

## I N D E X

Hans Christian Anderson Storytelling

Castle Clinton Development

Children's Gardens Achievement Day

Christmas Tree Lighting - Christmas Carol Celebration (Daily Mirror)

Concerts - Guiseppe Creatore, Naumburg

Cross Country Course Meets

Cross Island Parkway - construction of bridge at Hempstead Turnpike  
overpass

Duck hunting season opening

Duffy Square Ground Breaking Ceremony *BIDS* -

Golf Tournament (Blind Bogey, Mixed Twosome Championships)

Golf-Permit Applications - Closing of courses - Dyker's 100,000  
player

Harvest Dance Contest

Henry Hudson Parkway (resurfacing)

Heroism in Parks

Horseshoe Pitching Tournament

✓ Ice Skating Season - Wollman and Flushing Meadow Park

Junior Olympic Sports Festival

La Guardia Memorial Dedication Ceremony

Marti, Cuban Patriot

Municipal Lifeguard Training Course

Marionette Theatre

Play Day Festivities (Jacob Riis Park)

Playgrounds - Harlem River Drive #724,723,722,721,720,719,718,716,717  
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Geo. Washington Houses

Rowing Regatta

Sitting Areas

Recreational Facilities in Baygrounds

Shakespeare Festival Theatre

✓ Staten Island Ocean Front Improvement

✓ St. John's Recreation Center

Swimming-Championships - Pools

Tennis Tournaments

Washington Square

Youth Problem



*Barney Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Second Avenue between 102nd and 104th Streets, adjacent to George Washington Houses, in the Borough of Manhattan.

Built with New York City Housing Authority funds, this new one-acre playground replaces the Yorkville playground which was demolished during the construction of the housing project. It will be available for use by residents of the community as well as by pupils of adjacent P.S. 121.

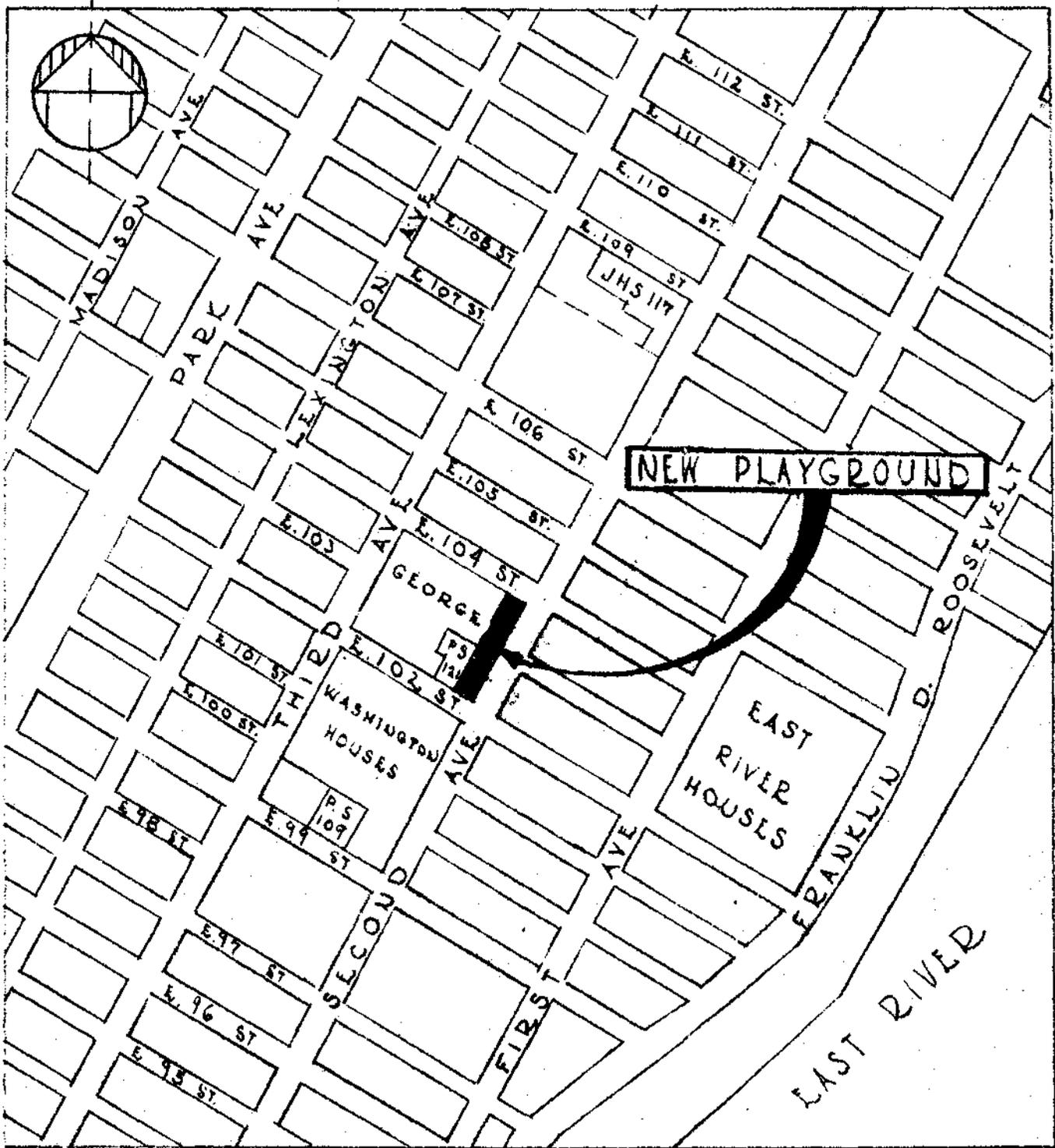
Divided into two sections, the westerly section contains 4 handball courts, 4 basketball courts and a roller skating area, and the easterly section contains slides, swings, jungle gym, sand pit, seesaws, shower basin and a comfort station.

This is the second playground built in connection with the construction of the George Washington Housing Project.

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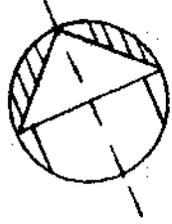


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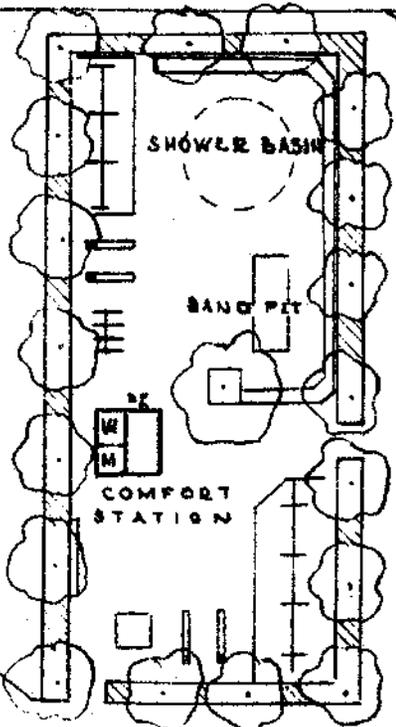
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PLAYGROUND  
 102 ST - 104 ST SECOND AVE.  
 BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN 6-27-67 2F

M-L-214-100 ✓

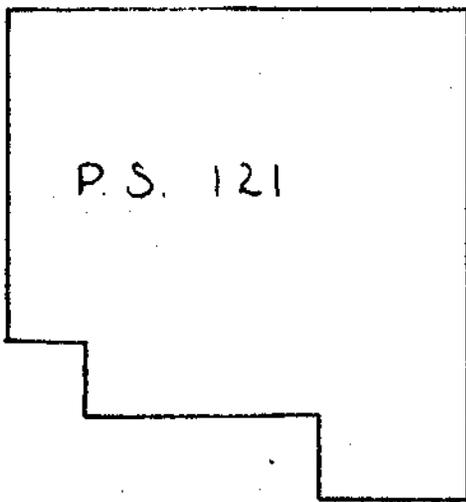


GEORGE WASHINGTON  
HOUSES

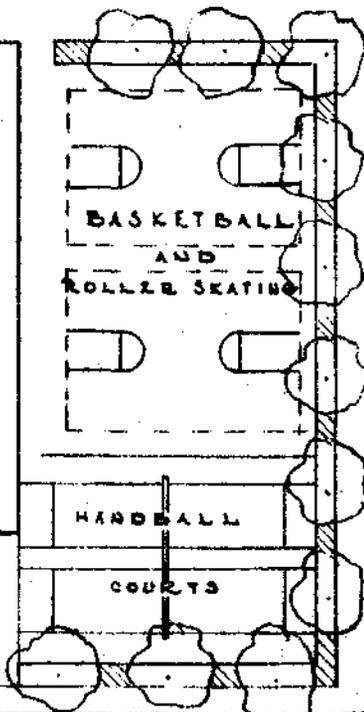


E. 104 ST.

SECOND  
AVE.



P.S. 121



E. 102 ST.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN  
SCALE 1"=60'

PLAYGROUND  
102 ST-104 ST. SECOND AVE  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN - R.F. 6-29-57

M-4-214-101 ✓





*B. J. ...*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

#97

7/9/57

REGENT 4-1000  
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FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located north of North Hempstead Turnpike, opposite 160 Street, in Kissena Park, in the Borough of Queens.

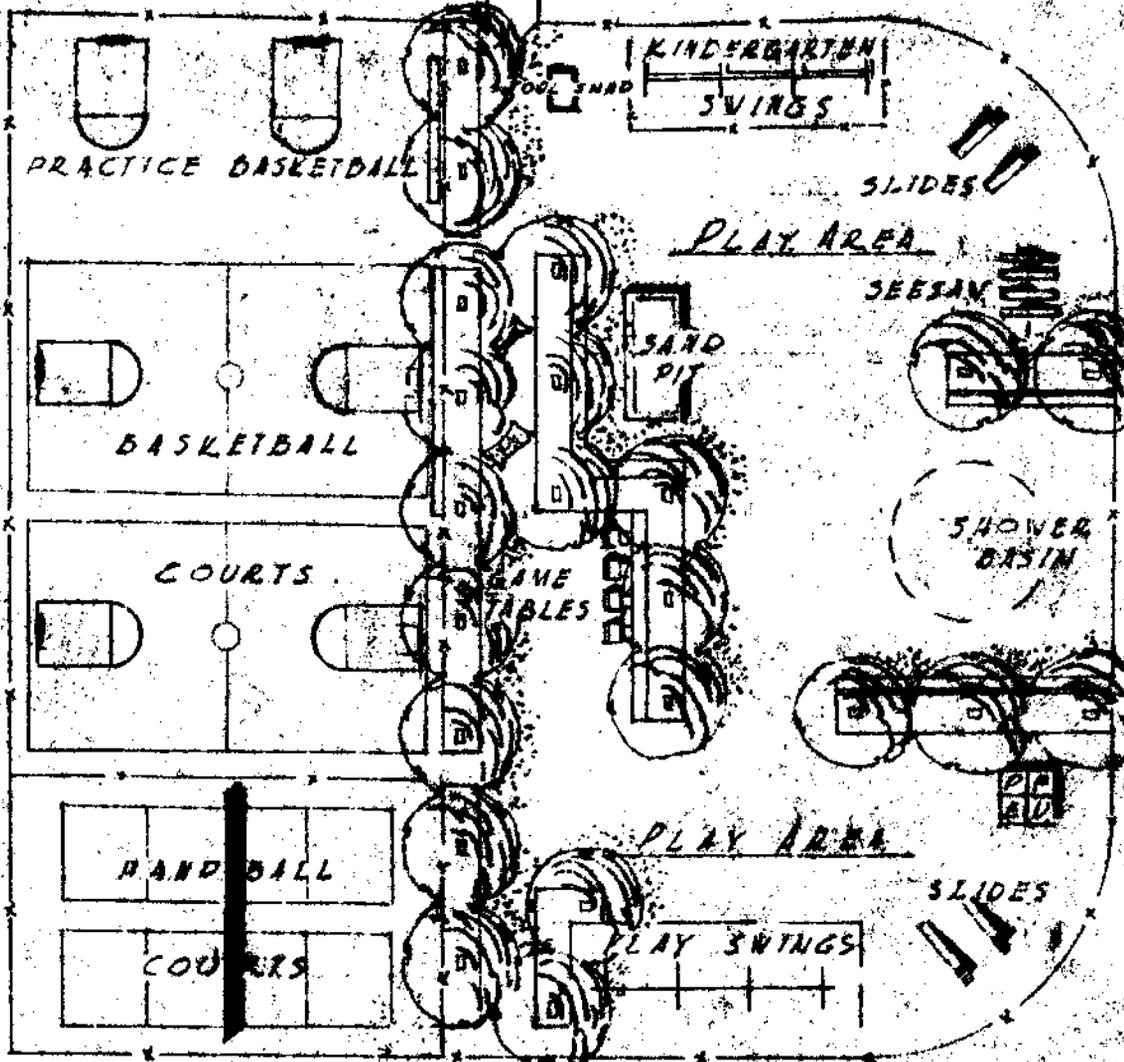
This new 1.16 acre playground is divided into several sections. The southerly area provides for 4 handball courts, 2 basketball courts, and practice basketball. The northerly section contains slides, swings, jungle gym, quiet games area with tables, and an area for small fry with a sand pit, shower basin, see saws, swings, slides, and benches for guardians of children.

Shade trees have been planted throughout the area and around the perimeter, and with the addition of this playground, there are now 707 playgrounds in the park system.

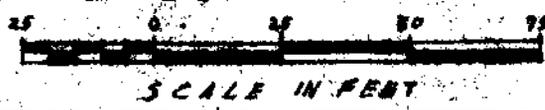
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NORTH HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE

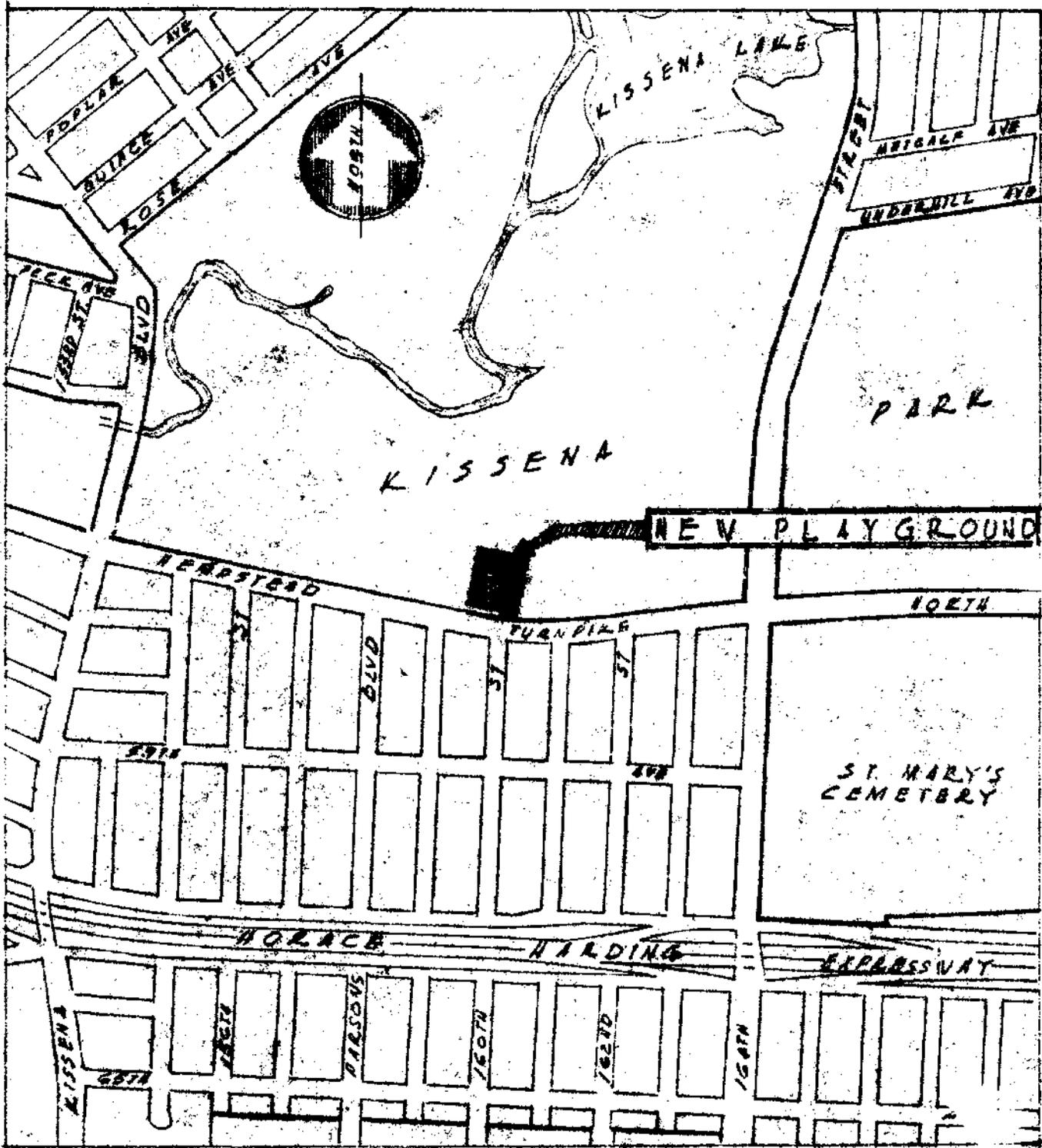


# BOROUGH OF QUEENS

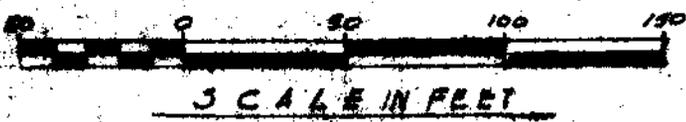


NEW PLAYGROUND  
 No. 46 HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE - OPP 160TH ST.  
 IN WISSENA PARK - BORO OF QUEENS - 6/27/57 - S.H.

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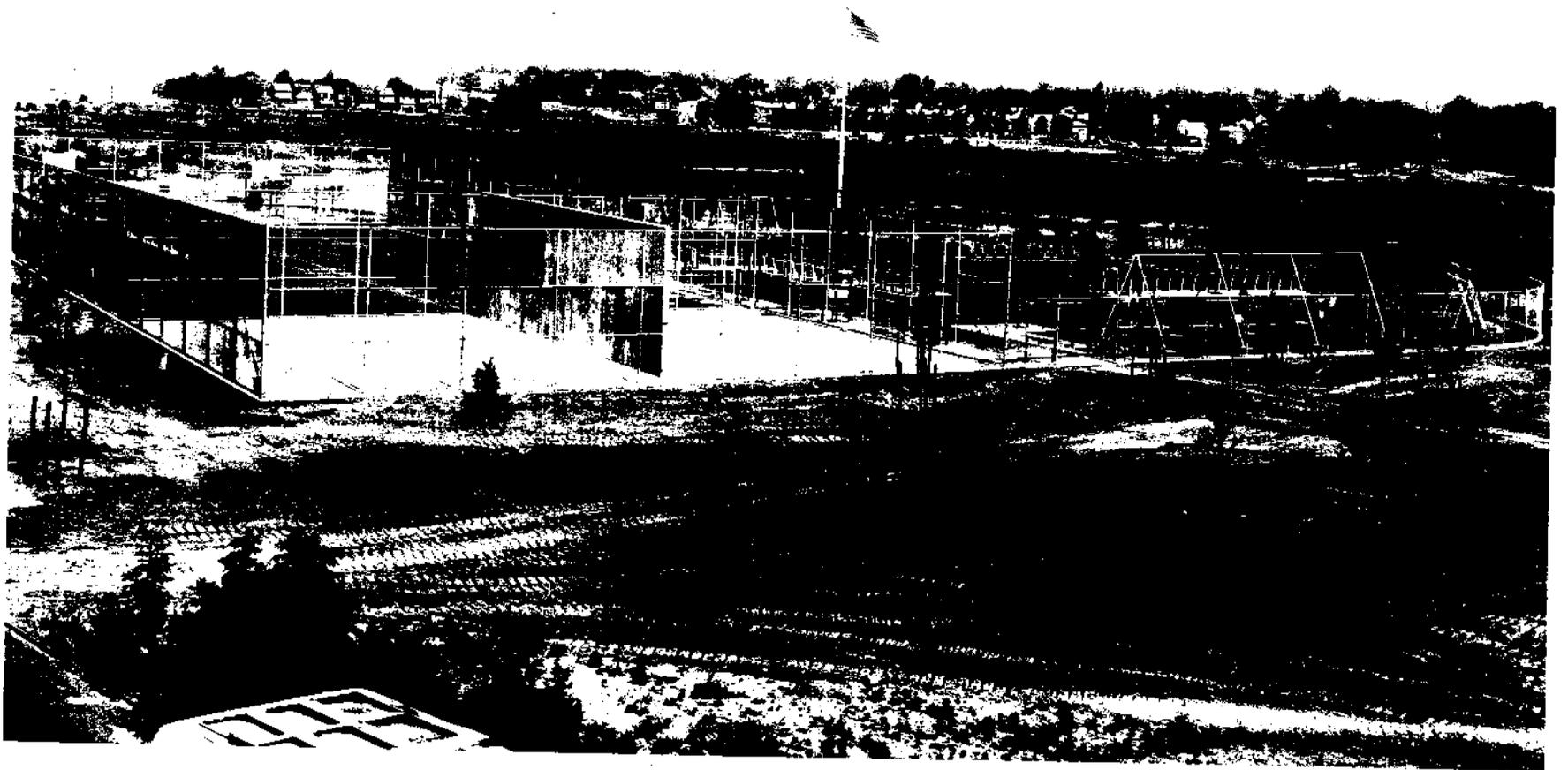


# BOROUGH OF QUEENS



NEW PLAYGROUND  
 LOC. KISSENA TURNPIKE - OPP. 160TH ST.  
 IN KISSENA PARKS BOARD OF QUEENS 6/22/57 S.H.

Q-L-24-1500 ✓





**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, July 16, 1957

*Mr. P. C. U.*  
#29439

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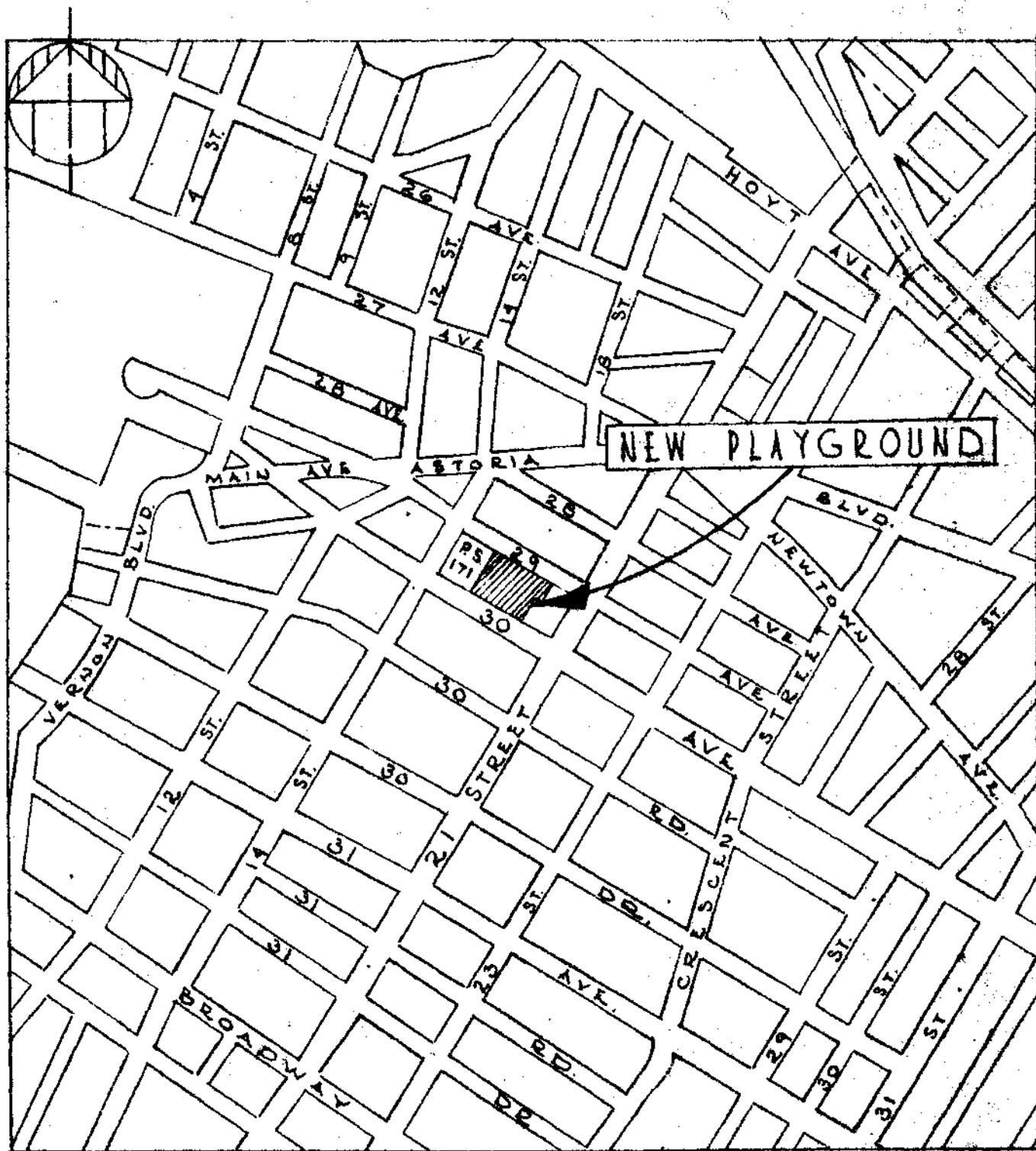
The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located west of 21 Street between 29th and 30th Avenue, adjacent to P. S. 171 in the Borough of Queens.

Located in the Astoria section of Queens, this new .0895 acre playground provides for 2 handball courts, a basketball court, practice basketball, slides, jungle gym, swings, see saws, sand pit, quiet games area and a playground baseball area.

This is a jointly operated playground. The Board of Education will operate the facility when school is in session and the Department of Parks will operate it at all other times.

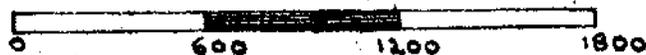
With the addition of this facility there are now 709 playgrounds in the park system.

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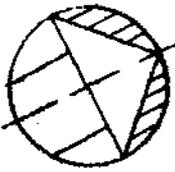
# BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE



NEW PLAYGROUND ADJ. P.L. 171  
 WEST OF 21 ST. BETWEEN 29-30 AVE  
 BOROUGH OF QUEENS 7-10-57 R.T.F.

Q-L-321-102 ✓



PUBLIC SCHOOL 171

PLAYGROUND  
BASEBALL

PRACTICE  
BASKET-BALL

SAND PIT

30 AVE.

29 AVE.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

HAND BALL

COURTS

21 ST.

# BOROUGH OF QUEENS

## SCALE



NEW PLAYGROUND ADJ. P.S. 171  
WEST OF 21 ST. BETWEEN 29-30 AVE.  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS 7-10-57 R.J.F.

Q-2-511-106 ✓



*ML Kelly*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located between Yellowstone Boulevard and 108th Street, north of 62nd Road, adjacent to P.S. 220 in the Borough of Queens.

This new 1.40-acre playground is divided into several sections for control purposes. The westerly section provides for a softball field, shuffle board courts and practice basketball. The easterly section contains slides, swings, sandpit, junglegym, comfort station, a kindergarten area, quiet games area with tables and benches, shower basin and a school garden area.

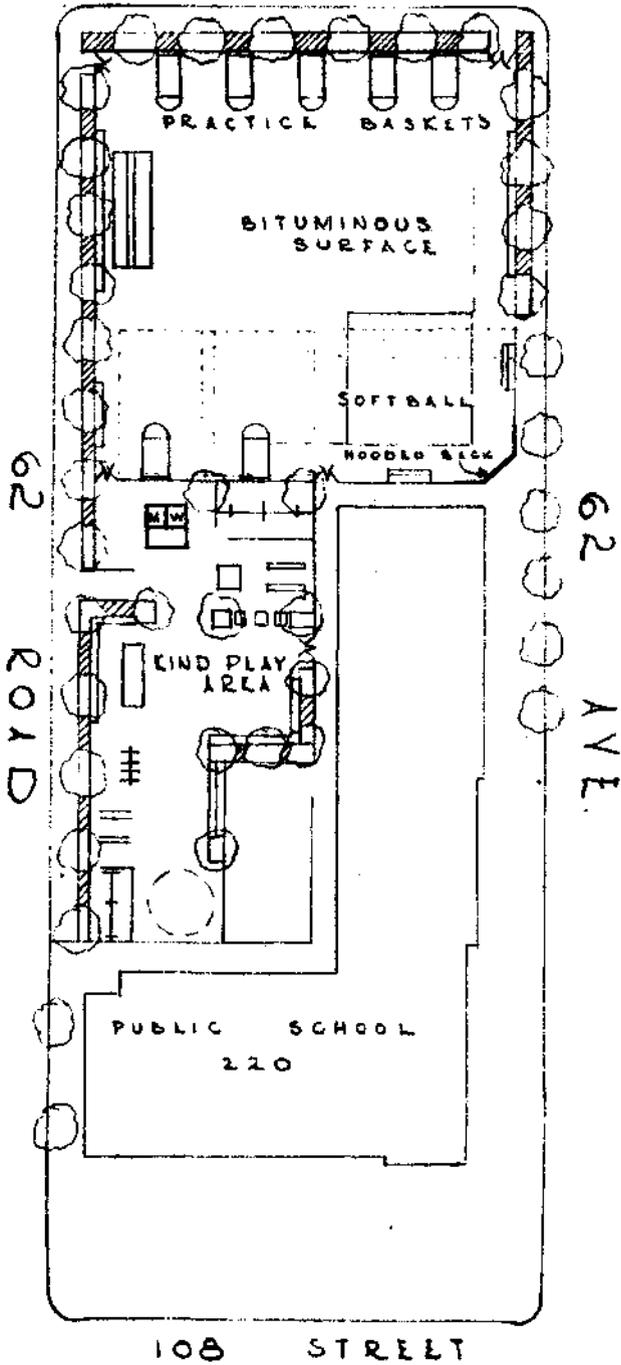
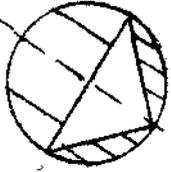
In accordance with the policy of joint operation this facility, with the exception of the school garden area, will be operated by the Board of Education when school is in session and by the Department of Parks at all other times.

With the addition of this playground there are now 708 playgrounds in the park system.

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YELLOWSTONE BLVD



BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE



NEW PLAYGROUND ADJ TO P.S. 220  
 YELLOWSTONE BLVD 108 ST. W/O 62 RD  
 BOROUGH OF QUEENS 7-9-57 R.F.

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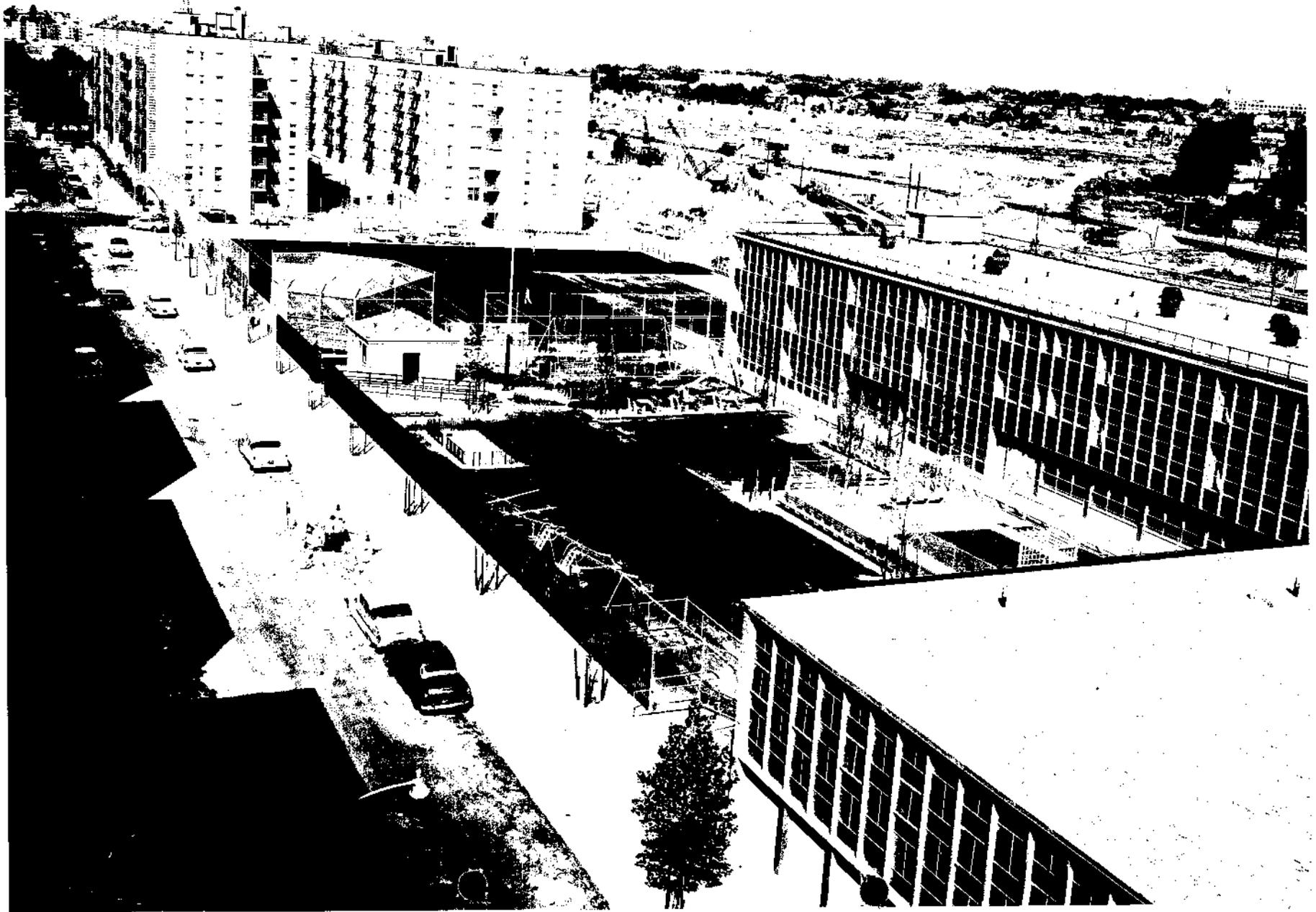


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NEW PLAYGROUND ADJ TO PS. 220,  
 YELLOWSTONE BLVD. 108 ST N/O 62 RD  
 BOROUGH OF QUEENS - 7-9-57 R.F.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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REGENT 4-1000  
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*7/16/57*

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1957

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

The Department of Parks announces the revised schedule of the New York Summer Shakespeare Festival shows. Beginning July 22nd and through September 4th, 1957 all performances will be held at the Belvedere Tower area at 80th Street between East and West Drives in Central Park. The touring phase of the theatre throughout the five boroughs has been discontinued, resulting in the addition of 15 more performances to the schedule.

From July 22nd through August 9th, the group will present "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." There will be no performances held on July 29th and August 5th. "Macbeth" will be presented from August 15th through September 4th with no performances held on August 19th, August 26th and September 2nd.

All shows start at 8:30 P.M.



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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*7/23/57*

FOR RELEASE

Thursday, July 25, 1957

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

The Department of Parks announces the Annual Outdoor Swimming Championships for boys will be held at Sunset Pool, 42nd Street and 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, on Monday, July 29th, 1957 at 5 P.M.

Winners in the various borough championship meets will qualify to participate in this city-wide championship event. In addition to these Park Department events many Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events will be contested.

In the girls' division the championships will be held at Astoria Pool, 19th Street opposite Astoria Drive in Queens on Saturday, July 27 at 5 P.M.. Park Dept, and Metropolitan A.A.U. championship events are also scheduled to take place at these annual title games.

This is the culmination of an active program of swimming events held at all the outdoor swimming pools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. In the girls' events medals will be awarded to those placing first, second or third. The boys will receive 17-Jewel watches for first place and gold- and rhodium-plated key chains for second and third places.

Age-group eligibles include boys from 10 years of age to 18 years of age. The girls' ages for qualification include those from 10 years of age to 16 years.

Those wishing to participate in the Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events must be registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. at 15 Park Row, New York 38, N.Y.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1957

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New York City's public links medal play titlists, representing the ten Department of Parks Golf Courses, will vie for match play championship honors on the Split Rock Golf Course located at Shore Road, north of Bartow Circle in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, beginning Saturday, July 27, 1957 at 12 noon. John Di Pierro representing the Split Rock Golf Course and the 1956 City Public Links champion will defend his crown.

All contestants will play one round, on July 27th. On Sunday, July 28th, the 16 surviving players will participate in a morning round, with the surviving eight players competing in the quarter-final round in the afternoon. The four players left in the semi-final round will meet in competition on Saturday, August 3rd at 9 a.m. in an 18-hole match play elimination. The two finalists are scheduled to meet on Sunday, August 4th at 9 a.m., the winner to be presented with the award emblematic of the public links championship of New York City.

The participants are:

| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>COURSE</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| John Di Pierro    | Split Rock    |
| Eugenio Sanabria  | Mosholu       |
| Richard Carroll   | Pelham        |
| Leonard Marinello | Clearview     |
| James Caldwell    | Forest Park   |

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| <u>NAME</u>          | <u>COURSE</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Joseph O'Connor      | Split Rock    |
| Brett Lazar          | Silver Lake   |
| Jerry Nadeau         | Dyker         |
| James Haverty        | La Tourette   |
| Peter Di Caprio      | Mosholu       |
| George Baskiel       | Forest Park   |
| William McCarthy     | Silver Lake   |
| Jack Valentino       | Split Rock    |
| Lawrence Schlissberg | Pelham        |
| James Vogt           | Forest Park   |
| Joseph Roccisano     | Split Rock    |
| John Finnegan        | Kissena       |
| John Valentino       | Split Rock    |
| Herbert Fredericks   | Silver Lake   |
| Harry Hart           | Van Cortlandt |
| Andy Scholl          | Split Rock    |
| Ray Beder            | Dyker         |
| James Oleska         | La Tourette   |
| George Boss          | Van Cortlandt |
| William Saunders     | Van Cortlandt |
| Richard Ahearn       | Pelham        |
| Charles Amendoles    | La Tourette   |
| Dickson Young        | Kissena       |
| James Manzone        | Mosholu       |
| Edward Kenny         | Kissena       |
| James Iacovelli      | Silver Lake   |
| Bernie Kane          | Split Rock    |



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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY JULY 28th 1957

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COMM. MOSES TO HONOR OUTSTANDING HEROISM IN PARKS

Two courageous teenagers who participated in rescues in park areas this summer will be honored at a ceremony to be held in the offices of the Department of Parks at 64th Street and 5th Avenue on July 31st 1957 at 10 A.M.

Thirteen-year-old Ramon Rivera of 342 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn, with no concern for his own safety, plunged into Prospect Park Lake and rescued a nine-year-old playmate on July 16th. Although he injured his head on a submerged object, the boy continued his efforts to save the floundering youth, James Dorsey. For his brave action Ramon will be appointed an honorary lifeguard at Red Hook Pool in Brooklyn,

A fourteen-year-old Queens boy plunged into the swift currents of Little Hell Gate off Randall's Island on June 22nd, and pulled two struggling girls to safety. Henry Plimack of 39-54 Forty Sixth Street, Sunnyside, was playing soft ball with his friends when he heard cries for help. After shouting encouragement to Rose Hetzel, he dived into the water and brought the limp form of Linda Dauria to shore, where she was given artificial respiration by a policeman. The brave youngster then swam back for the other girl, who originally

had gone in to save Linda. For his valiant effort Henry will be appointed an honorary lifeguard at the Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre Pool.

In addition, these heroes will receive solid gold Marshall wrist watches appropriately engraved, Park Department lifeguard suits and appointment cards. The awards will be presented by Mr. Stuart Constable, Executive Officer of the Department of Parks.

N.B. Press Photographs may be taken.

*B. Felix*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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FOR RELEASE

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WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 1957

1-1-1-50M-207045(56) 114

Preliminary contests to select competitors for the 16th Annual

Harvest Dance Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks according to the following schedule:

- QUEENS - Tuesday - August <sup>5</sup>6 - Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. & Myrtle Ave., Glendale
- BRONX - Wednesday - August <sup>6</sup>7 - Poe Park, 192nd St. & Grand Concourse
- RICHMOND - Wednesday - August <sup>6</sup>7 - Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave. & Hannah St. Tompkinsville
- MANHATTAN - Thursday - August <sup>1</sup>8 - *at Madison* The Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street - Fifth Avenue or Central Park West
- BROOKLYN - Friday - August <sup>4</sup>9 - Prospect Park, Prospect Park West & 11th Street

ALL CONTESTS BEGIN AT 8:30 P.M.

Couples finishing in first, second, and third place in the foxtrot, waltz, cha-cha-cha, and jitterbug divisions of each borough contest will be eligible to compete in the city-wide championships to be held at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday, August 30th at 8:30 PM

Music for these contests will be provided by some of the nations top "name" bands. The Olympic Point Scoring System will be used by the judges and couples finishing first in each borough dance division will be awarded prizes.

Contestants may compete in any or all of the dance divisions but only in one borough. Entries close three days before each contest. The public is invited to attend all of these contests. No tickets of admission are required.



*B. Felix*

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of a playground adjacent to the Marlboro Houses located at West 11th Street between Avenue S and Avenue W, Brooklyn.

The playground, an example of close cooperation and coordination, was built with New York State and New York City Housing Authority funds and will be operated by the Department of Parks.

This one-acre playground provides for handball, basketball, swings, slides, jungle gym, comfort station and an area for pre-school age children with a wading pool, sandpit, seesaws, swings and slides. The perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 710 playgrounds in the park system.

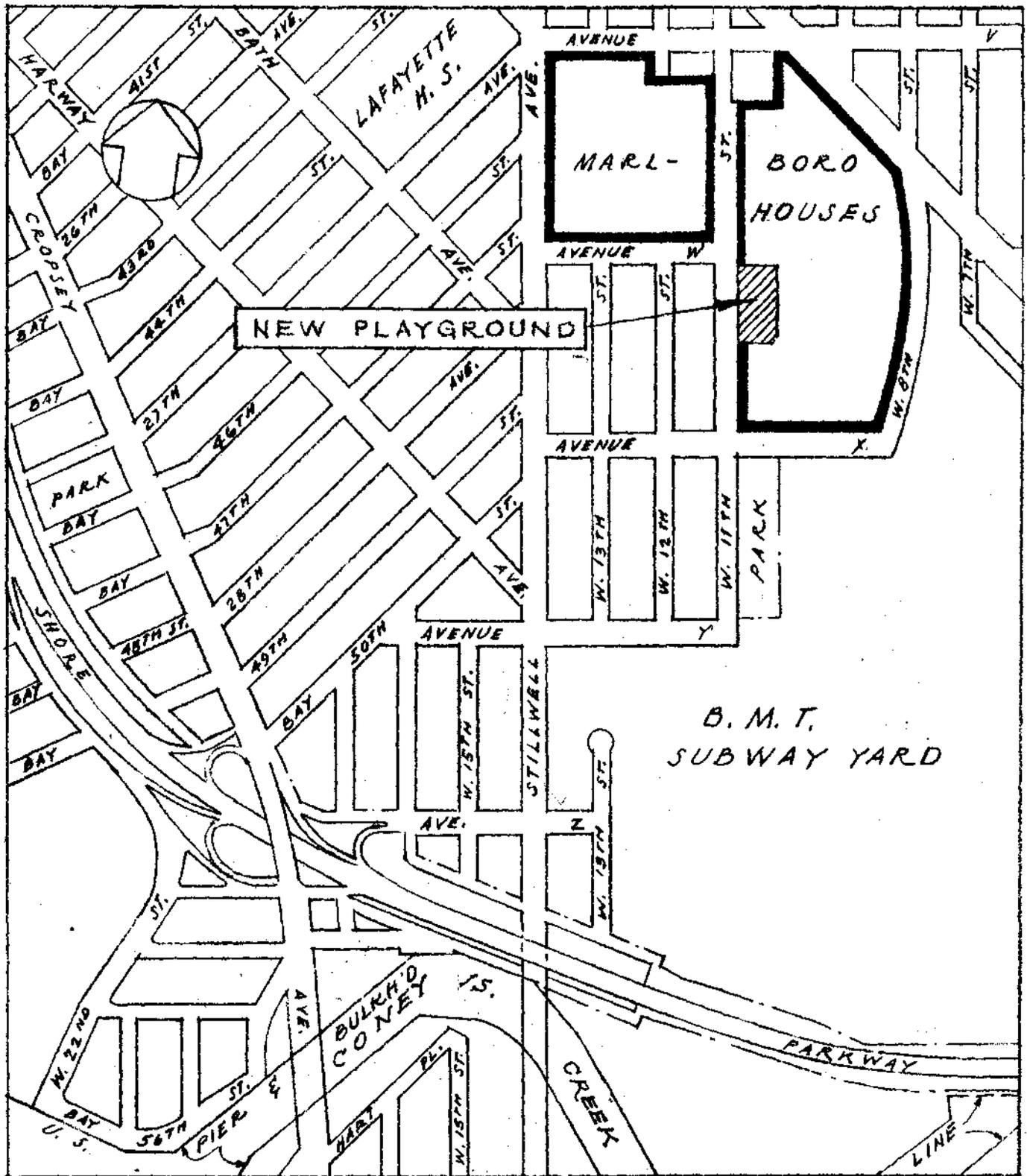
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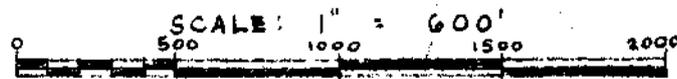
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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN







DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1957

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On Thursday, August 8, 1957 at 11 a.m., the Van Cortlandt Park Lake in the Bronx will be the scene of the First Annual Rowing Regatta sponsored by the Department of Parks.

This event will see boys and girls from ages 9 to 14 vie for championship prizes in six events.

The girls will participate in the 30 Yard Double Scull and the 50 and 75 Yard Single Scull events. The boys will show their rowing prowess in the 50 Yard Double Scull and 75 and 100 Yard Single Scull events.

Free rowing practice sessions for girls will be held on Tuesday, August 6th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free practice period for boys is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Entries may be submitted to neighborhood playground Recreation Leaders, to Supervisor at Van Cortlandt Park Boathouse or may be mailed to Department of Parks, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx 62, N.Y.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1957

*8/5 - 11 AM*  
*David Helmsley*  
*Regent Mail*

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On Thursday, August 8, 1957 at 2 p.m., Jacob Riis Park in Queens will play host to approximately 500 boys and girls from 6 to 14 years of age who will participate in the Third Annual Play Day Festivities conducted by the Department of Parks.

The theme of the program will be based on the crowning of a freckles king and queen. The boy and girl with the most freckled face will "rule" over these play day activities.

Events will include the duck walk, feather throw, roly-poly race, backward crawl, bunny hop, softball throw and basketball throw and several other unique contests for the small fry.

The program will be concluded with the presentation of awards donated through the generosity of the Howard Johnson Shops, Inc., to the winners of the various events.

Entries for the events will be accepted at Riis Park on the day of the festivities.

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*Barney Jenis*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1957

*8/5 - 11 AM  
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Entries are now being accepted for the 7th Annual Blind Bogey Golf Tournament and Mixed Twosome Championship to be conducted under the auspices of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company and the Department of Parks at the 10 municipal golf courses beginning Sunday, August 25. Registration is limited to 400 at each course. Entries must be filed on or before Monday, August 19 at the course at which the contestant will play.

The Blind Bogey competition, consisting of 18 holes of medal play on August 25, offers the public links golfers two unique opportunities - first, the "country club" privilege of reserved time for teeing off and second, the duffer competes on an equal footing with the low scoring golfer.

Each golfer chooses his own handicap and at the close of competition the player whose net score with his chosen handicap is closest to the Blind Bogey, will be declared the winner.

The low gross winners, one man and one woman from each course, will compete in the Mixed Twosome Championships on Sunday, September 8 at Pelham Golf Course in the Bronx. In this competition of 18 holes of medal play, the man will drive from odd-numbered tees, the woman from even-numbered tees, or vice versa, and from tee to green, partners play every other shot.

