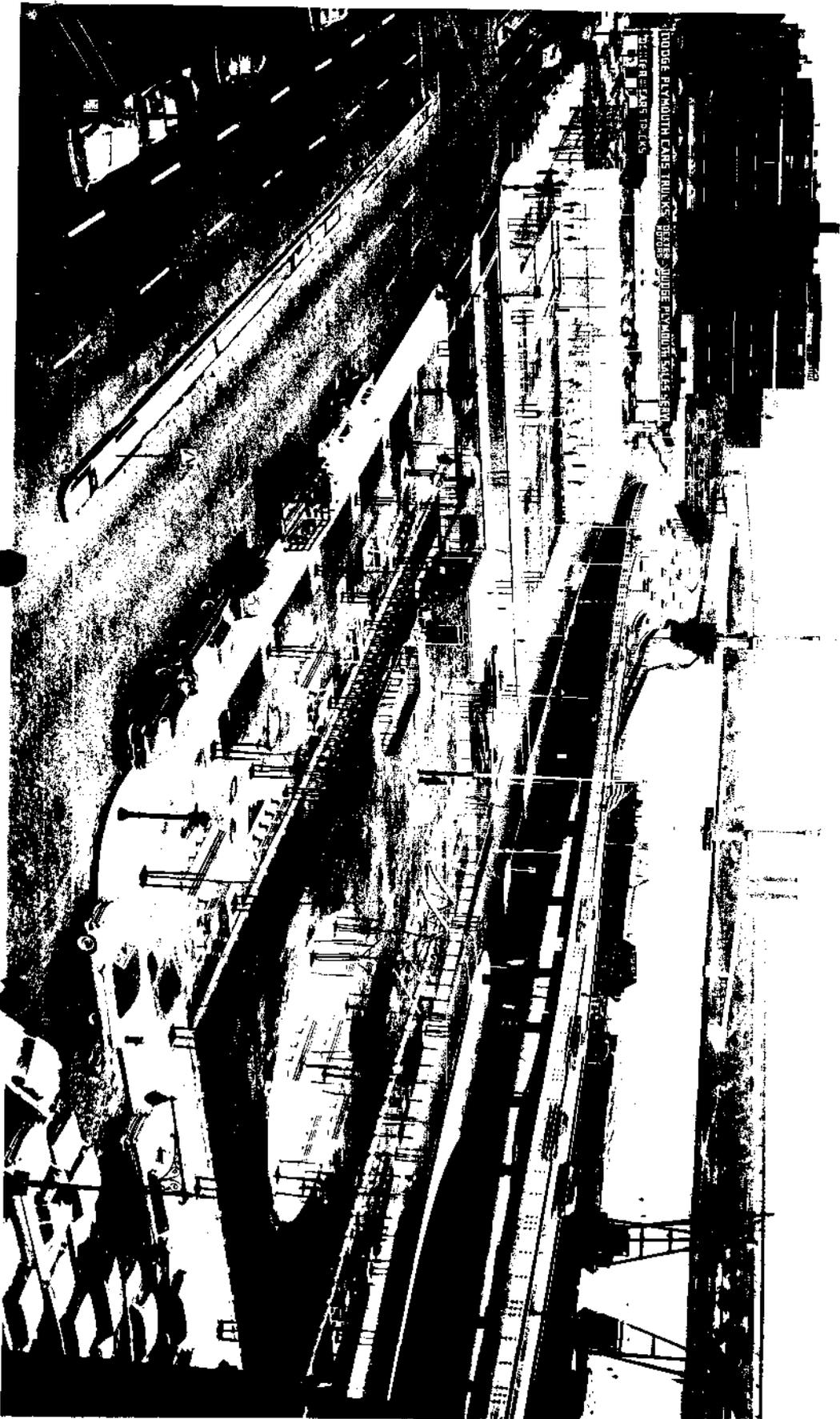
The 1.3-acre playground, designed by the Park Department, was built by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority in conjunction with the \$2,000,000 96th Street Overpass.

One area of the playground, between 95th and 96th Streets, was designed for small children and their guardians, and includes sandpit, seesaws, slides, swings, checkerboard tables, and a comfort station. The other, between 96th and 97th Streets, for older sportsters, includes 2 basketball, 8 handball and 2 boccie courts. Ample tree-shaded areas are provided for guardians and spectators.

With this addition there are now 631 playgrounds in the City's extensive park system.

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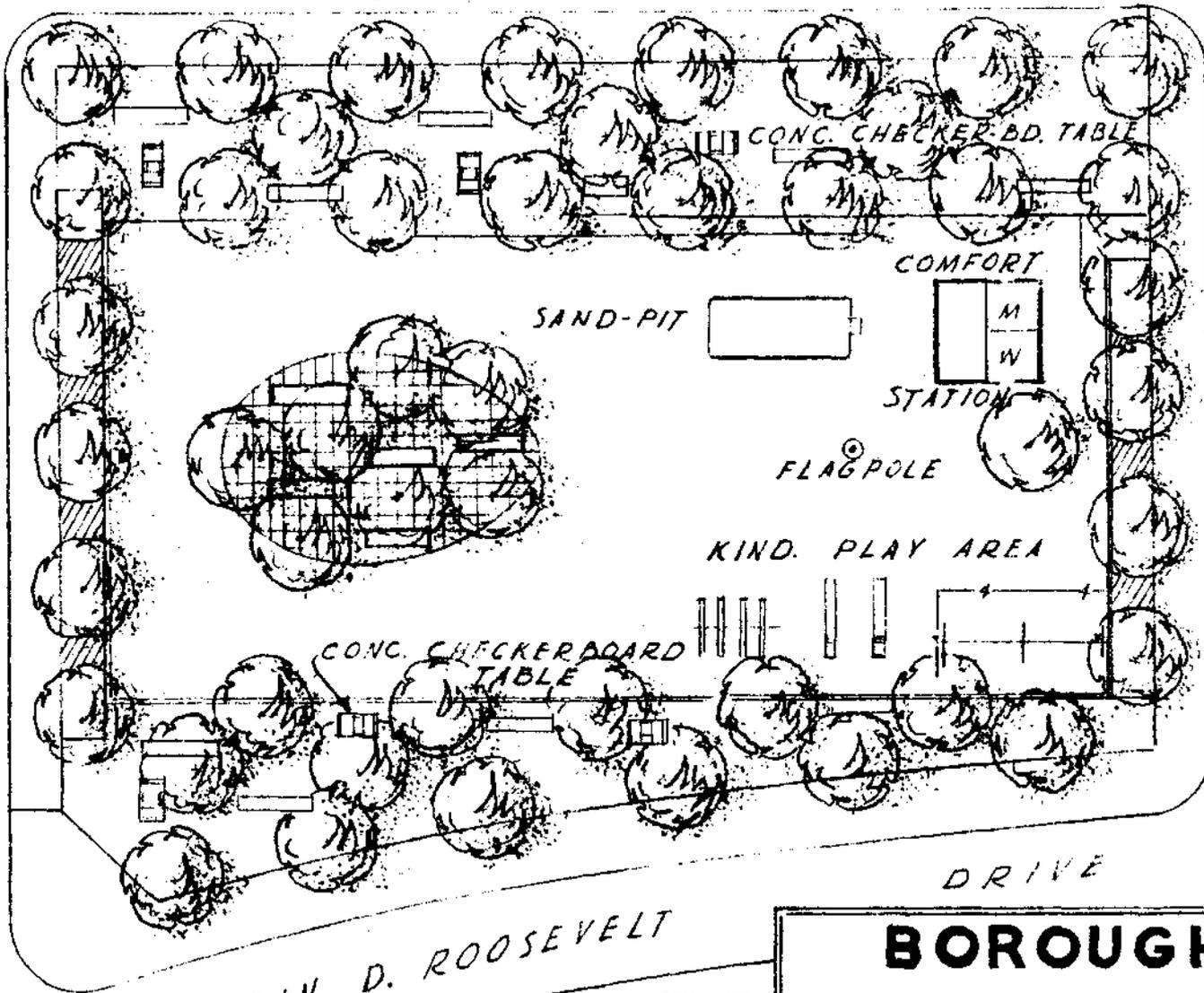
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FIRST AVENUE

EAST 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET



EAST 96<sup>TH</sup> STREET

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

DRIVE

**BOROUGH  
OF  
MANHATTAN**  
SCALE 1"=30'-0"

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PLAYGROUNDS  
FROM E. 95<sup>TH</sup> ST. TO E. 97<sup>TH</sup> ST. BETWEEN F. D. ROOSEVELT DR. & 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE  
BOEC. OF MANHATTAN 3/15/55 SCALE 1"=30'-0" M. BEL

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# BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

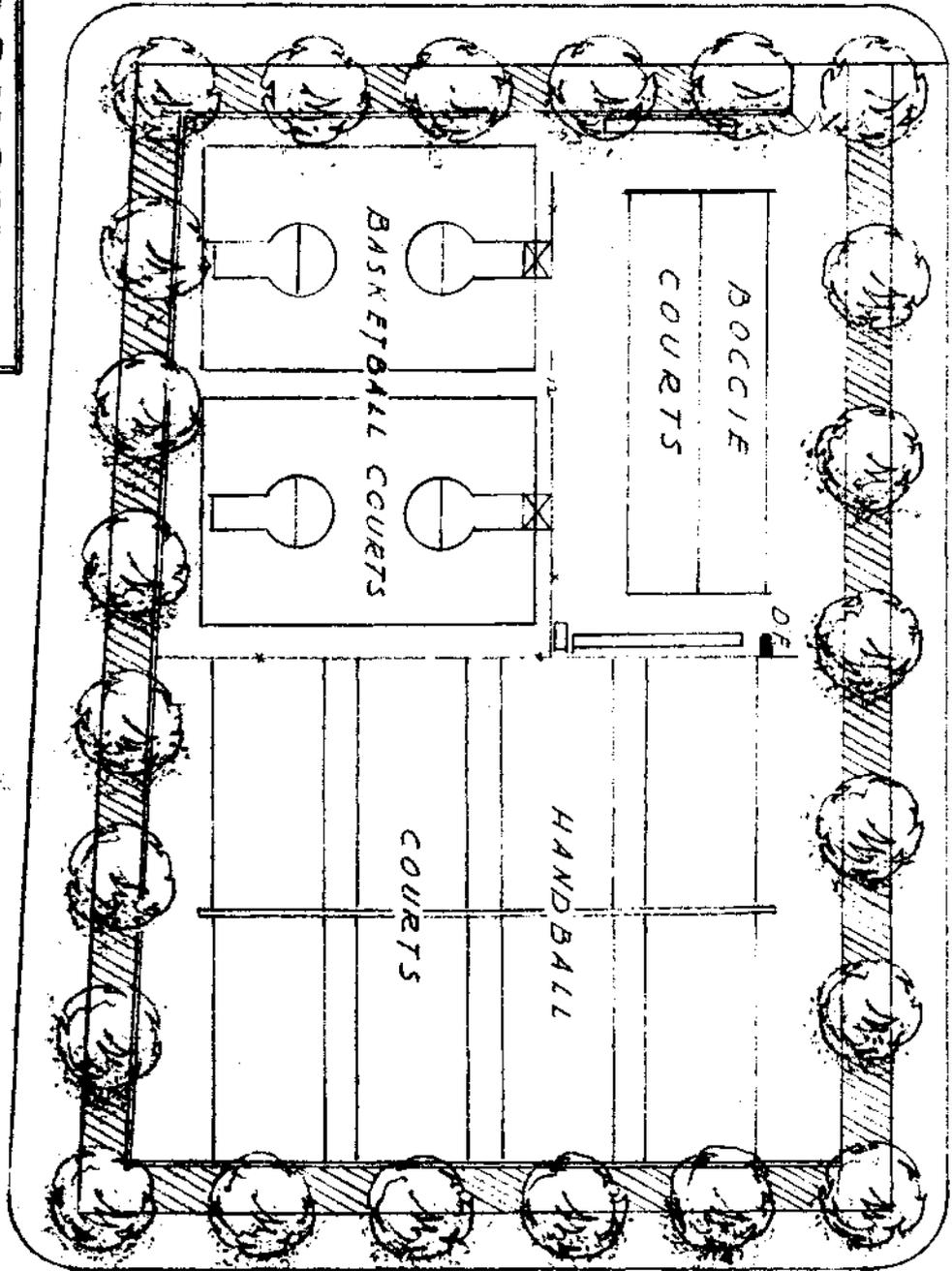
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CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PLAYERS' RECREATION CENTER ON E. 96<sup>TH</sup> ST. TO E. 97<sup>TH</sup> ST. BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE AND F. D. ROOSEVELT DR. DRAWN BY J. J. COOPER, CIVIL ENGINEER, N.Y.C. DEPT. OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION. SCALE 1"=30'-0"

F. D. ROOSEVELT DR

EAST 96<sup>TH</sup> STREET

FIRST AVENUE



EAST 97<sup>TH</sup> STREET







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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 205, between 75th and 77th Avenues, east of Bell Boulevard, Queens.

The 1-acre playground, located in the residential South Bayside section of Queens, will serve the outdoor recreational needs of all age groups in the community as well as those of the children from adjacent P.S. 205.

In accordance with the policy of joint operation, the older children's area will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks at all other times. It includes basketball and handball courts, with ample adjoining space for basketball practice, rollerskating, folk-dancing, hopscotch and other games. Also included is a tree-shaded area with games tables and benches open to older people at all times.

The section reserved for pre-school-age children, and operated by the Park Department at all times, contains sand pit, shower basin, slides, swings, see-saws and a centrally located comfort station.

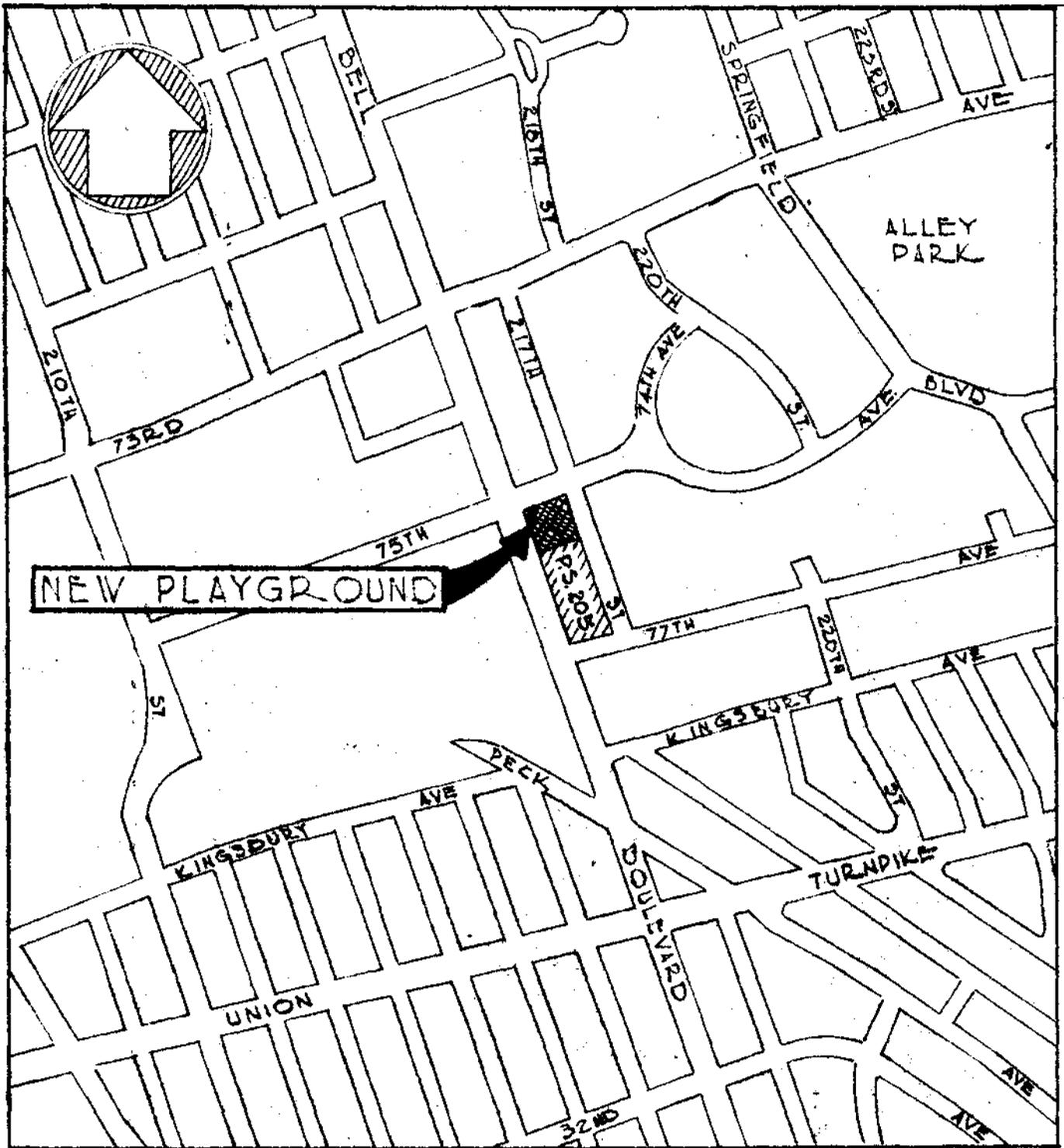
Sitting areas are provided for spectators and guardians.

