

Park Department Report to August 1934

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1935 BUDGET REQUEST  
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## MEMORANDUM ON 1935 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

### 1. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION REQUESTS

In submitting departmental estimates for the year 1935, it is assumed that relief monies will be available during the coming year to some extent. More than half a million dollars of relief funds have been expended during 1934 to operate temporarily the new facilities that have been added to the park system of the city by the new administration. This personnel has been drawn from the Department of Public Welfare Works Division and while it is not satisfactory and the employees do not measure up to the qualifications of regular employees supplied through the channels of budget appropriations, they have been necessary in order to keep open the additional facilities. The budget authorities must face now the problem as to whether the personnel necessary to man the expanded facilities are to come through Work Relief funds, are to be provided in the budget or are to be a compromise between the two schemes. In preparing the departmental estimate for next year the Department has made its request on the basis of a compromise.

There will be required \$458,600.00 to pay the wages of park foreman, attendants, watchmen, playground directors, automobile enginemen, and laborer-gardeners not included in the budget request. It is assumed that these services will continue to be supplied from relief funds that will be available next year. These positions required in addition to those requested in the departmental estimates are noted by an asterisk (\*) in the remark column opposite similar positions that are requested.

(a) Personal Service

The departmental Personal Service schedule for 1935 amounts to \$5,187,608.90, an increase of \$530,898.83, or 11% over the 1934 budget schedules of \$4,656,710.07. In order to keep the increase in Personal Service down to 11% it was necessary to effect savings in the 1934 budget during this year of over a quarter of a million dollars. These savings were effected by the elimination of 22 unnecessary political jobs in the administrative staff of the five Park Departments, when the new Department was organized, by abolishing vacant or unnecessary positions of maintenance employees where duties overlapped in the several boroughs, by abolishing the full time jobs of more than 100 employees whose services were required only in the summer months and replacing their services with part time positions, and by the dropping from the City Service employees eligible for retirement and physically unable to perform their duties and by the discharge of incompetent and unwilling workers.

It should also be borne in mind that \$198,205.72 of the appropriation for 1934 was made available in the form of Corporate Stock or Tax Note allowances which were not appropriated for the full year. These allowances were made to provide for the employment of approximately 100 technical employees and money has only been appropriated to pay them to October 1st of this year. In the 1935 request, provision has been made from Tax Levy allowances amounting to \$69,671.12 to pay the salaries of 25 technical employees. The technical employees to be charged to Tax Levy allowances are

those working on maintenance and operation and who are a permanent part of the staff of the Department and should not be charged to construction appropriations. The amount of \$124,270.00 required to pay the salaries of the remaining technical employees is still requested from Corporate Stock or Tax Note funds. They are needed only for construction or Work Relief Projects and their services can be terminated when the Work Relief Program is over.

An increase of \$527,934.00 is made necessary by the creation of new positions to provide for the expanded program of the Park Department. These positions are detailed on attached sheets. Requests were made upon the reorganization of the Department in June of this year for some of these positions. The Department was advised to submit them with the 1935 budget. \$176,323.36 increase is due to the creation of seasonal jobs; this increase was compensated by the decrease of \$252,414.65 noted on the preceding page. \$9,385.00 is due to increases in the lines within the codes. While these show in the budget as increases of existing positions they are all in reality new positions. They are explained fully in the requests for modification of the budget in June incidental to the reorganization of the Department and the Department was requested to submit them with this budget request. This memorandum on the modification of the budget, dated June 9th is attached.

The departmental estimate for 1935 other than Personal Service provides for \$528,476.00 for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment. This is an increase of \$214,790.00 or 68% over the 1934



appropriation. This is \$250,000.00 less than will be actually required. It is assumed that this quarter of a million dollars needed and not asked for in the budget will be supplied through Work Relief appropriations. The items in the departmental estimates are only those items that cannot be supplied through Work Relief funds.

A chart is attached entitled "Graph Showing Total Park Budget and Major Sub-divisions". It will be noted from the chart that there was a steady increase in the appropriation for parks from 1927 to 1931. This was during the years of rising prices for materials yet the appropriations for supplies and materials were not substantially increased. Men were simply added to the payroll and were not provided with tools or materials with which to work. When it became necessary in 1933 and 1934 to reduce the budget the appropriation for materials was cut in half to save jobs.

A second graph is attached showing the increase in acreage in the park system. The Park Department budget for 1934 was less than the 1927 budget. During this period 5,000 acres have been added to the park system.

Another graph is attached showing the variation in the city budgets and Park Department budgets from the year 1927 to 1935. A glance at this chart will indicate the manner in which the Park Department budget has been slashed out of all proportion to the normal increases and decreases of the general city budget.

Since January the 19th of this year the Department of Parks has spent \$26,000,000.00 on new construction from Work Relief funds. The money has been spent prudently. The work has been done conforming with a comprehensive plan of development of the whole city and the plans were prepared by able architects, landscape architects and engineers and built under the supervision of construction experts. All the parks have been rehabilitated. 38,000 gallons of paint have been used; 86 miles of rusty, dilapidated fence, mostly unnecessary, has been replaced with 19 miles of new fencing; 38 miles of walks have been repaired and 11 miles of bridle paths have been renovated and 5½ miles of new bridle path constructed; 236 acres of park area have been drained and restored to park usage; 678 drinking fountains have been repaired and 243 new fountains installed; 37,500 cubic yards of stone masonry retaining walls have been built to restore steep hillsides to public usage; 145 comfort stations have been cleaned, repainted and repaired; 7,000 new waste baskets have been installed and 22,500 benches have been repaired. 322 tennis courts have been resurfaced; 62,000 trees have been pruned; 7,000 dead trees have been removed; 92,000 trees have been sprayed; 99,000 shrubs have been pruned and the trees and shrubs in 43 parks and parkways have been completely rehabilitated. Over 70,000 cubic yards of muck have been mined and spread as top dressing on lawn areas. This material which was being covered with ash fill would have cost the city over \$200,000.00 if it had been purchased and not salvaged from swamp land. 115,000 cubic yards of new soil were purchased, 60,000 pounds of grass seed have been used, 300,000 square feet of sod were placed, 13,000 trees, 90,000 shrubs and 86 vines were planted. A complete program of rehabilitating over 284 statues in the city has been undertaken.

These items are only a small part of the general housecleaning and rehabilitation of the existing park. New construction projects include seven golf courses which will be completed by the spring of 1935 and five existing courses that have been modernized. One new golf club house will be finished. 34 new playgrounds, equipped with comfort stations, play pavilions, wading pools, and outdoor playground apparatus have been added to the system in addition to the rehabilitation of 65 existing playground areas. All these playgrounds have been landscaped to provide shade. The seven block recreational park at Christio-Forsythe and the six block recreational park at Leiv Eiriksson will be finished and opened this year. Bryant Park has been completely rebuilt. Complete new zoos will be finished in Central Park, Manhattan, Prospect Park in Brooklyn and Barrott Park in Staten Island. The sheepfold in Central Park has been converted into a modern tavern and Claremont Inn on Riverside Drive has been renovated and opened as a popular priced restaurant. The lower reservoir area in Central Park will be rebuilt and opened to the public; temporary bath houses have been installed at Wolfe's Pond in Staten Island. Ten new swimming pools, completely equipped with bath houses, filter plants and chlorinating units, will be open for the summer of next year.

62 new areas have been added to the park system, of which 58 have been or will be developed as playgrounds.

If these areas are to be opened to the public, they are going to require funds for their maintenance and operation.

When the new consolidated Department of Parks took over the maintenance and operation of the five former Park Departments on January 19th of this year, the personnel of the Department was un-

disciplined, in most instances working under untrained and unskilled supervision and with no orderly plan of operation. An organization has been established laying down definite lines of responsibility. All the forces of the Department have been uniformed; obsolete horse-drawn rolling equipment are being replaced by new motor equipment. Most of the horses in the Park Department were inherited from the Department of Sanitation when it was motorized; the Sanitation Department secured them from the Fire Department when steam fire engines drawn by horses were replaced by motor driven pumps. The overhead control of the entire system has been centralized in the Arsenal and the maintenance and operation of each borough is under a single Borough Director who is drawn from the technical classification of the Municipal Civil Service. Expert and experienced park executives have been employed to replace the politicians who attempted to direct the work of the Department. Unskilled laborers whose sole qualification for their jobs in the past have been their ability to lift a 50 pound weight over their heads are being replaced with laborer-gardeners drawn from the competitive class of the Municipal Civil Service. Climbers and pruners who were physically unfit to leave the ground are being replaced by expert arboriculturists. Playgrounds that were opened in the middle of the morning and closed in the middle of the afternoon are being operated from 9 o'clock in the morning until dark. This is a general rule applying to every playground in the Department. The 34 new playgrounds that are or will be opened before the end of the year are being equipped with flood lights to be operated at night. Comfort stations that were closed at the end of an eight hour shift of a laborer are being manned by Civil Service attendants and kept open during the evenings. The employment of laborers in place of attendants for the operation of comfort stations is a violation of the Civil Service Law.

The work of rehabilitating these worn out parks will be entirely wasted unless they are properly manned and operated with intelligence.

The concessions in the parks were in a deplorable condition. The facilities were almost universally housed in improperly constructed buildings, and according to no plan. The attached report, dated June 1st, 1934, describes this condition in detail and outlines the policy now being followed. The revenues from concessions this year will exceed last year's receipts. While there has been an increased usage it has been necessary to revise all the major contracts and pay from operating revenues for badly needed operating equipment. This has reduced cash receipts to the city but by solving the major problem of cleaning up the unsatisfactory conditions, the food stands will show a revenue next year double that received last year. The collections from recreational facilities will exceed last year's receipts. These receipts have been obtained in spite of the fact that none of the golf courses were opened until May first due to their reconstruction in the spring and only nine temporary holes at Forest Park were opened this year while the course is being reconstructed. The cost of a season golf permit was also reduced from \$15.00 to \$10.00.

While the city had contracts for revenue producing facilities in the park system for the year 1933 for greatly more than the amount taken in, only \$531,150.21 was actually collected. Receipts for 1934 will total approximately \$550,000.00. With the addition of the ten new swimming pools, seven new golf courses and other revenue producing recreational facilities, the two new restaurants and the actual collection of money from food concessions, the revenue for 1935 will exceed \$1,300,000.00. This increase in receipts more than balances the increase in the departmental estimates of operating expenses.

Many additional recreational facilities have been added in existing park areas. These include city-wide programs of outdoor dancing, musical concerts, traveling drama groups, marionette shows and outdoor moving pictures. While these have been financed largely from Work Relief funds, the activities require the attendance of city employees for the operation of the facilities.

The beaches in the park system where swimming is permitted have been controlled largely in the past by private clubs. These clubs are organized to satisfy the social instincts of their members. They have no public responsibility and will be replaced by city employees responsible for the protection of life at the public beaches.

The technical staff of the Department was wholly unfitted for the work it was supposed to perform. Three architects, two landscape architects, eleven inspectors of stone masonry, nine inspectors of regulating, grading and paving, thirteen topographical draftsmen, twelve assistant engineers and other engineering employees of various titles were responsible for all of the planning of the Department. This force has been supplemented by relief workers under the supervision of trained park designers. Their work is approved by a consulting architect, a consulting landscape architect and consulting engineers who were selected as the best to be found in the country.

A report indicating physical conditions found as of January 19th is attached to this memorandum. Progress photographs showing completed work and work under construction indicate the character of the improved design.

The Department of Parks took over a dilapidated system

of parks and parkways in the City, staffed with inefficient, undisciplined and untrained employees. The able employees in the staff were identified and placed in positions of responsibility commensurate with their abilities. Experts in park design and operation were employed at less than half the cost of the previous overhead administration. Unsafe and unsuitable construction was demolished and the rest rehabilitated. The staff was re-organized and those who did not fit into a scheme of good management were discharged. The 1935 departmental estimate is still lower than the period between 1929 and 1933. The playground areas have been doubled and 1,000 acres have been added to the park system. The season of 1934 was largely spent in correcting the mistakes and neglect of past administrations and in expanding the park system, and the operating season of 1935 will afford the first opportunity to the citizens of the City to use the new facilities and take advantage of its parks. The budget authorities have to choose now between providing for the maintenance and operation of this system or allow it to go backwards again. The funds requested are the absolute minimum necessary. The increased revenue that will be collected will supply the funds.



Commissioner

August 14, 1934

MEMORANDUM ON NEW CONSTRUCTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
DURING 1935 WHICH CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT WITH WORK RELIEF FUNDS.

There are five construction projects which should be undertaken as soon as possible by the Department of Parks. They are of such a nature that they cannot be undertaken by Work Relief labor, and must be done by contract. Funds should be provided from the sale of corporate stock to start the construction of the following developments of the City Park system:

(a) - MARINE PARK IN BROOKLYN

A plan for this park was prepared by the former administration. The larger part of the park is under water and the remaining park is low swampy marsh land. The original development plan called for the expenditure of \$40,000,000. in construction costs. It was wholly impractical. The general scheme of formalized design might have been suited to small City parks, but was entirely out of scale for a 1,234 acre tract. This plan was completely scrapped and the staff of the Park Department has completed a new plan which is much simpler in scheme and will cost only a fraction of the amount involved in the original plan. The first step in the development of this plan will be the reclaiming of the marsh lands with hydraulic fill, the construction of a boat basin which will also accommodate sea planes, construction of a golf course and three children's playgrounds. This will call for the expenditure of \$1,000,000. for the first year.



The land was purchased at a cost of \$7,500,000. A large residential community has grown up around this area on the promise of the development of the park. Construction should be started as soon as possible in order to put to use this idle land.

(b) - JACOB RIIS PARK IN QUEENS

This park is one of two ocean front parks in the City of New York where the waters are beyond question for bathing. There is a mile of shore front. The present development consists of a bath house containing facilities for 10,000 bathers, and parking fields accommodating approximately 8,000 cars. The plan is a striking example of poor design. The bath house is built so close to the water that a totally inadequate beach is left. The sea wall is also too close to the water and further narrows the beach. The parking fields require an excessive amount of maintenance and are improperly located in relation to the development.

The new plan should provide for the renovation of the improperly built building, construction of a modern hard-surface parking field, and the relocation of the boulevard through the park, the construction of a swimming pool which is needed to provide bathing during a large part of the season when surf bathing is either unpleasant or positively dangerous, and the construction of a boardwalk far enough back from the ocean to provide adequate beach space. The plan should follow generally the scheme of development of Jones Beach State Park. This will require an expenditure of approximately \$3,500,000.

\$1,000,000. should be provided immediately. The beach

was overcrowded this summer and still does not provide comfortably for one-fifth the number who would use the area if it had been properly constructed. The parking field should be built immediately and necessary revisions must be made at once on the bath house. The present condition of the road through the park is a source of danger to patrons.

If these changes are made the park can operate at a profit. It cannot be operated at a profit under existing conditions.

(c) - FORT TRYON PARK IN MANHATTAN

This park was purchased by John D. Rockefeller, at a cost of \$1,500,000. The contract between Mr. Rockefeller and the City provided that the donor of the property should do most of the construction work. This has been completed at a cost of \$4,000,000. The City is obligated to complete approximately \$600,000. worth of work, consisting mainly of roads, paths, drainage systems, sewer systems, and park lighting. \$300,000. worth of this work has been done with Work Relief labor and with an appropriation of \$150,000. by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment during the year 1934. The park cannot be opened until funds for the balance of the work amounting to \$300,000. have been made available.

(d) - PELHAM BAY PARK IN THE BRONX

This park is the largest in the City and contains more different types of park land than any other City park area. The work done in the past was almost without exception of atrocious

design and improper construction. The worst example was the Rico Memorial Stadium in the lower section. The golf course in the northeast section has undergone complete reconstruction with an addition of another eighteen holes.

The Hunters Island area is connected with the mainland by a bridge that has become so dilapidated it was necessary to close it to general vehicular traffic. The island itself is rapidly being ruined by improper layout of walks, paths, trails, and other facilities. It is impossible to police it in its present state.

The Rodman's Neck, or Orchard Beach section, has been almost ruined through many years of misuse. The naval camps during the war left great gashes cut through the park, and slabs of concrete pavement through the park have never been removed. A large part of this work has already been completed with Work Relief funds and the restoration program will be continued. The former bungalow colony had grown, to this year, into the status of a semi-permanent residential colony. It was demolished to make room for the development of a bathing beach. The bathing area itself was hemmed in by a wall so planned that at high tide, no beach at all was left.

The new plan provides for a bathing beach one mile long across the upper section of Pelham Bay between Rodman's Neck and Hunters Island. This beach can be constructed on entirely remade land. It requires filling land under two or three feet of water. It can be built without encroachment on land that is now covered with fine trees. The beach proposed will be sheltered and should

be started immediately.

The proposed plan will cost \$3,500,000. \$800,000. expended immediately will provide swimming in this section for the Summer of 1935. Without this appropriation there can be no swimming next year.

(c) - MARINE PARK IN STATEN ISLAND

A development plan for this area was prepared by former administrations. It was impractical and extravagant. A simple plan has been prepared that provides for a bathing beach, a boat basin, bath houses, as well as other recreational facilities. No use can be made of this area until a contract for hydraulic fill has been let. This will require the immediate expenditure of \$500,000. Without this appropriation the park cannot be opened to the public.

Marine Park was acquired in 1930 at a cost of \$681,500. The State contributed substantial acreage of land under water. The Congressional Act of January 21, 1927, obligated the Federal Government to the expenditure of \$40,000. to cooperate in this work. The Park Department has completed this year, with relief funds, the necessary preliminary work to get the government to dredge the channel. Before the harbor is dredged the City is obligated to construct a dock.

SUMMARY

An appropriation of \$3,600,000. from corporate stock or tax note allowances will open up for next year one great park in each of the five boroughs of the City.

