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82	10-3-57	story telling at Hans Christian Andersen monument
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80	9-19-57	Cross Country Course at Van Catland Park being readied.
79	9-16-57	ceremonies dedicating the Laguardia Memorial
78	9-16-57	Harold S. Cullman to head comtee to continue Shakespeare Workshops productions.
77	9-11-57	Giuseppe Creatore Memorial concert.
76	9-3-57	7th Annual mixed two some Championships.
75	9-5-57	11th Annual Jr. Olympic Sports Festival at John J. Downing Memorial Stadium.
74	9-3-57	opening of new triangular seating area in Queens.
73	8-30-57	9th Annual Horsehoe pitching & handball tournaments.
72	8-30-57	completion of construction & opening of playground - Queens.
73	8-29-57	Naumburg Symphony Orchestra will give their 4th final concert of the season.
72	9-1-57	closing of 17 swimming pools throughout the boroughs
71	8-29-57	Annual Childrens gardens Achievement Day
70	8-29-57	final story telling hour of season at Hans C. Andersen monument.
69	8-28-57	opening of public playground in Queens
70	8-28-57	opening of a marginal playground in Brooklyn.
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64	8-6-57	Opening of Playground in Manhattan
63	8-2-57	1 st Annual rowing regatta in Van Cortlandt Park Lake.
62	7-29-57	Preliminary contests for 16th Annual Harvest Dance contest
61	7-26-57	Comm. Moses to Honor Outstanding heroism in parks.
59	7-23-57	Outdoor swimming championship for boys at Sunset Pool.
58	7-16-57	NY Summer Shakespeare festival shows
57	7-9-57	opening of new park playground in Queens.
56	7-2-57	opening of new playground in Manhattan.
55	6-27-57	Tennis exhibition at Central Park - Champions Don Budge vs. Billy Talbot.
54	6-26-57	3 rd annual world Jazz Festival in Central Park.
53	6-26-57	1 st open air championship contest for accordion bands at Central Park.
52	6-27-57	2 nd in series of 4 Naumburg Concerts in Central Park
51	6-20-57	opening of new playground in Queens.
50	6-17-57	summer series of 20 outdoor square dances.
49	6-17-57	16th Annual series of Home Band Dances
48	6-17-57	opening of new playground in Queens.
47	6-14-57	re-paving of Shore Road in Brooklyn.
46	6-12-57	opening of new playground in Brooklyn.
45	6-12-57	1 st Annual Edward A. & Alice H. Kerbs memorial sail boat regatta & design competition in C.P.

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43	6-7-57	opening of new playground in Brooklyn
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45	6-10-57	23 RD Annual Barker Shop Quartet Contest Finals
41	6-4-57	opening of new playground in the Bronx
40	5-28-57	Square & Folk Dance Festival.
39	5-24-57	Naumburg Symphony Orchestra's first concert of season
38	5-22-57	Annual Amateur Boxing Tournament championships
37	5-21-57	all-girl U.S. Airforce Band - WAF Band concert.
36	5-17-57	beginning of bathing & swimming season.
—	5-17-57	Future American Magical Entertainers performance
—	5-16-57	Park Golden Age Center end of "Senior Citizen month" anniversary party.
—	5-20-57	Dept of Parks asking for funds for reconstruction of Steeplechase Pier.
35	5-13-57	1 st story telling hour of season at Hans. C. Andersen
34	5-9-57	opening of new playground in Brooklyn.
33	5-9-57	Completion of southside reconstruction at Southern end of Morningside Park.
31	5-2-57	opening of new playground in Brooklyn - now 696 playgrounds.
30	5-1-57	employment as Playground assistant filing period extended.
29	4-25-57	opening of a marginal playground in C.P.
28	4-25-57	tulips & daffodils - gift from Mrs. Lasker are in bloom along 22 blocks of Park Ave.
27	4-17-57	birth of baby Zebra in C.P. Zoo
26	4-9-57	end of Wollman Rink ice skating season

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24	4-8-57	opening of 463 Parks Tennis courts in 5 boroughs.
23	4-8-57	acceptance of entries of uniformed softball teams in Kiss Park Softball League
22	3-29-57	Open House at St. John's Recreation Center
21	3-29-57	3 rd Annual Cenvitation Basketball Tournament
20	3-20-57	opening of 6 golf courses throughout the boroughs
19	3-18-57	1 st Annual Brownsville Recreation Center indoor swimming championships.
18	3-15-57	employment opportunity as Playground Assistant
17	3-8-57	work started on construction of marginal playground in Central Park
16	3-3-57	1 st Annual St. John's Recreation Center indoor swimming Championships
15	2-28-57	Basketball championship tournament
14	2-20-57	Annual George Washington Birthday Party at the Golden Age Club.
13	2-15-57	"Time Capsule" was from 1880 found in hose dunking trough
12	2-14-57	applications for seasonal park permits
11	2-13-57	opening of new playground in Brooklyn
10	2-11-57	Annual ice skating Carnival at Flushing Meadow skating rink.
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4	1-11-57	list of lakes and flooded areas open for ice skating.
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2	1-10-57	completion of riding stable in the Bronx
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32	5-3-57	childrens activities throughout the boroughs
60	7-25-57	match play championship honors on the Split Rock golf course.
93	12-2-57	opening of new playground in Brooklyn.
92	11-25-57	Dyker Beach golf course - improvement of Marine Park golf course
91	11-25-57	opening of new playground in Alley Park
90	11-14-57	applications for golf permits in all 5 boroughs.
91	11-18-57	opening of new park playground in Brooklyn.
92	11-18-57	Duffy Square Ground Breaking Ceremony.
93	11-18-57	Fall & Winter schedule of Manhattan Theatre
89	10-24-57	opening of hunting season in L.I. - <u>not</u> in Jamaica.
88	10-24-57	construction of bridge on Cross Island.
87	10-16-57	opening of new playground in Manhattan
86	10-16-57	meeting of the George M. Cohan Memorial Committee
85	10-14-57	opening of Wollman Memorial skating rink
97	12-20-57	opening of Brounsville Golden Age Center
96	12- 10 -57	8th Annual Christmas Card Celebration
95	12-6-57	dual swimming meets b/w. eastern colleges
94	12-3-57	100,000 from Cuban Gov't for erection of statue of José Martí.



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1957

The Department of Parks announces that contracts have been awarded for work in connection with the construction of a concession and comfort station building in the Hunter Island Area of Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx.

Located in the northerly section of Pelham Bay Park, this section now provides for a picnic area with fireplaces and tables. The construction of these new facilities will replace the old improvisations which were inadequate for the convenience and comfort of picnickers.

Construction is expected to be completed for use during the coming summer season.

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The Department of Parks announces that the following lakes and flooded areas will be open for ice skating for the duration of the present spell of cold weather:

CENTRAL PARK:

59th Street Lake at 5th Ave.
Conservatory Lake at 72nd St. & 5th Ave.
Belvedere Lake, 80th St. & Center Drive

BROOKLYN:

Bushwick Playground, Putnam & Knickerbocker Aves.
Glenwood Houses Playground, Glenwood Rd. & Ralph Ave.
Playground at Tilden Ave. & East 48th St.

BRONX:

Van Cortlandt Park, Broadway & 242nd Street
Bronx Park, Twin Lakes, Botanic Gardens north of
Museum Building
Crotona Park, East 173rd St. & Crotona Park East
Fordham and Landing Roads and Deegan Highway
Mullaly Playground, 164th St. & Jerome Ave.
Playground, Waterbury & La Salle Aves.

QUEENS:

Crocheron Park, 35th Ave. & 214th Place, Bayside
Kissena Park, 164th St. & Oak Ave., Flushing
Captain Tilly Park, Highland & 85th Aves., and
165th St., Jamaica
Victory Field, Myrtle Ave. & Woodhaven Blvd.,
Glendale
Riis Park, north of Bathhouse

RICHMOND:

Clove Lakes Park: Brooks Pond and Martling's Pond,
Clove Road & Victory Blvd.
Willowbrook Lake, Richmond Ave. & Victory Blvd.
Wolfe's Pond Park, Richmond, Holten & Cornelia Aves.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1957

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction of a Riding Stable north of Hutchinson River Parkway and west of Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx.

This new modern fireproof building replaces the old wooden structure which served this area for many years, and provides for straight and box stalls, lockers, riding ring, horses for hire and boarding of horses.

The old structure will be demolished in the near future.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1957

The Department of Parks announces that the work in connection with the construction of a playground at 146th Street & 56th Road, in Kissena Corridor Park in the Borough of Queens, will start in the near future.

Bids have been accepted and the awarding of the contract will be consummated shortly.

When completed the facility will provide for a quiet games area with benches and tables, a kindergarten section with slides, see-saws and sandpit, and an older children's section with slides, swings, jungle gym and shower basin. Benches will be provided throughout the entire area.

The work on this contract is expected to be completed in time for use during the coming summer season.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that a contest will be held to select a "King and Queen for a day" to reign at the Annual Ice Skating Carnival which will be held at the Flushing Meadow Skating Rink in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, on Friday, February 15, 1957 at 8 P.M.

This contest is open to boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 19 years.

Entry blanks are available at the skating rink and at the Borough Office of the Department of Parks in Queens and must be filed no later than January 23, 1957.

Eliminations will be held at the rink on January 26, 1957 at noon, at which time judges will select six finalists from each group. Contestants will be judged on beauty, personality, poise and appearance. No test of skating ability will be involved, however, each contestant will be required to appear on roller or ice skates at the eliminations. Photos and names of the finalists will be posted at the rink and patrons will vote to select the King and Queen from noon Monday, January 28th to Thursday, January 31st at 6 P.M. The official tally will be held on January 31st at 9 P.M.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1957

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The Park Department has recently received many requests for information regarding the history of the "Red Ball" symbol which is used to inform the public that ice skating areas are open for use.

The following is a history of this symbol:

During the year of 1862, public demand for an ice skating area in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, prompted officials to dam a swampy area in the south end of Prospect Park for this activity. Improvised wooden sheds were constructed and wooden planks were installed leading to the skating area from these sheds.

A city official, who was inspecting the area, suggested that a means be instituted to inform the public when the ice skating area was suitable for use.

In the north end of the park, surveyors were laying out the area for future development, and in this area a large hill was situated with a large wooden pole at the peak. The equipment which the surveyors were using included some large red discs. These discs were attached to the top of the pole at the peak of the hill so as to permit observance from distant areas.

The "Red Ball" has been a symbol of ice skating in the park system ever since.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the closing, beginning January 25th, of the 135th Avenue exit #34 of the southbound lane of Laurelton Parkway in Queens. A local civic group, acting in behalf of the Laurelton community, requested that the exit be closed to facilitate the flow of traffic in the adjacent neighborhood.

Two other exits in the vicinity provide satisfactory egress from the parkway. These are: #33, just south of Francis Lewis Boulevard, and #35, north of Merrick Boulevard at 133rd Avenue.

Appropriate signs informing the public of this change will be installed.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that an age-group swimming meet will be held at the West 28th Street Pool, 407 West 28th Street, New York City on February 16th, 1957 at 2 P.M.

Sponsored by the Grover Cleveland A.C., and conducted by the Department of Parks the following events are scheduled:

***NOVICE A.A.U. AGE GROUP EVENTS:**

Girls - 10 years and under	20 yards freestyle
Girls - 13 and 14 years	40 " "

***Novice** - anyone who has never won a first, second or third place medal, ribbon or trophy in any individual or team relay event in any open, invitational or closed meet where more than 2 teams are competing, is eligible to swim in the Novice Division.

A.A.U. AGE GROUP EVENTS:

Girls - 11 and 12 years	40 yards breaststroke
Girls - 13 " 14 "	160 " medley relay
Boys - 13 " 14 "	100 " freestyle
Girls - 15 " 16 "	160 " individual medley

PARK DEPARTMENT EVENTS:

Girls - 15 years and under	40 yards freestyle
Boys - under 12 years	20 " "
Boys - 12 to 15 years	40 " "

PRIZES: Gold-plated, Silver and Bronze Medalettes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Entries close Monday, February 11, 1957 with Mr. Lew Dick, Supervisor of Recreation, Arsenal Building, New York 21, N. Y. All competitors must check in before 1:30 PM or entries will be cancelled.

This swimming meet is sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1957

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The Park Department announces the opening to the general public of a playground adjacent to JHS 214, Conduit Avenue and Drew Street in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the East New York section of Brooklyn, this 1-acre playground will provide recreational facilities for residents of the local community as well as for pupils of JHS 214.

Divided into two sections for control purposes, the southerly section contains swings, slides, sandpit, jungle gym, games tables, see-saws, shower basin, handball courts and comfort station. The northerly section provides for a basketball court, three practice basketball backboards and an open play area.

The Board of Education will supervise the activities of the northerly section during school hours. The Department of Parks will operate this section and the children's playground section at all other times.

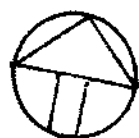
With the addition of this playground there are now 692 playgrounds in the park system.

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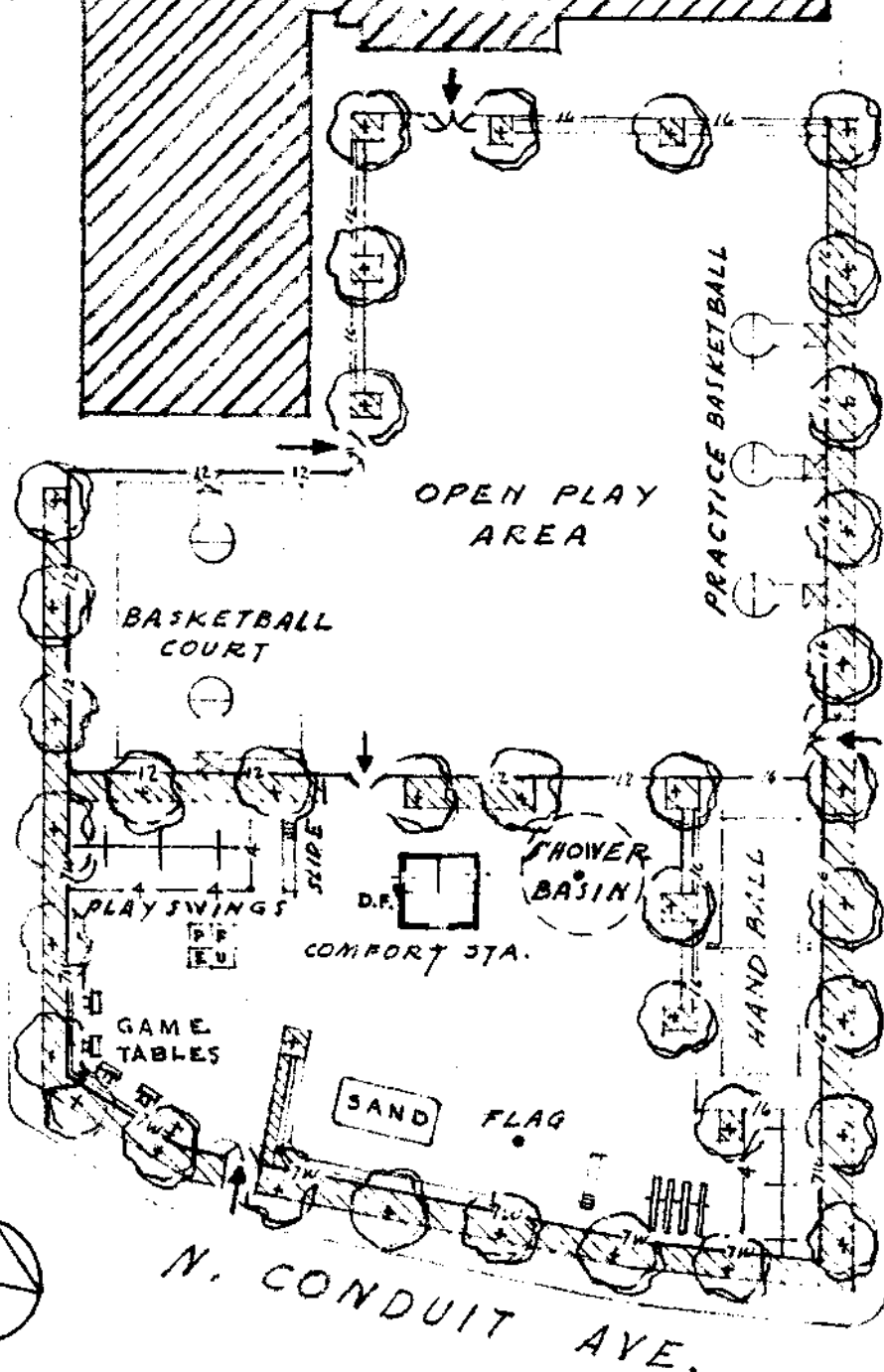
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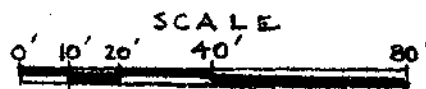
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Park and Throop Avenues, adjacent to PS 59 and the Sumner Houses in Brooklyn.

This new 1.8-acre playground was made possible through the coordinated efforts of the New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Parks. The Housing Authority contributed funds to defray part of the cost of the construction of the facility.

Divided into several sections for control purposes, the westerly section contains an area for small fry with see-saws, slides, swings, sandpit, jungle gym, shower basin and comfort station. The easterly section provides for basketball, handball, softball, roller skating and a kindergarten area. The Board of Education will supervise the activities of this section during school hours and, with the exception of the kindergarten area, the Department of Parks will operate this section at all other times.

The perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees. With the addition of this playground, there are now 693 playgrounds in the Park system.

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THROOP AVE.

PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 59

PARK AVE.



SUMNER
HOUSES

BROOKLYN

HAND BALL

BASKETBALL

SCHOOL
KINDER-
GARTEN

SOFTBALL
DIAMOND

ROLLER SKATING

SHOWER
BASIN

COMFORT
STATION

FLAG

PLAY AREA

KINDER AREA

SAND

SWING

SWINGS

SLIDES

P.F.E.U.

SUMNER HOUSES

60' 10' 20' 9' 60'



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that the Annual Ice Skating Carnival will be held at the Flushing Meadow Skating Rink in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, on Friday, February 15, 1957 at 8 PM.

Pageantry and exhibitions will be offered as well as an ice skating meet in which the outstanding skaters in the East will participate. The meet is sanctioned by the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

The schedule of events is as follows:

PARK PLAYGROUND EVENTS

		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
JUVENILE	- Up to and including 11 years	110 yards	110 yards
JUNIOR	- 12, 13, 14 years	220 "	220 "
INTERMEDIATE	- 15, 16, 17 years	440 "	440 "

COSTUME CONTEST - Open to Boys and Girls through 17 years of age.

Three Classes

Funniest Most Unusual Most Attractive

M. A. S. A. EVENTS

Pee Wee Boys	220 yards
Special Class - Midget Boys	220 "
Midget Boys	220 "
Juvenile Boys	440 "
Junior Boys	880 "
Intermediate Boys	One Mile

Girl Events:

Midget Girls	220 yards
Juvenile Girls	330 "
Junior Girls	440 "

PRIZES: First, Second and Third Place Winners in FINALS will receive awards.

The Quinn Trophy will be awarded to the best individual performer in Park Playground Events.

The Paragon Trophy will be awarded to the best M.A.S.A. Team.

The Carnival "Monarchs", King Frank Rago and Queen Pam McBride, selected in a contest held last week at the Flushing Rink will reign over the carnival and make the presentations to the winners. Fancy and figure skating exhibitions will be given by the Park Skating Club. Admission is free. There is no entry fee for skaters participating in the events.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Linden Boulevard and Stanley Avenue between Vermont Street and Van Siclen Avenue, adjacent to JHS 166 in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the East New York section of Brooklyn, this 11-acre area is divided into several sections for control purposes. The southerly section contains a playground with swings, slides, see-saws, wading pool, jungle gym, sand pit and comfort station. Adjacent to this area are 8 clay tennis courts, 3 basketball courts, 6 handball courts, a roller skating area, 4 practice basketball backboards and a softball field.

The northerly section provides for an athletic field with a quarter-mile cinder track, a football and soccer field and a field house with shower facilities.

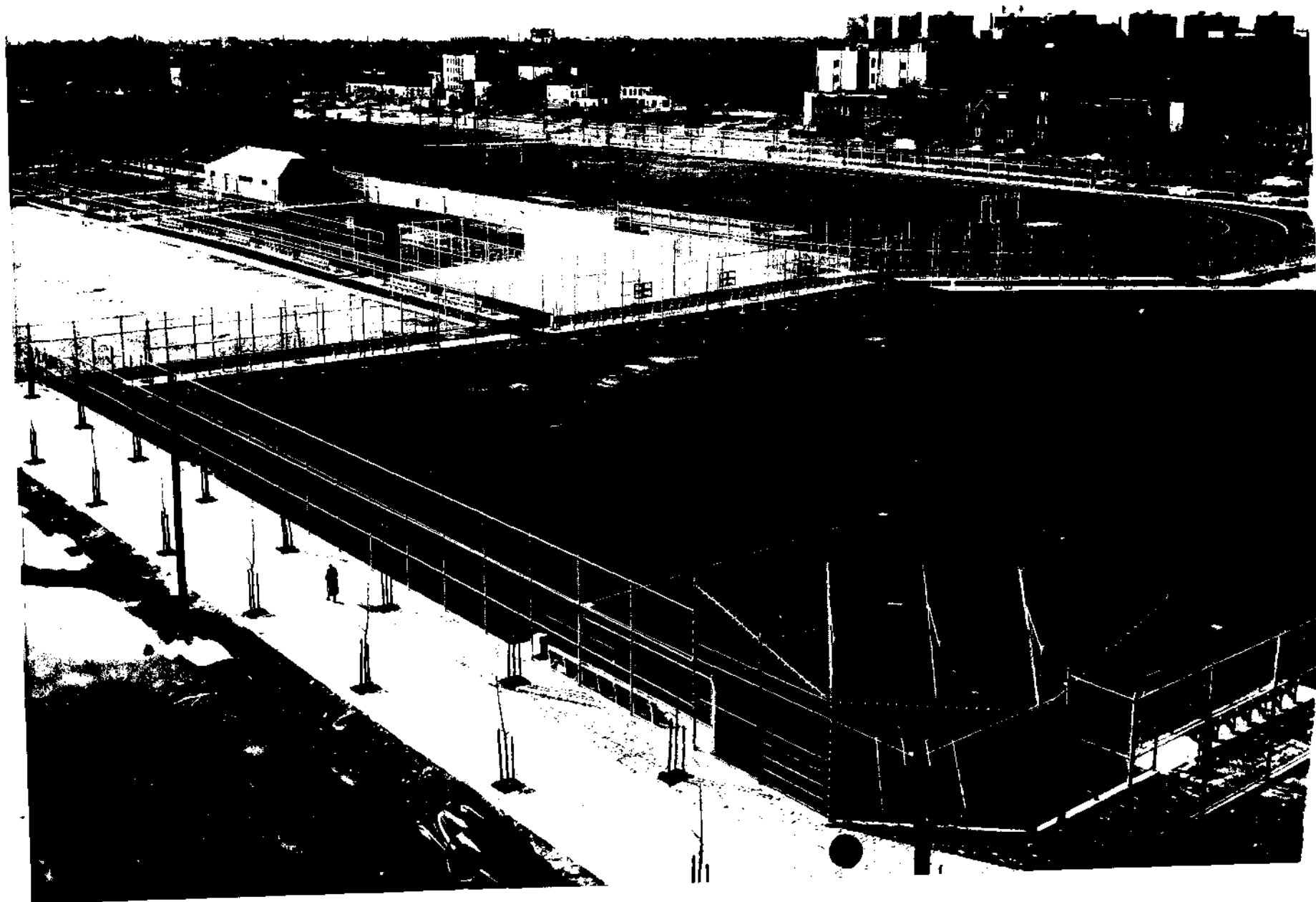
This is a jointly operated playground. The northerly section will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks at all other times.