This newly constructed recreation area marks the 632d playground in the City's expanding park system.

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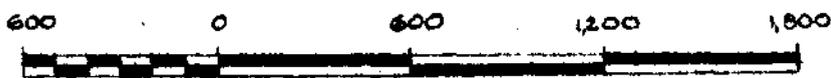
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NEW PLAYGROUND

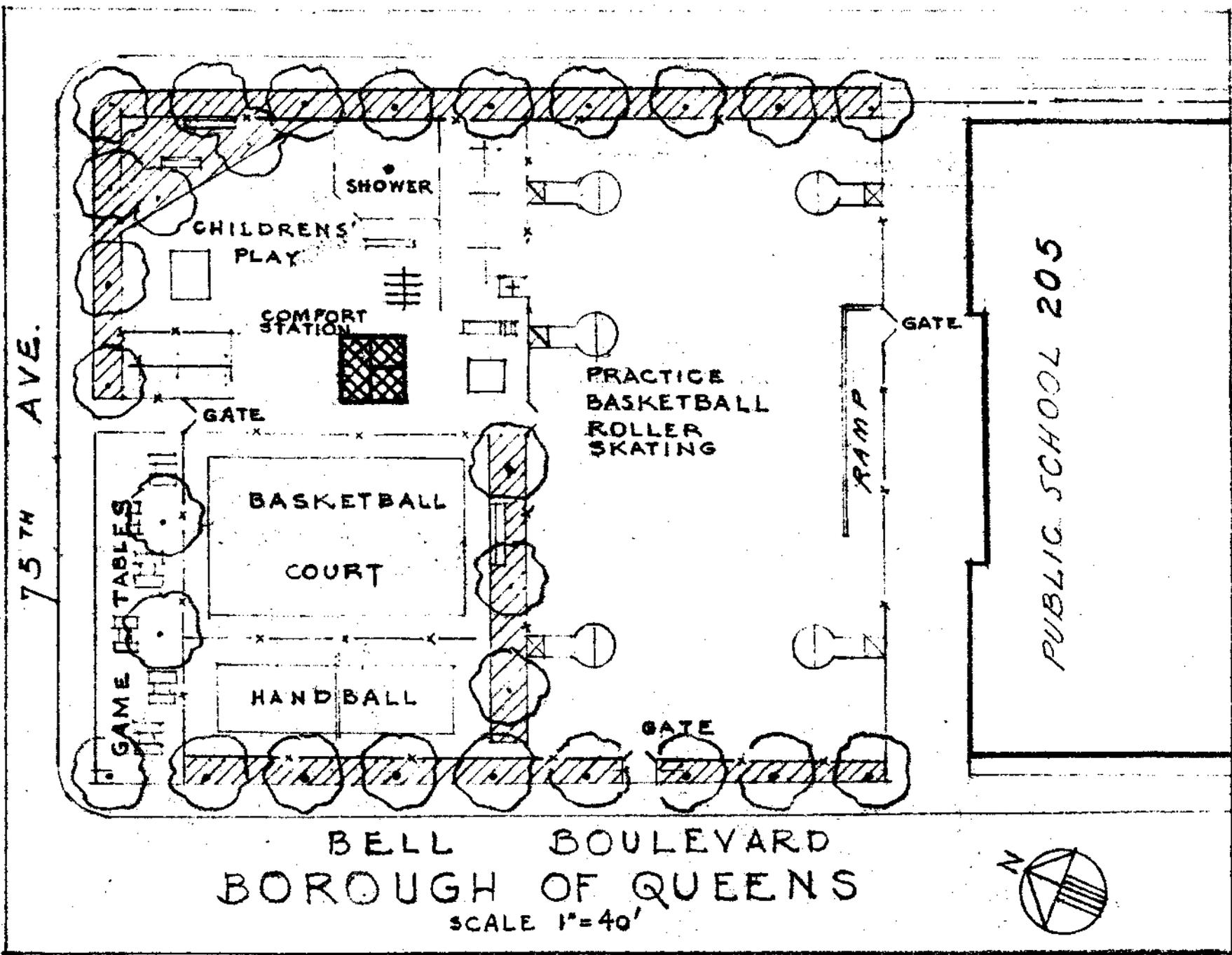
# BOROUGH OF QUEENS



SCALE IN FEET

CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND  
 ADJ. TO RS. 205 BET. 75TH & 77TH AVES  
 E. OF BELL BLVD - BOR. OF QUEENS - Q-349-153 - S.H.

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75 TH AVE.

GAME TABLES

CHILDRENS PLAY

COMFORT STATION

SHOWER

GATE

BASKETBALL COURT

HAND BALL

PRACTICE BASKETBALL ROLLER SKATING

RAMP

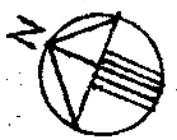
GATE

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PUBLIC SCHOOL 205

BELL BOULEVARD  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1"=40'



Q-L-349-103 ✓

CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND  
ADJ. TO PS 205 BET 75TH & 77TH AVES  
E. OF BELL BLVD. BOR. OF QUEENS, N.Y.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 121 between Throop and Bouck Avenues, north of Allerton Avenue, the Bronx.

The 2-acre playground, located in the residential northeast section of the Bronx, will serve the outdoor recreational needs of all age groups in the community as well as those of the children from adjacent P.S. 121.

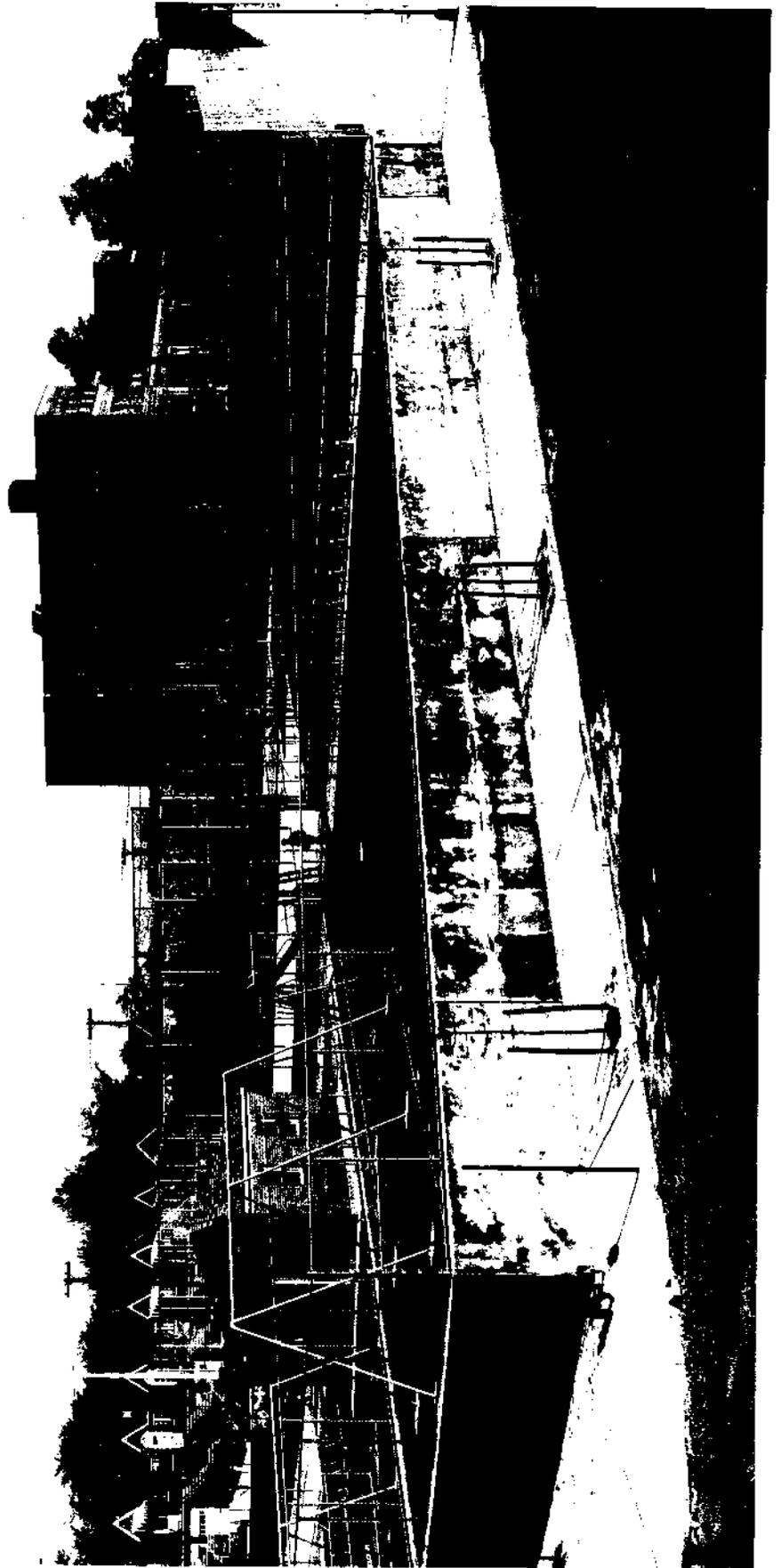
In accordance with the policy of joint operation, the older children's area will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks at all other times. This open area adjacent to the school includes practice basketball standards, and may be used for roller skating and other activities requiring large open spaces. South of this open area are one basketball court, four handball courts and boccie courts.

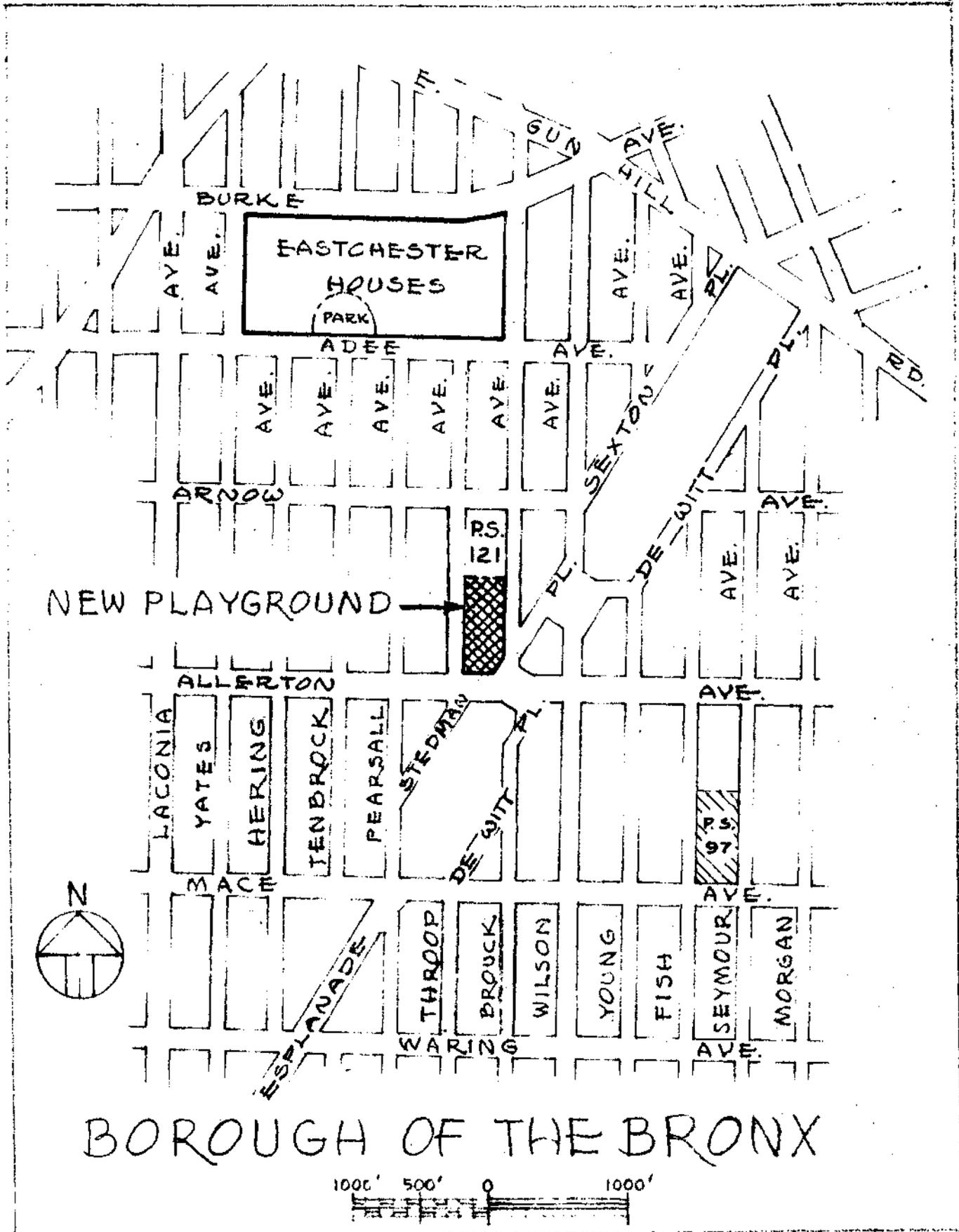
The section reserved for pre-school-age children, and operated by the Park Department at all times, contains sand pit, shower basin, slides, swings, see-saws and a centrally located comfort station.

Sitting areas are provided for spectators and guardians.

This newly constructed recreation area marks the 633d playground in the City's expanding park system.