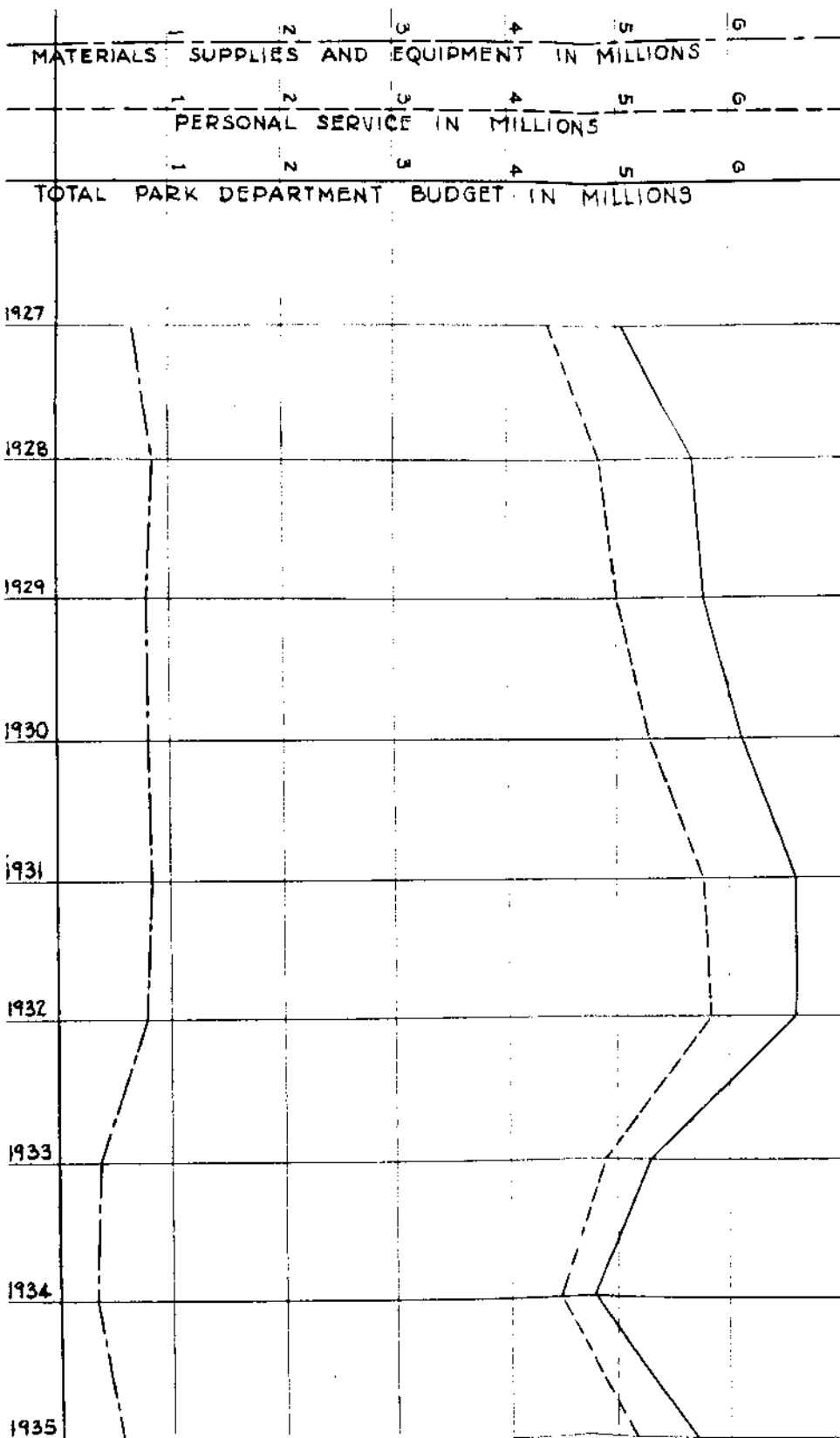
The construction of these parks will more than double the waterfront bathing facilities in the City of New York. The income from the operation of facilities at Jacob Riis Park in Queens, Marine Park in Brooklyn, Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx, and Marine Park in Staten Island will be sufficient to pay for the maintenance and operation costs and provide a balance to pay for the cost of the maintenance of Fort Tryon Park in Manhattan where the revenue producing facilities are negligible.

*Robert Moses*

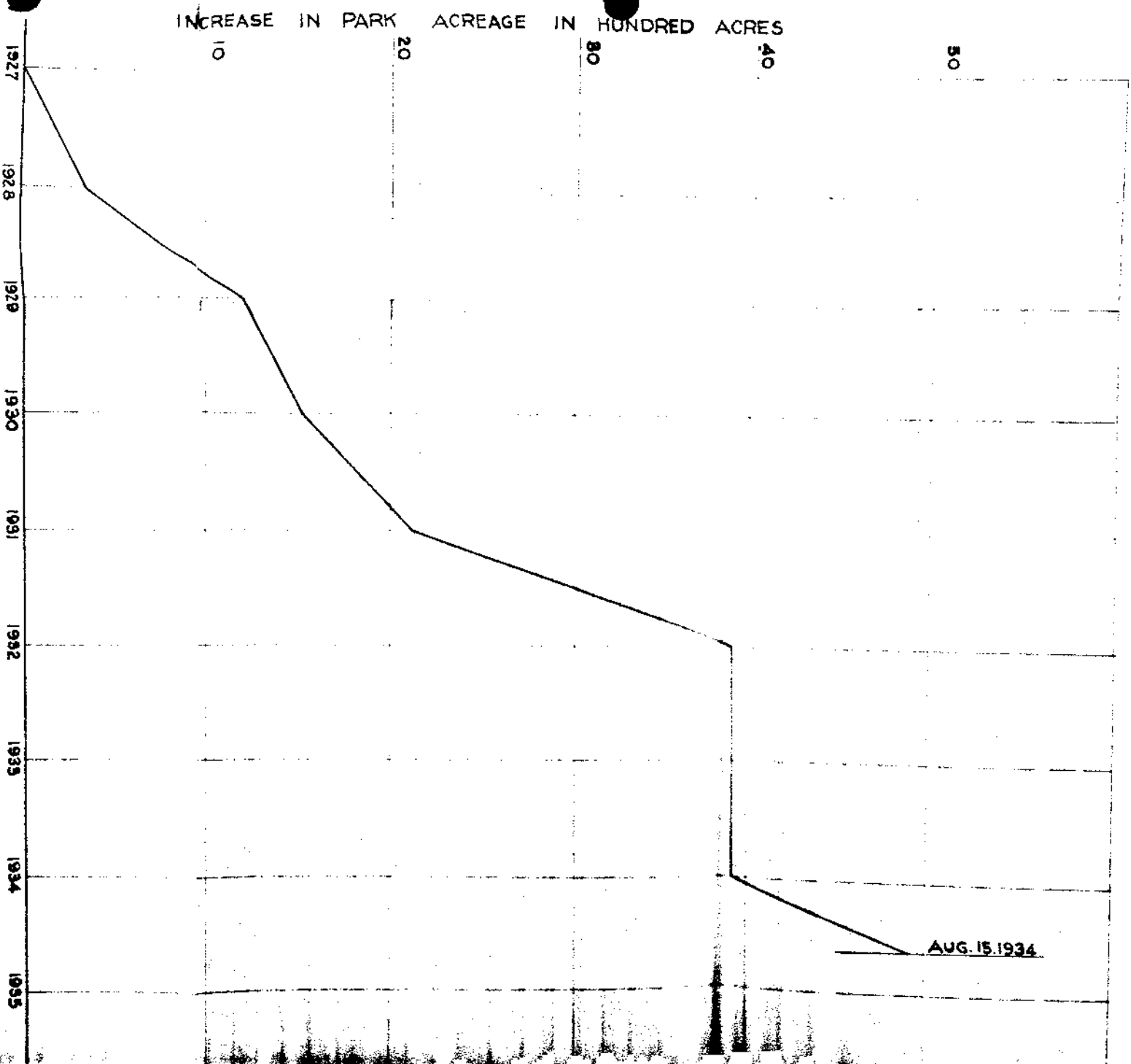
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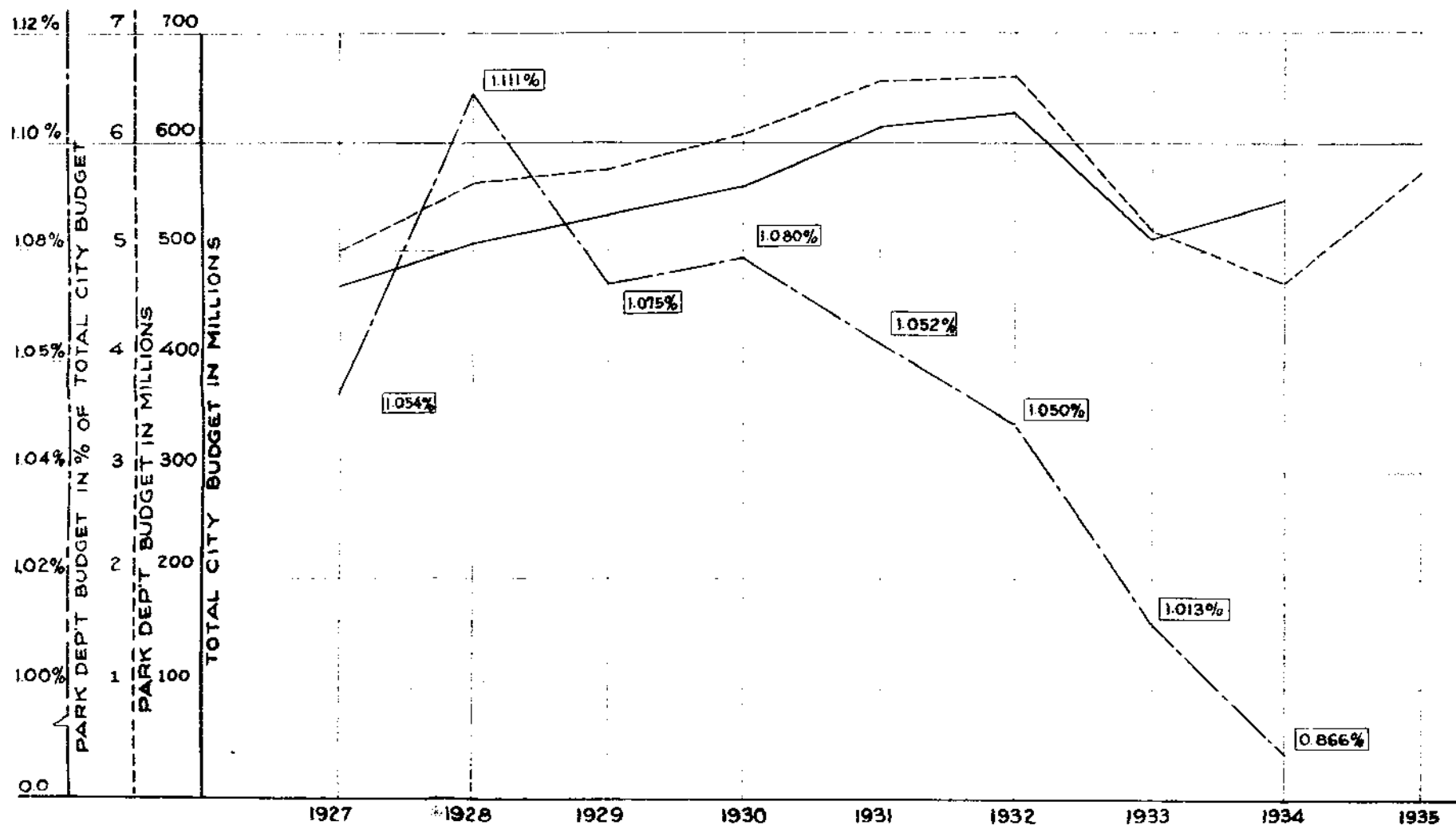
## PARK BUDGET AND MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS



GRAPH SHOWING  
INCREASE ACREAGE IN PARK SYSTEM



GRAPH SHOWING VARIATIONS IN THE CITY BUDGETS  
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THE REPORT  
OF  
DIVISION OF  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

### FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

During the past six months this Department has accomplished more than any other to overcome the inefficiency of the previous administration by competent supervision and capable management.

The recapitulation below shows clearly the result of the work of the Forestry Department during the first six months of 1934, as compared with the work completed in 1933. This has been done at no additional cost to the city.

### COMPARISON - FORESTRY OPERATIONS

<u>Manhattan:</u>	<u>Year of 1933</u>	<u>Jan. to July 1934</u>
Trees Pruned	19,000	22,200
" Removed	1,100	2,255
" Sprayed	42,000	27,250
Shrubs Pruned	56,000	34,000
Parks and Parkways Completed	None	8
<u>Bronx:</u>		
Trees Pruned	8,700	12,200
" Removed	860	1,220
" Sprayed	9,500	13,400
Shrubs Pruned	9,140	20,400
Parks and Parkways Completed	None	18
<u>Brooklyn:</u>		
Trees Pruned	11,000	13,700
" Removed	2,200	1,150
" Sprayed	29,000	19,200
Shrubs Pruned	12,000	19,400
Parks and Parkways Completed	None	11
<u>Queens:</u>		
Trees Pruned	8,000	11,000
" Removed	1,100	1,500
" Sprayed	16,000	21,200
Shrubs Pruned	19,000	15,650
Parks and Parkways Completed	None	4
<u>Richmond:</u>		
Trees Pruned	1,200	2,510
" Removed	260	471
" Sprayed	6,000	11,150
Shrubs Pruned	5,400	8,600
Parks and Parkways Completed	None	2



In February 1934 this Department was working under a tremendous handicap. Its personnel was inadequate and improperly trained. Methods used were out of date. There was insufficient equipment, and that available was of little use in modern forestry methods. Each of the five boroughs had its own system and method of performing work, and it was evident that the first task was to coordinate the systems and install standardized and approved methods to bring about economy and efficiency in supervision and operation.

In many instances valuable trees had been so dehorned and ruined by slipshod forestry methods that it was advisable to remove them. A conspicuous example of this existed in Mt. Morris Park, where at least 60 trees, absolutely ruined by improper forestry methods, had to be removed. It was found that many men were unable to climb; consequently any number of trees were topped off at the height of the longest ladder. In other cases shrubs had been "manicured" so that the new growth was pruned and the half-dead, old wood allowed to remain.



Typical Example of Dehorning

To correct these practices training courses in up-to-date forestry methods were conducted for the present personnel and 400 relief laborers. This training is an outstanding accomplishment of the Forestry Department. Today some of the best men are in this group.



Examples of Good Pruning



The addition of additional men has enabled us to make great strides in overcoming the recent outbreak of insect and plant diseases, particularly the Dutch Elm Disease and the Gypsy Moth. Since the first of the year 500 cases of Dutch Elm Disease have been reported, many of which have been positive over a period of several years. Our campaign at present includes the entire removal and burning of all infected trees. The State Forestry Department is cooperating in this work.

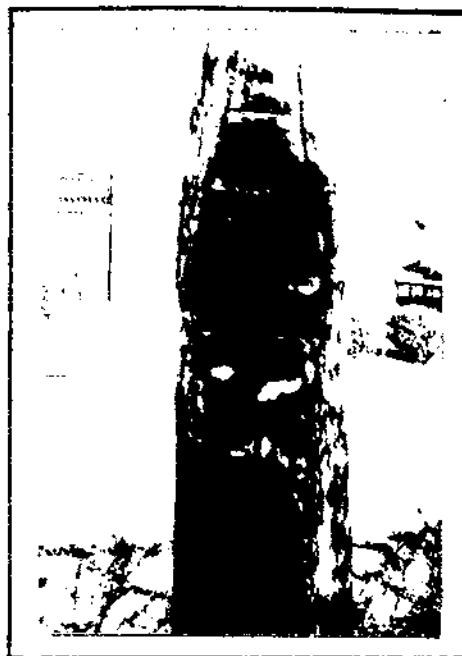
Central Park in Manhattan, Forest Park in Queens, Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx and Clove Lakes in Richmond, for the first time in their history, have had a complete survey and a thorough job of pruning tree surgery. This has been followed up in all cases by spraying and fertilizing.

Modern Spraying





Work of Past Administration



Same Tree-Cavity Properly Treated

A comprehensive street tree survey of the five boroughs has been made and will be used as the basis of a definite planting program. In the meantime, all requests for the planting of new street trees have been refused.

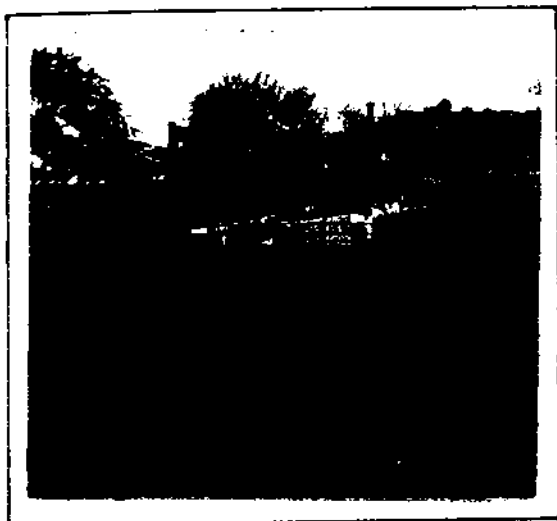
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REPORT ON CONDITION OF GRASSES AND SOILS

It was found, after a thorough survey, that soils were lacking entirely in plant food. The lawns were covered by too great a percentage of coarse and medium type grasses which did not form a turf, but merely existed as individually bladed grass and required reseeding every year. This produced a very high weed content, in many instances as high as 60 or 70%.