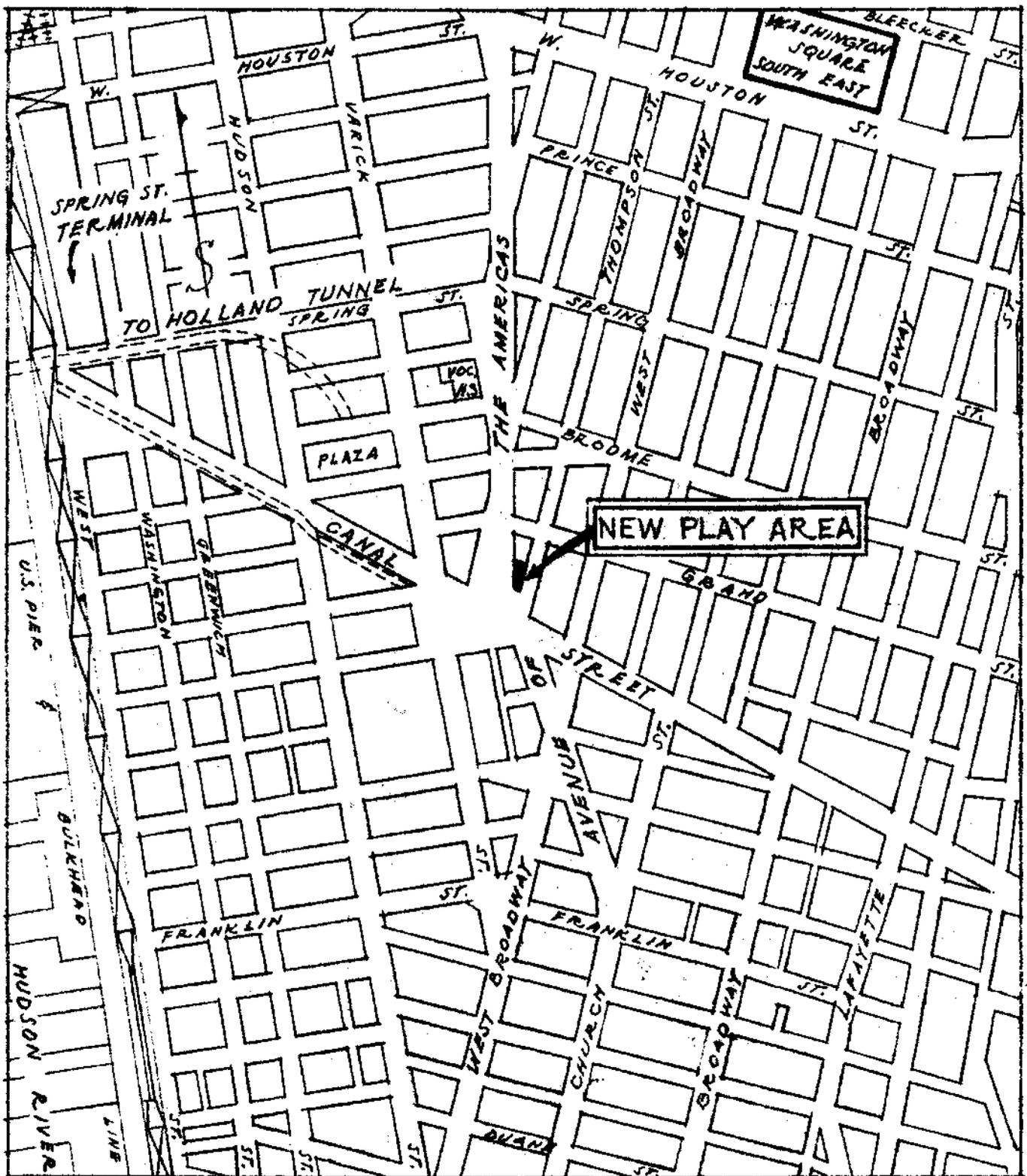
Handsome prizes donated by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing

Company will be awarded at each course to the winner of the men's and women's Blind Bogey Competitions and to the low gross man and low gross woman. The Mixed Twosome Competition will be for the Schaefer Trophy with prizes being awarded to the winning team and runners-up.

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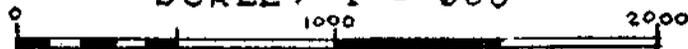
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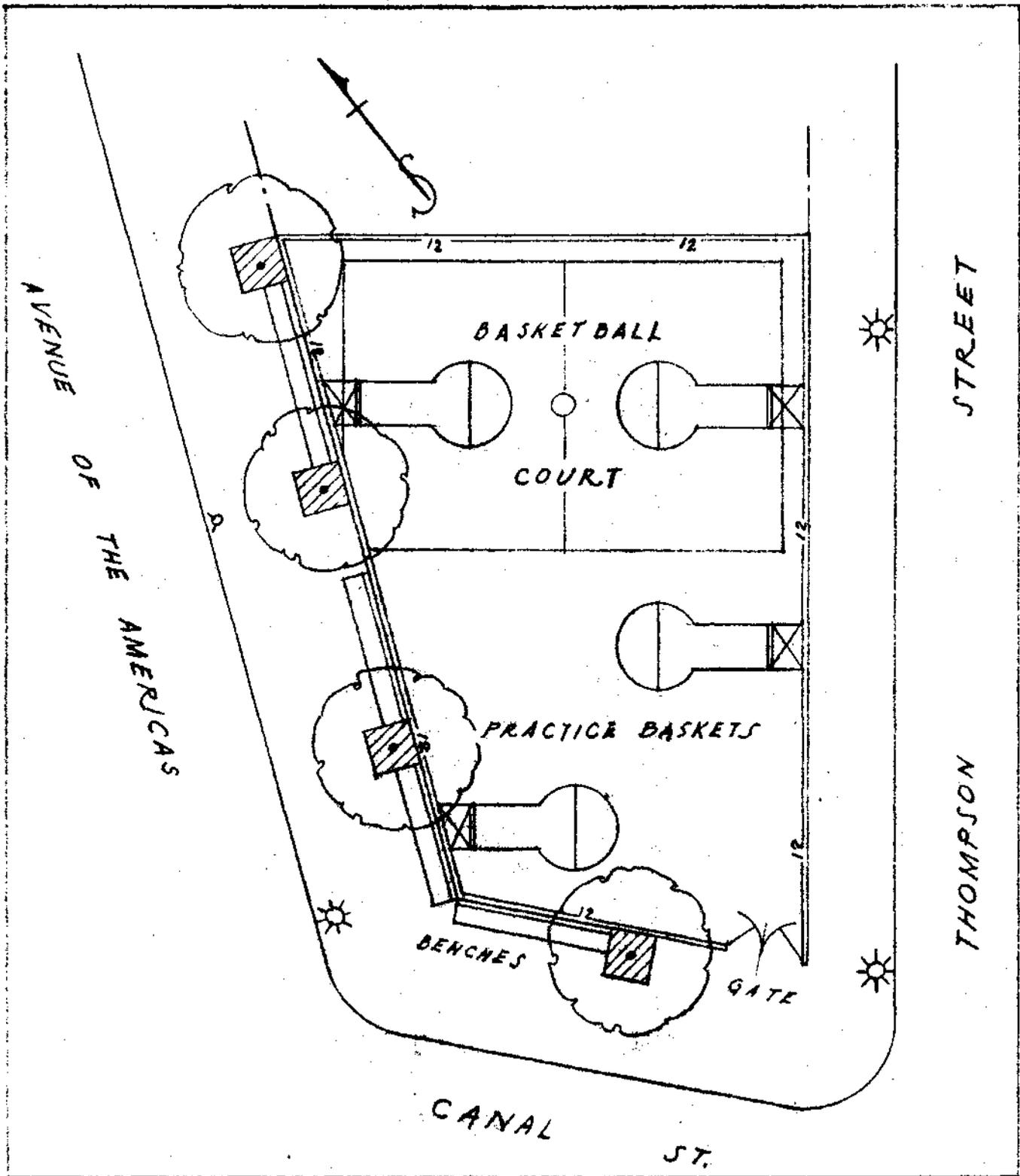
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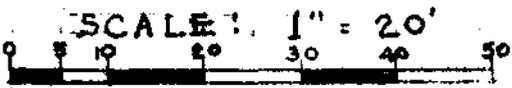


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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



PLAY AREA - AVE. OF THE AMERICAS, CANAL & THOMPSON STS., BORO. OF MANH. 8-1-57 MD

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*R. Felix*



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1957

The Department of Parks announces the closing of the 72nd Street Entrance to the south bound lane of the Henry Hudson Parkway and ~~West Side Highway~~, on Monday, August 19, 1957.

This access road will be resurfaced with asphalt concrete and will stay closed until the work is completed.

This contract is scheduled to be completed in two weeks.

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AUGUST 23, 1957

8/23 - 10:30 AM  
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Attached is a letter from Commissioner Robert  
Moses to Mayor Robert F. Wagner on the youth problem.

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8-23-57



ROBERT MOSES  
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL  
64TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE  
CENTRAL PARK  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

STUART CONSTABLE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
JOHN A. MULCAHY  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
GEORGE L. QUIGLEY  
DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

August 20, 1957

Honorable Robert F. Wagner  
M a y o r  
City Hall  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Bob:

We suggest that the Department of Parks can be helpful in the solution of the youth problem in the city if the following program is adopted.

1. Neighborhood playgrounds to be built where needed in heavily populated districts even though this means moving site tenants. Give us the additional playgrounds we have asked for.

2. Our year-round recreation center program to be advanced by construction of the Manhattan Center on the lower east side at Chrystie, Forsyth and Houston Streets, and the Bushwick Center in Brooklyn.

3. Sufficient funds to be provided in our expense budget to enable us to maintain at all times and at all locations a full inventory of expendable recreation supplies such as basketballs, softballs, bats, tennis paddles and the like without which large sections of our playgrounds are of little use. We don't have the supplies to work with.

4. Appropriate \$50,000 to provide prizes for and pay the necessary expenses of a greatly expanded program of competitive sports for boys and young men on a neighborhood, borough and citywide basis.

Honorable Robert F. Wagner

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August 20, 1957

This program would be prepared in cooperation with the A. A. U. It would not interfere with the P. A. L. which we believe should receive city support so that it will not be cut in half at a critical time, and would be in addition to what the public and parochial schools and the Department of Parks are now doing with the aid of the Daily Mirror, Journal American and others.

We urge the immediate adoption of this program not as a complete solution but as a salutary aid directed by experienced people.

Cordially,

/s/ Robert Moses

Commissioner



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1957

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HARVEST DANCE CONTEST

The Department of Parks will conduct the 16th Annual Harvest Dance Contest at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, August 29, 1957 at 8:30 p.m.

The contestants will be couples who finished in first, second or third place in eliminations held in each of the five boroughs during the past two weeks. They will compete in the fox-trot, waltz, cha-cha-cha, and jitterbug. The winners in these divisions will also compete for the All'Round Championship which follows immediately after the judges have made their selections.

Tony Pastor and his orchestra will provide the music for the dancers and will entertain the spectators during intermission.

Prizes donated by the Consolidated Edison Company will be awarded couples finishing first and second in each event.

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

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8-26-57

*Barney Felix*



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

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1957

*8/27/57 - 11AM*

*Hand Delivery*

*Regular Mail  
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The Department of Parks announces the closing of the  
133rd Street Exit of the south bound lane of the Henry Hudson  
Parkway ~~and West 133rd Street~~ on Wednesday, August 28, 1957.

This access road will be resurfaced with asphalt concrete  
and will stay closed until the work is completed.

This contract is scheduled to be completed in two weeks.

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8-27-57



*Rockaway Parkway*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

#69

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1957

11AM - 8/28  
Hand Delivery  
Regular Mail  
8/28

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground adjacent to JHS 198 between Beach 56th and Beach 57th Streets north of Arverne Boulevard in the Borough of Queens.

This 2.2 acre playground is located in the Rockaway section of Queens and will provide additional recreational facilities for residents of the local community as well as for pupils of JHS 198. The playground provides 4 handball courts, 2 softball diamonds, a basketball court, 6 practice basketball backboards and 3 shuffleboard courts.

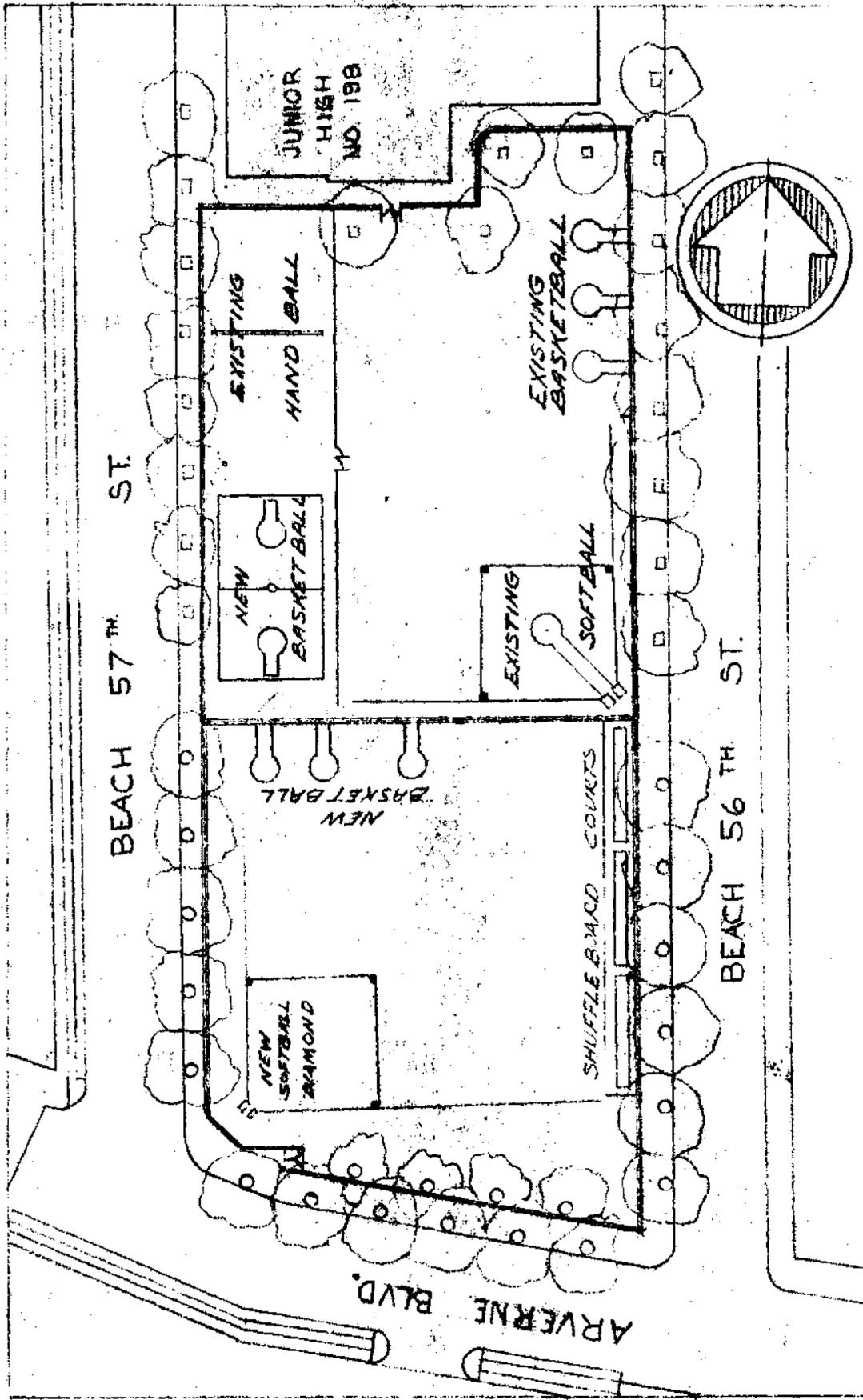
In accordance with the policy of joint-operation, the area will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks at all other times.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 713 playgrounds in the park system.

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BOROUGH OF QUEENS

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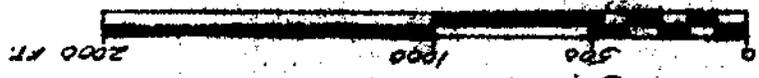


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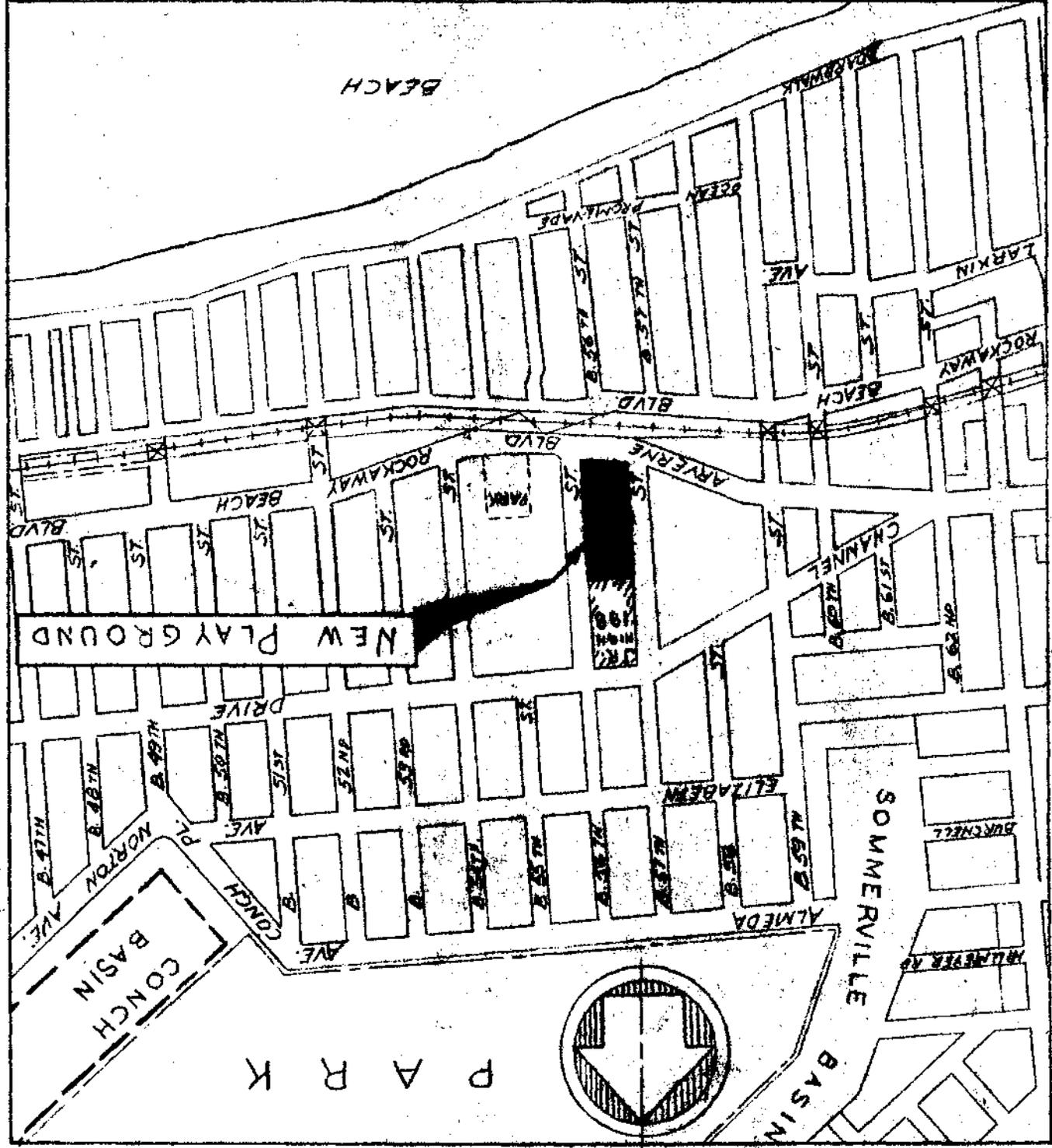
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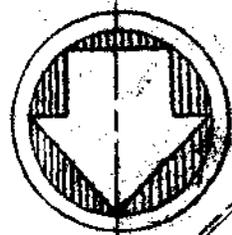
# BOROUGH OF QUEENS



BEACH



NEW PLAYGROUND



P A R K

CONCH BASIN

SOMMERVILLE BASIN





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DEPARTMENT OF  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

#70  
PARKS  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a marginal playground adjacent to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway at Kent and Classon Avenues in the Borough of Brooklyn.

This new one-half acre playground located in the Williamsburg section provides a basketball court, 4 handball courts and 3 horseshoe pitching courts.

Directly adjacent to this area at Classon Avenue and Wallabout Street, a sitting area has been provided with benches and trees planted around the perimeter.

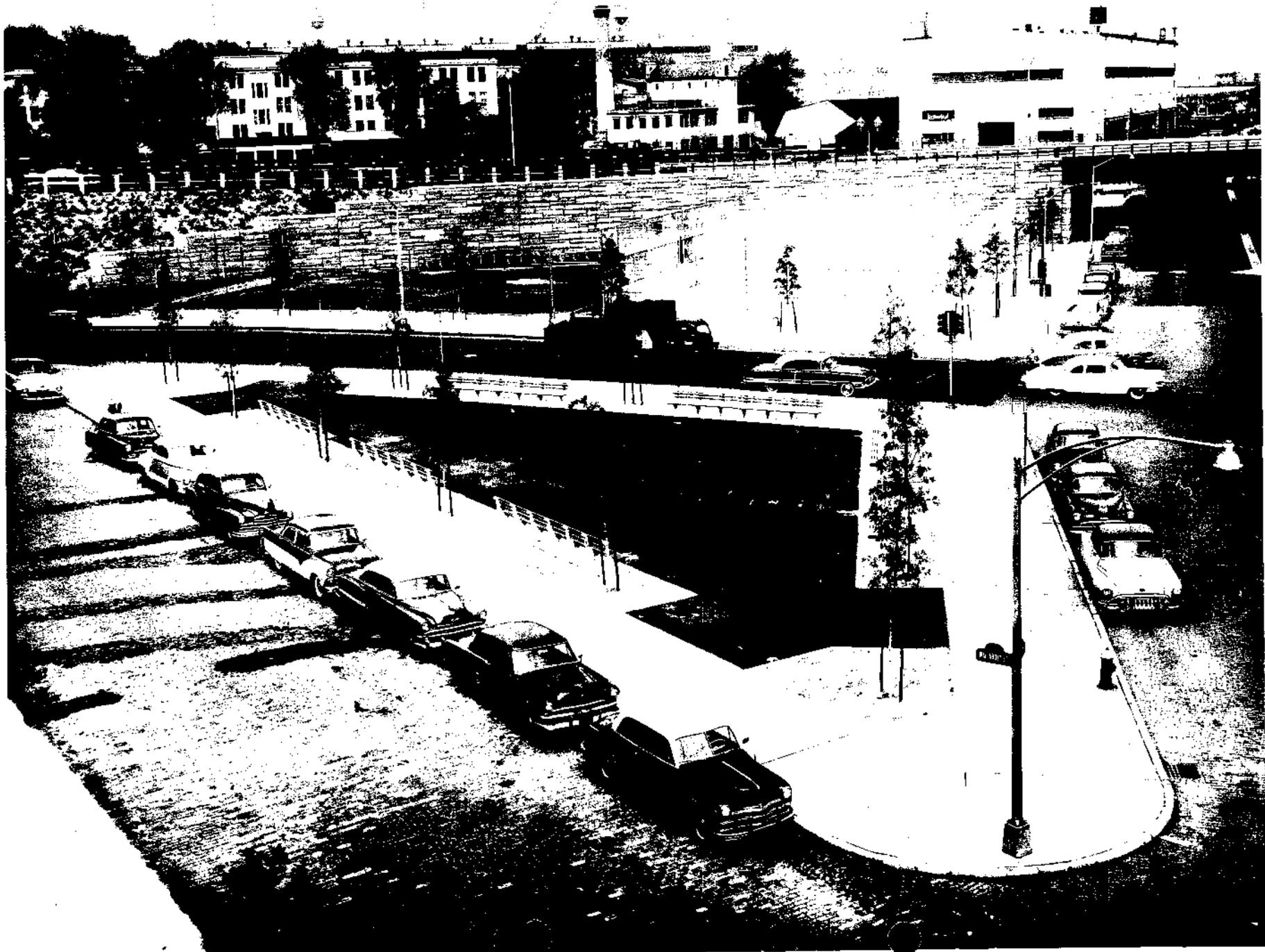
With the addition of this playground there are now 712 playgrounds in the park system.

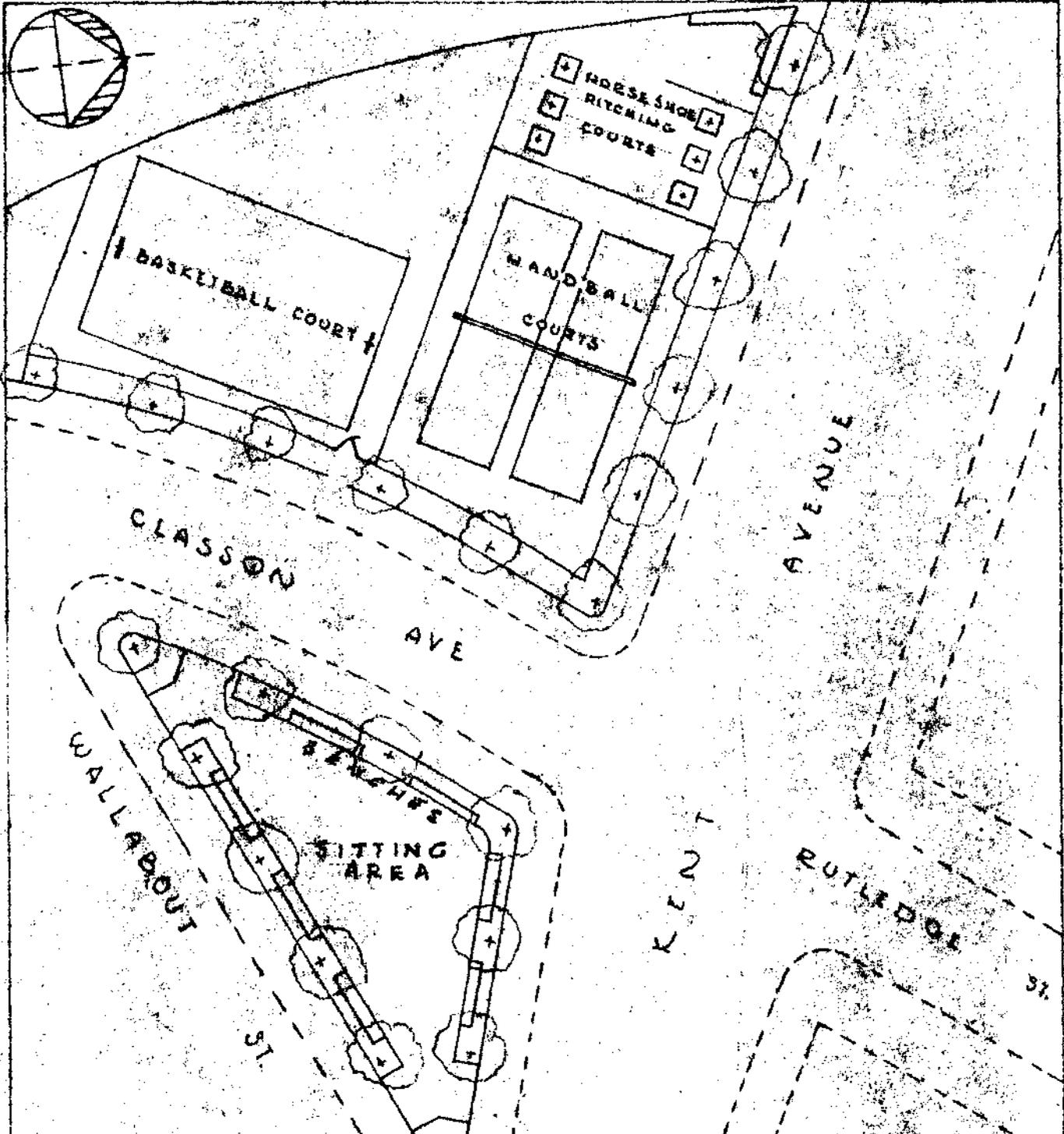
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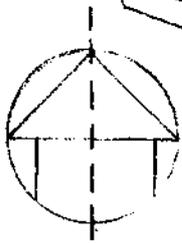




BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN  
SCALE 1" = 40'

NEW PLAYGROUND - SITTING AREA  
 KENT AVE - CLASSON AVE - RUTLEDGE ST.  
 BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN B-23-57 E.F.

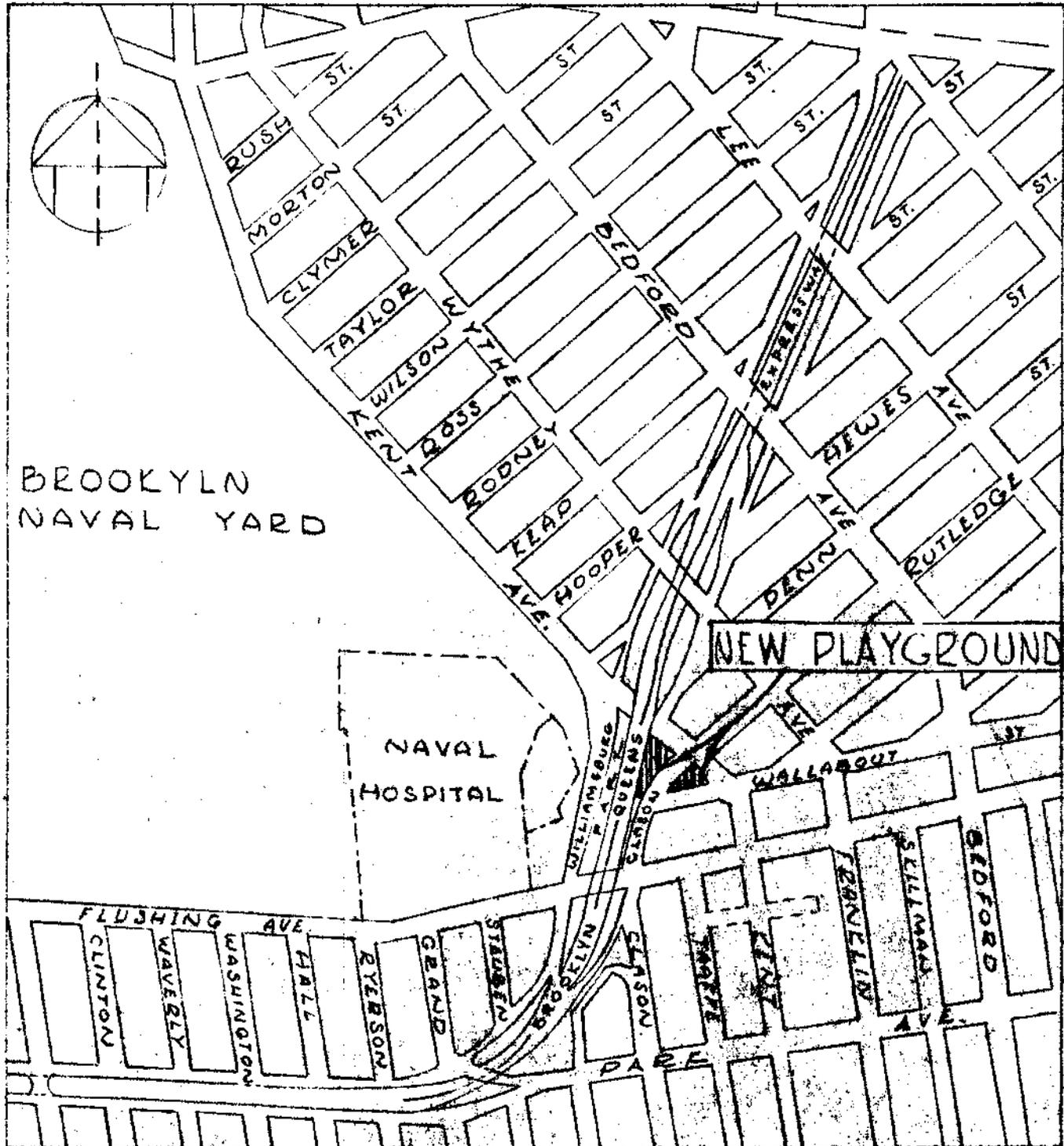
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BROOKLYN  
NAVAL YARD

NAVAL  
HOSPITAL

NEW PLAYGROUND



BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN  
SCALE 1" = 600'

NEW PLAYGROUND  
KENT AVE - CLASON AVE - SITTING AREA  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN - 8-23-57 R.F.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

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FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1957

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The final storytelling hour of the season at the Hans Christian Andersen Monument, located on the west bank of Conservatory Lake, Central Park, will be held on Saturday, August 31, 1957 at 11 a.m.

This will conclude the storytelling program sponsored by the New York Public Library in cooperation with the Department of Parks on Wednesday and Saturday mornings throughout the entire summer.

The estimated attendance for the season was 7,500.

*FOR RELEASE*

8-29-57

*Barney Felip*



DEPARTMENT OF  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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PARKS  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

AUGUST 31, 1957

*8/30 12 Noon*

*Hand Delivery  
Regular Mail 8/31*

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground adjacent to JHS 217 between 144th and 148th Streets south of 85th Avenue in the Borough of Queens.

This 1.5-acre playground located in the Jamaica section of Queens will provide recreational facilities for residents of the local community as well as for pupils of JHS 217.

Divided into three sections for control purposes, the easterly section contains an area for small fry with see-saws, slides jungle gym, swings, sandpit, shower and a comfort station. This section will be supervised by the Department of Parks at all times.

The southerly section provides for basketball, and handball. Adjacent to this area on the north is a section which provides for softball, shuffleboard and an open play area. The Board of Education will supervise the activities of these sections during school hours and the Department of Parks will operate them at all other times.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 714 playgrounds in the park system.

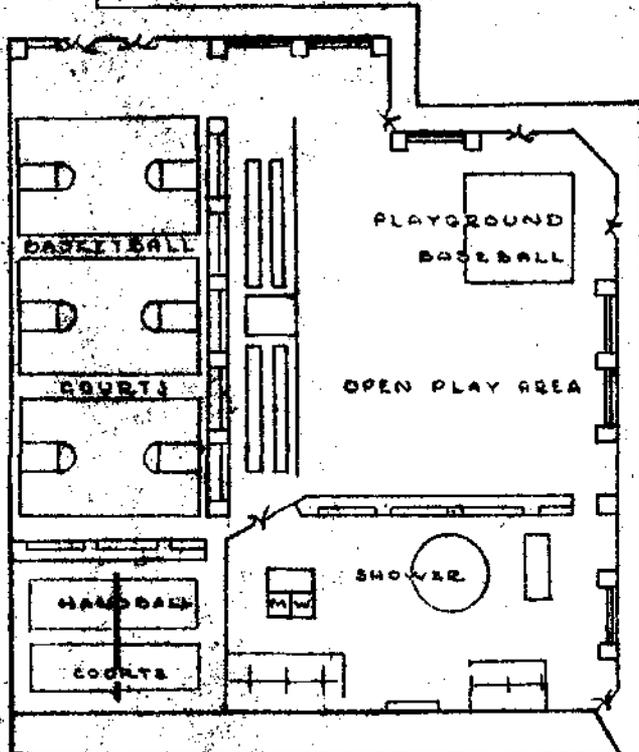
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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
217



85 AVE

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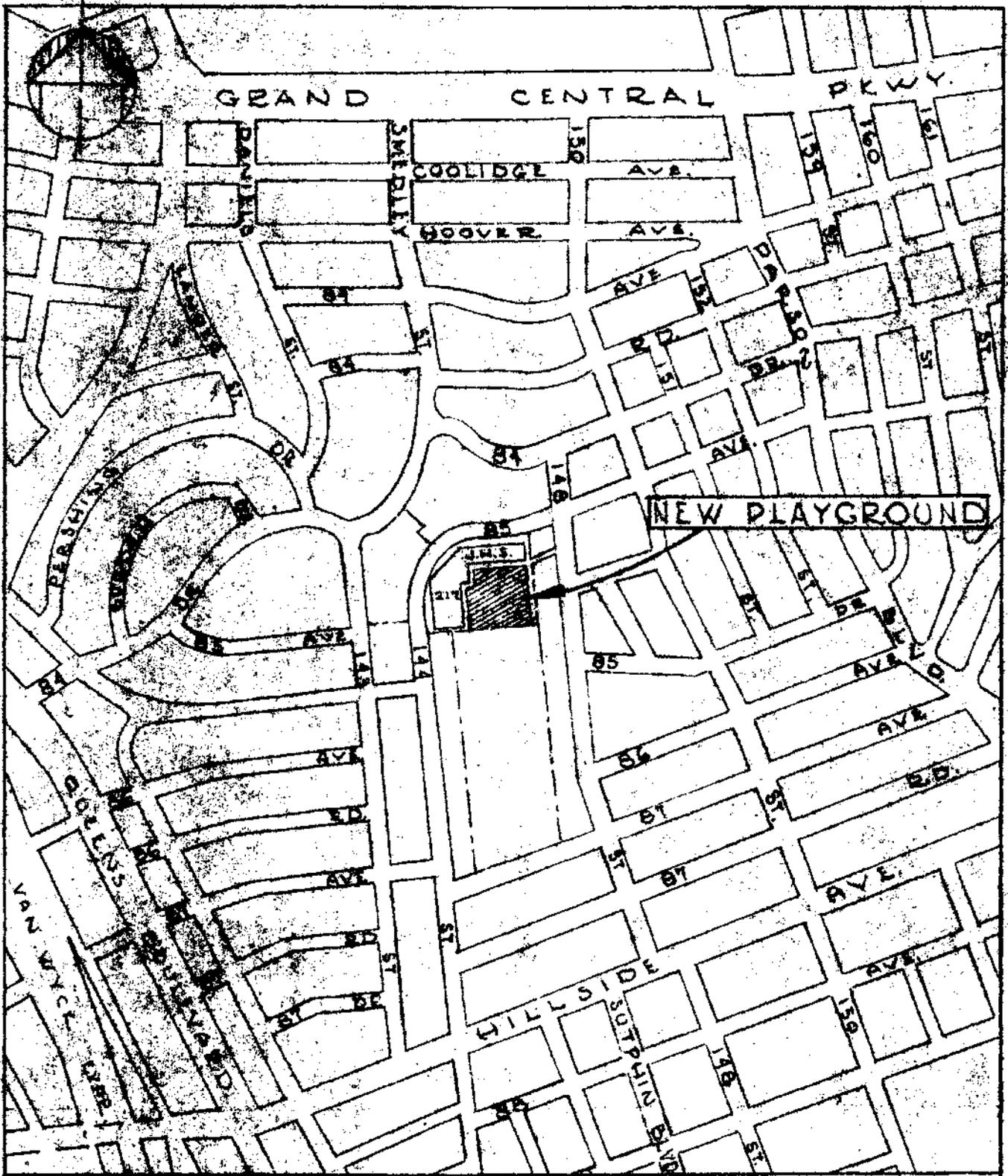
148 ST.

# BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 80'

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BOROUGH OF QUEENS 8-27-57 R.F.

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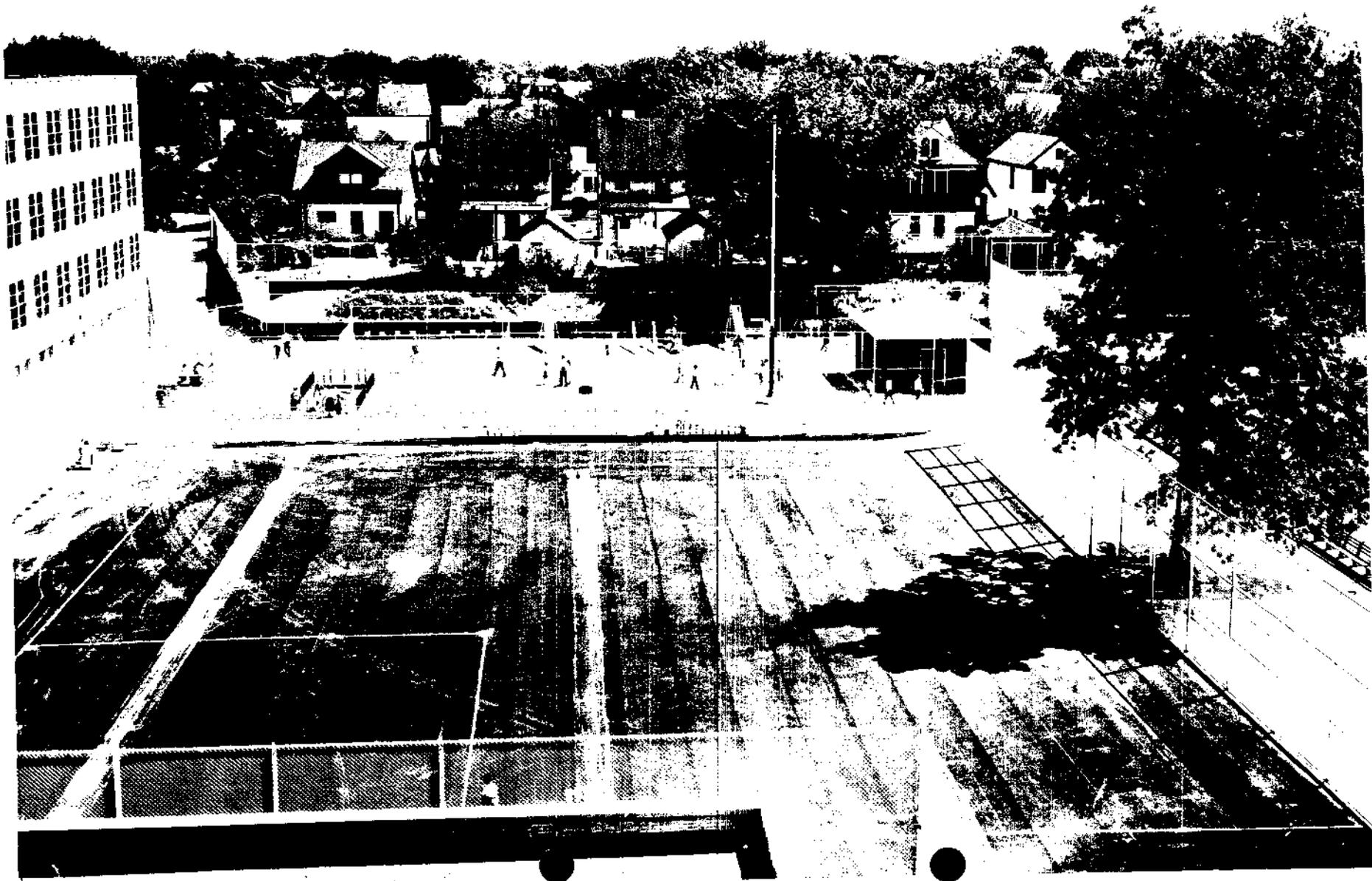


# BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 600'

PLAYGROUND ADJ TO J.M.S. 217  
 148 STREET - 149 STREET SOUTH OF 85 AVE.  
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the Ninth Annual Horse shoe Pitching and Handball Tournaments will start on September 3, 1957 at all playgrounds equipped for these activities. District eliminations will be contested until September 29th.

The borough finals in the horseshoe pitching event will be held from October 5th to October 13th. The city-wide championships will take place at Heckscher Playground, 63rd Street and West Drive in Central Park on October 19, 1957 at 2 p.m. This activity is open to boys in the junior division ages 15 to 17 years, and seniors who have reached their 18th birthday and over.

In the handball tournament the borough finals will be held from September 29th to October 13th with the city-wide title games scheduled to be played on October 26, 1957 at 2 p.m. This tourney is open to three classes as follows:

- Boys - 15 to 17 years of age
- Girls - 16 years and over
- Men - 18 years and over

Persons having participated in A.A.U. handball events are not eligible.

In both events medals will be presented to winners in the district and borough finals and gold watches will be presented to the city champions.

Entry blanks will be accepted at playgrounds where contestants wish to participate and will close on September 6, 1957.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1957

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Our aspiring junior city farmers will have their day when the Department of Parks will hold the Annual Children's Gardens Achievement Day at the various Children's Park Farm Gardens throughout the city.

Because of the continuous drought this summer, harvests were taken earlier to save some of the crops.

Achievement awards will be presented to the outstanding "Green Thumbers" at the following locations:

| <u>Date</u>      | <u>Time</u> | <u>Garden</u>   |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| Tues. Sept. 3rd  | 10:30 a.m.  | Thomas Jefferson Park<br>114th St & 1st Ave., Manhattan |
| Wed. Sept. 4th   | 10:30 a.m.  | Ft. Greene Park<br>Myrtle Ave & St. Edward St. Bklyn    |
| Thurs. Sept. 5th | 2:00 p.m.   | Highbridge Park<br>193 St. & Amsterdam Ave. Manhattan   |
| Fri. Sept. 6th   | 10:30 a.m.  | Seward Park<br>Canal & E. Broadway, Manhattan           |
| Wed. Sept. 11th  | 3:15 p.m.   | Crotona Park<br>Fulton Avenue, Bronx                    |
| Sat. Sept. 14th  | 10:30 a.m.  | Highland Park<br>Jamaica Ave & Elton St. Queens         |

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces the closing of seventeen swimming pools, located throughout the five boroughs, at the close of business on Monday, September 2, 1957. During the summer, 2,479 youngsters participated in swimming meets in the pools. Many young swimmers had their first try at competitive swimming in these Park Department meets.

In addition to the swimming events, the annual "Learn to Swim Campaign" was conducted in each of the 17 pools through July and August. During these months, 7,608 children and 550 adults learned to swim.

Twelve of the outdoor pools will open as active play centers on Monday, September 9th with facilities for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, table tennis and group games. The pools which will convert to play centers and which will operate free of charge are:

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

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

BRONX - Crotona Pool, 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

QUEENS - Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23 Drive

RICHMOND - Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street  
Cromwell Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street

Approximately 1,750,000 people used our pools this season.

Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park, Orchard Beach, Manhattan Beach and also at Great Kills, will close for the season at the end of the day's business on Sunday, September 8, 1957.

The parking fields at Rockaway Beach will close on Sunday, September 8, 1957 and reopen as free play areas on Monday, September 9, 1957.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that the Naumburg Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Ariel Rubstein, will give their fourth and final concert of the season at the Mall in Central Park on Labor Day evening, September 2, 1957 at 8:30 p.m. Charles O'Neill, tenor, will be the guest soloist.

The program will be :

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

- 1 - Overture - 'Don Giovanni' . . . . . Mozart
- 2 - Liebestraum - No. 3 . . . . . Liszt
- 3 - Aria - 'Che gelida manina' - "La Bohème" . . . . . Puccini  
Charles O'Neill
- 4 - Caprice Italien . . . . . Tschaikowsky

I N T E R M I S S I O N

- 5 - Overture - 'Orpheus in the Underworld' . . . . . Offenbach
- 6 - Three Dances . . . . . German
- 7 - Arias - a) 'Di quella pira' - "Il Trovatore". Verdi  
b) 'Vesti la giubba' - "I Pagliacci" . Leoncavallo  
Charles O'Neill
- 8 - Finlandia - . . . . . Sibelius

"AMERICA"

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*Barnes Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

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*9/4 - 10 AM  
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Regular mail*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1957

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a triangular sitting area located in Elmhurst Memorial Park at 43rd Avenue, Judge Street and Whitney Avenue, in the Borough of Queens.

In providing these facilities for the public, the Department of Parks continues its policy of developing small areas for useful park purposes.