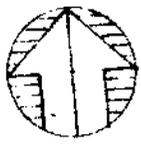
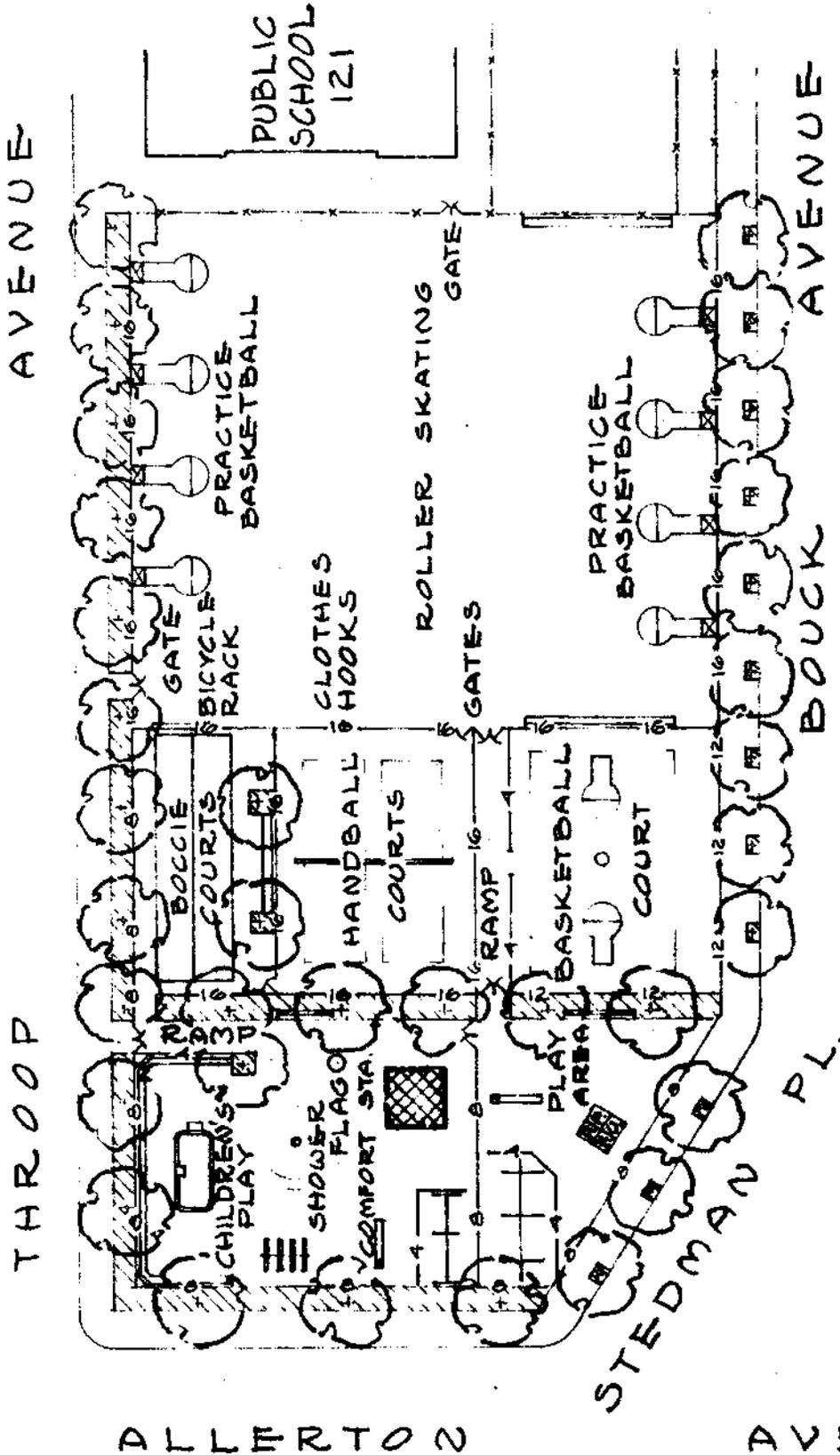
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CONSTR. OF PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO P.S. 121  
 NORTH OF ALLERTON AVE. FROM BOUCK AVE. TO THROOP AVE.  
 BRONX - CONTRACT X - 172 - 153 B - CCA & R.R.

X-172-153B ✓



# BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

SCALE 1" = 60'

CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL 121 NORTH OF ALLERTON AVENUE FROM BOUCK AVENUE TO THROOP AVENUE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, KNOWN AS CONTRACT NO. X-172-153B C&MC

ALLERTON 2

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to P.S. 196 between 70th Road and 72nd Avenue, west of Grand Central Parkway, Queens.

The one-acre playground, located in the Forest Hills section of Queens, will serve the outdoor recreational needs of all age groups in the community as well as those of the children from adjacent P.S. 196.

In accordance with the policy of joint operation, the older children's area will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks at all other times. This open area adjacent to the school includes practice basketball standards, and may be used for roller skating and other activities requiring large open spaces.

The section reserved for pre-school-age children, and operated by the Park Department at all times, contains sand pit, shower basin, slides, swings, see-saws and a centrally located comfort station.

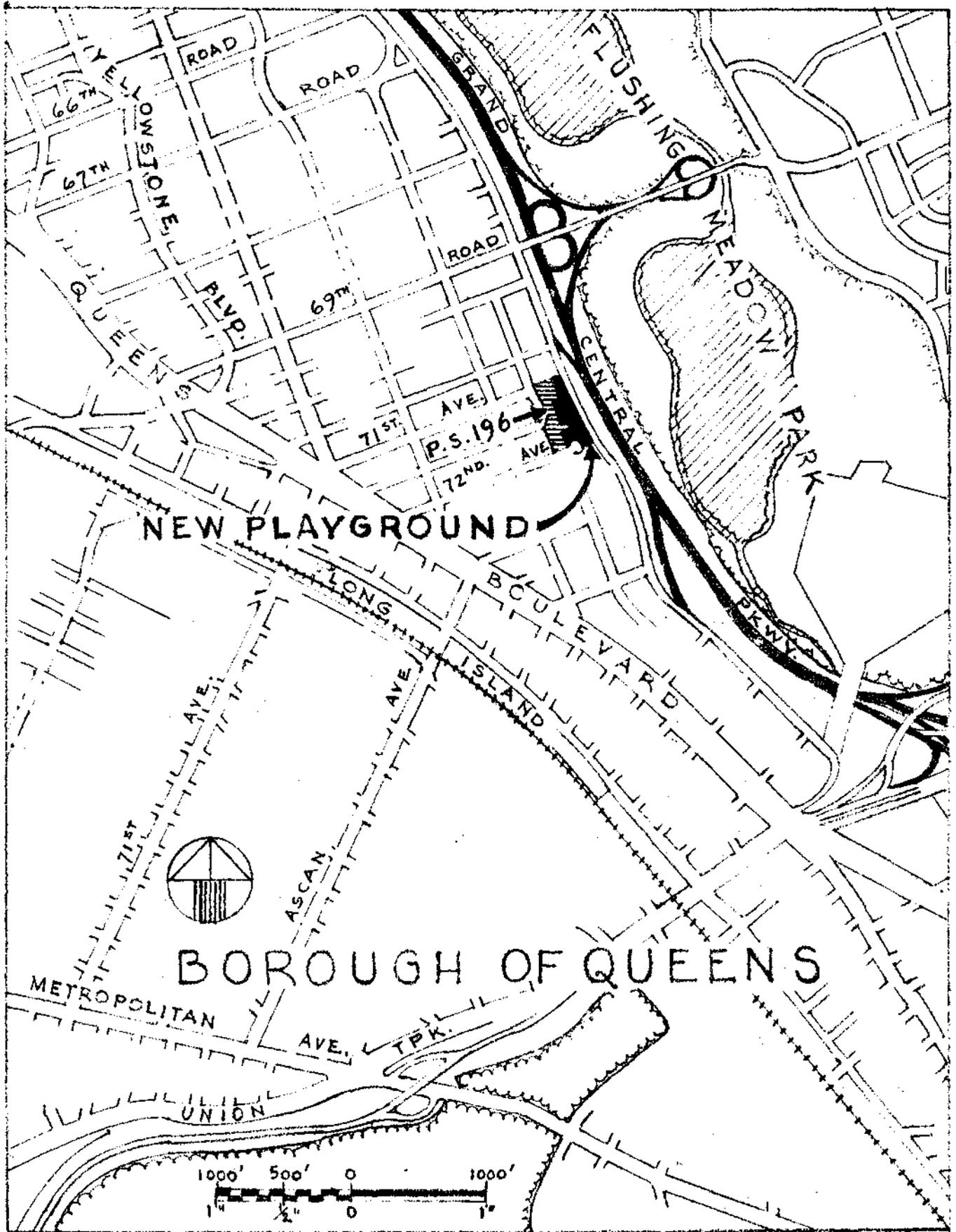
Sitting areas are provided for spectators and guardians.

This newly constructed recreation area marks the 63<sup>rd</sup> playground in the City's expanding park system.

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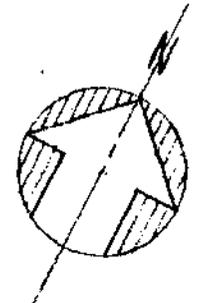




PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO P.S. 196 QUEENS  
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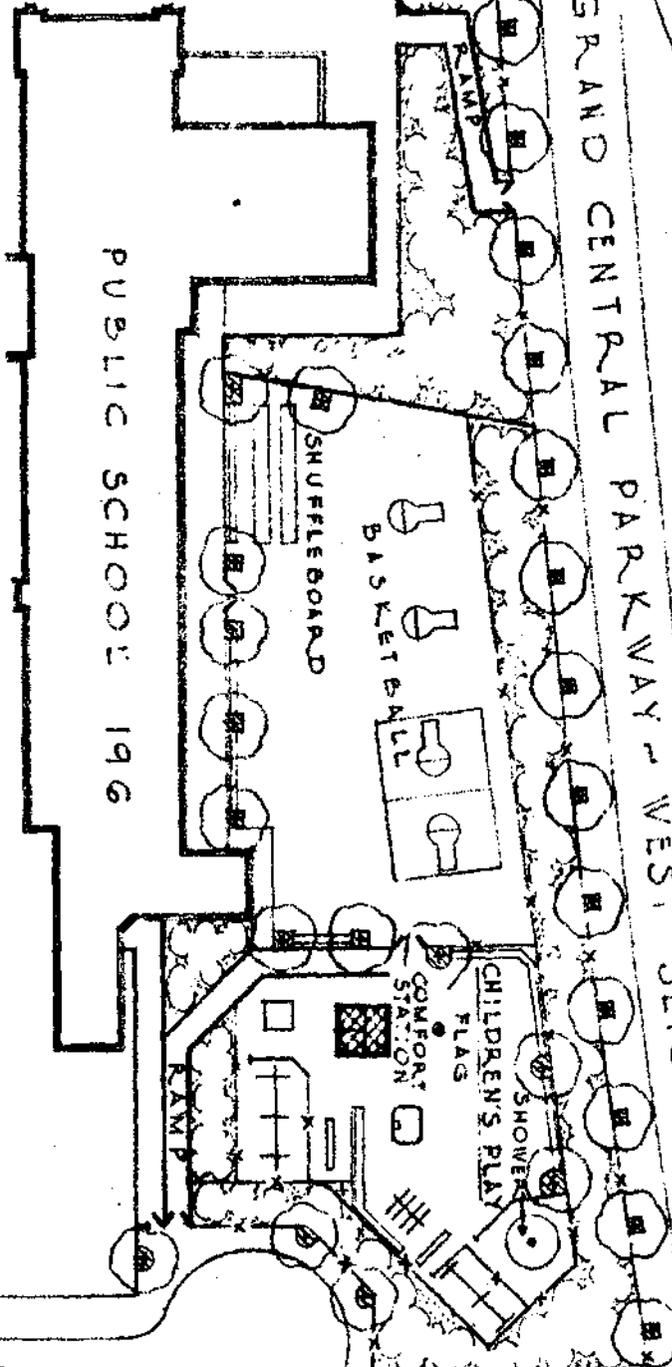
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GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY



GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY - WEST SERVICE ROAD

70<sup>TH</sup> ROAD



PUBLIC SCHOOL 196

113<sup>TH</sup> STREET

71<sup>ST</sup> R.D.

71<sup>ST</sup> AVE.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE: 0 50 100 150 200 FEET

72<sup>ND</sup> AVE.

CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO P.S. 196 WEST OF GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY BETWEEN 70<sup>TH</sup> RD. AND 72<sup>ND</sup> AVE., BOROUGH OF QUEENS - CONTRACT NO. Q-348-154 MAY 12, 1955

Q-4-348-105

*Ray Mlesper*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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according to George Ben - they were unable to  
get good shot of playground - therefore  
the picture was sent with release  
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The Department of Parks announces the opening to  
the general public of a new playground in Highbridge Park adjacent  
to Fort George Avenue and east of St. Nicholas Avenue in Manhattan.

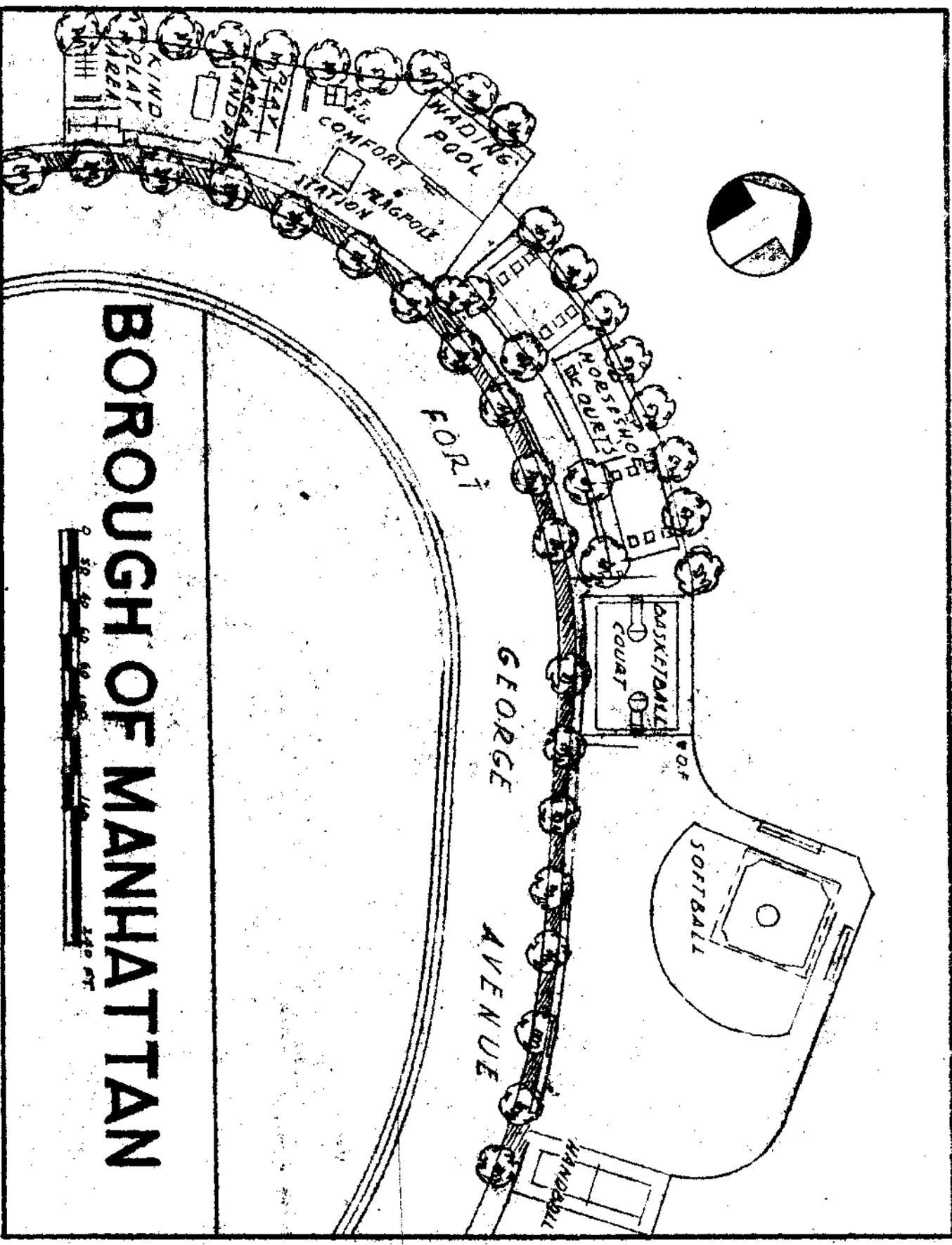
This two-acre playground provides for softball,  
basketball, horseshoe courts, wading pool, comfort station and an  
area for children of pre-school age. Benches are provided through-  
out the area.