Fifty Per Cent Weeds



Coarse Grass



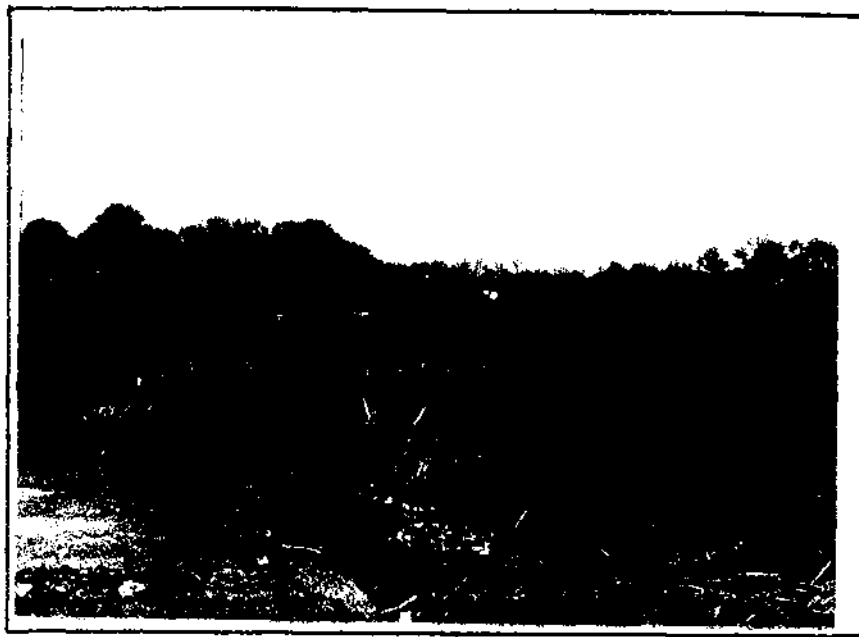
New Seeding  
(Shade Conditions)

543 acres of lawn were regraded and reseeded with seed mixture which produced a good type of turf, and practically eliminated the weeds. This turf will propagate from the roots and will not require regular seasonal seeding. It is possible now to mix special grass formulae for high well-drained areas; low, damp areas; shady areas; heavy clay; or sandy soils; or the tougher turf which is required on baseball and football fields.

The mowing and maintenance equipment was found entirely inadequate; in many cases obsolete. Modern mowing equipment is being purchased.

Irrigation will be necessary in many parks, since water is available for only 50% of the turf.

The acreage of the entire park system is in excess of 14,800 acres, of which approximately 8,000 acres is lawn. Swamp areas have been drained at Kissena and other parks, making 70,000 cubic yards of muck available as an ingredient for top dressing.



Swamp before Excavating Work



Work in Progress

This material shows satisfactory acidity determinations and is in excess of 75% organic matter. A fair estimate of the cost of obtaining this muck from an outside source, would be about \$4.00 a cubic yard. This material has been salvaged at a cost not exceeding \$1.00 a cubic yard, resulting in a saving of \$210,000. This Spring about 114,000 cubic yards of new top soil was purchased; 90% of this was used in new construction work; the remainder, for maintenance of existing lawns. Wherever this dressing was used, the lawns have shown marked improvement. To date 60,000 lbs. of grass seed have been used, and the Fall seeding program will require double that amount.

At Huntington Mansion an experimental grass and soil station has been established. About 400,000 square feet of sod is now in preparation. The total cost of this sod will not exceed \$2,000.00. This Spring, 300,000 square feet of sod was purchased, and inasmuch as the sod now in preparation will cost only \$2,000.00, there will be a saving of \$13,000.00.



PLANTING COMPLETED TO DATE

<u>BOROUGH</u>	<u>TREES</u>	<u>SHRUBS</u>	<u>VINES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COST</u>
MANHATTAN	6,128	53,017	66,916	126,061	-
BRONX	1,787	13,688	900	16,375	-
BROOKLYN	574	6,422	3,654	10,650	-
QUEENS	2,896	14,501	14,604	32,001	-
RICHMOND	1,773	2,487	229	4,489	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>13,158</u>	<u>90,115</u>	<u>86,303</u>	<u>189,576</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>

The planting program was divided as follows:—

30% - Super-maintenance program

30% - Redesign of parks

40% - Playgrounds and other new construction



Modern Planting Methods



### COMFORT STATIONS

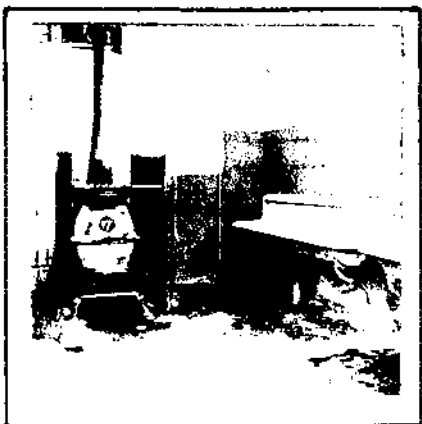
75% of these buildings are in poor condition and in need of repair. They are badly lighted; foul smelling; doors and hinges missing; glass and sash broken; floor drains clogged; at least half of the toilets and urinals out of order; toilet paper suspended by wire, and in general, a disgrace to the Park Department.



Typical  
Interiors  
of  
Existing



Comfort Stations

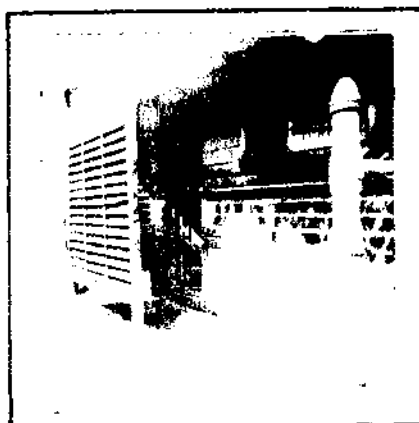
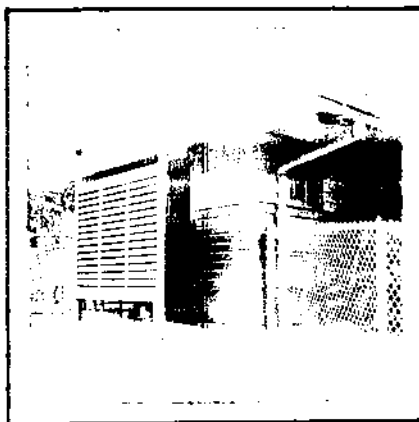




Poorly Lighted Interiors of Existing Comfort Stations

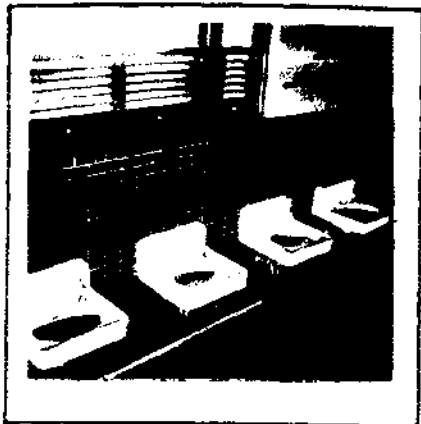
It is estimated that the total cost of materials, including water closets, lavatories, partitions, urinals, flooring, tile walls, plaster, lighting, screens, etc., to rehabilitate - will be approximately \$285,000. Of this amount, materials totaling \$101,900 have been requisitioned through Relief Funds. It is intended to begin work on the renovation of at least 50 comfort stations on receipt of this material.

It will be necessary, in many cases, to build entirely new facilities, to replace antiquated buildings and the temporary type of shelters erected in several parks. The outstanding example is at Lincoln Terrace Park, Brooklyn where the comfort station facilities are little better than a cow-shed.

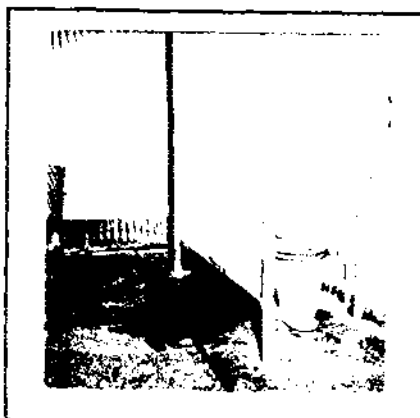
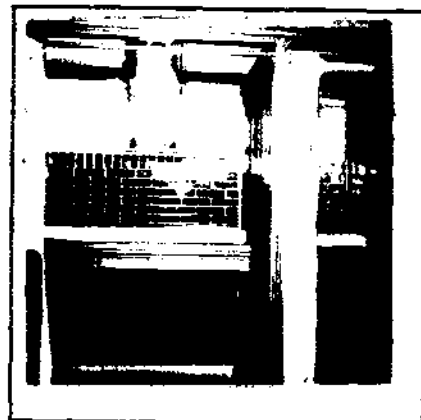


Exterior Views "Cow-shed" Type

Below are shown pictures of a modern comfort station recently built in Hillside Park, Queens.



Contrast  
These  
Four Modern Interiors  
With One Below



Other large parks have totally inadequate facilities. Five or ten additional comfort stations should be built in parks of this size. In places where the public gathers for band concerts, etc., the lack of comfort facilities provided is appalling. Accommodations for approximately fifty are provided for crowds of 10,000 or more.



Ancient Type



Modern Type

It has also been necessary to institute a campaign forcing the attendants in charge of comfort stations to see that they were properly cleaned and maintained. Supervision of this function of the park, in the past, has been lax. In many cases it was impossible to tell the attendant from the public in the immediate vicinity. To overcome this, attendants are required to wear the typical park uniform.



Attendant without Uniform



Attendant in Uniform



### UNIFORMS

Previous to the present administration, it was impossible for the public to recognize employees of the Park Department; therefore, their authority in enforcing the proper care of parks was questioned.

Consequently, it was decided to put all employees of the Park Department in uniform. This was done May 6th of this year. The uniforms were purchased by the Park employees. Prices varied according to types of uniforms, ranging from \$2.50 to \$18. There are eight types of uniforms:

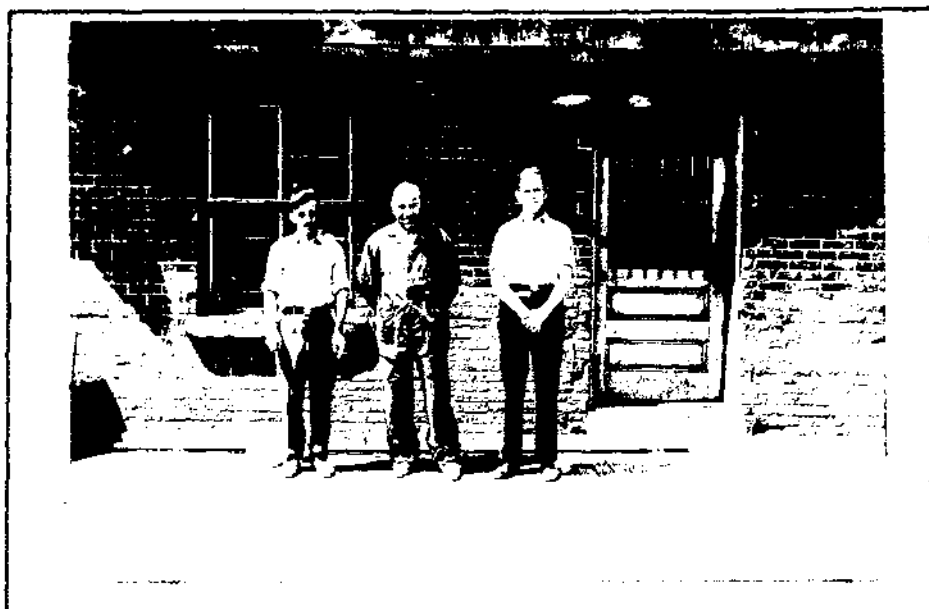
1. The Standard Uniform for general wear.
2. Unionalls for men employed at especially dirty work, such as mechanics, etc.
3. Breeches and high boots for climbers and pruners.
4. Gym trousers and basque shirts for Playground Directors (male).
5. Double-breasted jackets for Keepers of Menagerie.
6. Blouses and skirts for female Playground Directors.
7. Dresses and jackets for Female Supervisors of Recreation.
8. Hoover Aprons for matrons in comfort stations.

Appropriate insignia and badges have been designed and are being made which will be purchased by the employees.

All operators of concession stands are required to wear uniforms, a general type of coat and apron having been recommended for refreshment stands. Special uniforms have been designed for Claremont Inn, the Central Park Lakes and Carousel. Caddies on golf courses are required to wear a regulation sweater and cap. Life guards on duty at Faber Park have a uniform bathing suit. Employees at Jacob Riis Park also wear special uniforms. Winter uniforms are now under consideration.

Very gratifying results have been shown by placing employees in uniform. The morale of employees has been increased tremendously; they are taking pride in their appearance; they are recognized by the public as

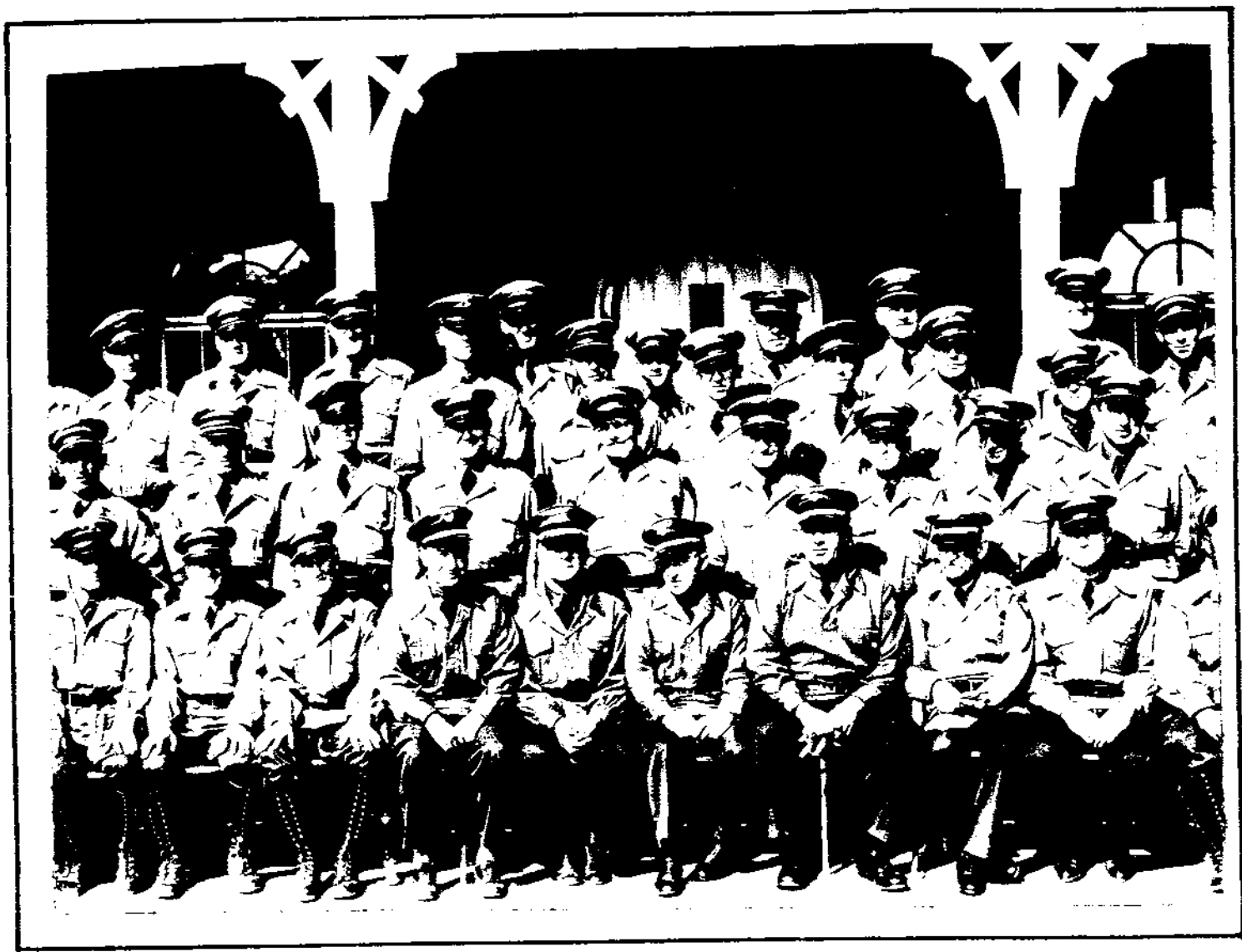
employees of the Park Department of the City of New York and are receiving the respect of the public because of their position. Control of the public is made much easier thereby. The uniform is an economy for employees, as it saves wear on civilian clothes.



Before



After



### SHOPS AND STOREHOUSES

As a result of a study by the Department of the Maintenance Division, the Commissioner decided to centralize all shops and storehouses in one Borough. It was found that the shops were working with inadequate equipment which, in most cases, was modern about 15 or 20 years ago, and with no unified system of organization.

The Borough of Queens has a comparatively new shop building and, therefore, it was decided to co-ordinate the shops in that Borough. A new and modern shop group to supply and equip the five Boroughs and, in addition, provide adequate storage yards with a railroad connection, will be available by August 1935.

This will represent the saving of many thousands of dollars as the Park Department will have a central unit equipped to handle efficiently all shop work required; frames, sash doors, partitions, signs, cast stone, wrought iron and fabricated materials, etc. In the past, much of this work was let out on contract.

Formerly each Borough bought as a separate unit. Consequently storehouses had on hand a miscellaneous stock of new materials which had collected over a period of years, including a large supply of paint.

The centralized system of administration made it possible to distribute these supplies to various Boroughs to meet their immediate requirements. This would not have been possible under the old system.

Equipment is to be standardized so that all benches, waste baskets, signs, paint jobs, drinking fountains, comfort station facilities, etc., will be uniform, thus effecting great economies in maintenance and operation.



Condemned and Idle Material in Storeyard



SAVINGS FROM MOTORIZING HORSEDRAWN EQUIPMENT

Annual Cost of Maintaining & Operating horses in the Department (5 Boroughs) \$136,020.54

Estimated Cost of Maintaining & Operating motorized equipment to replace horses 46,200.00

Estimated Annual Savings \$ 89,820.54

This savings represents reductions in expenditures for the Department to accomplish the same amount of work as the horsedrawn equipment now accomplishes.