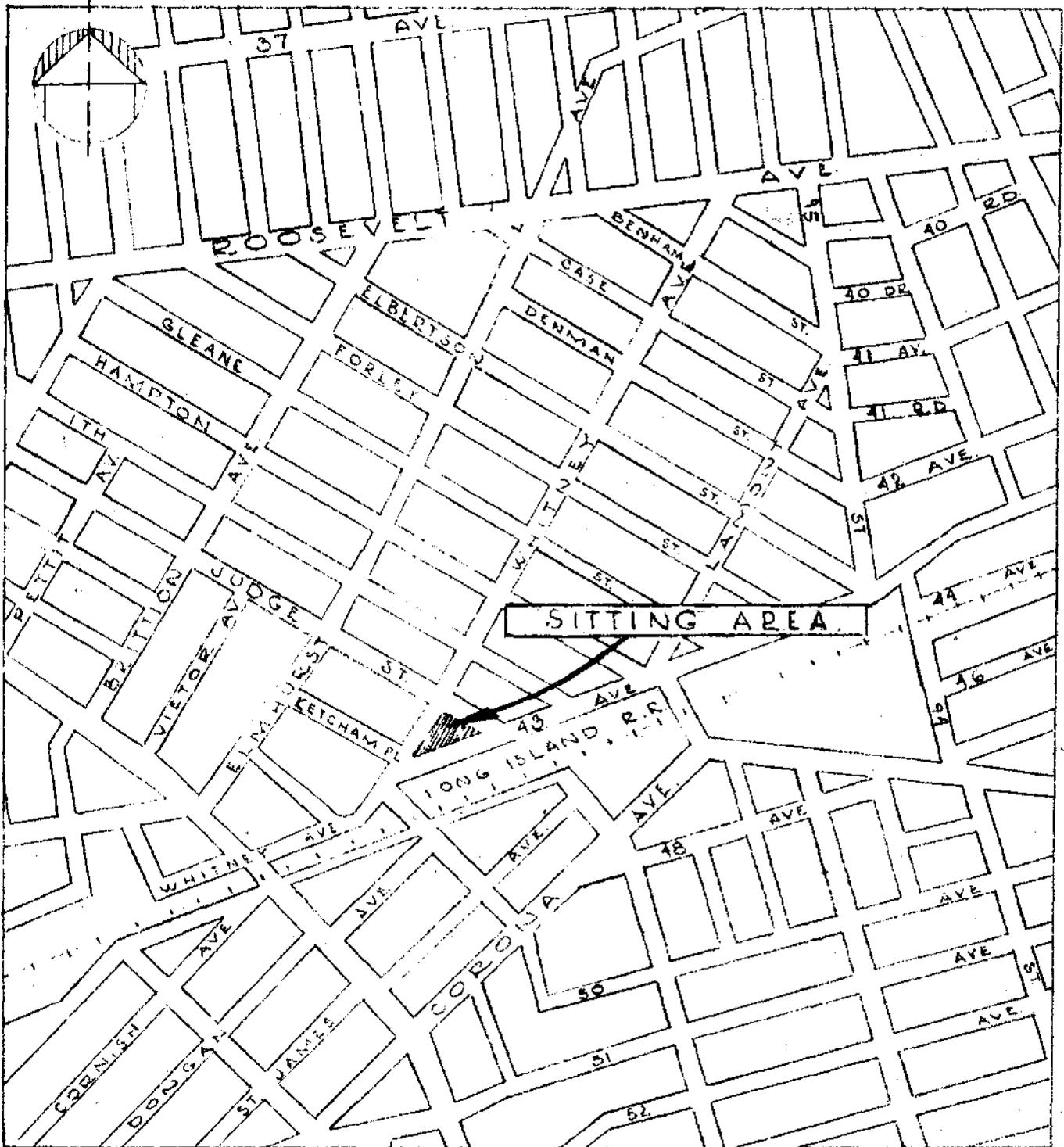
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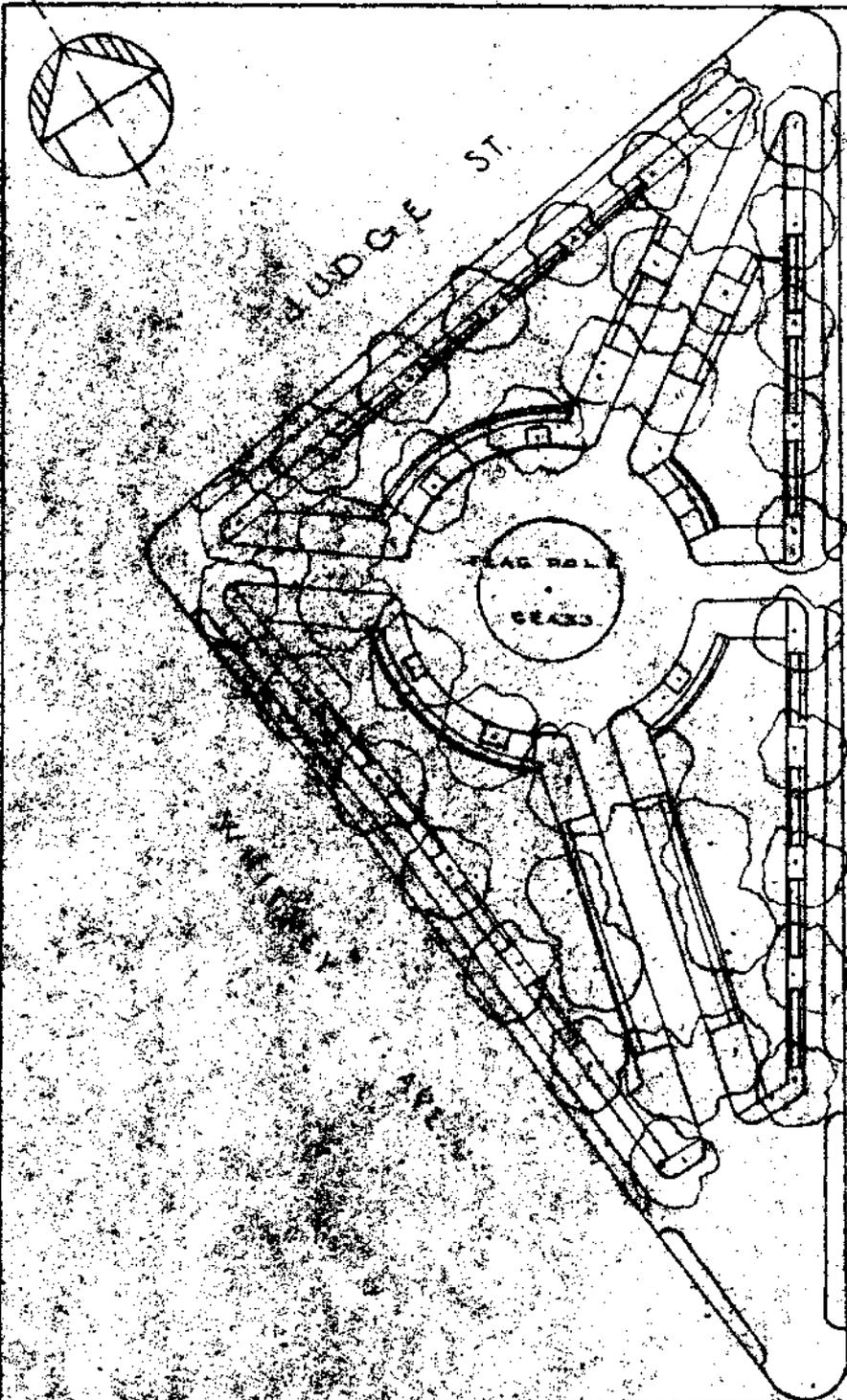


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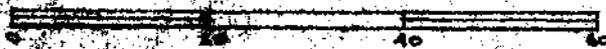
SITTING AREA ELMHURST MEMORIAL PARK  
 43 AVE JUDGE ST - WHITNEY AVE  
 BOROUGH OF QUEENS, S.E.A. ST. R.F.

G-2-13-102 ✓



# BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE



CITY PLAN AREA, EIGHTH AVENUE PARK  
 43 AVE. CORNER ST. WHITE ST. AND  
 BOROUGH OF QUEENS 8120 ST. 81

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1957

FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces that the 11th Annual Junior Olympic Sports Festival will be held at the John J. Downing Memorial Stadium, Randall's Island on Saturday, September 7, 1957 at 1:30 p.m.

The program will include track and field events for playground boys and girls 17 years of age and under, who have not competed in Amateur Athletic Union events. Boys' events include 50 yard dash, 60 yard dash and 70 yard dash in limited weight classes. Unlimited classes will include 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, 1/2 mile, 1 mile run, running broad jump, running high jump, and 12 lb. shot put. Girls' events include 40 yard dash, 50 yard dash and 60 yard dash in a limited weight class and a potato race and 60 yard dash in the unlimited weight class.

A special program of A.A.U. events has been arranged which will feature top performers from some of the outstanding A.A.U. clubs in the east.

In addition to the track and field tests, there will be bicycle races, a gymnastic exhibition, and boxing, wrestling and weightlifting contests.

Randall's Island may be reached by the IRT East Side to 125th Street and then by bus to the stadium.

The public is cordially invited and admission is free.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1957

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The Department of Parks in cooperation with the F & M Schaefer Brewing Company will conduct the 7th Annual Mixed Twosome Championships for municipal course golfers at the Pelham Golf Course, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 8th.

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

Competing in the tourney will be the man and woman from each of the ten municipal golf courses who turned in the lowest gross score in the Blind Bogey Tournament held August 26th. The competitors and the courses they will represent on Sunday are as follows:

| <u>MEN</u>   | <u>COURSE</u> | <u>WOMEN</u>   |
|--|---------------|--|
| James Oleska<br>88-91 15th Avenue<br>Brooklyn, New York                | Dyker         | Gertrude Hyde<br>1402 West 4th Street<br>Brooklyn 4, New York  |
| Harold Southwick<br>141-24 Northern Boulevard<br>Flushing 58, New York | Clearview     | Ann Senz<br>31-28 76th Street<br>Jackson Heights 72, N. Y.     |
| Ephrem Messier<br>98 Euclid Avenue<br>Brooklyn 8, New York             | Forest Park   | Mary McNally<br>50-53 40th Street<br>Long Island City 4, N. Y. |

MEN

Walter Waxnik  
150-11 72nd Road  
Flushing 62, N. Y.

George Delaney  
17 Champlain Avenue  
Staten Island 6, N. Y.

Franklin Patterson  
180 Kingsley Avenue  
Staten Island 14, N. Y.

Chris Joyce  
225 East 207th Street  
Bronx 57, New York

John Zodda  
655 East 230th Street  
Bronx 66, New York

Richard Carroll  
3063 Buhre Avenue  
Bronx 61, New York

James Manzone  
1 Essex Street  
North Babylon, L. I., N. Y.  
R.F.D. #1

COURSE

Kissena

La Tourette

Silver Lake

Van Cortlandt

Pelham

Split Rock

Mosholu

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WOMEN

Mrs. Ernie Hoffman  
82-67 165th Street  
Jamaica 32, New York

Helen Rappa  
11 Queens Street  
Staten Island 14, N. Y.

Lucy Larsen  
628 Castleton Avenue  
Staten Island 10, N. Y.

Ann Rudnick  
3111 Heath Avenue  
Bronx 63, New York

Frances Freid  
45 Old Orchard Place  
New Rochelle, New York

Rie T. Casella  
1517 Commonwealth Avenue  
Bronx 60, New York

Dorothy Forman  
3551 DeKalb Avenue  
Bronx 67, New York

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1957

The Department of Parks announces that the Third Annual Municipal Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament will start on Saturday, September 14, 1957 at 10 a.m., on the Tennis Courts at 93rd Street and West Drive in Central Park, Manhattan.

Sponsored by the Slazenger Tennis Equipment Company in cooperation with the Department of Parks, the competition will continue on weekends only with 85 teams from the Park Department tennis courts throughout the city participating.

The championship match is scheduled to be held at the Central Park courts on Sunday, September 22, 1957. Each member of the winning and runner-up team will receive a trophy cup donated by the Slazenger Tennis Equipment Company.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that the Giuseppe Creatore Memorial Concert conducted by Frank Cola Santo will be held on Sunday, September 15, 1957 at the Mall in Central Park at 8:15 p.m.

This concert was made possible through the cooperation of The Recording Industry Trust Funds and Local 802, American Federation of Musicians.

The program for Sunday's concert will be:

Part I

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. The Star Spangled Banner   | Our National Anthem                 |
| 2. Exposition March   | Giuseppe Creatore                   |
| 3. Il Guarany - Overture - Gomez  | Arr. Giuseppe Creatore              |
| 4. Sherzo - "Electric" March  | Giuseppe Creatore                   |
| 5. Irish Caprice  | Compiled and Arr. Giuseppe Creatore |
| 6. Victor Herbert Gems  | Compiled and Arr. Giuseppe Creatore |
| 7. (a) Allegro Moderato, from "The Courts of Granada"                                     | Chapi                               |
| (b) Old Timers Waltz  | Compiled and Arr. Lake              |
| 8. Maritana - Excerpts  | Wallace                             |
| 9. Famous Sextette, from "Lucia Di Lammermoor"<br>(Band Arrangement by Giuseppe Creatore) | Donizetti                           |

Part II

ATTILIO MARCHETTI, Guest Conductor

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| 10. Triumphal March Aida<br>(Band Arrangement by Giuseppe Creatore) | Verdi |
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11. I Vespri Scilliani (Sicilian Vespers) Verdi
12. Gioconda - "Dance of the Hours" Ponchielli  
SILVIO COSCIA, Guest Conductor
13. (a) Semper Fidelis - March Sousa  
FRANK COLA SANTO, CONDUCTOR  
(b) The Blue and Grey Patrol Dalbey  
(A favorite program number of the late Maestro Creatore)  
(c) To A Wild Rose - MacDowell Arr. Cola Santo
14. Grand Fantasia, from the Opera "Carmen" Bizet

Admission to the public is free.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that Mr. Howard S. Cullman is heading a committee whose purpose it is to collect funds to insure the continuation of the Shakespeare Workshop's productions in the city's parks.

The Shakespeare Workshop has for two years presented in the city's parks a remarkably successful program. Starting in the summer of 1956 a modest program was presented in Corlears Hook Park. Encouraged by public acceptance of their work the group undertook a much more ambitious program in 1957.

They presented Shakespeare in all five boroughs. They ran for 9 weeks 7 of which were spent in Manhattan's Central Park. Their productions were enjoyed by over 150,000 people and the critics were unanimous in their praise of the productions.

Through the generosity of several foundations, contributions by the public and the cooperation of the Department of Parks, it was possible to present these excellent plays free. We feel that the Shakespeare Workshop's productions which have given so much pleasure to so many New Yorkers and visitors to our city should be continued on the same basis.

The Workshop has now embarked on a year-round program. They have obtained a theatre for their winter productions, the parks are

available in the summer and all performances will be free. To insure the success of the expanded program, the Workshop needs \$130,000 annually, \$45,000 for the summer productions and \$85,000 for the winter season.

The Shakespeare Workshop's productions are deserving of generous public support.

Mr. Cullman's Committee will set aside the first \$45,000 collected to defray the cost of the 1958 outdoor productions in the parks. Any funds collected beyond that amount will be used to help pay the costs of the winter season in the Heckscher Theatre which is scheduled to start September 18.

Contributions are deductible in computing taxable net income. Checks should be made out to the Shakespeare Workshop and sent to the Park Shakespeare Committee, Mr. Howard S. Cullman, Chairman, at 161 Front Street, New York, N. Y.



*B. Felix*

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1957

FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces that on Friday, September 20, at noon, ceremonies dedicating the LaGuardia Memorial will be held at LaGuardia Houses in the Borough of Manhattan at Rutgers Place and Clinton Street.

The Memorial consists of a bronze bust of Mayor LaGuardia made by Jo Davidson. The bust is set on a polished granite shaft in front of a brick wall and faces a flagstone paved courtyard which is bordered with benches and trees.

The setting was designed by Eggers and Higgins, Architects, for the LaGuardia Memorial Association. This association, headed by Mr. Newbold Morris, paid for the Memorial. The surrounding site work was done by the New York City Housing Authority.

Newbold Morris will unveil the Memorial and present it to the City. The Hon. Philip J. Cruise, Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, will preside.

The speakers will be Mr. Harry Van Arsdale of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; the Honorable Felix Frankfurter, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, and the Honorable Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York. Robert Moses as Commissioner of Parks will accept the Memorial for the Park Department.

Music will be furnished by the Department of Sanitation band. The ceremonies will be broadcast by W.N.Y.C.

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**FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA**  
**Memorial Dedication Ceremony**

AT THE LA GUARDIA HOUSES  
Rutgers Place and Clinton Street, Manhattan

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1957 AT NOON**

*Program*

NATIONAL ANTHEM  
and other selections by the  
Department of Sanitation Band

**SPEAKERS**

PHILIP J. CRUISE, presiding  
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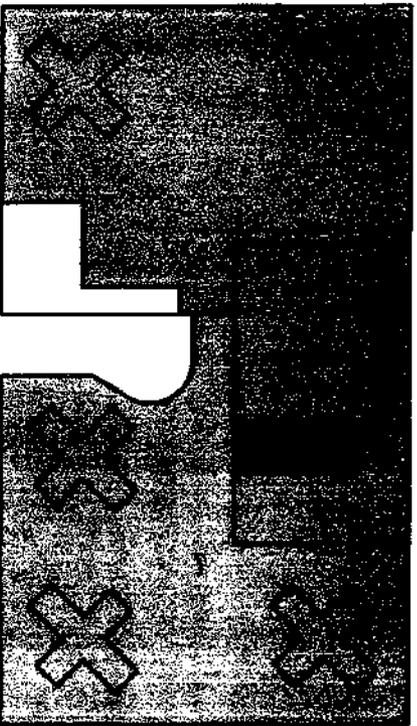
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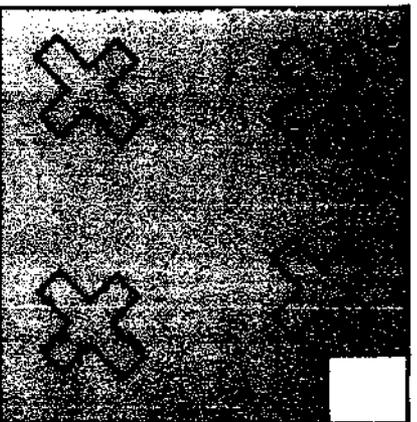
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**SEPTEMBER 20, 1957**

## FIORIELLO H. LA GUARDIA

(1882-1947)

When the 123 apartments of First Houses were dedicated on December 3, 1935, one of the speakers at the ceremonies was the Mayor of New York City, Fiorello H. La Guardia. He described the first project created by the country's first public housing authority as "merely a sample and a starter".

The 1094-apartment public housing project named for Fiorello LaGuardia symbolizes not only the fulfillment of his prophecy, but also the immensity of his personal achievement as an influence on the development of New York City. It was LaGuardia who selected the five unsalaried members who made up the first Board of the New York City Housing Authority. As he himself said on that first dedication day, "When the Housing Authority started, all it had was a law and an ideal."

It also had the courage of the Mayor's convictions to give it strength. When LaGuardia rose to talk on that wintry day, he leaned his short, stocky body forward, his hair falling over his forehead and his chin jutting pugnaciously over the speaker's stand. Looking at his audience, huddled in overcoats, he commented: "A great constitutional lawyer two years ago told me that it would be a cold day when the government builds houses. Well, he was right that time — the first time a constitutional lawyer has been right in the past three years."

The remark was vintage LaGuardia—forthright, colorful, combative. It mirrored the man who took no other man's "no" for his answer and who had stood by his own convictions and made his own decisions all through his eventful life.

Fiorello LaGuardia was an independent from his youth. At the age of fifteen he ran away from home to follow his father, an army bandmaster, who was en route to the Spanish-American war. Too young to join his father's army band, he joined the St. Louis Post-Dis-

patch as a reporter. His father died soon after, and he left with his mother to live with relatives in Europe.

LaGuardia began his career in government by joining the consular service in Budapest and his career as a reformer in 1903 when he became United States Consul at the Adriatic port of Fiume, then part of Austria. There he fought those steamship lines who made a practice of accepting as passengers would-be immigrants whose recognizably poor health would inevitably cause them to be turned back at Ellis Island. The young consul ordered that no immigrant to the United States could be cleared from Fiume until he passed a medical examination given at the steamship company's expense.

When the Archduchess Maria Josepha asked that 500 immigrants be put aboard ship five days before sailing time so that she could bestow on them a royal bon voyage as she passed through Fiume, LaGuardia refused her request. The State Department upheld him, but he was asked to return to the United States.

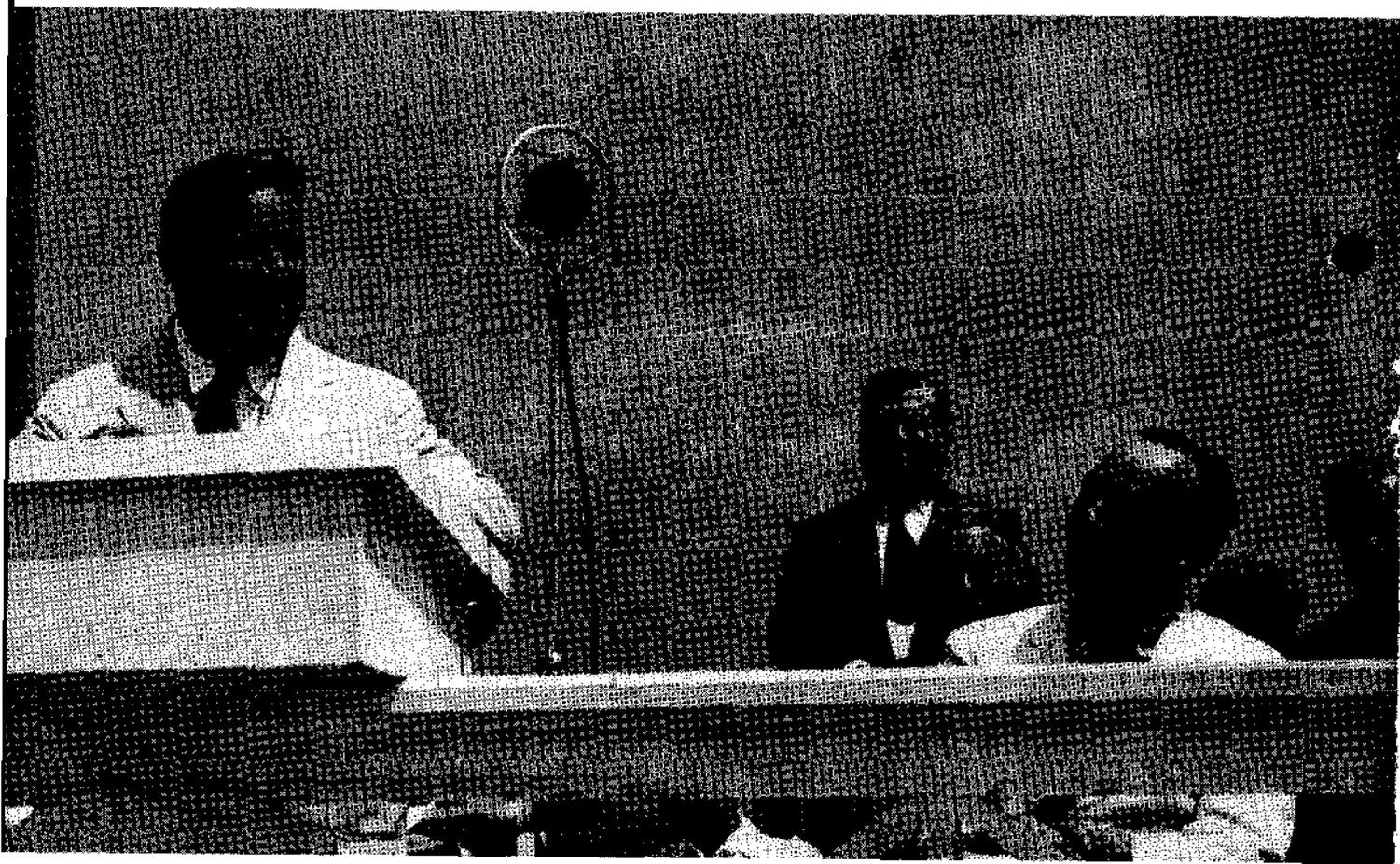
Overcoming defeat to obtain eventual victory was almost the pattern of his life. The first time he ran for Congress he was defeated. But the next time he faced the same voters, in the 1916 election, he won. When war was declared, he resigned from Congress to join the army. But his 5'4" was considered too short for the infantry. Turned down, he learned to fly and won a commission in the air force. By the end of the war he was a Major.

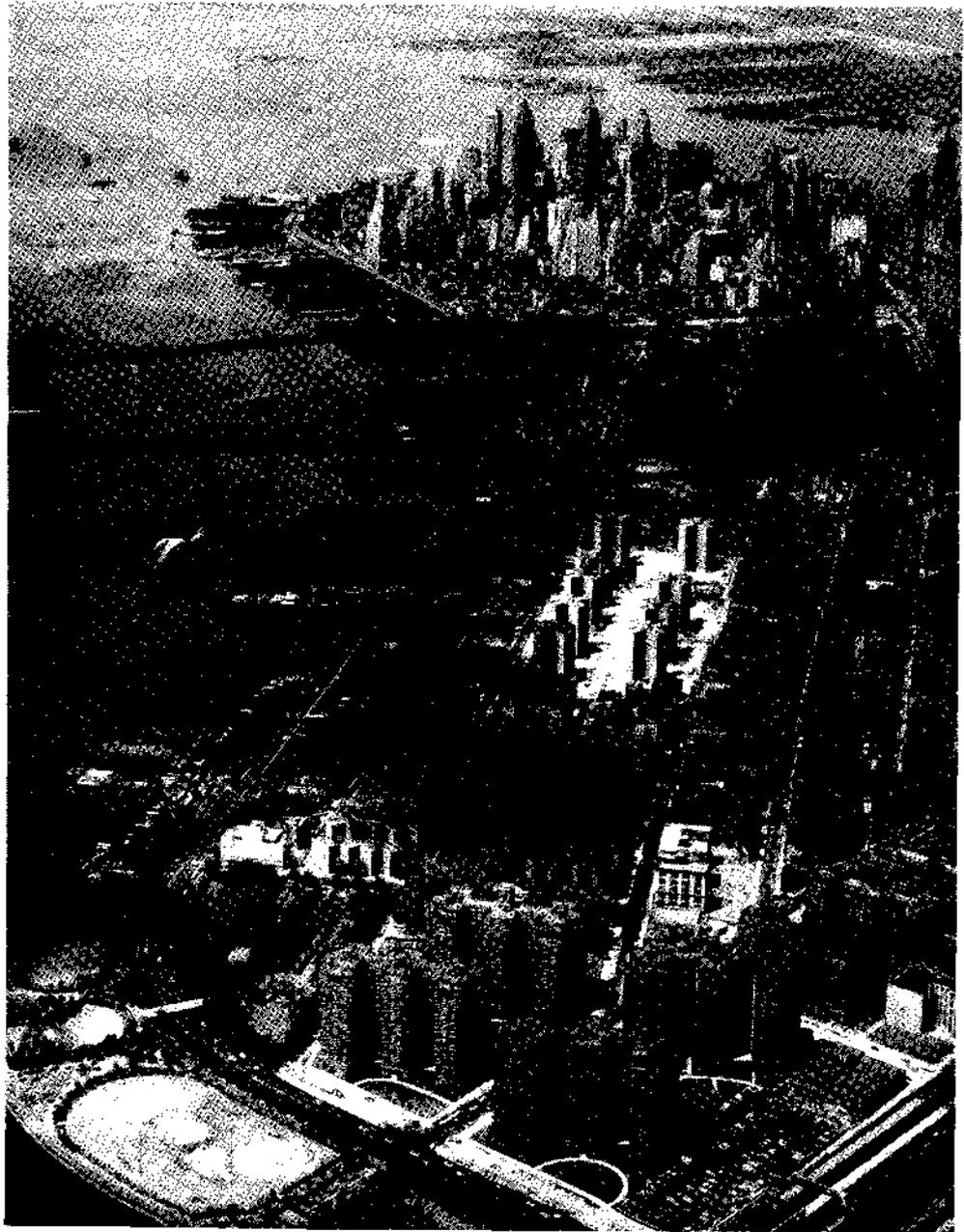
In 1923 he was elected to Congress with bipartisan support from the Democrats and the Republicans, and climaxed the ten successive years he spent as a Representative from New York City by co-sponsoring the Norris-LaGuardia Act. Passed in 1932, it curbed the indiscriminate use of court in-

*Mayor LaGuardia at opening  
of Sara D. Roosevelt Playground,  
Manhattan, September, 1934.  
Joseph D. McGoldrick in center.*



*Mayor LaGuardia and Commissioner Robert Moses at opening of Orchard Beach, the Bronx, July, 1936*





*The nine buildings of La Guardia Houses in center of picture, ILGWU Cooperative Village — Corlears Hook Title I Project in foreground.*

junctions as an anti-labor weapon in industrial disputes.

LaGuardia's greatest fame came as the reform mayor who brought a new era of honest government to New York City. But his first effort to reach City Hall was a failure. In 1929 prosperity and Jimmy Walker rode high together, and LaGuardia was defeated. In 1933 a sobered citizenry swept him into office.

Assisted by dedicated aides, the new Mayor gave New York City its own New Deal. A public works program brought slum clearance, highway improvement, and a vast extension of the park system. The old Board of Aldermen was abolished. A new city charter was introduced, establishing the City Council.

The fiery mayor, whose every gesture and action belied his universally recognized nickname — "The Little Flower" — gave New York City a chief executive known for his honesty and controversy. At the meeting opening a national campaign for slum abolition that followed the First Houses dedication, Herbert Bayard Swope introduced the Mayor as "a pretty good all-around roly-poly sort of a fellow who usually is in the right and who always assumes himself to be."

Right or wrong, he could not be ignored. LaGuardia brought local government into every citizen's home. He scolded patrons of the loan sharks, denounced professional gamblers, advised housewives on economical shopping and on recipes, read the funnies to the children.

Born of immigrant parents, it is fitting that Fiorello LaGuardia should have named for him a public housing development erected in the midst of the nation's greatest melting pot, the lower east side. It is appropriate that it stands close to public housing developments dedicated to those who contributed so much to bring about the realization of the immigrants' dream — Dr. Simon Baruch, Jacob Riis, Lillian Wald, Charney Vladeck. It is poetically proper that nearby rises a public housing development named for another distinguished New York political figure, Alfred E. Smith.

Fiorello LaGuardia recognized that First Houses was only the beginning. The succinct words he spoke on that day of dedication echo on this: "We don't claim that we have solved the problem of low-cost housing. This is just a sample of what is being done in the United States today. I am glad to tell you, 'You ain't seen nothing yet' in housing."

*Mayor LaGuardia and Governor Alfred E. Smith at opening of Central Park Zoo, December, 1934.*





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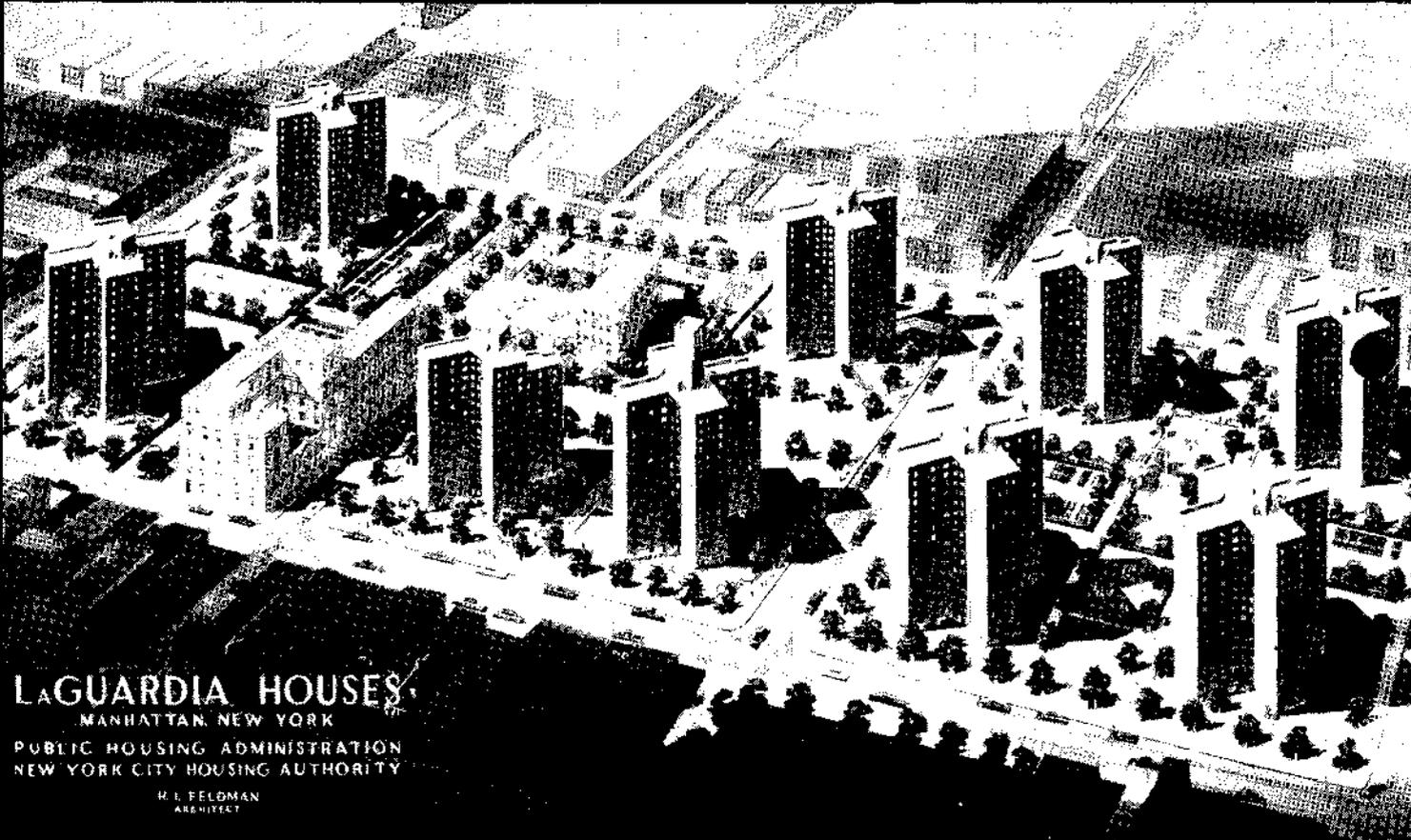
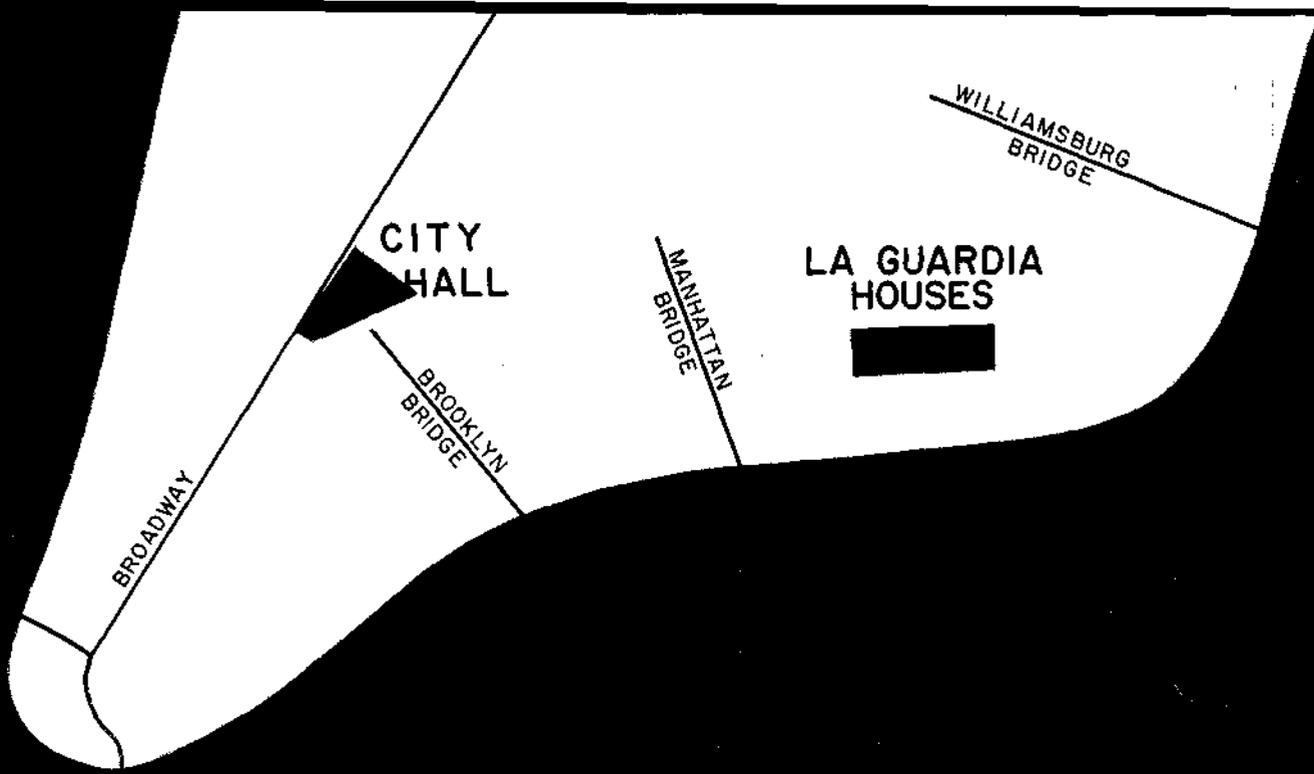
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The Department of Parks announces the Cross Country Course at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx is now being readied for the harrier's season which begins September 28, 1957 when the Public School Athletic League holds its first group run.

Fourteen cross country meets are scheduled which will see some of the top harriers in the country in action. The Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championships are scheduled for November 5th and the I.C.A.A.A. Freshmen and Varsity title run will take place on November 18, 1957.

At the Clove Lake Park Cross Country Course in Richmond, the A.A.U. will hold regular Sunday morning meets beginning September *28* 1957 and complete the season with an invitation Cross Country Run on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1957.

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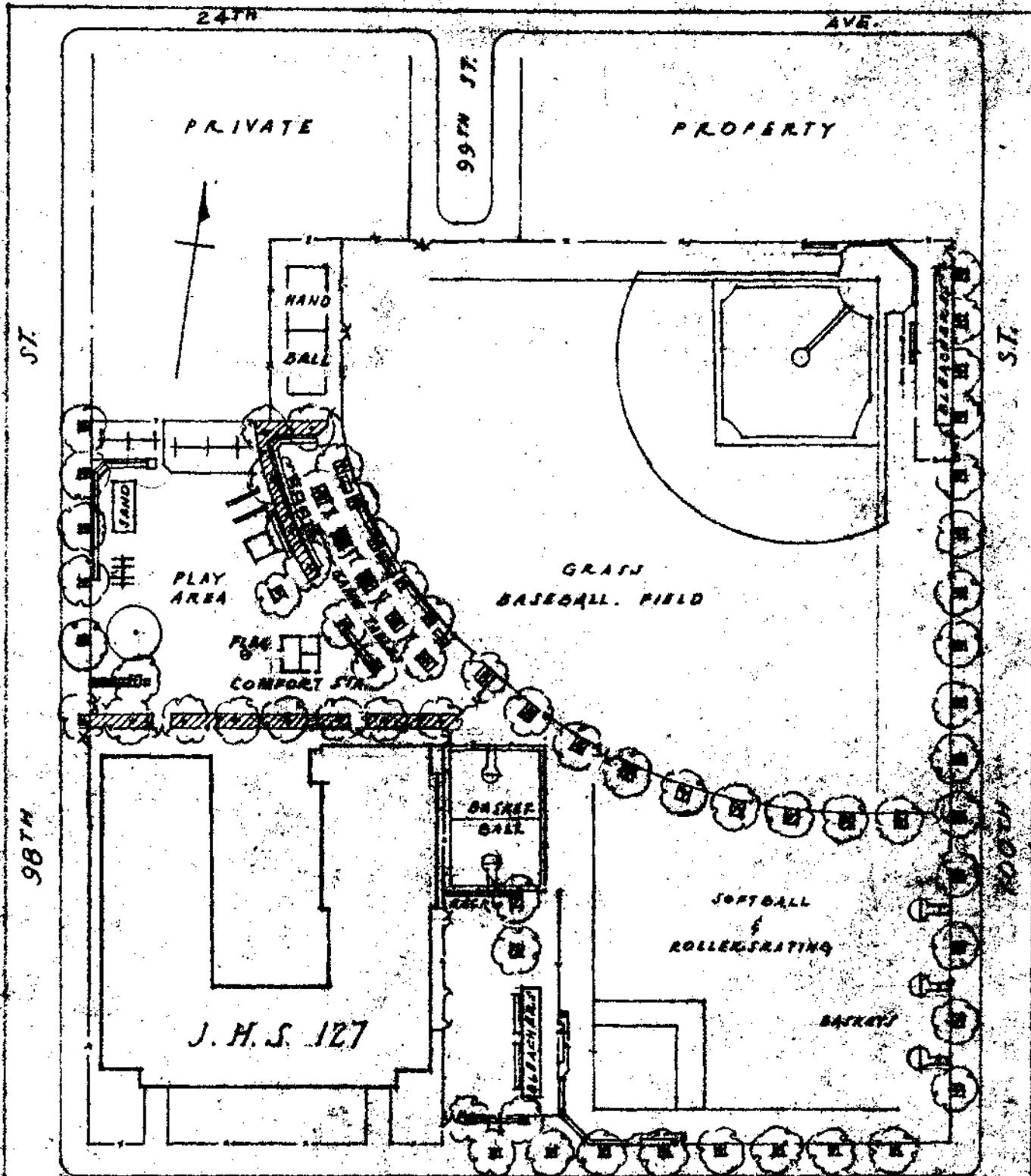
The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction of a playground located between 24th and 25th Avenues from 98th to 100th Streets, adjacent to JHS 127 in the Borough of Queens.

Located in the Corona sections of Queens, this new 3.827-acre playground provides facilities for all age groups. Divided into several sections, the northwesterly section contains an area for small fry with swings, slides, sandpit and shower basin; facilities for older children with swings and slides, a quiet games area with tables and benches, and a comfort station. Directly to the north of this area are two handball courts. The northeasterly section contains a baseball field with bleachers. However, this area is not available for use at the present time because of an insufficient growth of grass. The southeasterly section contains a basketball court, practice basketball area, and a softball field with bleachers. Benches have been provided throughout this facility.

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

Shade trees have been planted around the perimeter and with the addition of this playground, there are now 715 in the park system.

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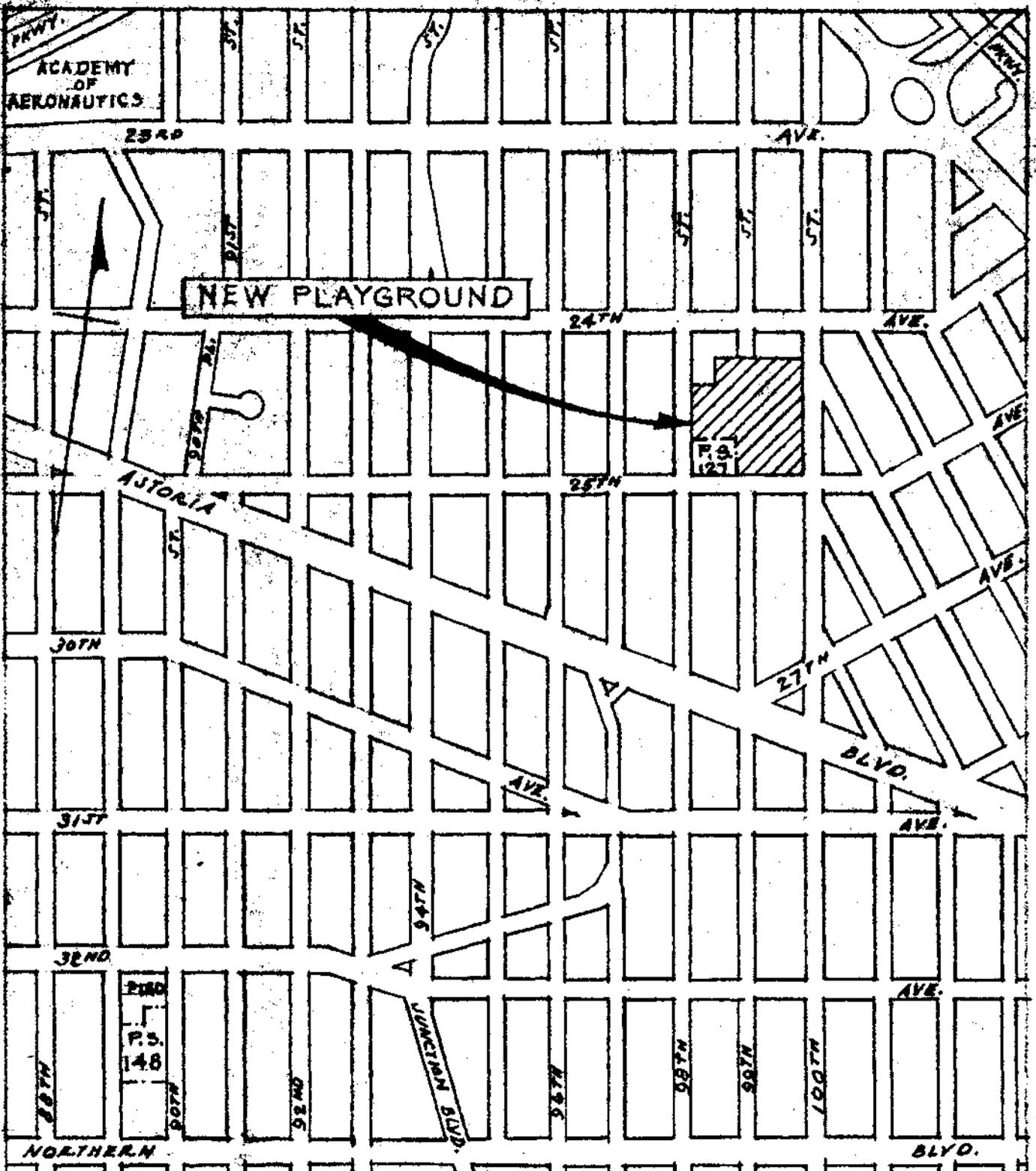


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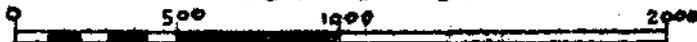
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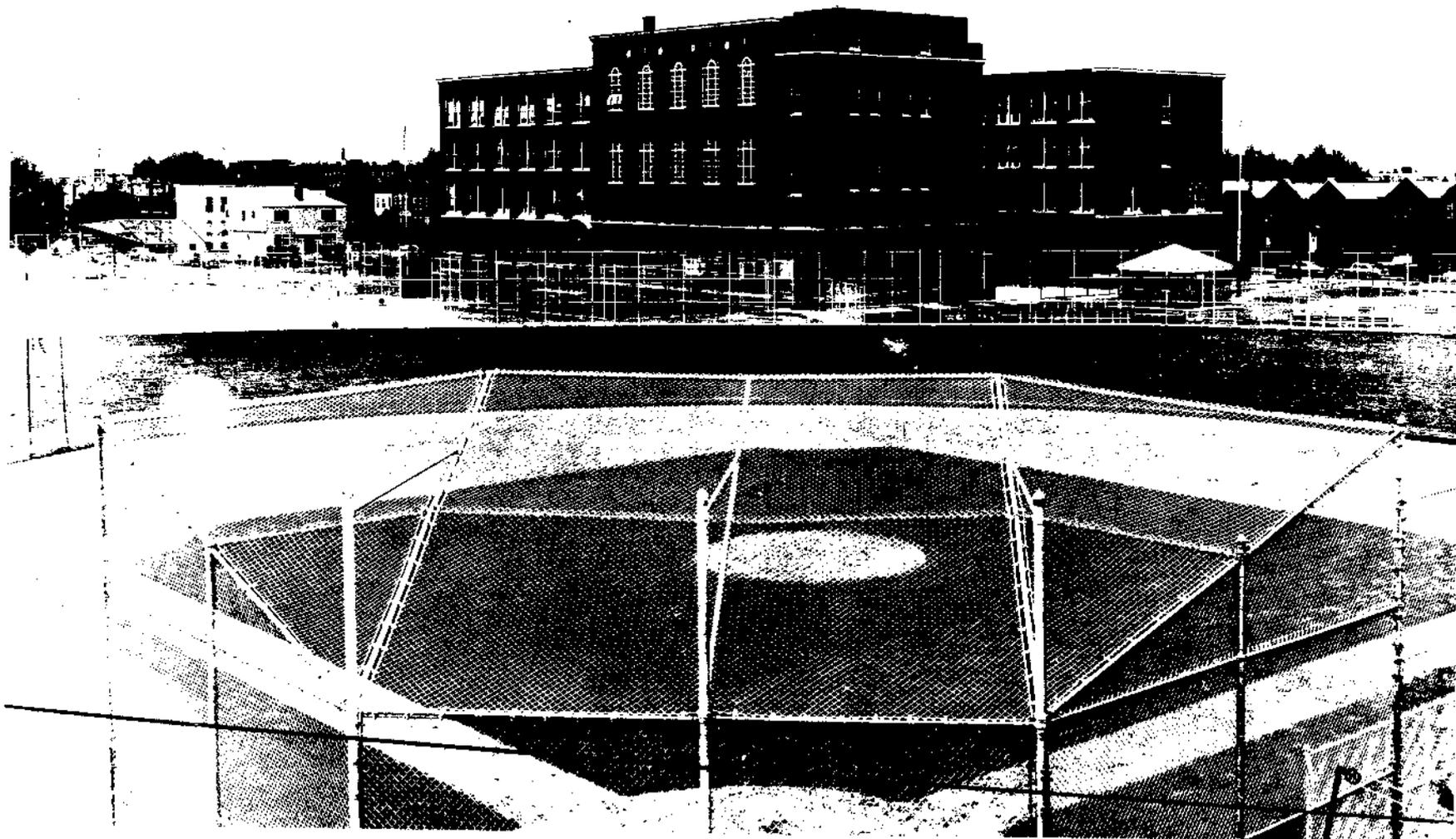
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The Hans Christian Andersen Monument, located on the West bank of Conservatory Lake in Central Park, was the scene of many happy moments for children where they listened to tellers of tales every Wednesday and Saturday morning throughout the summer.

With the opening of school the Wednesday morning sessions were discontinued and on Saturday, October 12, 1957 the Saturday morning sessions will be concluded for the season.

This storytelling program sponsored by the New York Public Library, in cooperation with the Department of Parks and the Danish American Women's Association, has scheduled for October 5th, Mimi Reed and Thareen Auroraa, two professional storytellers, to tell tales about cats. They will demonstrate these tales with their live Persian cat named Minette. The story hour begins at 11 A.M. and is concluded at noon.

Another professional storyteller is scheduled to close the season on October 12th.

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An extensive program of recreational activities and special events for young people has been scheduled at Department of Parks playgrounds, recreation centers and sports facilities during the coming months. The interests of all age groups - pre-school to young adults - have been considered in planning these activities.

Neighborhood park playgrounds provide opportunities for active play, simple crafts, club activity, team sports, contests and tournaments, and many other pursuits as desired by community residents.

Pre-school play groups have been organized at many of the 714 park playgrounds and are now in session. Children participate in group games, paper crafts, painting, music and singing, and similar activities suited to this age level.

Marionette Theatre: The Park Puppeteers are rehearsing their fall and winter presentation, "The Shoemaker and the Elves", which will be shown in schools and recreation centers in the five boroughs, will start the indoor tour December 2nd and continue until the end of April.

Winged Skates Derby: During the month of October, thousands of boys and girls will participate in district and borough competitions of this fall event. City championships will be held on October 27.

Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: More than 1400 boys have been participating in eliminations. Borough championships will be

held on October 6 and city championships on October 19 at Heckscher Playground in Central Park.

Handball Tournament: City finals of this year's tournament, which attracted an entry of 2200 boys and girls, will be held at North Meadow Playground in Central Park on October 26.

Youth Festival to be held on the Mall in Central Park on Sunday, October 6, at 1:30 P.M., in honor of the champions of last summer's youth program which included track and field, swimming, marbles, tennis, golf and softball competitions and the learn-to-swim campaign.

Recreation Centers under the jurisdiction of the Park Department have their fall programs well under way. These fully equipped modern centers are open every day of the week. They provide a wide variety of regularly scheduled activities: swimming, gymnastics, team games, arts and crafts, woodworking, music, drama, dances, socials, club activities, boxing, water safety and many special events.