With the addition of this area there are now 635  
playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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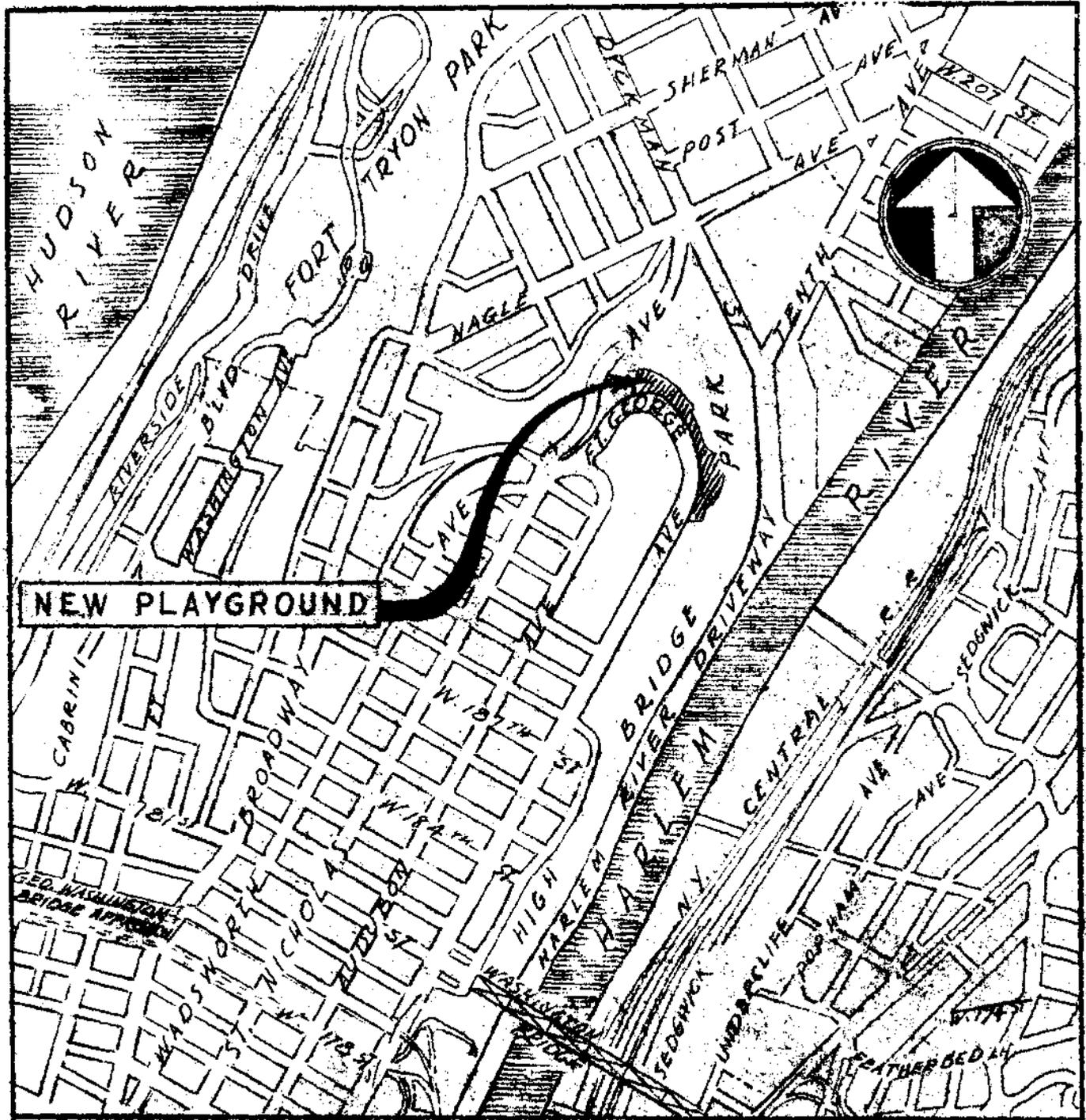


# BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND IN HIGHBRIDGE PARK  
 ADJACENT TO ST. GEORGE AVENUE & EAST OF ST. NICOLAS AVE.  
 DEPT. OF MANHATTAN SCALE 1" = 50' 0" FEB. 1934 - M. BERN

M-6-37-2902



NEW PLAYGROUND

# BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND IN HIGHBRIDGE PARK  
 ADJACENT TO FT. GEORGE AVE. & EAST OF ST. NICHOLAS AVE.  
 BORO. OF MANHATTAN - SCALE 1"=1000' 0" FEB. 15, 1954 M. BARKE

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*Ray Glesper*

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**ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK**

**REGENT 4-1000**

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of a playground addition to an existing park area in the Borough of Brooklyn, between Louisiana, William and Stanley Avenues and adjacent to P.S. #260.

This new two-acre playground was built with Board of Education funds and completes the project which was constructed by the New York City Housing Authority as part of the plan for the Breukelen Houses.

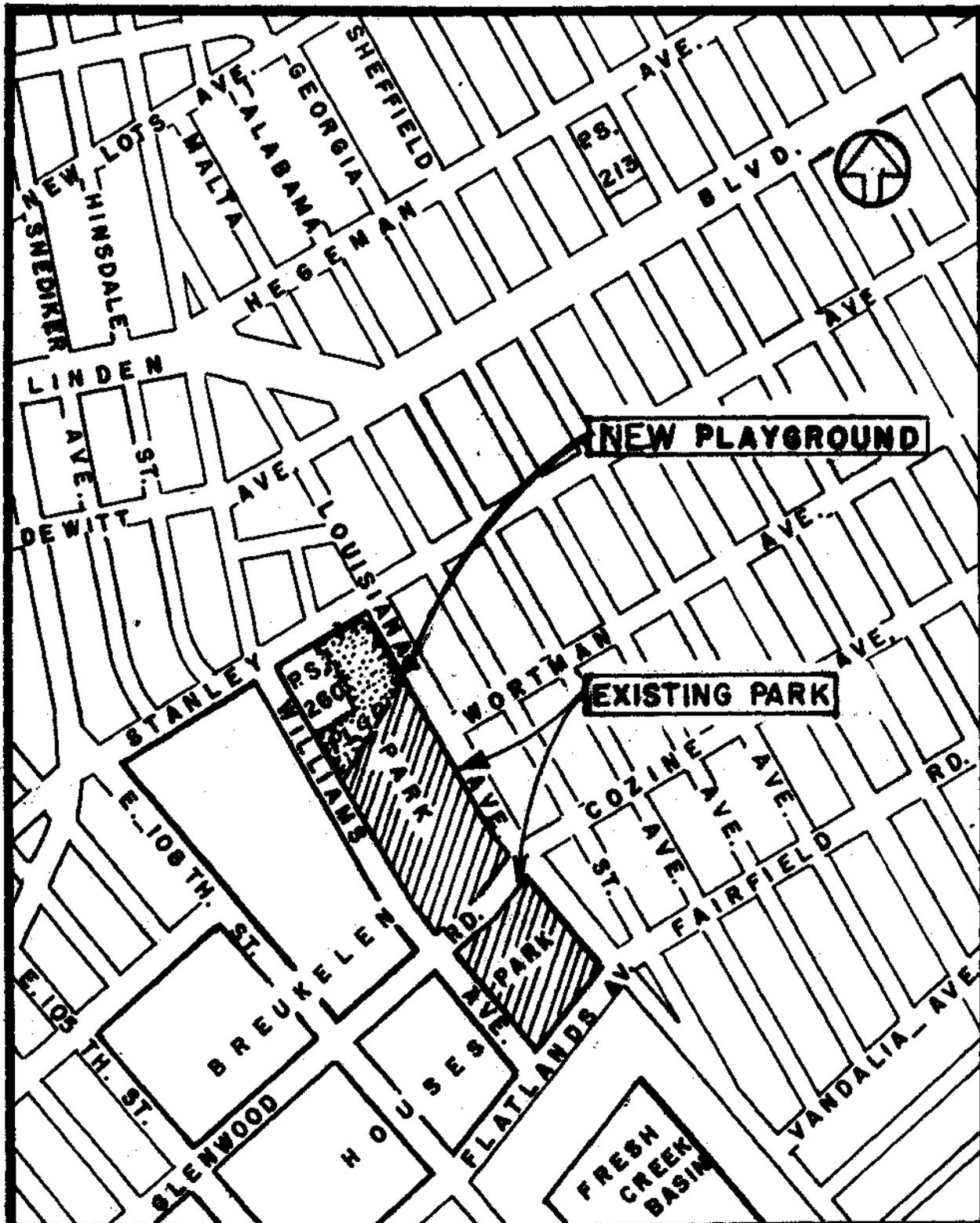
The new playground includes paved court games, apparatus area, wading pool, sand pit and a comfort station and it will be jointly operated with the Board of Education, except for the usual area for pre-school age children and their guardians, which will be operated by the Park Department at all times.

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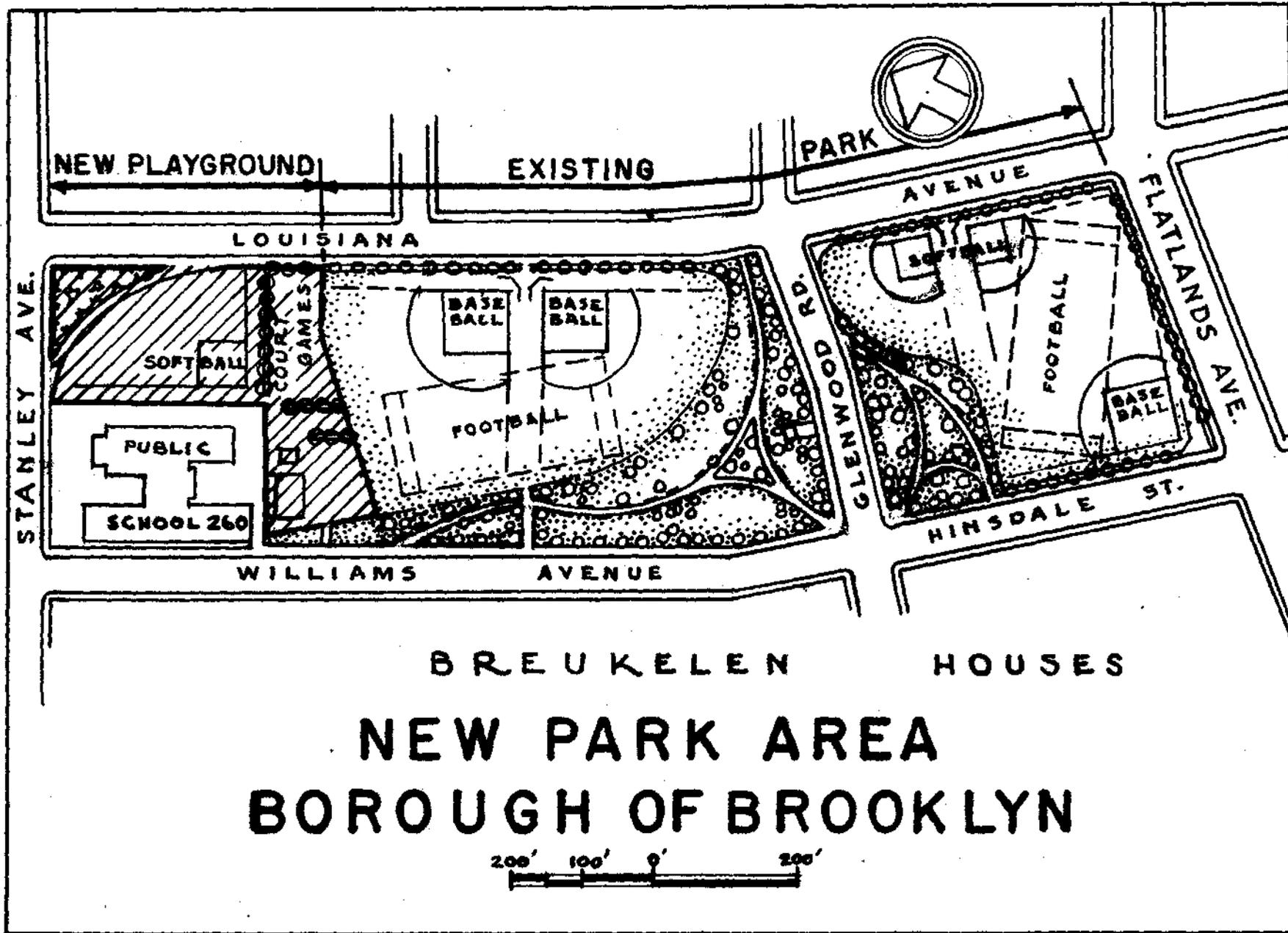




# BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN



NEW PARK & PROPOSED PLAYGROUND - BREUKELN HOUSES  
 P.S. 260 - BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN - 3-23-54  
 SCALE - 1" = 600'-0" - M. BERKE. } REVISOR - 6-27-55  
 NEW PLOD. } B-L-247-100



B-1-247-101

NEW PARK & PLAYGROUND - BREUKELLEN HOUSES } REVISED MAY 26 1954  
 BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN FEB. 23, 1954 R.L.R. } NEW PLGD. DESIGNATED

B-1-247-101



*Ray Hesper*

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of an additional playground area in St. John's Park at Prospect Place and Schenectady Avenue in the borough of Brooklyn.

The new area includes six basketball courts, twelve handball courts and an area for passive recreation set up with game tables. It completes the phase of plans which provide facilities for outdoor recreation in this park.

Under construction at this site at the present time and scheduled for completion in December, 1955, is the new St. John's Recreation Center. The completion of the indoor center will make it possible to plan and organize a well-rounded recreation program that will have continuity for year-round service for the community.

The recreation center will include facilities for swimming, game rooms, manual training, arts and crafts, cooking, gymnasium, boxing and other related activities taking care of all age groups throughout the year.

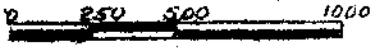
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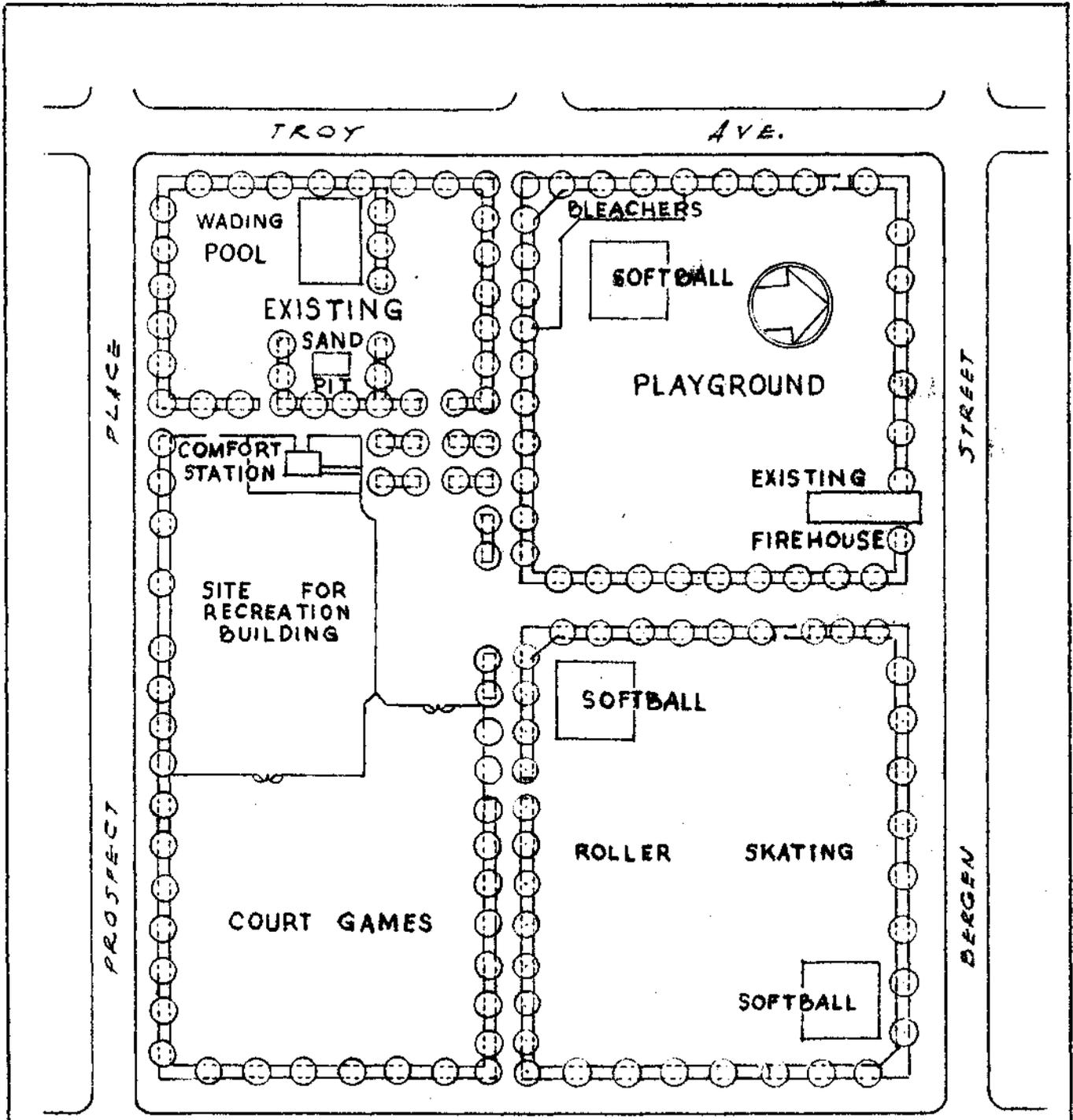


BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN



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ST JOHN'S PARK ADDITION  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN



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ST. JOHN'S PARK  
 DP. 6-16-55

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground north of Van Cortlandt Park South between Norman and Orloff Avenues in Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx.