In addition the motorized equipment is more efficient as shown by the following comparisons:-

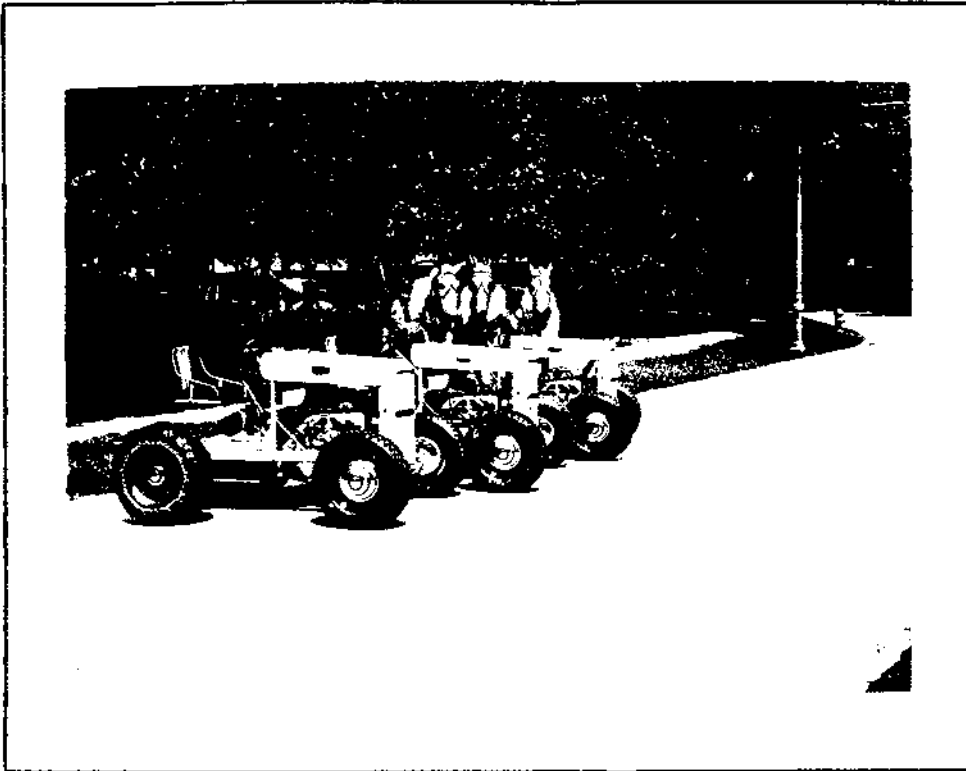
Motor Equipment Item	Cost per day for Motor Equipment	Cost of Horsedrawn Equipment to do same amount of work as accomplished by Motor Equipment in a day	Ratio of Motor Equipment time to Horse-drawn Equipment time. (both times for the same job)
2 Ton Truck	\$12.00	\$45.00	25% to 33%
5 Ton Dump Truck	19.00	68.00	25% or less
5 Ton Platform Truck	20.00	68.00	25% or less
7 Ton Dump Truck	20.00	75.00	20% to 25%
7 Ton Dump Truck	21.00	75.00	20% to 25%
Fordson Tractor	24.00	60.00	25%

Note: - These comparisons are made on the basis of the equipment being employed on tasks the same as the horses are performing at present.

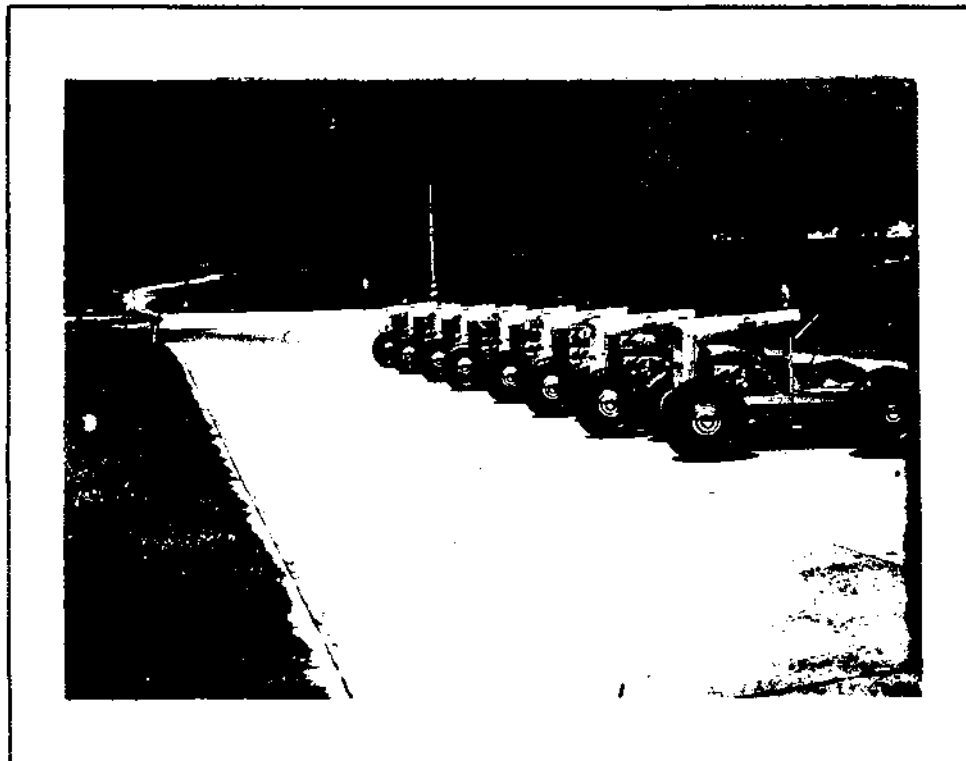
In addition on winter work such as plowing snow on paths and walks, the tractors clear the ways much quicker and cheaper.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF NEW MOTOR EQUIPMENT

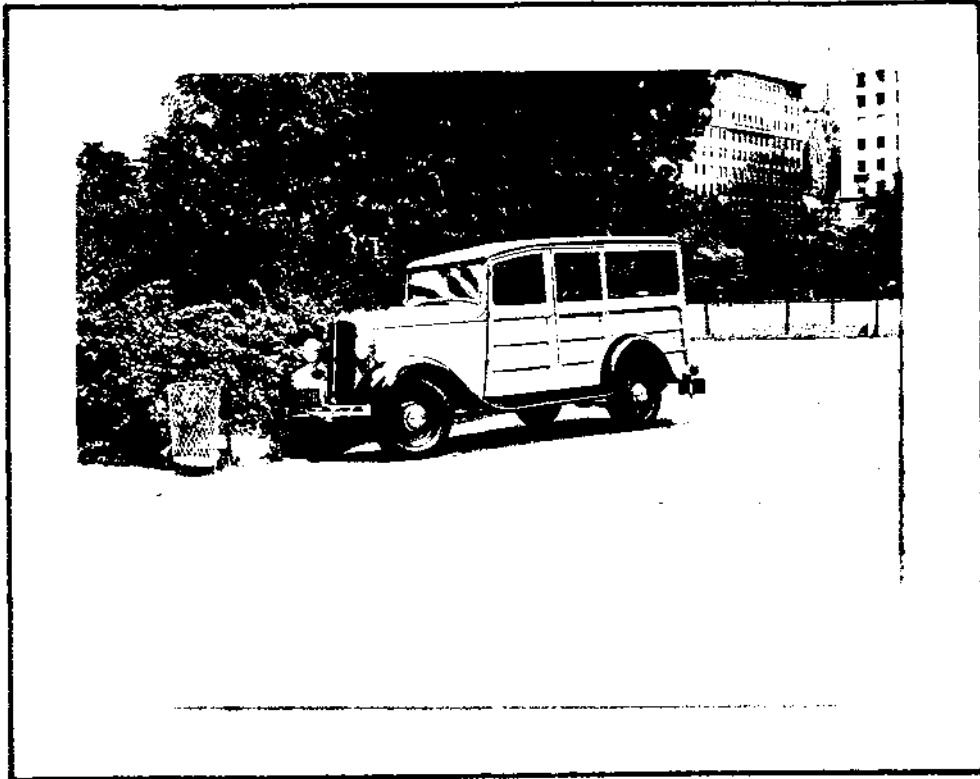
TRUCKS . . . . .	202
TRACTORS . . . . .	50
ROLLERS . . . . .	10
SPRAYING MACHINES . . . . .	8
ROADSTERS WITH SLIP-ON BODIES . . . . .	<u>30</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	300
 TOTAL COST . . . . .	 \$300,000



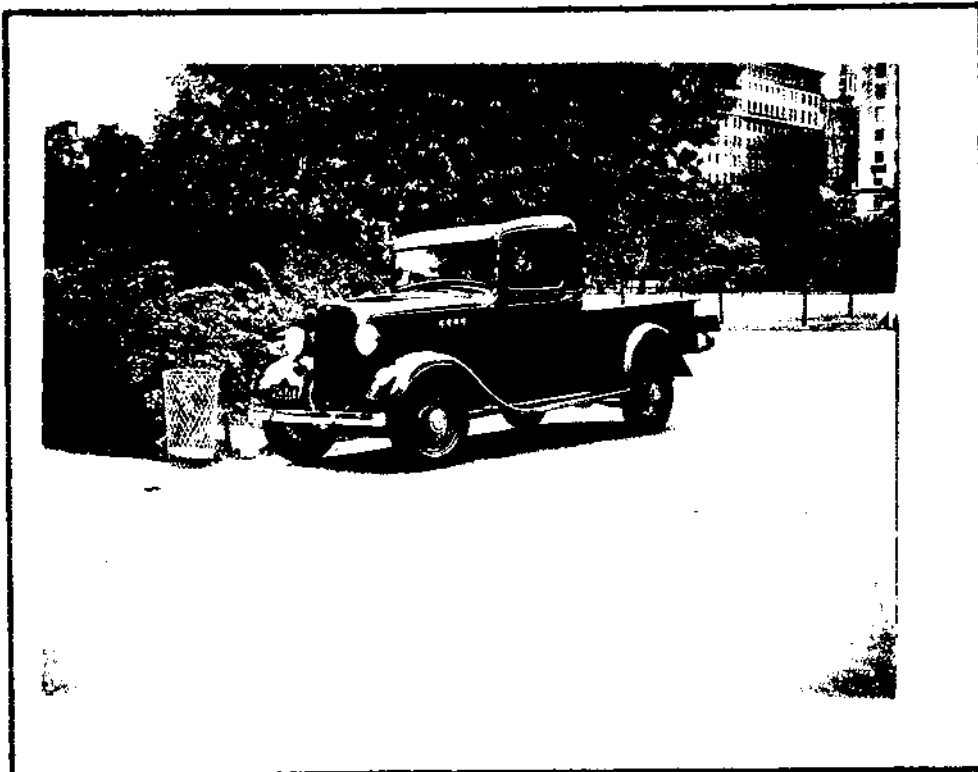
Horse-Drawn  
Versus  
Motor Equipment





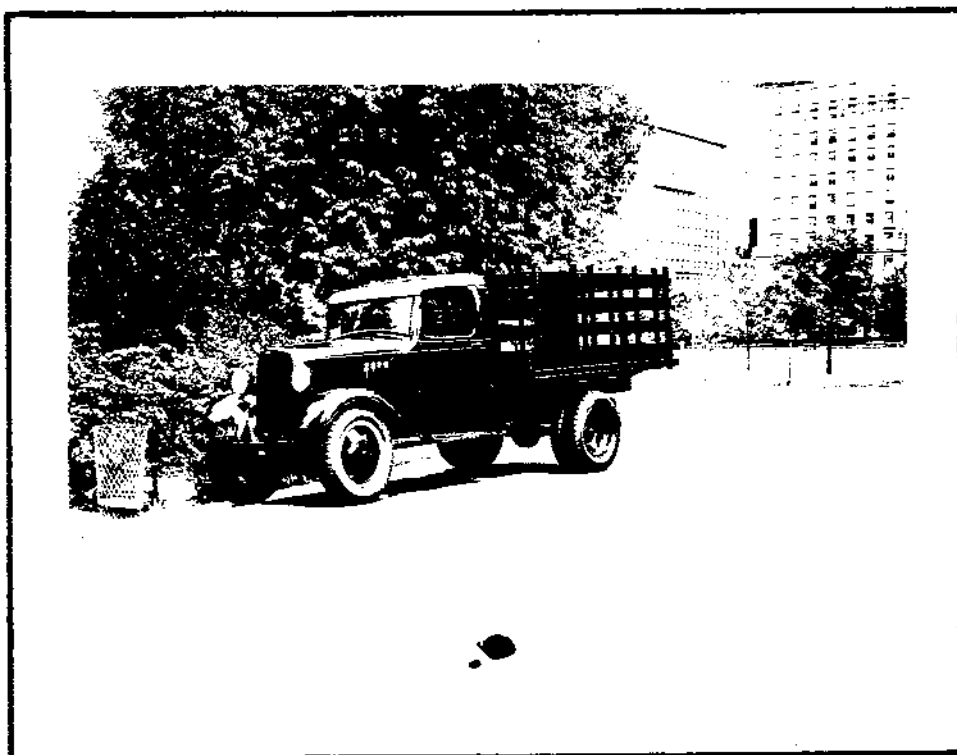


Motorized Vehicles





Motorized Vehicles



ZOOSCondition

An inspection of the zoos in the Park Department was made in February 1934, and it was found that the buildings were in a deplorable condition. Buildings were of wood construction and subject to fire hazards. The ventilation, heating, lighting, water supply and drainage systems were inadequate.



Old Type



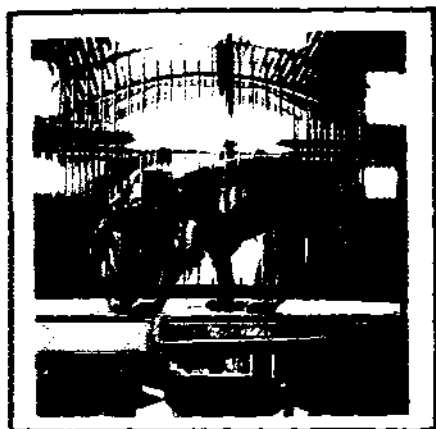
New Type

ANIMALS

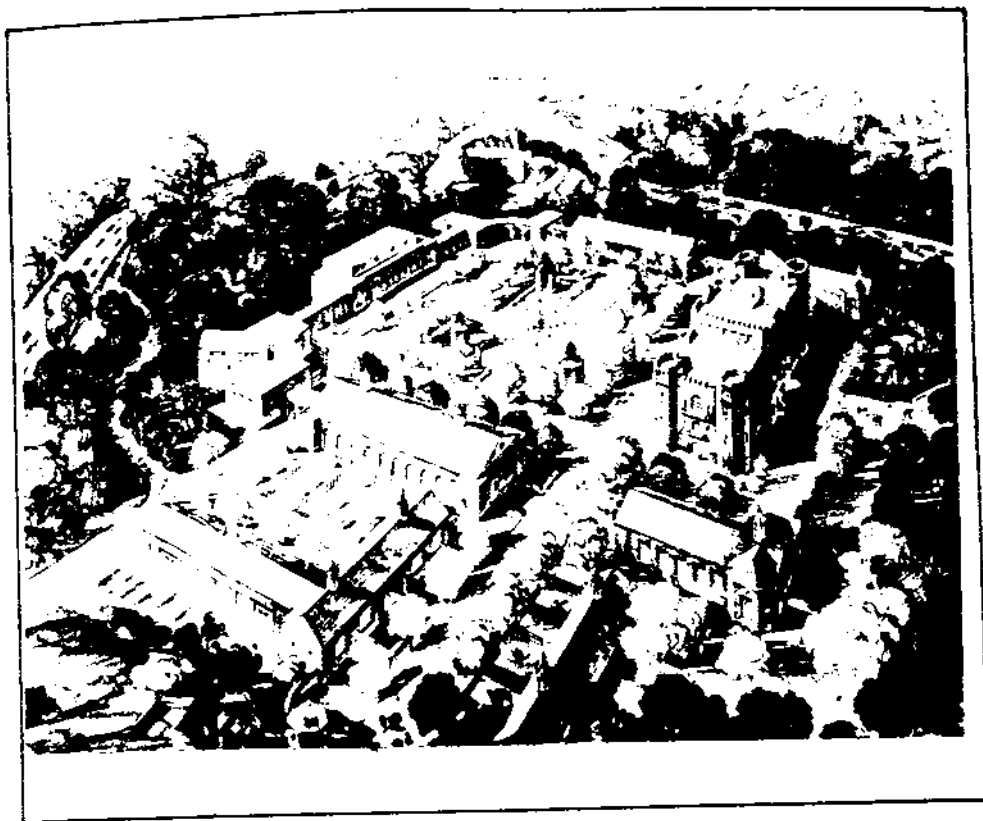
The animals were found to be in a poor physical condition and of a mean disposition because of unsanitary condition, improper handling and diet. Animals purchased or donated to the zoo were placed in cages and left entirely to their own devices. They were watered and fed but were never handled.

There should be additional keepers to handle animals; also a number of trainers. Owing to the construction work and the extremely hot weather a number of animals died during the summer, and at the time of opening of the new zoo approximately 50% of the cages will be empty. Funds are urgently needed to restock the zoos.

The new brick buildings under construction were designed to overcome the unsanitary and inadequate housing facilities of the animals.



Poorly lighted and Unsanitary Housing



Birds-eye View New Zoo, Central Park

### EQUIPMENT

The equipment on hand is neither sufficient nor suitable for the proper care of the animals. To overcome this condition several items, including handling and surgical equipment, cranes, blocks and falls, gloves, medical supplies, etc. will be needed.

### MAINTENANCE

An additional number of laborers will be needed to maintain the walks, windows, buildings and keep public aisles clear and clean.

### ATTENDANCE

In the past the attendance, excluding Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, averaged from 30,000 to 45,000 per day; and on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays attendance averaged 70,000 to 80,000 people.

Upon completion of the new zoos a daily attendance of from 45,000 to 60,000 is expected and on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 100,000 people. This justifies the new set-up. If one should compare the amount expended to maintain the zoos with the number of visitors, it would be found that the actual cost per person is extremely small. Therefore, it is urgently requested that the budget be increased so that the zoos may be operated with a proper staff and under proper conditions.