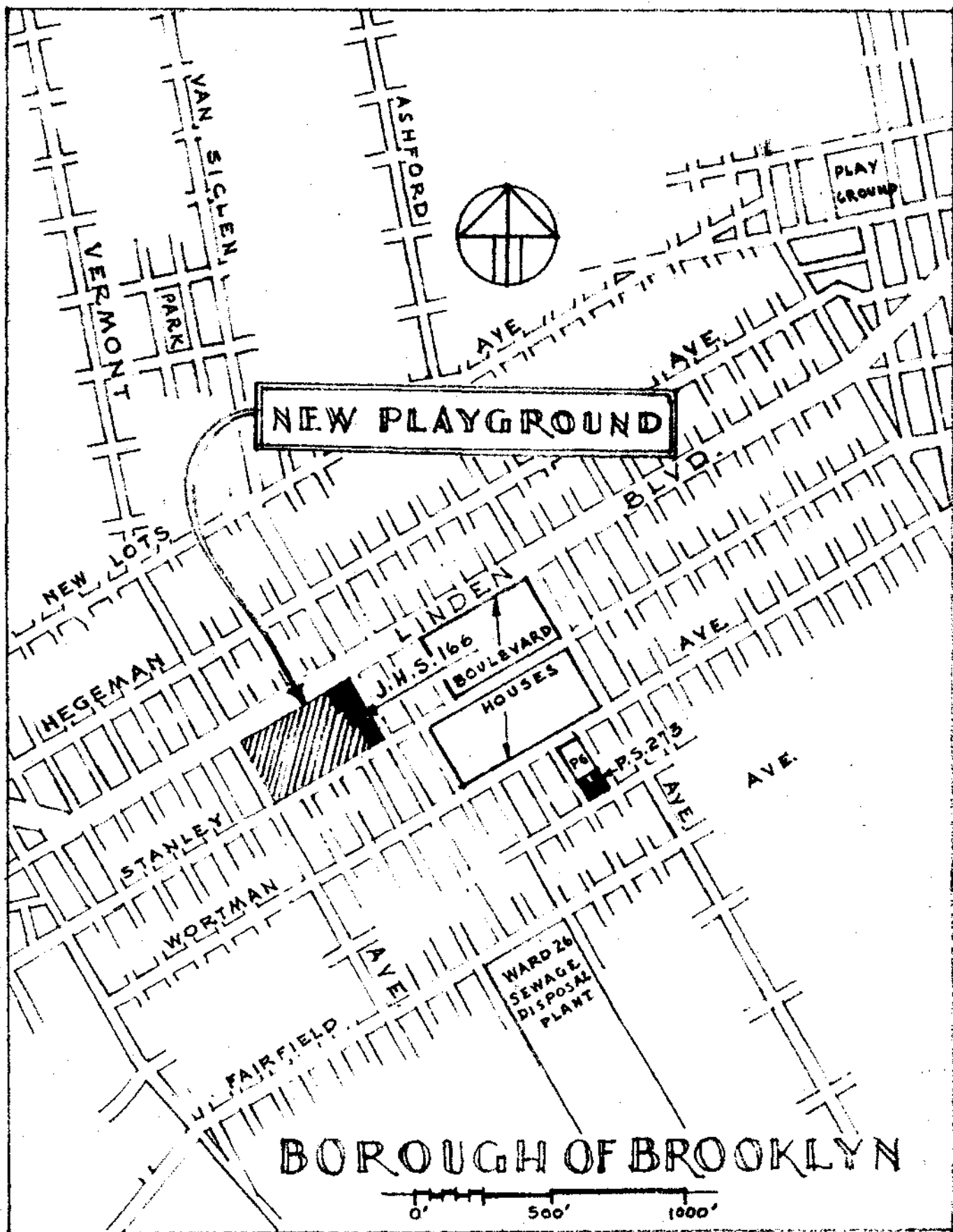
The entire perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees. With the addition of this new playground, there are now 694 playgrounds in the park system.

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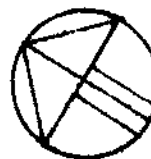
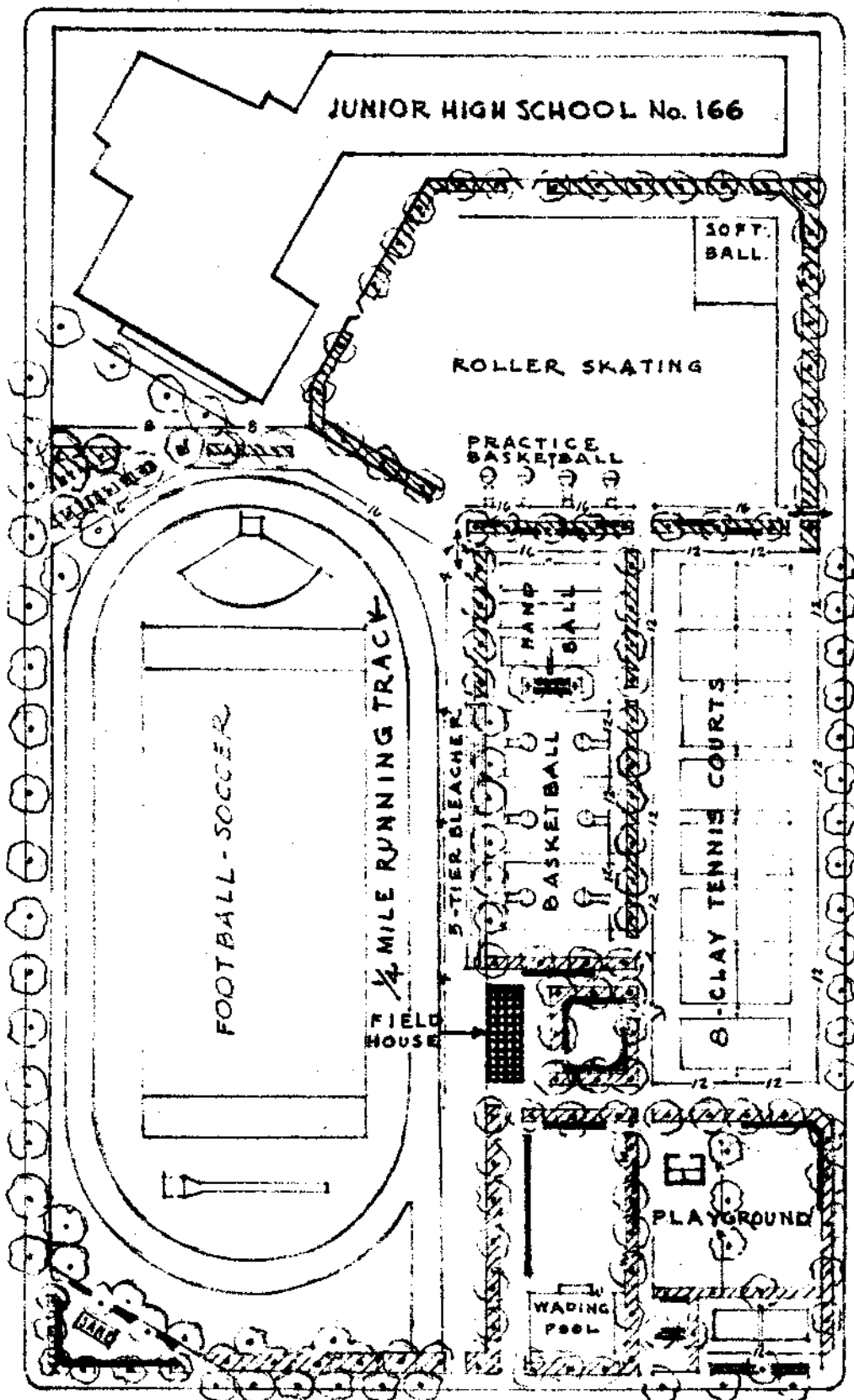
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1957

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Starting Monday, February 25, 1957, applications will be accepted at the 5 Borough Offices of the Park Department for the following 1957 season permits: TENNIS \$5.00; RECREATION LOCKERS \$5.00; MODEL YACHT STORAGE \$2.00; LAWN BOWLING \$2.00; GOLF LOCKERS \$5.00 (Because the demand exceeds the supply, applications for MEN'S lockers at Mosholu Golf Course will be accepted from season permit holders at any Park Department Borough Office from February 25 to March 12, 1957. A public drawing will be held at 10 A.M., March 18, 1957 at the Administration Building, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx Park, to determine the successful applicants.) JUNIOR TENNIS 50¢ (limited to children who will not have reached their 15th birthday as of November 15 of the current year. Proof of age must be submitted. These Junior permits are restricted to hard surface courts and are subject to priority of \$5.00 Tennis permit holders.)

GOLF \$15.00, now on sale, valid on any municipal course that is open for play

GOLF and TENNIS permits require a face photograph, photomaton or passport size,

for their issuance, and as a convenience for applicants for these permits, a photomaton has been installed in the Permit Office, Arsenal, Central Park.

Park Department offices in the five boroughs are located
as follows:

MANHATTAN: Arsenal, 64th Street & 5th Avenue, New York 21
BROOKLYN: Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park W. & 5th St., Bklyn 15
BRONX: Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue, Bronx 62
QUEENS: The Overlook, Union Turnpike & Park Lane, Kew Gardens 15
RICHMOND: Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Rd, West New Brighton, S.I. 1

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1957

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The Department of Parks announced today that a "Time Capsule" installed in 1880 was found by department workers when they removed the horse drinking trough at 23rd Street and Madison Avenue, New York City.

This trough was removed to clear a third lane for south-bound traffic along Madison Avenue. Prior to removal, the trough area jutted out into the avenue and caused a bottleneck at this point.

The "Time Capsule" consisted of a lead case 20 inches by 7 inches and 1-1/2 inches in height. It contained a bronze tablet inscribed with the following: "The Gift of Olivia Eggleston Phelps Stokes to the City of New York, August 1880". It also contained a bible, a booklet titled the "Colton Map of New York City", a business card of James Muir, practical plumber and gas fitter at 29 East 18 St. a copy of the New York Daily Tribune dated December 2, 1880 and a YMCA periodical titled "Faith and Works" issued October 1880.

Advertisements in the paper showed that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad had opened through service to Chicago from New York, making the run in the unheard of time of 36 hours. A good dinner from soup to nuts was offered for 25 cents at some of the better restaurants in downtown Manhattan. It cost two dollars to get to Boston on the Stonington Line, an "elegant steamer".

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At this time Miss Stokes lived at 37 Madison Avenue and was a lover of animals, having been one of the founders of the A.S.P.C.A. She had the trough constructed and presented it to the City of New York so that the horses could have a drink of water. She was an equestrienne enthusiast. Her family was in the banking business. She died December 14, 1927 at the age of 81.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that the Golden Age Club at the Roosevelt Playground, Rivington and Forsyth Streets in Manhattan, will hold its annual George Washington Birthday Party at the center on February 22, 1957 at 7:15 P.M.

The Golden Age groups operated by the department offers healthful use of leisure time by our senior citizens whose problem is to keep active in their years of retirement. A varied program is offered to the three hundred and fifty members. Active participation in the arts and crafts, quiet games, organized discussions, socials and teas have brought many hours of pleasure into the lives of these people, many of whom are octogenarians.

The Roosevelt group was the pilot project which helped in the organization of Golden Age groups at Jay Hood Wright playground, Sunset Recreation Center and Brooklyn War Memorial Center. In Brownsville, a Golden Age Center building is now under construction.

The Washington Birthday party at Roosevelt will feature Mr. Nathan Hollander, a former famous musician and member of the club, in a xylophone recital. Dancing begins at 9:30 P.M. and refreshments will be served.

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1957

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A city-wide basketball championship tournament is currently entering the final stages in the Department of Parks 12th Annual Championship in which 1800 neighborhood teams and 17,101 boys and girls participated.

The tourney which began in November of last year has reached the boys and girls of every neighborhood in the City of New York. The semi-final bracket is being contested in the various boroughs from March 6th to March 17, 1957. Teams are scheduled to play as follows:

GIRLS DIVISION:

Wed. March 6th at 7 PM at Cromwell Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond

Lady Knicks of Brooklyn versus Vanderbilts of Richmond

Sat. March 9th at 2 PM at Brownsville Center, Linden Blvd. and Christopher Avenue, Brooklyn

Comets of Queens versus St. Anthony of Padua of the Bronx

Sun. March 17th at 1 PM at St. Mary's Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx

28th Prct. P.A.L. of Manhattan versus Winner of 3/6game

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION:

Sat. March 9th at 1:30 PM, 342 East 54th Street Gymnasium Manhattan

Queens Jamaica Trotters versus Bronx Sharks

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION (contd)

Wed. March 13th at 7 PM at St. Mary's Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx

Manhattan Kelly Royals versus Brooklyn Gems

Sun. March 17th at 2:30 PM at St. John's Center, Prospect Place bet. Troy & Schenectady Avenues, Brooklyn

Richmond Kennedys versus Winner 3/9 game

SENIOR BOYS DIVISION:

Wed. March 6th at 8 PM at St. Mary's Center, East 145th Street & St. Anns Ave., Bronx

Manhattan Ambassadors versus Queens Atoms

Wed. March 13th at 8 PM at St. John's Center, Prospect Place bet. Troy & Schenectady Avenues, Brooklyn

Bronx Trojans versus Richmond Todt Hill

Sun. March 17th at 2:30 PM at St. Mary's Center, East 145th Street & St. Anns Avenue, Bronx

Brooklyn Jays versus Winner 3/6 game .

The final games for the city title will be played at the 69th Regiment Armory at 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan, on Wednesday, March 27, 1957 at 7 PM. The champions of each division will be presented with gold wrist watches. Teams having reached the final round in the district and borough playoffs will also receive prizes emblematic of winning their sectional championship.

Admission to all games is free. Admission to the final games at the Armory is by ticket only which will be distributed free of charge at the Park Department playgrounds and the Arsenal at Central Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1957

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The First Annual St. John's Recreation Center Indoor Swimming Championships for men and boys will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Center located at Prospect Place between Troy and Schenectady Avenues in Brooklyn. The meet will be held on Saturday, March 16, 1957 at 2 PM.

Three Amateur Athletic Union Jr. and Sr. Metropolitan titles will be contested. Four age group Park Department Championship events and four novice group events will round out the program. All events are sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U.

This will be the first swimming meet held in cooperation with the A.A.U. at St. John's Recreation Center. All entries close on Friday, March 15, 1957. A.A.U. entries should be mailed to the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. at 15 Park Row, New York 38, NY. Entries in the Park Department events should be mailed to the Department of Parks, 5th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn 15, NY.

The list of events is as follows:

A.A.U. EVENTS:

100 yd. Breaststroke - Mens Jr. Met. Championship
220 yd. Butterfly - Mens Sr. Met. Championship
400 yd. Freestyle Relay - Mens Sr. Met. Championship

25 yd. Freestyle - Boys 10 years and under Championship
100 yd. Backstroke - Boys 11 & 12 yrs. of age Championship
100 yd. Breaststroke - Boys 13 & 14 yrs. of age Championship
400 yd. Freestyle - Boys 15 & 16 yrs. of age Championship

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OPEN NON AAU EVENTS:

25 yd. Freestyle	- Boys 10 years and under
50 yd. Freestyle	- Boys 11 & 12 yrs.
50 yd. Freestyle	- Boys 13 & 14 yrs.
100 yd. Freestyle	- Boys 15 & 16 yrs.

All entries close on Friday, March 15, 1957
AAU entries to be mailed to:

Mr. Frank Ranhoffer, Met. A.A.U.
15 Park Row
New York 38, N. Y.

Non AAU events close with:

Mrs. A. P. Reagan
Department of Parks
5th St. & Prospect Park West
Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1957

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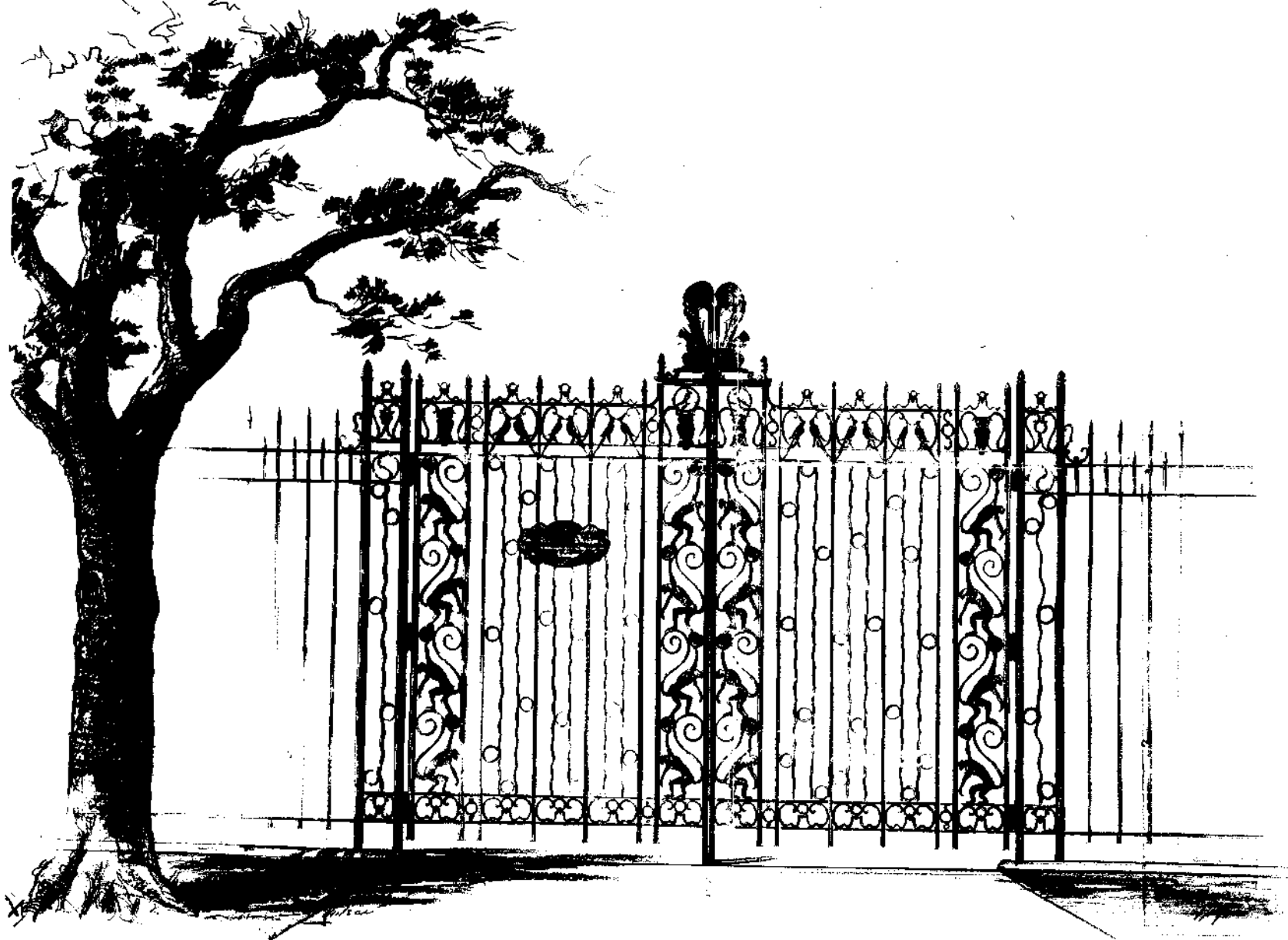
The Department of Parks announces that work has started on the construction of a marginal playground in Central Park near Fifth Avenue between the southwest corner of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the 79th Street Transverse Road.

This important facility is being made possible through a generous grant by the Irving and Estelle Levy Foundation in memory of the late Irving Levy of New York. It will be similar to other marginal playgrounds for small children which have been built around the perimeter of Central Park and other large parks. The playground will contain a shower basin, sand pit, benches and a variety of apparatus for small children and will be shaded by many fine, existing trees. The area will be enclosed by a wrought iron picket fence and entered through handsome bronze gates featuring as their ornament birds and animals beloved by young park visitors. The gates will also bear a bronze memorial plaque.

It is expected that construction will be completed during the coming summer.

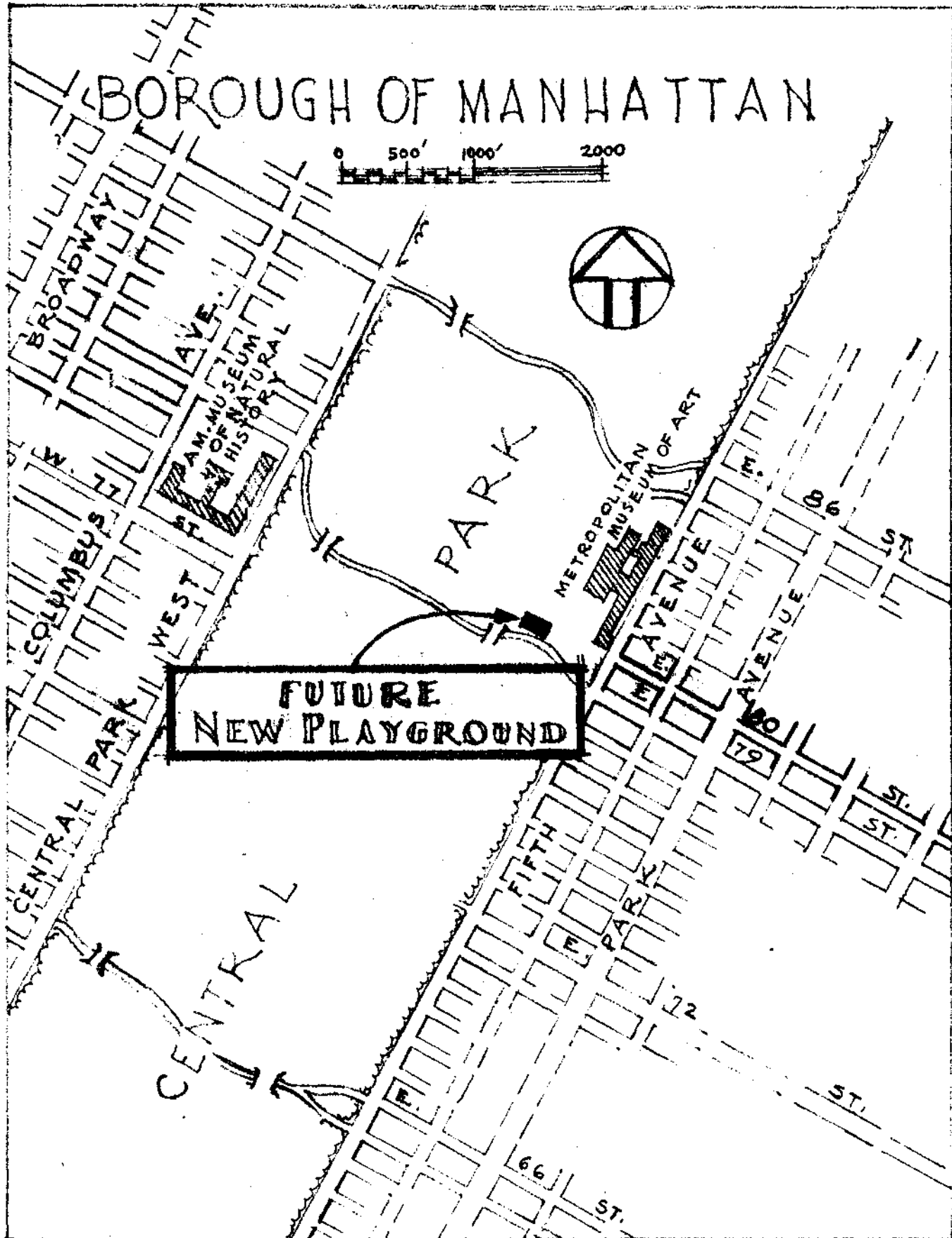
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that beginning Monday, March 18, 1957, applications will be available for employment as Playground Assistant on a temporary basis at \$9.00 per day June 1 through September 15, and on a part-time basis at \$1.12½ per hour from September 16 through May 31.

To be eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be citizens of the United States.
- Shall not be over 35 years of age at time of filing applications.
- Shall have been a bona fide resident of the City of New York for the last three years.
- Graduation from a senior high school; and either
 - (a) one summer season of experience as an instructor, counselor or coach in an organized recreational program, or
 - (b) completion of 30 credits toward a baccalaureate degree in a college or university recognized by the University of the State of New York, or
 - (c) a satisfactory equivalent; but all candidates must be graduates of a senior high school.

The duties will consist of assisting the Recreation Leader in the program of recreational activities in a playground area, small neighborhood area or similar unit and related work. This includes assisting in organizing group or team games, distributing and collecting athletic

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equipment and play material, assist in forming groups, encouraging users of the facility to maintain the area in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department, inspect area for safe usage, and make reports on unsafe and hazardous conditions.

Applications will be issued from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following locations, Monday through Friday, starting March 18 through April 30:

Department of Personnel, Application Section, 96 Duane Street, New York 7
Arsenal Building, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21; Personnel Div.
Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and Fifth Street, Prospect Park, Brooklyn 15
Administration Building, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx Park, Bronx 62
The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane South, Forest Park, Kew Gardens 15
Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton, Richmond 1

The application must be filed in person by the applicant or his authorized representative, from Monday through Friday, at the Department of Personnel, Application Section, 96 Duane Street, Manhattan from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., from Monday, March 18 through Tuesday, April 30.

Applications will not be received through the mails. No application will be accepted unless it is on the application form proscribed by the Department of Personnel.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1957

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The First Annual Brownsville Recreation Center Indoor Swimming Championships will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Center located at Linden Boulevard and Christopher Street in Brooklyn. The meet will be held on Saturday, March 30, 1957 at 2 PM.

Three Amateur Athletic Union Junior Metropolitan titles for men and women will be contested. In addition, three age-group Park Department and seven A.A.U. age-group championship events will round out the program. Boys and girls under ten and up to 16 years of age will be eligible to compete in these events. All events are sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U.

This will be the first swimming meet held in cooperation with the A.A.U. at Brownsville Recreation Center. All entries close on Monday, March 25, 1957. A.A.U. entries should be mailed to the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. at 15 Park Row, New York 38 NY. Entries in the Park Department events should be mailed to the Department of Parks, 5th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn 15, NY.