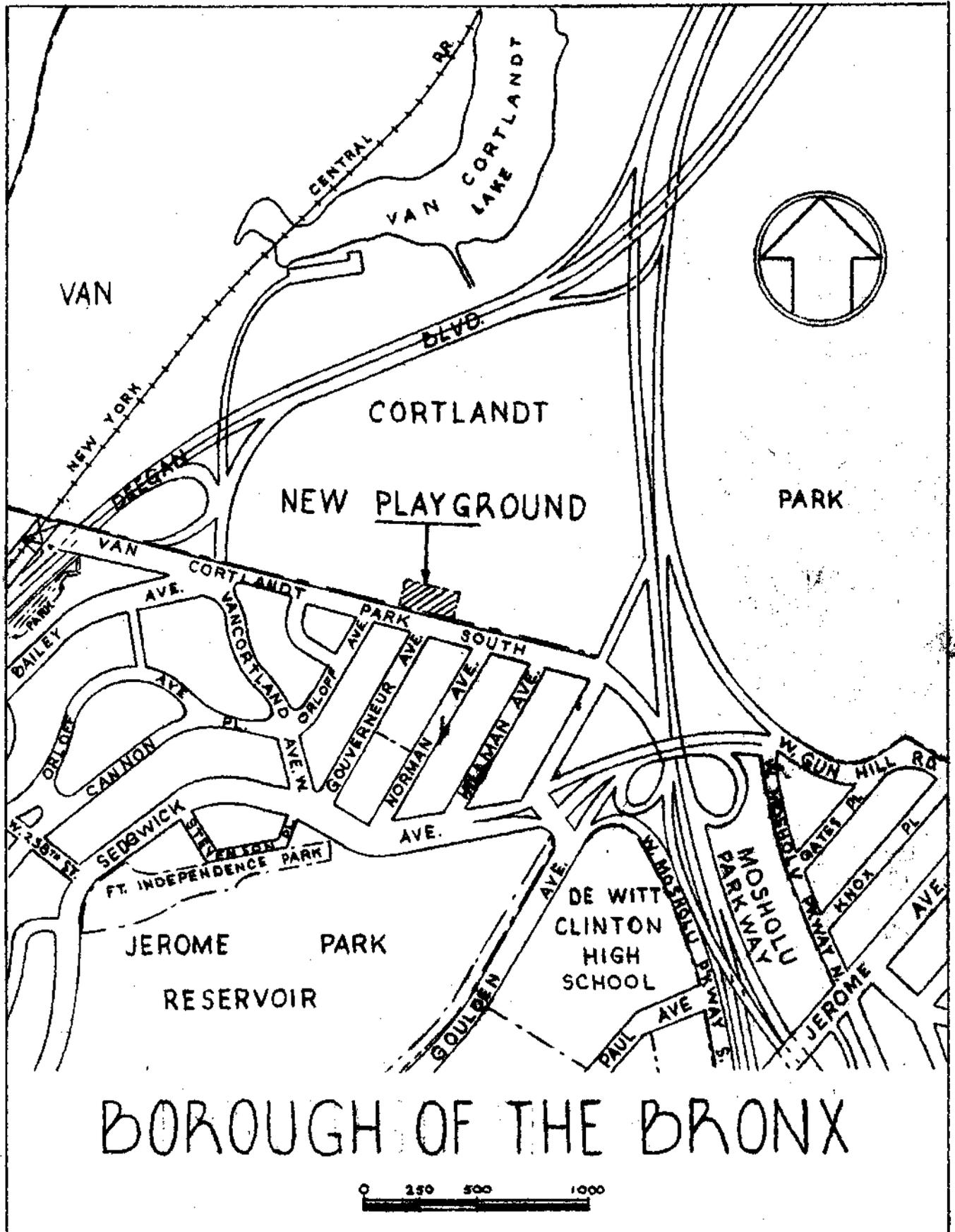
This new 1.4 acre playground is located in a section of the Bronx where recent housing developments have increased the demand for more outdoor recreational facilities.

This perimeter playground provides for handball courts, paddle tennis courts, basketball courts, swings, slides, see-saws, sand pit, jungle gym, wading pool, comfort station and an area for pre-school age children with benches for guardians.

With the addition of this playground there are now 636 playgrounds in the park system.

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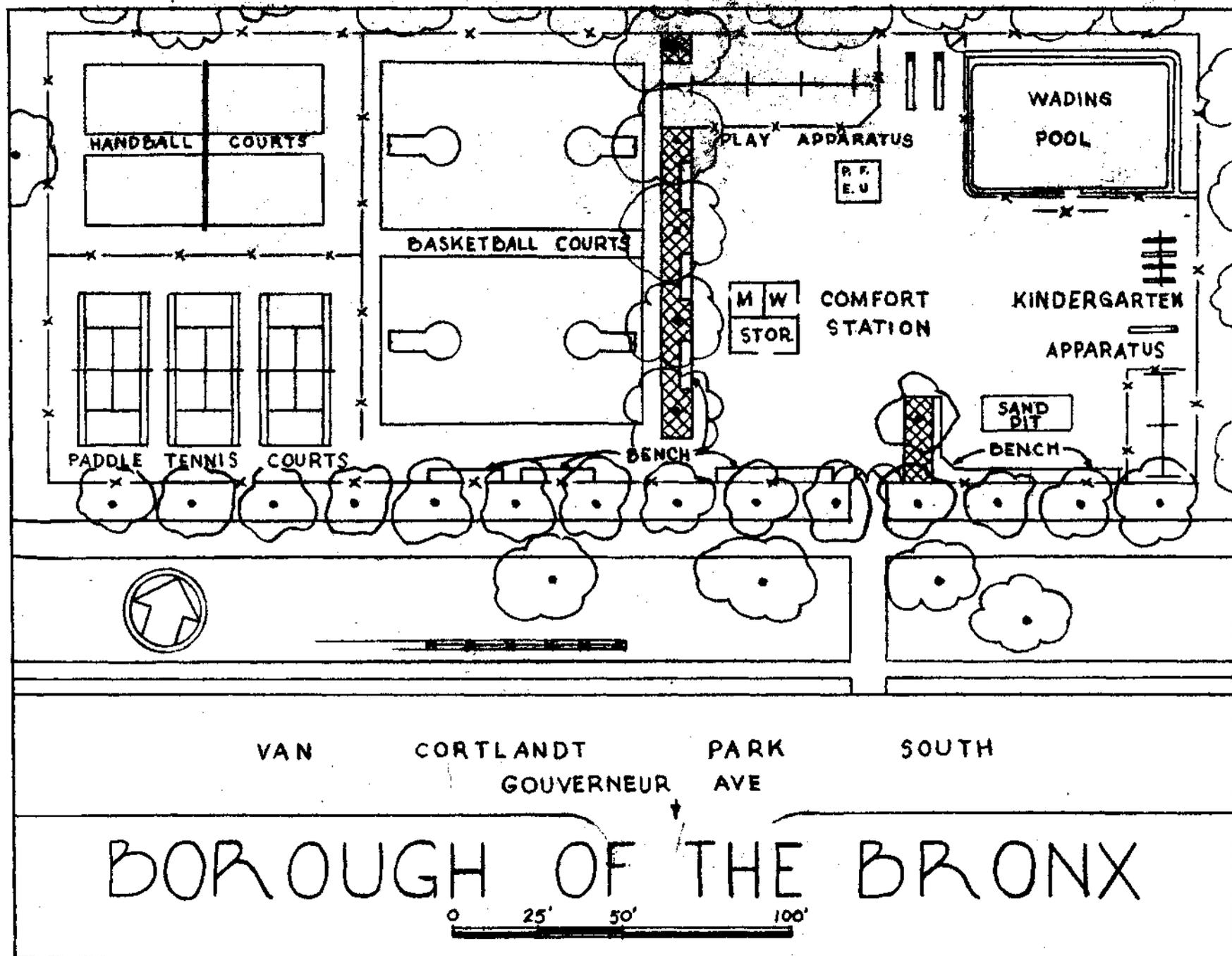
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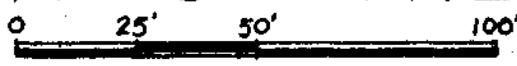
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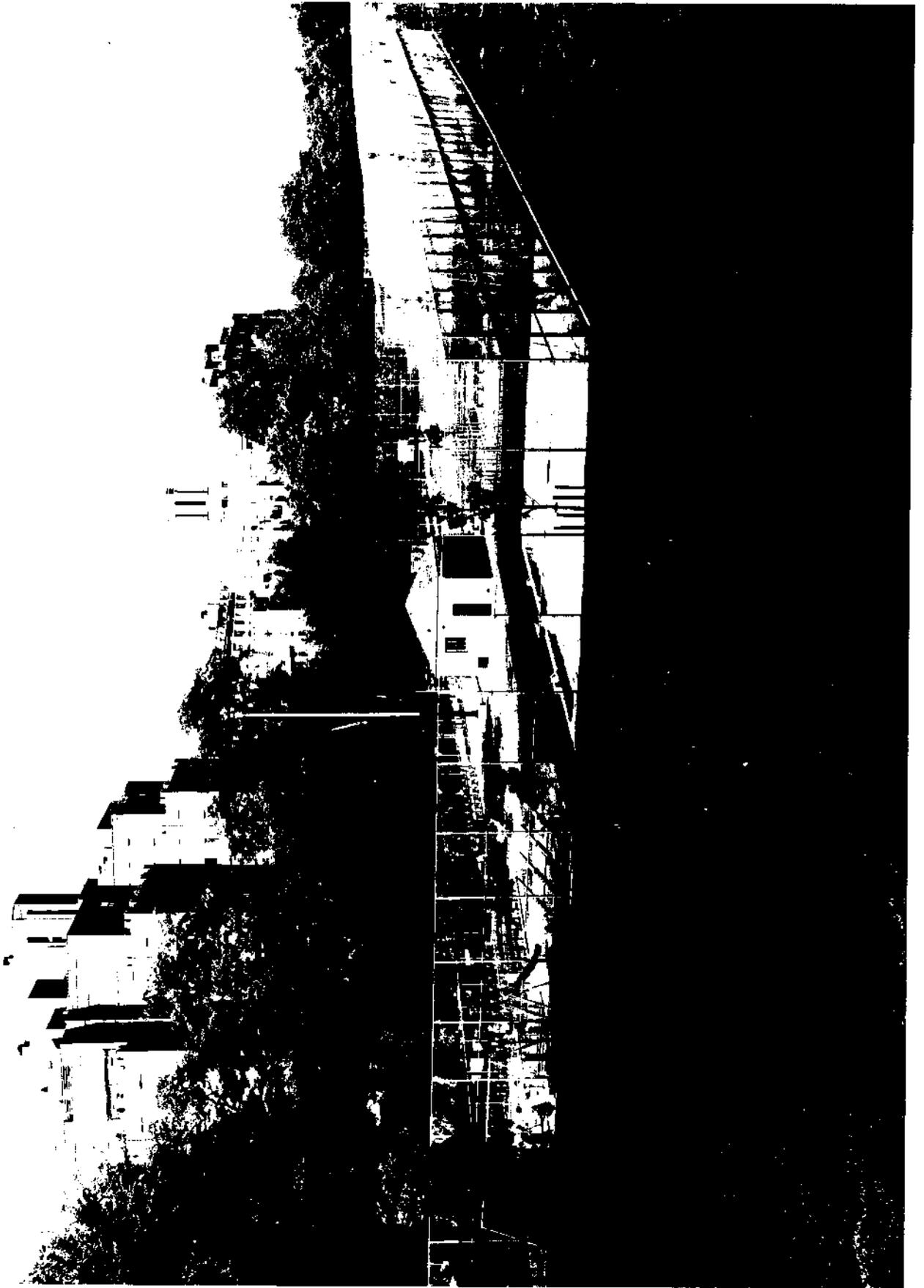


VAN CORTLANDT PARK SOUTH  
GOUVERNEUR AVE

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



PLAYGROUND NORTH OF VAN CORTLANDT  
 PARK SO. BET. ORLOFF & NORMAN AVES.  
 IN VAN CORTLANDT PARK, BRONX 6-17-55 P.P.





DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

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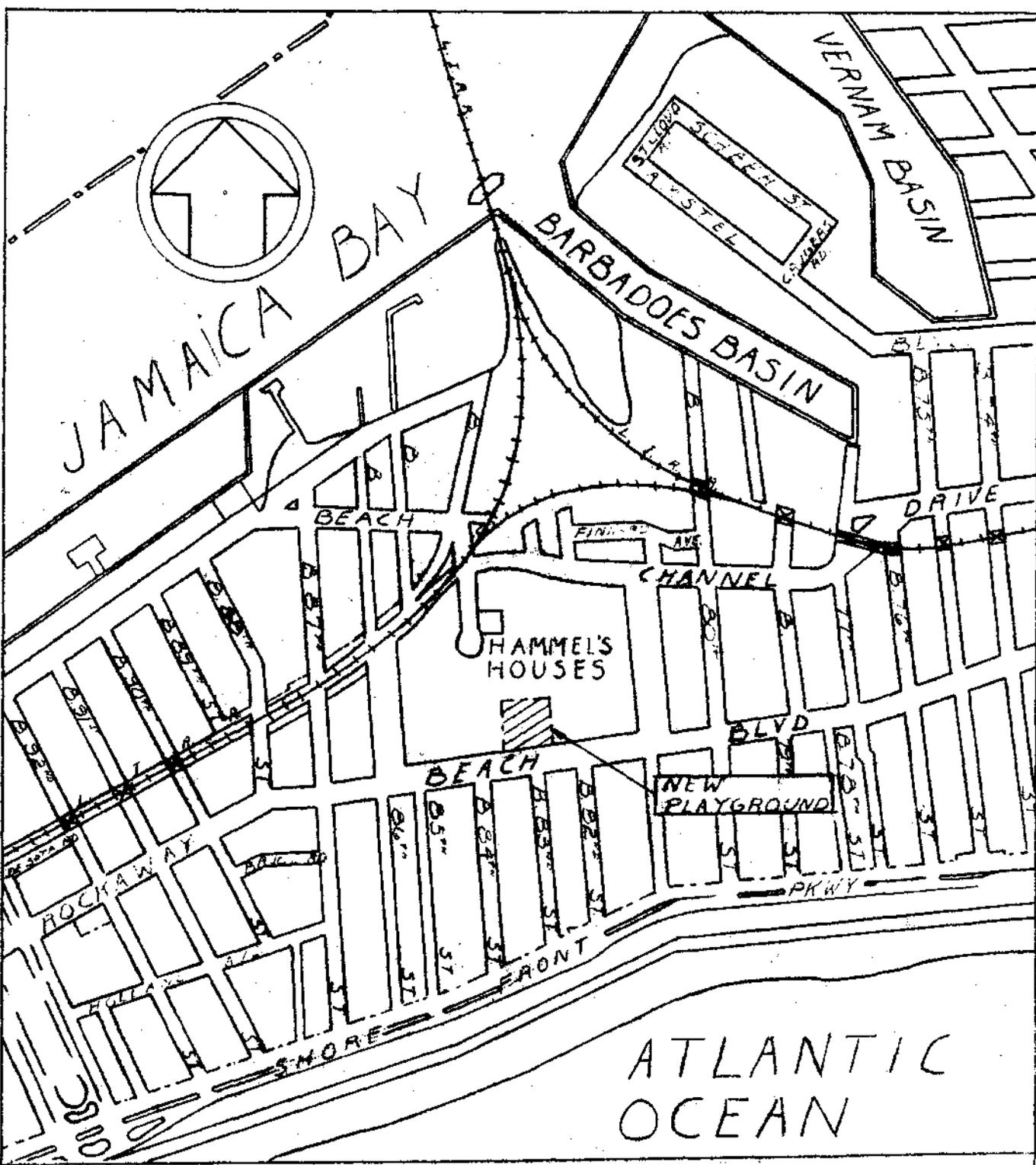
The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground adjacent to the Hammels Houses at Rockaway Beach Boulevard between Beach 83rd Street and Beach 84th Street, Queens.