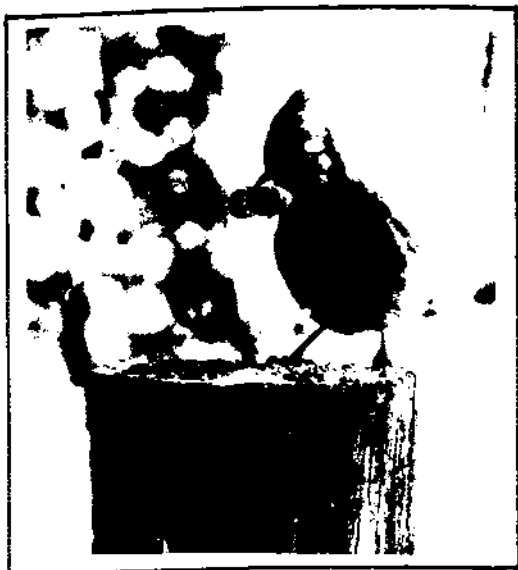
BIRD SANCTUARIES, LAKES, ETC.

There are five bird sanctuaries in Greater New York. One in Alley Pond Park, Queens, maintained by a local club, which has recently been taken over by the Park Department, and one in Staten Island. A new fence will be erected around this property and houses and shelters installed. There are three sanctuaries in Central Park located at Harlem Mere, 72nd Street Lake, and 59th Street Lake. These are maintained by the Park Department in co-operation with the Audubon Society. The Conservation Department of the State of New York has agreed to assist in the breeding of wild game at these sanctuaries.

A new bird house is being designed for the aquatic bird sanctuary at the 59th Street Lake. The sanctuary has been populated with Silver and Golden Pheasant, Lady Amherst Pheasant, Black Duck, Mallard Duck, Muscovy Duck, Canadian Geese, Pelican, Swan and Pintail Duck.

Sanctuaries are being planted with thousands of shrubs to attract birds. It is expected that the public will be able to see the nesting, feeding of the young and care of approximately one hundred species of migratory birds. One attendant will be needed in each sanctuary to explain the breeding and care of wild bird life, to interested parties.

With the assistance of the State Conservation Department a survey is being made of all large lakes and ponds in the five boroughs with the intention of breeding fish. During the season, under proper regulation, park lakes will be open for fishing.



The Results of Conservation



Building Shelter



### MONUMENT CLEANING AND RESTORATION

During the early months of 1934 a survey was made under the Public Works of Art Project, assisted by the National Sculpture Society, to ascertain the condition of the statuary, monuments and similar works of art, under the jurisdiction of the Department.

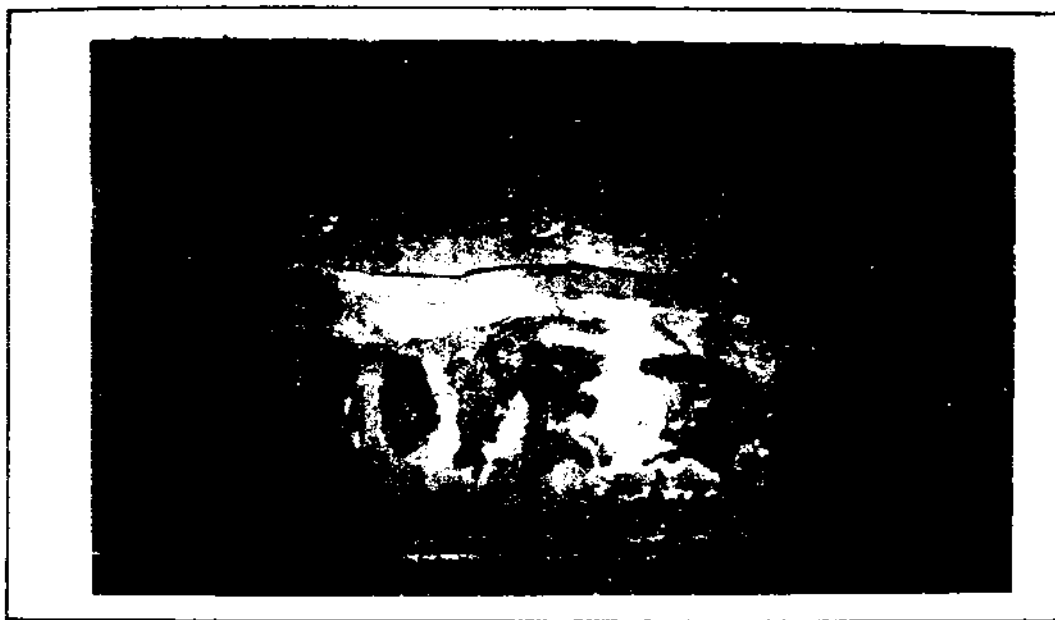
On April 28th, 1934, the Public Works of Art Project ceased to exist and the Park Department took over this project. Mr. Karl Gruppe, a sculptor, and twenty-two assistant sculptors are now carrying on this work, under Project #255, Monument Cleaning and Restoring.

The survey, which covered two hundred and eighty-eight monuments, and contained recommendations by Mr. Gruppe, for the cleaning and restoration of these monuments, was approved by the Art Commission on May 16, 1934.

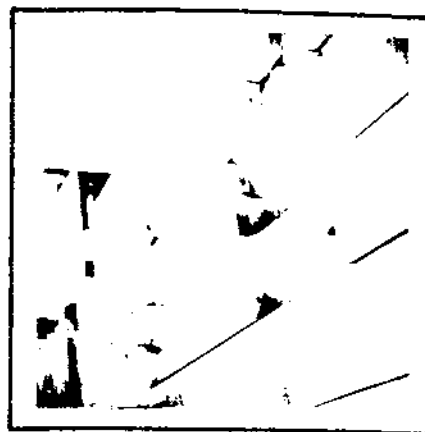
A large number of these monuments will require only washing down and pointing. Many are in bad condition due not only to age and climatic conditions, but also to vandalism.

Maine Monument, 59th Street and Columbus Circle, Manhattan. The entire monument was cleaned and repointed, and in certain cases, stones removed and reset. The flashing under the bronze group had failed, causing the water to seep down in back of the ashlar. This froze and pushed stones out of place. These were reset and new flashing installed. Missing parts, such as hands, fingers, toes, etc., were modelled in plaster, recarved and set in place.

## MAINE MONUMENT



Examples of Vandalism and Poor Construction



Other Examples of Vandalism

Lafayette-Washington Monument, 114th Street and Manhattan Avenue.

Former relief workers, in order to remove obscene writing from the monument, used a lime and cement wash. This burned into the marble base, and destroyed the surface. The effects of the cement wash have been rectified and the marble resurfaced.

The plaque was removed, fitted with new bolts, repainted and replaced.

The flagstaff which was broken off will not be replaced, but the monument will be repaired so that this will not be apparent.

The bronze figures have been cleaned and repainted.

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Memorial Fountain, Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, is another example of the effects of vandalism. One-third of the 314 bronze letters on this monument have been stolen or mutilated. Private funds were donated to replace these letters.

Columbus Monument, Columbus Circle, Manhattan. A study of the monument revealed that vibrations from the subways and the heavy vehicular traffic caused the capital of the large granite column supporting the figure of Columbus, to move off center about one and a half inches. The marble statue of Columbus also moved a similar distance off center, and has pivoted northward about two inches. This condition indicates that when the column, its capital and the figure of Columbus were assembled, no dowels were used in these joints; otherwise it is not likely that these various units could have shifted their position to this extent.

Scaffolding has been constructed and the equipment for moving the figure and cap is now being fabricated.

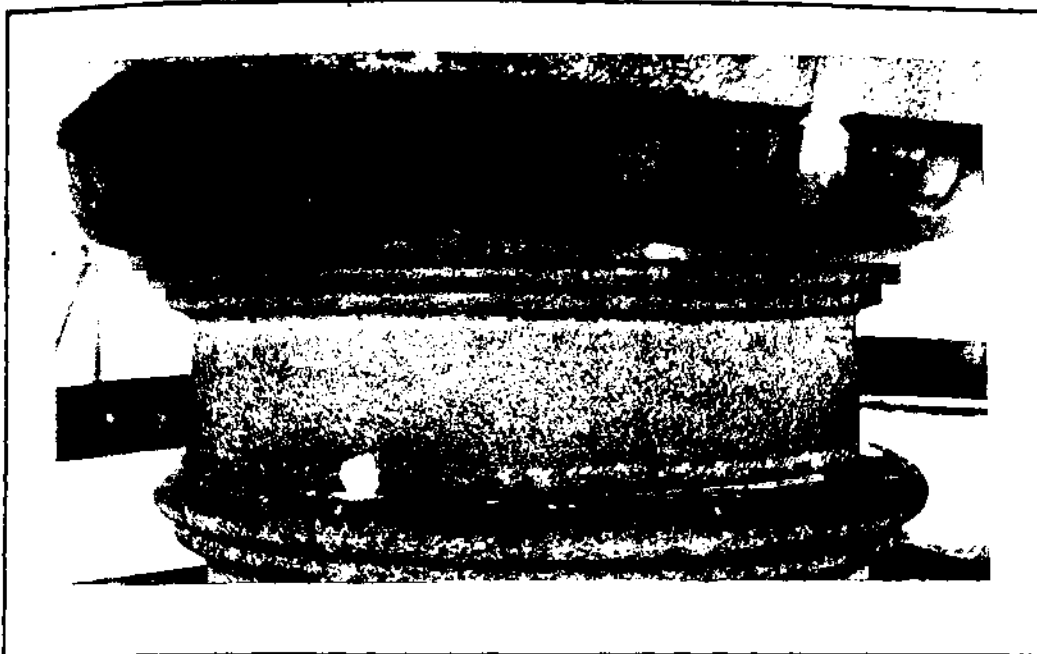
## COLUMBUS MONUMENT



Effects of Vibration and Poor Resetting After Subway Construction



## COLUMBUS MONUMENT



Effects of Vibration and Poor Resetting After Subway Construction





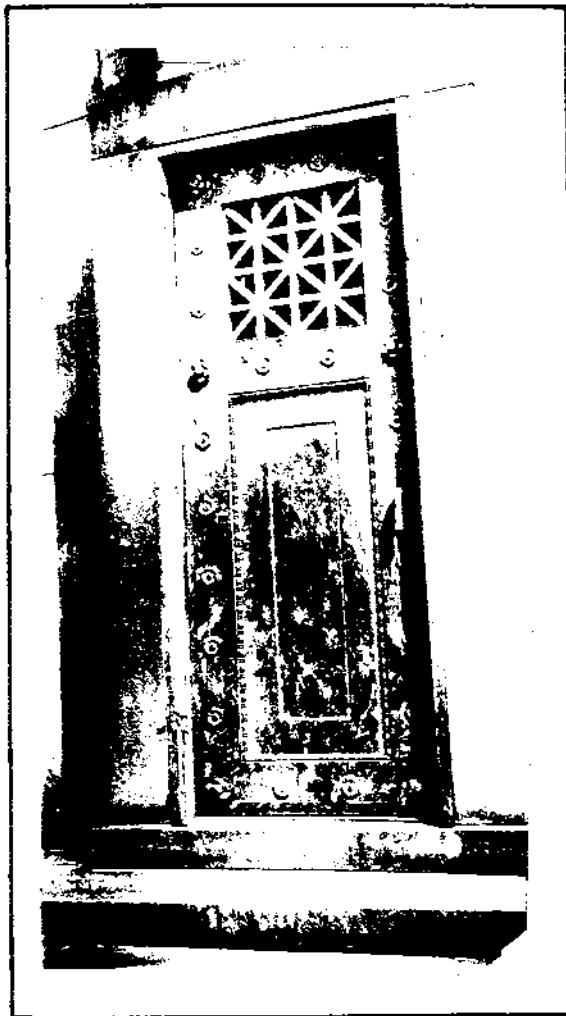
Cooper Square - Note Base Filled With Concrete

Bust of Von Goethe, Bryant Park. The survey also revealed that this bust was not bronze as supposed, but an inferior grade of bronze plate. This was called to the attention of the Art Commission and also the Goethe Society, and a new bronze bust is now being cast. The funds for this are being furnished by the Goethe Society.

The Monument Cleaning forces have also removed the effects of vandalism and other abuses from the piers of Highbridge, Harlem River Driveway, Farragut Statue in Madison Square, the Franz Siegel statue on Riverside Drive, and have made further investigations for repairing the monuments in Fort Greene Park and Wynn Circle, Brooklyn.



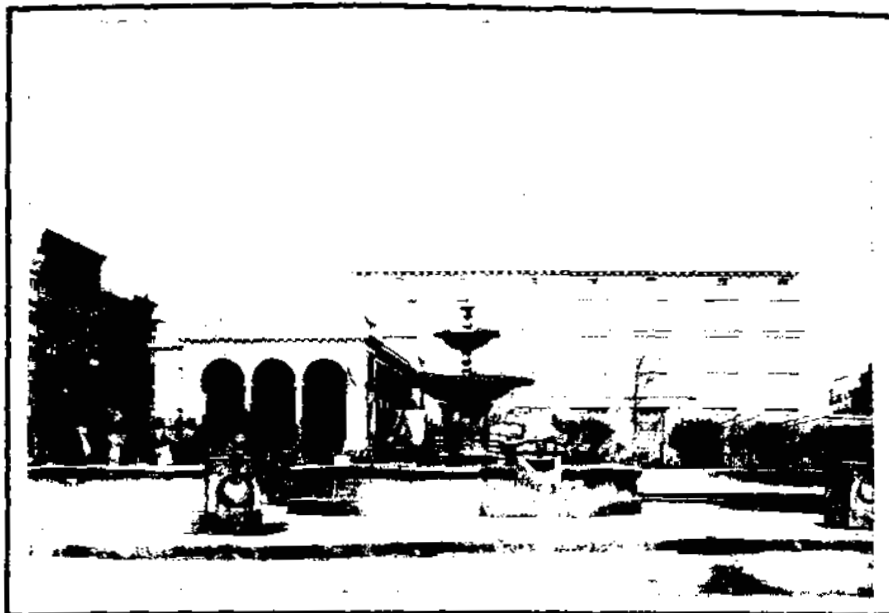
Lantern and Glass Stolen



Note 2 x 4 Frame Between  
Bronze Door and Stone



## JACOB SCHIFF MEMORIAL



As Presented



Present Condition



FARRAGUT STATUE - MADISON SQUARE

Effect of atmospheric conditions and improper materials.

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The survey does not cover all the monuments in the City. It takes in most of those in Manhattan and Brooklyn, a few in the Bronx, but none in Richmond or Queens.

This partial survey indicates that over one hundred and fifty monuments require extensive cleaning, repairing and the replacement of missing parts. Approximately ninety require cleaning and pointing and the balance will not require any attention at this time but will at a later date.

Since this project was taken over by the Park Department, one monument has been completed, another is 95% complete, and the other three from 2% to 50% complete.

The Farragut in Madison Square, Columbus in Columbus Circle, Bryant in Bryant Park, Prison Ship Martyrs in Fort Greene Park and others of similar nature require extensive repairs. At the rate of progress to date and with the present organization it will take approximately two years to complete the renovations described in the survey.

#### SUMMARY

The maintenance of these monuments after they have been cleaned should be given serious consideration.

The creation of a permanent staff of sculptors and assistants for this work is suggested. These men, in addition to maintenance work, should pass on the material and construction specifications of any new monument presented to the City. It is not intended that they usurp the powers of the Art Commission but, with the experience gained in the cleaning and repairing of the monuments, they are in a position to offer constructive suggestions and also to see that the specifications are carried out.

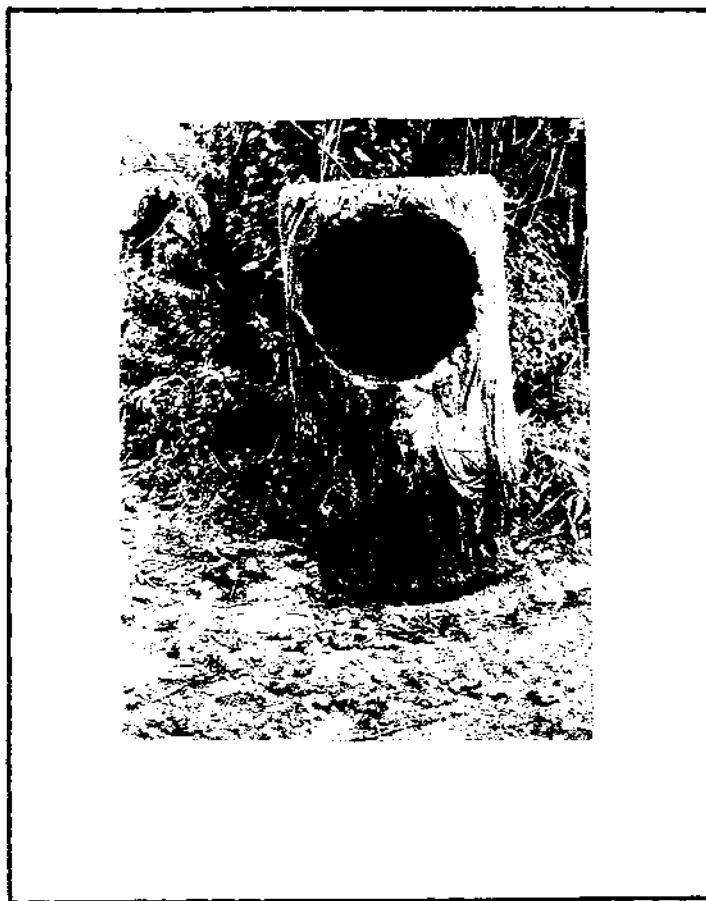
It is further suggested that when a monument is presented to the City, the donor be requested to create a trust fund for the maintenance and repair of this work of art. This would relieve the City of future maintenance expense and also criticism from the donors if monuments are not kept in proper repair.