The list of events is as follows:

AAU EVENTS:

50 yd. Freestyle	- Womens Jr. Met. Championship
100 yd. Backstroke	- Womens Jr. Met. Championship
440 yd. Freestyle	- Mens Jr. Met. Championship
25 yd. Backstroke	- Boys under 10 years Championship
100 yd. Butterfly	- Boys 13 & 14 yrs. of age Championship
50 yd. Freestyle	- Boys 15 & 16 yrs. of age Championship

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AAU EVENTS (Contd)

50 yd. Backstroke	- Girls 10 years & under
100 yd. Freestyle	- Girls 11 & 12 years of age
100 yd. Breaststroke	- Girls 13 & 14 years of age
200 yd. Freestyle	- Girls 15 & 16 years of age

OPEN NON-AAU EVENTS:

25 yd. Freestyle	- 12 years & under
50 yd. Freestyle	- 13 & 14 years of age
50 yd. Freestyle	- 15 & 16 years of age

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ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

subject: USE OF PART OF PARADE GROUND FOR
ATHLETIC CENTER

In answer to insistent press inquiries today on this subject, we are issuing this statement: We did not make the suggestion about the Parade Ground to Mr. Stark. He mentioned it to us as something he had had in his mind for some time.

We said that this possible, if somewhat remote, contingency was the subject of an informal memorandum from us to the Mayor a short time ago which, of course, we cannot release. We never discussed the matter with the Sports Center Authority, with the Mayor's Committee, or with Walter O'Malley.

Let me add that Mr. Stark is in error about several details. If fifteen acres of the Parade Ground was so used, the land would have to remain in the Park Department which would have to build the project. It could not be leased or sold to the Authority. The project would be only partly self-liquidating, perhaps 70% even if in addition to baseball, football, skating, bicycle riding, track, etc. were provided for the entire cost would have to be provided in the capital budgets of the next two years but about 70% would be financed out of revenues. The remaining 30% would have to be a city contribution. The Stadium, even without a roof, could not be built for seven million dollars. Madison-Hyland have not given a figure but it looks to us like ten million dollars.

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MAIL " 5 P.M.

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Improvements at Atlantic Avenue including Housing would be an entirely separate matter if the Mayor and Board decided to move the Stadium to the Parade Ground. Under these circumstances, it would seem that the Madigan-Hyland contract would have to be modified.

/s/ Robert Moses

THIS AFTERNOON 3-25-57

BY HAND:

- ✓ ALL THE NEWSPAPERS
- ✓ ROOM 9 BOYS (TO BE HANDED TO THEM)

BY MAIL:

- ✓ MAYOR LAND DELIVERY
- ✓ BOARD OF ESTIMATE
- ✓ CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
- ✓ MR. PREUSSE
- ✓ MR. THEOBALD
- ✓ ^{WATER} MR. O'MALLEY (BROOKLYN DODGERS)
- ✓ MR. ROBERT BLUM
- ✓ MR. MYLOD (MEMBERS, SPORTS AUTHORITY)
- ✓ MR. ALLEN
- ✓ COMMISSIONER ZURMUHLEN
- ✓ JACK MADIGAN
- ✓ EMIL PRAEGER

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the following six golf courses on Saturday morning, March 30, 1957 at 6 a.m. The club houses, with food facilities, golf shop, golf pro services, 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: LaTourette Golf Course,
Forest Hill Road and London Road

The following courses which remained open for winter play will be re-scheduled to open at 6 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: Silver Lake Golf Course,
Silver Lake Park on Victory Boulevard and Park Road

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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 per round from Monday through Friday will be \$1.50, and \$2.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1957

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The Finals of the 12th Annual Park Department Basketball Championship will be held at the 69th Regiment Armory, 25th St. and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan on Wednesday, March 27th 1957.

Three title games will be contested. The first game between the 28th P.A.L. of Manhattan and the St. Anthony of Padua team from the Bronx goes on at 7 P.M. Sharp. Following this game the Junior Boys' Championship will be contested between the Gems A.C. of Brooklyn and the Sharks B.B. Club of the Bronx. The final game of the evening, the Senior Boys' Championship, will bring together the Ambassadors of Manhattan and the Trojans of the Bronx.

This is the largest basketball tournament held in the history of the Park Department. The total number of teams entered was 1,679 with 17,101 players participating, Gold wrist watches will be presented to the players on the championship teams. Sectional prizes were presented to the borough and district winners.

Admission to the final game is by ticket only which will be distributed free of charge at the Park Department playgrounds and the Arsenal at Central Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the 3rd Annual Invitation Basketball Tournament will be held at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn 12, N. Y. starting Monday, April 1, 1957.

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

The selection committee has chosen the strongest basketball teams in the metropolitan area and the tournament will include stars of All-American caliber, such as Chet (The Jet) Forte, Dick Duckett, Jim Murphy, Fred Christ, "Red" Blumenreich. This year the tournament includes an interstate contest with the New Haven Recreation Commission.

On Saturday, April 20th, at 8:30 P.M. the winning team from the Brownsville Recreation Center tournament will meet the winner of a similar tournament now in progress at New Haven, Connecticut. This arrangement is to be permanent, with alternate games in successive years at Brownsville Recreation Center and the New Haven center. A permanent trophy is being established by the sponsoring agency, the

Brownsville Boys' Club Association, and will be awarded to the city winning three championship contests out of five years. Future plans include a third city for a proposed tri-state tourney.

The following is a schedule of the contests:

Monday, April 1st	7:30 P.M. Kelly All Stars vs Rego Park Jewish Center	9:00 P.M. I.L.G.W.U. (99) vs St. John's Flashes
Tuesday, April 2nd	7:30 P.M. Brownsville Rec. Center vs Flatbush Jewish Center	9:00 P.M. Hebrew Ed. Soc. vs N. Y. Gothams
Wednesday, April 3rd	7:30 P.M. Manhasset A. C. vs O. L. P. H.	9:00 P.M. B.B.C. Alumni Assn. vs The Majors
Thursday, April 4th	7:30 P.M. Big Mikes vs St. Francis Xavier	9:00 P.M. Mt. Carmel vs Long Beach Rec. Comm.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that Open House will be held at the St. John's Recreation Center, Prospect Place between Troy and Schenectady Avenues in Brooklyn, to celebrate the First Anniversary of the opening of this facility.

The event will start on Monday, April 1, 1957 and continue until Saturday, April 6, 1957 with the following program in effect:

PROGRAM

- Mon., April 1 - Pre-school children presentation - 4 P.M.
Tues., April 2 - Fencing Exhibition and Bouts - 8 P.M.
Wed., April 3 - Weight-lifting Demonstration and Contests - 8:30 P.M.
Thurs., April 4 - Talent Shows - 4 P.M. and 8 P.M.
Fri., April 5 - Knickerbocker Swim Club 1st Annual AAU Championship Meet - 7:30 P.M.
Sat., April 6 - Presentation of Basketball Awards by Alumni Ass'n, and Basketball Game - St. John's Flashes vs. Winners of Unlimited League Tournament - 7:30 P.M.

During the entire week there will be articles on exhibit which were made in our Arts & Crafts Room and Woodworking Shop.

Admission is free to the public and all are invited to attend.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1957

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Eggs as gaily colored as crocus will herald spring on Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m., when the 11th 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, for boys and girls from 5 through 13 years of age, is sponsored by Arnold Constable of Fifth Avenue. Many children have been competing annually since the first contest was held in 1947.

Youngsters may file their entries at Department of Parks playground and borough headquarters and at the contest booth in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue, Manhattan. There is no fee for filing. Entries close April 18th.

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

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Group III - Boys 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course

Group III - Girls 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course

Prizes donated by Arnold Constable will be awarded to the winners in each group. For boys competing in Group I, there will be a bicycle for 1st place, a scooter for 2nd, and roller skates for 3rd. Girls in Group I will receive a doll carriage for 1st place, a large doll for 2nd, and roller skates for 3rd. In Groups II and III, boy and girl winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20 and \$15 for first, second and third places respectively.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the acceptance of entries of uniformed softball teams for participation in the annual Riis Park Softball League to be held at Riis Park, Rockaway, this summer.

Round Robin league play is expected to get under way on or about May 30, 1957. All games will be played on the Riis Park softball field. Uniformed teams consisting of players over 18 years of age are eligible to enter the competition.

Two leagues of eight teams each will be selected as a result of an elimination tournament in which all teams entered will participate. It is expected that about fifty teams will enter this tourney. Eliminations begin May 2, 1957. No entry fee is required.

A meeting of team managers will be held at Jacob Riis Park, Administration Bldg. on Thursday, April 18, 1957 at 8 p.m. Entry blanks may be obtained by writing to:

Recreation Office
Department of Parks
Forest Park
Kew Gardens 15, N. Y.

Entry blanks must be returned by April 15, 1957.

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

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FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 463 Tennis Courts at various locations in the five boroughs on Saturday, April 13, 1957.

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 fifteenth birthday by November 15, 1957. Proof of age must be presented with their 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 when application is submitted.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the "Isaak Waltons" of the future will receive first hand information and instruction at the Department of Parks first "Fishing Clinic" to be held at the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park on Saturday, April 13, 1957 at 11 a.m.

The clinic, sponsored in cooperation with the Fishermen Magazine, will mark the opening of the trout fishing season in New York State. Miss Joan Salvato, internationally known women's fishing champion, will give a demonstration on the use and care of equipment.

This activity will take place in the vicinity of the Bethesda Fountain at the 72nd Street Lake. Admission is free.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that ice skating will terminate at the Wollman Rink in Central Park at the close of business on Sunday, April 14, 1957.

Since the beginning of the current ice skating season, 350,000 persons of all ages have used this facility. With the coming warmer weather, people are turning to baseball, tennis, fishing, boating and other outdoor sports.

Starting Saturday, April 20, 1957, the Wollman Memorial Rink will reopen daily 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 PER SESSION 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.

The skating rink in the City Building in Flushing Meadow Park also will close for the season on Sunday, April 14th. The total attendance for the season at this facility was 340,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that a baby female zebra was born in the Central Park Zoo on Saturday, April 13, 1957.

The mother "Spiffy" and the sire "Frisky" arrived at the zoo from East Africa on July 31, 1950 at the age of two years.

This is the third offspring born to this couple and the baby and parents are on exhibition daily at the zoo.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1957

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Colorful plantings of more than one hundred and forty thousand tulips and daffodils are in bloom in the center plots along twenty-two blocks of Park Avenue from 50th Street to 72nd Street,

These spring flowering bulbs are a gift of Mrs. Albert D. Lasker as part of her extensive program of beautifying New York City and making it more attractive to both visitors and residents.

This year Mrs. Lasker's program was greatly increased. The previous years planting included only the blocks from 50th to 52nd Streets and from 70th to 72nd Streets. The present magnificent display of spring flowers made possible by Mrs. Lasker's generosity is the largest in any city in the country.

Mrs. Lasker first began her gifts of flowers to the City in 1942 with plantings of chrysanthemums in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sara J. Woodard. These plantings, known as the Sara J. Woodard Memorial Plantings are renewed annually by the Department of Parks. Mrs. Woodard, who died in New York City on January 8, 1940, was one of the founders of two public parks in Watertown, Wisconsin, and a member of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

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4-25-57

Barney Felix



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1957

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Regular Mail*

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a marginal playground located between Central Park West and West Drive, north of 67th Street in Central Park, Manhattan.

This new 1/4 acre playground is typical of small children's playgrounds which are provided around the perimeter of large parks to afford convenient access to play areas for mothers with small children. The facility contains swings, jungle gym, slide and benches for guardians of children.

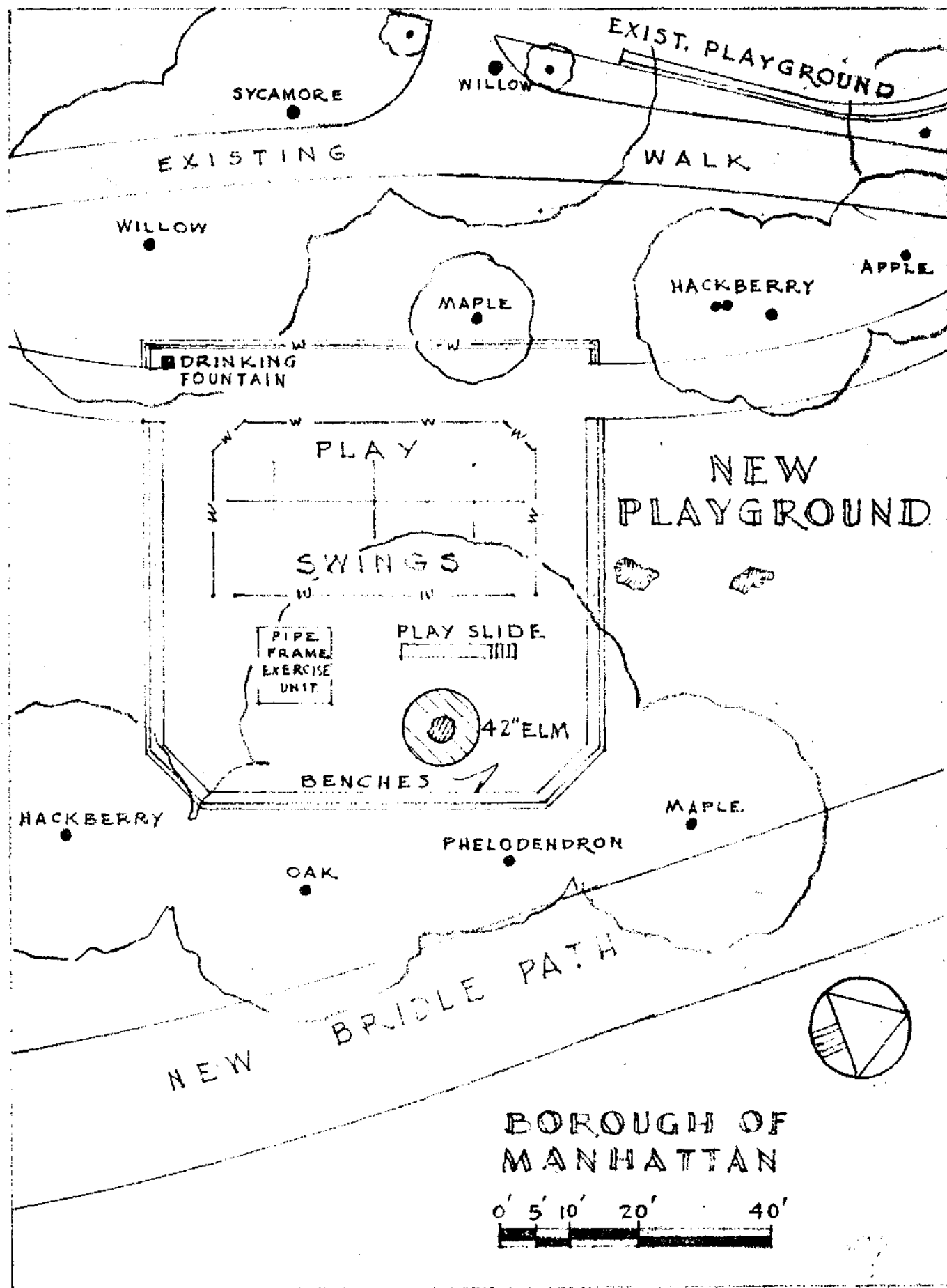
This is the 19th marginal playground in Central Park and with this addition there are now 695 playgrounds in the park system.

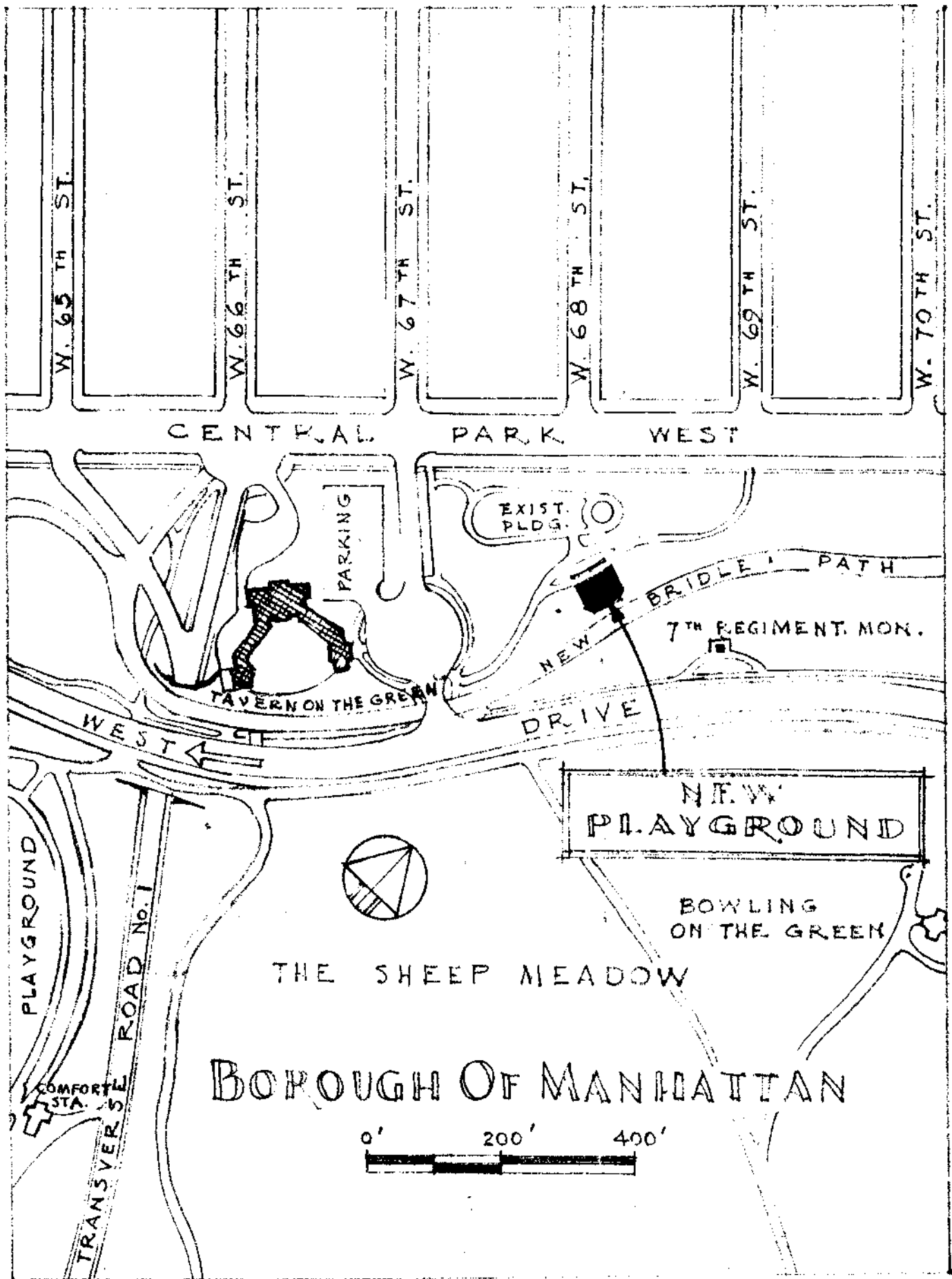
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(36) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the filing period has been extended from April 30, 1957 to May 31, 1957 for employment as Playground Assistant. These positions will be on a temporary basis at \$9.00 per day June 1 through September 15, and on a part-time basis at \$1.12½ per hour from September 16 through May 31.

To be eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be citizens of the United States.
- Shall not be over 35 years of age at time of filing applications.
- Shall have been a bona fide resident of the City of New York for the last three years.
- Graduation from a senior high school; and either
 - (a) one summer season of experience as an instructor, counselor or coach in an organized recreational program, or
 - (b) completion of 30 credits toward a baccalaureate degree in a college or university recognized by the University of the State of New York, or
 - (c) a satisfactory equivalent; but all candidates must be graduates of a senior high school.

The duties will consist of assisting the Recreation Leader in the program of recreational activities in a playground area, small neighborhood area or similar unit and related work. This includes assisting in organizing group or team games, distributing and collecting athletic equipment and play material, assist in forming groups, encouraging users of the facility to maintain the area in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department, inspect area for safe usage, and make reports on unsafe and hazardous conditions.

Applications will be issued from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following locations, Monday through Friday, until May 31, 1957:

Department of Personnel, Application Section, 96 Duane St., N.Y. 7

Arsenal Building, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue, N.Y. 21, Personnel Div.

Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and Fifth Street, Prospect Park,
Brooklyn 15

Administration Building, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue,
Bronx Park, Bronx 62

The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane South, Forest Park,
Kew Gardens 15

Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton, Richmond 1

The application must be filed in person by the applicant or his authorized representative, from Monday through Friday, at the Department of Personnel, Application Section, 96 Duane Street, Manhattan, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., until May 31, 1957.

Applications will not be received through the mails. No application will be accepted unless it is on the application form proscribed by the Department of Personnel.

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

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1957

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REGENT 4-1000

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Atlantic and Fountain Avenues, adjacent to the East New York Vocational High School in the Borough of Brooklyn.

An example of close coordination and cooperation of several city agencies and the State Department of Public Works, this new playground built with TBTA funds is one of several recreational areas which are provided in the planned reconstruction of Conduit Boulevard (Sunrise Highway) from Linden Boulevard in Queens to Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn. This is the final extension of the Sunrise Highway improvement within the limits of New York City.

Divided into five sections for control purposes, this 3.552-acre facility will provide outdoor recreation for residents of the community as well as for the pupils of the adjacent High School. The westerly section provides for a baseball diamond, concrete bleachers and soccer field. The center section includes a softball field and practice basketball. The easterly section provides an area for pre-school age children and includes swings, slides, seesaws, comfort station, shower basin and a sand pit. The section adjacent to this area on the west provides facilities for older children with slides, swings, and a jungle gym. The southerly section provides for basketball and handball courts.

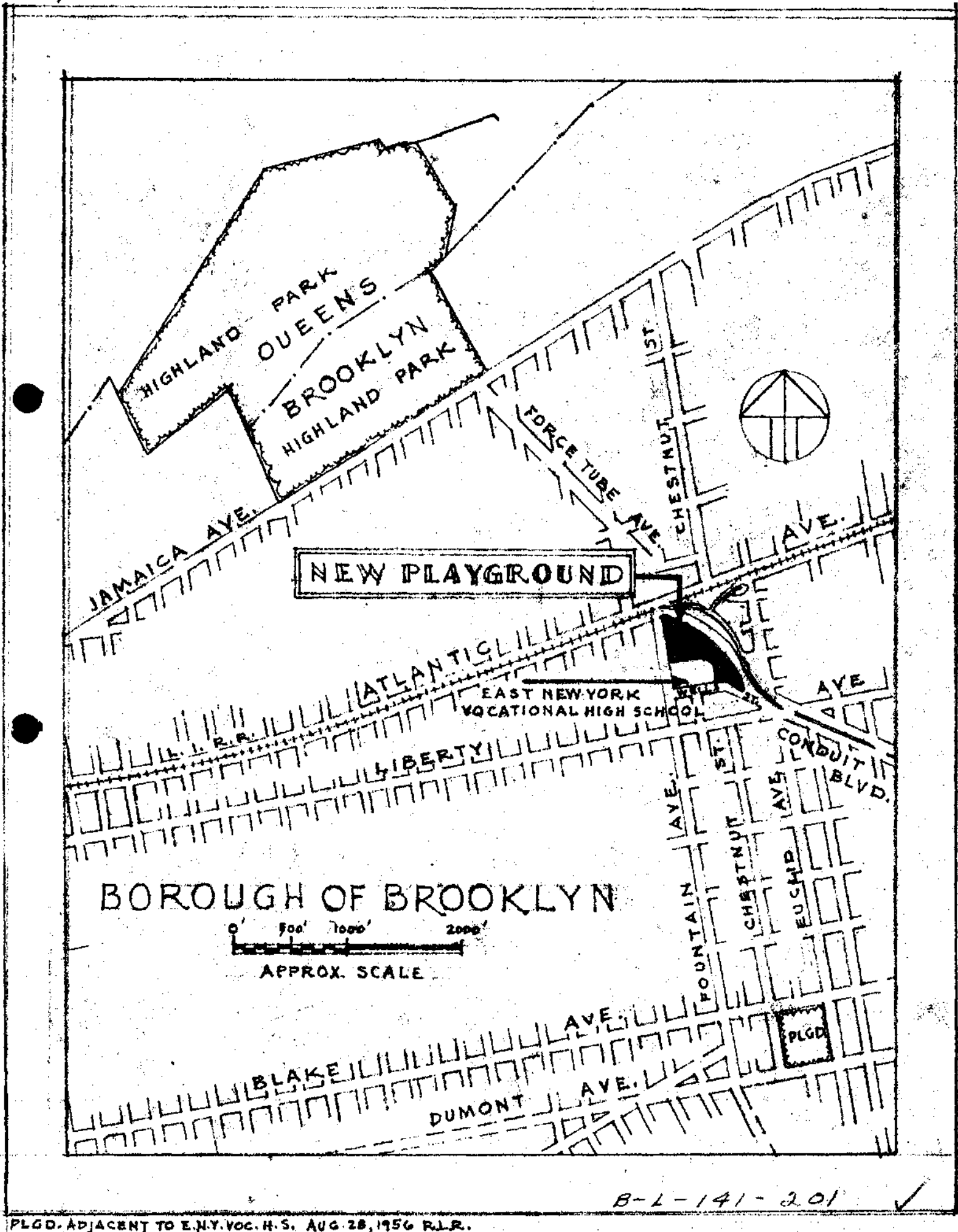
All of these facilities will be available for use by the public with the exception of the baseball diamond which does not have a sufficient stand of grass at the present time. It is expected that this area will be available for use in a few months.