This 1.03 acre playground was built with New York City Housing Authority funds, and provides for handball, basketball, practice basketball courts, comfort station, sand pit, wading pool, slides, swings, and an area for small fry with benches for their guardians. The area is divided in two sections for control purposes and is landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this playground there are now 638 playgrounds in the park system.

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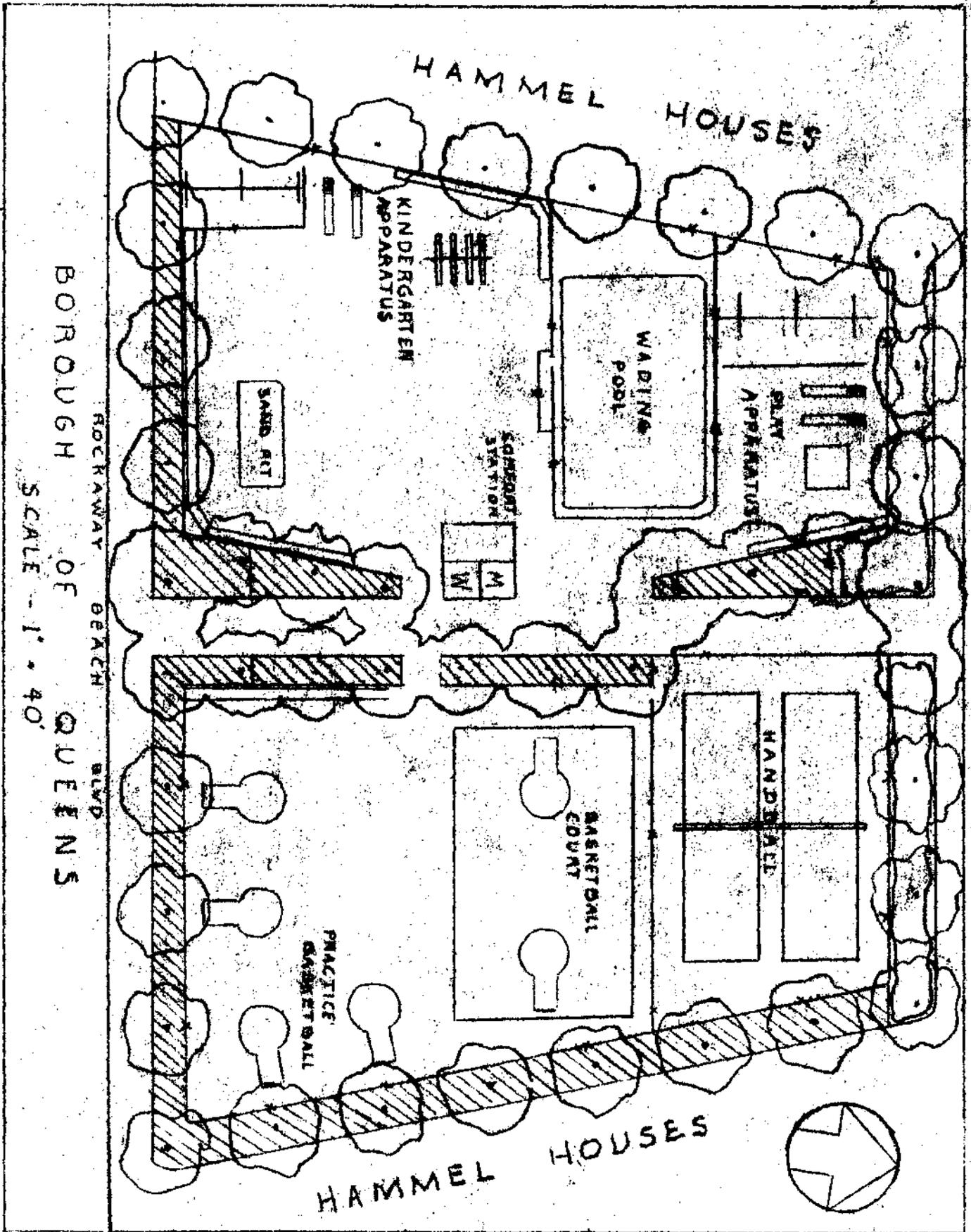


BOROUGH OF QUEENS

PLAYGROUND  
 ADJ. TO HAMMEL  
 HOUSES - B. OF QUEENS

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PLAYGROUND APP.  
TO HAMMEL HOUSES  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS

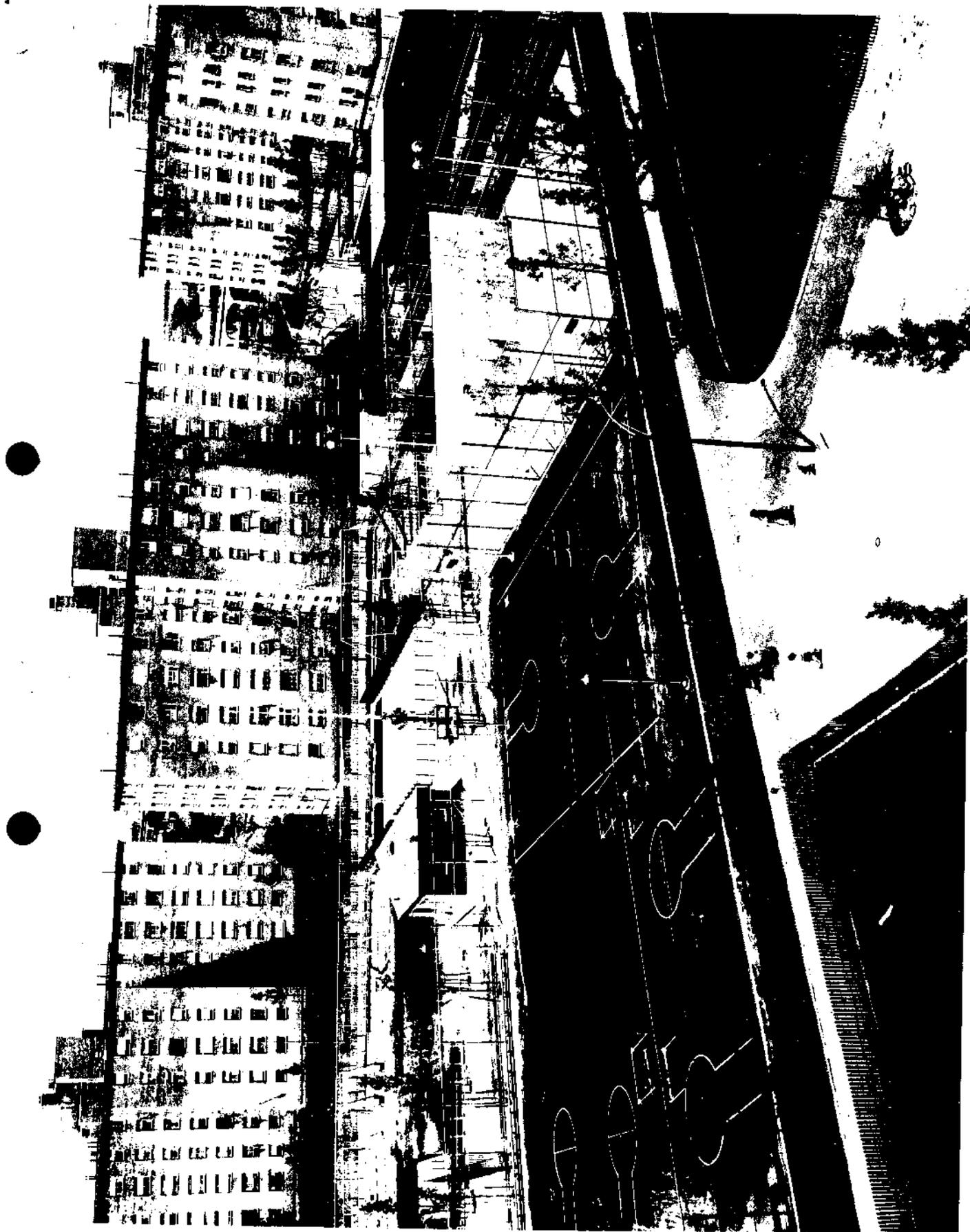


BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE - 1" = 40'

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to the Redfern Houses at Redfern Avenue and Beach 12th Street, Queens.

Designed by the Department of Parks and built with New York City Housing Authority funds this facility is located in the Far Rockaway section of Queens. The playground is 2.11 acres, and provides for basketball, handball, slides, swings, jungle gym, comfort station, flag pole, and an area for pre-school age children. Benches are provided and the perimeter is landscaped with shade trees.

A baseball field is also provided, but will not be opened to the public, awaiting for a stand of grass.

With the addition of this new area there are now 639 playgrounds in the park system.

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REDFERN AVE.

BEACH 12<sup>TH</sup> ST.

REDFERN HOUSES

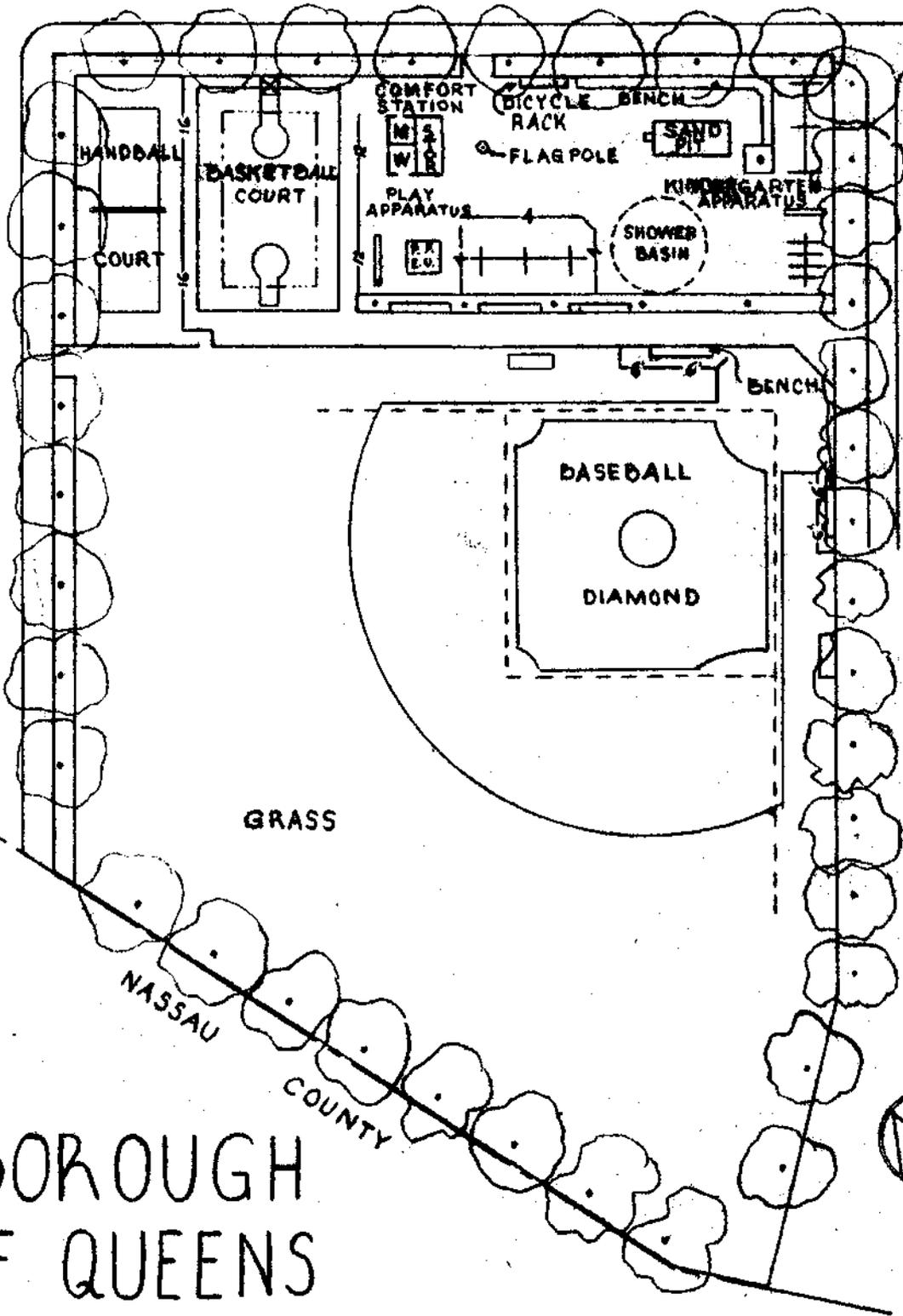
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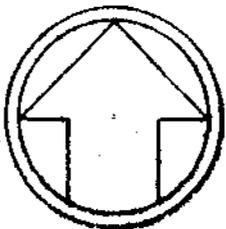
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PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO REDFERN HOUSES PP. 6-16-55

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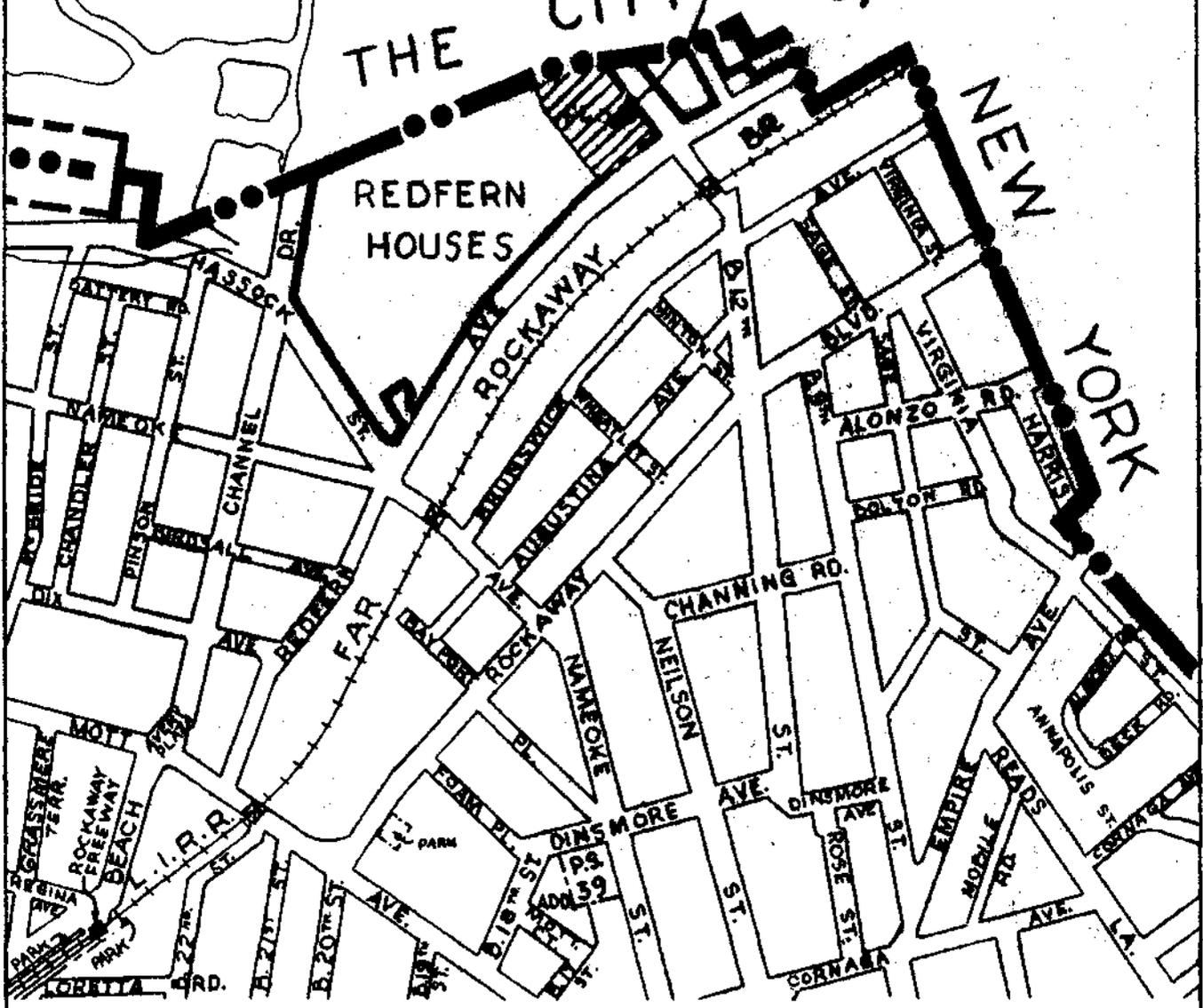




THE CITY OF NEW YORK

NEW PLAYGROUND

REDFERN HOUSES



# BOROUGH OF QUEENS



CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND  
ADJ. TO REDFERN HOUSES, W. OF BEACH 12<sup>TH</sup> ST. BET.  
REDFERN AVE & QUEENS COUNTY LINE, QUEENS.