A monument or a statue should not be accepted by the City until a definite site has been established and specifications for construction and materials approved.

This would eliminate a recurrence of the Columbus Statue case in which a statue was accepted by the City in 1969, but never placed in position and was recently discovered in a Park Department Storeroom.

BASKETS

Many different types of refuse baskets were in use in the five boroughs. There was a concrete type made to resemble a tree stump in which the refuse was burned, permeating the neighborhood with objectionable odors.



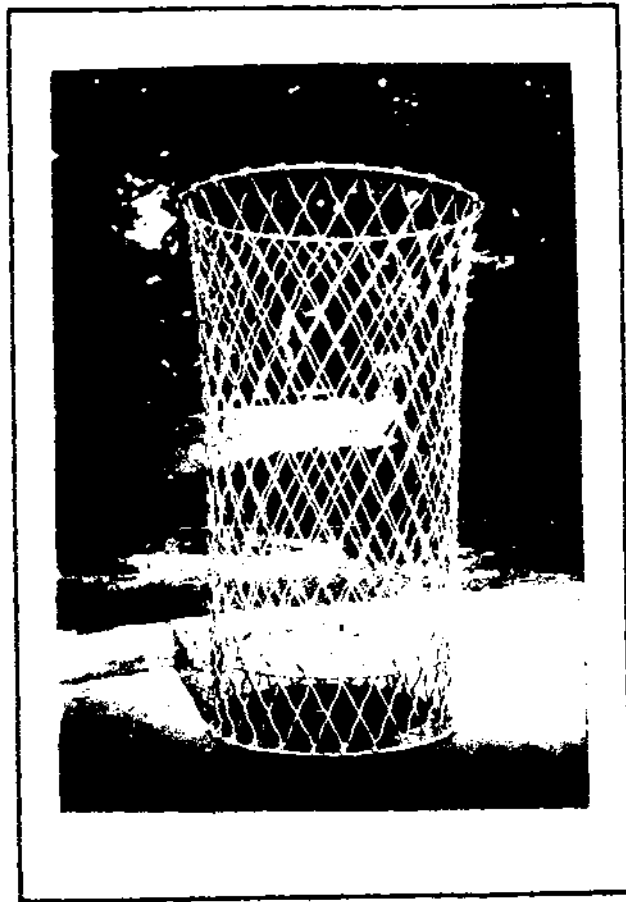
Weight 480 Pounds

There was a metal type with partial hood resembling a mediocre class of ash can. Several thousand new cans of this type were found in one of the borough storehouses, which were stored because park employees objected to lifting cans weighing 35 to 50 pounds.



Attractive

In order to standardize baskets a light but sturdy wire mesh basket was purchased weighing 13 lbs.



The recapitulation on the following page shows the number and type of baskets in use up to February 1934, and the total number of new baskets to be divided among the five boroughs.

<u>BASKETS</u>		
<u>BOROUGH</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
BROOKLYN	1,000 metal	2,000
MANHATTAN	531 "	2,500
QUEENS	318 "	2,000
RICHMOND	50 "	1,000
BRONX	75 concrete	2,500
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TOTAL	1,974	10,000



BENCHES

Recapitulation below shows the number of park benches in all Boroughs as of July 15, and the number of new benches required to meet the public demand.

PARK BENCHES ON HAND AND REQUIRED  
JULY 15, 1934

<u>BOROUGH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF BENCHES</u> <u>ON HAND</u>		<u>NUMBER OF BENCHES</u> <u>REQUIRED</u>	
	<u>CONCRETE</u>	<u>IRON</u>	<u>CONCRETE</u>	<u>IRON</u>
MANHATTAN	1,272	10,061	160	3,636
BROOKLYN	1,390	5,661	326	1,980
BRONX	2,993	2,776	735	1,425
QUEENS	2,532	5,293	3,922	—
RICHMOND	27	466	—	1,486
TOTALS:	8,214	24,257	5,143	8,527

The public's demand for additional seating space in the parks has caused considerable concern because of the lack of benches, and the large number on hand which were totally unfit for use without major repairs. The Borough of Manhattan, alone, had 2,000 benches stored in the 96th Street Yard which needed repairing. All stored benches were repaired, painted and distributed. The majority of benches in the parks had not received a coat of paint for several years. All of these have been repainted.



Typical Bench Types-January 1934

A new bench was designed to replace the light weight park bench with iron ends which was constantly being moved about and damaged.

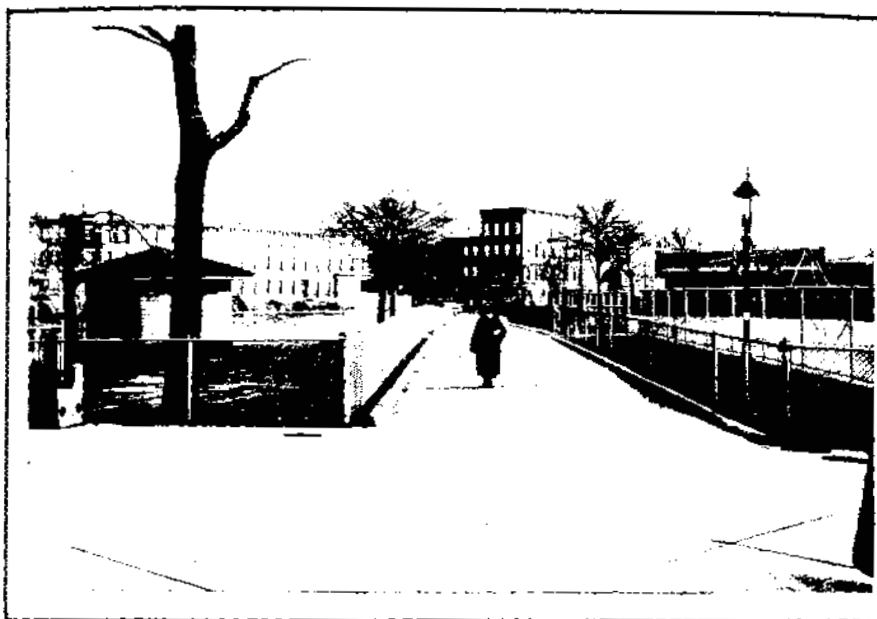
The bench is an attractive, sturdy type constructed of wood with iron ends. It is too heavy to be moved about by the general public.



To date 1390 of these benches have been ordered, through Relief Funds, of which 1000 have been received.

FENCES

Previously most of our parks resembled "cattle-corral", as the walks were separated from the lawns by chain-link fence four feet to six feet high, or by two-rail pipe fencing.



Corral Fencing



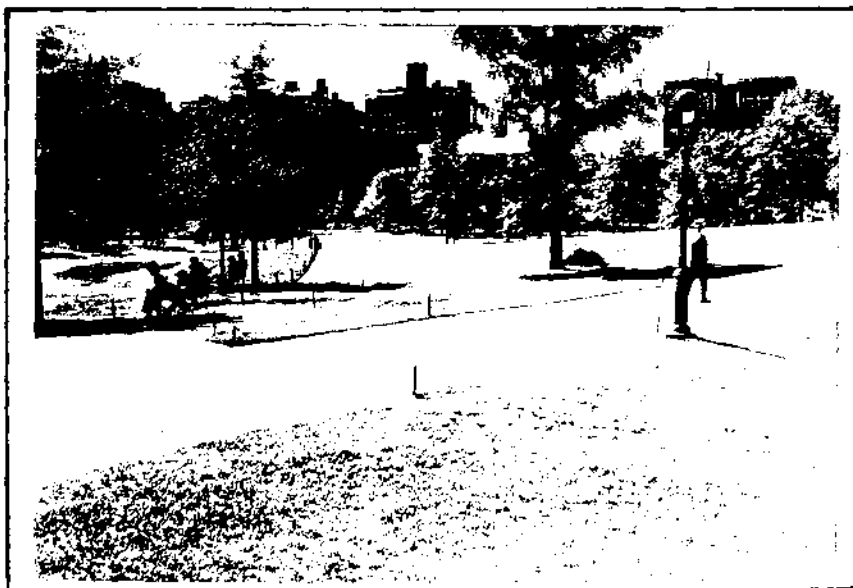
The public saw grass and trees through chains and bars.

Today approximately 36 miles of fencing has been removed, and only public hazards on lawn areas that need protection remain. Many comments have been received regarding the improved appearance due to the removal of the unsightly barriers and very little damage to lawns has resulted.

In place of the high chain-link fence, at least 19 miles of more appropriate fencing has been installed.



Lawn Area - Fences Removed



Trip Wire Fence

### DRINKING FOUNTAINS

Many drinking fountains in the parks have been out of order for the past five or six years. This condition has been caused by the corrosion of antiquated mains. It will therefore be necessary to run new lines to service these fountains.

A sturdy, new type wrought iron drinking fountain has been designed to replace the inefficient cheap-looking, cast cement ones used in the past. One hundred of the new fountains have been ordered.



Old Type



New Type

### TRAILS

The public has been accustomed to make its own trails in Van Cortlandt, La Tourette, Forest and other large parks. This has marred much of the natural beauty and landscape design of these parks.

To correct this condition barricades have been installed over the old trails and 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles of new trails have been cut and surfaced.

### BRIDLE PATHS

The surface of the bridle paths, especially in Central, Prospect and Van Cortlandt Parks resembled concrete.

This material was removed and approximately 21 miles of bridle paths were resurfaced. Entirely new paths have been cut and laid out in Clove Lake and La Tourette Parks. In Prospect Park the bridle path route has been redesigned eliminating main thoroughfare crossings.

Illustrations of bridle paths are shown on the following page.



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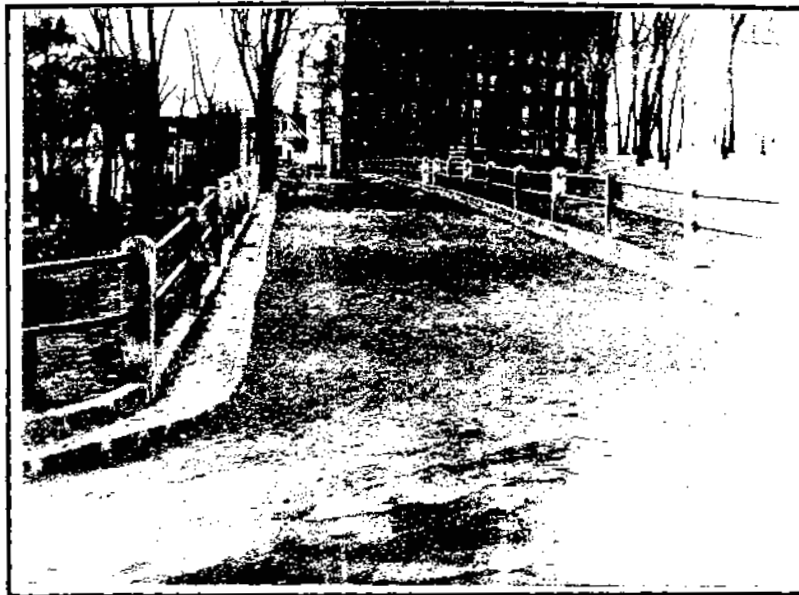


After Resurfacing



WALKS

Many of the existing walks had not been repaired or realigned since their original installation. Poor drainage, frost, improper bases and root growths made many sidewalks surfaced with asphalt dangerous and necessitated their removal.

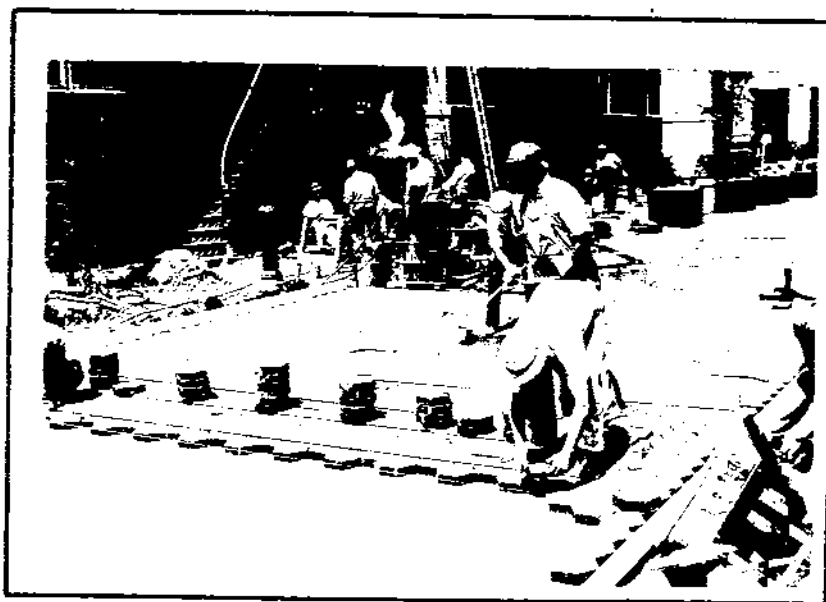


Poor Construction and Design





Example of Good Walk Construction



### WALLS

The retaining walls in many of the city parks were poorly constructed and unattractive, which necessitated their being torn down or reconstructed for the public's safety.

A number of these walls were constructed on the bare ground. In other cases the footings were not heavy enough to carry the load, and header courses were omitted, thereby eliminating the distribution of the load. Caps were also omitted, permitting rainwater to seep into walls.

Belgium paving blocks salvaged from road work or rough stones were used. They were neither tooled nor straight edged; simply bedded in mortar and joints raked at least two inches. To add to the general unsatisfactory construction Scotch coping completed the job.

Photographs below show a comparison of improper and proper wall construction.

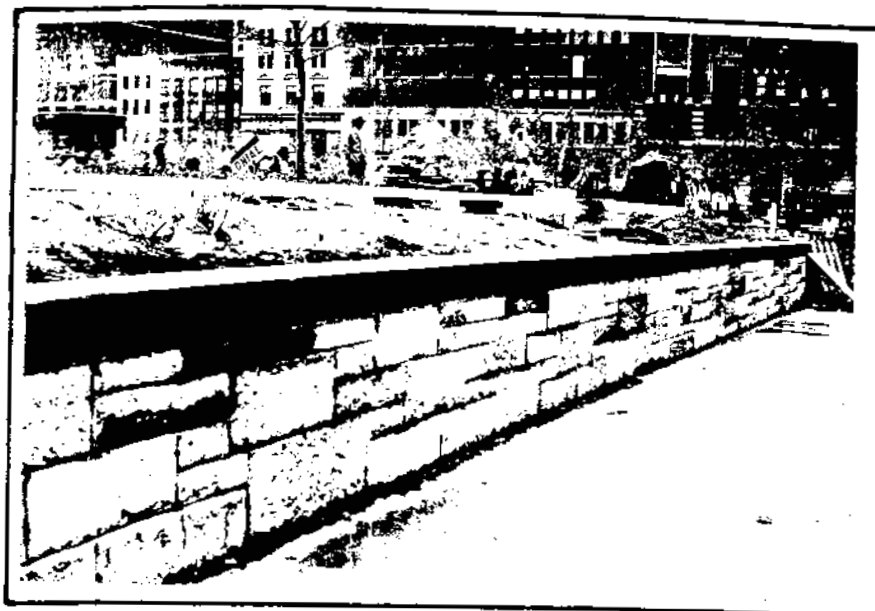


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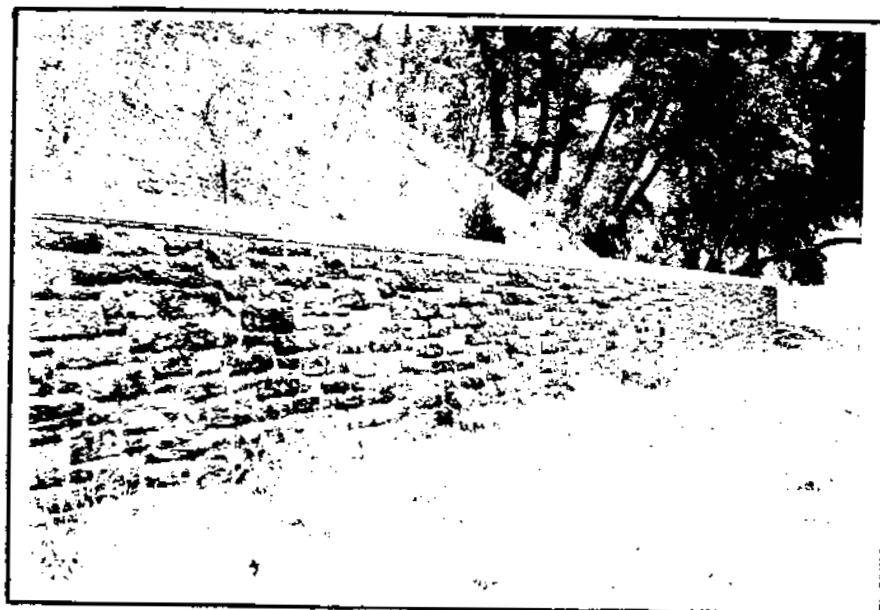


Poor Design and Construction





Good Design and Construction





Monday June 12, 1933 Shows Sunday Maintenance



BOROUGH	I Pc	COMFORT STATION REPAIRS	BASKETS NEW	BENCHES REPAIRED	TENNIS COURTS RESURFACED
	yds.	95	1,000	12,500	40
MANHATTAN	"	13	1,500	700	79
BRONX	"	18	2,000	8,300	135
BROOKLYN	"	13	1,950	650	55
QUEENS		6	463	400	13
RICHMOND					
TOTALS	"	145	6,913	22,550	322

### PARKING

The Park Department instituted, on May 12th, a charge for parking at 31 parking fields in the five Boroughs. Seven of these areas were operated at golf courses solely as a convenience to the public.