In accordance with the policy of joint operation, the area for pre-school age children will be operated by the Department of Parks at all times. The other areas will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks when school is not in session.

With the addition of this playground there are now 696 playgrounds in the park system.

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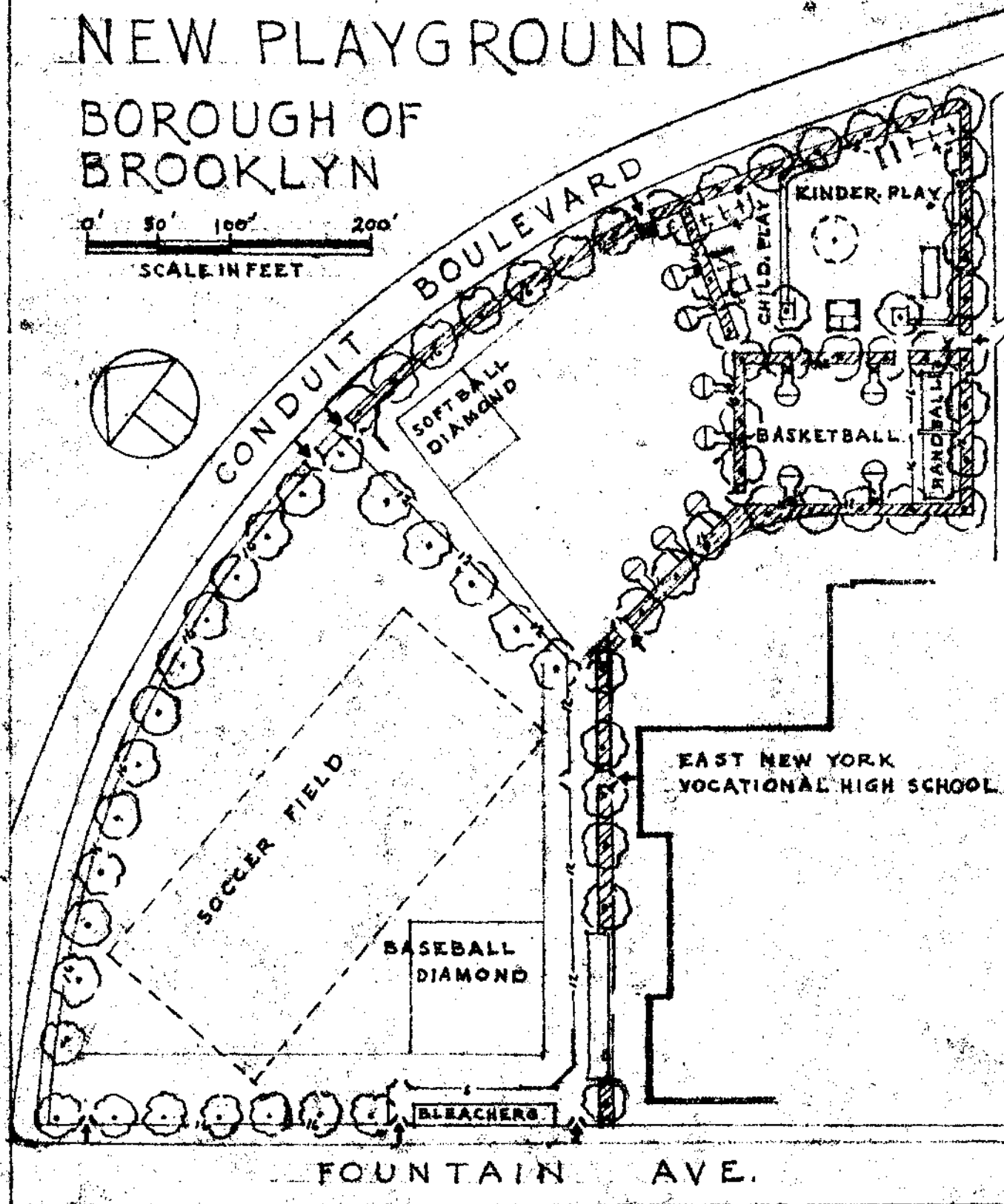
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NEW PLAYGROUND

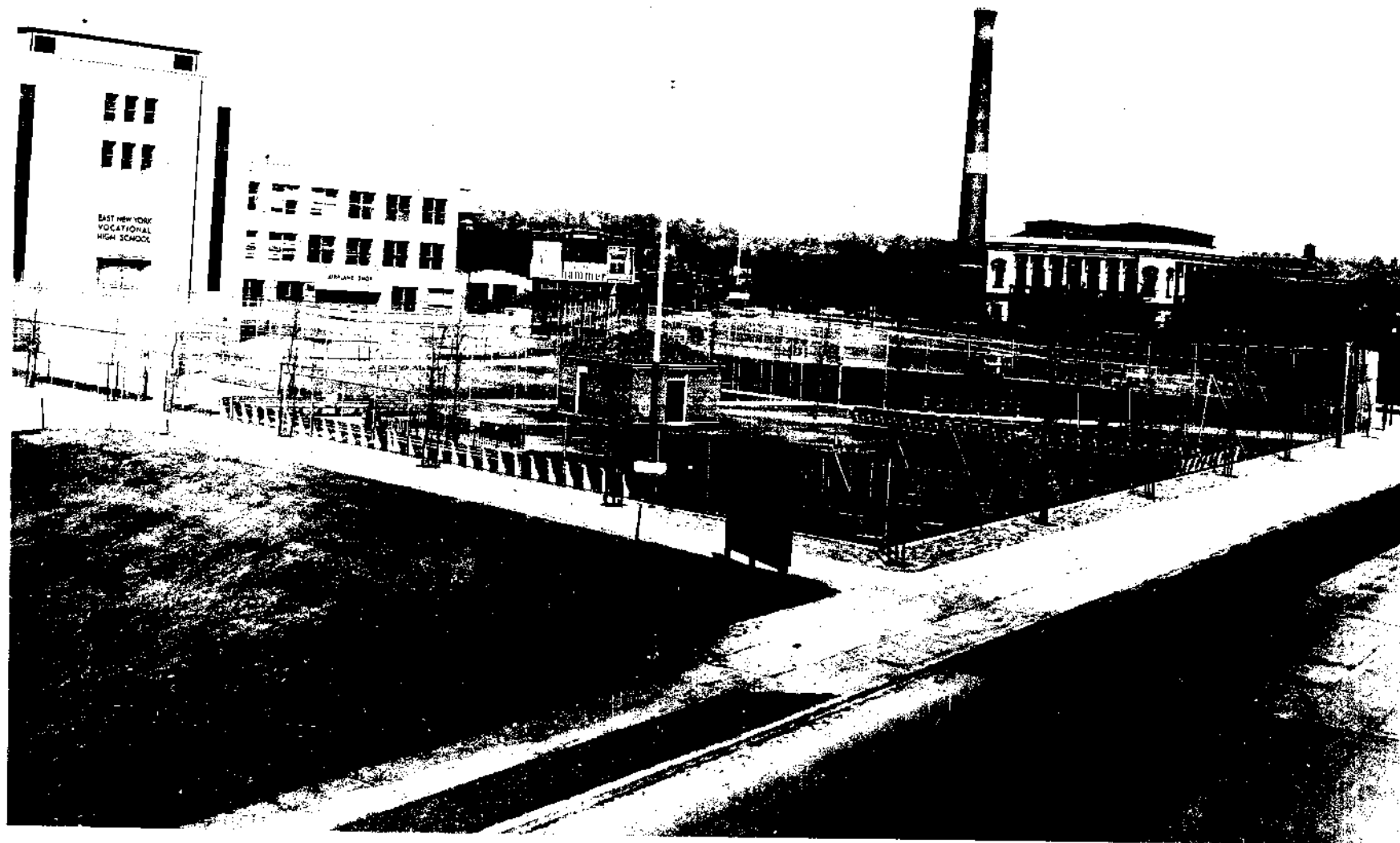
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

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EAST NEW YORK
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1957

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Release ref 5/6/57

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces the following activities for children are now being held at the various centers and playgrounds throughout the City.

LITTLE LEAGUE TENNIS PROGRAM - This activity is open to children 8 to 13 years of age and is co-sponsored by the Professional Lawn Tennis Association. It will be conducted at six park tennis locations beginning Monday, May 13 and continuing through Tuesday, June 18. The locations are:

Central Park, Manhattan
Lincoln Terrace Park, Brooklyn
Mullaly Playground, Bronx
Kissena Park, Queens
Forest Park, Queens
Alley Park, Queens

The program will be conducted on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Introductory Tennis Clinics will be held at the six locations by members of the P.L.T.A. on Monday, May 6, from 4 to 6 p.m., except at Kissena where it will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. The purpose of the clinics is to stimulate interest in tennis among children in this age group and to teach them the fundamentals and advanced techniques of the game.

BOXING TOURNAMENT - An elimination boxing tourney is in progress at the various Park Department gymnasiums and centers. Borough championship matches will be held during the week of May 6, 1957. The city-wide championships will take place at the 69th Regiment Armory,

(continued)

26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan on Friday, May 24, 1957 at 8 p.m. Teenage boys who participated in instruction classes held during the fall and winter months are eligible to compete in this activity.

MARBLE SHOOTING TOURNAMENT - The 13th Annual Department of Parks marble shooting contest for boys and girls 14 years of age and under, will begin on May 28 at 330 of the park playgrounds. Winners will progress to a district elimination borough finals, and city-wide championships. Children desiring to enter the contest may secure information and instruction from Recreation Leaders at their neighborhood park playgrounds.

5-3-57

MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

May 7, 1957

Mr. Rampino:

Re: Today's Final Inspection - Contract
OME-9 - Queens Midtown Expressway

Per Marin:

Hoffman Drive Playground at Hoffman Drive & Woodhaven Boulevard accepted and opened to public tomorrow, May 8th.

Also included in this inspection are 11 marginal sitting areas - 9 of which accepted for maintenance tomorrow, May 8th.

SITTING AREAS - ACCEPTED

1. 69th Street & 58th Avenue
2. 69th Lane & 58th Road
3. 58th Avenue & 73rd Street
4. 74th Street & 57th Avenue
5. 73rd Street & no. Service Rd. of Midtown Highway
6. Hamilton Place & Jay Avenue
7. 46th Street & 53rd Avenue *Ball Field*
8. 55th Drive bet. 60th and 61st Streets
9. ~~55th Avenue & 60th Avenue~~

OK 764 135th & 55th Drive & 135th Ave

SITTING AREAS - NOT ACCEPTED

1. 50th Avenue opposite 11th Street - no stand of grass
2. Hamilton Place & Perry Avenue - paving work to be completed and construction shanty to be removed.

CC: Felix, Sleeper

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

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1957

1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

Benny Felix
5/9 - 3 PM
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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located between East 91 and East 92 Streets, north of Ditmas Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

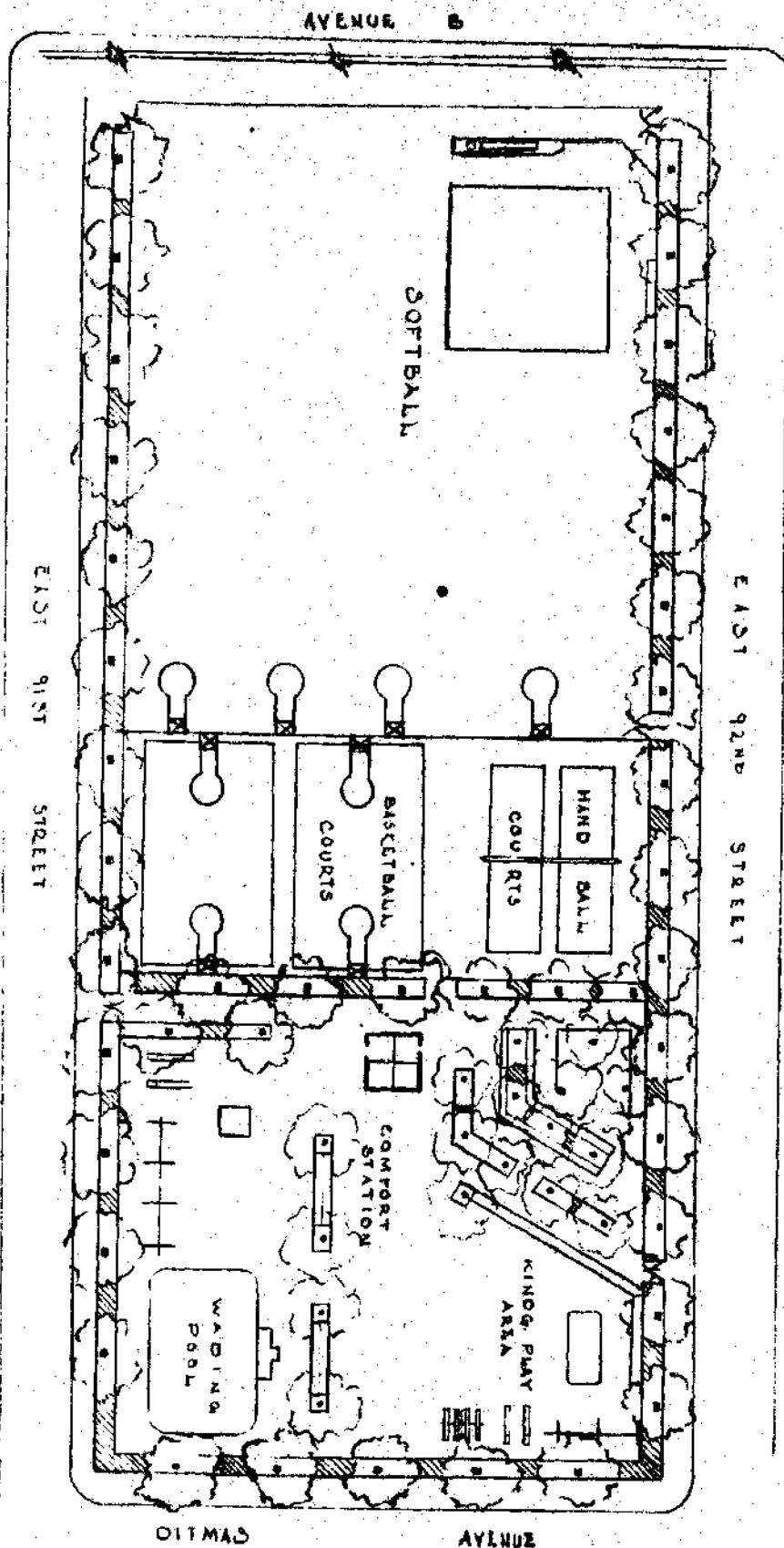
This new 2.3-acre playground is divided into three sections for control purposes. The northerly section contains a softball field and practice basketball. The section adjacent to the south contains two basketball and two handball courts and the southerly section provides for a wading pool, slides, swings, sandpit, jungle gym, comfort station, and a quiet games area. Benches are provided for guardians of small children.

The entire perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees and with the addition of this playground there are now 697 playgrounds in the park system.

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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
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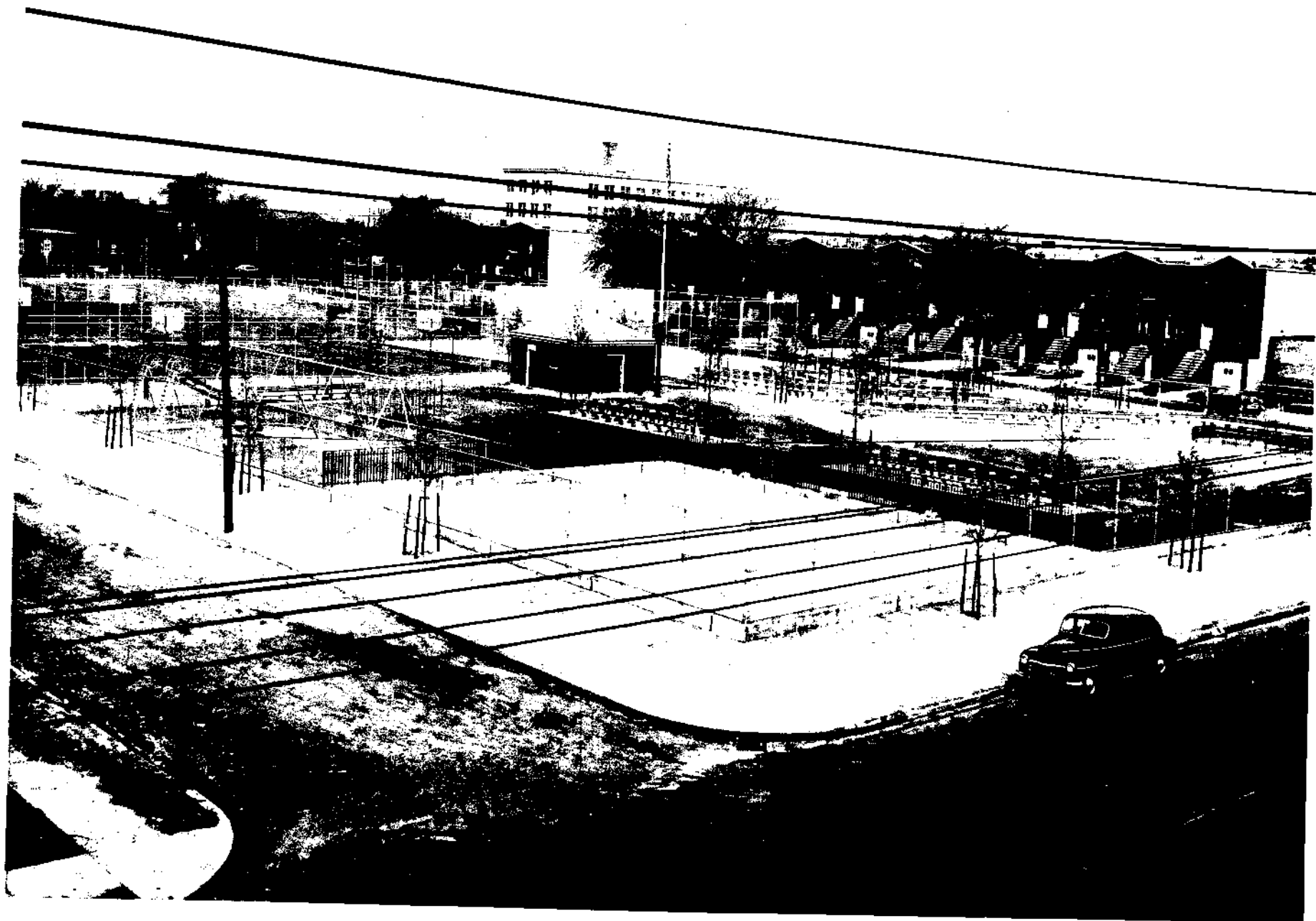
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

SCALE 1"=600'



PLAYGROUND
EAST 91ST - EAST 91ST NORTH OF DITMAS AVE.
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN 5-3-57

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Barney Felix

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1957

*5/9 - 3 PM
Hand Delivery
Regular Mail*

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces the completion of the reconstruction of the southern end of Morningside Park, at Cathedral Parkway between Morningside and Manhattan Avenues in the Borough of Manhattan.

Made possible under an agreement with Columbia University which provided the funds to defray the cost, the new recreation area provides for an athletic field and a combination field house and comfort station.

The agreement for the use of the facilities provides for an athletic program for intramural recreation and other activities by Columbia University, and a program available to the public for athletic activities of organized community team groups under the direction of instructors and supervisors furnished by Columbia University. There will be regularly scheduled play periods which will be used for instructional clinics or for the purposes of permitting groups or individuals to have the opportunity of becoming members of organized teams.

The schedule for usage of the area is as follows:

OCTOBER 1 - MAY 31

Columbia University . . . 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
General Public 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Weekends & Holidays

JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

General Public 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Daily, including
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

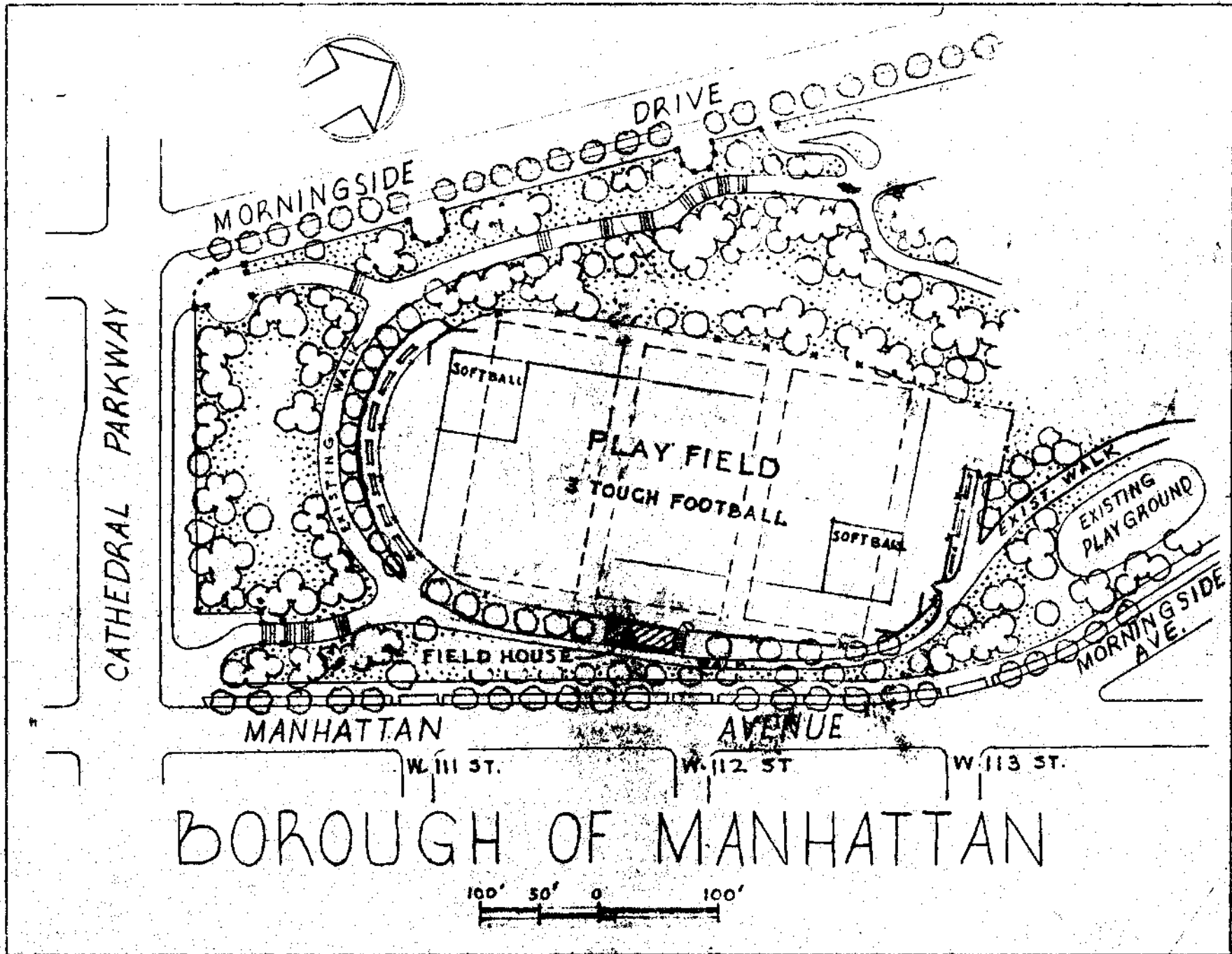
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Columbia University will, at its own expense, staff and operate the athletic field and the field house at all times. The Department of Parks will maintain these facilities and operate the public comfort station, which is part of the field house building.

5-9-57



NEW ATHLETIC FIELD MORNINGSIDE PARK
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN
P.D.P. G-27-55 REVISED 7-26-55 R.L.R.

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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



NEW ATHLETIC FIELD MORNING SIDE PARK

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

NEW YORK CITY





DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located between East 91 and East 92 Streets, north of Ditmas Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

This new 2.3-acre playground is divided into three sections for control purposes. The northerly section contains a softball field and practice basketball. The section adjacent to the south contains two basketball and two handball courts and the southerly section provides for a wading pool, slides, swings, sandpit, jungle gym, comfort station, and a quiet games area. Benches are provided for guardians of small children.

The entire perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees and with the addition of this playground there are now 697 playgrounds in the park system.

5-9-57



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1957

REGENT 4-1000

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces the first storytelling hour of the season at the Hans Christian Andersen Memorial located at the west side of Conservatory Lake at 72nd Street in Central Park will get under way on Saturday, May 18, 1957 at 11 a.m. Storytelling sessions will be held every Saturday morning thereafter until the late fall.

Park Department personnel will supervise the early season storytelling sessions and the New York Public Library will assign storytellers during the school summer vacation period.

Baroness Alma Dahlerup of the Danish American Women's Association, who has an interest in these storytelling activities, will supply professional storytellers from time to time during these sessions.

Guest storytellers will be invited. Eva LeGalliene initiated the first storytelling hour last September soon after the Andersen Statue was unveiled. It is hoped that Miss LeGalliene will once again make an appearance at this storytelling center.

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5-13-57

TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY

TRIBOROUGH STATION, BOX 35

NEW YORK 35, N.Y.