Basketball Tournament: The 13th annual city-wide basketball tournament for teenagers will be open to organized teams. Entries will be accepted beginning October 14th. Games are scheduled to begin November 12th. Three divisions will be contested -- Junior Boys - 12, 13, 14 years of age; Senior Boys - 15, 16, 17 years; Girls - 15, 16, 17 years.

Park Skating Rinks will open October 19th. Both the Wollman Memorial in Central Park and the Flushing Meadow Rink will have free periods for boys and girls 14 years of age and under, on Saturday mornings, and school vacation mornings, except Sundays, from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. Free instructions will be given during this period.

Special speed and figure skating events will be announced at a later date.

Boxing Classes: Classes are now being organized at 11 park boxing centers under the direction of specially trained instructors. Besides learning the techniques of boxing, the boys will be taught the importance of good health habits in maintaining physical condition. At the end of the season, qualified boys may participate in inter-center boxing matches.

Athletic Fields: Fields for seasonal sports such as football, soccer, cricket and field hockey and roller hockey areas are also available for use on application to borough offices of the Park Department.

Additional information regarding these activities may be secured by calling the borough offices of the Department of Parks. A listing of the various recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the Park Department may be obtained by sending a 4"x9" self-addressed stamped envelope to Brochure, Department of Parks, New York 21, N. Y.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1957

Attached is correspondence between  
Commissioner Robert Moses and the United States  
Department of the Interior regarding the Castle  
Clinton development in Battery Park.

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ROBERT MOSES  
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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September 9, 1957

Mr. Conrad L. Wirth  
Director  
National Park Service  
Interior Building  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Connie:

We recently received a very nice little brochure describing Castle Clinton and telling its many storied past.

The booklet tells everything except what we want most to know. When are you going to finish the job and open it to the public? It certainly is no credit to the National Park Service in its present condition. It is in fact a rather dumpy brown eyesore in the midst of what is rapidly becoming, with the growth of the new trees, a rather handsome park.

Can't you get some money somewhere to finish this job?

Cordially,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner

UNITED STATES  
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Mr. Robert Moses, Commissioner  
The City of New York Department of Parks  
64th Street and Fifth Avenue  
Central Park  
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Moses:

As Director Wirth will be traveling in the field for some time, we are replying to your letter of September 9, relating to the development of Castle Clinton National Monument.

The Castle Clinton development will be completed as a part of the MISSION 66 program, which ends in 1966. Its priority within MISSION 66 is dependent upon the response of Congress to the report of the New York City National Shrines Advisory Board, which outlines a program for the completion of the Federal Hall National Memorial and the Statue of Liberty National Monument, as well as Castle Clinton as outlined in the Commission's report. This program is expected in part to involve matching funds, for which additional legislation is required. This legislation is now being sought from the Congress, and as soon as it is enacted, target dates for completing development of Castle Clinton within the MISSION 66 period, as well as the two areas mentioned above will be determined, taking into consideration recommendations of the New York City National Shrines Advisory Board.

We appreciate greatly your interest in Castle Clinton National Monument. Your letter will be brought to Mr. Wirth's attention upon his return to the Office.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ben H. Thompson

Acting Director

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The Department of Parks announces that the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park and the New York City Building in Flushing Meadow Park will be re-opened for ice skating starting Saturday, October 19, 1957 at 10 A.M.

The Wollman Memorial is located in Central Park at about 63rd Street, west of the Central Park Zoo and north of the 59th Street Lake. It consists of a 28,000 square foot outdoor skating rink, a semi-circular one-story building housing refrigerating machinery, dressing rooms, a food concession and incidental facilities.

Free figure skating instruction for children 14 years of age and under will be held on Saturday morning between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. throughout the season. Mr. Paul von Gassner, senior professional instructor at the rink is donating his time and he will personally instruct the youngsters.

The New York City Building, located in Flushing Meadow Park, was built in 1939. Originally designed as a recreation center, it was an integral part of the World's Fair. After the close of the World's Fair, the Park Department operated this facility as an ice and roller skating rink until 1946. From 1946 to 1951 it was used by the United Nations as temporary headquarters, and in 1951 the facility was returned to the Department of Parks.

Flushing Meadow Park may be reached by the following transportation lines:

1. IRT to 111 ST. Station, Flushing Division
2. Flushing Ridgewood Bus (Q-58) to Park
3. Independent Subway to Roosevelt Ave. Station - transfer to Flushing Branch of IRT.

Special carnival and holiday events are being arranged for both facilities. These events will be announced at a future date.

The attached schedules of sessions and rates for each facility will be in effect.

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Attachments

SESSION SCHEDULE AND RATES

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WOLLMAN SKATING RINK

ICE SKATING

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Rates

Daily - Morning  
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
(Except Saturdays, Holidays & School  
Vacations)

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

Morning - Saturdays  
Holidays and School  
Vacations only -  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Free Period for  
Children - 14 years and  
under  
No adults admitted

Daily - Afternoon  
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

\* Child - 10¢  
Adult - 25¢

\* 14 years and under

Daily - Evening  
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

Evening - Speed  
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

Evening - Figure Skating  
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.  
Sunday morning 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Child - \$1.00  
Adult - \$1.00  
with privilege to stay  
over for next period

Ice Shoe Skate Rentals

50¢

SESSION SCHEDULE AND RATES

1957 - 58 season

NEW YORK CITY BUILDING

ROLLER SKATING

Sessions

Rates

Morning - Tuesday and Sunday only  
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

Morning - Saturday, Holidays and  
School Vacations  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Free period for  
children - 14 years and  
under - No adults per-  
mitted

Daily - afternoon  
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

\* Child - 10¢  
Adult - 25¢  
\* 14 years and under

Evening - Figure & Dance  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Child - \$1.00  
Adult - \$1.00  
With stay over privilege  
to next session

Daily - Evening  
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

Spectators

General admission  
charged for session

ICE SKATING

Morning - Tuesday and Sunday only  
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

Morning - Saturday, Holidays  
and School Vacations  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Free period for  
children 14 years and  
under - No adults  
permitted

Daily - Afternoon  
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

\* Child - 10¢  
Adults - 25¢  
\* 14 years and under

Daily - Evening  
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

Spectators

General admission  
charged for session

Evening - Speed  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays  
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Child - 50¢  
Adult - 50¢

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Sunday morning 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Child - \$1.00  
Adult - \$1.00  
With stay over privilege  
to next session

Ice or Roller Shoe Skate Rental  
Clamp on Roller Skates  
Season Locker Rental

50¢  
25¢  
\$5.00

ICE AND ROLLER SHOE SKATES MAY BE RENTED AT ALL GENERAL PAID  
SESSIONS EXCEPT FIGURE & DANCE, AND SPEED SESSIONS.



*B. Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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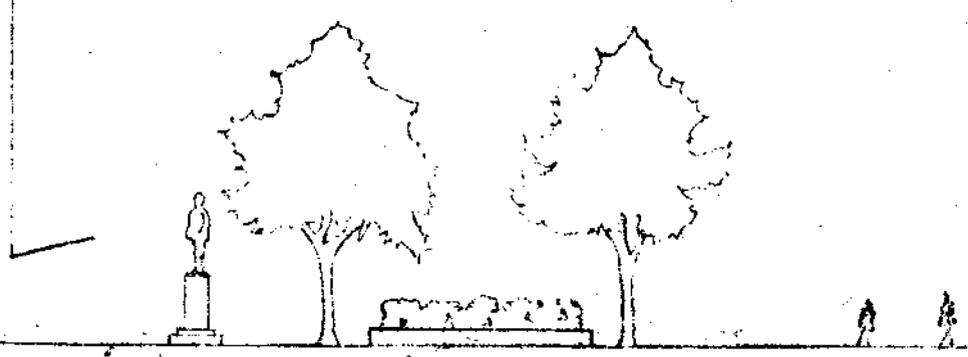
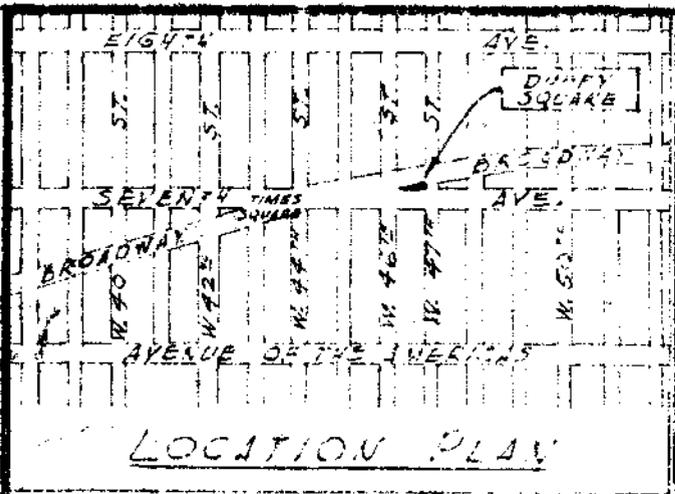
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1957

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On the invitation of Mayor and Mrs. Wagner a meeting of the George M. Cohan Memorial Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Oscar Hammerstein II, will be held at the Mayor's House, Gracie Mansion, on Wednesday, October 23, at 4:30 P.M.

The Park Department has taken bids for the reconstruction of Duffy Square and a contract for this work, which is to be carried out with City funds, will be awarded within a week. The project will include the removal of the obsolete underground comfort stations, repaving, planting and the construction of a foundation for the proposed Cohan Memorial.

The George M. Cohan Memorial Committee is sponsoring the creation and erection of a statue of the late actor, songwriter, playwright and beloved Broadway character which will form an important feature of the rehabilitated Duffy Square. The statue and its pedestal will be the work of Georg Lober, Sculptor, and Otto F. Langmann, Architect, who collaborated so successfully in the design of the Hans Christian Andersen Memorial which was dedicated last year in Central Park.

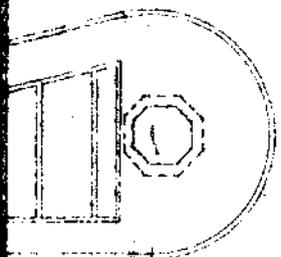


GEO. M. COHAN

SECTION A-A

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GRANITE WALL

SHRUBS & GROUND COVER

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PROPOSED LOCATION FOR  
GEORGE M. COHAN  
MEMORIAL

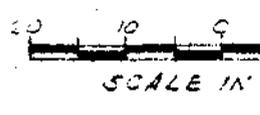
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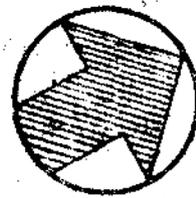
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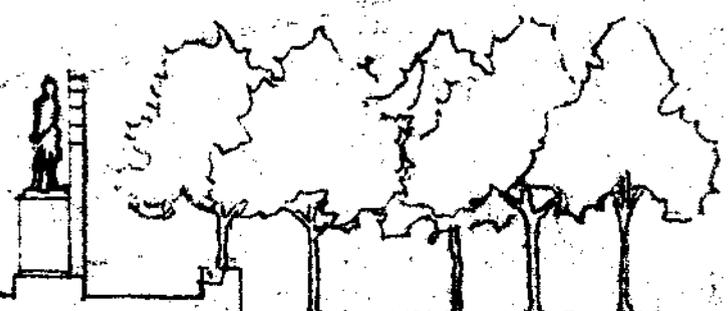
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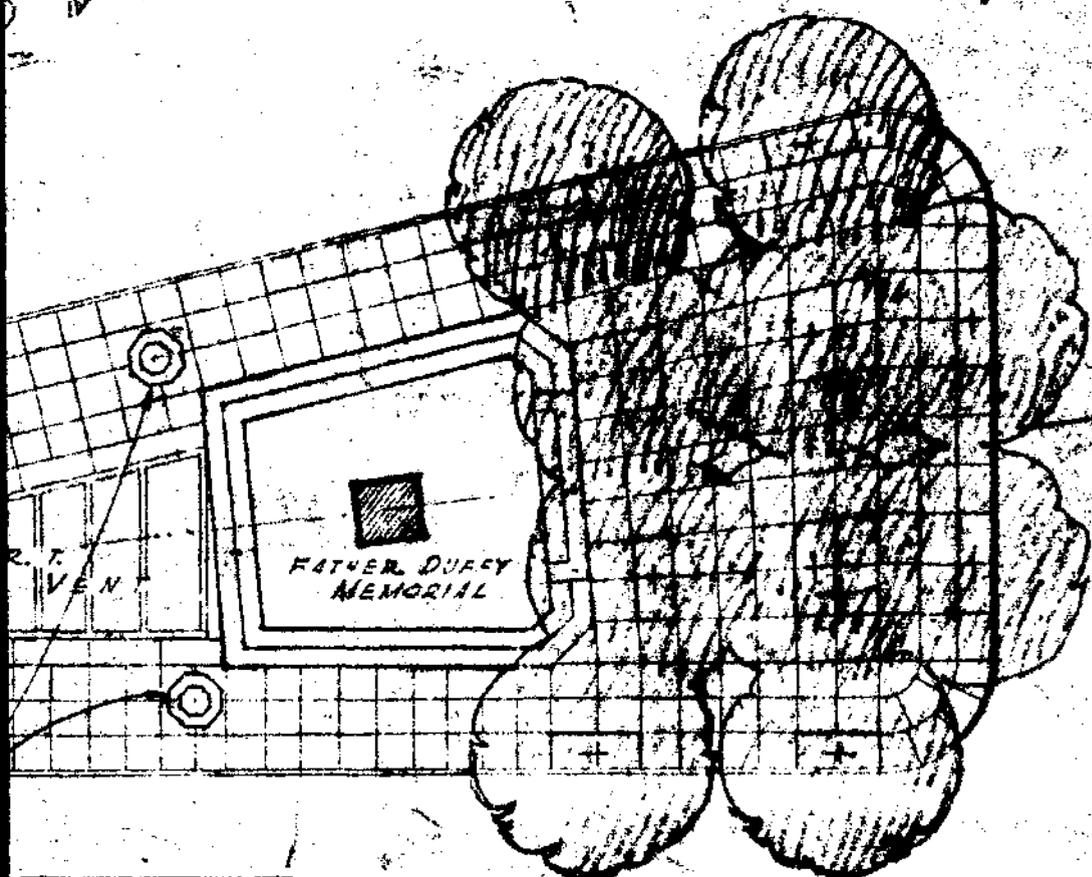
FLAG-POLE

FATHER DUFFY



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STREET



FATHER DUFFY MEMORIAL

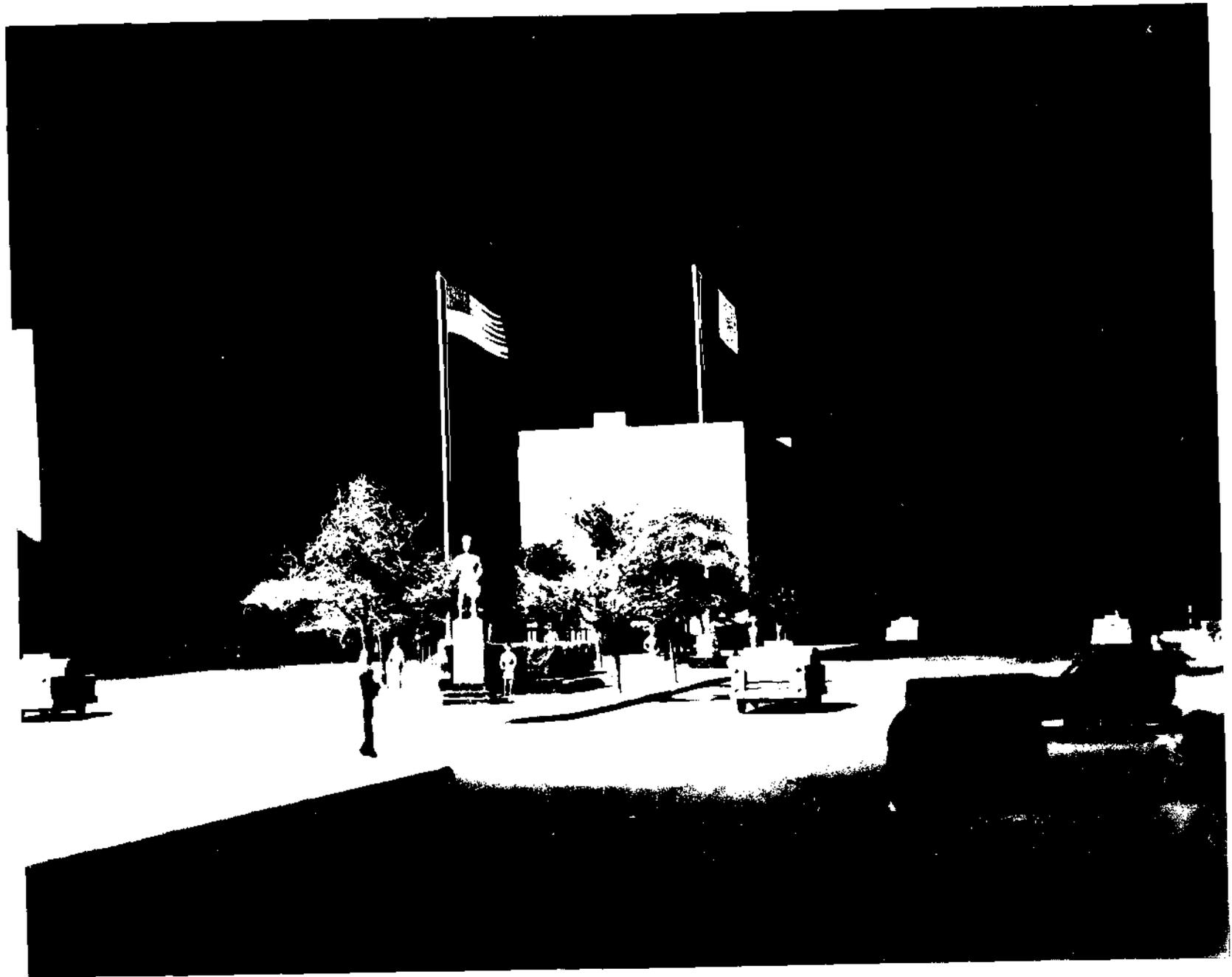
NEW FLAGPOLES

EXISTING FLAGPOLE TO BE REMOVED

AVENUE

ROUGH OF MANHATTAN  
AN MEMORIAL

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FEET





*B.F. flux*

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

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FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1957

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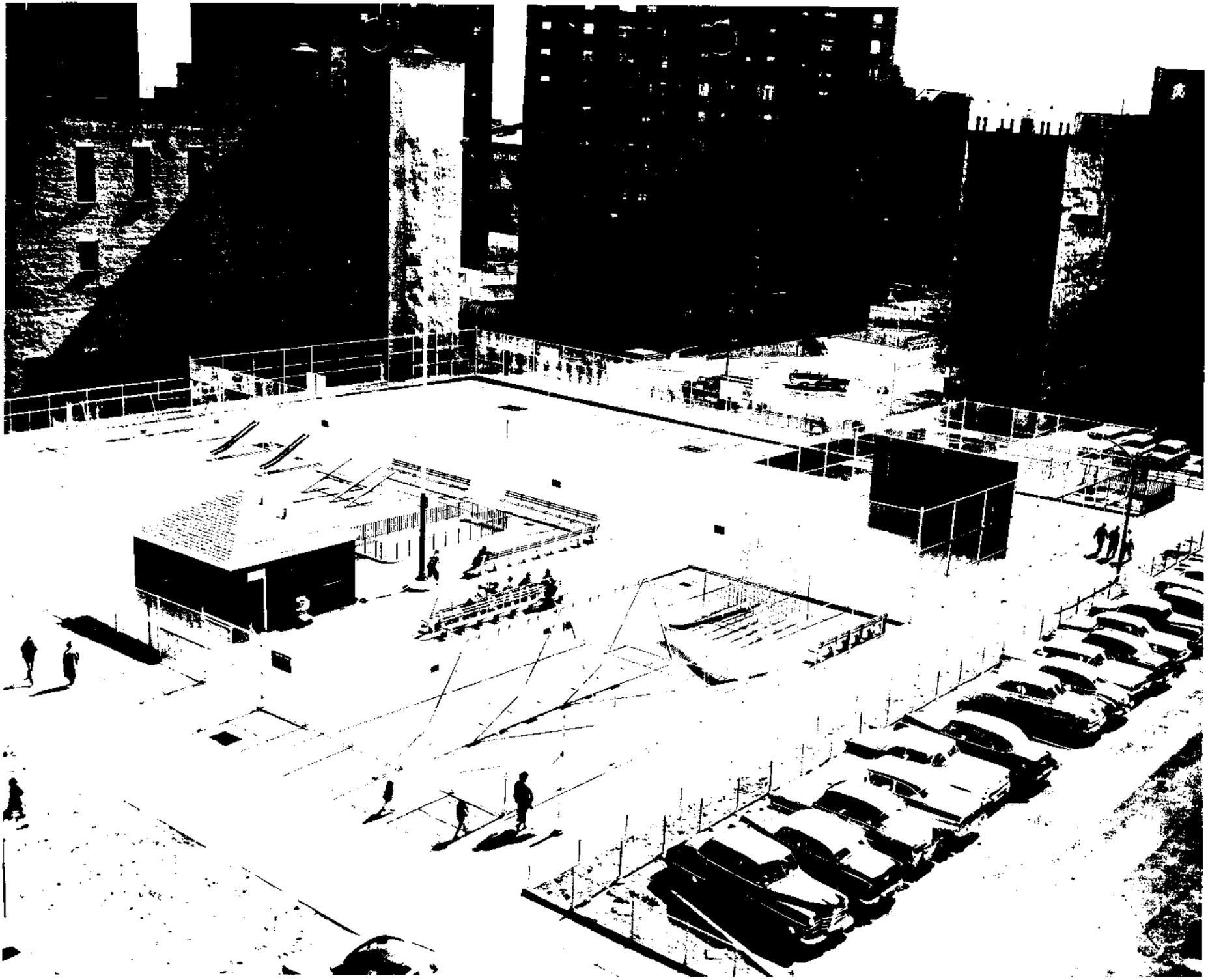
The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Madison and Jefferson Streets, adjacent to La Guardia Houses in the Borough of Manhattan.

Located on the Lower East Side of Manhattan this new 1.4 acre playground was made possible through the co-ordinated efforts of the New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Parks. The land was acquired and cleared by the Housing Authority, deeded to the city and transferred to the Department of Parks. The New York City Housing Authority contributed funds to defray part of the cost of construction of the facility.

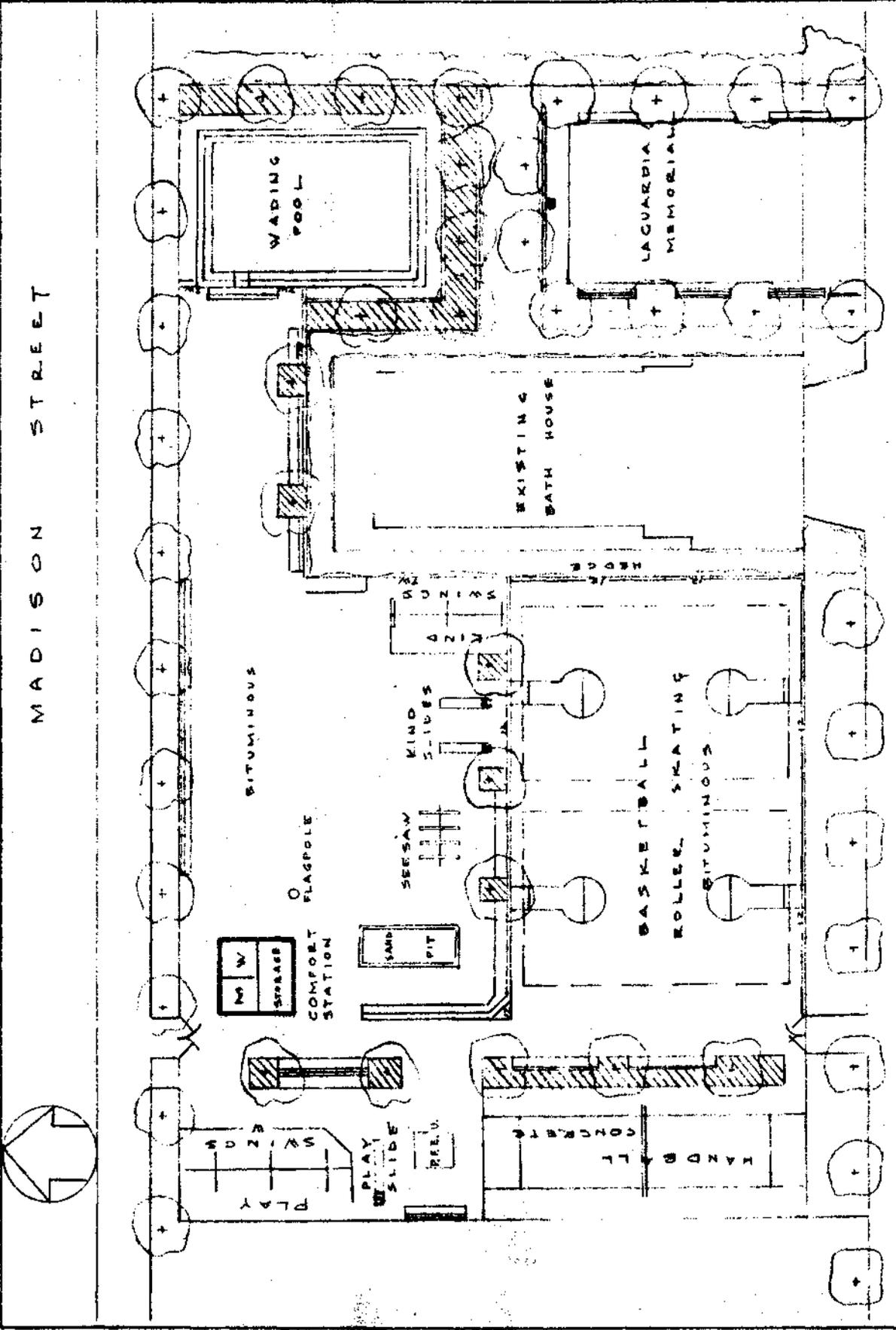
Divided into two sections, the northerly section contains a jungle gym, slides, see-saws, sand pit, wading pool, swings and a comfort station. The southerly section contains handball courts, basketball courts and a roller-skating area. The perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 716 playgrounds in the park system.

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MADISON STREET

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

LAGUARDIA HOUSES PLGD.  
SOUTH OF MADISON ST  
AT JEFFERSON ST. MAN.

10-11-57 S.M.A.

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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



PLGD. ADJACENT TO  
LAGUARDIA HS'S. SOUTH OF  
MADISON ST. AT JEFFERSON ST.

10-11-57 S.M.A.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

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FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that the semi-final and final rounds of the New York City Public Park Tennis Championship will be contested at the tennis courts located at West 93rd Street and West Drive in Central Park on Saturday, October 19, 1957 at 2 P.M. and Sunday, October 20th at 11 A.M.

In the semi-final round on Saturday, October 19th Conrad Rothberg and Paul Standel meet Charles Saber and Arnold Kent. The winners of this match meet John Kunit and William Robertson on Sunday.

The trophies for this tournament were donated by the Slazenger Tennis Equipment Company.

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10-18-57



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

*10/15/57 - Hand Delivery, 1011 A11  
Mail Delivery*

FOR RELEASE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1957

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

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground and parking area located between West 25th and West 27th Streets and Surf Avenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the Coney Island section this new 1/4 acre playground and 1/3 acre parking field is part of the plan for rehabilitating areas adjacent to the beach and boardwalk to provide useful facilities for the needs of residents and visitors to this resort.

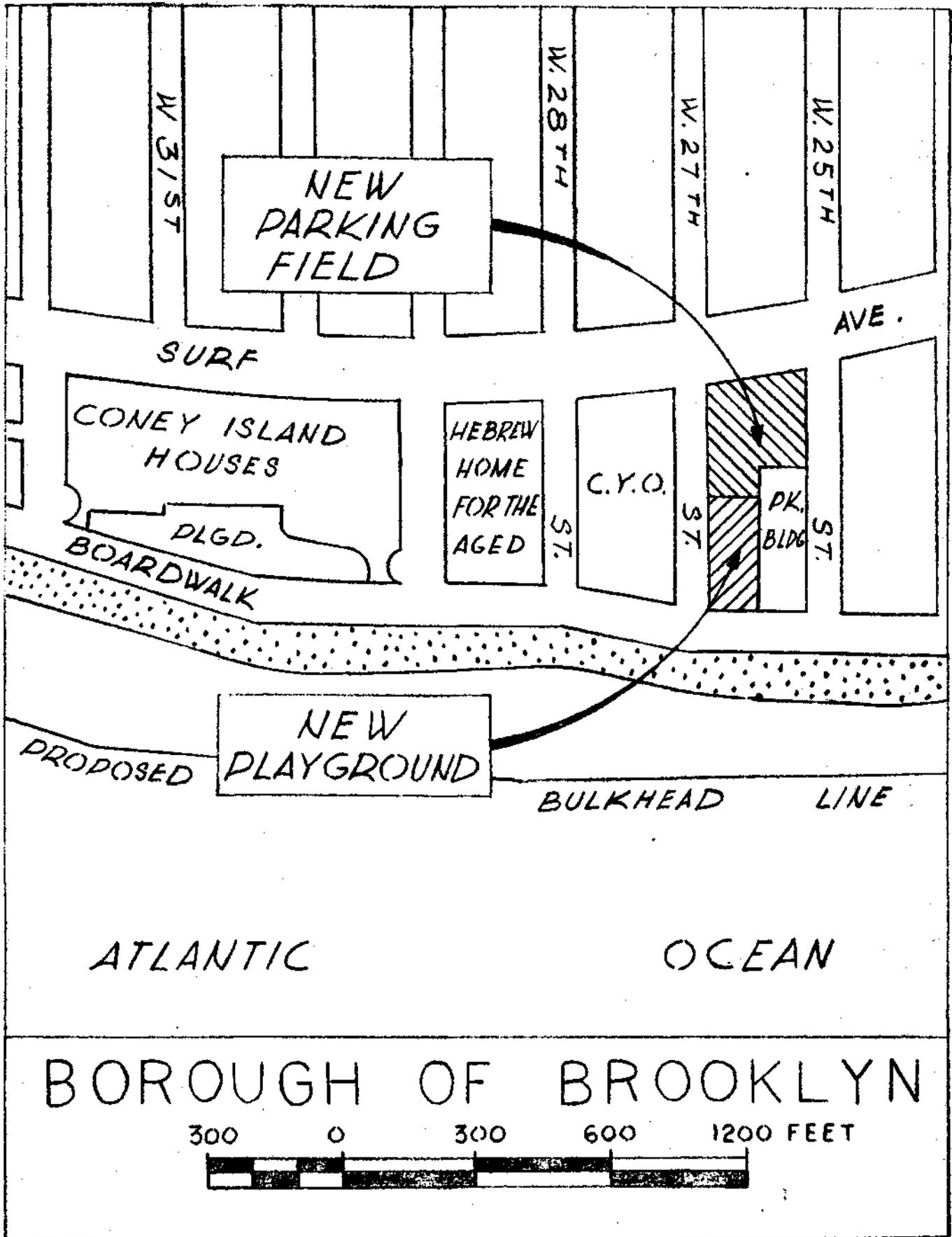
Divided into two sections, the southerly section contains handball courts, paddle tennis courts and shuffleboard courts. The northerly section contains the public parking area with accommodations for 165 automobiles. During summer beach operating season, from May to September, a charge of 25¢ will be made for parking. At other times there will be free parking during the day. Overnight parking will not be permitted at any time.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 717 playgrounds in the park system.

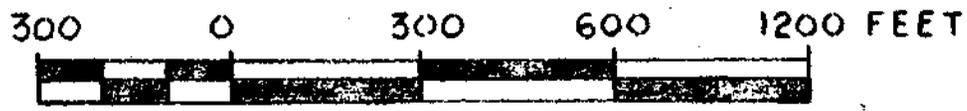
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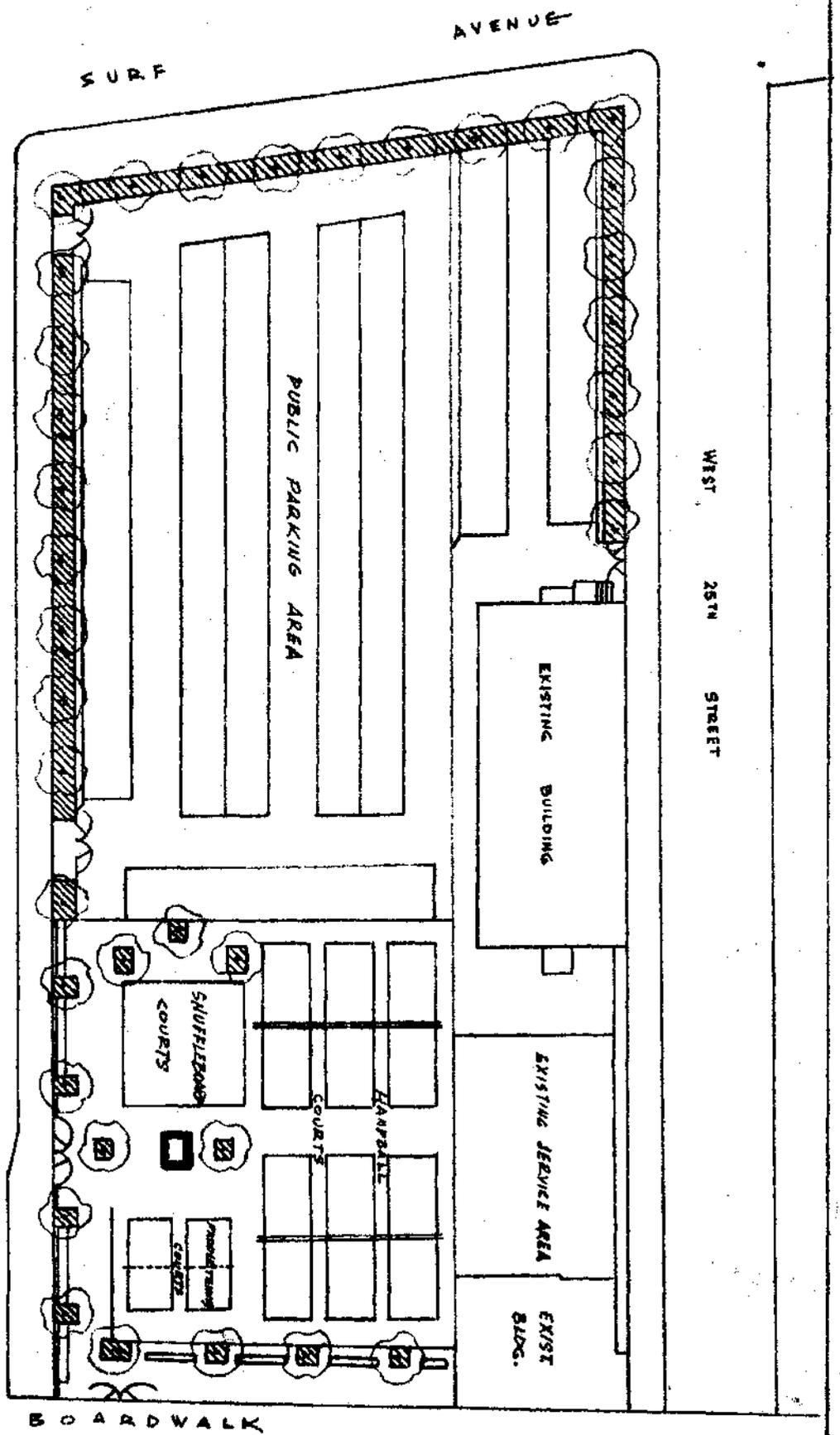


BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN



DARKING FIELD AND PLAYGROUND  
 LOCATED AT W.25<sup>TH</sup> TO W.27<sup>TH</sup> STS.  
 BET. SURF AVE. & BOARDWALK, CONEY ISLAND S.M.A 10-15-57 B-L-169-3301

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PARKING FIELD AND PLAYGROUND  
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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1957

*Released  
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The duck hunting season for the Long Island area opens on November 2, 1957.

Hunting is not permitted in Jamaica Bay. This area has been established as a wildlife refuge and hunting and carrying of firearms in Jamaica Bay are violations of the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Parks. Signs have been posted in various locations to this effect.

Violators of these regulations will be subject to prosecution.

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10-24-57



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

**FOR RELEASE**

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1957

*Clipping Room*  
*Release recd*  
*10/25/57*

The Department of Parks announces that because of the construction of a bridge on the Cross Island Parkway at the overpass at Hempstead Turnpike in Queens on Tuesday, October 29, 1957, the flow of traffic in both directions will be interrupted four times during the day.

Starting at 10 A.M. the first of four girders will be installed as part of the contract for this improvement and traffic in both directions will be halted for 10 minutes. As each of the other three girders are installed, the same procedure will be followed.

Traffic will be cleared after each setting of the girders so that inconvenience to motorists will be minimized.

Signs have been posted on the parkway warning motorists that construction is in progress at this location.

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10-24-57

*Barney 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1957

*10/25 - 10 AM  
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# STATEN ISLAND OCEAN FRONT IMPROVEMENT

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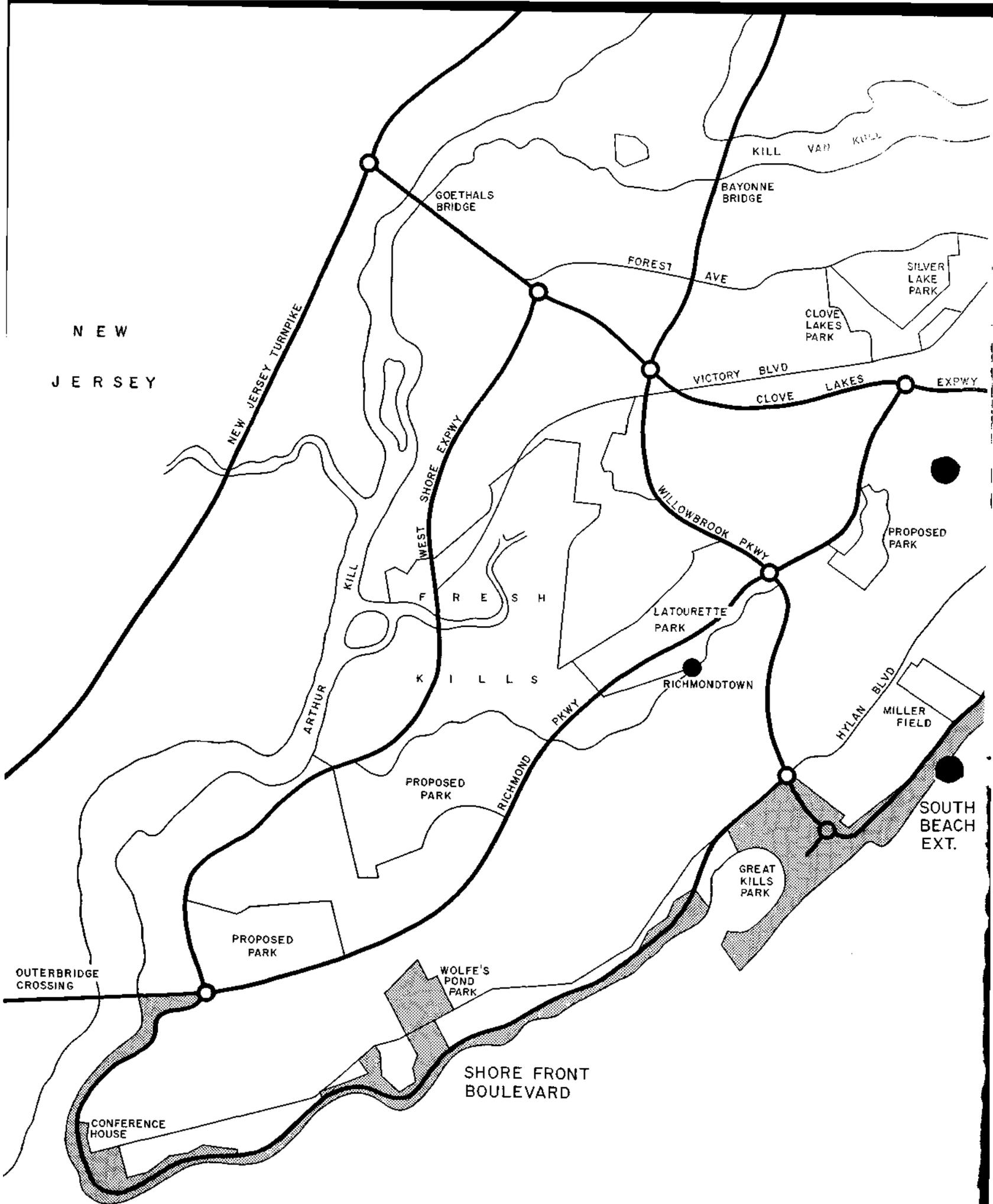
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**NARROWS  
BRIDGE** ●

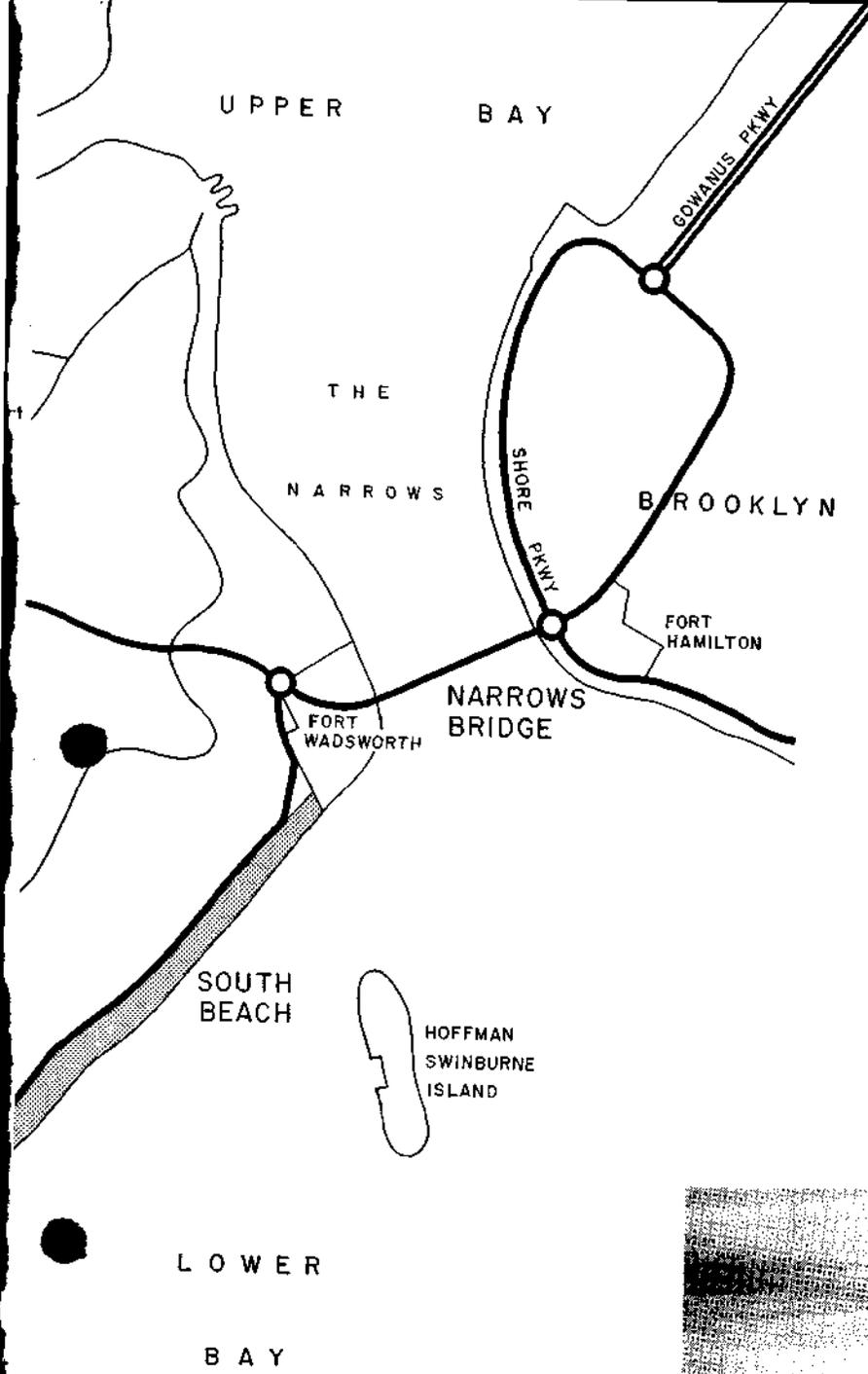
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**SOUTH BEACH  
EXTENSION** ●

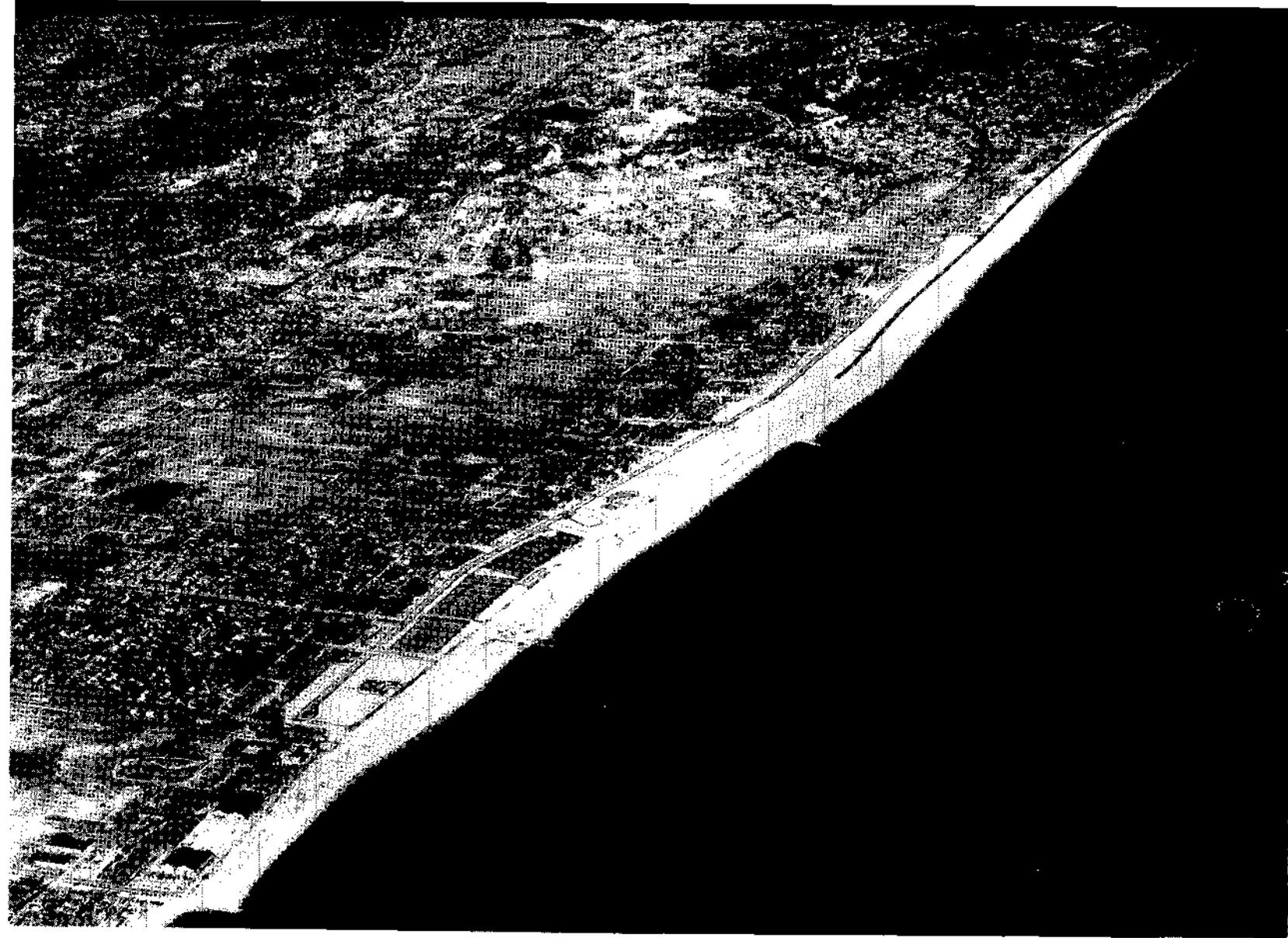
**SHORE FRONT  
BOULEVARD** ●



OCTOBER 28, 1957



*Looking south from over the Narrows.*



*South Beach, Miller Field lower left, Fort Wadsworth upper right.*

## **STATEN ISLAND OCEAN FRONT IMPROVEMENT**

The opening of the first section of Seaside Boulevard marks a big step in the comprehensive development of the entire South Shore of Staten Island. This Boulevard and the accompanying beach development are being built by the Borough President of Staten Island and the Department of Parks working together.

Improvements between Fort Wadsworth and Miller Field were programmed over a three year period and are progressing according to schedule. The first year program included the section of Sea-

side Boulevard between Miller Field and Xenia Street, and also the beach front from Miller Field to Slater Boulevard. This frontage was regraded and widened by hydraulic fill. Comfort stations, a bathhouse, and other service facilities are now under construction. Parking fields, playgrounds, picnic grounds and landscaped areas are located between the ocean front promenade and Seaside Boulevard. These beach and park facilities will be opened to the public next spring.