On July 1st, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, the charge for parking was discontinued in all but six parking fields. At the time of discontinuing the charge in the other areas a total of \$14,761.05 had been received with an expenditure of \$3,894.04 for wages of civil service employees. The parking spaces for which a fee of 25¢ continues to be charged are as follows:-- Dreamland, at Coney Island, Brooklyn; Alley Pond, Hillside and Jacob Riis Parks, Queens; Wolfe's Pond Park, Staten Island; and the Harlem River Speedway, Highbridge Park, Manhattan, where a fee is collected only at the times when athletic contests are being held at the Polo Grounds. At the end of July, 1934, receipts totalled \$34,440.55 with salaries of personnel amounting to \$7,132.45.

Cars are parked in an orderly manner, under the guardianship of regular civil service employees assigned to duty at these fields. In order to man the parking spaces properly, it has become necessary to assign to that duty men from other parks in the respective Boroughs, and to continue the operation of this revenue producing facility, it will be necessary to make definite full time assignments of personnel during the year 1935.





Haphazard Parking - Old Administration



Orderly Parking - Present Administration  
Alley Pond Park, Queens

RIVERSIDE DRIVE

An inspection of a section of Riverside Drive showed that a colony known as "TIN CITY" had been established. This was composed of men and families who were unemployed, housed in shacks constructed of old time and wood cases.

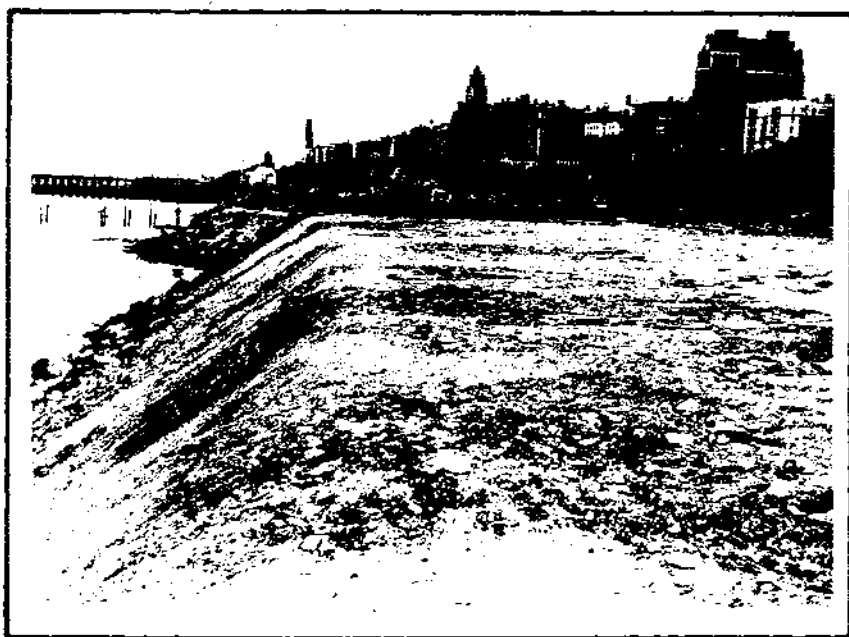
These people were living in the most unsanitary conditions in the city. Shacks were erected among pools of stagnant water, over sewers. There were no windows for ventilation; water for drinking, cooking and washing had to be carried to the site, and no sanitary facilities were available.

This colony has been removed, shacks burnt down, site graded, and plans are now under way for the West Side Improvement.

Photographs illustrate some of the conditions that existed.



Before



After

### POLICING OF CITY PARKS

Since 1898, when the special park police forces of the five boroughs were disbanded, the policing of all city parks has been handled by the New York City Police Department.

All park areas, approximating 550, are in some one of the 83 Police Precincts. In Central Park and Prospect Park, the park represents an entire precinct; in several cases a majority of the posts of the respective precincts are within park areas, and in others, small parks represent one post of the precinct. However, many small park areas represent but a small portion of a post and only are patrolled occasionally by the patrolman on that post. The limited number of patrolmen makes it impossible to furnish adequate police protection to all park areas.

At the beginning of the present administration, a Park Department executive was assigned as direct contact man between the Park and the Police Departments. At his request, the Police Commissioner detailed a Deputy Inspector thoroughly experienced in Park policing as the Police representative. This has established a better understanding between the two departments, and has resulted in assigning to park areas men particularly fitted for this work; prompt investigation and action in matters of park violations.

The City Magistrates have also cooperated in handling park violations brought before them. Figures show that for the first six months of 1934, there was a decrease of 4% in dismissals; of 9.5% in suspended sentences, and that fines have increased by 3% and jail sentences by .1% as compared with the figures for 1933.

The fact that the Park Department has placed all regular employees in

distinctive uniforms; that this force now works on Saturdays and Sundays; and that a great number of practical refuse baskets have been placed in all park areas, has greatly assisted the police in their efforts to keep the parks more orderly and cleaner in appearance.

PLAYGROUNDS AND FIELD HOUSES

Prior to January, 1934, there were 157 playgrounds under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. Within the year, there will be an increase of 34 additional playgrounds making a total of 196 playgrounds.

These new areas devoted to recreational facilities follow. It will be noted that the first nine were built with the aid of a long-dormant fund collected, by the Police Department, to build a memorial to the War Heroes.

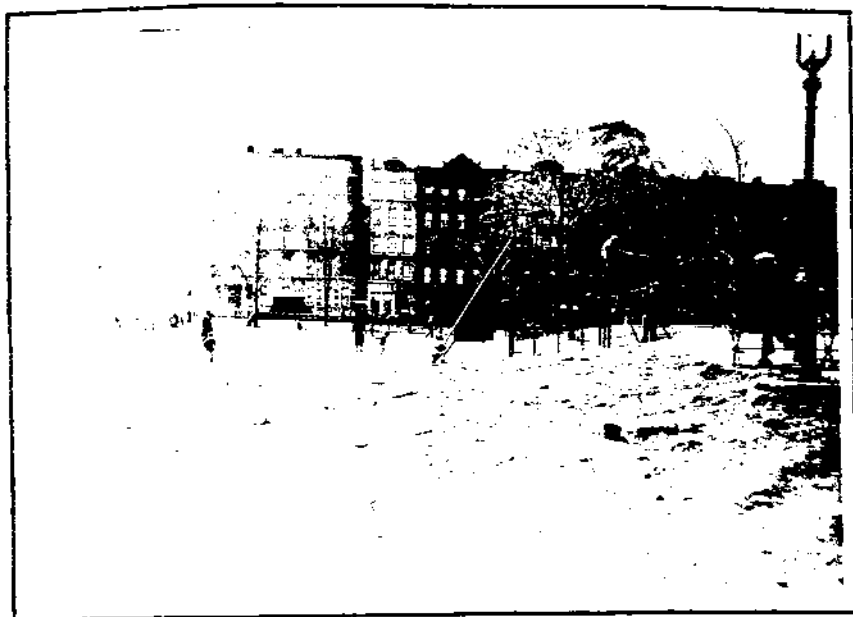
#B25	Sheridan War Memorial Playground	-	Brooklyn
M17	Sauer	" " "	Manhattan
M29	McCray	" " "	"
Q17	Von Dohlan	" " "	Queens
Q19	O'Connell	" " "	"
R3	McDonald	" " "	Richmond
R14	DeMatti	" " "	"
Br11	Ciccarone	" " "	Bronx
Br12	Zimmerman	" " "	"
Br2	Brook Avenue & E. 141st Street		"
B10	4th Avenue & 3rd Street		Brooklyn
B36	E. 95th St., Bet. Aves. "K" & "L"		"
B37	Atlantic & Fountain Avenues		"
M13	Corlears & Water Streets		Manhattan
M63	West 17th Street near 8th Avenue		"
M68	95 Thompson Street		"
M3	83 Roosevelt Street		"
M18	Lewis & Rivington St.		"
M48	Payson Ave. & Dyckman St.		"
M39	St. Nicholas Ave. & 141st St.		"
M77	86th St. & West Drive, Central Park		"
Q25	85th St. & 30th Ave., Jackson Heights, Queens		
R4	Jewett & Castleton Avenues		Richmond

All these added facilities will require additional supervision.

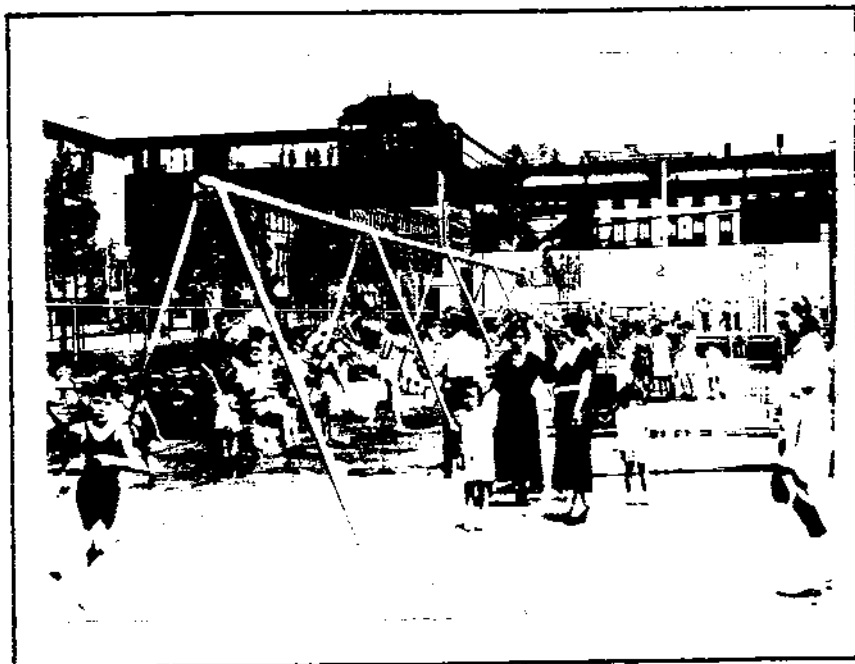
Seventeen field houses have been constructed in these newer playgrounds. These field houses have large playrooms and comfort facilities, and can be used during the winter months for indoor recreational activities.

A general summary of the increase in play facilities follows:

<u>Play Facilities</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>% of Increase</u>
Number of Playgrounds	157	185	23	24
" " Gymnasiums	9	9	None	0
" " Recreation Piers	6	6	None	0
" " Wading Pools	26	56	30	108
" " Units of Playground Equipment	1252	1734	482	40
" " Field Houses	93	125	32	35
" " Tennis Courts	558	585	27	05
" " Shuffle Board Courts	7	12	5	70
" " Horseshoe Pitching Courts	78	99	21	30
" " Golf Courses	8	5	3	40
" " Day Camps	None	5	5	0
" " Public Dance Areas	4	9	5	125
" " Baseball Diamonds	143	175	22	15
" " Bocchia Courts	None	15	15	100
" " Croquet Courts	25	26	1	4
" " Lawn Bowling Greens	3	3	None	0



Old Type Playground  
(Notice Grading)



New Construction



Plans have also been prepared for 20 additional playgrounds and these will be opened the early part of 1935, as follows:

6th Avenue Plots	Prospect Ave. near Greenwood Ave.
Houston Street Plots	Bushwick Avenue & Aberdeen Street
New Utrecht Avenue & 70th St.	Highbridge & 180th Street
Bedford Ave. & Ave. "X"	Highbridge 163-165 Street
Stillwell Ave. & Ave. "U"	Reservoir Avenue & Strong Street
164th Street & Teasdale Place	145th Street & Walton Avenue
Ocean Avenue & East 4th Street	

# EQUIPMENT

The following is a statement of the number of units of equipment installed in 1932 as compared with 1934:

<u>Unit of Equipment</u> .....	<u>1932</u> .....	<u>1934</u>
Horizontal-Bar Outfits .....	11 .....	16
Parallel-Bar Outfits .....	2 .....	14
Horse-Shoe Pitching Boxes .....	0 .....	42
Portable Doll Houses .....	0 .....	52
Hand-Ball Courts .....	0 .....	38
Jungle-Gyms .....	8 .....	21
Kindergarten Slides .....	3 .....	52
Merry Whirls .....	1 .....	3
See-Saw Outfits .....	10 .....	44
Playground Slides .....	22 .....	56
Large Swing Outfits .....	21 .....	23
Kindergarten Swing Outfits .....	15 .....	44
Tower-Gyms .....	0 .....	1
Horizontal Ladder Outfits .....	2 .....	31
Wading Pools .....	1 .....	18
Basket-Ball Standards .....	10 .....	18
Giant-Stride Outfits .....	0 .....	2
Tennis & Volley-Ball Posts .....	0 .....	2
Chutes for Playground Slides .....	6 .....	0
Merry-Go-Rounds .....	4 .....	2
Climbing Ladders .....	1 .....	3
	<u>118</u> .....	<u>482</u>
<u>Percent of Increase</u> .....		408

Inspection of playground equipment must be made daily by the playground director, and in addition the equipment is inspected three times yearly by mechanics. A special effort is made to minimize accidents in playgrounds and ascertain the cause of accidents. Playgrounds are thus made safe places for children to play.

## REDESIGN OF EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS

Many of the playgrounds constructed prior to 1934 are in need of redesign. This necessity arises from the fact that in some instances the playgrounds no longer meet the recreational needs of the neighborhood; in other instances no thought was given to utility or attractiveness in the original design.

The following is a list of playgrounds to be redesigned and completed by 1935.

Columbus Park	Highbridge Park, 163-165th Sts.
Mt. Morris Park	W. 10th St. & Avenue Y
Jay Hood Wright	E. 164th St. & Teasdale Place
Taaffe Place & Park Ave.	Ocean Ave., E. 4th St.
Riverdale & Snediker Aves.	Blake & Euclid
New Utrecht Ave. & 71st St.	Prospect Ave. nr. Greenwood Ave.
Newtown Playground	Forest Park Playground
Raymond O'Connor Park	E. Houston-Mott-Elizabeth-Bowery
Highland Park	Central Park West & 85th St.
Payson Ave. & Dyckman St.	Reservoir Ave. & Strong St.
Bedford Ave. & Avenue X	146th St. & Walton Avenue
Stillwell Ave. & Ave. U	Bushwick Ave. & Aberdeen St.
Downing St. Playground	Hillside Avenue Playground
Highbridge Park, 180th St.	Baisley Park

The order in which these playgrounds appear on the above list denotes preference of redesign.

## ACTIVITIES

CLUB ORGANIZATION - One of the important duties of the playground director is to organize, direct and supervise the organization of clubs. These clubs are valuable in teaching the teen age child cooperation, respect for authority, and obedience, and thus what might be called "gangs" on the street with no definite aim in mind, except to destroy property, become "clubs" with competent leadership. Some of these clubs are athletic, others are Good Citizen Clubs, literary clubs, civic clubs, campfire clubs, junior police, dramatic, orchestra or glee clubs.

HANDICRAFT - The girls are particularly interested in handicraft work, and to satisfy this recreational desire a handicraft exhibit is arranged each year at which the girls of any playground may exhibit their work. It is planned to have a handicraft exhibit for the Park playgrounds the latter part of September.

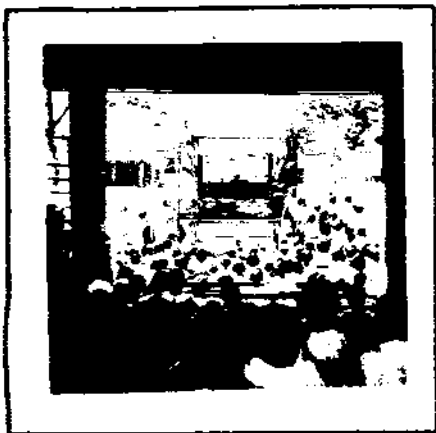
MODEL BOAT RACES - Practically 1,000 boats are entered for this event, held at Conservatory Lake, Central Park. The poor boy of the West or East Side competes as well as the sons of Fifth Avenue millionnaires. There is usually an audience of 3,000 persons.

TOURNAMENTS & CONTESTS - Two types of tournaments are conducted; one is the intra-playground tournament, the other is the inter-playground tournament. Emphasis is placed on the intra-playground because this tournament accommodates a great number of children without the necessity of their traveling from one playground to another. All kinds of tournaments and contests are held, such as baseball, basketball, volleyball, handball, marble shooting, paddle tennis, checkers, and jacks.

TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS - There is considerable interest in track and field events, and individual competitions are held wherever there are suitable facilities.

SKATING - During the summer and fall roller skating carnivals are held. There is an attendance of approximately 12,000 persons at the finals of the Carnival. The Daily News usually donates the prizes. Skating carnivals during the winter months are also arranged at Conservatory Lake.

PUPPET AND MARIONETTE SHOWS - During the summer puppet and marionette shows rotated to all playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. The puppets were made by children in the neighborhood, and all performances were supervised by Playground Directors.



Marionette Shows

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUES & TOURNAMENTS: A definite policy has been established by the Department of Parks to cooperate with department stores and other commercial organizations interested in sponsoring athletic activities for their employees. Arrangements have been made for baseball, soccer and basketball tournaments, or whatever recreational activity the employees are interested in.

Approximately 500 commercial organizations in New York City make application annually for permits for the use of recreational areas under the jurisdiction of the Department.

MUSIC - An extensive music program was arranged and a total of 700 concerts planned; changes in the schedule were made from time to time whenever there was not a large enough attendance. Some of these concerts were given at noonday but the majority at night. It was not unusual to have an attendance of 5,000 at some of these concerts, and the series on the Mall in Central Park and the Music Grove in Prospect Park was usually attended by 10,000 persons. For each of these concerts programs were printed and distributed.

MOTION PICTURES - Motion picture performances in the various parks met an educational and recreational need and proved to be one of the popular evening entertainments offered by the Department. Each performance was supervised by Playground Directors.

HORSESHOE PITCHING - Twenty-one additional horseshoe pitching courts were laid out in the five Boroughs. Plans have been made to install at least 50 additional courts before the end of the year because of the great interest in the game, and the fact that it is one of the few sports which interest persons over 45 years of age.

DANCING - An innovation was made in recreation by conducting dances in some of our public parks. At the dancing on the Mall in Central Park there is usually an attendance of 6,000 dancers with approximately 6,000 spectators. Sixteen playground directors supervise these dances and enforce the simple rules. Dances are held also at Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, at the Picnic House in Prospect Park, various recreation piers, Union Square Park and McComb's Dam Park.