TELEPHONE TRAFALGAR 6-9700

GEORGE E. SPARGO
GENERAL MANAGER AND SECRETARY

MEMBERS:
ROBERT MOSES, CHAIRMAN
GEORGE V. McLAUGHLIN, VICE CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM J. TRACY, VICE CHAIRMAN

PRESS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE THURSDAY

MAY 16, 1957

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The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority announces the completion of four playgrounds in Queens along the route of the Queens Midtown section of the Long Island Expressway. The new recreation areas are being turned over to the Department of Parks for operation on May 17, 1957.

The four areas are located on land which was acquired by the Authority when the right of way of the highway was mapped. At Hoffman Drive and Woodhaven Boulevard a 3-acre playground has been developed and at 57th Avenue and 84th Street adjacent to the expressway 1-1/2 acres have been converted to recreational use.

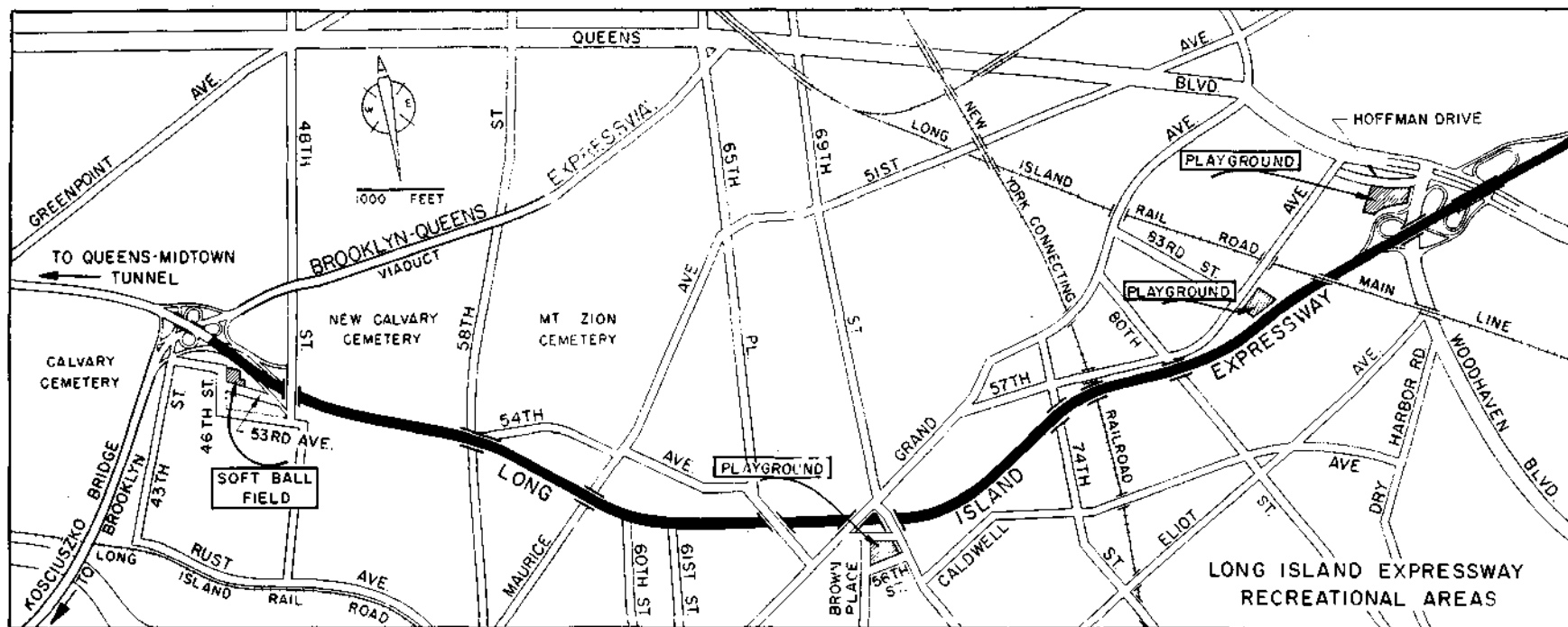
In the Grand Avenue section of Maspeth a new playground now covers the block bounded by 69th Street, 56th Avenue, Brown Place and the Expressway. This area was formerly occupied by the old car barn, later converted to a bus garage for the City transit system. Triborough agreed to construct a playground here when the City turned over the abandoned bus garage site for the purpose.

All the playgrounds are completely equipped with facilities for all age groups, from sand boxes for the junior set to checker tables for their elders.

A fourth recreational area with a soft ball field has been developed on the southerly side of the expressway at 46th Street and 53rd Avenue.

The Queens Midtown section of the Long Island Expressway, extending from the Queens Midtown Tunnel approach to Queens Boulevard, was constructed by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority at a cost of \$24,000,000. The four playgrounds, costing \$463,000, were completed under the final construction contract for the expressway.

Triborough also acquired the land and cleared the site for the right of way of the Horace Harding section of the Long Island Expressway, extending from Queens Boulevard to the Nassau County line.





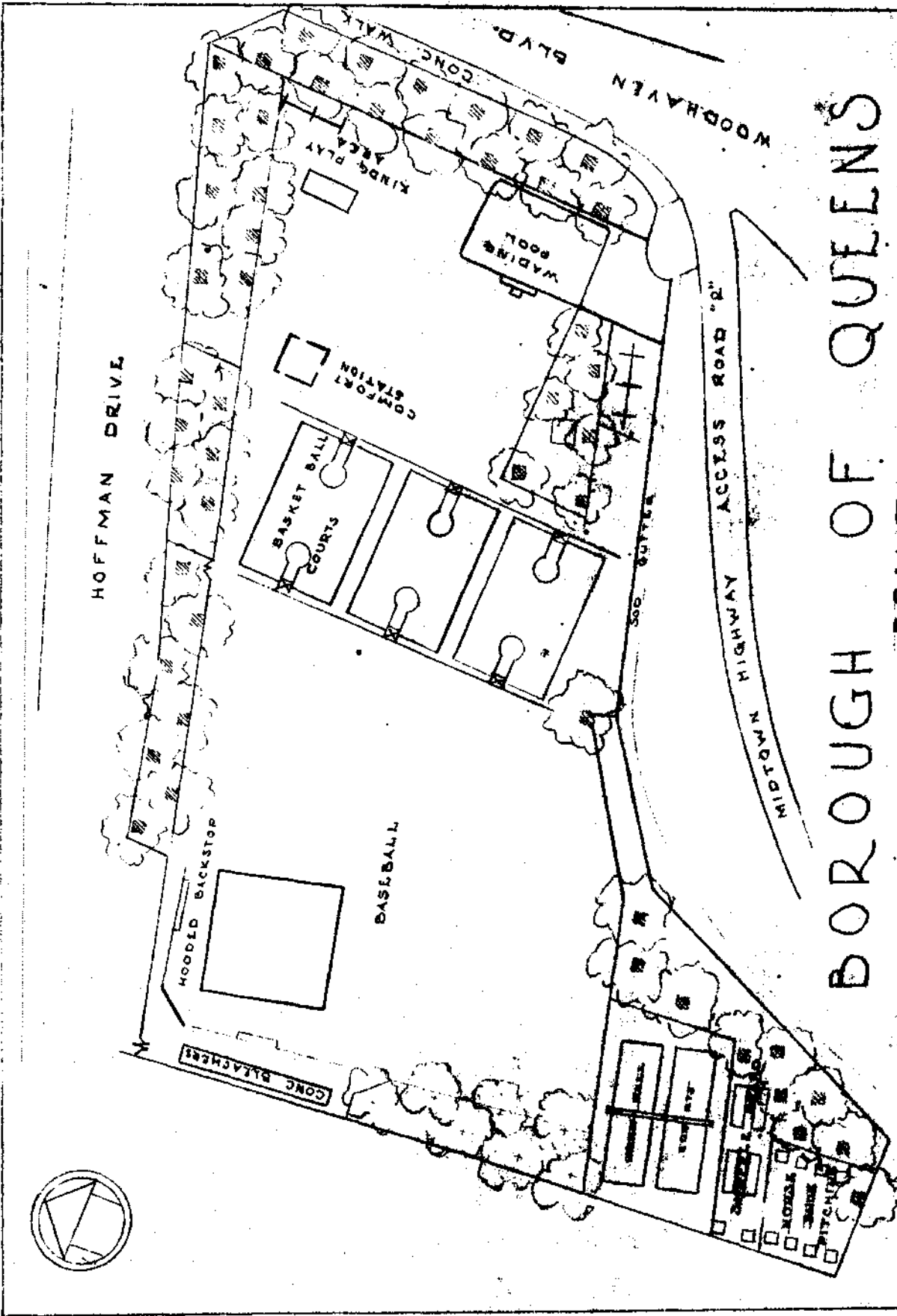
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EXPRESSWAY



**PLAYGROUND AT 57 AVE. AND 84 STREET, ADJACENT TO
LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY**



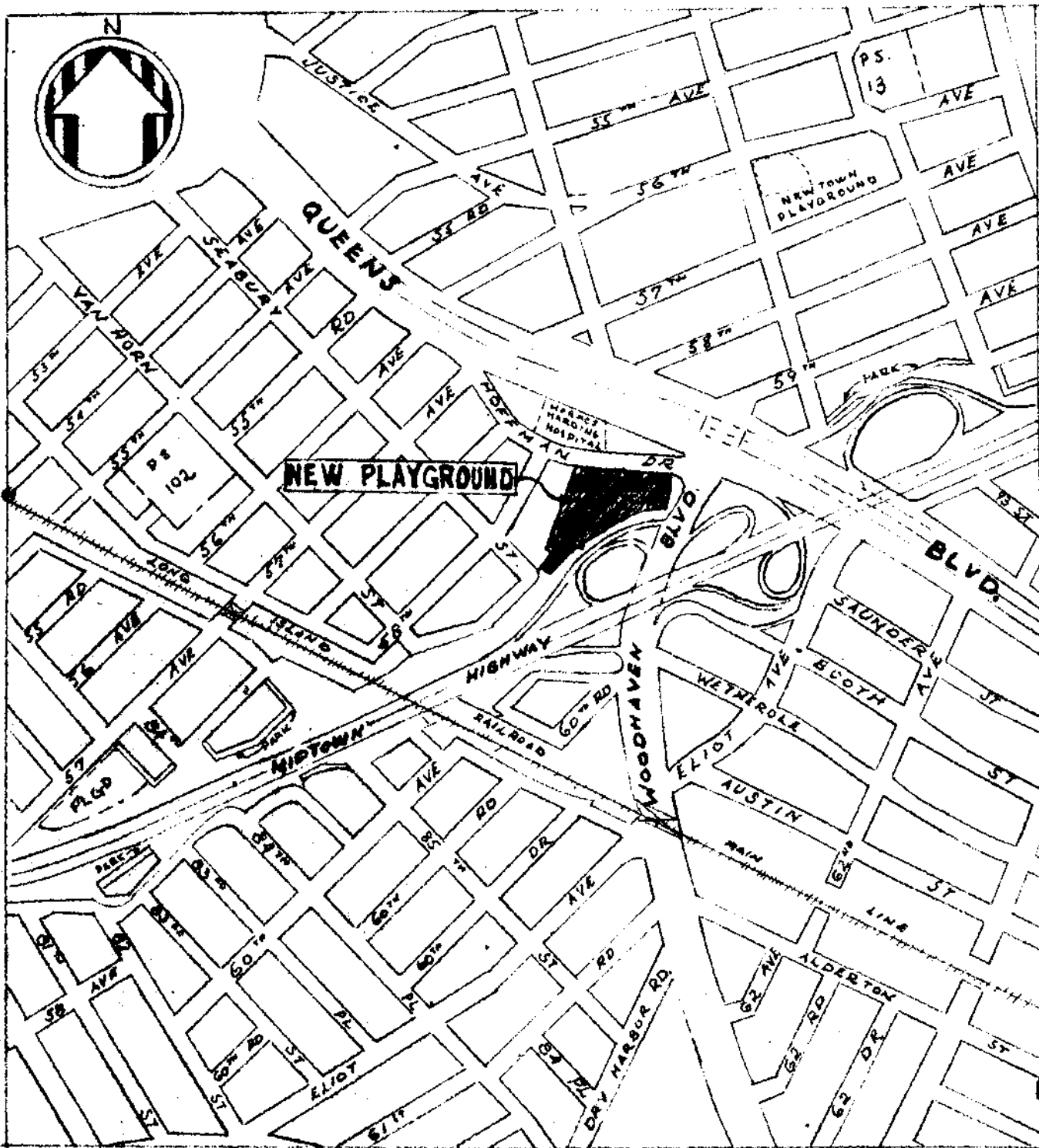
PLAYGROUND AT 69 ST. AND LONG ISLAND EXPRESS WAY, BROOKLYN



BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE





BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 600'



PLAYGROUND
BETWEEN DRIVE - WOODHAVEN BLVD
BOROUGH OF QUEENS 42-57

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MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

May 17, 1957

Mr. Rampino:

Re: Today's final Inspection - 2
Playgrounds in connection with Contract
QME-9 - Queens Midtown Expressway

Per Marin:

1. Playground at 69th Street & 58th Avenue,
Brown Place and South Service Drive
 2. Playground at 57th Avenue, South Service
Drive opposite 83rd Street
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both accepted for maintenance and
operation tomorrow, May 18th.

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CC: Felix
Sleeper



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

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1957

1-1-1-30M-529054(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the first storytelling hour of the season at the Hans Christian Andersen Memorial in Central Park will feature Lisa Chapman, a young American actress, who appeared with Eva LeGalliene last summer in Henrik Ibsen's "Ghosts", and has done extensive work in radio and television.

Baroness Alma Dahlerup of the Danish Women's Association, who has an interest in these storytelling activities, arranged for Miss Chapman's appearance for this session and will supply professional storytellers from time to time.

The first storytelling hour will get under way on Saturday, May 18, 1957 at 11 a.m. Admission is free.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1957

1-1-1-30M-529054(56) 114

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Release
5/27/57

The Department of Parks announces that the bathing and swimming season at the 17.96 miles of municipally operated beach will open Saturday, May 25, and seventeen outdoor swimming pools will officially open on May 30, 1957.

From May 30 to June 9, the pools will be opened for weekends and holidays only, and from June 15, until the end of the season, they will be open daily with the following operating schedule: On Weekdays, Monday through Friday 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, and all day on Saturdays, 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. Free instruction classes in swimming for patrons 15 years of age and over will be held on Saturday and 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 and Manhattan Beach in Brooklyn; South Beach, Great Kills Park and Wolfe's Pond Park on Staten Island will also open for bathers on May 25.

A new bathhouse, concession building, picnic area and parking field will be available for use this season at Manhattan Beach in Brooklyn. Lockers may be rented at this facility at a fee of 25¢ and a deposit of 75¢ is required, however, patrons may use the bathhouse without fee, to change clothes. Parking has been provided for 1000 cars at a charge of 25¢ and vehicles will not be permitted to remain in the parking field after 9 p.m. It is expected that the concession building will be completed in early June, however, refreshment facilities will be provided by carretina service until the building is completed.

Bathhouse accommodations are also provided at Jacob Riis Park, Great Kills and Orchard Beach, and will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until the end of the season. The bathhouse fees are 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adults lockers and at Jacob Riis Park dressing rooms may be rented at a fee of 50¢ per person.

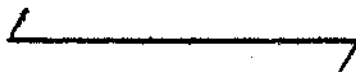
Parking space is available at these three beaches, and at Wolfe's Pond Park in Richmond, at 25¢ per car. Recreational area game courts are available free of charge at Jacob Riis Park, Orchard Beach and Rockaway.

At Jacob Riis Park there is also an 18 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. This course will operate on a full-time basis starting May 25.

Beach chairs and umbrellas may be rented at a nominal charge at Orchard Beach, Jacob Riis, Rockaway, Coney Island and Great Kills. Beach shops are provided where bathing accessories can be purchased and food concessions are provided at all beaches.

Seven parking fields are available at the Rockaways (Beach 32nd Street, Beach 53rd Street, Beach 59th Street, Beach 62nd 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 approximately 2000 cars and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight at a fee of 25¢ per car.





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

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces that a performance will be given by the Future American Magical Entertainers at the Mall in Central Park on Saturday, May 25, 1957 at 2 p.m.

This magical show is given in memory of Gordon Beck who was a pioneer member of this teenage group of magicians and who devoted all of his spare time to practicing and perfecting his talent. He became president of the group for two years before he died.

The performers are all teenagers who practice their talents in the Park Department facilities.

Admission is free to the public.

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5-17-57

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

CITY OF NEW YORK

Fourth Annual

GORDON BECK MEMORIAL SHOW

"His Presence Was Magic"

Presented by

FUTURE AMERICAN MAGICAL ENTERTAINERS

THE MALL, CENTRAL PARK

Saturday, May 25, 1957—2:00 P. M.

Program

SHARI LEWIS

Master of Ceremonies

BOB SWANBORG

DAPPER DAN

JOE MAGIC

PAUL BLAKE

OTTO SANDERSON

PHIL RUBENSTEIN

F.A.M.E. BOYS

MANFRIED

BOB OLSON

ANTOINETTE DEUTSCH

HENRY DURKIN

TONY CORRAO

Production Under the Supervision of Miss Antoinette Deutsch

ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner of Parks

Gordon Beck was a member of F.A.M.E. for about six years. He became president for two years before he died.

He had been ill with leukemia, spent a great deal of time at home, and graduated from high school. He performed very well. His magic was his only inspiration in life, and he devoted all his spare time to practicing and perfecting his talent. He was well liked by all. All his performances were given for charity.

His parents, Dr. & Mrs. Beck devoted their lives to ease his pain and make his days as comfortable as possible. We dedicate our library in his memory and the members have performed at their annual show known as "The Gordon Beck Memorial Show".



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

FOR RELEASE

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the Roosevelt Park Golden Age Center located at Rivington and Forsyth Streets in the Lower East Side, will windup its month long observance of May as "Senior Citizen Month" with a second anniversary party on Thursday evening, May 23rd.

Member participation in group games, exhibition dances, dramatic sketch and a musical program will be the feature of the evening. Refreshments will be served and dancing will follow the program.

The Roosevelt group was the pilot project of the Park Department of the City of New York and has served as a guide in the formation of its other golden age centers in the city.

This center offers healthful use of leisure time by our senior citizens whose main problem is to keep active in their years of retirement. A varied list of activities including quiet games, arts and crafts, socials and teas, classes in English, citizenship and current events is on tap for the three hundred and fifty members.

Organized discussions, lectures, movies and television have brought many hours of pleasure into the lives of these oldsters, some of whom are past eighty.

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

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces that it is asking the Board of Estimate to appropriate funds for the reconstruction of Steeplechase Pier at Coney Island.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1957

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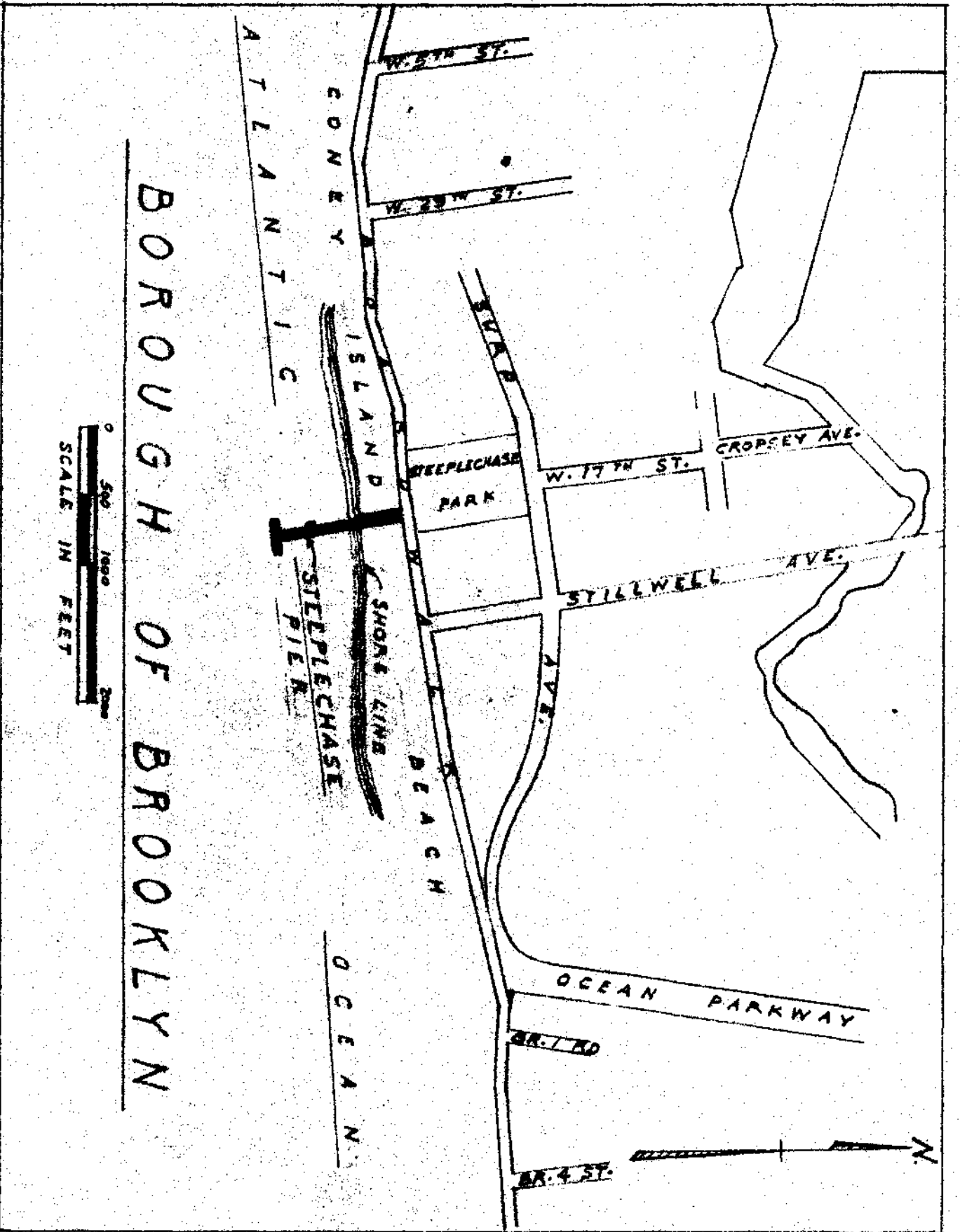
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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

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RECONSTRUCTION OF STEEPLECHASE PIER
& CONCESSION BUILDING
CONEY ISLAND.
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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1957

#37 REGENT 4 1000
rec'd 5/27/57

The Department of Parks announces that the WAF Band, the only all-girl band in the United States Air Force will give a concert at the Mall in Central Park on Saturday, May 25, 1957 at 8 p.m.

Composed of nearly fifty of the finest female musicians in the Air Force, the feature of the program will be a group of highly trained "Bell Ringers" who play unusual arrangements on British bells, hand-cast in a London factory.

A well-rounded selection of classical music, familiar marches, popular swing and rock and roll will complete the program. Admission is free.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1957

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The city-wide championships of the Department of Parks Annual Amateur Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, prominent civic leader and philanthropist, will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24th at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

Twenty-two boys ranging in age from 14 to 19 years will compete for championships in 5 junior and 6 senior division classes. The contestants, best of more than 625 boys who participated in boxing classes at the 10 Department of Parks boxing centers, have won their borough championship and semi-final matches earlier this month. They will be matched as follows, on Friday:

JUNIOR DIVISION

- 112 Pound Class
JOHN TEWS..... OpponentJOSE GARCIA
(Red Hook Center) (Highbridge Center)
- 118 Pound Class
ELISIO SANTOS..... OpponentPEBLO LOPEZ
(W. 28th St. Gym) (St. Mary's Rec.Cen.)
- 125 Pound Class
ANSELMO COSTELLO OpponentJOHN MULLIGAN
(St. Mary's Rec. Center) (E. 54th St. Gym)
- 132 Pound Class
SEPPY SEPULREDA..... OpponentRICH WALKER
(Red Hook Center) (W. 134th St. Gym)

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Junior Division (cont'd)

140 Pound Class

DENNIS MIGLIORE Opponent KENNETH SUHOVSKY
(St. Mary's Rec.Center) (E. 54th St. Gym)

SENIOR DIVISION

125 Pound Class

JULIO QUILES Opponent REYES ALVAREZ
(Red Hook Center) (Rutgers Gym)

130 Pound Class

MIKE TORRES Opponent PAT HARRIS
(Red Hook Center) (E. 54th St. Gym)

135 Pound Class

LUNSANTO BERRERO Opponent ROBERT MIDDLETON
(St. Mary's Rec.Center) (W. 134th St. Gym)

140 Pound Class

BERNADINO ORTIZ Opponent JOHN MCGOWAN
(McCarren Center) (Astoria Center)

147 Pound Class

JULIO VEGO Opponent WARREN MCINTOSH
(W. 28th St. Gym) (St. Mary's Rec.Cen.)

156 Pound Class

DON CANAPOZZO Opponent WARREN WEBB
(Astoria Center) (W. 28th St. Gym)

In addition to prizes awarded in borough competition,
Mr. Rosenfeld has donated watches to be presented to the champion
and runner-up of each match on Friday.