The second year program will include the con-

struction of Seaside Boulevard between Xenia Street and Fort Wadsworth as well as parking fields, picnic areas, a bathhouse and other park facilities between the existing boardwalk and the Boulevard. At the same time the new promenade will be extended to connect with the existing boardwalk.

The third year program will complete the improvements between the existing boardwalk and Seaside Boulevard and fill in the short gap at the west end of the beach.

A tabulation of the estimated cost of this work is shown on page 16.

Plans and specifications are being completed now for the remaining work between Miller Field and Fort Wadsworth to carry out the three year program.

These improvements will be extended to the west through Miller Field to connect with Great Kills Park. This extension will be scheduled as another three year program. The Boulevard will pass through the northerly part of Great Kills Park to form an intersection with Willowbrook Parkway. Plans for this part of the program are shown in this report. The extension to Great Kills Park will add 1.6 miles to the present 2.5 miles of South Beach and include parking for approximately 4500 cars to serve users of this new area.

The new beach will be created by hydraulic fill extending outward from the existing water line. Approximately 60% of the area required is already in public ownership.

It is anticipated that the entire project will be

self-liquidating on the basis of fee collections which will pay for all operation, interest on financing bonds, and amortization, over a period of thirty years.

The entire waterfront west of Great Kills Park will eventually be skirted by the extended Shorefront Boulevard. This landscaped Boulevard, constructed at surface level overlooking the bay, will preserve forever one of the most dramatic and unspoiled waterfront sections of the city. The attached map shows where it passes Wolfe's Pond Park, the Prince's Bay area and Conference House Park to complete the circuit at Richmond Parkway as it terminates at the Outerbridge Crossing. Additions to Conference House Park and Wolfe's Pond Park will be an integral part of the improvement and the road will furnish protection against beach erosion and tidal floods along the entire South Shore. Land must be acquired immediately before the inevitable real estate boom which will follow the opening if not the beginning of construction of the Narrows Bridge.

Construction of the Narrows Bridge and its approaches is being coordinated with work already under way along South Beach and the westerly extension of the Beach.

The extension of South Beach to Great Kills Park and of Seaside Boulevard as Shore Boulevard through Great Kills Park and past Conference House Park, presents the most unusual and fortunate remaining opportunity for shorefront conservation and recreation in the entire City. It is an opportunity which must be seized.

ALBERT V. MANISCALCO  
President of the Borough of Richmond

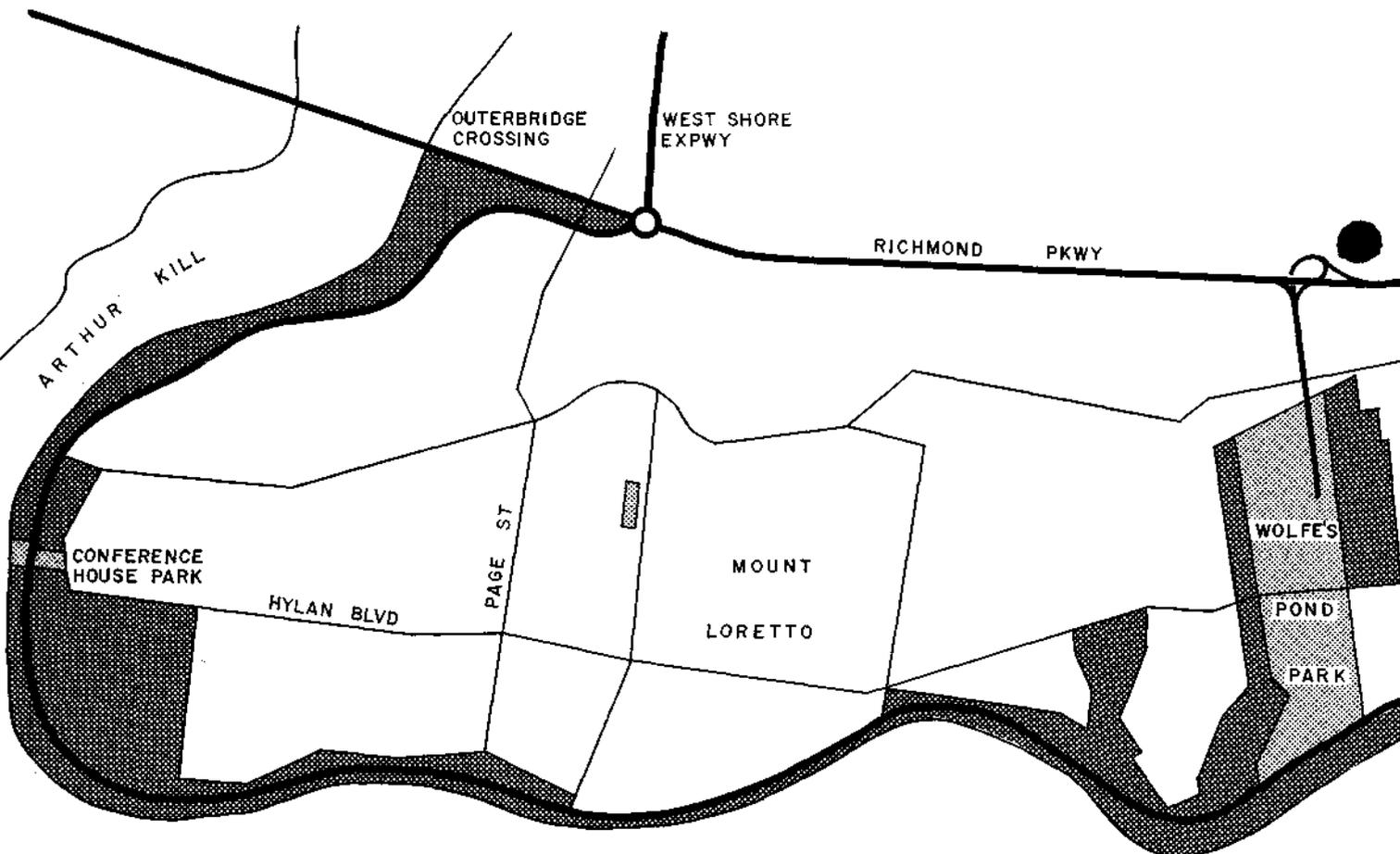
ROBERT MOSES  
Commissioner of Parks

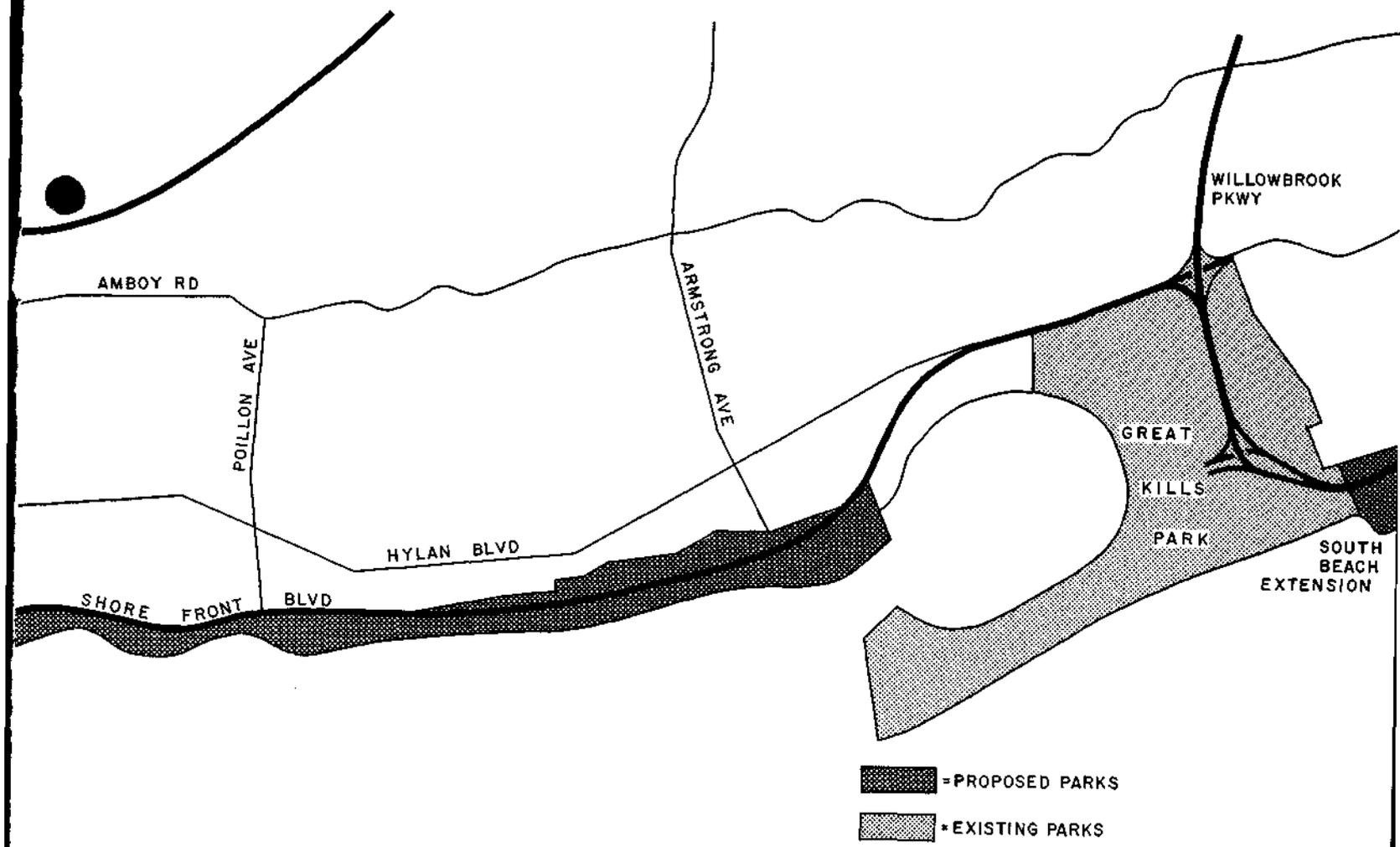
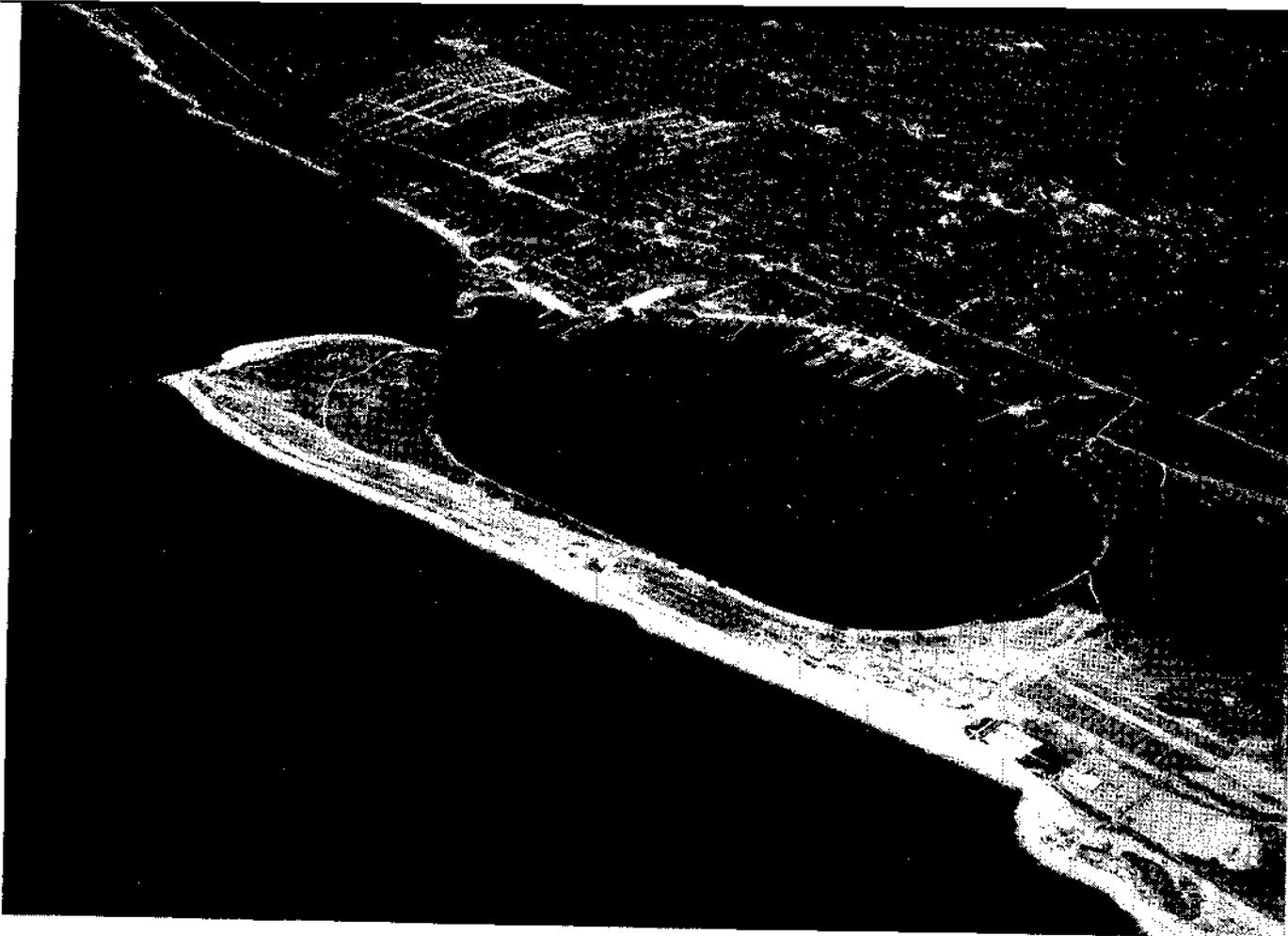
# SHORE FRONT BOULEVARD •

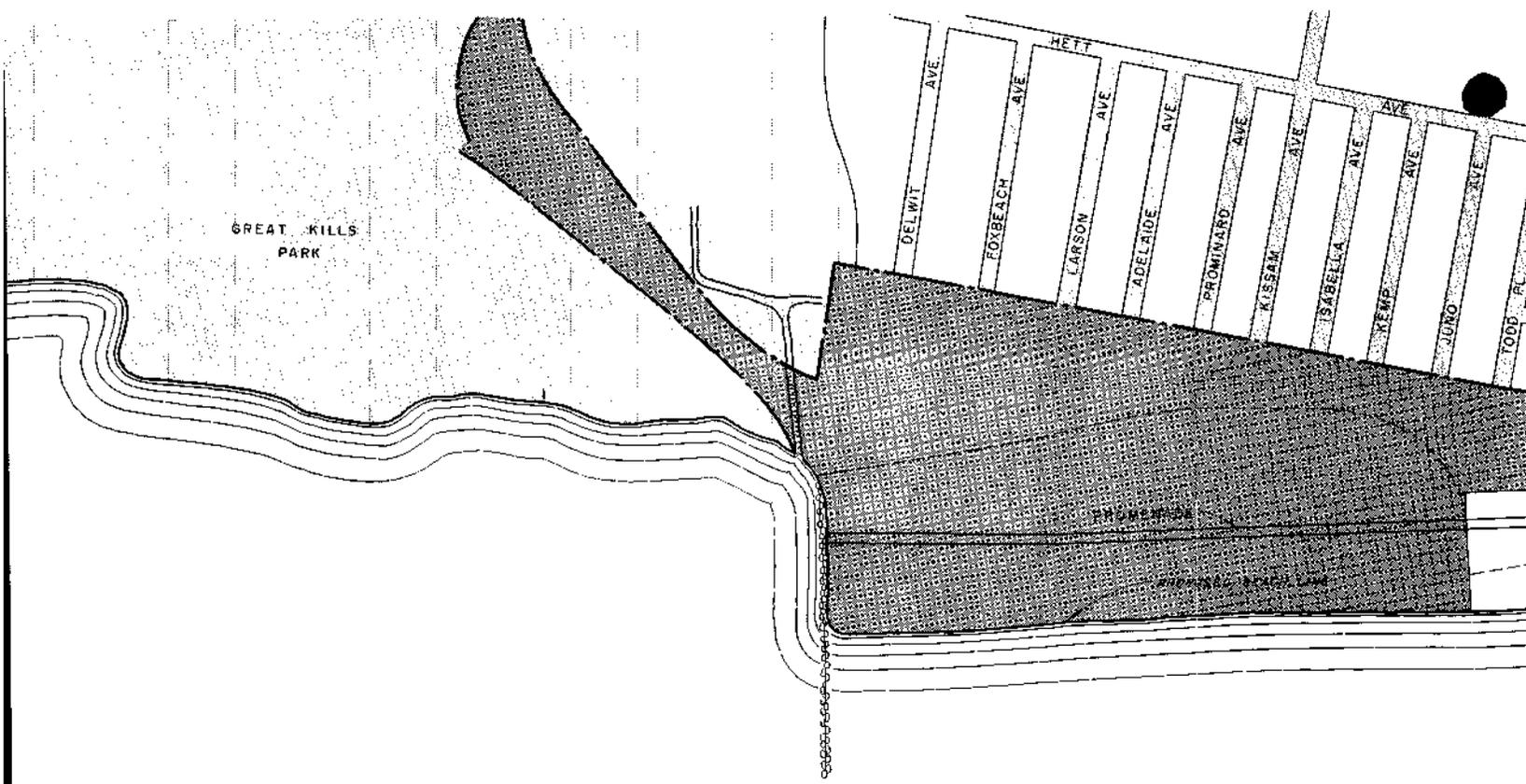
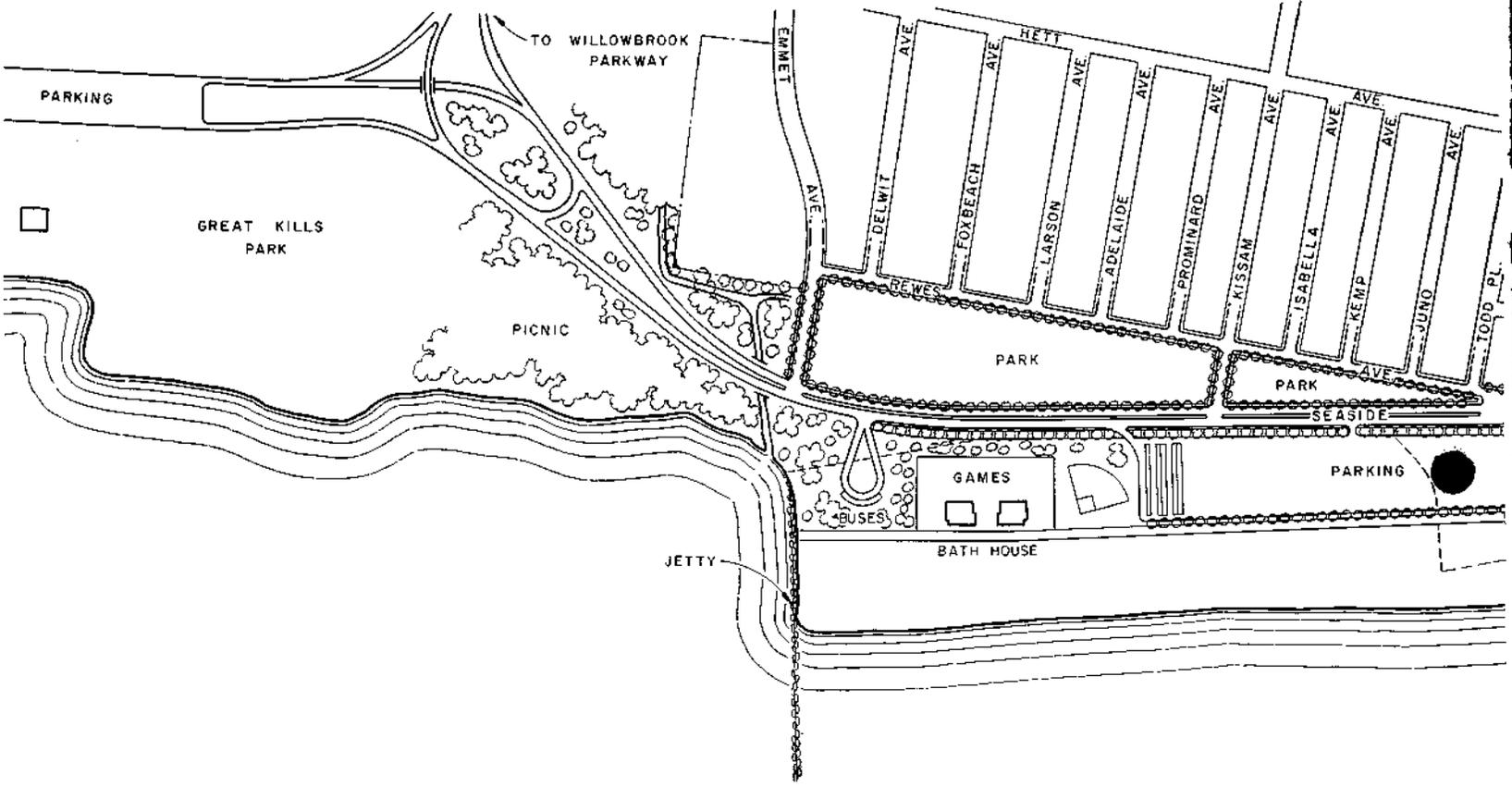


*Conference House, built in 1688 by Captain Christopher Billopp, was the scene of a conference between the British and the Americans after the Battle of Long Island in 1776. Admiral Lord Howe and General Howe met with Edward Rutledge, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin representing the Continental Congress. King George III offered pardon to all who had deviated and were willing to return to their duty. There was no agreement and the war continued.*

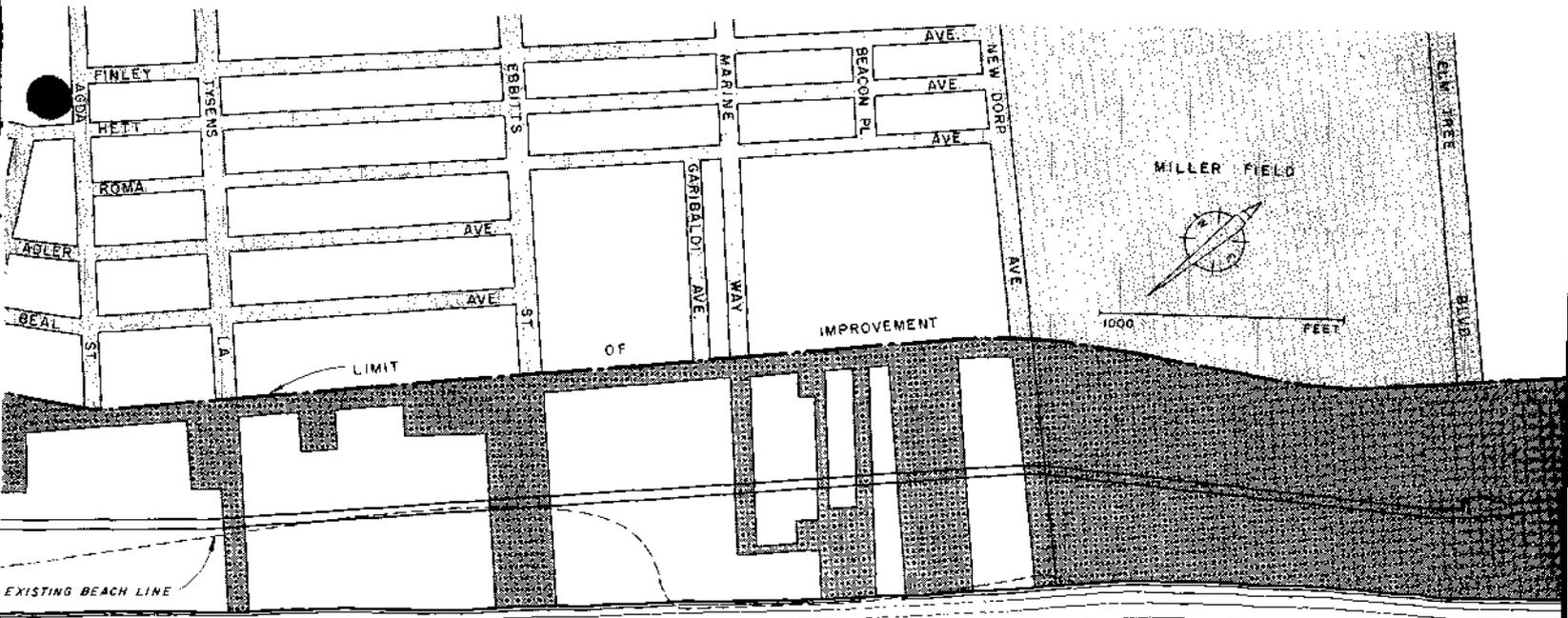
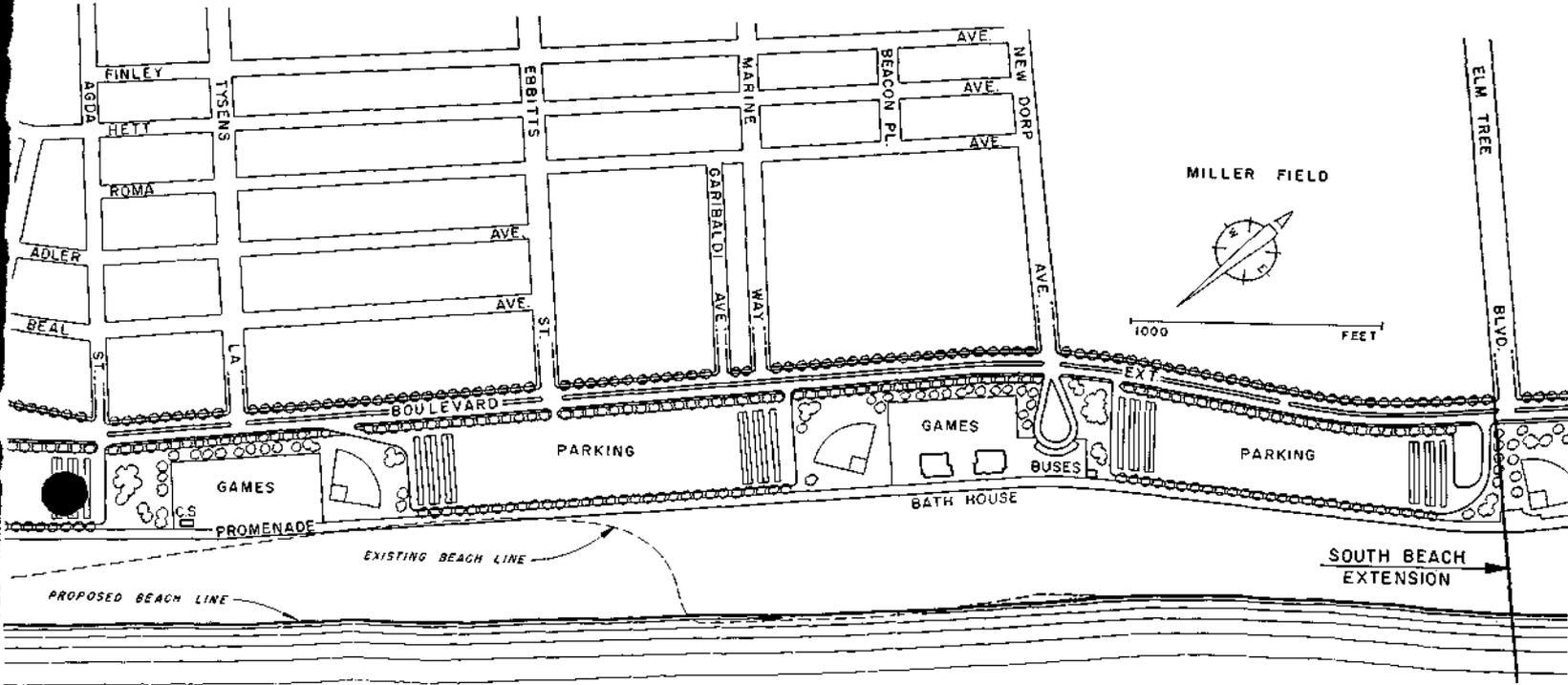
*1275 acre Great Kills Park, opened on a limited basis in July 1949, is an outstanding example of cooperation among public agencies. The Federal Government created the harbor by dredging 1,500,000 cubic yards of sand which was placed on the beach. The Department of Sanitation's controlled land fill operations reclaimed the mainland with 15,000,000 cubic yards of fill. The surface development, the responsibility of the Department of Parks, included comfort stations, walks, roads and parking. Since the original opening, a bath house and concession buildings have been built.*





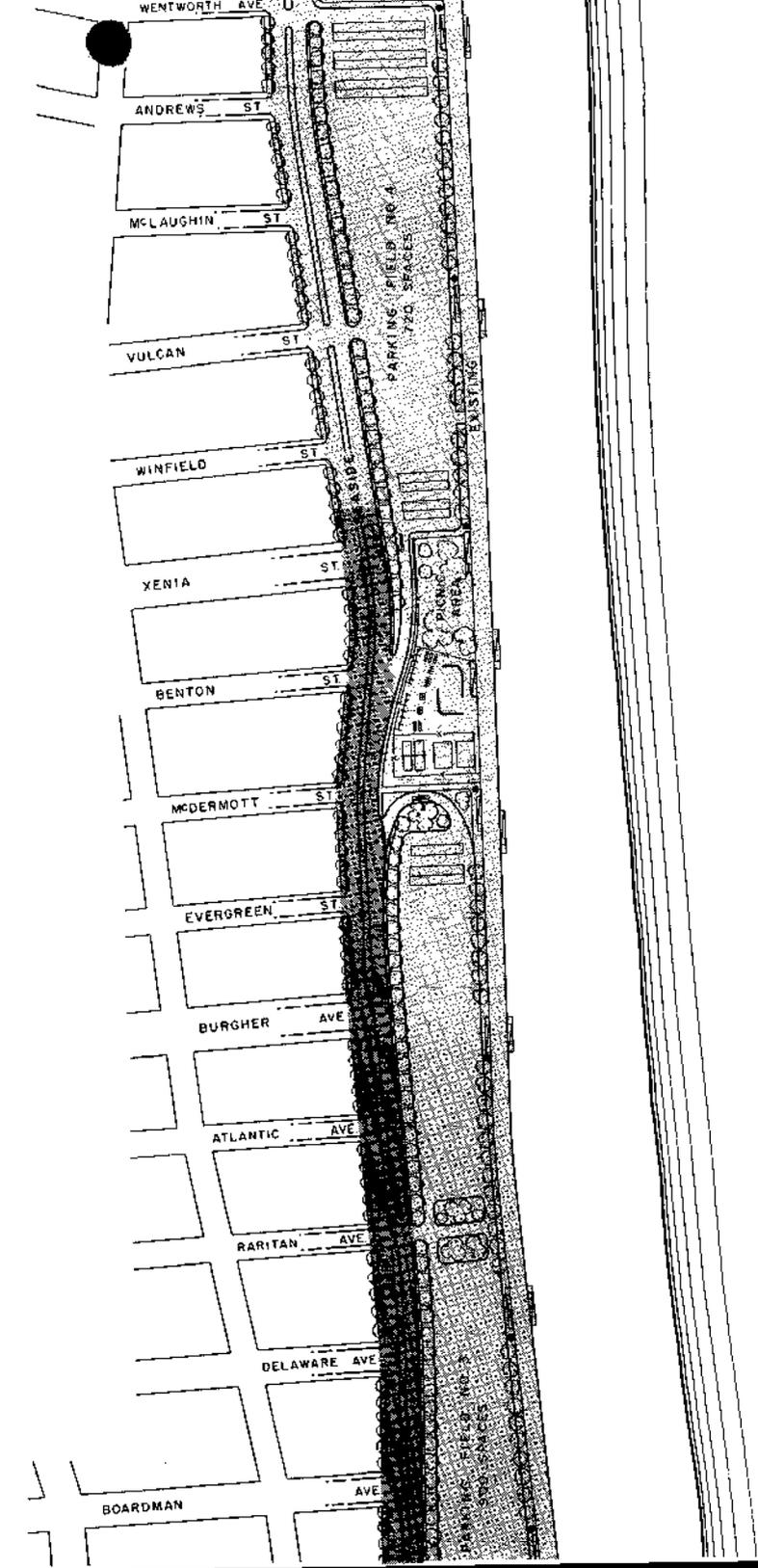
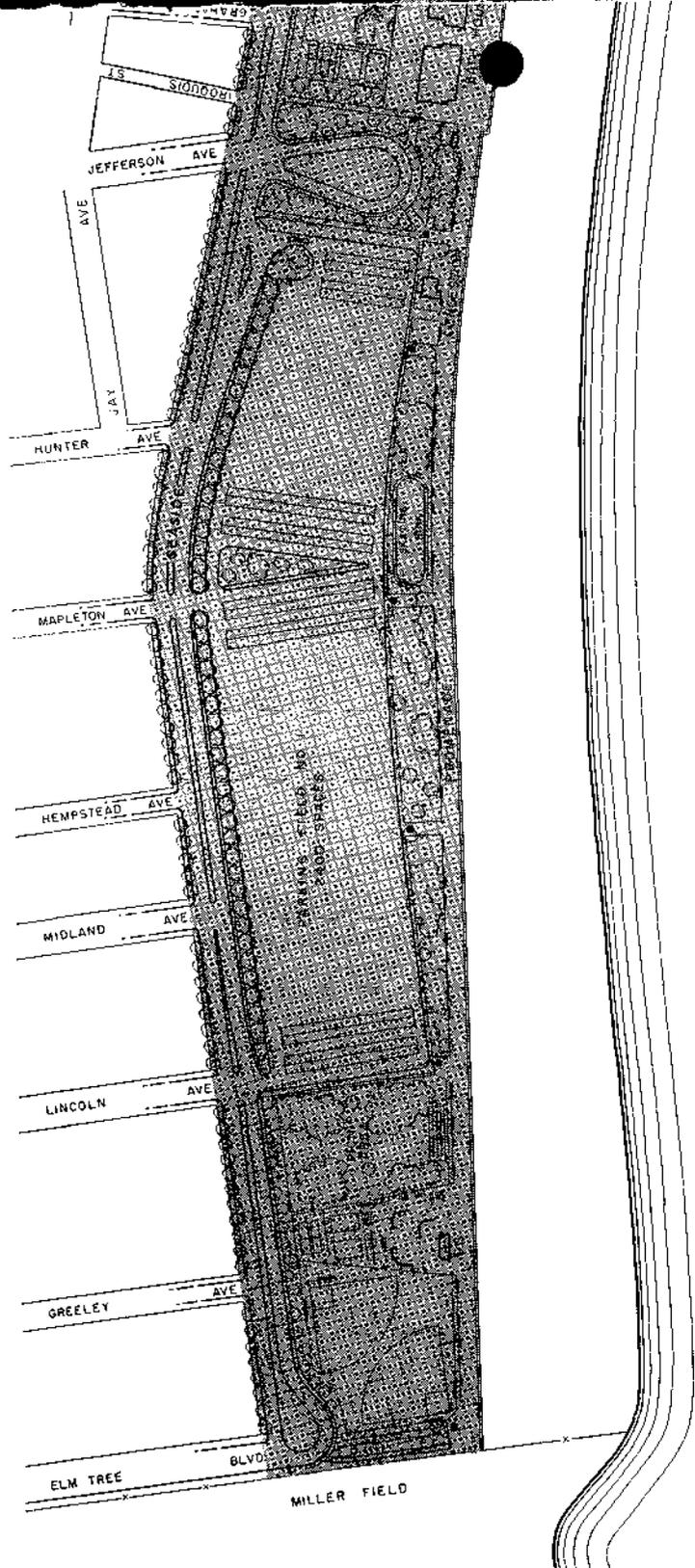


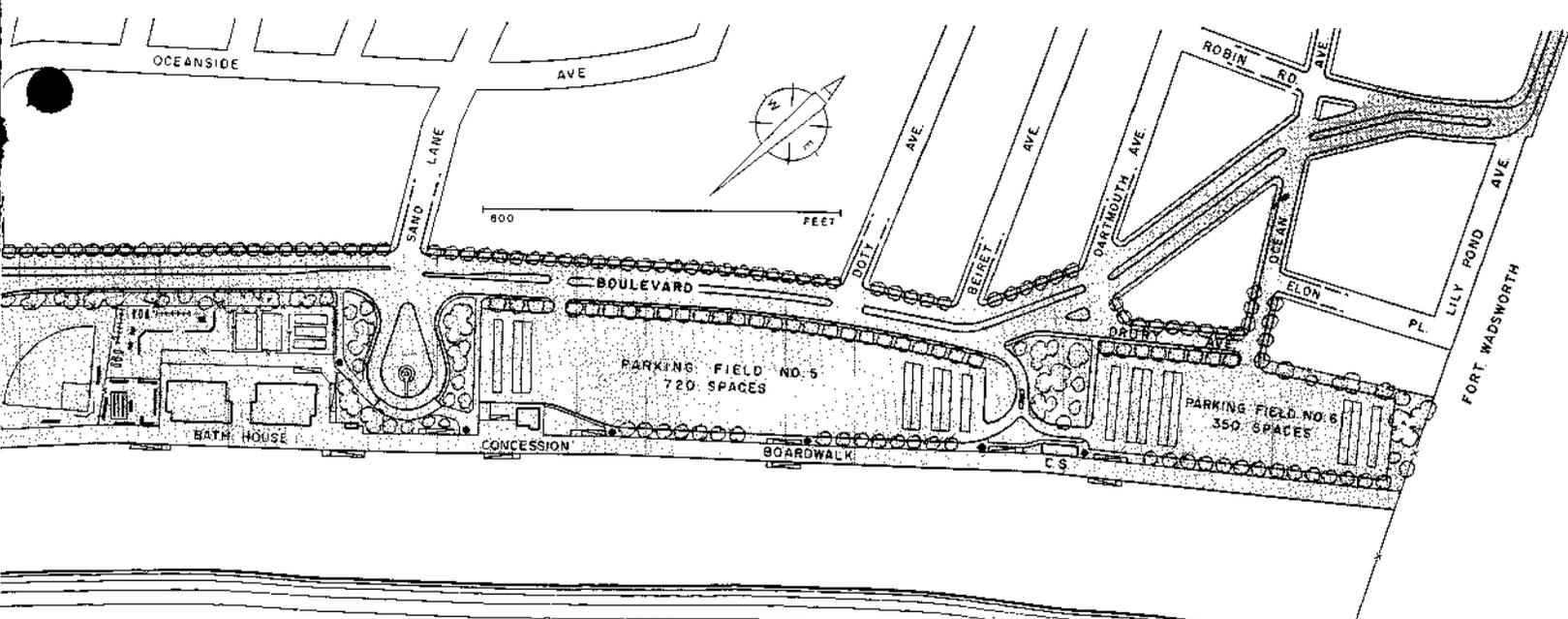
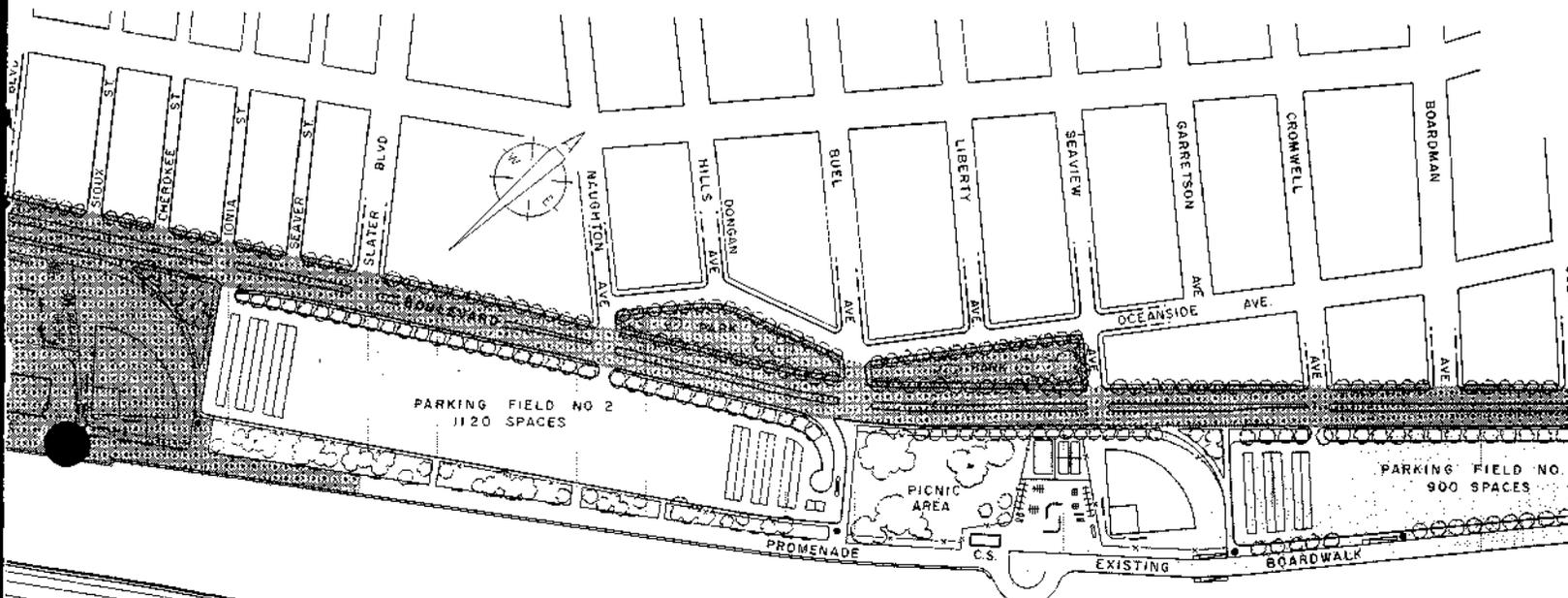
# SOUTH BEACH EXTENSION ●

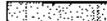


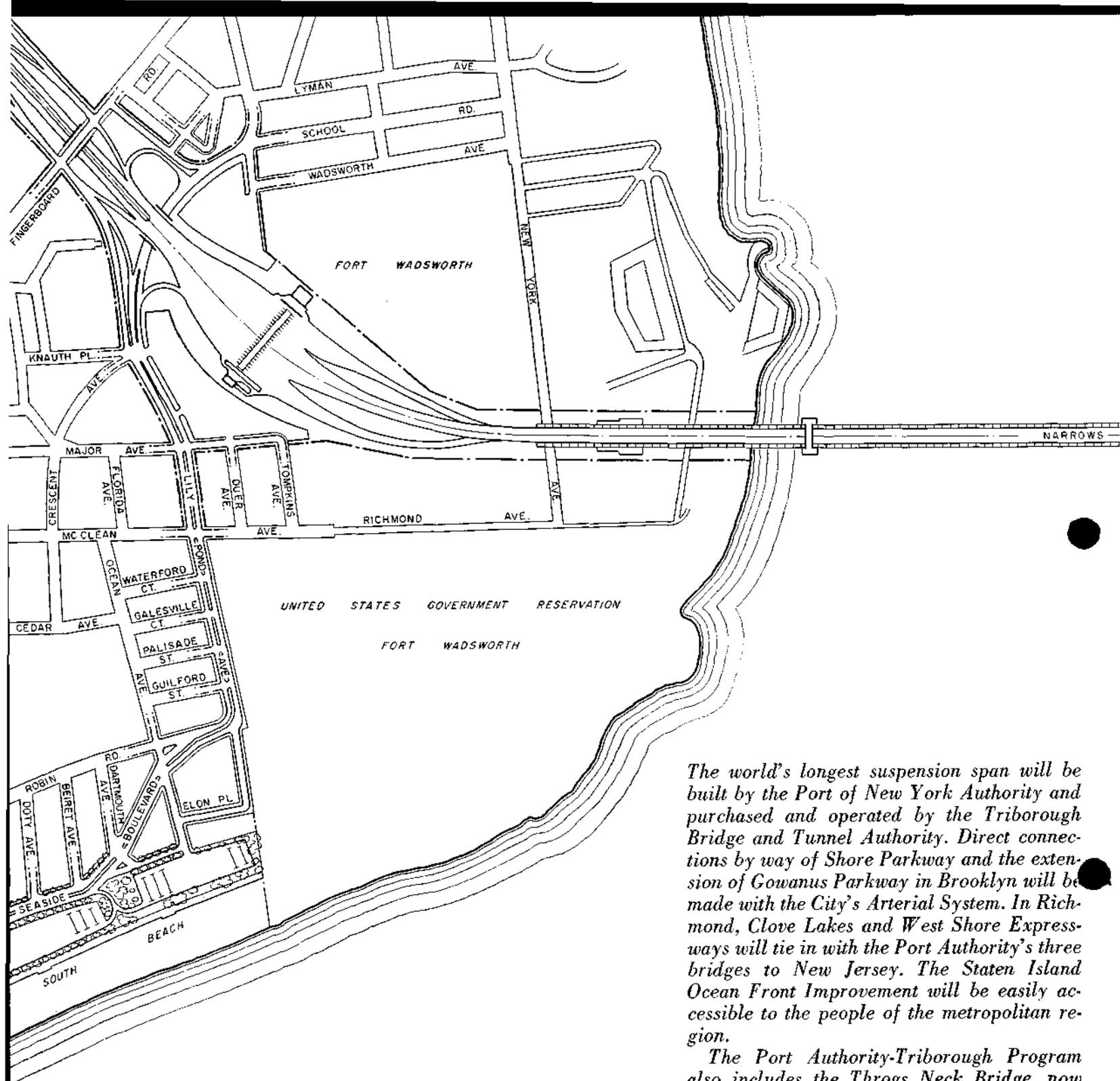
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# SOUTH BEACH