Q-4-3-45-100 ✓





*Ray Glesper*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground at Dumont Avenue between Stone Avenue and Powell Street adjacent to the Van Dyke Houses in the Borough of Brooklyn.

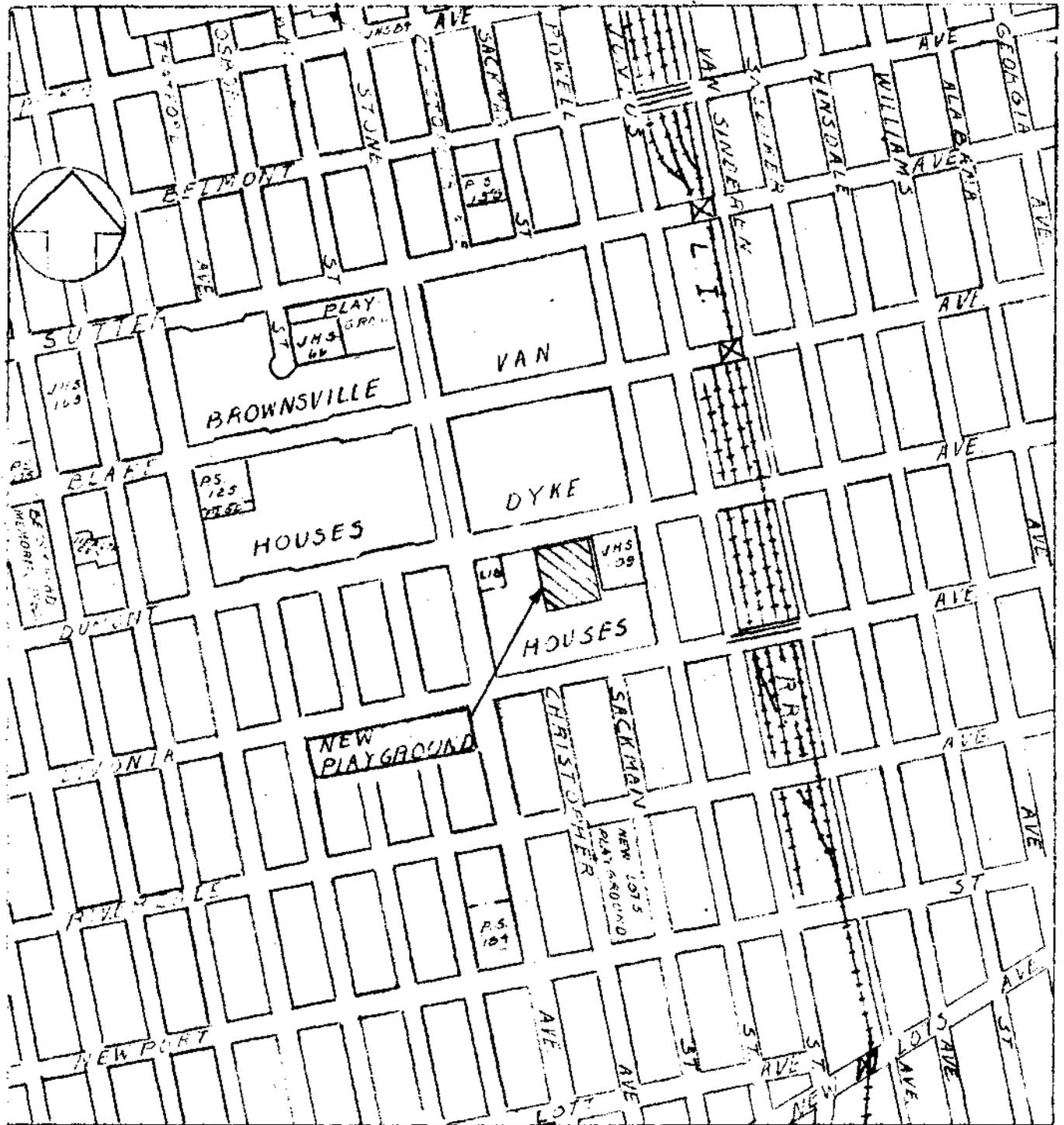
Built with New York City Housing Authority funds, this new one-acre facility is divided into three sections for control purposes. The easterly section provides basketball, practice basketball, roller skating and an open play area. The northwest section contains a sand pit, kindergarten area, slides, swings, wading pool, jungle gym, flag pole and a comfort station. The southwest section contains handball courts. Benches are provided throughout the area and shade trees have been planted around the perimeter.

Residents of the housing project and the surrounding community as well as pupils of adjacent P.S. 109, will have additional outdoor recreational facilities which will be supervised by Park Department personnel.

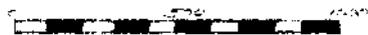
With the addition of this new area there are now 640 playgrounds in the park system.

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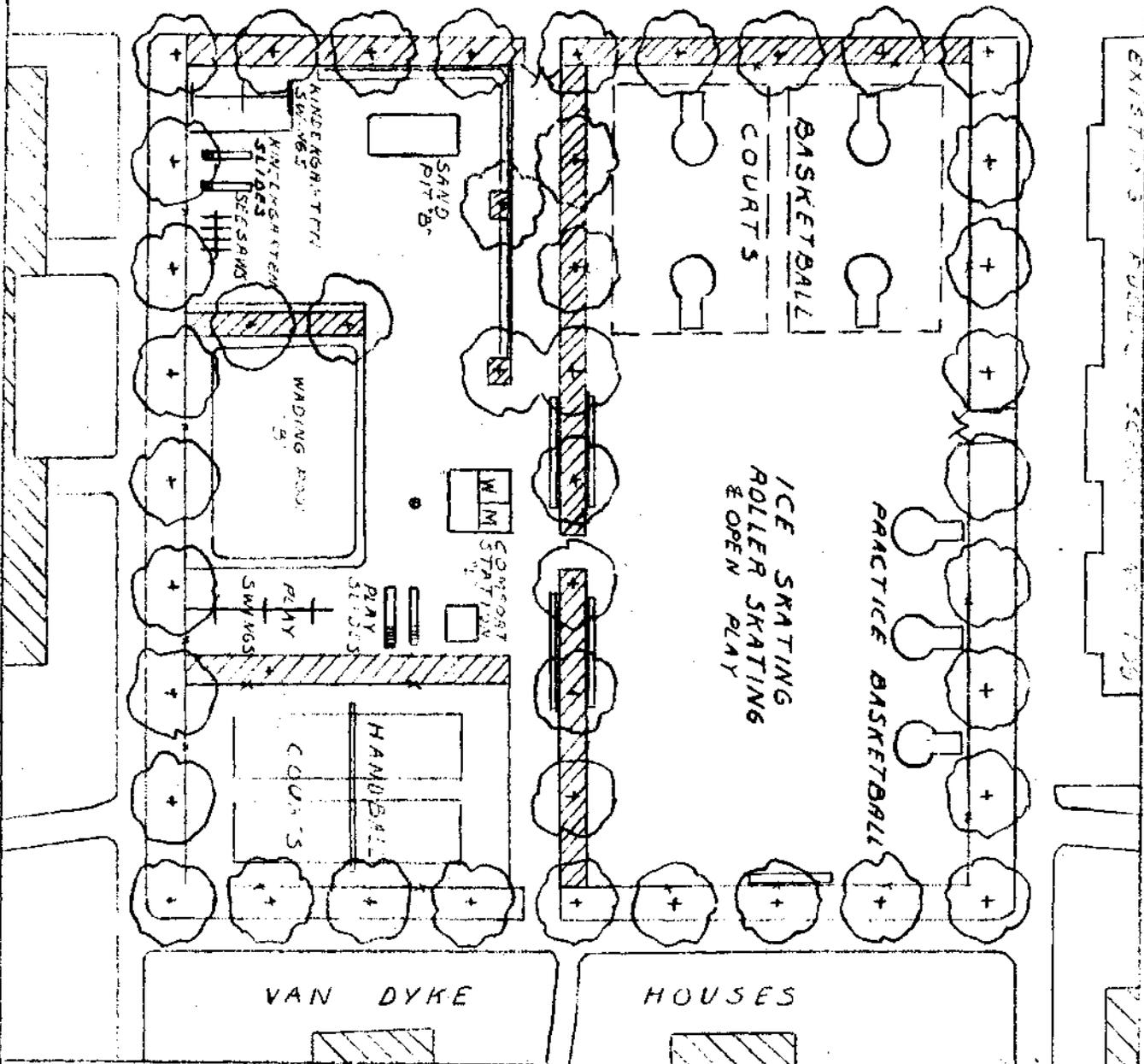


PLAYGROUND & VARIOUS HOUSES  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

B-L-2-4-100

VAN DYKE HOUSES

DUMONT AVENUE



BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

SCALE 1" = 50'

PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO VAN DYKE HOUSES  
 BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN  
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PRESS RELEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
City of New York

*For Queens Papers  
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For immediate release

POSTER CONTEST

The Department of Parks, Borough of Queens, announces the annual Poster Contest based on the theme, "Play Safely in Park Playgrounds", to be held for boys and girls under fourteen years of age.

This is one of the few events in which skill of performance is not the only basis for judging the winners. The Posters will be judged on originality and on the motto presented. Prizes will be awarded at the annual Play Day to be held at Riis Park on Wednesday, July 13, 1955 at 2.00 P.M.

Entries must be returned to the Queens Recreation Office located in Forest Park, Kew Gardens, no later than Saturday, July 9th. For further information consult your Playground Director in your neighborhood playground or write to the Department of Parks, Kew Gardens, 15, N.Y. or call Liggett 4-4400.

6/17/55



*Ray M. Steyer*

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

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1955

*6/15 Hand Delivery 11 AM*  
*Regular Mail 6/15*

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A whole summer of fun, under the stars or under the sun, is available to all ages of New Yorkers and visitors to the city who seek healthful recreation at nominal cost in our city park and playground system.

In the 635 local neighborhood playgrounds which are open every day in the week from 9 A.M. to dark, young children can find opportunities for safe, healthful recreation in sports, games, arts and crafts, table games, wading pools, or saucer showers, swings, slides and other exercise equipment, all of which form the framework for their daily activities. Here too, their parents and people who work during the day, may find sitting areas for relaxation in the cool of the evening or make use of the handball, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, volleyball, and horseshoe pitching courts for active recreation.

A greater variety of recreational facilities can be found within a reasonable radius of all sections of the city. These include beaches and pools, baseball and softball diamonds, tennis courts, golf courses, fishing areas, bicycle paths, roller skating and hockey areas and such. These facilities also are available for use from morning until dark or later, depending upon the facility.

Those who like to relax in a country-like atmosphere may find it in the larger parks. These are easily reached by subway or by

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cars using the many non-commercial traffic parkways and expressways. Special facilities in these parks, impossible to provide in smaller areas, include picnic areas, boating on lakes, bridle paths, bowling greens, archery ranges, botanical gardens, model airplane fields and model yacht ponds.

Teenagers and adults who like to dance may enjoy music by some of the nation's top "name" bands on weekday evenings at Wollman Memorial in Central Park and other major parks in the five boroughs. Ten square dances have been arranged at Wollman Memorial and Riverside Park. The Guggenheim Memorial Concerts by the Goldman Band are being given at the Mall on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, and Thursdays and Saturdays in Prospect Park. The Naumburg Concerts and the Harlem Meer Concerts will be given on scheduled dates during the season.

To add zest to the sports activities, a program of competitive events have been scheduled. These include fishing contests for teenagers; swimming meets for boys and girls and swimmers registered with the A.A.U.; softball tournaments; tennis and golf tournaments which are also open to men and women; and handball and horseshoe pitching tournaments.

Other special events are the free performances of Marionette shows by the Park Puppeteers and the Learn-to-Swim Programs at park pools for both children and adults.

Additional information about these activities may be secured from Department of Parks borough offices or playgrounds. Locations of recreational facilities in the parks and other information regarding them is listed in the booklet - RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR NEW YORKERS - which may be secured by sending a 4" X 9" self-addressed, stamped envelope to Brochure, Department of Parks, New York 21, N.Y.



*Ray Muepew*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1955

*Hand Delivery 6-1  
2 PM  
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The 1955 edition of the popular brochure, Recreational Facilities for New Yorkers, is now available from the Department of Parks. The 32 page booklet may be obtained by sending a 4" x 9" stamped self-addressed envelope with each request to Brochure, Department of Parks, New York 21, N. Y. or by calling in person at any of the Park Department borough offices.

The variety and number of recreational facilities have been expanded to such great extent that this booklet will be an aid to everyone seeking recreation in New York City parks. The brochure gives the location, numbers, and other pertinent facts about the most popular of these facilities.

Information is listed regarding Beaches and Pools, Golf Course, Tennis and Boccie Courts, Picnic Areas, Music Groves, Bridle and Bicycle Paths, Bowling Greens, Baseball and Softball Diamonds, Boating and Boat Basins, Fishing Areas, Model Airplane Fields and Model Yacht Ponds, Botanical and Children's Gardens, Museums and Historical Points, Pony Rides, Carousels, Stadia, Running Tracks and Zoos. Also included are fall and winter recreation areas such as Football, Soccer, Cricket and Hockey Fields, Roller and Ice Skating Rinks, and Coasting Areas.

Other types of information available in the booklet are fees charged for lockers and dressing rooms at beaches and for special services such as suit, towel, and beach chair and umbrella rentals;

pars and yardages of the ten municipal golf courses and cost of permits; hours of operation at pools and skating rinks and time of free periods for young children; facilities available at picnic areas; types of tennis courts and cost of permits for their use; fees charged for boating on park lakes and the number of boats available at each lake. There is also a section devoted to travel directions to the most popular facilities.

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MR. GUTHRIDGE



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

12-29-54 REGENT 4-1000

Hand DELIVERY: 10AM

Sunday, January 2, 1955 REG MAIL: 11:30 AM.

FOR RELEASE

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Over 170 million visits to New York City's parks and playgrounds were made by people seeking active recreation during the year 1954. This is an increase of more than 40 million visits over 1953. Additional millions used the parks for more passive recreational pursuits such as walking, reading, nature study, rest and relaxation.

The greater portion of the Department of Parks year-round recreation program is conducted in neighborhood playgrounds. With the addition of the 30 new playgrounds opened in 1954, there are now 627 of these neighborhood playgrounds in the park system. To the limit of its resources the Park Department endeavors to provide safe, clean recreational facilities for each community in the city. Only lack of funds, exorbitant costs, or the fact that no unencumbered land is available has prevented construction of such facilities in every residential community. As children do not take holidays from play, the park playgrounds are open for use 365 days of the year.

The larger parks and recreation areas which have special facilities such as beaches, swimming pools, picnic grounds, bridle paths, golf courses, and tennis courts attracted in 1954 more than 67 million visitors.

In 1954, city-wide park tournaments and contests drew 110,000 contestants who competed in basketball, swimming, tennis,

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golf, roller skating, marbles, boxing, track and field, handball, horseshoe pitching, speed and figure skating, egg rolling, barber shop harmony, dancing, and fishing. Outdoor concerts and dances in the major parks during the summer months attracted an attendance of over 360,000 persons.

The Wollman Memorial outdoor ice skating rink in Central Park and Flushing Meadow ice and roller skating rinks were used by over 537,000 skaters, about 50,000 of these were children 14 years of age and under who were admitted to the free sessions on Saturday mornings and on mornings during the Easter and Christmas school vacations.

The existing St. Mary's Recreation Center in the Bronx with complete indoor recreational facilities and 25 other smaller centers are operated at hours suited to the needs of all age groups. In 1954 these centers averaged 10,000 daily. Centers such as these with their special facilities and attractive programs, must be provided for communities where other agencies do not have suitable facilities or where programs must be curtailed because of limited space available in buildings primarily designed for other purposes.