The public is cordially invited to attend these bouts. Tickets
may be secured without charge from borough offices of the Department
of Parks.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1957

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10:30 AM - Hand Delivery

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The Naumburg Symphony Orchestra will give the first concert of the season at the Mall on Thursday, May 30, at 8:30 p.m. Michael Piastro will conduct and Mary Henderson, soprano, will be guest soloist.

The Naumburg concerts are given four times each season: on three holiday evenings - Decoration Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day, and on July 31st when a special concert is given in memory of Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the City of New York. His sons, Messrs. Walter W. Naumburg and George W. Naumburg have continued his custom of contributing concerts of high quality for lovers of good music.

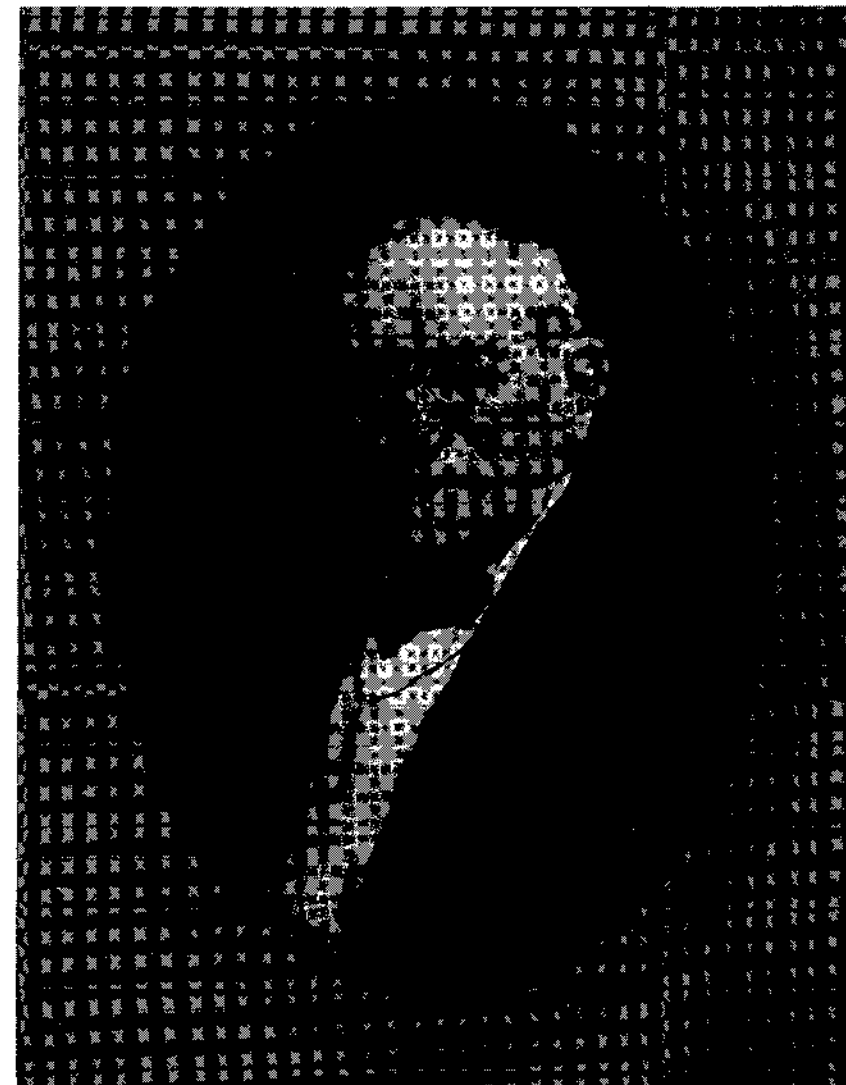
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2. Symphony No. 1 G. Minor
Andante Commodamente Kalinnikoff
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5-24-57

CITY OF NEW YORK

HON. ROBERT F. WAGNER, *Mayor*



ELKAN NAUMBURG

Decoration Day Concert

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 30th, 1957

EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK

CENTRAL PARK - : - ON THE MALL

THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA, *Michel Piastro, Conductor*

THE MALL — CENTRAL PARK

1905-1957

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 30th, 1957, at 8:30 o'clock

DECORATION DAY CONCERT

THE NAUMBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Program

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

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INTERMISSION

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"AMERICA"

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 1957 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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FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1957

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REGENT 4-1000

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*Release
Recd
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The Department of Parks announces that the New York Square Dance Callers Association will present a Square and Folk Dance Festival at the Mall in Central Park on Sunday, June 2, 1957 at 2 p.m.

Sponsored jointly by the Association and Local 802 American Federation of Musicians, the event will feature some of the outstanding professional callers in the metropolitan area.

"Shorty" Williams and his "Hoe Downers" will provide the music for the occasion.

Admission is free.

5-28-57



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1957

*6/4/57 - Hand Delivery
12:30 PM
Regular Mail 6/4*

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located between Castle Hill Avenue and Purdy Street, s/o Parker Street, adjacent to JHS #127 in the Borough of the Bronx.

Divided into two sections, the northerly section contains a softball field, roller skating area and practice basketball. The southerly section provides for four handball courts, a basketball court, shuffleboard courts, games tables and a comfort station.

This is a jointly operated playground and will be operated by the Board of Education when school is in session and by the Department of Parks at all other times.

The entire perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees and with the addition of this facility, there are now 701 playgrounds in the park system.

1.368 acres

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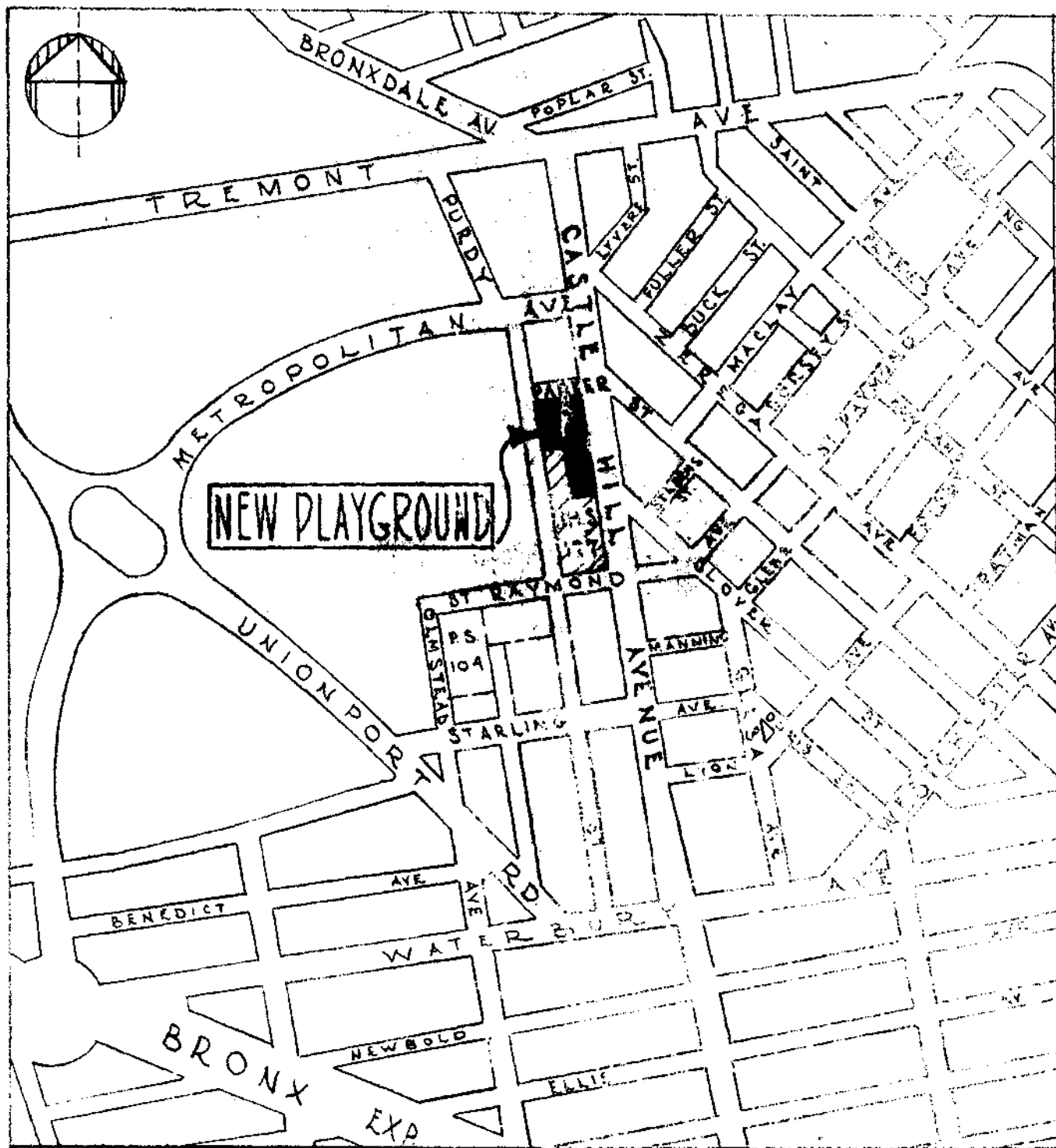
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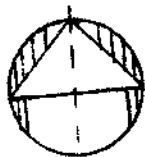
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CASTLE HILL AVE - PARKER ST
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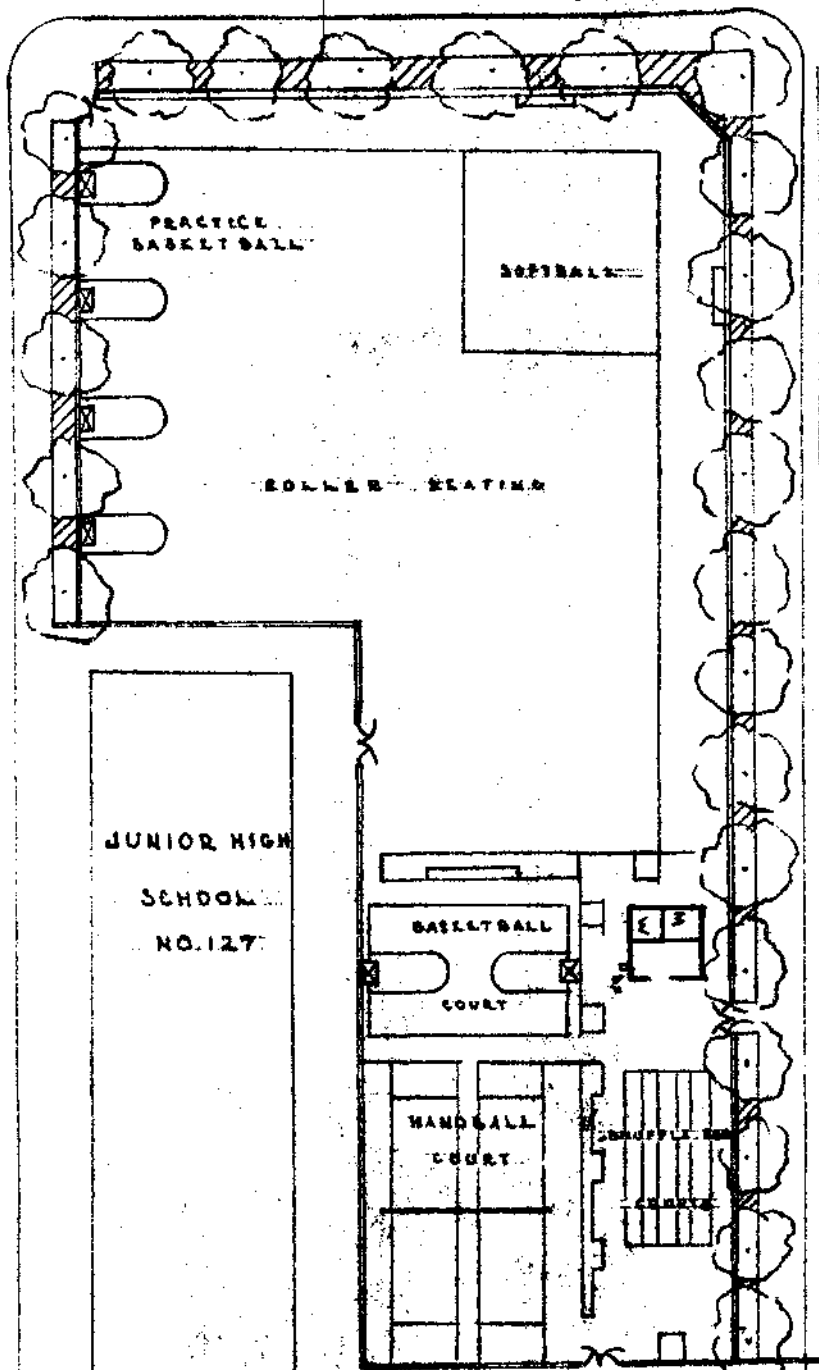
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PARKER STREET

CASTLE HILL AVENUE

PURDY STREET



BOROUGH OF BRONX

SCALE 1" = 60'

PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO JHS 127
CASTLE HILL AVE. PARKER ST.
BOROUGH OF BRONX 5-27-57

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NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL PARK
Bronx Park, New York 60, N. Y.
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INFORMATION SERVICE

RELEASE THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1957

The New York Aquarium, which has existed only as a small collection of tropical fishes in the Bronx Zoo since the closing of the old Aquarium at the Battery in 1941, was formally dedicated in its new \$1,500,000 home on the ocean front at Coney Island yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon and will be opened to the public at 10 A.M. today. Starting today it will be open every day in the year from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. during the summer and until 5 P.M. during the winter months.

The new building, at Surf Avenue and West 8th Street, is the first stage of an eventual \$10,000,000 building as planned by the New York Zoological Society and the City of New York, which share equally in the construction costs. Construction of later stages depends on private contributions, which the City will match.

At the dedication ceremony Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, attended by members of the Zoological Society and City officials, brief dedicatory addresses were made by Dr. Fairfield Osborn, president of the Zoological Society, and by Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Commissioner of Parks Robert Moses and Borough President John Cashmore of Brooklyn.

A ribbon barring the front door of the Aquarium was then broken by "Annie," a male Black-footed Penguin, the only identifiable member of the penguin colony from the old Aquarium. "Annie," originally mis-identified as a female because the penguin sexes are indistinguishable, has made his home at the Bronx Zoo since the closing of the old Aquarium, but yesterday returned

to the Aquarium as the only Black-footed Penguin in a collection of Humboldt Penguins from Chile:

"There has been a void in the life of this great city and it is being filled today," Dr. Osborn said in his dedicatory address which, with those of the other speakers, was broadcast by WNYC. "Most of us Americans have become city-dwellers and yet we have a continuing and innate craving to observe and enjoy the living things of Nature. Each year more than 60,000,000 people go to the well-established zoos, now to be found in most of our large cities. However, good aquariums that really do justice to the wonders of marine life are a rarity in the United States. This fact makes this new Aquarium in our country's largest city all the more desirable. It also emphasizes the need for its ultimate completion.

"Plans for the final Aquarium represent an institution of such beauty, interest and educational value that it will stand unchallenged as the most notable center of its kind. We must hope that the first stage, dedicated today, will prove the stepping-stone towards the completed building.

"The partnership between the Zoological Society and the City government has been satisfactory and constructive beyond all words. The costs of the Aquarium are being met equally by public funds supplied by the City and contributions provided by the trustees, members and other generous friends of the Society. We express our gratitude to Commissioner of Parks Robert Moses for his energy and vision in the forwarding of these plans and for the enthusiastic support accorded them by Mayor Wagner, the Board of Estimate and the Director of the Budget. Thanks to this cooperation, New York City can justifiably claim an example of public and private partnership at its best."

The new Aquarium will "specialize" in brilliantly colored fishes and invertebrates of the tropical coral reefs and in the large and spectacular

marine mammals, birds and reptiles. Several thousand specimens of approximately 200 species were in the Aquarium's tanks and outdoor pools on the opening day, and the exhibits will change constantly as new collections arrive from the West Indies, Hawaii, the Philippines, the Mediterranean and other distant points with which the Aquarium has made collecting and exchange arrangements.

Olaf, a half-ton walrus received from Greenland last October as the first inmate of the new Aquarium, was a major attraction to the Zoological Society's guests at the dedication as he swam in the oceanic pool 60 feet long, 40 feet wide and 14 feet deep. Olaf is the only walrus on exhibition in the United States, and as far as the Aquarium knows, he is the only one in the world exhibited in a tank that permits his peculiar swimming motions to be observed underwater. He shares the pool, which occupies one whole corner of the Aquarium, with two young Elephant Seals, several California Sea Lions and two Atlantic Harbor Seals.

Two other outdoor pools contain collections of sea turtles, pelicans and penguins, the latter donated by Abraham & Straus.

The entrance hall of the Aquarium gives a view of the end and side of the walrus pool, at an underwater level, so the big mammals may be seen swimming under water. They may also be viewed from the upper deck, the level which contains the Aquarium's restaurant, "The Galley."

The end of one hall is devoted to a demonstration exhibit of the Electric Eel of South American freshwater streams. Every half hour during the day and evening the electric eels will be stimulated to give off discharges up to 600 volts of electricity, which is registered on special lights and an oscillograph.

The main hall of the Aquarium contains habitat tanks for sharks, coral

reef fishes and invertebrates, some of the tanks 20 feet long. Two of the largest tanks have been "planted" with artificial coral and marine vegetation, created by Miss Clara Hankins. Visitors may hear what is going on in the tanks by means of "talking labels," heard through headphones.

The Aquarium has a parking lot for 800 automobiles. Because the new institution is expected, under its City contract, to be self-supporting, an admission charge of 90 cents will be made for adults, and 45 cents for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years. School classes accompanied by a teacher are admitted free during school hours. Members of the Zoological Society are admitted free.

The building was designed by Harrison & Abramovitz, with Harmon Goldstone as Consulting Architect, from plans originally prepared by Harrison Foulhoux & Abramovitz.

Christopher W. Coates is Director of the Aquarium, and his staff consists of James W. Atz, Associate Curator; Dr. Ross F. Nigrelli, Pathologist; Dr. Myron Gordon, Geneticist; Carleton Ray, Assistant to the Director; and Aage Olsen, Superintendent. Dr. John Tee-Van is General Director of the Zoological Park and the Aquarium.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1957

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10³⁰ AM - Hand Delivery
Regular Mail
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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located between Schenck Avenue and Barbey Street, s/o Livonia Avenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the East New York section of Brooklyn, this newly constructed playground is divided into several sections. The westerly section provides for a wading pool, slides, swings, jungle gym and an area for pre-school age children with a sandpit, seesaws, slides and swings. The northeasterly section contains 2 handball courts, and a basketball court; adjacent to this area on the south, there is a comfort station and tables for quiet games. Benches and shade trees are provided throughout the entire area.

With the addition of this facility, there are now 703 playgrounds in the park system.

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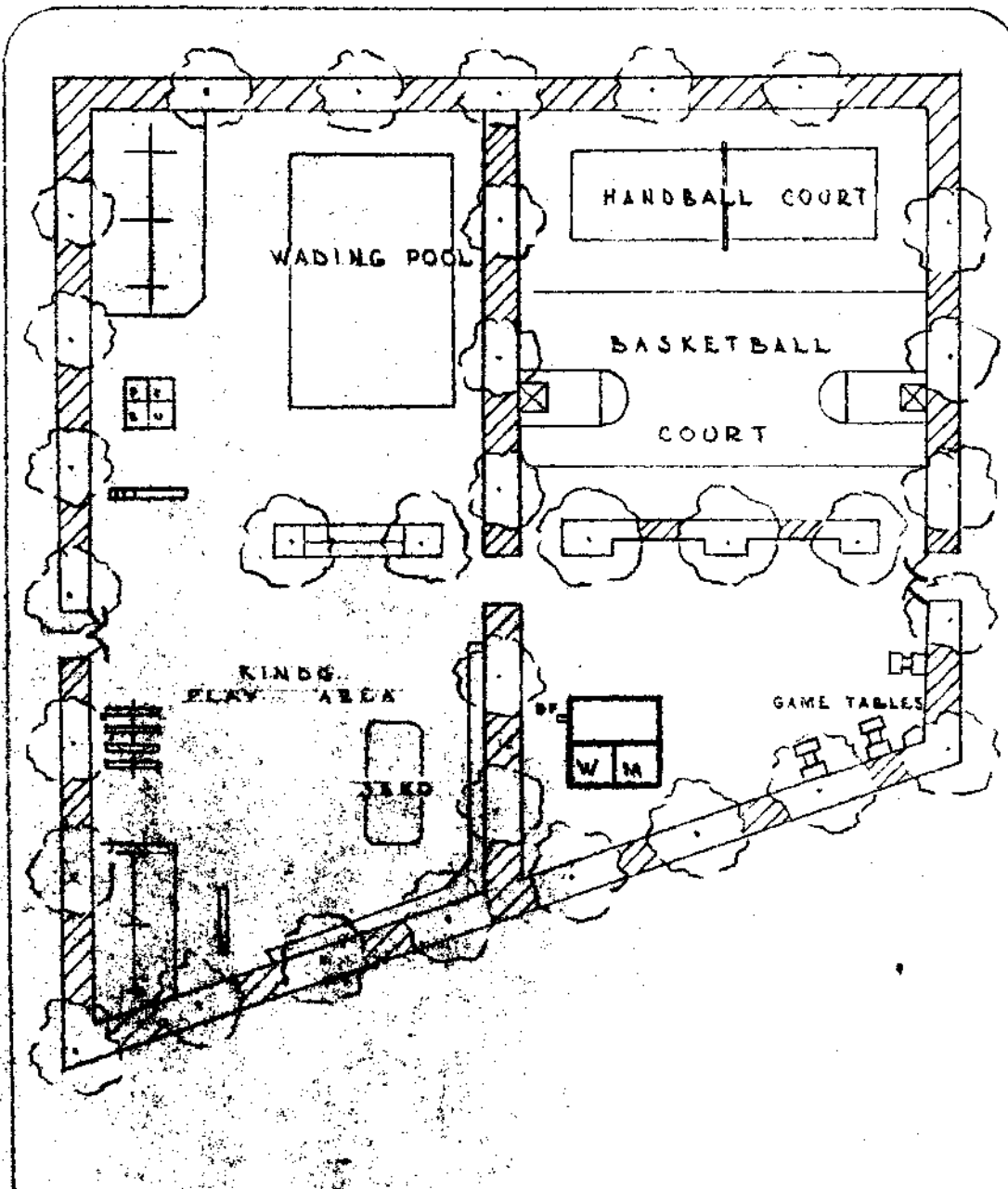




LIVONIA AVE.

SCHENK AVE.

BARRELY ST.



BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

SCALE 1" = 40'

NEW PLAYGROUND
BARRELY ST - SCHENK AVE
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN 5-29-57

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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

SCALE 1" = 600'

NEW PLAYGROUND
BARBERY ST. - SCHENCK AVE.
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN 3-29-37

B-4-261-101 ✓

Barney Felix



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1957

Regular Mail

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground opposite 135th Street n/o Elder Avenue in Kissena Corridor Park in the Borough of Queens.

This new 0.636 acre playground contains an area for small fry with seesaws, slides, swings and a sand pit. The area for older children provides for jungle gym, swings, slides, shower basin, comfort station and two handball courts, also tables for quiet games.

A promenade has been constructed on the northerly side of the perimeter and benches and shade trees are provided around the entire area.