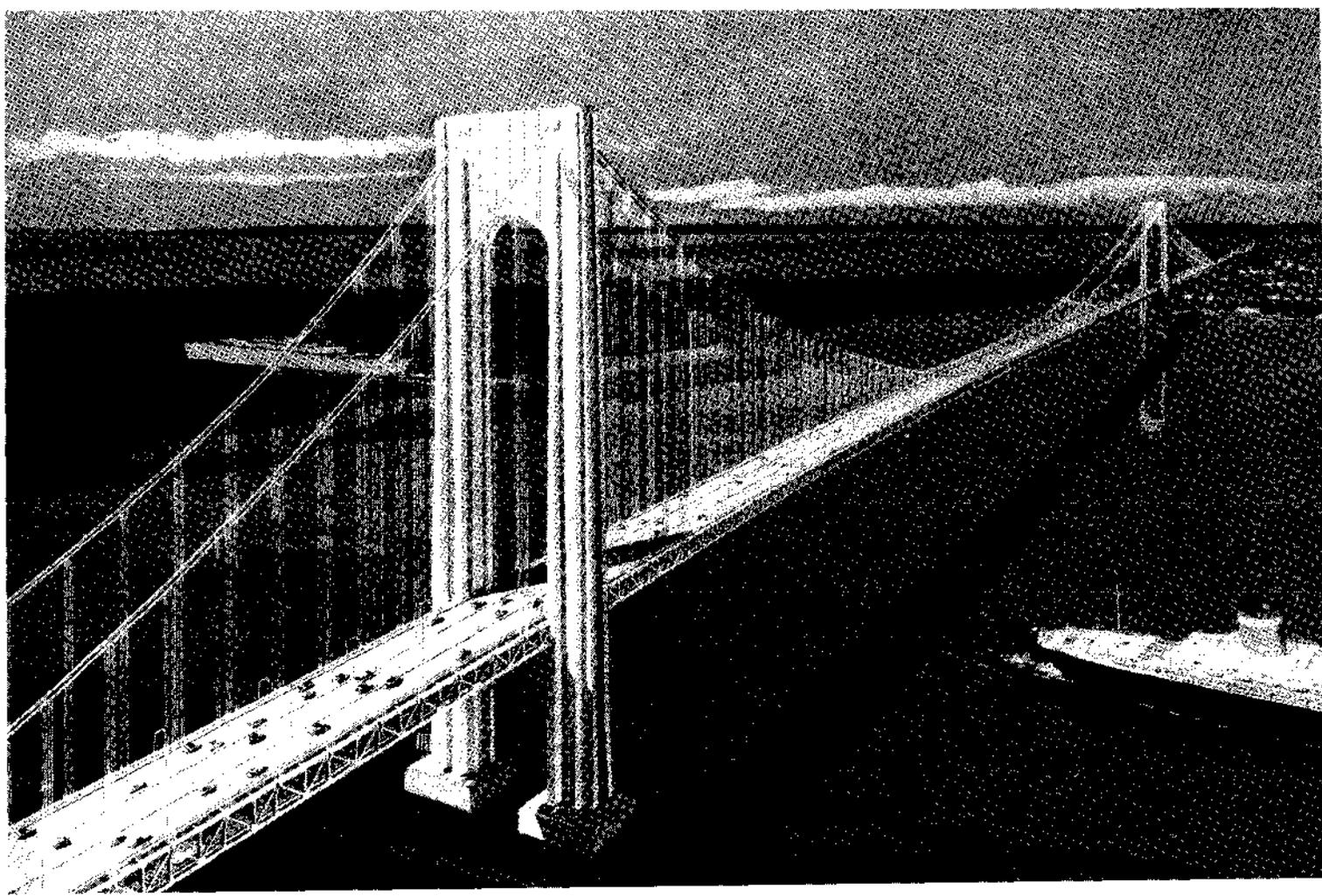
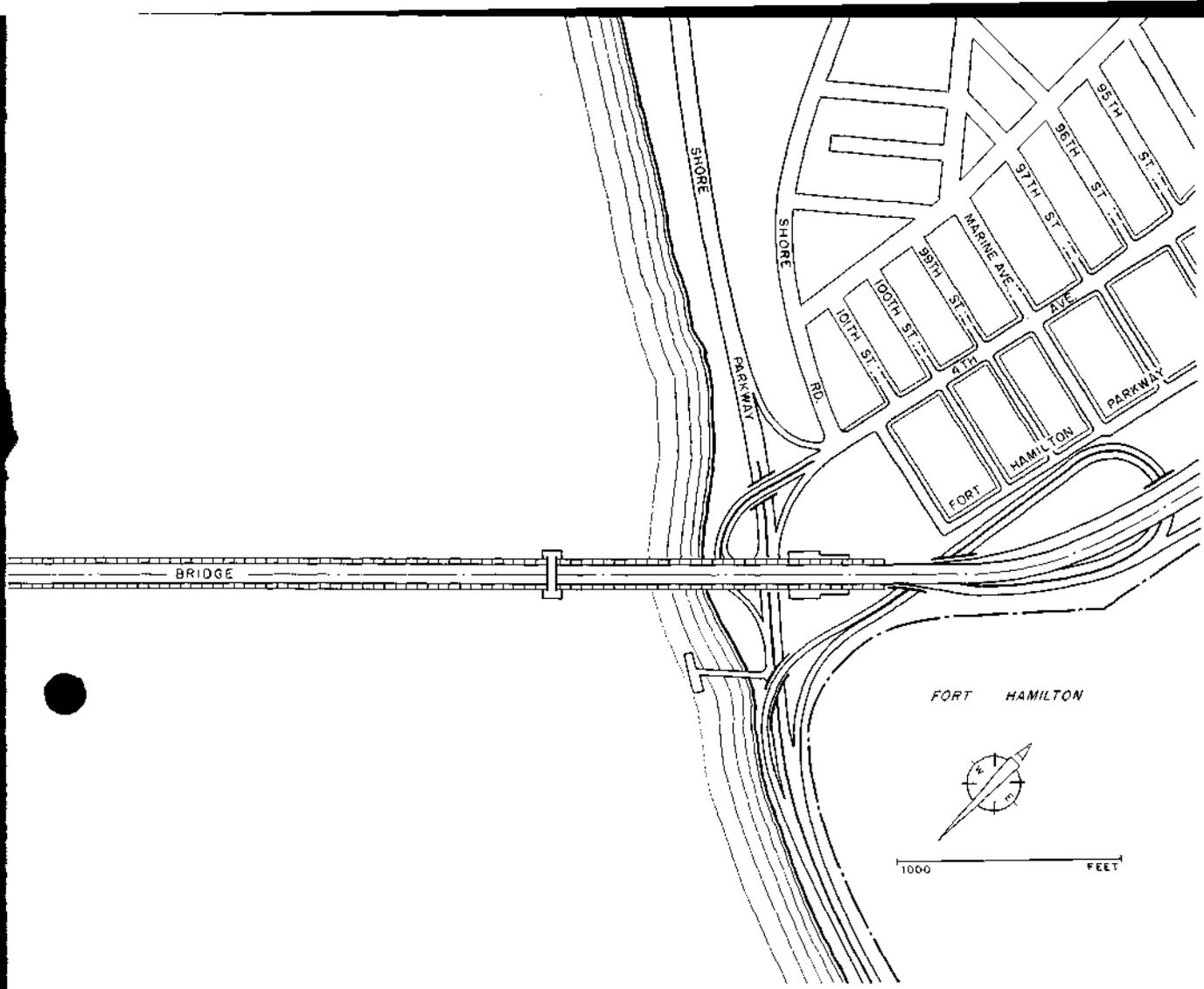
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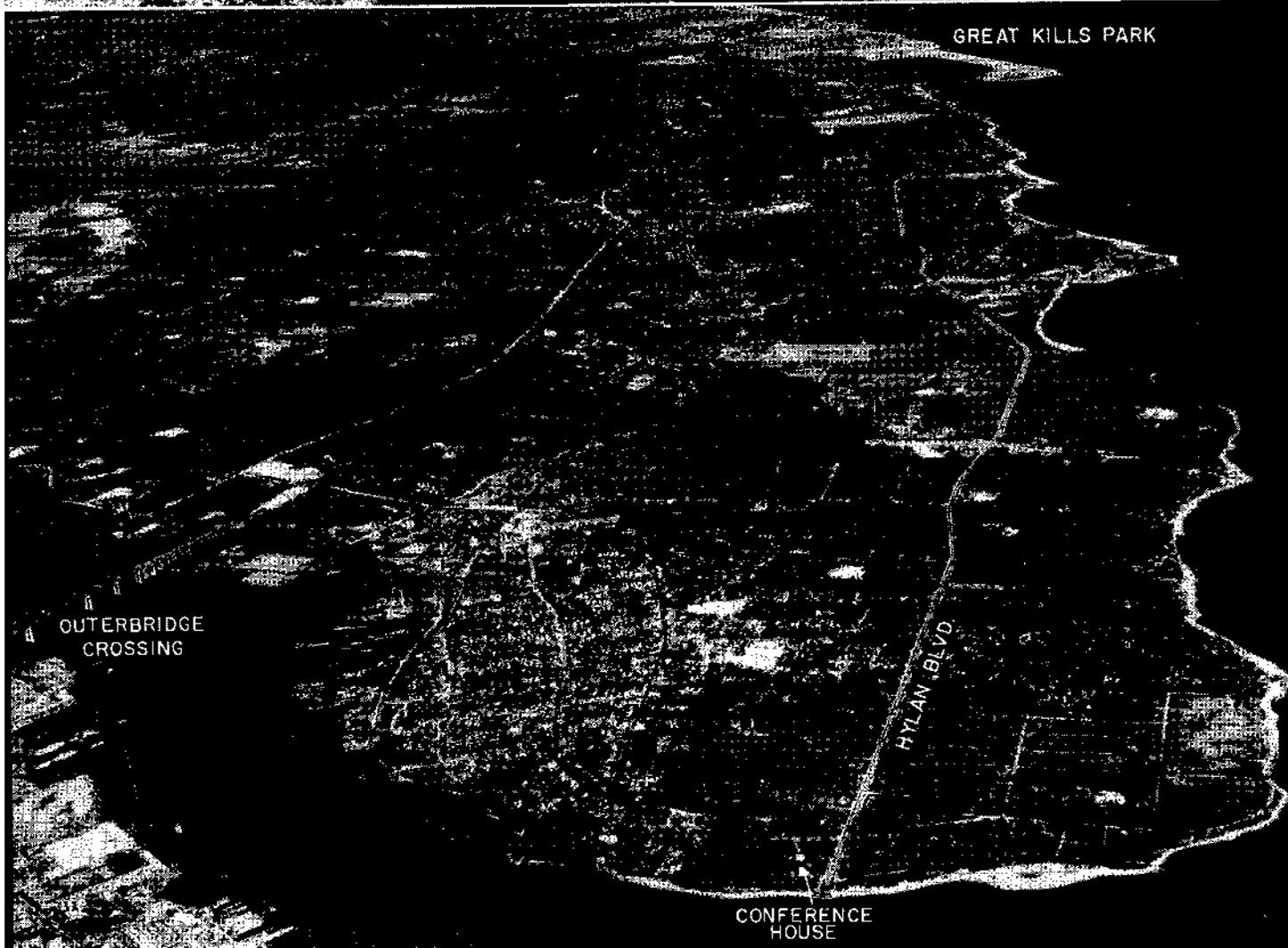


The world's longest suspension span will be built by the Port of New York Authority and purchased and operated by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. Direct connections by way of Shore Parkway and the extension of Gowanus Parkway in Brooklyn will be made with the City's Arterial System. In Richmond, Clove Lakes and West Shore Expressways will tie in with the Port Authority's three bridges to New Jersey. The Staten Island Ocean Front Improvement will be easily accessible to the people of the metropolitan region.

The Port Authority-Triborough Program also includes the Throgs Neck Bridge, now under construction, and a second deck and new approaches for the George Washington Bridge. The Lower Manhattan Expressway will soon be started. The Mid-Manhattan Expressway is vitally necessary for the relief of midtown traffic congestion.

# NARROWS BRIDGE ●

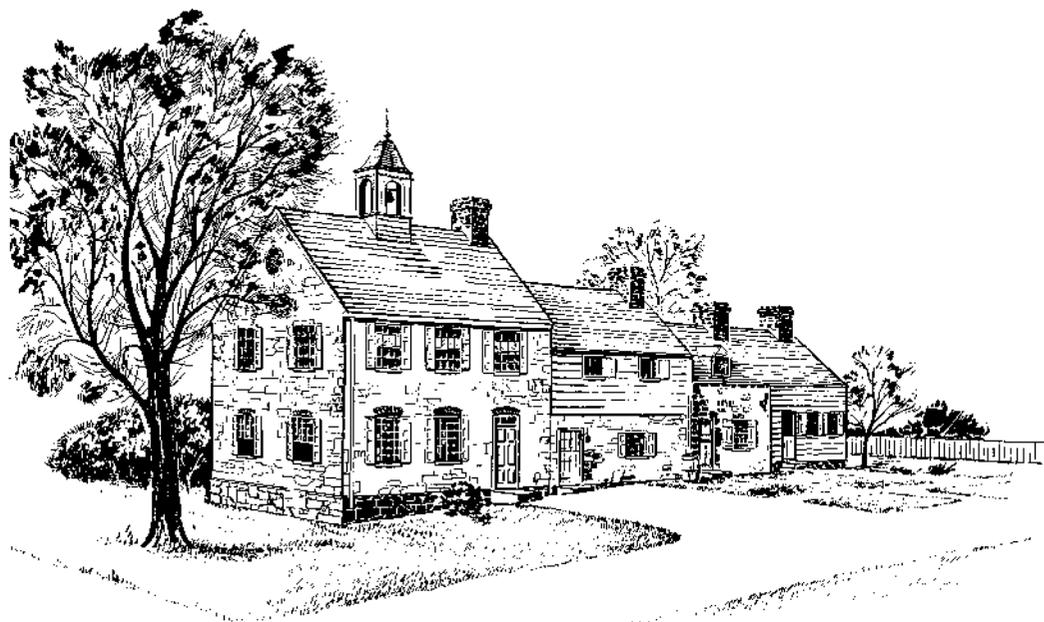




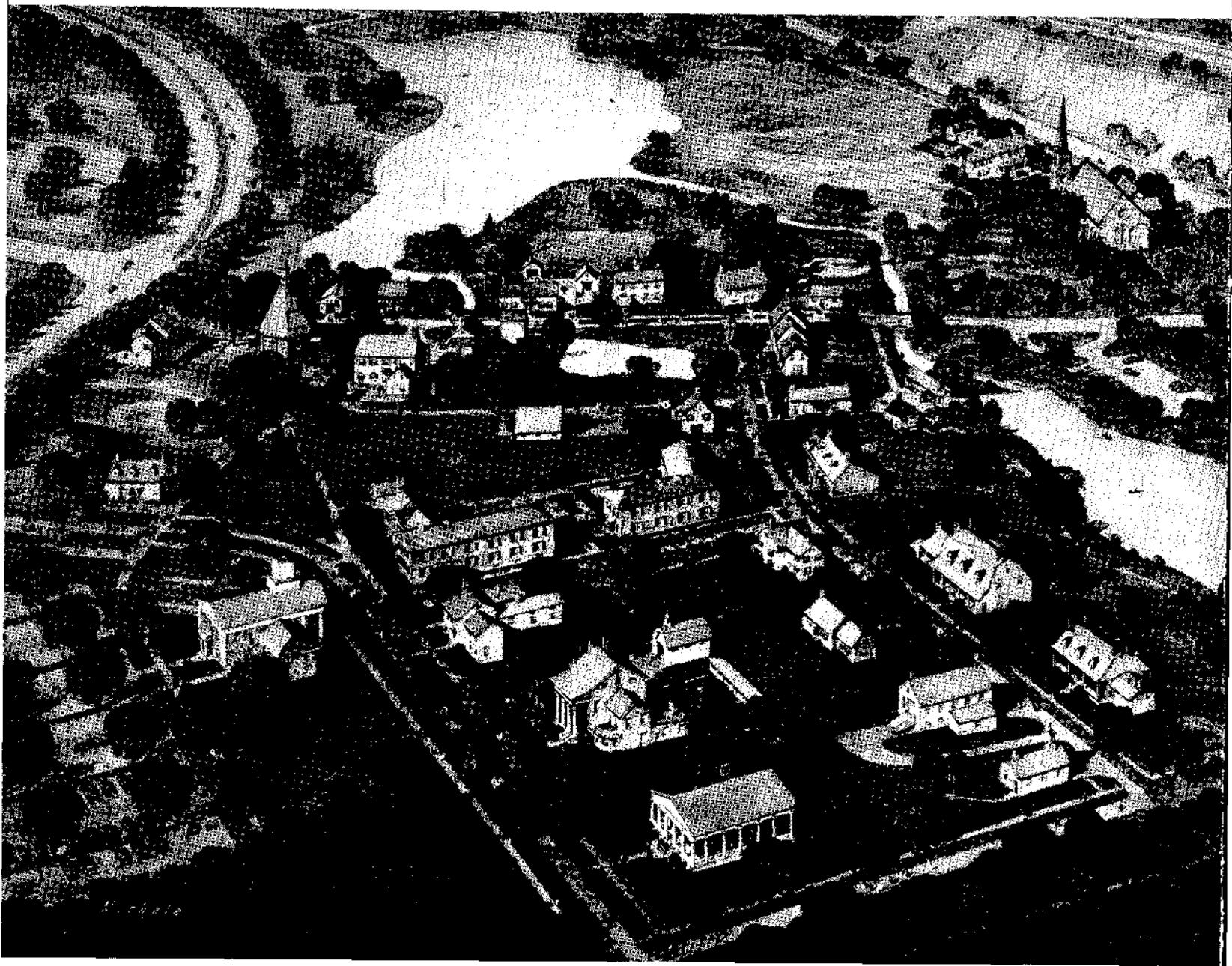


*The two aerials to the left show the entire length of the Staten Island Ocean Front Improvement from south below to north above.*

*Looking north from the south end of the present South Beach. To the left is Seaside Boulevard and to the right is the new promenade under construction. Between the two are . . . ball fields, playgrounds, picnic area, parking, bus terminal and the bath house group with recreational facilities all under construction. In the background the approximate route of the new Narrows Bridge is indicated.*



*First Court House, Gaol and County House built in 1729 will be reconstructed on the old foundations.*



## RICHMONDTOWN

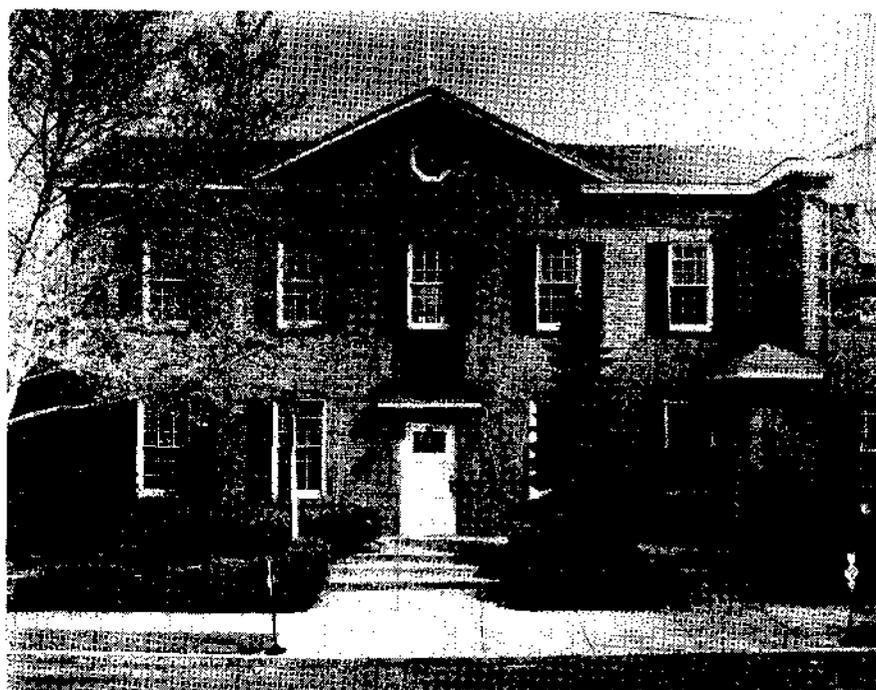
*The restoration of Richmondtown, historically and geographically the center of Staten Island, will provide an outstanding example of the evolution of an American village during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. It will show in buildings, furnishings, tools, orchards, lanes and gardens the simple way of living that gradually developed into our complex modern urban society. It is typical of many of the villages which have lost, in large part, their identity in Greater New York and other cities of the Metropolitan region.*



*The Voorlezers House, restored in 1936, is believed to be the oldest existing elementary school building in the United States.*



*Museum—the old county clerk's and surrogate's office built in 1848. Now headquarters of Staten Island Historical Society.*



## ESTIMATES

### SOUTH BEACH AND SEASIDE BOULEVARD BETWEEN FORT WADSWORTH AND MILLER FIELD

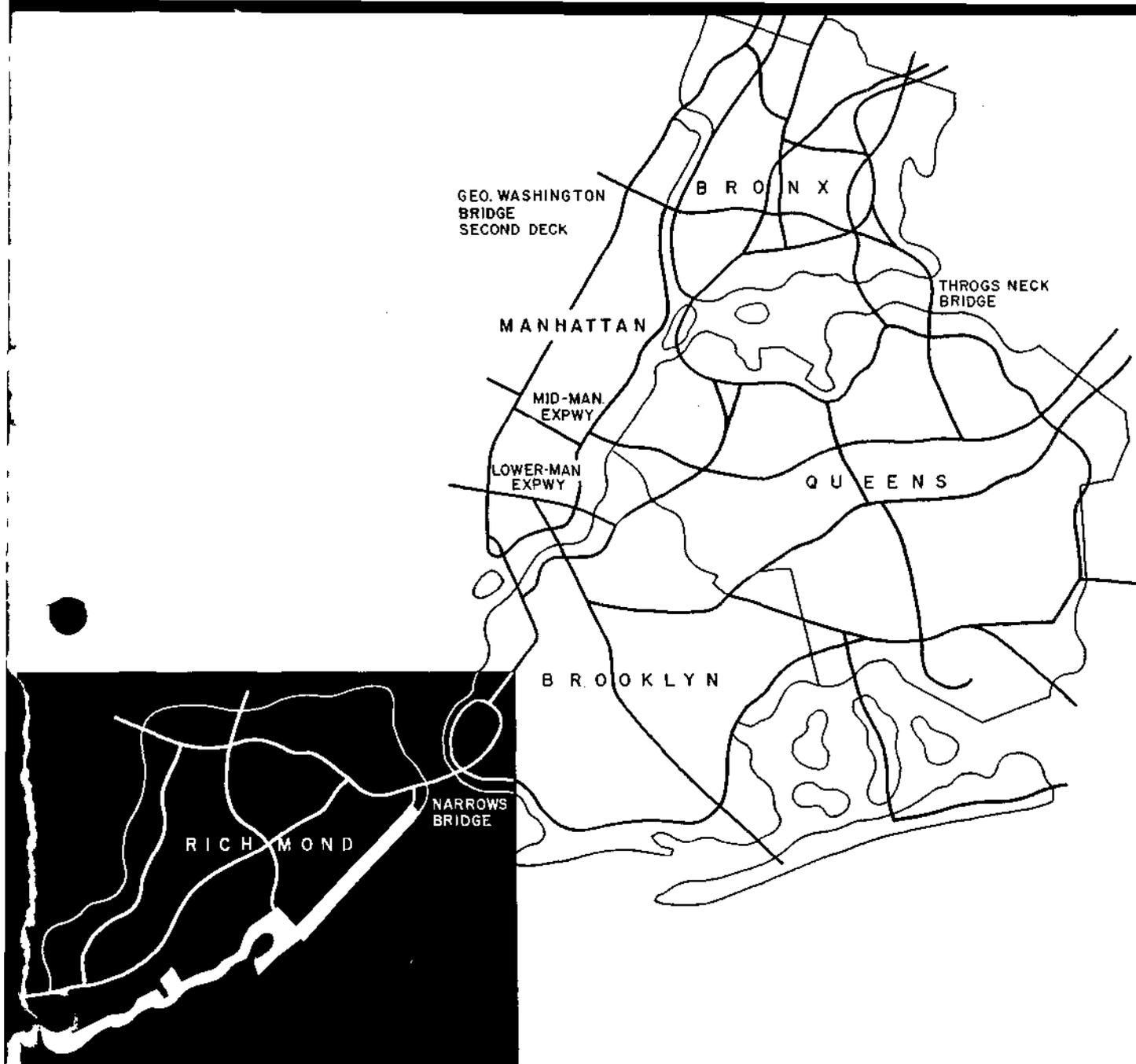
|  |                      |
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| South Beach—1st Year Program .....       | \$ 2,200,000         |
| South Beach—2nd Year Program .....       | 3,270,000            |
| South Beach—3rd Year Program .....       | 1,390,000            |
| Seaside Boulevard—1st Year Program ..... | 1,990,000            |
| Seaside Boulevard—2nd Year Program ..... | 2,200,000            |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 11,050,000</u> |

### SOUTH BEACH EXTENSION

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Hydraulic Fill .....                    | \$ 250,000          |
| Seaside Boulevard Extension .....       | 2,000,000           |
| Buildings .....                         | 1,700,000           |
| 2 bathhouses                            |                     |
| 2 comfort stations                      |                     |
| 2 bus shelters                          |                     |
| 6 concession structures                 |                     |
| Parking Fields 4500 cars .....          | 810,000             |
| Promenade and Plazas .....              | 700,000             |
| Recreation Areas .....                  | 2,000,000           |
| 4 Parking Toll Control Structures ..... | 100,000             |
| Landscaping .....                       | 700,000             |
| Total                                   | <u>\$ 8,260,000</u> |

### SHORE BOULEVARD

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Hydraulic Fill .....  | \$ 2,200,000         |
| Shore Boulevard ..... | 11,800,000           |
| Landscaping .....     | 3,000,000            |
| Total                 | <u>\$ 17,000,000</u> |



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# **BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF RICHMOND**

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

**AT**

# **SEASIDE BOULEVARD**

## **MIDLAND BEACH**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1957 at 4 P.M.**

## **PROGRAM**

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**and other selections by the  
Department of Sanitation Band**

### **SPEAKERS:**

**Leonard L. Sutter — Master of Ceremonies  
Vice President, Park Association of New York**

**ROBERT MOSES  
Commissioner of Parks**

**ALBERT V. MANISCALCO  
Borough President of Richmond**

**ROBERT F. WAGNER  
Mayor of the City of New York**

**Cutting of the Ribbon and Opening of Seaside Boulevard**

**Inspection by the Mayor**

**Amplification by Station WNYC  
Sanitation Band — John Celebre, Conductor**



*Rosemary Felix*



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

REGENT 4-1000

*11/6/57 HAND DELIVERY 10AM  
MALL*

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1957

1-1-1-30M-808024(57) 114

The Department of Parks announces the closing for the season of the tennis courts at the end of the day's business, Monday, November 11, 1957.

After this date, players who furnish their own equipment will be permitted to use the hard surface courts free of charge.

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11-6-57

*B Felix*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000  
*11/5/57 Hand Delivery 12:40 PM*  
*Mail " "*

FOR RELEASE

Saturday, November 9th 1957

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

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Avenue U and East 38th Street in the Borough of Brooklyn.

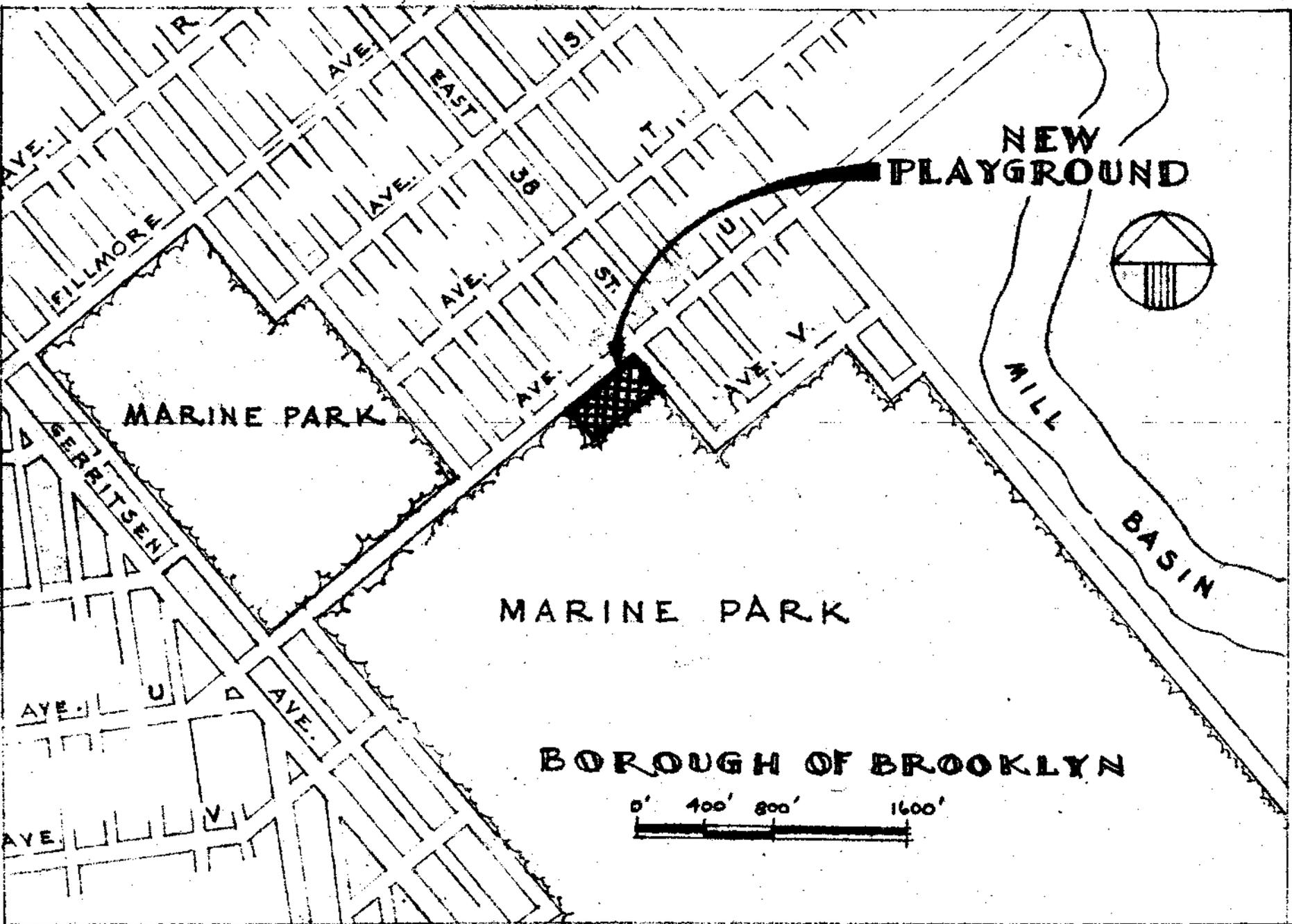
Located in the Marine Park section of Brooklyn, this 2.2 acre playground is part of the Marine Park development.

Divided into three sections for control purposes the northerly section is an area for pre-school age children which provides for kindergarten swings, see-saws, slides and sand pit. The adjacent section for older children is an area with a wading pool, swings, slides, junior gym and comfort station. The southerly section provides for 3 basketball courts, 3 horseshoe courts, 6 handball courts and concrete tables for passive games.

The entire perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees. With the addition of this playground, there are now 718 playgrounds in the park system.

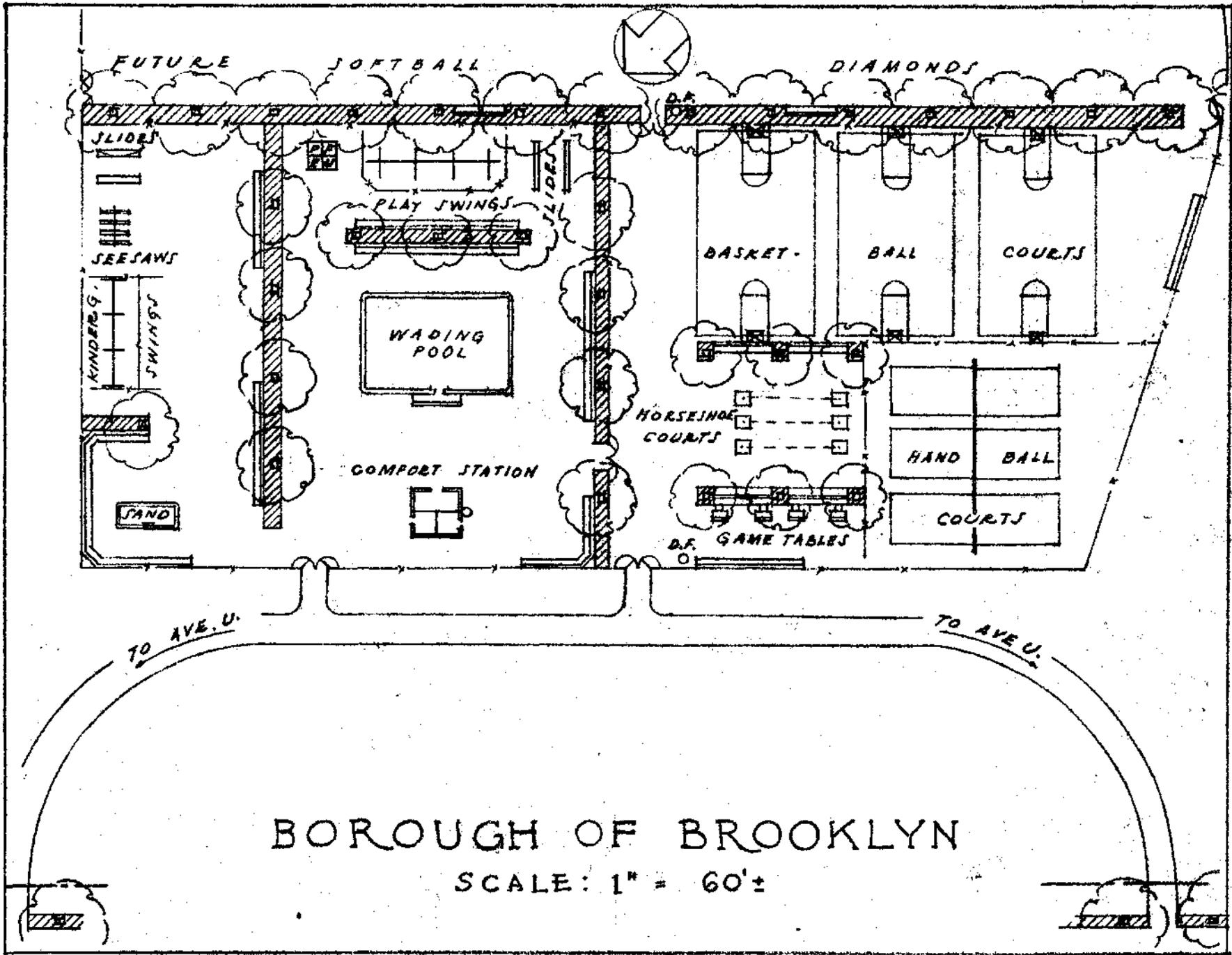
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PLAYGROUND - AVE. U - WEST OF E. 38 ST.  
IN MARINE PARK - BROOKLYN. OCT 31 '57  
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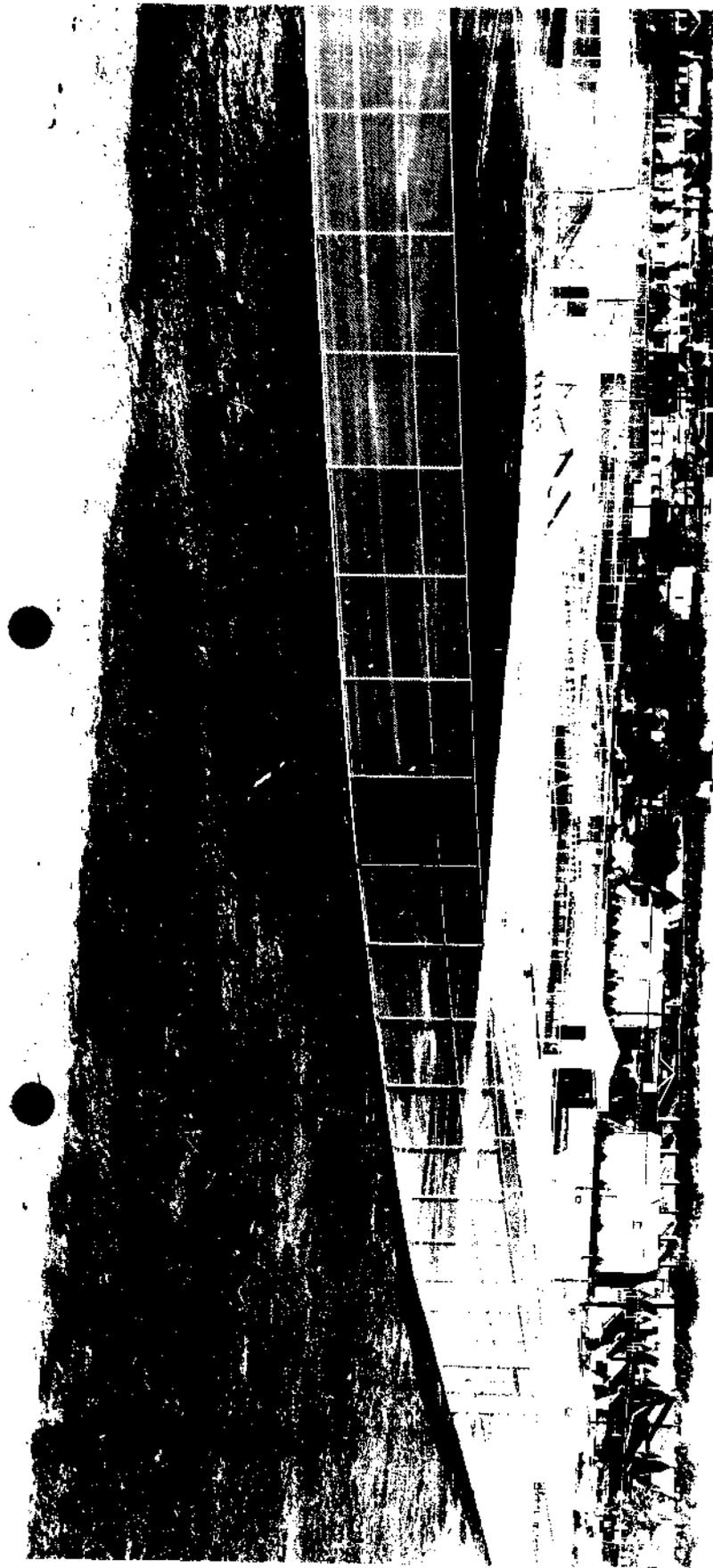


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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

SCALE: 1" = 60'

PLAYGROUND, S. OF AVENUE U, W. OF E. 38TH STREET,  
 IN MARINE





*Clipping Room*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

*\$90*  
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*11/15/57*

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1957

1-1-1-SOME-807045(56) 114

Starting Monday, December 2, 1957, applications for 1958 golf permits will be available at each of the five Borough Offices of the Park Department. The 1958 golf permit costing \$15.00 will be valid on and after December 2, 1957 and may be used at any course that is open for play. 1957 golf permits will be honored until December 31, 1957. Applications for 1958 permits may be made either in person or by mail and must be accompanied by a face photograph of passport size, taken not more than thirty days prior to date of application. A "Photomaton" will be available at the Arsenal Building for use by those applying for permits at this location. The fee for this service will be 25¢ for two pictures. Applications filed by mail must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and the address must include the postal zone, if any. Permits may be purchased at the several offices after filling out applications.

Golf lockers for 1958 season will be placed on sale during the early part of next year. The exact date will be announced later.

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

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

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

QUEENS: The Overlook, Telephone: Liggett 4-4400  
Forest Park, Union Turnpike and Park Lane  
Kew Gardens 15, N.Y.

BRONX: Administration Building, Telephone: TAlmadge 8-3200  
Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx 62, N.Y.

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

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*Barney Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1957

*11-18-57-4PM  
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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening of a playground located at Shore Parkway and Brighton 3rd Street, adjacent to the William Grady Vocational High School in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, this new 2.6 acre playground and athletic field is divided into three sections. The easterly section contains an area for pre-school age children and provides for swings, seesaws, slides, jungle gym, comfort station, sandpit and shower basin. The westerly area contains a basketball court, 3 practice basketball backboards and two handball courts. The northerly area provides for a modern baseball field with bleachers, a 100 yard track, an area for high jump, running broad jump and shot put.

In accordance with the policy of joint operation, the athletic field and the playground area for older children will be operated by the Board of Education when school is in session and by the Department of Parks at all other times. The area for pre-school age children will be operated by the Department of Parks at all times.

With the addition of this facility, there are now 719 playgrounds in the park system.

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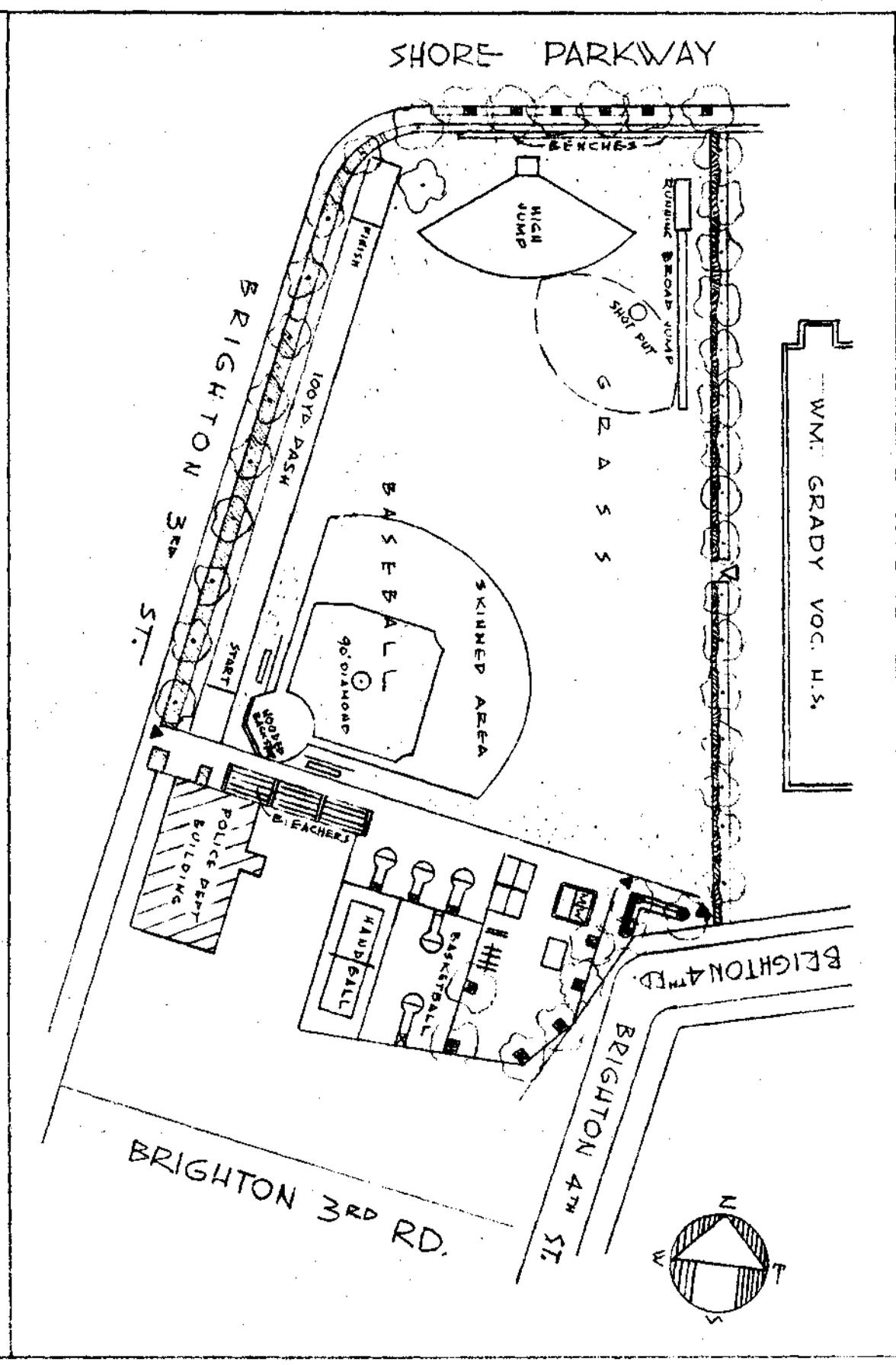
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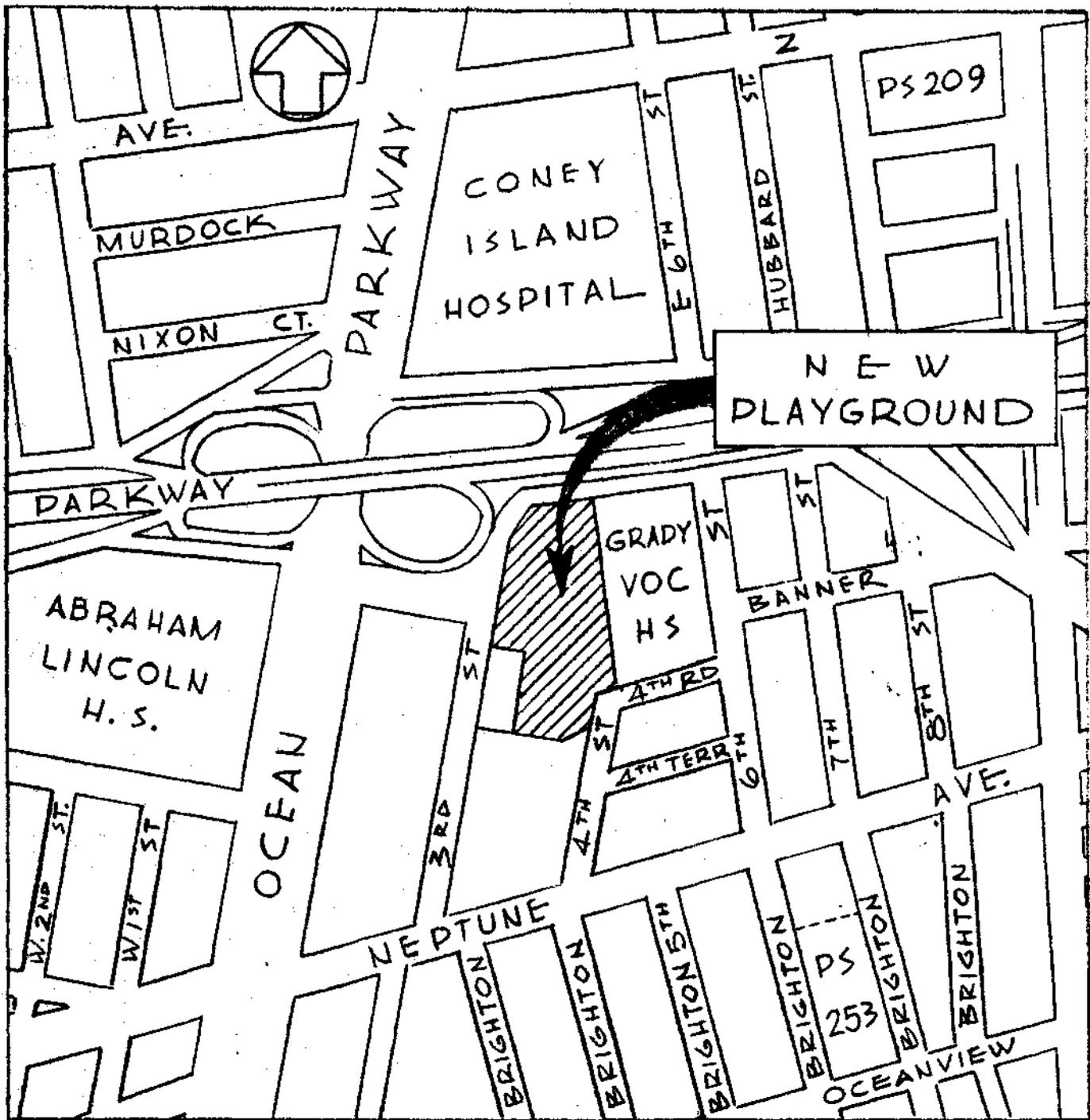
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PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO GRADY VOC.  
H.S. B'LYN. 11-8-57 S.M.A.

# BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN





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PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO  
GRADY VOC. HS. AT SHORE-  
PKWY. & BRIGHTON 3RD ST., BKLYN.

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*Clipping Room*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

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FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1957

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DUFFY SQUARE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

The Department of Parks announces that a ground breaking ceremony, which will initiate the George M. Cohan Memorial at Duffy Square on Broadway and West 46 Street, Manhattan, will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 20. The ceremony will be conducted by the George M. Cohan Memorial Committee of which Oscar Hammerstein II is chairman. Mr. Hammerstein will preside.

The statue of George M. Cohan by the distinguished sculptor Georg Lober, will be the gift of the Memorial Committee and will portray the actor, playwright and song writer looking down Broadway which he loved so well. The incidental rehabilitation of Duffy Square which will be carried out by the Park Department with City funds will include the foundation for the statue.

Members of the Committee who plan to attend the ground breaking ceremony include:

- Herman Ackman
- Harry Brandt
- Irving Caesar
- George M. Cohan, Jr.
- Angier Biddle Duke
- Jose Ferrer
- Father George B. Ford
- Bernard Gimbel
- George Lober
- Jo Mielziner
- Herbert Bayard Swope

Other work will include the removal of the obsolete underground comfort stations, repaving and planting.

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*Barney Foley*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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10:30 AM  
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*Wanda Kelly*  
*Regular Paul*

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FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1957

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- |   |                              |   |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Friday and Saturday<br>December 27 & 28 | - 10:30 AM<br>and<br>2:00 PM | Brooklyn Museum, Eastern Parkway<br>and Washington Avenue, Brooklyn<br><u>APPLY IN PERSON FOR TICKETS</u> at<br>Education Office.                   |
| Monday, Dec. 30                         | - 1:30 PM                    | Brooklyn War Memorial, Cadman<br>Plaza at Fulton and Orange Sts.<br>Brooklyn. <u>NO TICKETS OR PER-<br/>MISSION REQUIRED</u> in order to<br>attend. |
| Thursday *Feb. 6                        | - *3:30 PM                   | Riis-Queensbridge Center,<br>10-25 41st Ave. Long Island City<br>Queens   |
| Wednesday *Mar. 12                      | - *1:30 PM<br>*3:30 PM       | P.S. 33, West 27 ST & 9th Ave. Man<br>P.S. 33 Community Center, West 27<br>& 9th Ave. Manhattan   |
| Friday *Mar. 21                         | - *3:30 PM                   | Kennedy Children's Center,<br>34 West 134 St., Manhattan  |

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# The SHOEMAKER and the ELOES



City of New York Department of Parks  
Marionette Theatre

MARIONETTE THEATRE

Fall and Winter Schedule  
1957 - 1958

\*\*\* "THE SHOEMAKER and THE ELVES" \*\*\*

The schedule for the 1957-1958 fall and winter tour of the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre includes 145 performances at 77 locations.

Attendance at performances given in schools during regular school hours is limited to pupils attending the school. Performances open to the general public are indicated with an asterisk (\*). To prevent overcrowding at these performances it will be necessary for those desiring to attend to write to the director in charge at the location and ask for permission to attend. Please indicate the number in the group and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request. Requests will be honored in the order received.

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre has been in existence since 1939. Two tours are made annually; Fall & Winter indoor shows and Spring & Summer outdoor shows at parks and park playgrounds. From 350,000 to 500,000 children and their guardians see these shows during each tour.

The Park Puppeteers design, construct and costume all the marionettes, write their own scripts, and design, build and paint all scenery and props. The traditions of the puppet theatre are foremost in the minds of the Park Puppeteers and they endeavor to bring to youngsters, cultural and educational entertainment on a professional level.

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BROOKLYN

SCHEDULE

|                         |                             |                             |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Mon.                    | Dec. 2                      | 1:30 P.M.                   | P.S. 221, Empire Boulevard and Troy Avenue  |
| Tues.                   | Dec. 3                      | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 32,<br>President and Hoyt Streets  |
| Wed.                    | Dec. 4                      | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:00 P.M.     | P.S. 59,<br>211 Throop Avenue   |
| Thurs.                  | Dec. 5                      | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 5,<br>50 Jefferson Avenue  |
| Fri.                    | Dec. 6                      | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 194,<br>Whitney Avenue and Brigham Street  |
| Mon.                    | Dec. 9                      | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 202,<br>982 Hegeman Avenue   |
| Tues.                   | Dec. 10                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 217,<br>Coney Island and Newkirk Avenues   |
| Wed.                    | Dec. 11                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:00 P.M.     | P.S. 219,<br>1060 Clarkson Avenue   |
| Thurs.                  | Dec. 12                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 197,<br>Kings Highway and East 23 Street   |
| Fri.                    | Dec. 13                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 201,<br>80 Street and 12th Avenue  |
| Mon.                    | Dec. 16                     | 1:30 P.M.                   | Yeshiva School, 919 East 10 Street  |
| Tues.                   | Dec. 17                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 138,<br>760 Prospect Place   |
| Wed.                    | Dec. 18                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:00 P.M.     | P.S. 98,<br>31 New York Avenue  |
| Thurs.                  | Dec. 19                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 139<br>1315 Cortelyou Road   |
| Fri.                    | Dec. 20                     | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.     | P.S. 269,<br>Nostrand Avenue and Farragut Road  |
| Fri. *<br>and<br>Sat. * | Dec. 27)<br>and<br>Dec. 28) | * 10:30 A.M.<br>* 2:00 P.M. | Brooklyn Museum, Eastern Parkway and Washington Ave.<br><u>APPLY IN PERSON FOR TICKETS</u> at Education Office. |

Brooklyn - continued

Mon. \* Dec. 30 1:30 P.M. \* Brooklyn War Memorial, Cadman Plaza at Fulton and Orange Streets, No tickets or permission required in order to attend.