The budget dollars expended for parks and playgrounds benefits every man, woman and child and make our city a more attractive place in which to live, work, and play.

12/29/54



*Ray Glesper*

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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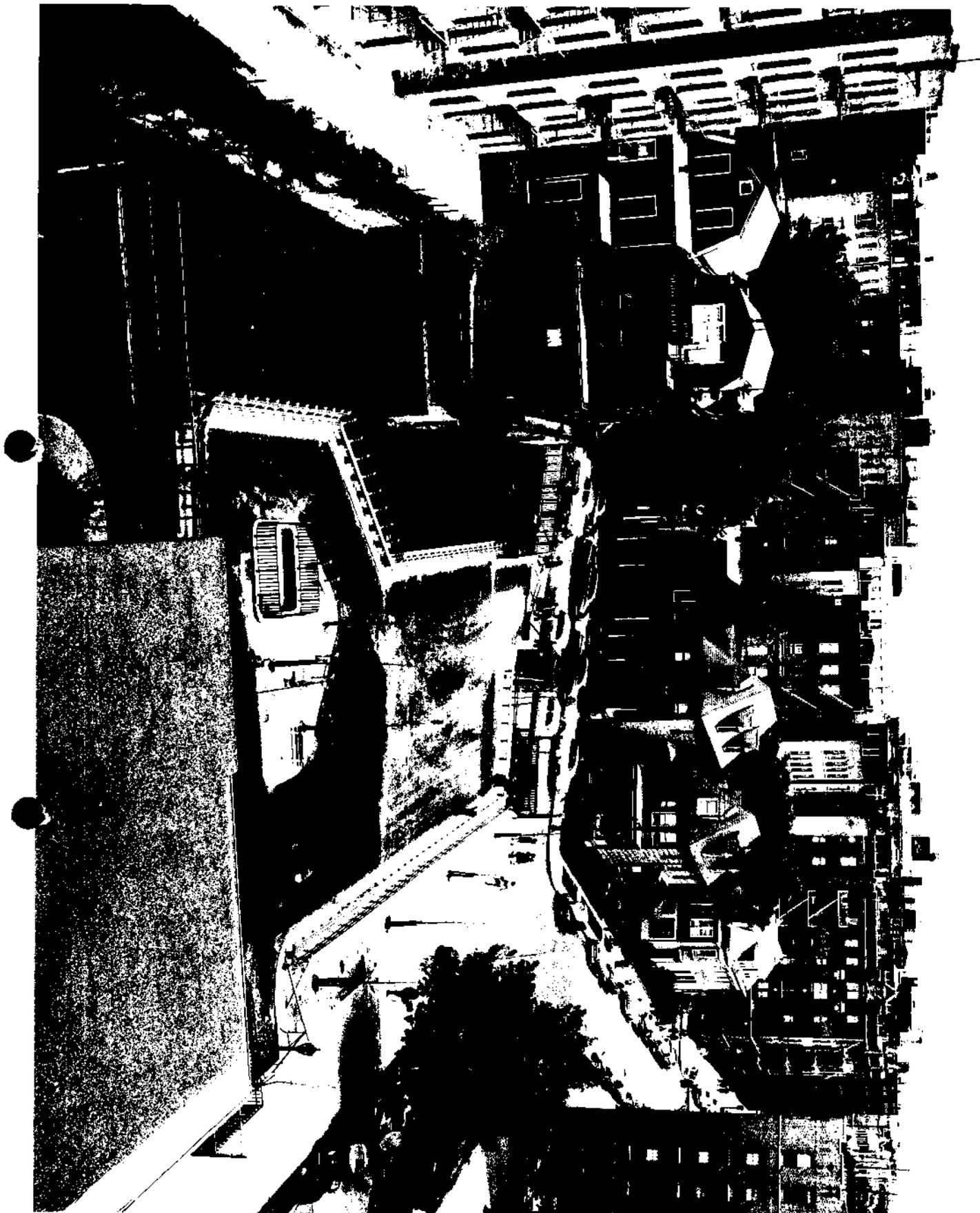
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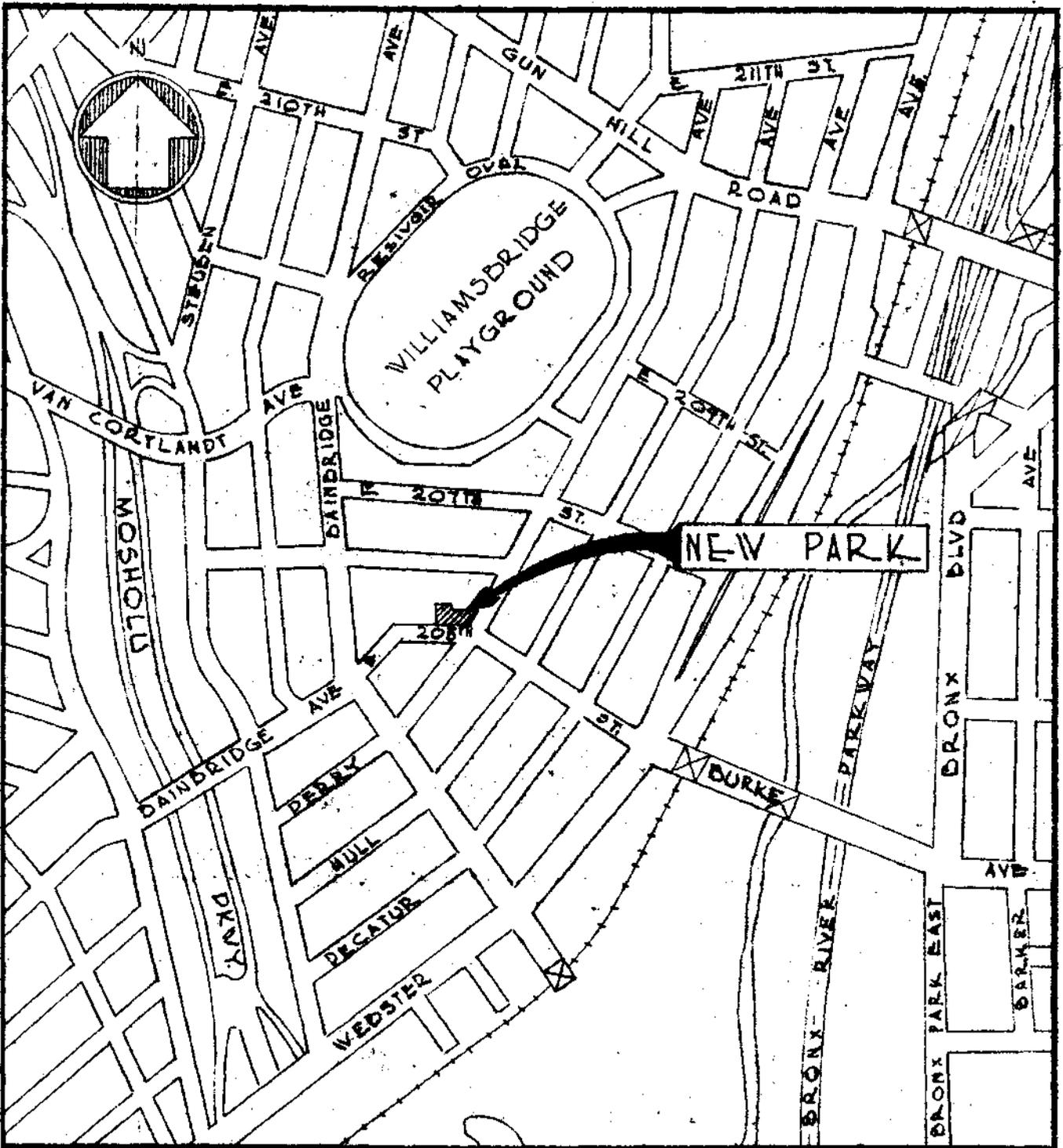
The Department of Parks announces the opening to the public of a new sitting area located at 205th Street and Perry Avenue in the Bronx.

This new 0.326 acre sitting area is adjacent to the Mosholu Public Library and may be used by the patrons of this institution during pleasant weather as well as the residents of the local community. A sand pit for small fry is also provided with benches for guardians of the children and the entire perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees and a lawn area.

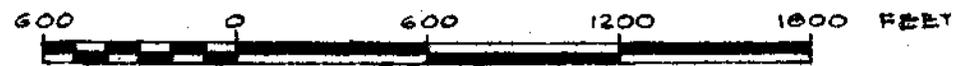
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# BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



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 PERRY AVE & E 20TH ST  
 BOROUGH OF THE BRONX - 6-3-55 S.H.

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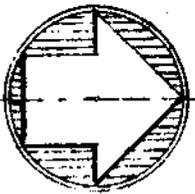
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EAST 205TH STREET

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



CONSTRUCTION OF PARK  
PERRY AVENUE & 205TH  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX 6-3-55



PERRY  
AVE.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

SUBWAY ENTRANCE

X-4-180-101 ✓

*Mr. Ruckert*



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FOR RELEASE

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*Hand Delivery 1-21-55  
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IMMEDIATELY

The Department of Parks announces the Senior Odd Weight Lifting Championships Competition to be held in St. Mary's Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, the Bronx, on Saturday, January 29, 1955 at 7:30 P.M. The meet is sponsored by the Bronx Lodge #871, B.P.O.E. and sanctioned by Metropolitan Association, the A.A.U. and is open to all male registered amateur athletes in the Metropolitan Association. Further information may be obtained at St. Mary's Recreation Center, CY 2-7254.

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1-21-55

*R. C. Guttridge*



**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**

*Hand Delivery 1 P.M.  
4-15-55*

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**IMMEDIATELY**

*Regular Mail 4-15-55*

The Department cordially invites the people of the City of New York to Open House Week at St. Mary's Recreation Center at St. Ann's Avenue and St. Mary's Street in the Bronx.

St. Mary's, the first in the Department's program of large scale recreation centers, has been in operation for four years and has proved of immense importance to the people of south Bronx. We invite you to see the variety of activities from arts and crafts to swimming.

Attached is program of events for the week.

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HIGHLIGHTS - OPEN HOUSE WEEK - APRIL 18 - 24 1955

ST. MARY'S RECREATION CENTER

Mon. April 18

INDOOR POOL - 4:00 P.M.  
Novelty Swimming Events - Junior Groups:  
Water Safety Demonstration.

Exhibits of Handwork - 7:00 P.M.  
Arts & Crafts Room - Manual Training Shop

Wed. April 20

Little Theatre - 3:30 P.M.  
Films - The 1952 Olympic Games

Gymnasium - 7:30 & 8:30 P.M. - All Star  
Invitation Basketball.  
1st Game: Intermediate Division Tournament  
Champions for 1955 -  
The Ramblers vs the Intermediate All-Stars  
2nd Game: Senior Division Tournament Champions  
for 1955 -  
N.Y. Gothams vs The Cavaliers-1954 Winners

Following the games, trophies will be awarded to  
teams that finished first and second in the  
1954-55 St. Mary's Center Basketball Tournament,  
in the Intermediate, Senior A and Senior B  
Divisions.

Senior Games Room - 7:30 P.M.  
Spring Social Dance & Entertainment -  
Senior & Adult Groups  
Music by 4-pc. Orchestra

Thurs. April 21

Gymnasium - 7:30 P.M. Novice Weightlifting Meet  
Dept. of Parks - Met. Assn. AAU  
There will be four weight Classes - in the three  
Olympic Lifts

Fri. April 22

Indoor Pool - 4:00 P.M. - Novelty Swimming Races  
Intermediate Groups  
Achievement Tests - Novelty Events and Water  
Safety Demonstration

"ST. MARY'S NIGHT" - Gymnasium 7:30 P.M.  
A series of 12 Events consisting of Gymnastic  
Exhibitions, Sports Skills, Stunts, Dances  
and Drills presented by the members of St. Mary's  
Recreation Center. Participating in the pro-  
gram that will depict some of the Recreational  
Activities offered at the Center, will be the  
Junior and Intermediate Boys' Gymnasium Groups,  
Girls Gym and Dance Groups, Teen-age Girls  
Gymnastic Class, Mothers Gym Group, Boxing Room  
Group and the St. Mary's Gymnastic Team.

Sat. April 23

Age Group Swimming Meet - Indoor Pool - 2:30 P.M.

Sponsored by Dept. of Parks

8 Events for AAU Members

2 Events closed to Park Dept (non-AAU) Members

Trophies to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in each event.

"AQUA-FANTASY" - A Water Show - Indoor Pool -  
7:30 P.M. Presented by the St. Mary's Recreation Center Aquatic Group. A program of Water Ballet, Synchronized Swimming under Fluorescent Light, and Native Dances of the Islands.

A.A.U. Gymnastic Meet - Novice, Junior & Senior Divisions - Gymnasium 8:00 P.M. Sponsored by Dept. of Parks

Two Events in each Division plus one Open Event

Tumbling for the Met. Jr. AAU Championship.

Trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each event

Sun. April 24

INTER-COUNTY SWIMMING MEET - Indoor Pool - 2:00PM  
Invitation Swimming Meet

ADMISSION TO ALL ST. MARY'S OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES IS FREE  
THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO VISIT THE CENTER.

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4-15-55

R. C. Guttridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

*Sand Helmsley 2-2-55  
11 A.M.  
Regular Mail 2-3-55*

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) 114

The Department of Parks announces <sup>that</sup> a Swimming Meet <sup>will</sup> be held at St. Mary's Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, on Friday, February 11, 1955 at 7:30 p.m. The meet is sponsored by the David W. Gentle Post #618 American Legion, and sanctioned by Metropolitan Association, the A. A. U. It is open to boys and girls registered with the Metropolitan Association. The swimming events for boys range from 10 years or under to 16 years; for girls, from 11 years to 16 years.

Further information may be obtained at St. Mary's Recreation Center, CY 2-7254.

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*R. C. Mutchridge*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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IMMEDIATELY

*Hand Delivery 1-21 11AM*  
*Regular Mail 1-21*

On December 6, 1954 the Department of Parks asked for contributions to the re-activated Governor Smith Memorial Fund for repairs to the statue of Governor Alfred E. Smith in Governor Smith Houses Playground. The cooperation of various agencies and the generosity of many New Yorkers have provided funds to pay for the installation of new bronze plaques to replace lettering destroyed by vandals.

A contract has been awarded and work will be completed on or about April 4, 1955.

The memorial was originally dedicated on July 1, 1950 when the Memorial Committee asked that "the Old Neighborhood revere and protect the shrine of its greatest son, and that the children of tomorrow seek to imitate his character and achievements." Vandals have not honored this request and the lettering and granite have been damaged. The contract now in force will repair this damage.



1-21-55



*Ray Glesper*

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

JUNE 9, 1955

*6/7/55  
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Regular Mail 6/7*

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The Department of Parks announces that roller skating at the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink will terminate at the close of business, Sunday June 12, 1955.

Starting Tuesday, June 14, 1955, this facility will operate daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as a free recreational area, with shuffleboard courts in operation. Cues and discs will be available free of charge.

On Thursday evenings starting June 16, free Name Band dances under the stars, again sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

On Tuesday evenings starting June 21, free square dancing sponsored by a civic minded organization, will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The Wollman Memorial Rink is located to the west of Central Park Zoo, opposite 64th Street, and may be reached by the B.M.T. subway to Fifth Avenue station, the East Side I.R.T. subway to the 59th Street station, or the Independent subway to Columbus Circle.



R. C. Muthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1955

*10 A.M.  
Send Release 4-11-55  
Regular Mail - 4-11-55*

1-1-1-30M-915094 (54) 114

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 17, 1955.

Since the beginning of the current ice skating season, 360,000 persons of all ages have used this facility. With the coming of spring and warmer weather, people are turning to baseball, tennis, fishing, boating and other outdoor sports.

Starting Saturday, April 23, 1955, the Wollman Memorial Rink will reopen for roller skating with sessions as follows:

AFTERNOON SESSIONS ..... 2:30 to 6:00 P.M.

EVENING SESSIONS ..... 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.

ADMISSION CHARGE FOR ALL SESSIONS .... 10¢

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-on skates at 25¢ and shoe skates at 50¢ a session.

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