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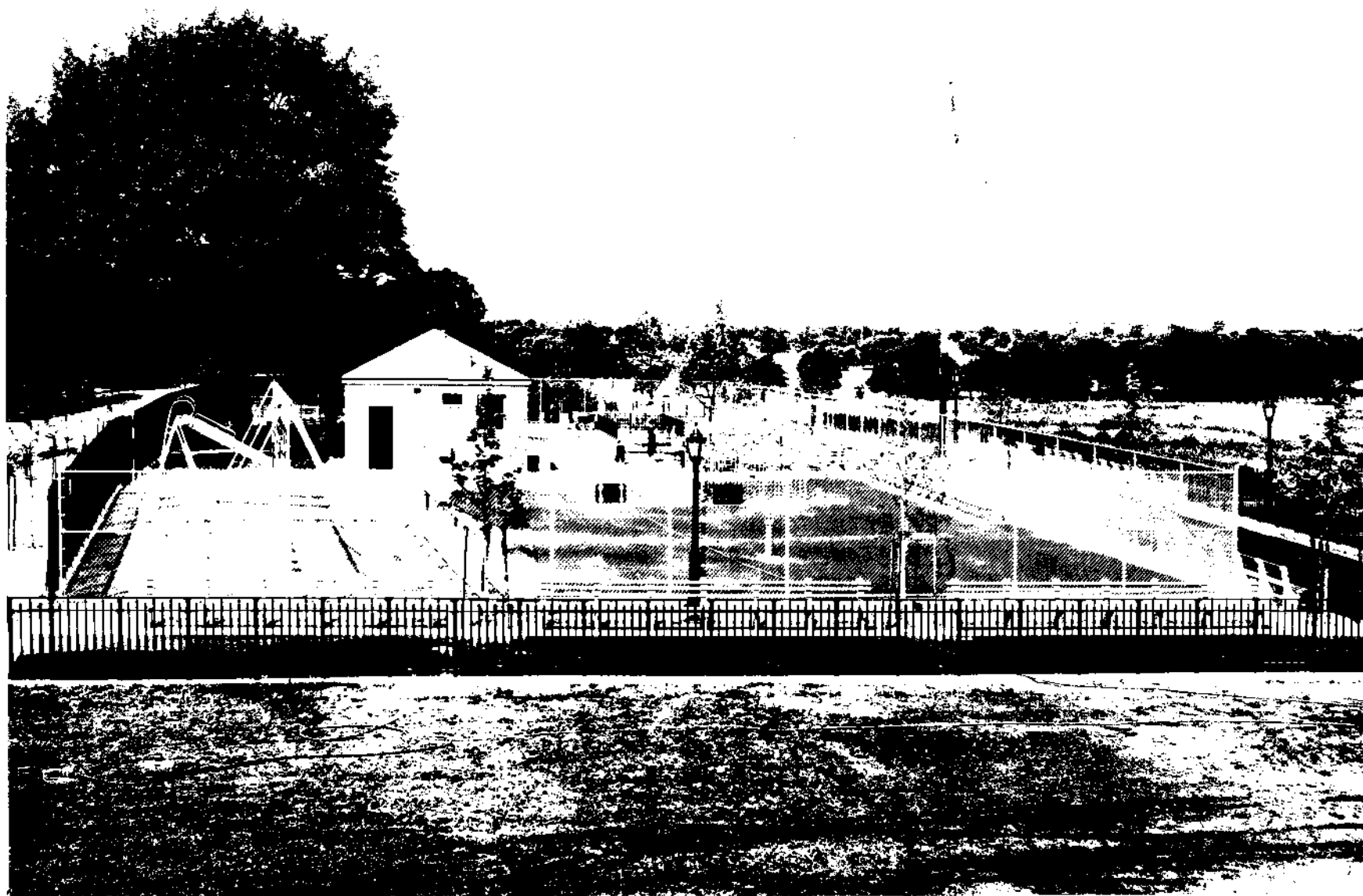
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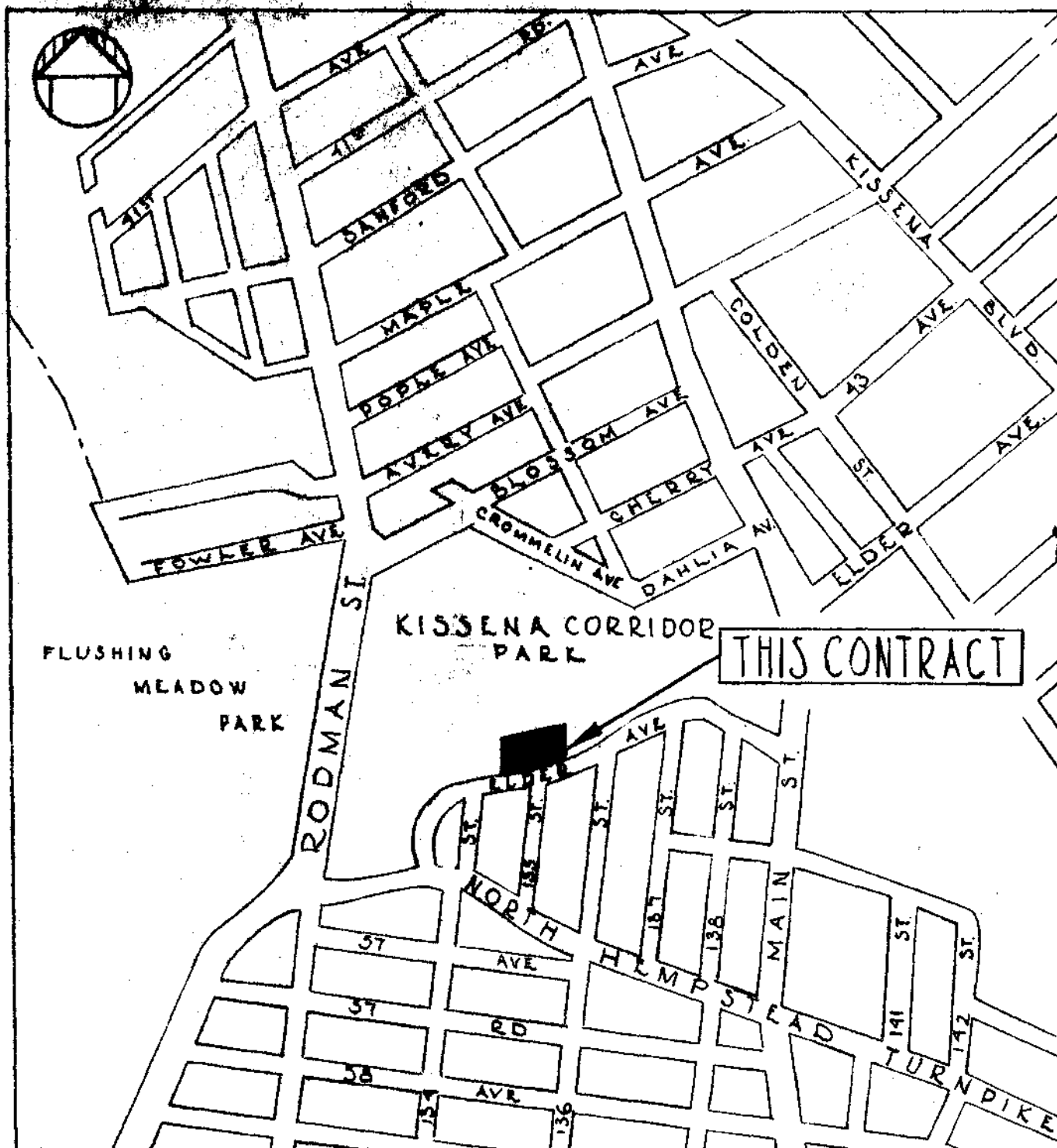
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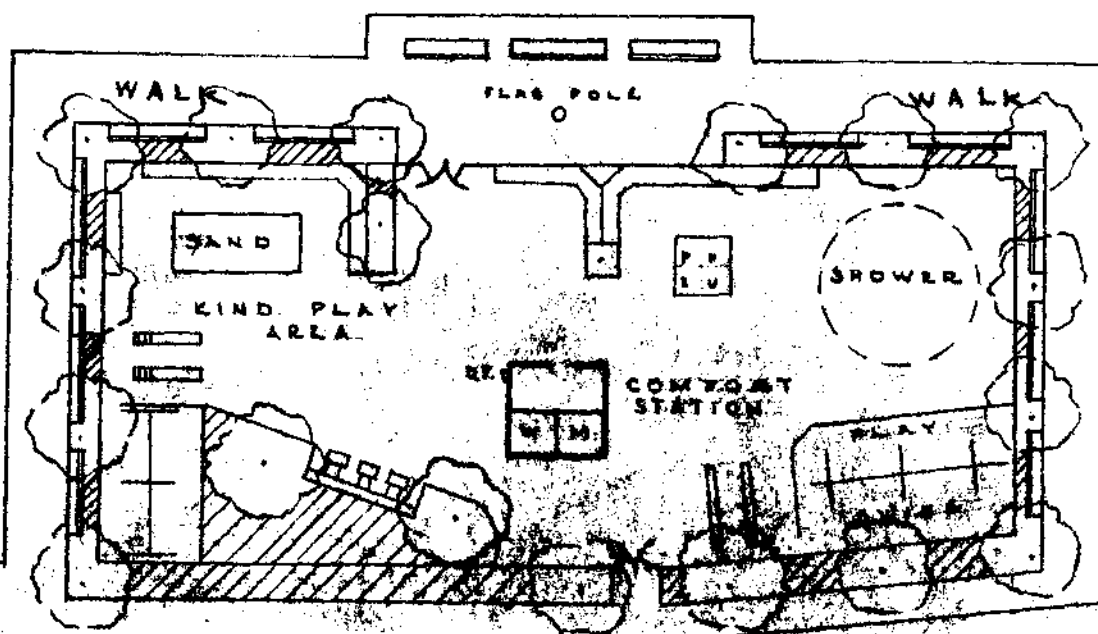
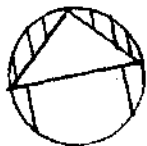


BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1"=600'

PLAYGROUND
ELDER AVE OPPOSITE 135 ST.
BOROUGH OF QUEENS

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ELDER

AVE

135th ST

BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 40'

PLAYGROUND
ELDER AVE. OPPOSITE 135th ST.
BOROUGH OF QUEENS

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1957

Barney Foley
130 6/10/57 - Hand Kelly
Regular mail 6/10

1-1-1-50M-807045(56)

The 23rd Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest Finals conducted by the Park Department will be held on Tuesday evening June 11, 1957 at the Mall in Central Park. The competing quartets were selected in elimination contests held in the five boroughs. The finalists are competing for the City championships. First, second and third place winners will receive awards.

New York City's finalists singing barbershop harmony will bring back the turn of the century, when the art of Barber Shop singing made its greatest contribution to the social life of the community.

The following rules will govern this contest: 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. Costumes appropos to the "Gay Nineties" period must be worn by the finalists.

The competing quartets and the songs they will sing are as follows:

THE BARBER-CUES	(Manhattan)	"Wait till the Sun Shines Nellie" "Gee Boys It's Great to Lead a Band"
THE BRONX BOMBERS	(Bronx)	"See you Some Tuesday" "Medley-"Tell Me Why" - "Honey"
THE SOUTH SHORE FOUR	(Richmond)	"Medley - "I'll Tell the World It's You" "Shine"

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THE PROSPECTORS	(Brooklyn)	"So Long, oo-long, How Long you gonna be gone"?
THE JAMAICANS	(Queens)	"Good Morning, Carrie" "Love Me and the World is Mine" "See You some Tuesday."

Guest stars from stage, radio and television:

Elaine Malbin, Vaughan Monroe, The Vikings,
Will Jordan, and The Peanuts.

Admission is free.

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6-10-57

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL
AMERICAN BALLAD
CONTEST

SPONSORED BY
NEW YORK MIRROR

BARBER SHOP QUARTETS

ON THE MALL, CENTRAL PARK

JUNE 11, 1957

8:30 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

HON. ROBERT MOSES, Commissioner of Parks

STUART CONSTABLE, Executive Officer

JOHN A. MULCAHY, Assistant Executive Officer

GEORGE L. QUIGLEY, Director of Maintenance and Operation

CHARLES H. STARKE, Director of Recreation

JOHN J. MCCORMACK, Assistant Director of Recreation

HONORARY JUDGE

HON. ROBERT F. WAGNER

Mayor of the City of New York

JUDGES

HON. ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner of Parks

JAMES G. CLARK

GEOFFREY O'HARA

JAMES F. EVANS

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LUTHER C. STEWARD

CHARLES B. MCCABE

HINSON STILES

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*

STUART CONSTABLE, *Executive Officer, Department of Parks*

Master of Ceremonies

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 T. DeCAMP, JR. Director—GEORGE O. PRANSPIILL

COMPETITIVE QUARTETS

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Manhattan

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"Gee, Boys, It's Great to Lead a Band"

The Bronx Bombers
Bronx

"See You Some Tuesday"
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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 you sweetheart, I'm in 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.

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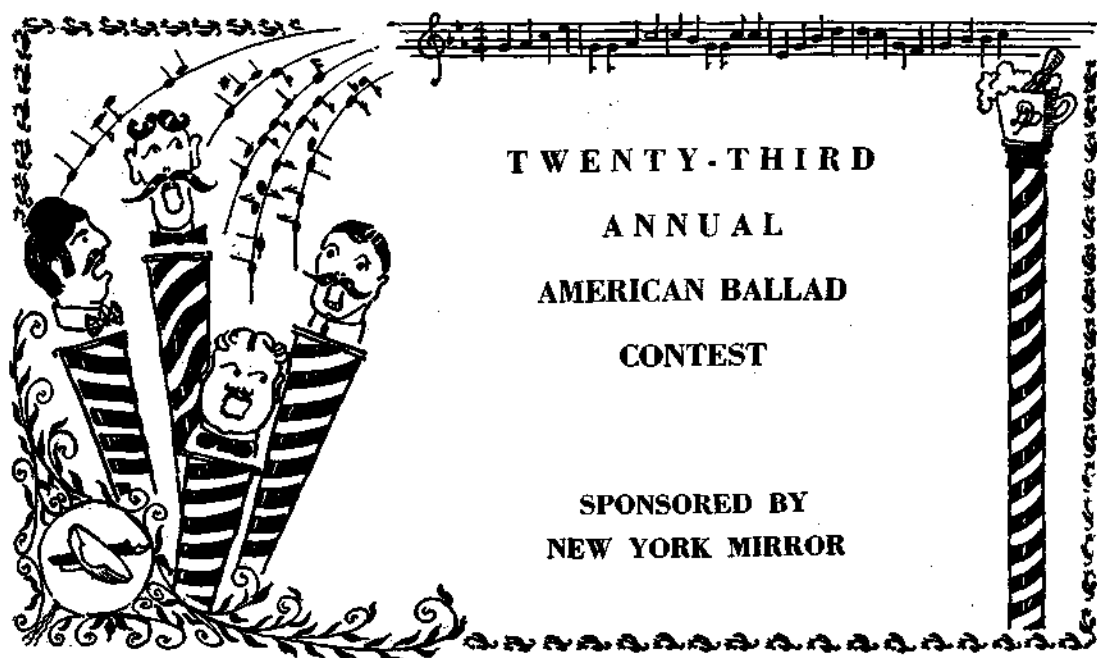
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**CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**



**TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL
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BARBER SHOP QUARTETS

ON THE MALL, CENTRAL PARK

JUNE 11, 1957

8:30 P.M.

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THE MANHATTAN CHAPTER CHORUS

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing
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Chorus Chairman—ROBERT T. DECAMP, JR. Director—GEORGE O. PRANSPIILL

COMPETITIVE QUARTETS

The Barber-Cues Manhattan	"Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie" "Gee, Boys, It's Great to Lead a Band"
The Bronx Bombers Bronx	"See You Some Tuesday" Medley—"Tell Me Why" - "Honey"
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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1957

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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BROOKLYN PARK PLAYGROUNDS HOLD 42nd ANNUAL DANCE FESTIVAL

The Department of Parks announces that five hundred dancing children from playgrounds in the Borough of Brooklyn will take part in the 42nd Annual Dance Festival on Saturday, June 15, 1957 at 2:30 p.m. on the Long Meadow in Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

The programs will consist of dances which the children have learned in their neighborhood Park Playgrounds, as part of the recreation program of the Department of Parks.

The program will be colorful and entertaining, with dances ranging from calypso to traditional folk numbers. The following program will be presented by the children:

Rustic Dance	Borough Hall Section
Calypso	Greenpoint-Williamsburg Section
Going Fishing	Col. Marcus Playground
Estrellita	Bushwick-Stuyvesant Section
Pretty Baby	Sheepshead Bay Section
Cha-Cha-Rama	Brownsville Section
Petticoats of Portugal	Bay Ridge Section
Kreuz Koenig	Flatbush-Marine Park Section
American Promenade	Coney Island Section

The children will assemble at Grand Army Plaza entrance to Prospect Park at 1:30 p.m. and will form a procession to the dance area at Long Meadow. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

Long Meadow is located on the northerly side of Prospect Park and may be reached through the Third Street or the Grand Army Plaza entrances.

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6-10-57

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June 5, 1957

*Charlie
Can you arrange
for all press release
on this?
Anita R.*

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Rustic Dance	Borough Hall Section
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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1957

FOR RELEASE

1-1-1-50M-807045(56)

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The Department of Parks announces that the First Annual Edward A. and Alice H. Kerbs Memorial Sail Boat Regatta and Design Competition will be held at the Conservatory Lake in Central Park on Saturday, June 15, 1957 at 2 p.m.

This event, (which will be perpetuated, is made possible through a contribution by Mrs. Jeanne E. Kerbs whose generosity also provided funds for the construction of the new Model Yacht Boathouse at the Conservatory Lake in Central Park as a memorial to her parents.

The Regatta Events will be as follows:

Class A - 12" to 18" boats	Class D - 33" to 40" boats
Class B - 19" to 25" boats	Class E - 41" to 50" boats
Class C - 26" to 32" boats	Class F - Homebuilt boats to 30"

The Design Competitions are divided into three classes:

Junior	- Boys and girls 13 years of age and under
Intermediate	- Boys and girls 14 to 17 years of age
Senior	- Open to adults 18 years of age and over

Prizes to be awarded to contestants finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each racing and designing class.

Conservatory Lake is located on the east side of Central Park and may be reached through the Fifth Avenue entrance at 72nd Street.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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6-12-57



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

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located between West 29 Street and West 32 Street, adjacent to Coney Island Housing Project and n/o the boardwalk in Coney Island in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Built with the New York City Housing Authority funds this new 1.38-acre area provides for handball courts, basketball courts, shuffleboard courts, sitting areas, games tables, slides, swings, seesaws, shower basin, comfort station and benches. The Department of Parks will maintain and operate the facility.

Shade trees have been planted throughout the area, and with the addition of this facility there are now 704 playgrounds in the park system.

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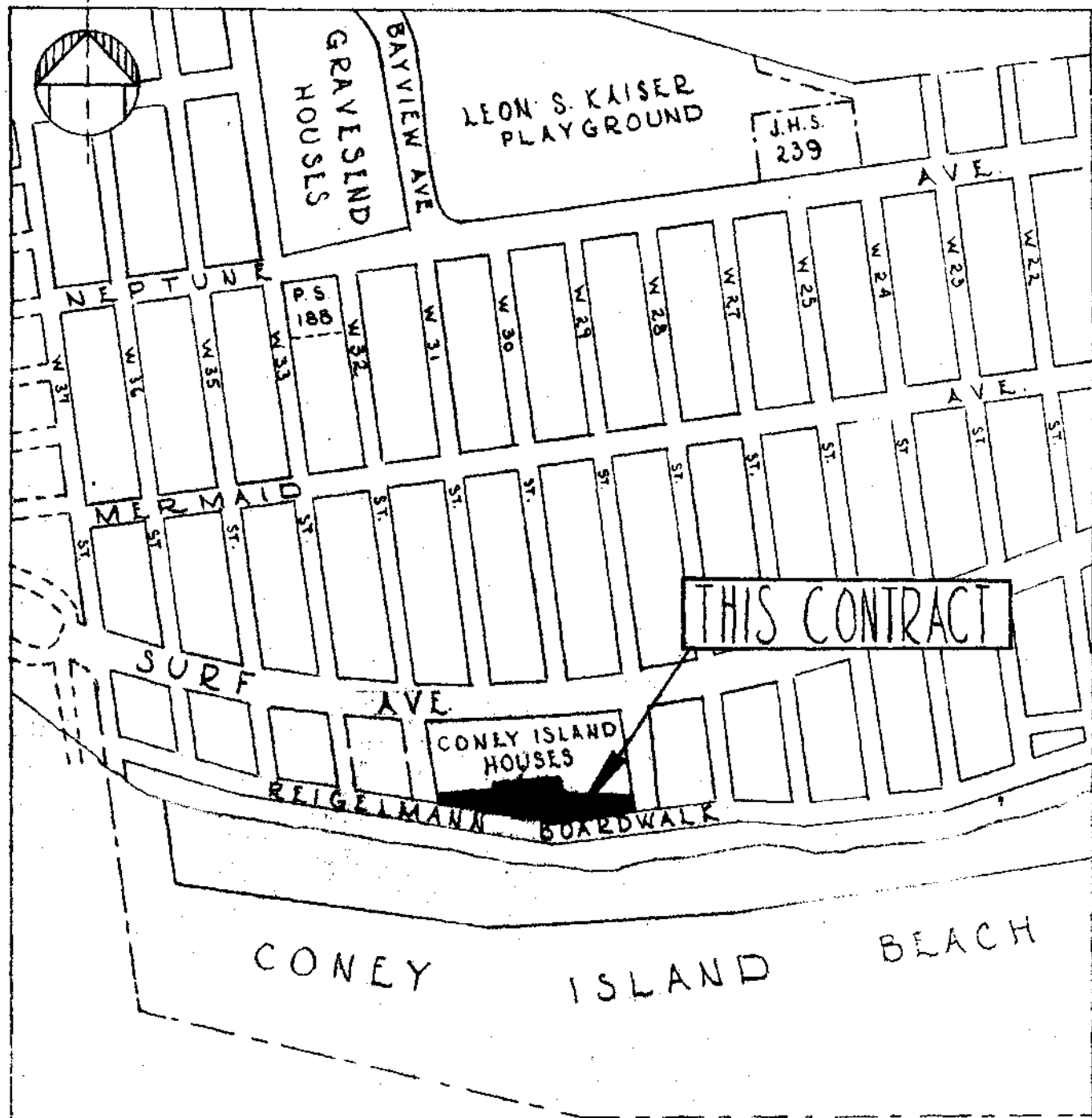
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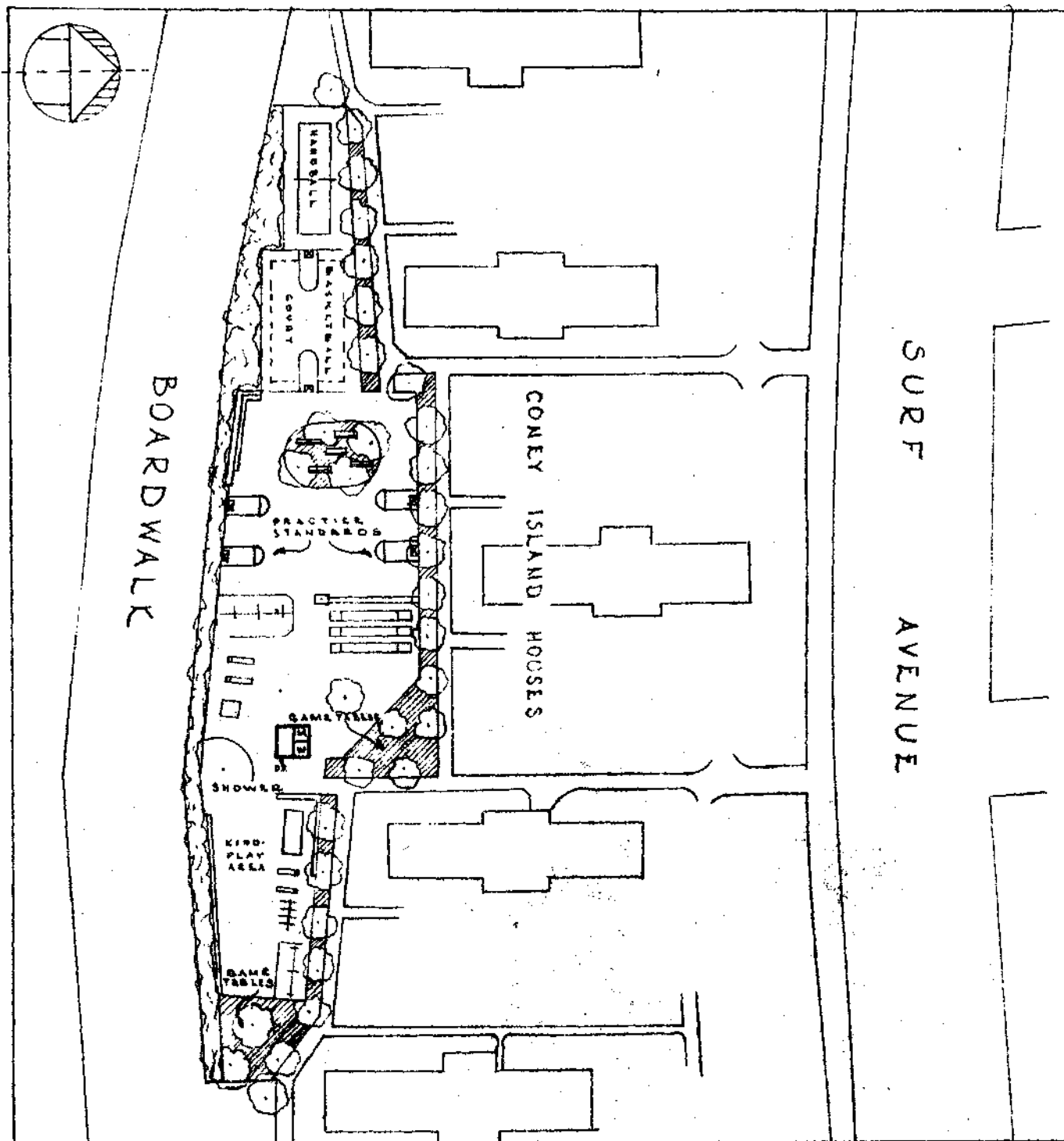
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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
SCALE 1"=600'

PLAYGROUND
SURF AVE - WEST 32 ST.
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