Thurs. Jan. 2 10:30 A.M. P.S. 255,  
1:30 P.M. East 17th Street and Avenue S

Fri. Jan. 3 10:30 A.M. P.S. 275,  
1:30 P.M. Wortman Avenue and Warwick Street

BRONX

Mon. Jan. 6 1:30 P.M. Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Home, 1770 Stillwell Avenue

Tues. Jan. 7 10:30 A.M. P.S. 73,  
1:00 P.M. 1020 Anderson Avenue at 165th Street

Wed. Jan. 8 10:30 A.M. P.S. 103,  
1:30 P.M. 4125 Carpenter Avenue at 230th Street

Thurs. Jan. 9 10:30 A.M. P.S. 83,  
1:30 P.M. Rhineland and Radoliff Avenues

Fri. Jan. 10 10:30 A.M. P.S. 112,  
1:30 P.M. 1925 Schiefflin Avenue at 229 Street

Mon. Jan. 13 10:30 A.M. Sacred Heart School,  
1:30 P.M. 1248 Nelson Avenue at 168th Street

Tues. Jan. 14 10:30 A.M. P.S. 105,  
1:00 P.M. 725 Brady Avenue at Cruger Avenue

Wed. Jan. 15 10:30 A.M. P.S. 21,  
1:30 P.M. 225 Street and White Plains Avenue

Thurs. Jan. 16 10:30 A.M. P.S. 106,  
1:30 P.M. St. Raymond's Avenue and Purdy Street

Fri. Jan. 17 10:30 A.M. St. Raymond's School,  
1:30 P.M. Tremont Avenue and Purdy Street

Mon. Jan. 20 10:30 A.M. P.S. 99,  
1:30 P.M. 1180 Stebbins Avenue at E. 167 Street

Tues. Jan. 21 10:30 A.M. P.S. 24,  
1:00 P.M. 660 West 236 Street and Douglas Avenue

Wed. Jan. 22 10:30 A.M. P.S. 122,  
1:30 P.M. 260 West Kingsbridge Road and Bailey Avenue

Thurs. Jan. 23 10:30 A.M. P.S. 121,  
1:30 P.M. 2750 Throop Avenue at Arnow Avenue

Fri. Jan. 24 10:30 A.M. P.S. 11,  
1:30 P.M. 1257 Ogden Avenue and 169th Street

QUEENS

Mon. Jan. 27 1:30 P.M. Sacred Heart School, 38 Ave. & 216 St., Bayside

Tues. Jan. 28 11:00 A.M. P.S. 215,  
1:45 P.M. 535 Briar Place, Far Rockaway

Wed. Jan. 29 10:30 A.M. P.S. 187,  
1:00 P.M. 61-25 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck

Thurs. Jan. 30 10:30 A.M. P.S. 117,  
1:30 P.M. 144 Street and 85 Ave., Jamaica

Fri. Jan. 31 10:30 A.M. P.S. 114,  
1:30 P.M. Cronston Ave. and E. 135 Street, Belle Harbor

Mon. Feb. 3 10:30 A.M. P.S. 220,  
1:30 P.M. 62-10 108th Street, Forest Hills

Tues. Feb. 4 10:30 A.M. P.S. 184,  
1:30 P.M. 21st Road and 163 Street, Whitestone

Wed. Feb. 5 10:30 A.M. P.S. 214,  
1:00 P.M. 31-15 140 St., Flushing

QUEENS - continued

Thurs. \* Feb. 6 \* 3:30 P.M. Riis-Queensbridge Center, 10-25 41st Ave., L.I.C.  
Fri. Feb. 7 10:30 A.M. P.S. 196,  
1:30 P.M. 71-25 113th Street, Forest Hills  
Mon. Feb. 10 10:30 A.M. P.S. 193,  
1:30 P.M. 152-20 11th Avenue, Whitestone  
Tues. Feb. 11 10:30 A.M. P.S. 147,  
1:30 P.M. 218-01 116th Avenue, Cambria Heights  
Mon. Feb. 17 10:30 A.M. P.S. 63,  
1:30 P.M. 90-15 Sutter Ave. at 91 St., Ozone Park  
Tues. Feb. 18 10:30 A.M. P.S. 186,  
1:30 P.M. 252-12 72 Avenue & Little Neck Parkway, Jamaica  
Wed. Feb. 19 10:30 A.M. P.S. 111,  
1:00 P.M. 37-15 13th Street, Long Island City  
Thurs. Feb. 20 10:30 A.M. P.S. 176,  
1:30 P.M. 121 Avenue and 235 Street, Cambria Heights  
Fri. Feb. 21 10:30 A.M. P.S. 118,  
1:30 P.M. 190-20 109th Road, Hollis

RICHMOND

Mon. Feb. 24 1:30 P.M.) P.S. 41,  
Tues. Feb. 25 10:30 A.M.) Clawson Street and Locust Avenue,  
1:30 P.M.) New Dorp  
Wed. Feb. 26 1:30 P.M. St. Rita's School, 281 Bradley Ave., Meier's Corners  
Thurs. Feb. 27 10:30 A.M. P.S. 14,  
1:30 P.M. Tompkins Ave. and Hill St., Stapleton  
Fri. Feb. 28 10:30 A.M.) P.S. 44,  
1:30 P.M.) Maple Parkway and Walloon Street,  
Mon. Mar. 3 1:30 P.M.) Mariner's Harbor  
Tues. Mar. 4 10:30 A.M. P.S. 30,  
1:30 P.M. Boulevard and Fiske Ave., Westerleigh  
Wed. Mar. 5 1:30 P.M. Willowbrook State School, Victory Blvd., Bull's Head  
Thurs. Mar. 6 10:30 A.M. P.S. 45,  
1:30 P.M. Morrison Ave. and Lawrence Ave., West New Brighton  
Fri. Mar. 7 1:30 P.M. St. Ann's School, 125 Cromwell Ave., Dongan Hills  
Mon. Mar. 10 10:30 A.M. P.S. 19,  
1:30 P.M. Post and Greenleaf Avenues, West New Brighton

MANHATTAN

Wed. \* Mar. 12 1:30 P.M. P.S. 33, West 27 St. and 9th Avenue  
\* 3:30 P.M. \* P.S. 33 Community Center, W. 27 St. and 9th Ave.  
Thurs. Mar. 13 10:30 A.M.) P.S. 87,  
1:00 P.M.) West 77th Street and Amsterdam Avenue  
Fri. Mar. 14 10:30 A.M.)  
Mon. Mar. 17 10:30 A.M. P.S. 93 and P.S. 75 at P.S. 75,  
1:30 P.M. 96th Street and West End Avenue  
Tues. Mar. 18 1:30 P.M. Manhattan State Hospital, Ward's Island  
Wed. Mar. 19 10:30 A.M. P.S. 6,  
1:30 P.M. 81st Street and Madison Avenue  
Thurs. Mar. 20 10:30 A.M. P.S. 167,  
1:00 P.M. East 76 Street east of Third Avenue  
Fri. \* Mar. 21 \* 3:30 P.M. Kennedy Children's Center, 34 West 134 Street

Manhattan - continued

|        |         |                           |  |
|--------|---------|---------------------------|--|
| Mon.   | Mar. 24 | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.   | P.S. 156,<br>156th Street and Eighth Avenue  |
| Tues.  | Mar. 25 | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.   | P.S. 133,<br>421 Fifth Avenue at 130 Street  |
| Wed.   | Mar. 26 | 10:30 A.M.<br>* 3:30 P.M. | P.S. 121, 103 Street between Second & Third Aves.<br>* Union Settlement at P.S. 121, " " " " |
| Thurs. | Mar. 27 | 2:30 P.M.                 | Good Shepherd School, Isham Street and Broadway  |
| Fri.   | Mar. 28 | 10:00 A.M.<br>1:00 P.M.   | P.S. 108,<br>1615 Madison Avenue   |
| Mon.   | Mar. 31 | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.   | P.S. 19,<br>East 11th Street and First Avenue  |
| Tues.  | Apr. 1  | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.   | P.S. 192,<br>500 West 138 Street at Hamilton Place   |
| Wed.   | Apr. 2  | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:30 P.M.   | P.S. 165,<br>108th Street off Broadway   |
| Thurs. | Apr. 3  | 10:30 A.M.<br>1:00 P.M.   | P.S. 197,<br>135th Street and Fifth Avenue   |

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For general information regarding the DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
MARIONETTE THEATRE call REgent 4-1000. For information regarding performances  
in individual boroughs, call borough offices:

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| MANHATTAN - REgent 4-1000   | BROOKLYN - South 8-2300 |
| BRONX - TAlmadge 8-3200     | QUEENS - LIggett 4-4400 |
| RICHMOND - GIbralter 2-7640 |                         |

Requests for performances during future fall and winter tours should  
be sent to the Supervisor of Recreation in the borough where the  
show would be given:

Manhattan - Arsenal Central Park, New York 21, N.Y.

Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn 15, N.Y.

Bronx - Administration Building, Bronx Park, Bronx Park East and Birchall  
Avenue, Bronx 62, N.Y.

Queens - The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Forest Park, Kew  
Gardens 15, N.Y.

Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Blvd., Richmond 1, New York

The indoor stage used on the fall and winter tour requires  
an auditorium stage that is 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep from front to back,  
with an overhead clearance of 14 feet. The auditorium must be on the street  
floor and seat a minimum of 200 spectators; have AC current and some means of  
darkening the auditorium so that the puppet stage lights may take effect. No  
admission charges may be made. Performances are scheduled only in New York  
City.



*B Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1957

*11/21/57  
Hand Delivery 10AM  
Mail ..*

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

The Department of Parks announces that application blanks for the Municipal Lifeguard Training Course will be available on December 2, 1957. This course is conducted each year to train young men for the position of lifeguard at New York City's municipal pools and beaches. Tuition is free.

The course consists of practical and theoretical instruction in lifeguard procedure and practice. Staff members of the Park Department will act as instructors.

Applications will be available at all borough headquarters of the Department of Parks, playgrounds and at all Parochial and Public High Schools, University and College Placement Offices, as well as at YMCA and YMHA and the Department of Parks School at 342 East 54 Street, Manhattan.

Sessions begin on January 7, 1958 and will be held in the afternoons and evenings. Successful candidates will receive certificates of qualification at termination of the course.

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11-21-57

Attach:



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1957

*11/21/57  
Hand Delivery 10:11 AM  
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1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the following golf courses will close for the season at the end of the day's business on Sunday, December 1, 1957.

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| PELHAM . . . . .                  | BRONX    |
| SPLIT ROCK . . . . .              | BRONX    |
| VAN CORTLANDT . . . . .           | BRONX    |
| LATGURETTE . . . . .              | RICHMOND |
| FOREST PARK . . . . .             | QUEENS   |
| KISSENA . . . . .                 | QUEENS   |
| JACOB RIIS (Pitch Putt) . . . . . | QUEENS   |

The following courses will remain open for winter play:

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| DYKER BEACH . . . . . | BROOKLYN |
| CLEARVIEW . . . . .   | QUEENS   |
| MOSHOLU . . . . .     | BRONX    |
| SILVER LAKE . . . . . | RICHMOND |

The winter operated golf courses will be open daily from 8:00 to 4:00 P.M., when conditions for play are favorable. Cafeteria and golf pro services will be available, and lockers may be rented on a daily basis only. Golf permits for the year 1957 are valid for use until December 31, 1957 on any of the courses which are open for play, and the rates charged for rounds of golf during the regular playing season will be effective at the winter operated courses. Golf permits for the year 1958 may be purchased starting Monday, December 2, 1957 and may be used on and after that date.

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*Barney Felix*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1957

11-26-57 - 11 AM

*Hand Delivery  
Mail 11/26*

1-2-1-SOM-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening of a playground located in Alley Park at Horatio Parkway and 50th Avenue in the Borough of Queens.

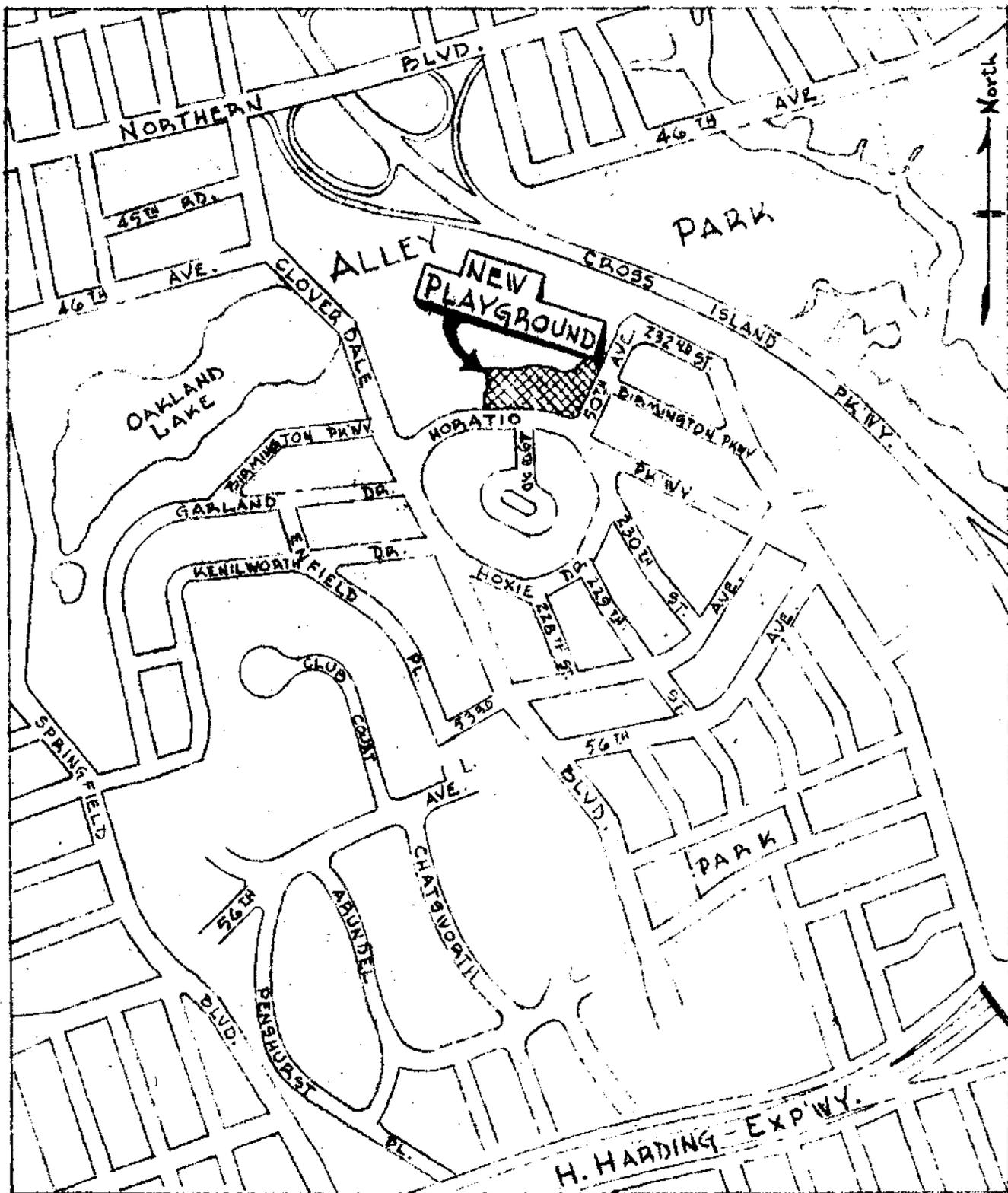
Situated in the Bayside section of Queens, this 1/2 acre playground is divided into two sections. The smaller children's area contains a shower basin, jungle gym, sandpit, see saws, slides and swings. The area for older children provides for a comfort station, tables for passive games, a basketball court and two handball courts.

Shade trees have been planted around the perimeter and within the area. With the addition of this playground, there are now 720 playgrounds in the park system.

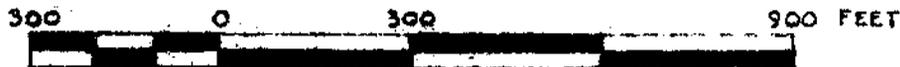
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# BOROUGH OF QUEENS



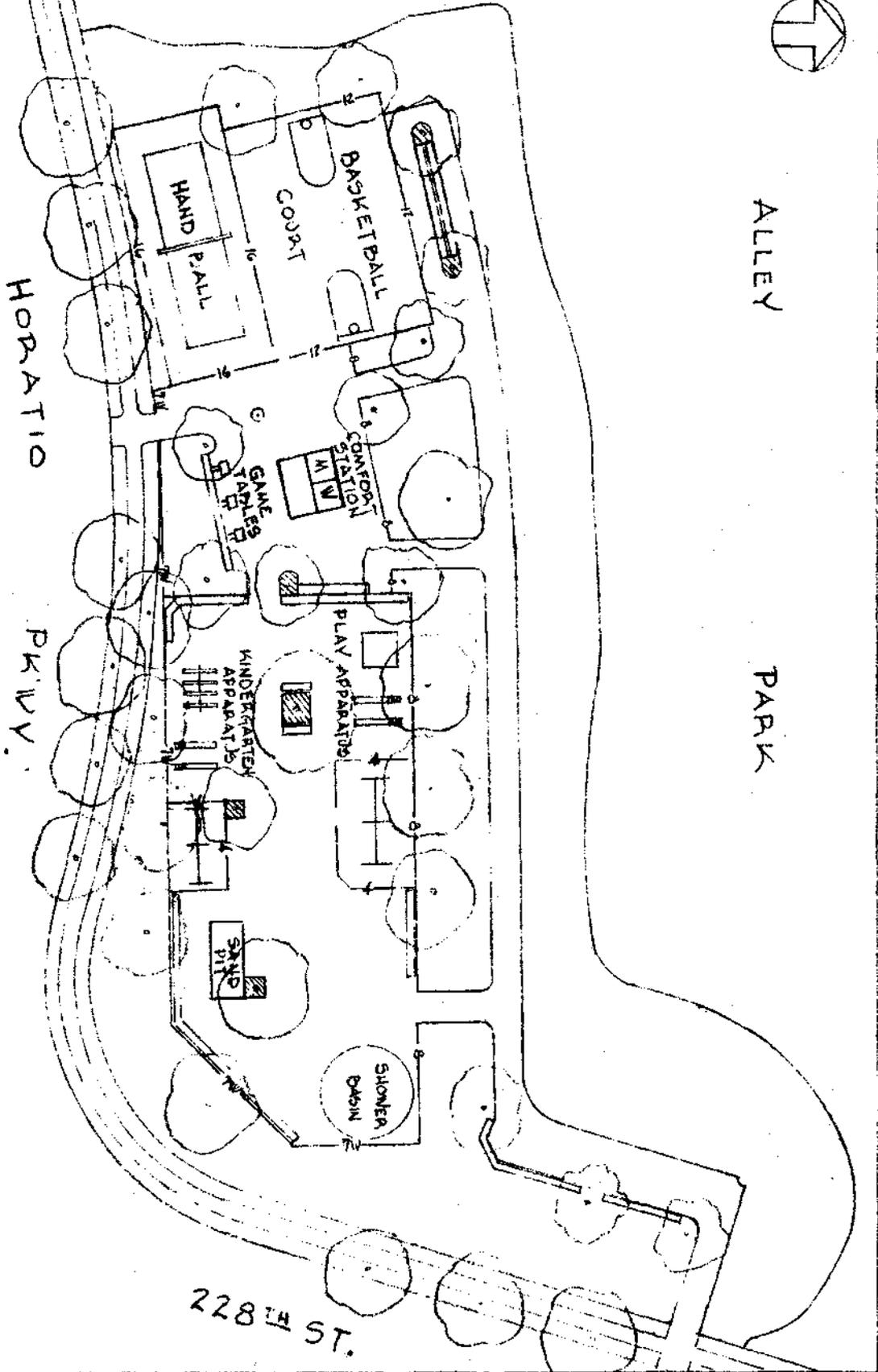
PLAN SHOWING  
 NEW CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND.  
 BOROUGH OF QUEENS 11-15-27 M.M.E.

Q-L-1-2277 ✓



ALLEY

PARK



HORATIO PRIVY

HORATIO PRIVY

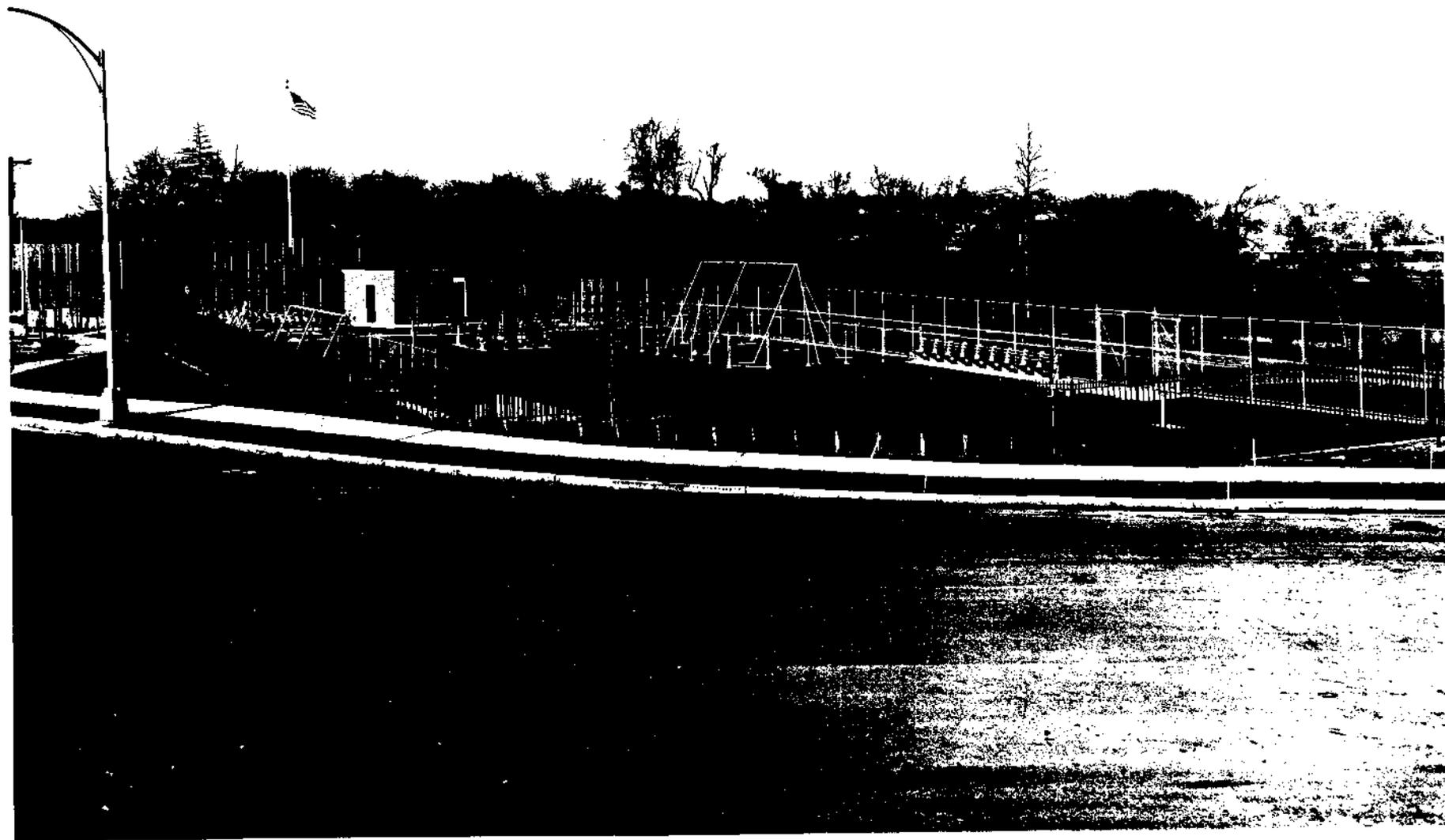
228TH ST.

# BOROUGH OF QUEENS

SCALE 1" = 50'

PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO HORATIO PRIVY & 228 ST.  
ALLEY PARK, BORD. OF QUEENS, N.Y.C. 11357

Q-L-1-2278 ✓





DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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The Department of Parks announces that more than 100,000 rounds of golf have been played this season on the Dyker Beach Golf Course in Brooklyn. This play keeps the Dyker Beach Golf Course in its position as the most heavily used course in the world.

New York City's Police Lieutenant Raymond Deering, registering for play on Wednesday, November 13th, had the distinction of being the 100,000th player for the 1957 season at this course.

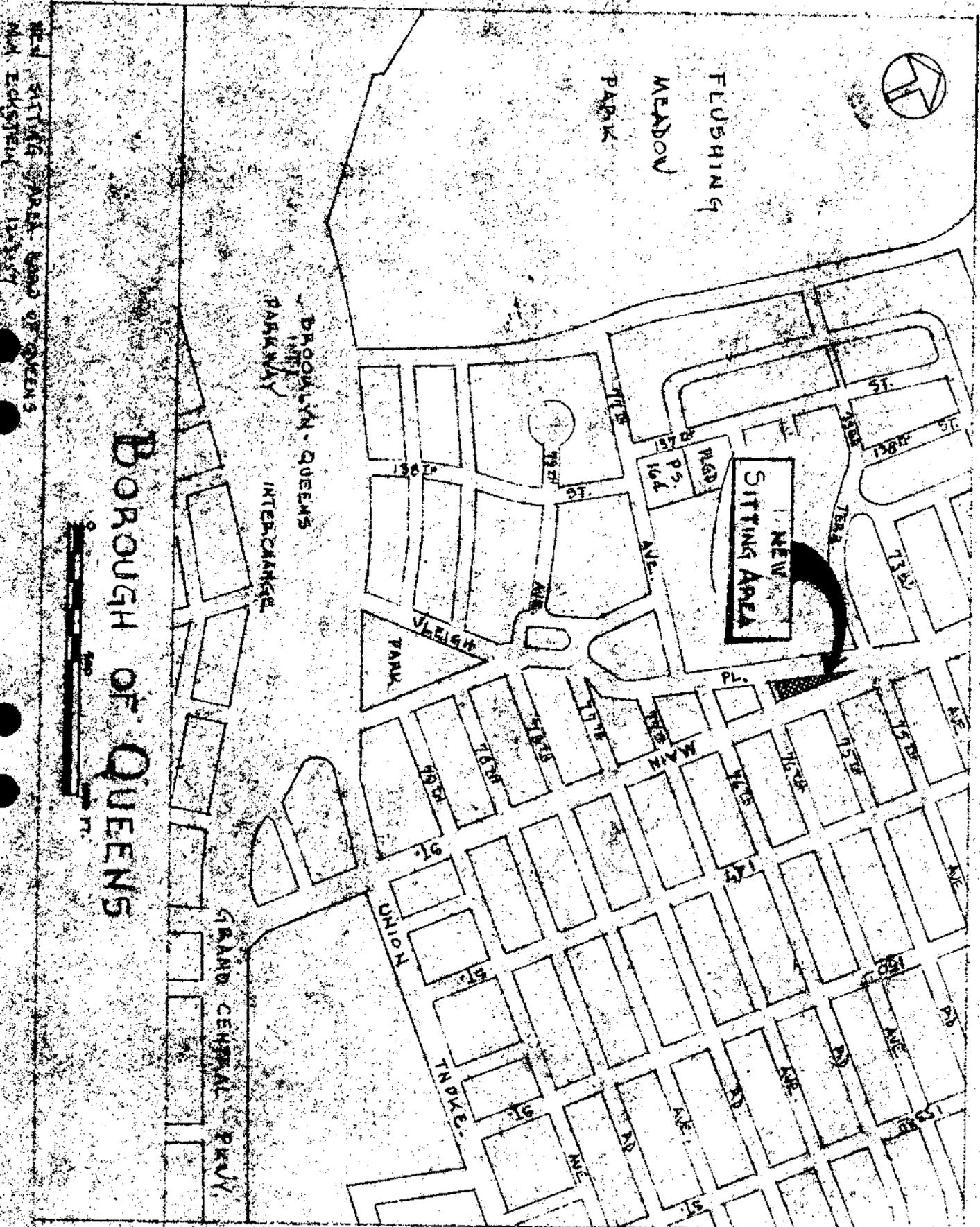
Park Department plans for the improvement of Marine Park in Brooklyn include the construction of three-nine hole golf courses. It is anticipated that upon the opening of the Marine Park Golf Courses that a number of the players at the Dyker Beach Course will use the new courses.

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11-25-57

SITTING AREA - VLEIGH PLACE AND MAIN STREET SO.  
OF 75th AVENUE, QUEENS 0.327  
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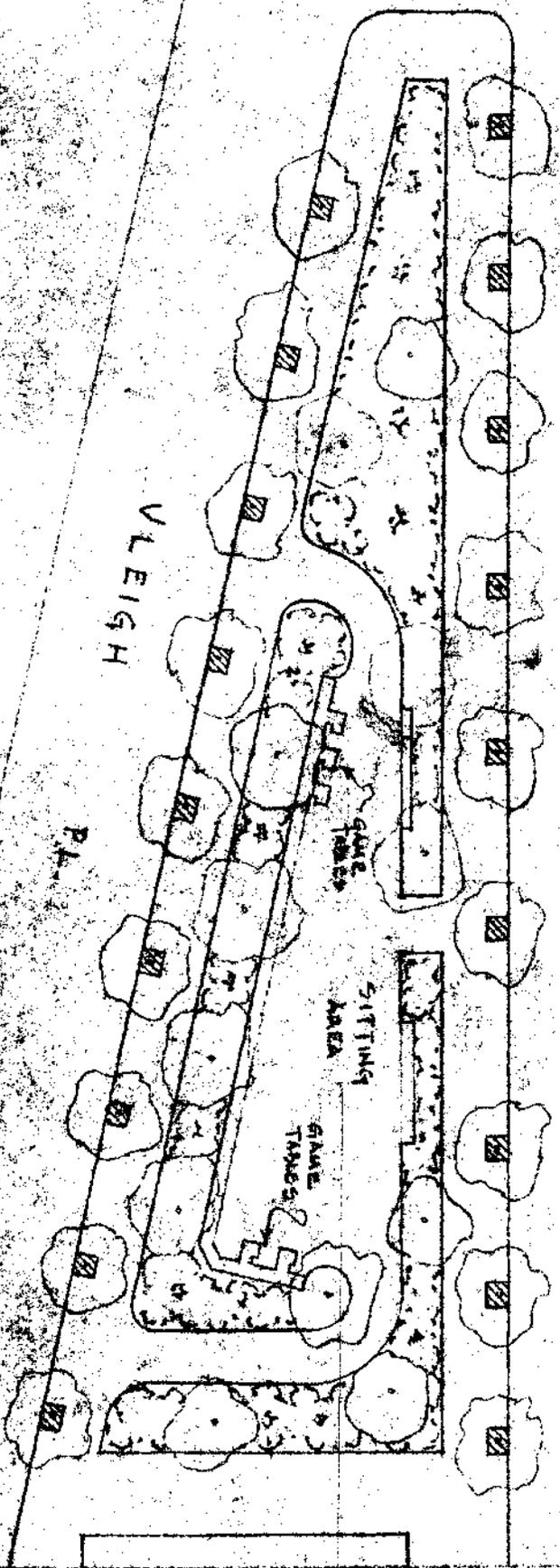
BOROUGH OF QUEENS

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MAIN

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# BOROUGH OF QUEENS



NEW SITTING AREA: BOARD OF QUEENS  
M.A. ECKSTEIN P.S. 17

Q-L-370-101 ✓

*Barney Felty*



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1957

*12/2/57 - 12 No. 104  
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1-1-1-50M-807045(56) 114

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction of a new playground, adjacent to General George Wingate High School, between Rutland Road and Winthrop Street on Brooklyn Avenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

This new 5.75-acre facility provides areas for all age groups and it includes basketball courts, handball courts, shuffleboard, tennis courts, games tables, wading pool, slides, swings, a kindergarten area with see-saws, sandpit, and a combination field house and comfort station. The athletic field which was built in connection with this recreational area will be made available when the lawns have been firmly established.

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

With the addition of this new area there are now 721 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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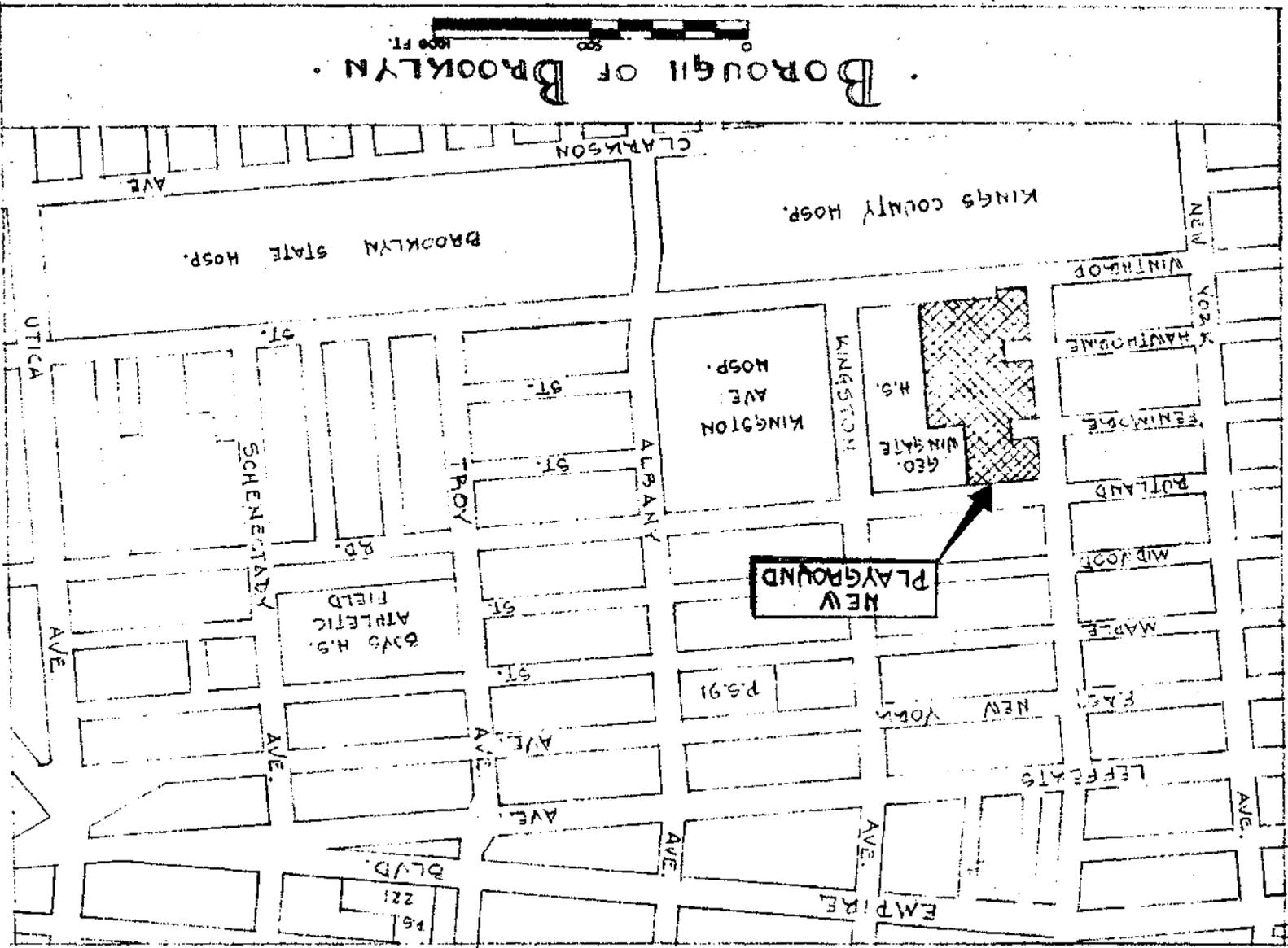
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*athletic field not available at present time.*

12-2-57

LOCATION PLAN OF GEN WINGATE H.S. PLD.  
BOARD OF BLDG. NOV. 20 '57

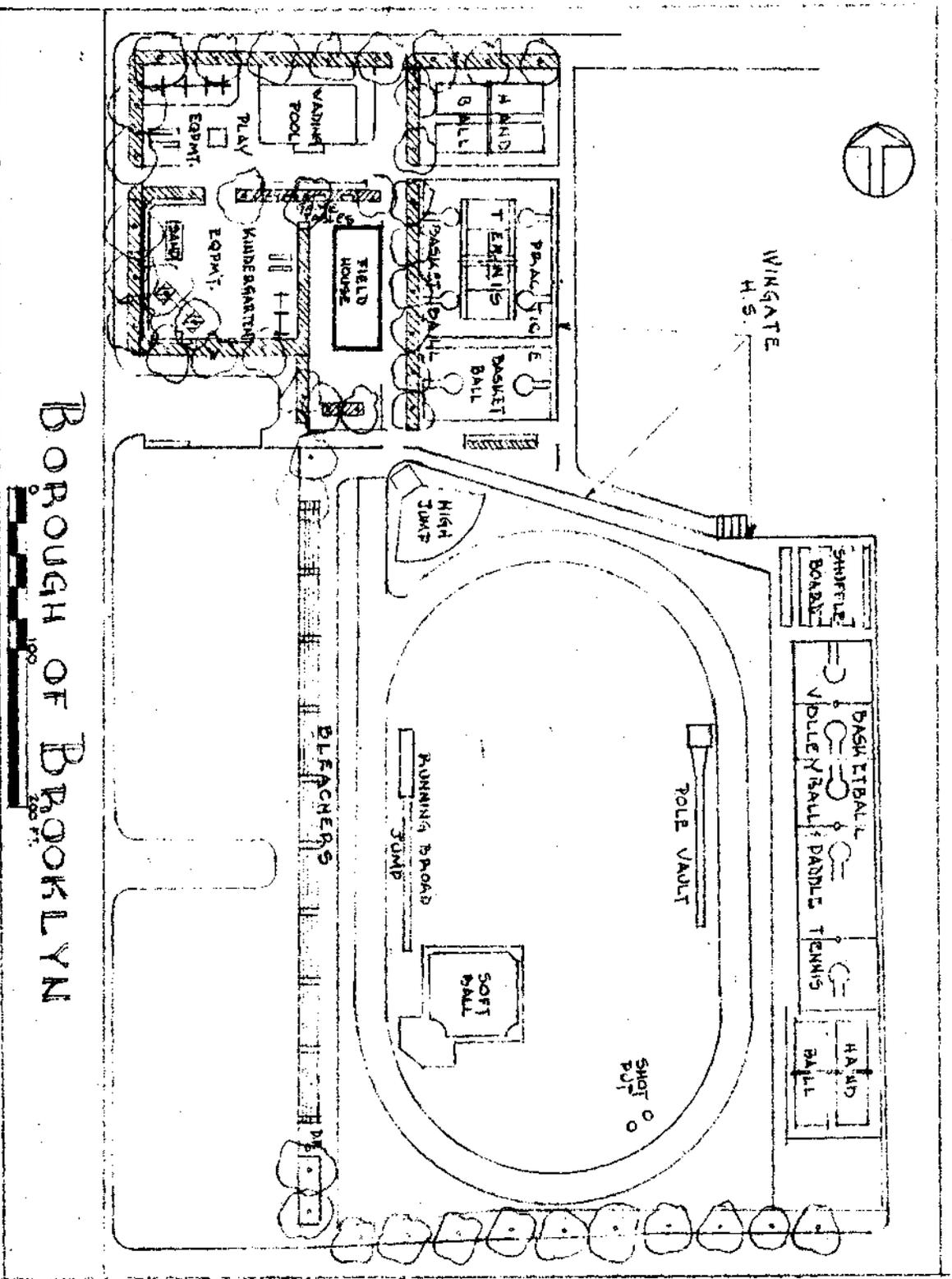
# Borough of Brooklyn



13-4-254-103



PLOT PLAN - PLANT AT GEM WINGATE A.S.  
 BOARD OF HEALTH - M.M.E. NOV. 21, 1927



BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

B-L-254-104 ✓





*Barney Felip*

#94

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1957

*12 Noon - 12-3  
Hand Delivery  
mail "*

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

The Department of Parks announces that at a noon ceremony today at Randall's Island the Minister of Public Works of Cuba, the Honorable Nicholas Arroyo, presented Commissioner Robert Moses with a check for \$100,000 from the Government of Cuba to the City of New York for the erection of an equestrian statue of Jose Marti, the great Cuban patriot, author and poet. The monument will be located in the plaza which has been created in Central Park at the head of the Avenue of the Americas and will face south between the existing statues of Bolivar, the Venezuelan liberator, and San Martin, the hero of Argentina.

The present gift by the Cuban Government will provide a pedestal and appropriate setting for the heroic-scale, bronze statue of Marti which is being executed by the distinguished American sculptress, Anna Hyatt Huntington. The statue will be ready for casting in bronze in June, 1958, and its dedication is anticipated for the spring of 1959. The City already has two outstanding masterpieces by Mrs. Huntington in the equestrian figures of the Cid, in the forecourt of the Hispanic Society Museum, Broadway at 156 Street, and that of Joan of Arc on Riverside Drive at 93 Street. Her sculpture is also prized in such cities as Madrid, Seville, Quebec, Buenos Aires, Havana and San Francisco.

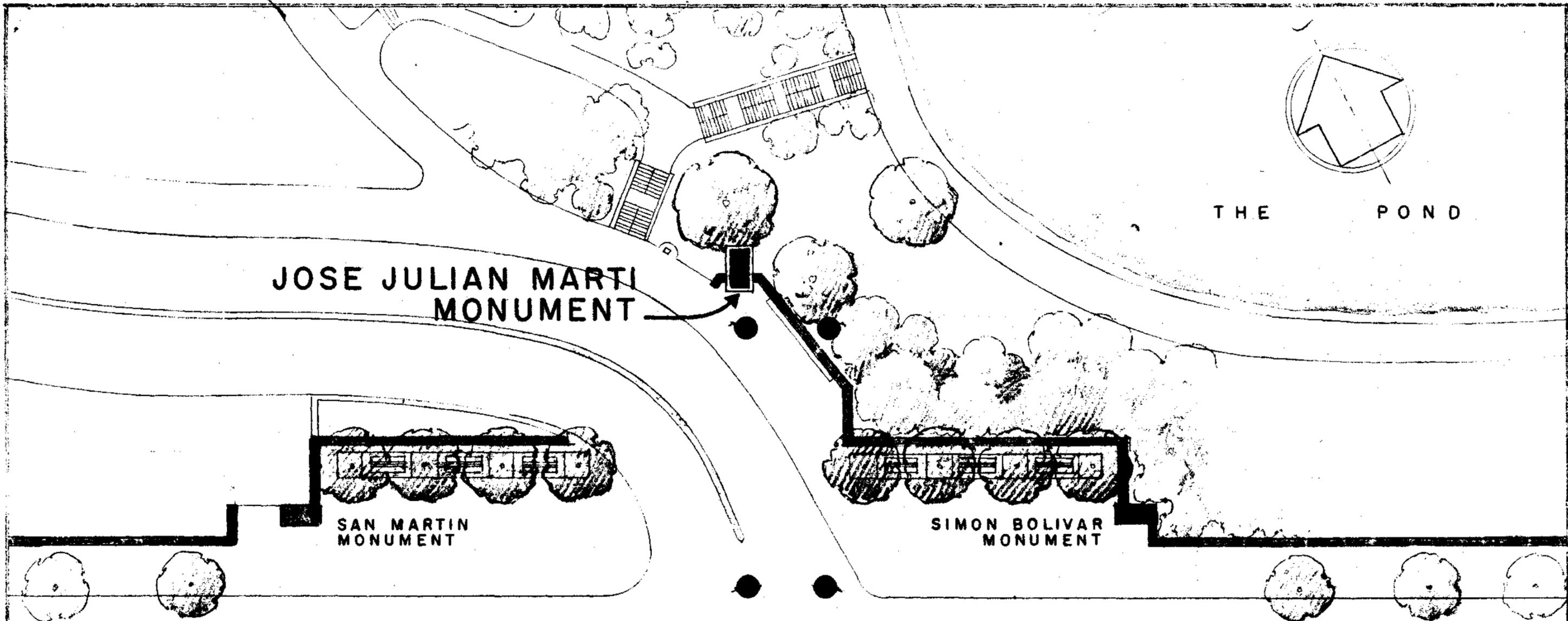
Jose Julian Marti, "The Martyr of Cuban Independence", was

born in Havana in 1853. At the age of 16 he was sent to work in the quarries as a political suspect by the Spanish Government of Cuba. Exiled to Spain he studied law and became famous for his liberal views. After serving as professor at the University of Guatemala, he came to New York as <sup>CONSUL</sup> Counsel for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. While a resident of New York, he became a friend of Charles Dana and other literary and political notables, writing articles for the "New York Sun" and various South American publications. Regarded as one of Spanish Americas' greatest prose-writers, Marti interpreted the customs, statesmanship, and public figures of the United States to the people of South America with understanding and admiration. As a poet he is considered a brilliant fore-runner of the modernist movement in Spanish literature.

While in New York, Marti's writings, lectures and other activities in behalf of Cuban freedom, made him a leader and chief spokesman of the Cuban revolt of 1895. Returning to Cuba in 1895, he was made a Major General in the revolutionary army under General Gomez, and was killed in action on May 19, 1895.

The Park Department is grateful to the Government of Cuba for its gift, and considers it most appropriate that the heroic Jose Marti, a one-time resident of New York City, who did so much to foster friendship between North and South America, will take his place as an illustrious Cuban with the growing number of Latin-America patriots and liberators who are memorialized on the Avenue of the Americas.

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JOSE JULIAN MARTI  
MONUMENT

THE POND

SAN MARTIN  
MONUMENT

SIMON BOLIVAR  
MONUMENT

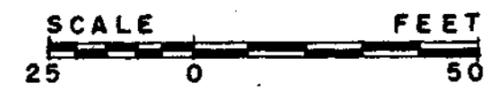
CENTRAL

PARK

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CENTRAL PARK BOROUGH OF  
MANHATTAN  
JOSE JULIAN MARTI  
MEMORIAL





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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that a series of dual swimming meets will be held between various eastern colleges from December 14 to February 22 at St. John's Recreation Center, Prospect Place and Troy Avenue in Brooklyn. Admission is free to the public.

The schedule for these meets is as follows:

Saturday, December 14, 1957 - Long Island University vs. Jersey City Junior College

Wednesday, February 5, 1958 - Long Island University vs. St. Peter's College

Friday, February 7, 1958 - Long Island University vs. Holy Cross University

Saturday, February 8, 1958 - Long Island University vs. Hunter College

Saturday, February 22, 1958 - Long Island University vs. East Stroudsburg College

This is part of the Swimming Program which is held throughout the year at the Center. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the "Learn to Swim" program is held for beginners, leading up to swimming tests which qualify Center members to swim in deep water.

In addition, many swimming meets are scheduled featuring Metropolitan A. A. U. Championships during the fall and winter season.

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12-6-57



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, DECEMBER 24, 1957

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STATEMENT OF ROBERT MOSES REGARDING WASHINGTON SQUARE

I realize what a splendid opportunity presents itself to those more interested in controversy than in progress, to run back and forth, raise temperatures and burst blood vessels. It seems a great pity not to accommodate them.

Here are the cold facts. Those concerned and those responsible won't for long get away from them.

1. Fifth Avenue now splits, runs around and on a narrow roadway bisects Washington Square. As traffic increases it is impossible to continue this pattern without crippling all uses of the Square as a public park. Closing the Square to all through traffic is completely unworkable. Widening the bordering roads and making them permanently one-way won't work either. Such a scheme, repeatedly studied and abandoned, would cut off access to the Square, endanger lives, and destroy the value of abutting property. Cutting off this Avenue entirely and forcing traffic into already overburdened side streets is an absurdity, can not be done legally anyway, and is contrary to established agreements and common sense.
2. One of these agreements is with the developers of the Washington South apartments who were formally, officially and reliably promised under the Slum Clearance Act a Fifth Avenue address and access for the large new population in multiple dwellings replacing warehouses.



*Barney Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1957

*12/11 - 12 Noon  
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The Department of Parks announces that twenty six Christmas Trees located throughout the city will be lighted on Tuesday, December 17th at 5 P.M. Tree lighting ceremonies will be held at City Hall, Manhattan; Borough Hall, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, Bronx; Queens Borough Hall and Richmond Borough Hall.

The City Hall ceremonies in Manhattan will be broadcast. Mayor Wagner will deliver his annual Christmas message, and a switch will be thrown lighting the sixty foot high tree, officially beginning New York's observance of the Yuletide Season. Honorable Hulan E. Jack, Borough President of Manhattan, will also speak at the Manhattan ceremony. Christmas music will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band. The Equitable Life Assurance Society Choral Club will sing Christmas carols and a school choir from Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Manhattan, in red cassocks and frocks will sing Christmas carols.