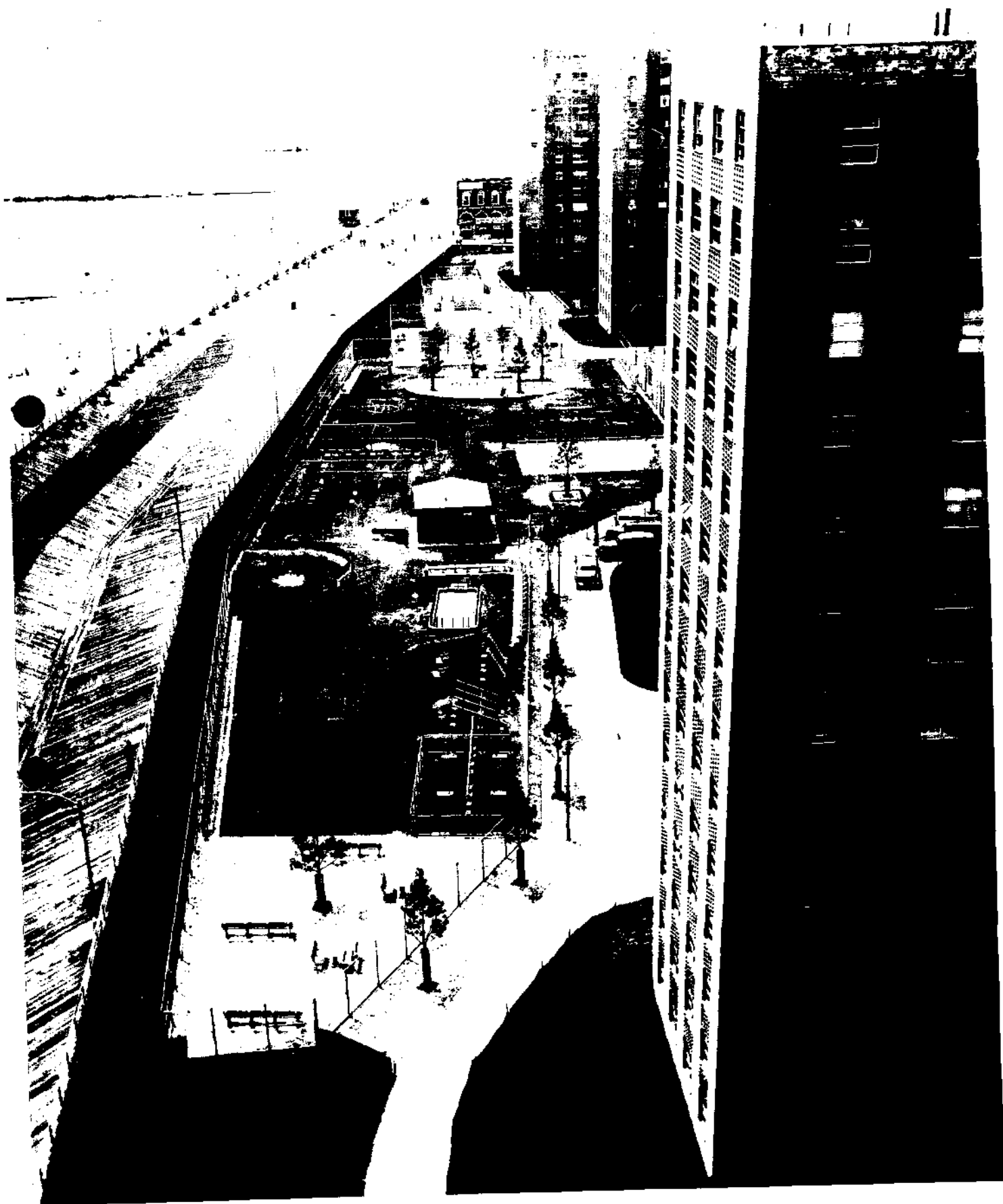
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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
SCALE 1" = 80'

PLAYGROUND
SURF AVE - WEST 32 ST.
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

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1957

First Annual

EDWARD A. AND ALICE H. KERBS MEMORIAL

Model Sailboat Regatta

at

Conservatory Lake, Central Park

72nd Street & Fifth Avenue, Manhattan

on

Saturday, June 15, 1957 at 2:00 P.M.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

City of New York

The Department of Parks and the people of the City of New York are indebted to Mrs. Jeanne E. Kerbs for her generous contribution which made possible the construction of the Model Yacht Boathouse at Conservatory Lake as a memorial to her parents Edward A. and Alice H. Kerbs and also the establishment of the Edward A. and Alice H. Kerbs Memorial Trust Fund to perpetuate annual model sailboat regattas at Conservatory Lake.



RULES GOVERNING COMPETITIONS

REGATTA EVENTS:

1. Boys or girls, 17 years of age or under, may enter a sailboat in any of the racing classes provided that they personally own the boat and sail it themselves.
2. Boats are to sail along a definite course. Final instructions will be given to contestants on the day of the race.
3. All boats to be measured for overall length from stern to bow, not including bowsprit.
4. Contestants must apply at the Judge's booth not later than 1 P.M. on the day of the race for measuring of boats and assigning of race numbers.
5. A contestant may enter Class F in addition to other classes if boat is a home-built model.

DESIGN COMPETITION:

1. Open to any contestant living in the metropolitan area, provided he or she enters the proper age class and has personally constructed the boat entered.
2. Boats may be constructed from basic materials, construction kits, or combination of both.
3. Boats must be brought to the display area at boathouse not later than 1 P.M. on the day of the competition.
4. Boats entered in the Design Competition may not be entered in the Regatta Events.
5. Judging will be based on workmanship, design, authenticity, originality, etc. The decisions of the Judges will be final.

HOW TO ENTER: Fill out entry blank printed on reverse side, clip on dotted line, and mail to:

MODEL SAILBOAT CONTEST
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
64th ST. & 5th AVE.
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Entries Close Wednesday, June 12, 1957.

1st Annual
EDWARD A. AND ALICE H. KERBS MEMORIAL MODEL SAILBOAT REGATTA
and
DESIGN COMPETITION

to be held
SATURDAY, JUNE 15th, 1957 AT 2:00 P.M.

at
CONSERVATORY LAKE, CENTRAL PARK, 72nd STREET & FIFTH AVENUE, MANHATTAN

REGATTA EVENTS

CLASS A — 12" to 18" boats	CLASS D — 33" to 40" boats
CLASS B — 19" to 25" boats	CLASS E — 41" to 50" boats
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INTERMEDIATE — Boys and girls 14 to 17 years of age
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RULES GOVERNING COMPETITIONS ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE.



EDWARD A. AND ALICE H. KERBS MEMORIAL SAILBOAT REGATTA
1957

Please enter my boat in the: (Check class or classes you wish to enter)

Regatta: Class A..... Class B..... Class C..... Class D..... Class E..... Class F.....

Design: Junior..... Intermediate..... Senior.....

Name (Print)..... **Street Address**.....

Borough..... **Postal Zone or Community**.....

Name of Boat..... **Length of Boat**..... **Inches**

Playground, School, or Club, if any..... **Age**.....



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that work in connection with the re-paving of Shore Road from 68th Street to Oliver Street in the Borough of Brooklyn, will start on Monday, June 17, 1957.

Starting on the east lane at Oliver Street and alternating to the west lane, this contract will be done in three stages:

Oliver Street to 86th Street

86th Street to 77th Street

77th Street to 68th Street

Traffic will be permitted to flow in both directions, on a limited basis at the work areas, when construction is in progress.

It is expected that this work will be completed in the Fall.

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6-14-57

Stuart Constable

Ray Glespen

June 18, 1957

The following information was called to the newspapers between 2:30 and 3 p.m. today.

The Department of Parks announces the following change in the schedule of hours of operation for the 17 outdoor swimming pools:

Starting tonight June 18 through Friday June 21, pools will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Starting Saturday, June 22, pools will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

This is a change from the usual closing hour of 6 p.m. which would have been in effect until June 29.

The extension of hours of operation is because of the prolonged heat wave.

Ray Glespen

RG:hr

cc: S. White

Papers called: Times
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Mirror
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United Press
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Staten Island Advance
Long Island Daily Press
Long Island Star Journal
Brooklyn Daily



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

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

Outdoor dancing to the music of popular dance orchestras will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20 at the Mall in Central Park.

This is the 16th Annual series of Name Band Dances contributed by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks in major parks. The series will terminate on Thursday, September 5th.

Dances will be held as follows:

Manhattan

Mall, Central Park - 72nd Street and Center Drive, Thursdays: June 20th to September 5th.

Colonial Park - 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Mondays: June 24th, July 1st, July 15, August 19, August 27th.

Brooklyn

Prospect Park Dance Area - 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Fridays: June 21st to August 30th.

Bronx

Poe Park - 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Wednesdays: June 26th to September 4th.

Queens

Victory Field - Woodhaven Blvd and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Tuesdays: July 9th, July 23rd, August 6th, August 20th, September 3rd.

Playground - 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, Tuesdays: July 2nd, July 16th, July 30th, August 13th, August 17th.

Richmond

Cromwell Recreation Center - Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah St., Tompkinsville, Wednesdays: July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, August 21st.

All dances begin at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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6-17-57

Barney Felix



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Liberty Avenue and 183rd Place in the Borough of Queens.

Located in the Hollis section of Queens, this new 2.872 acre playground contains a basketball court, handball court, comfort station, slides, swings, wading pool, sandpit and seesaws. A softball field with bleachers is also provided, however, it will not be available for use at this time. As soon as a satisfactory stand of grass is attained, it will be opened for use.

Shade trees have been planted throughout the area, and with the addition of this playground, there are now 705 in the park system.

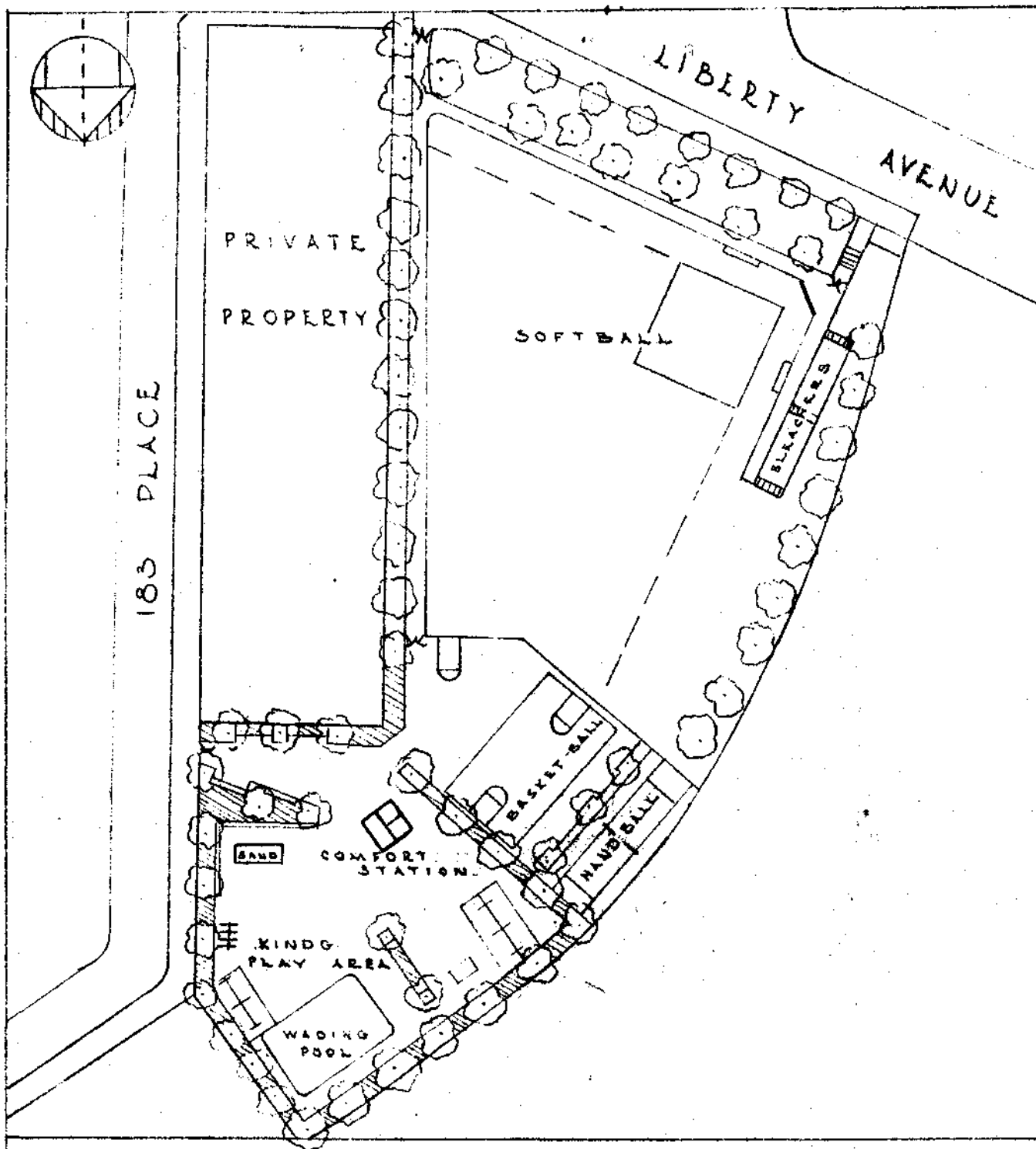
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BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 80'

PLAYGROUND
PROPERTY - 104 AVE - 183 PL
BOROUGH OF QUEENS 6-10-87

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK **REGENT 4-1000**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1957

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A summer series of twenty outdoor Square Dances will begin on Tuesday evening, June 18. Dances will be held at the Mall, in Central Park, on Tuesdays evenings, June 18 to August 20 inclusive; and at Riverside Park and 104th Street on Friday evenings, June 21 to August 23 inclusive. All dances begin at 8:30 p.m.

These dances are contributed anonymously for the enjoyment of New Yorkers and visitors to the City.

Ed Durlacher will be the caller and the music will be supplied by his Top Hands.

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6-17-57



Convey Felix

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

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at 146th Street and 56th Road in Kissena Corridor Park in the Borough of Queens.

This new 0.85 acre playground contains swings, slides, jungle gym, sand pit, shower basin, and a quiet games area with tables. Benches are provided throughout the entire area and the perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 706 in the park system.

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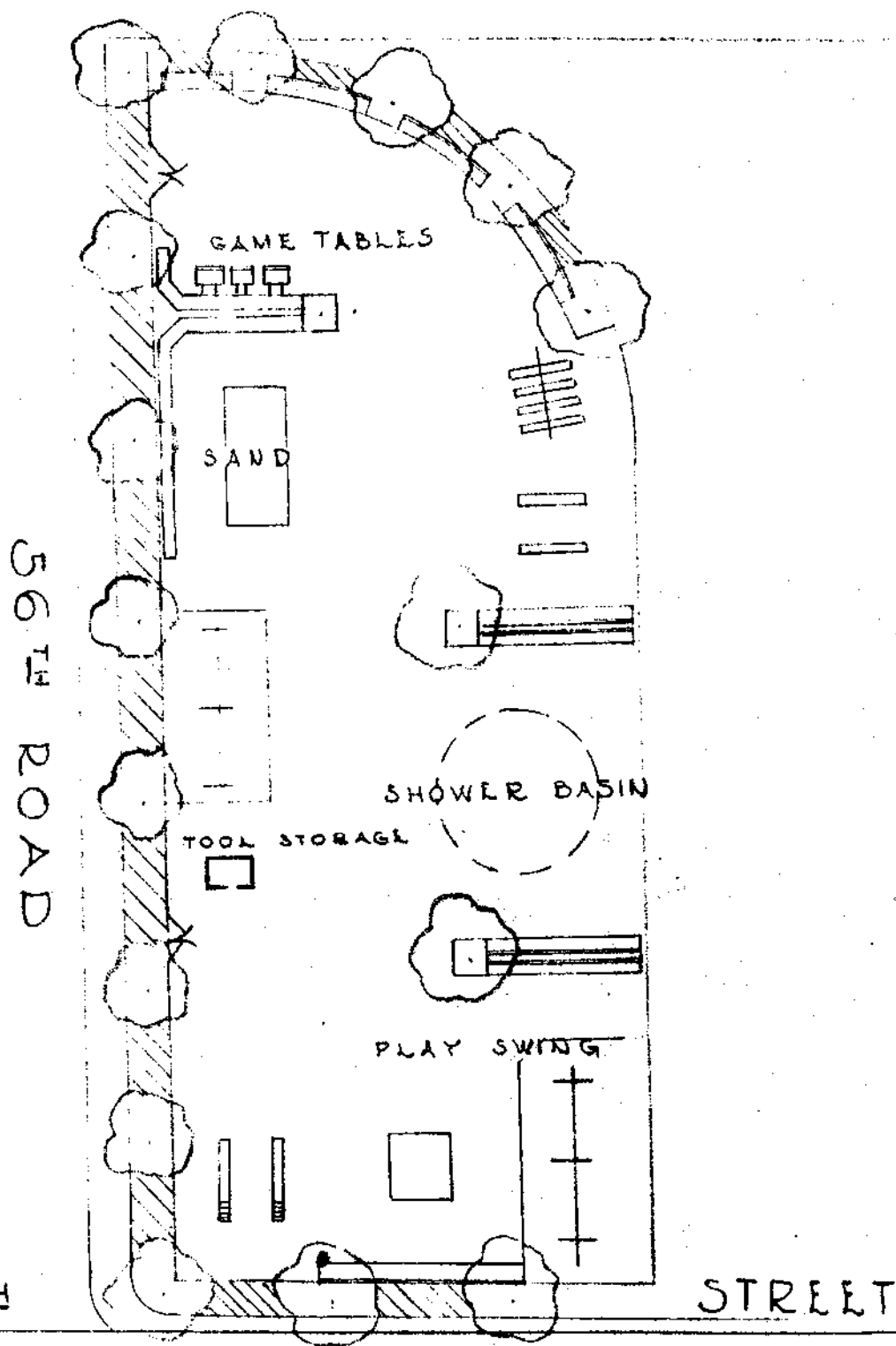
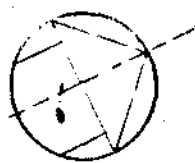


BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 600'

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BOROUGH OF QUEENS - 5-17-57

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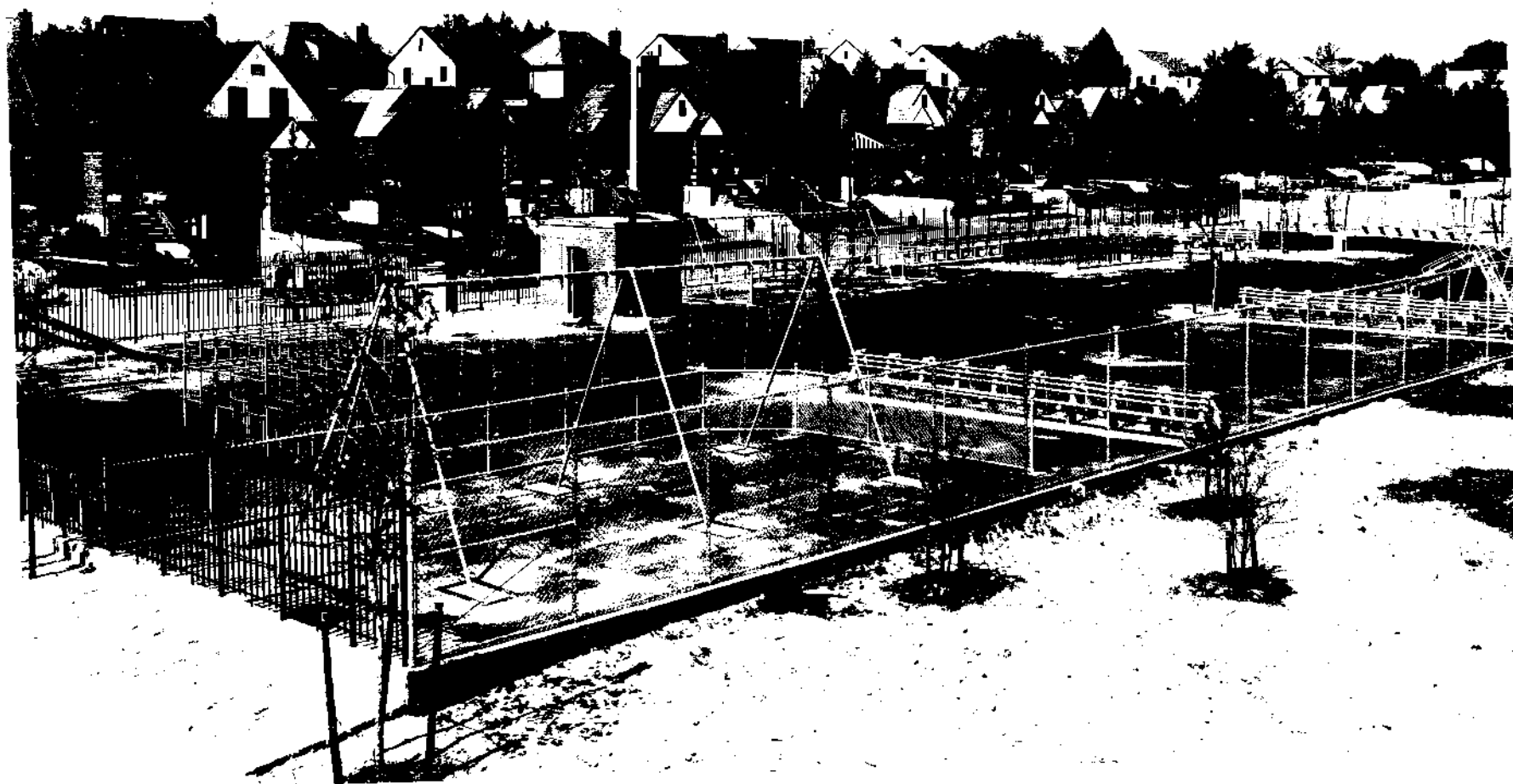


BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 42'

PLAYGROUND
KISS CORRIDOR PARK 146 ST. - 56 RD
BOROUGH OF QUEENS 6-17-57

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Park Department announces the first open air championship contest for accordion bands will be held at the Mall in Central Park on June 29, 1957^{pm}. This contest which is being held in cooperation with the American Accordionists' Association will present some of the outstanding accordion bands in the Metropolitan area.

Three classes will be contested. The Senior Division is an open event with amateurs and professional eligibles to compete. The Intermediate and Junior events are open to amateur accordionists only.

Some of the bands who have entered the contest are Carroza Band of New Rochelle, the Mindie Cere Band of Woodside, the Elsie Bennett Band of Brooklyn, the Leone Musical Society of Hollis, the Anthony Ettore Band of Staten Island, the Levittown Accordion Band, the Music Box Band of Syosset, L.I., and the Bert Walker Band of White Plains.

Guests will include members of the Governing Board of the American Accordionists' Association, who are all top-notch accordionists, Sigmund Spaeth, the Tune Detective, and Marcello Rovearo, well-known radio accordionist.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1957

1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the third annual World Jazz Festival will take place at the Mall in Central Park on Sunday, June 30th at 2 p.m. This festival, made possible by the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industries, will feature an all-star band of American instrumentalists from internationally known orchestras.

The program will include music from Italy, Norway, Venezuela, Switzerland, Indonesia, Finland, Turkey, France, Hong Kong, Belgium, Spain, Sweden, England, India, Germany, Canada, Algeria, Japan, Holland, Brazil, Burma, United States, Iceland and Mexico. The compositions which will be presented reflect the cultural flavor of these countries and were written especially for the World Jazz Festival.

The founder and director of the Festival, Owen Engel, Clarinetist, is well-known throughout the world as a jazz musician. He has written many compositions and is outstanding in his field.

Admission is free to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1957

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Former Tennis Champions Don Budge and Billy Talbert will participate in a tennis exhibition at the Central Park Tennis Courts located at 93rd Street and Central Park West in Manhattan, on Sunday, June 30, 1957 at 11 a.m. on Court 13.

The program, sponsored in cooperation with the Department of Parks, has been organized by Mr. Budge and Mr. Talbert in the interest of acquainting the general public on the merits of body conditioning that the game of tennis affords.

After the exhibition a group discussion will be held in the immediate vicinity at which time these two great tennis stars will answer all questions pertaining to the game.

In recent years many prominent professional athletes in other sports have adopted tennis as an equal competitive sport and are playing regularly. Playing the game of tennis requires skill as well as endurance, it stimulates the mind as well as the body.

The Park Department is grateful to Mr. Budge and Mr. Talbert for donating their time, skill and knowledge for the benefit of the public tennis players.

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6-27-57



Barney Felix

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1957

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1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The second in a series of four annual Naumburg Concerts will be given on the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, July 4, 1957 at 8:30 p.m. The Naumburg Orchestra will be under the direction of Henry Denecke and George Ricci, Violoncellist, will appear as guest soloist.

The program will be:

1. Carneval Overture Dvorak
2. Symphony No. 7 -- 1st Movement Beethoven
3. Concerto in B Minor, 1st Movement Dvorak
George Ricci, 'Cello soloist
4. Petite Suite d'Orchestra (Childhood Scenes) Bizet
 1. March (Trumpeter and Drummer)
 2. Berseuse (The Puppet)
 3. Impromptu (The Top)
 4. Duo (Little Husband, Little Wife)
 5. Galop (The Ball)
5. Oberon Overture von Weber
6. Pavane Faure
7. Rondo Dvorak
George Ricci, 'Cello soloist
8. Stars and Stripes Forever Sousa

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

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ELKAN NAUMBURG

Independence Day Concert

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 4th, 1957

EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK

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THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA, *Henry Denecke, Conductor*

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INTERMISSION

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6. Pavane *Fauré*
7. Rondo *Dvorak*
GEORGE RICCI, 'Cello soloist
8. Stars and Stripes Forever *Sousa*

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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 1957 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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