The switch lighting the tree will also light the traditional red and green wreath, eighteen feet in diameter, over the main entrance of the Park Department Headquarters at the Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, Manhattan. In the center of the wreath is a decorative panel depicting the Three Wise Men following the Star in the East.

The trees and the wreath will be lighted each evening after the ceremony from 4:30 P.M. until midnight January 1, 1958.

Christmas trees have been erected in the following locations:

MANHATTAN:

\*CITY HALL PARK, BROADWAY AND MURRAY STREET  
TAVERN ON THE GREEN, CENTRAL PARK WEST AND 67th STREET  
BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, EAST RIVER DRIVE AND 26th STREET  
MT. MORRIS PARK, LAWN AT APPROXIMATELY 123 St. & MADISON AVE.  
FT. TRYON PARK, DYCKMAN STREET AND BROADWAY  
CARL SCHURZ PARK, 85th STREET AND EAST END AVENUE  
WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK, WASHINGTON ARCH  
MADISON SQUARE PARK, FIFTH AVENUE AND 23rd STREET  
THOMAS JEFFERSON PARK, FIRST AVENUE AND E. 111th STREET

BROOKLYN:

\*BOROUGH HALL PARK, FULTON AND JORALEMON STREET  
GRAND ARMY PLAZA, PROSPECT PARK, FLATBUSH AVE & UNION ST.  
McCARREN PARK, DRIGGS AVENUE AND LORIMER STREET  
ESPLANADE, MONTAGUE TERRACE BETWEEN REMSEN & PIERREPONT STS.  
DYKER BEACH PARK, S.W. CORNER OF 86th STREET & 7th AVENUE  
LEIV EIRIKSSON PARK, 67th STREET BETWEEN 4th and 5th AVENUES

BRONX:

\*JOYCE KILMER PARK, 161 STREET AND GRAND CONCOURSE  
ST. MARY'S PARK, ST. ANN'S AVENUE AND EAST 145th STREET  
ST. JAMES PARK, CENTER OF OVAL LAWN, E. 191 ST. & JEROME AVENUE

QUEENS:

\*BOROUGH HALL, QUEENS BOULEVARD AND UNION TURNPIKE  
KING PARK, JAMAICA AVENUE AND 151st STREET  
FLUSHING PARK, NORTHERN BOULEVARD AND MAIN STREET  
ST. ALBANS MEMORIAL PARK, MERRICK BOULEVARD AND 111th STREET  
HIGHLAND PARK, JAMAICA AVENUE AND ELTON STREET  
ELMHURST PLAYGROUND, BROADWAY AND BRITTON AVENUE

RICHMOND:

\*BOROUGH HALL, BAY STREET AND BOROUGH PLACE  
TAPPEN PARK, BAY AND CANAL STREETS

\* - PRINCIPAL CEREMONY

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

In addition to the ceremonies at the largest trees, there will

be 200 children's Christmas parties held between December 13 and the new year in the neighborhood playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. In general the parties will include choral singing, tree trimming, special Christmas games and visits from Santa Claus.

The principal children's parties are scheduled at the following locations:

| <u>Date</u>       | <u>Time</u> | <u>Type of Party</u> | <u>Playground</u>            | <u>Borough</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Fri.<br>Dec. 13   | 10 A.M.     | A                    | Silverlake Tennis Area       | Richmond       |
| Mon.<br>Dec. 16   | 11:30 AM    | A                    | Lyons Square Playground      | Bronx          |
|                   | 11:30 AM    | A                    | Braddock Playground          | Queens         |
|                   | 11:30 AM    | A                    | Highland Upper Playground    | Queens         |
| Tues.<br>Dec. 17  | 10:30 AM    | A                    | Ft. Tryon Park               | Manhattan      |
|                   | 1 PM        | A                    | Payson Avenue Playground     | Manhattan      |
|                   | 1:30 PM     | A                    | Fort #4 Playground           | Bronx          |
|                   | 4 PM        | B                    | St. Mary's Recreation Center | Bronx          |
|                   | 5 PM        | C                    | St. Mary's " "               | Bronx          |
|                   | 7 PM        | D                    | St. Mary's " "               | Bronx          |
| Wed.<br>Dec. 18   | 10:30 AM    | A                    | St. Gabriel's Playground     | Manhattan      |
|                   | 1:30 PM     | A                    | J. Hood Wright Playground    | Manhattan      |
|                   | 10 AM       | A                    | Union & Van Brunt Plgd       | Brooklyn       |
|                   | 10 AM       | A                    | Carroll Park                 | Brooklyn       |
|                   | 1:30 PM     | A                    | Zimmerman Playground         | Bronx          |
|                   | 3:30 PM     | E                    | Corona & 102nd St. Plgd      | Queens         |
| Thurs.<br>Dec. 19 | 10:30 AM    | A                    | Colonial Park                | Manhattan      |
|                   | 7 PM        | F                    | Roosevelt Playground         | Manhattan      |
|                   | 1 PM        | A                    | Brownsville Rec. Center      | Brooklyn       |
|                   | 12:30 PM    | F                    | St. John's Rec. Center       | Brooklyn       |
|                   | 1 PM        | F                    | Brooklyn War Memorial        | Brooklyn       |
|                   | 4 PM        | G                    | Brooklyn War Memorial        | Brooklyn       |
|                   | 2 PM        | A                    | Williamsbridge Oval          | Bronx          |
|                   | 2 PM        | A                    | St. James Park               | Bronx          |
|                   | 3:30 PM     | E                    | Liberty Park                 | Queens         |
|                   | 11:30 AM    | A                    | Flushing Memorial            | Queens         |
| Fri.<br>Dec. 20   | 4 PM        | H                    | Cherry & Oliver Playground   | Manhattan      |
|                   | 11 AM       | A                    | Sauer Playground             | Manhattan      |

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Time</u> | <u>Type of Party</u> | <u>Playground</u>            | <u>Borough</u> |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>Fri.</u>  |             |                      |                              |                |
| Dec. 20      | 10 AM       | A                    | J. J. Byrne Playground       | Brooklyn       |
|              | 1 PM        | A                    | Seth Low Playground          | Brooklyn       |
|              | 4 PM        | G                    | St. John's Recreation Center | Brooklyn       |
|              | 8 PM        | I                    | Brooklyn War Memorial        | Brooklyn       |
|              | 1 PM        | A                    | Mosholu Playground           | Bronx          |
|              | 2 PM        | A                    | Mullaly Playground           | Bronx          |
|              | 10:30 AM    | A                    | Dry Harbor Playground        | Queens         |
|              | 11:30 AM    | A                    | Von Dohlen Playground        | Queens         |
|              | 10 AM       | A                    | DeMatti Playground           | Richmond       |
|              | 10 AM       | A                    | Levy Playground              | Richmond       |
| <u>Sat.</u>  |             |                      |                              |                |
| Dec. 21      | 10 AM       | K                    | St. Mary's Recreation Center | Bronx          |
|              | 1 PM        | J                    | St. John's Recreation Center | Brooklyn       |
|              | 2 PM        | E                    | Mahoney Playground           | Richmond       |
| <u>Mon.</u>  |             |                      |                              |                |
| Dec. 23      | 10 AM       | A                    | Tompkins Square Park         | Manhattan      |
|              | 10 AM       | A                    | Murphy Playground            | Manhattan      |
|              | 10 AM       | A                    | Riverside Park at 83 St.     | Manhattan      |
|              | 10 AM       | A                    | St. Mary's Recreation Center | Bronx          |
|              | 10:30 AM    | A                    | St. Catherine's Playground   | Manhattan      |
|              | 2 PM        | A                    | Brook Avenue Playground      | Bronx          |
|              | 3:30 PM     | L                    | McCaffrey Playground         | Manhattan      |
|              | 5 PM        | E                    | J. Weldon Johnson Playground | Manhattan      |
| <u>Tues.</u> |             |                      |                              |                |
| Dec. 24      | 4 PM        | L                    | Geo. Washington Houses South | Manhattan      |
|              | 4 PM        | G                    | St. Mary's Recreation Center | Bronx          |
|              | 8 PM        | M                    | St. Mary's Recreation Center | Bronx          |
|              | 3:15 PM     | E                    | Hammels Houses Playground    | Queens         |
|              | 5 PM        | N                    | Hammels Houses Playground    | Queens         |
| <u>Fri.</u>  |             |                      |                              |                |
| Dec. 27      | 7:30 PM     | O                    | St. Mary's Recreation Center | Bronx          |
| <u>Sat.</u>  |             |                      |                              |                |
| Dec. 28      | 10 AM       | P                    | Flushing Meadow Rink         | Queens         |

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Type of Party

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| A - Pre-school group            | I - Intermediate & Senior dance              |
| B - Intermediate girls          | J - Jack & Jill party                        |
| C - Tree lighting               | K - Junior girl's gym group                  |
| D - Women's Gym & Social group  | L - Playground children                      |
| E - Pre-teen party              | M - Senior & adult groups                    |
| F - Golden Age group            | N - Teenage carol group - tours<br>community |
| G - Junior & Intermediate group | O - Senior Christmas dance                   |
| H - Teen & Pre-teen group       | P - Farewell to Santa                        |

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The Department of Parks announces the Eighth Annual Christmas Carol Celebration, sponsored in cooperation with the New York Daily Mirror, will be held on the Mall in Central Park on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 1957 at 2:30 P.M.

Mr. J. Bailey Harvey of the University Glee Club will act as Master of Ceremonies. The program features Delen Amparam, famous lyric soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, and Thomas Hayward, operatic tenor. The children's choir of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church and the Broadway Temple Methodist Chancel Choir will participate in the singing of the Christmas Carols. Christmas music will be played by the Fire Department Band.

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FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1957

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The Department of Parks announces that the Brownsville Golden Age Center will open for operation on December 20, 1957.

This new building located at Linden Boulevard and Hegeman Avenue in Brooklyn is adjacent to the Brownsville Boys' Club. A well-planned recreation program for the senior citizens of the neighborhood will be put into operation. Now scheduled are lectures on subjects of interest to these older groups, instruction in arts and crafts, social dancing, and cultural discussions. A television room is available for relaxing moments.

This new center was made possible through private funds which were contributed by the Honorable Abe Stark, President of the Council, and a group of civic-minded citizens.

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3. New York University is a party to these agreements. It now owns most of the property facing Washington Square. Its improvements mean many additional students. More and more Washington Square will be a campus park. Nobody can stop it. This endowed and citizen-supported university admirably meets a great need. The City out of its limited treasury would have to pay this bill if the University did not do so privately.

4. There is an existing permanent bus franchise which permits buses to go through Washington Square to Bleecker Street. Aside from this right, the Company must as a matter of common sense, serve the expanded University and new apartments south of the Square.

5. Borough President Jack repeatedly stated to the Slum Clearance Committee and others that he would approve the four-lane depressed Fifth Avenue through Washington Square with a pedestrian overpass on the recommendation of his own engineers. In fact, his office originally prepared this plan and we agreed to it. His recent advocacy of a three lane scheme at grade is wholly at variance with his own plan, and could not possibly get the support of the City Planning Commission, Traffic and Park Departments or of any respected highway expert. The Park Department never opposed a four-lane semi-depressed parkway with a pedestrian bridge over it. We would not oppose a completely depressed roadway if it were possible to overcome the steep grades required, the long distances needed for approaches, the ventilation problem, the danger to adjacent property and the huge cost.

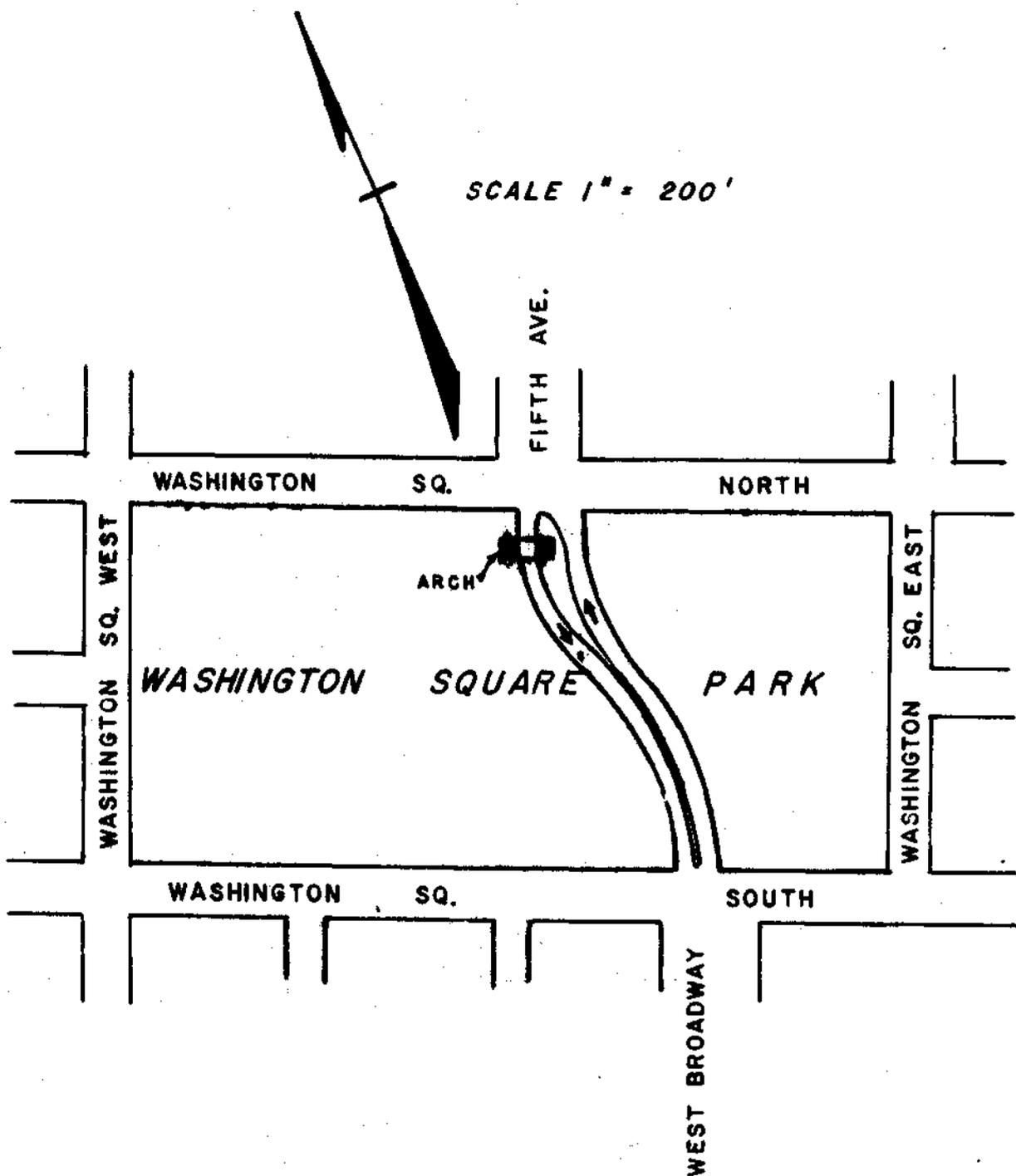
The three possible methods of carrying Fifth Avenue through the Square are crudely illustrated on the attached sketches labelled Scheme A, Scheme B, Scheme C. None contemplates an "expressway"

because Fifth Avenue isn't an expressway. It is a wide Avenue, and using "expressway" as an epithet doesn't solve any problems. All possible solutions contemplate four fully divided lanes. A. is the least expensive. B. is somewhat more costly and by far the best in our opinion. C. is more expensive, involves long approaches, requires ventilation, and would ruin the corner lots, although it is not an engineering impossibility. Plan B, therefore, is by far the best answer.

6. Washington Square cannot be improved as a small park in the way we have planned it for years unless the design of the Fifth Avenue extension is settled in advance.

7. Under these circumstances, if there is a stalemate in the Board of Estimate on the Fifth Avenue Extension through Washington Square, consider the consequences. As the New York University and new housing improvements are completed and thousands more students, transients and permanent residents move in, and apart from the legality and constitutionality of breaking contracts, we will have a traffic mess at Washington Square as bad as any in the City and totally unwarranted and unnecessary. Maybe letting this mess develop is the best way to educate the public under the democratic process.

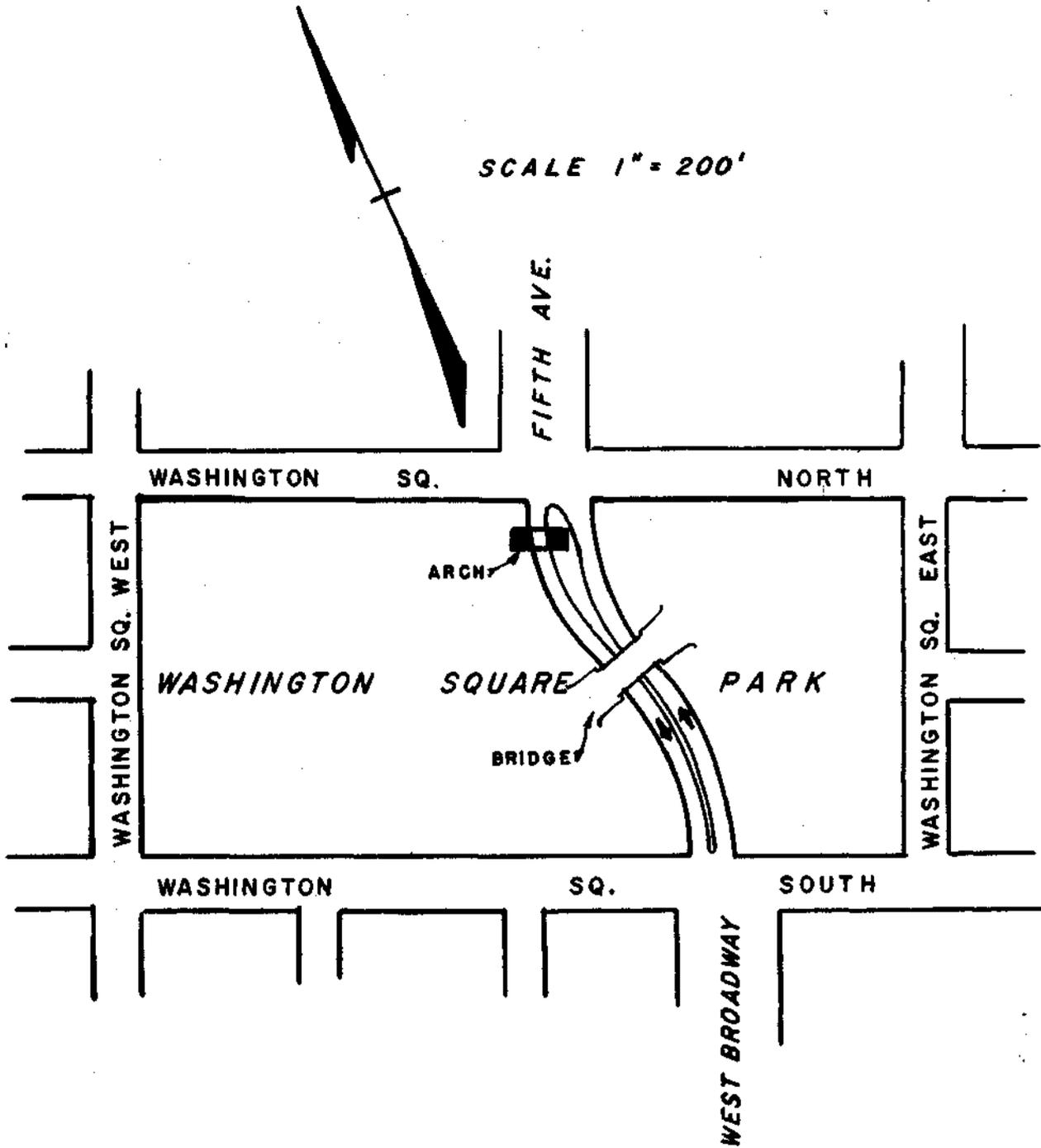
# BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



## ***SCHEME "A"***

TWO 24 FOOT ROADWAYS SEPARATED BY 5 FOOT MALL.  
ROADWAYS AT GRADE.

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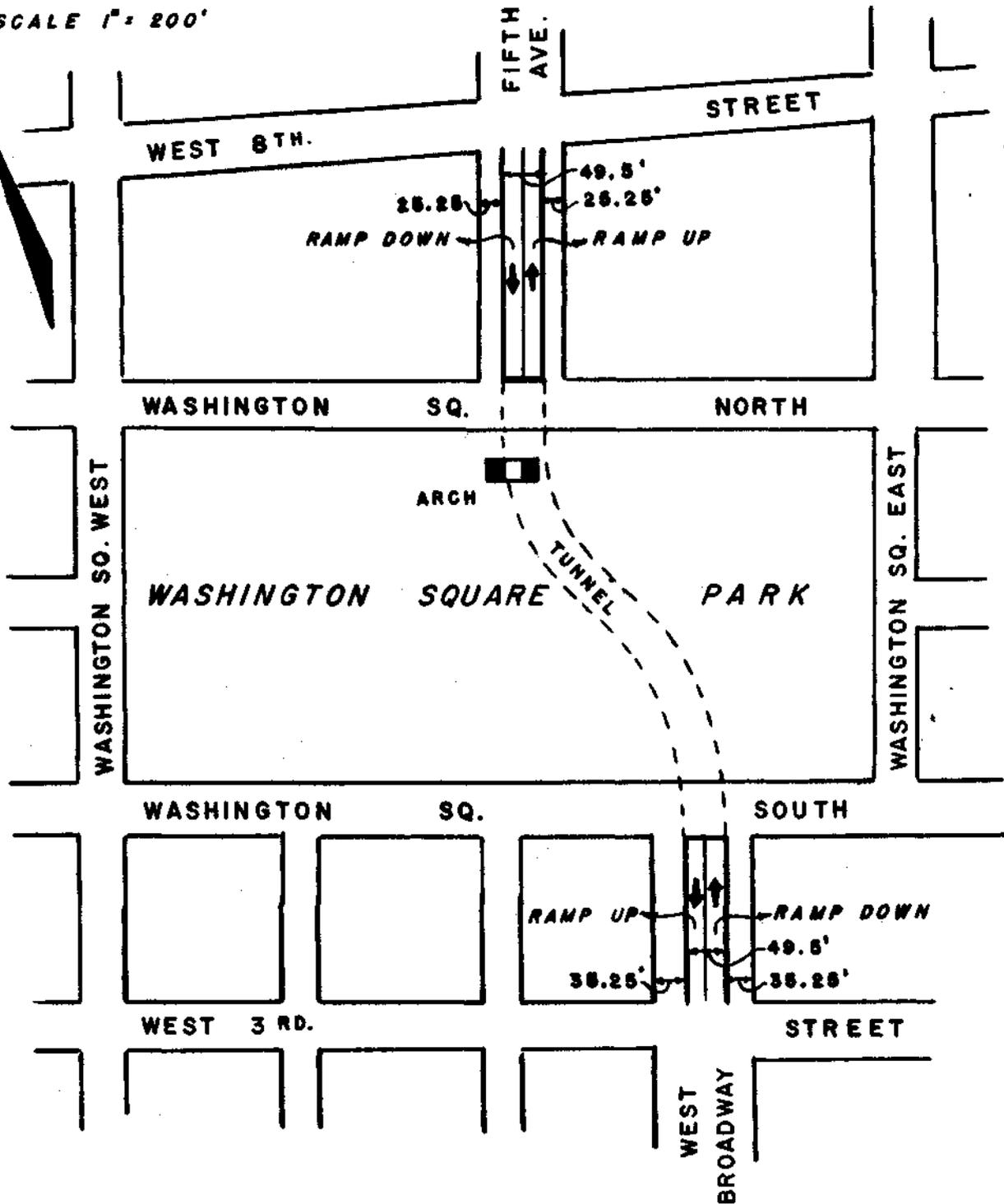


## ***SCHEME "B"***

TWO 26 FOOT ROADWAYS SEPARATED BY 5 FOOT MALL.  
ROADWAYS DEPRESSED WITH BRIDGE CONNECTING EAST  
AND WEST SECTIONS.

# BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

SCALE 1" = 200'



## SCHEME "C"

TUNNEL UNDER PARK CONNECTING FIFTH AVENUE  
AND WEST BROADWAY.

TWO 24 FOOT ROADWAYS SEPARATED BY 18 INCH DIVIDER.

DEC. 23, 1957

# The New York Times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1937.

## DE SAPIO HITS CUT IN WASHINGTON SQ.

Democratic Leader Joins His  
District's Foes of a Road  
to Lower Broadway

## CITES CHILDREN'S NEED

Asks Preserving of Park  
for Them—Passannante  
Calls Village Meeting

Carmine G. DeSapio gave his support yesterday to opponents of the proposed Washington Square Park thoroughway to link Fifth Avenue and Lower Broadway.

In a telegram to the Lions Club's Committee to Save Washington Square Park, Mr. De Sapio endorsed closing the park to all through traffic. Borough President Hulan E. Jack of Manhattan and Park Commissioner Robert Moses have supported plans that vary only in the width of the roadway for the new traffic route through the park.

Mr. De Sapio is leader of the First Assembly District South, which includes the Washington Square area. His telegram said:

"I heartily endorse the sentiment of the vast majority of my neighbors for the closing of Washington Square Park to all through traffic. It is for this reason that I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve on your committee. Congratulations to your membership for their assistance in obtaining 10,000 signatures, all demanding the preservation of the park for the safety and well-being of our children."

Assemblyman William F. Passannante, Democratic Representative of the area, called a meeting last night of the Greenwich Village Study, a neighborhood committee, to discuss local problems, including traffic, schools, housing and population trends.

### Plan Proposed by Moses

There are now two roads bisecting Washington Square Park, running south from Fifth Avenue through the thirty-foot-wide Washington Arch. One road curves east to West Broadway; the other heads west to Thompson Street.

Park Commissioner Moses has proposed a reconstruction that would have four lanes linking Fifth Avenue and West Broadway, each twelve feet wide. Two lanes would go south through the Arch, and two northbound lanes would parallel to it. And the roadway would in addition be divided by a center mall at least five feet wide.

Eleven civic organizations, led by Alexander Hehmeyer, president of the Washington Square Association, have proposed closing the westerly road and retaining only the easterly one as a two-lane artery.

Mr. Jack has said he would favor limiting the roadway to thirty-six feet in width between Fifth Avenue and West Broadway.

# The New York Times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1957.

## DE SAPIO SUPPORTS STUDY ON VILLAGE

Advocates 'Minimal Through  
Roadway' in Washington  
Sq., Not Expressway

### REPORT GIVEN ON AREA

Neighborhood Group Lists  
Housing, Zoning, Traffic  
and Education Problems

Carmine G. De Sapio gave qualified support yesterday to opponents of the proposed Washington Square Park throughway to link Fifth Avenue and Lower Broadway.

Speaking before 300 persons at a meeting called by the Greenwich Village Study, Mr. De Sapio said that neither Manhattan Borough President Hulan E. Jack nor he would ever subscribe to the construction of "what may be termed an expressway."

But both he and Mr. Jack, he indicated, continue to advocate "a minimal through roadway," of the sort that could be used by buses, fire engines and other emergency or public service vehicles.

The Greenwich Village Study, an organization composed of thirty-four architects, city planners and other professional people who live in Greenwich Village, called the meeting to make its first public report of its analysis of Village problems.

The group and its guests met in the auditorium of the New York University Law School, 44 Washington Square South.

Its report listed five major problems facing the area. These came under the headings of housing and urban renewal, zoning, education, traffic and youth facilities.

### Preservation Is Goal

The study is concerned especially with the preservation of the distinctive characteristics of the village as a neighborhood.

It believes that this character is threatened by the proposed throughway, by the construction of massive housing projects, by the loss of families to the suburbs and by the indiscriminate condemnation as slums of buildings that house "small commercial and cultural establishments that lend the village a special flavor."

The spokesman for the Study, Stanley B. Tankel, said that childless persons and transients had been replacing families in apartments and rooms. He saw this as a threat to the residential nature of the area.

Mr. Tankel said that the Study had concluded that city zoning officials should leave Greenwich Village primarily a residential section.

Mrs. James Jacobs, a writer on architecture and a Village housewife, warned that "the big type of housing projects tend to segregate high, middle and low income people." She said such projects were not suitable to the Village.

Victor Gruen, a widely known architect and city planner, also spoke, as did Vincent A. G. O'Connor, City Commissioner of Marine and Aviation.

The meeting was opened by State Assemblyman William F. Passannante.

### Report Called Guide

In his remarks, Mr. De Sapio said that the Study's recommendation should serve the city as a guide and basis for action to deal with community life in the Village.

### Had Endorsed Closing

But in his remarks on the throughway, the Democratic leader appeared to soften a stand he had taken earlier in the day.

In a telegram to the Lions Club's Committee to Save Washington Square Park, Mr. De Sapio had endorsed the closing of the park to all through traffic.

"I heartily endorse the sentiment of the vast majority of my neighbors for the closing of Washington Square Park to all through traffic," he had wired.

But at the meeting he said: "We must not be persuaded in our opinions by political motives alone. This would be a disservice to the people of Greenwich Village."

Both buses and emergency vehicles would have to cut through the park, Mr. De Sapio said.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1957

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The Borough President of Manhattan and the Department of Parks announce the completion of construction and opening of several recreational areas along Harlem River Drive in the Borough of Manhattan.

At a ceremony to be held at 10 A.M. December 30, at Lexington Avenue and 128 Street, the Honorable Hulan Jack, President of the Borough of Manhattan, will formally turn these recreation areas over to Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, for maintenance and operation as a part of the City park system.

Built under a contract let by the Borough President of Manhattan as part of the Harlem River Drive Improvement, this new nine acre area, which was designed by the Department of Parks, provides recreational facilities for all age groups.

A playground located at East 127 Street and Second Avenue provides a wading pool, sand pit, swings, seesaws, jungle gym, slides, basketball and handball courts and a comfort station.

The area <sup>at</sup> East 128 Street and Third Avenue contains a baseball field with bleachers, a softball field, and a combination football and soccer field.

Another playground located at East 128 Street and Lexington Avenue provides a wading pool, sand pit, swings, slides, jungle gym, shuffleboard and comfort station and the third playground located between 129 Street and East 130 Street contains basketball courts,

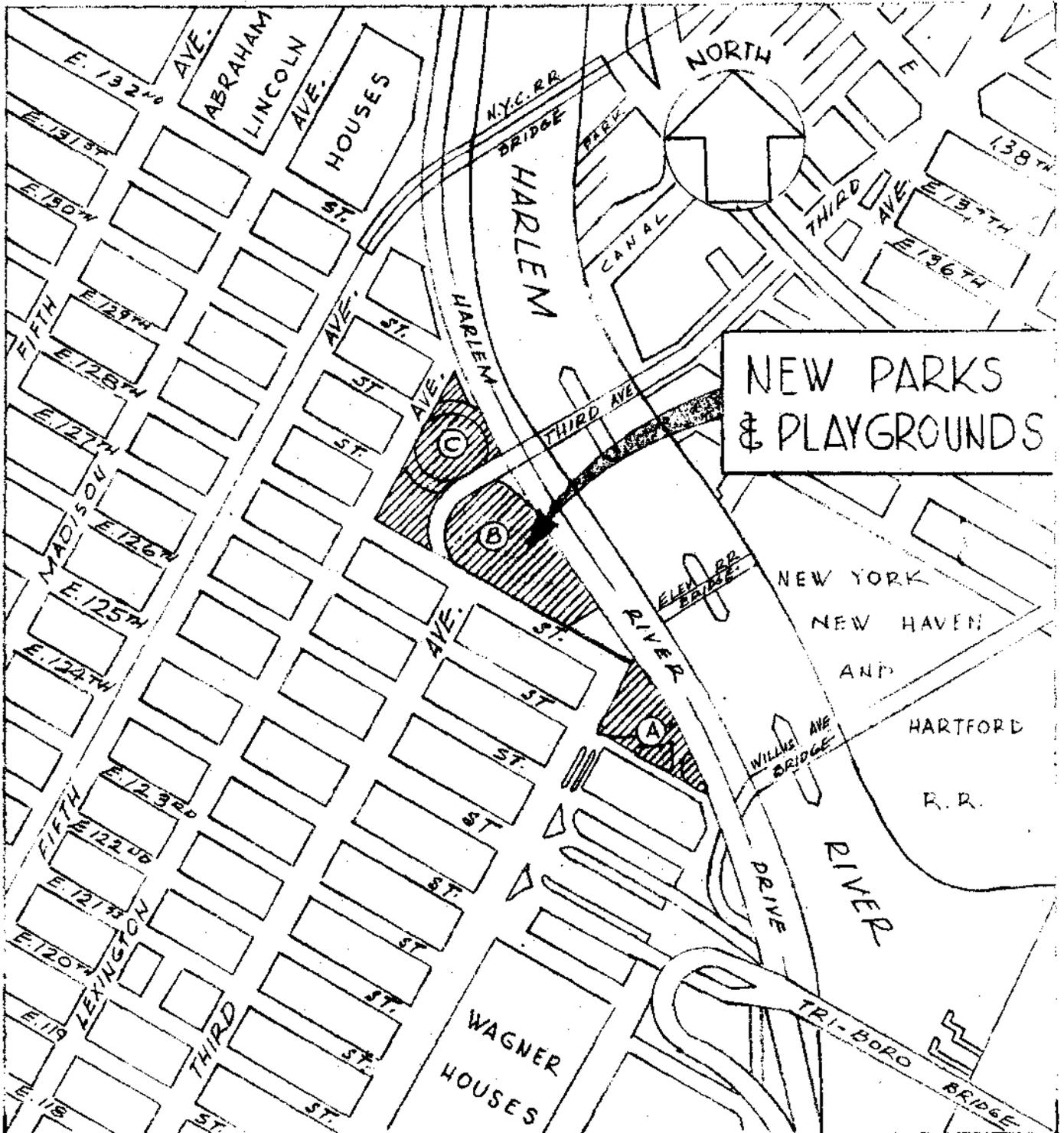
handball courts, bocce courts, a quiet games area and a field house. The entire development cost \$675,000.

Benches have been provided and shade trees planted throughout the area. This project is the first completed link of the Harlem River Drive Improvement program which will connect the East River Drive to the George Washington Bridge and will reclaim a long neglected waterfront section of Manhattan for parks, recreational and housing use.

With the addition of the three new playgrounds, there are now 724 playgrounds in the park system.

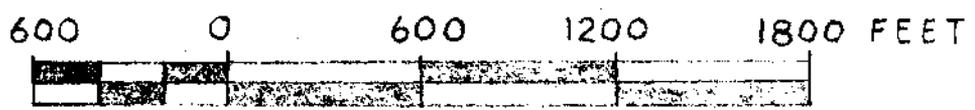
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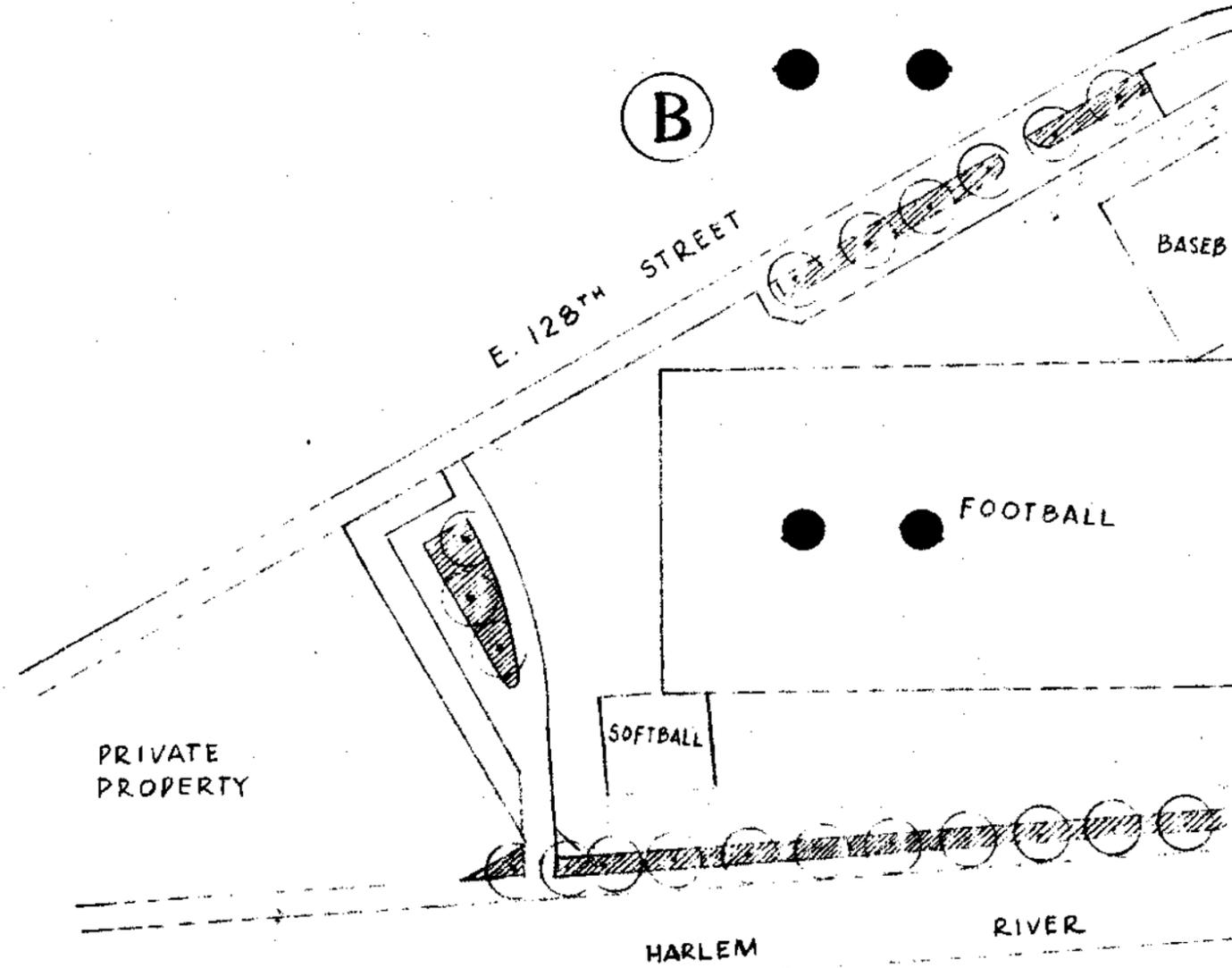
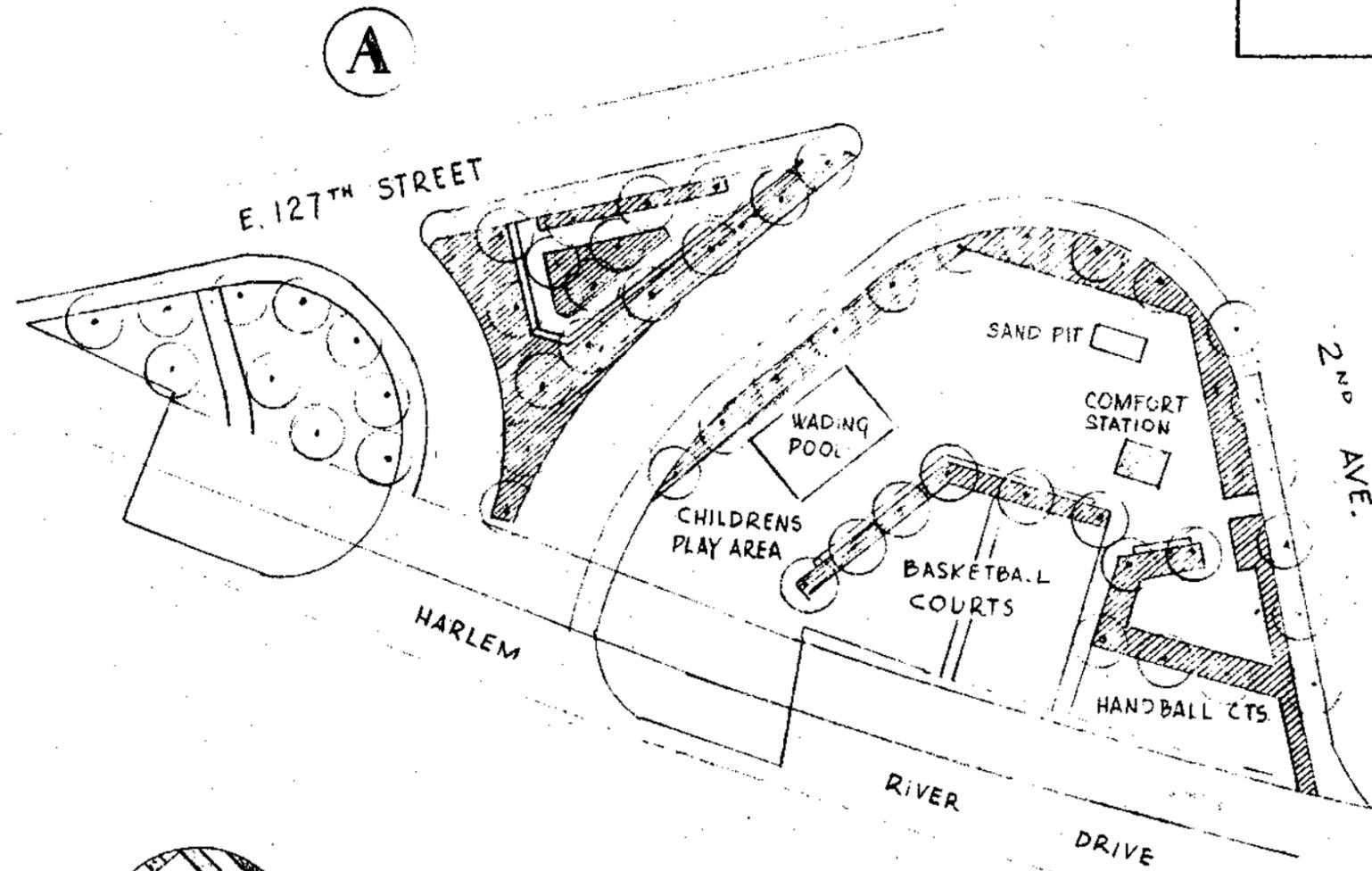
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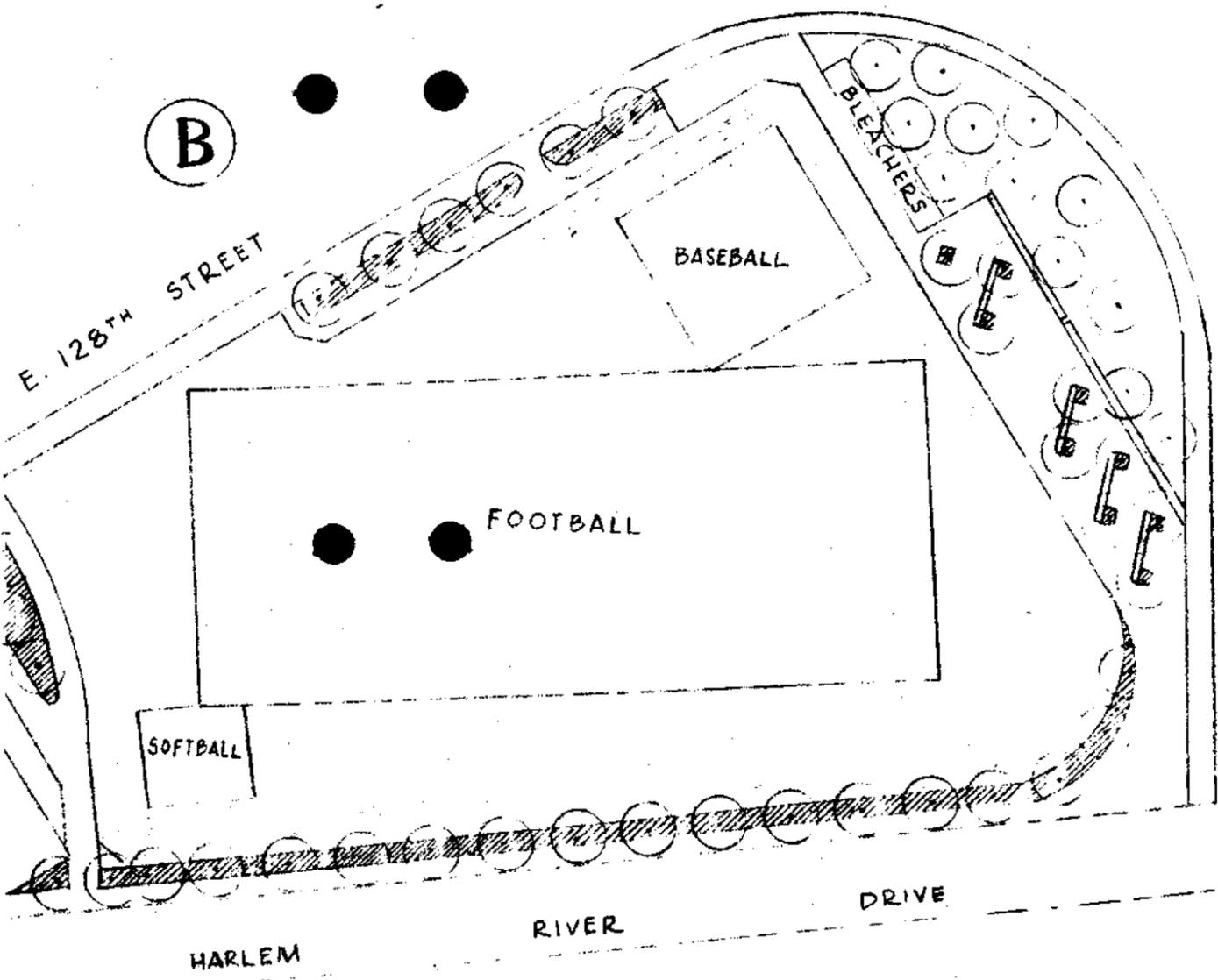
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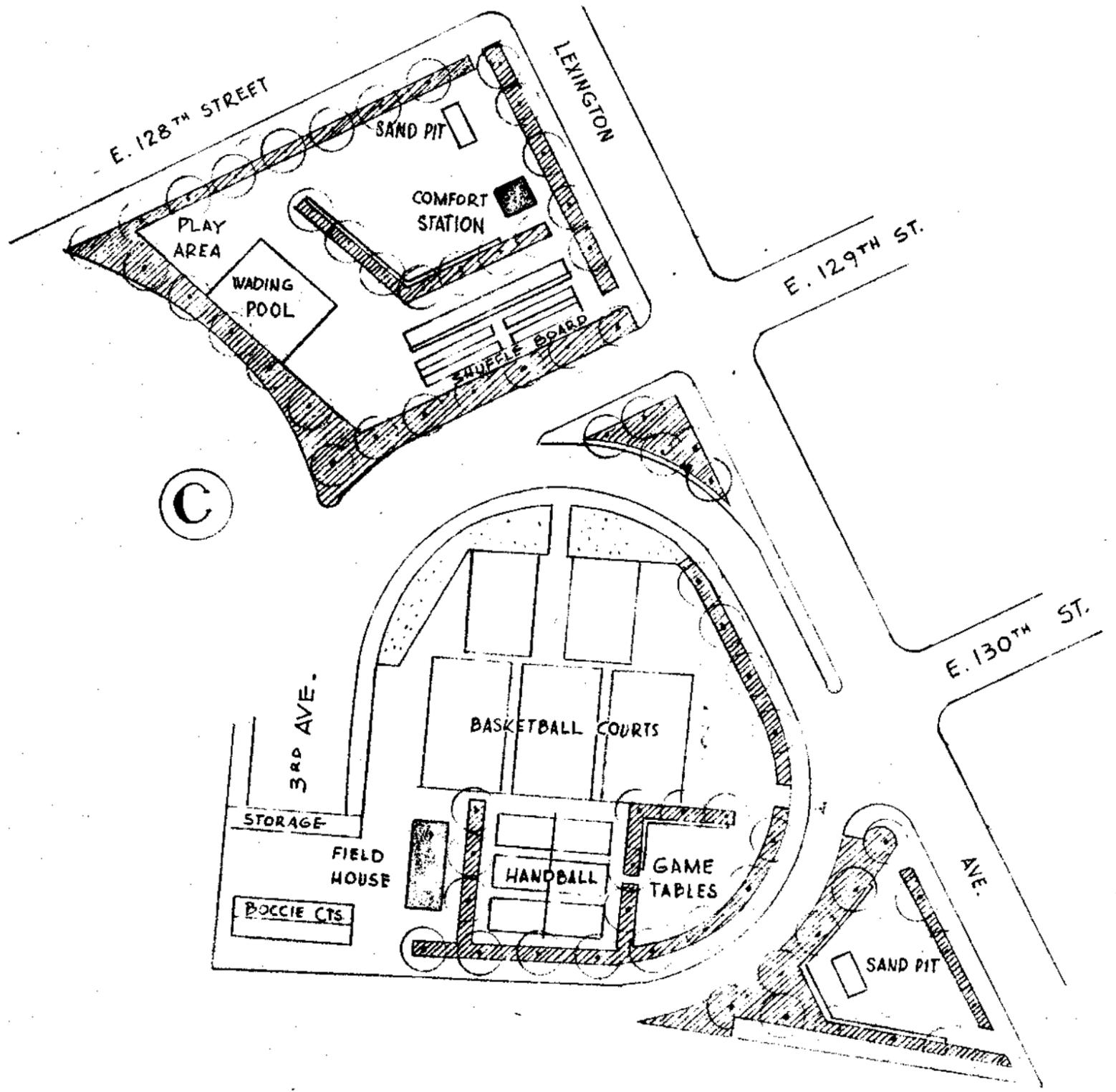


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