DRAMA GROUPS: Five travelling organizations of unemployed actors gave nightly performances in the different parks, under the auspices of the Department of Public Welfare. The public has been most enthusiastic in its appreciation of this new and novel type of entertainment. Each performance was efficiently supervised by employees of the Department of Parks.

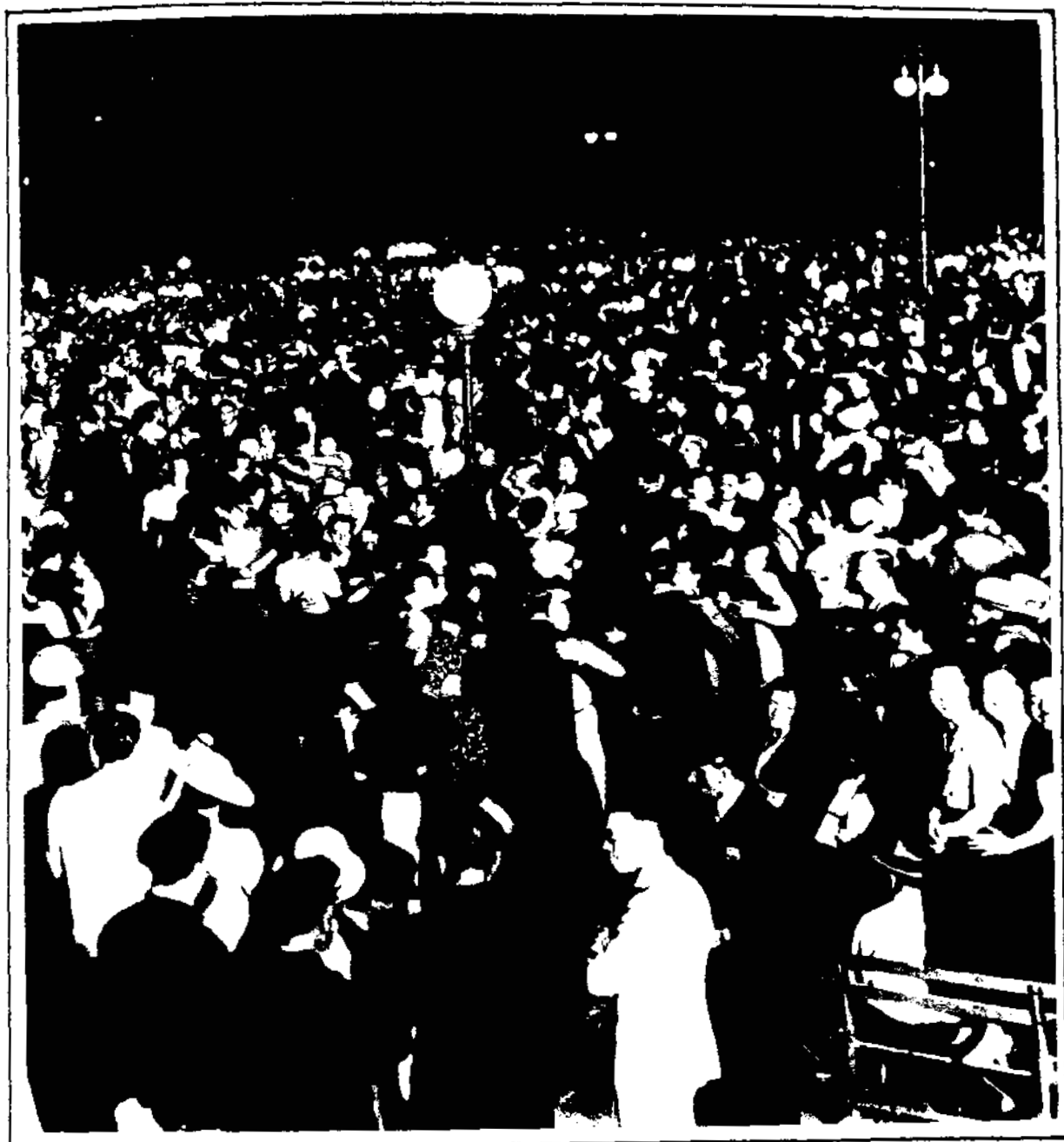




WADING POOLS

New Wading Pool

In 1933 there was a total of 26 wading pools. During the past six months thirty additional wading pools have been opened. They are constantly inspected for refuse, and the water chlorinated and tested at regular intervals. These wading pools have been so constructed that they can be used for different activities throughout the year, including group games, basketball, paddle tennis, roller skating and ice skating.



Dancing on the Mall

## SWIMMING POOLS



Modern Swimming Pool Layout  
21 More Being Constructed

There are only two swimming pools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks - Betsy Head in Brooklyn and Faber Park in Richmond. There is a free period for the children each morning.

Many more swimming pools are needed throughout the city, especially in Manhattan and the Bronx, where the people must travel so far to places where the water is not polluted.

LEARN TO SWIM CAMPAIGN

During the summer months the Playground Directors cooperated with all public and private swimming pools in sponsoring a "Learn to Swim Campaign". Approximately 8000 children and adults participated, and 3000 learned to swim.

Free Swimming Classes

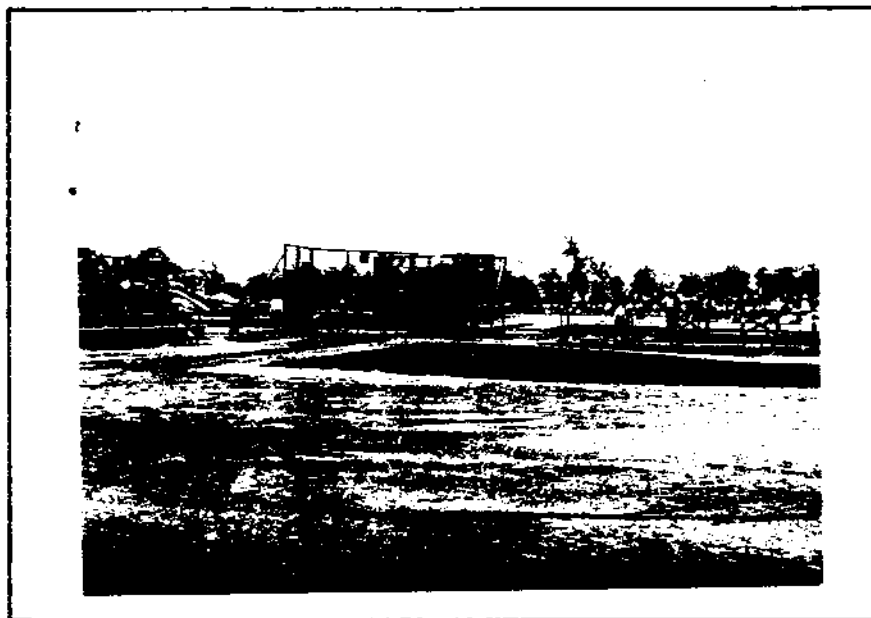


Handball Court





Typical Baseball Diamond  
Before Renovation



After Renovation

# GOLF COURSES

The following is a summary of Golf Courses as of February 1st, 1934:

## Courses that could be played upon in 1934

18 hole course	-	Van Cortlandt
" " "	-	Mosholu
" " "	-	Pelham Bay
" " "	-	Clearview
" " "	-	Silver Lake
" " "	-	La Tourette

## Under Construction

18 hole course	-	Forest Park
" " "	-	Dyker Beach
9 " "	-	La Tourette

## Temporary Courses laid out for Play in 1934

9 hole course	-	Forest Park
18 " "	-	Dyker Beach

## Eight Courses in play in 1934

The courses under construction, namely Forest Park, Dyker Beach and La Tourette were being built without adequate plans or the proper utilization of land. These courses were redesigned and new plans made.



New Golf Courses under Construction

New courses are being constructed at Split Rock and Pelham Bay Parks, Bronx, at Kissena Park, Queens, and the existing course at Clearview, Queens, was studied and redesigned.

Seven new 18 hole golf courses are now under construction and will be seeded September 1934, to be opened for play in 1935. When completed, a force of men should be retained for general cleanup and development work on each of these courses.

Plans have been prepared for new courses as follows:

18	hole	Van Cortlandt	Bronx
18	"	Moshulu	"
36	"	Marine Park	Brooklyn
18	"	Silver Lake	Richmond

In addition, remodeling work should be started at once at Silver Lake Park, Richmond.

Plans for the golf courses at Van Cortlandt and Moshulu Parks are ready and work can be started immediately. The fill must be completed at Marine Park before the courses are built.

When this program is completed there will be 12 modern 18 hole golf courses available. The construction and design of these courses will be comparable to the best country club courses. They are designed with #1 and #10 tees at the club house so that 1/3 more players can be on the courses in the early morning hours. In many cases, duplicate short holes have been designed so that playing will not be held up at these holes as in the past.



TENNIS COURTS

Clay Tennis Court

At the present time there are 558 tennis courts in New York City. There will be opened eleven additional tennis courts at Lincoln Terrace Park; twelve at McCarren Park and four on East Houston Street.

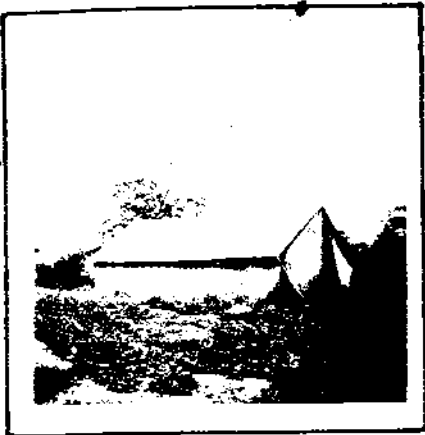
PERMITS

The cost of golf and tennis permits was reduced this year and has resulted in a marked increase in the number issued.

These permits may be used in any tennis court or golf course in the city. The increase in receipts was doubly gratifying since many of the golf courses were under construction and opened late.

DAY CAMPS

This summer the Park Department secured the cooperation of the Department of Education in organizing day camps in Van Cortlandt, Inwood Hill and Pelham Bay Parks. Approximately 2,000 children attended the camps each day and took part in recreational activities supervised by Playground Directors. The experiment proved most successful and hereafter day camps will be incorporated in the recreational program.



Day  
Camp

Facilities





Farm Garden Activity

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**CONCESSIONS  
IN CITY PARKS**

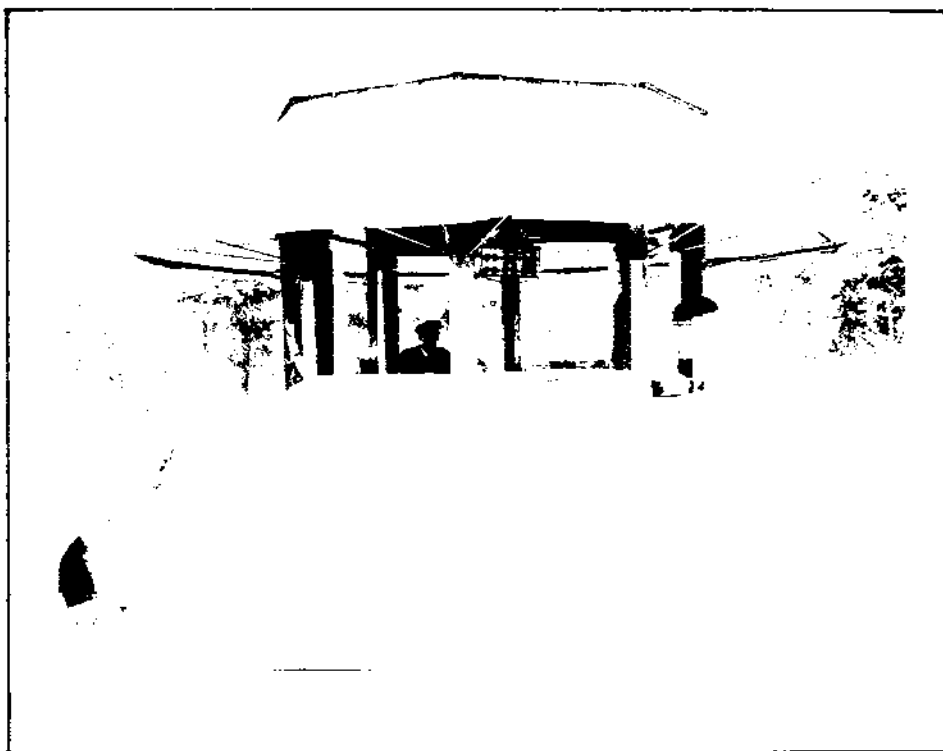
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**JUNE 1, 1934**

## Concessions



Before



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HISTORIC BUILDINGS ON PARK PROPERTY

The Park Department has, on its property, a considerable number of buildings of architectural or historic interest which, in many cases, were dilapidated, and none was properly protected against fire hazards. A survey of all the existing buildings was made, dangerous conditions were eliminated and extinguishers were placed where needed.

All old buildings have been measured up and plans have been made for the elimination of the many excrescences which have been added to them in recent years. Work has already been started on several of these buildings and it is hoped that during the winter all of the buildings will be restored to their original condition and suitable uses will be found for them.

Gerretson Tidewater Mill, Marine Park, Brooklyn.

The oldest tidemill still standing in the United States. This building is unoccupied.

Complete measured drawings of the building as it now exists are on file in the Arsenal Building. It is proposed to restore this in working condition as a children's educational exhibit.

Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

A mid Victorian house now used as the headquarters of the Department of Parks, Brooklyn. No restoration proposed.

Lefferts Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

One of the loveliest old Dutch farm houses in existence. This house is under the care of the Fort Greene chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Schenck Farmhouse, Highland Park, Brooklyn.

A fine old Dutch farm house at present unoccupied. The Field Engineer has an office in one of the rooms on the second floor, and other rooms are used for storage of park equipment.

Complete drawings of the house as it now exists are on file at the Arsenal and drawings of the proposed restoration. Restoration has been started and it is proposed to use the building as a regional museum.

Roger Morris - Junel Mansion, Roger Morris Park, Manhattan.

One of the loveliest surviving Colonial houses, of frame construction and in good condition.

This house is used as a public museum, and contains revolutionary relics under the guardianship of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The house is in charge of a curator during the day, and a watchman is on duty at night. Various items of park equipment are stored in the basement.

A complete set of measured drawings for this house are in the process of being made for the Arsenal files, and restoration is now in progress in accordance with new plans.

Gracie Mansion, Carl Schurz Park, Manhattan.

A fine Eighteenth Century frame house of great size in fair condition.

This house is unoccupied. The basement is used for the storage of park equipment. One of the rooms in the basement is used as an office.

Measured drawings of the house as it now exists are in the process of being made. A set of drawings showing the proposed alterations for a superintendent's apartment on the second floor and for a toilet on the first floor are on file at the Arsenal. Restoration now in progress.

Claremont Inn, Riverside Park, Manhattan.

The age and original character of this building cannot be ascertained. This building is used as a public restaurant and is leased to a concessionaire.

Measured drawings of the building as it exists are on file at the Arsenal.

Chisholm Mansion, Chisholm Park, Queens.

A fine late Victorian stone residence. Plans are on file at the Arsenal for the restoration of the Chisholm Mansion into a restaurant.

Measured drawings of the house as it now exists are on file at the Arsenal.

Farmhouse, Clearview Park, Queens.

A delightful Dutch farm house of the late Eighteenth or early Nineteenth Century, badly altered by previous owners.

Plans are on file at the Arsenal for the restoration of this farmhouse into the clubhouse of the Clearview Golf Course.



Van Pelt Manor House, Milestone Park, Brooklyn.

A small but charming Dutch Colonial house, with some fine old Dutch tile. This house is used as a private residence. The house was surveyed in February, 1932 and a set of measured drawings are on file at the Arsenal. Needs restoration badly.

Bartow Mansion, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx.

Built about 1820 of stone and brick. This is one of the finest private residences in the New York area and will be a center of construction in progressive gardening. This house is leased to the International Garden Club, Inc.

Hunter Mansion, Hunter Island, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx.

A magnificent private house, badly modernized about forty years ago. This house is unoccupied and is in charge of a caretaker who has two rooms in the basement. There is a public toilet for women in the basement. Needs a good deal of restoration.

Complete measured drawings of the house as it now exists are on file in the Arsenal, as well as a complete set of drawings showing the proposed alterations and additions to the house necessary to make it into a high-class restaurant.

Marshall House, Rodman's neck, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx.

This house is used as a public restaurant in charge of concessionaire, Gustave Katzenberg.

Complete measured drawings of the house as it now exists are on file at the Arsenal. It is proposed to restore the building and continue its use as a restaurant.

Poe Cottage, Poe Park, Bronx.

A small frame cottage of the early Nineteenth Century chiefly interesting for its association with the poet.

Poe Cottage is under the care of the Bronx Society of Arts and Sciences.

Van Cortlandt Mansion, Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx.

This manor house of one of the great "Patroons", is a fine Eighteenth Century stone building.

This house is in charge of the Colonial Dames of the State of New York.

Conference House, (Billop Mansion), Conference House Park, Richmond.

A stone house of great historic interest and very early date, probably late Seventeenth Century.

This mansion is under the care of the Conference House Association, Inc.

La Tourette Mansion, La Tourette Park, Richmond.

A Greek revival brick residence of considerable architectural merit now being restored and enlarged.

This mansion is in charge of the Park Department and is now being used as a public golf club.

### THE DIVISION OF DESIGN

The program of development which the new Park Department officials brought with them was dependent on sound and expert planning.

This program included an enormous increase in playground facilities; the construction and operation of new swimming pools, comfort stations and zoos; the construction of new parks and parkways; the reconstruction of existing parks or in short the development of a complete and efficient park system for the City.

A program of this sort could be accomplished only by following a comprehensive plan which in turn must be integrated into a detailed plan for each individual project regardless of size.

Such planning and development could be done only by experts in their various lines.

The regular staff of the Park Department was entirely inadequate for this work with the result that it was quickly supplemented by the experts available.

A topographical department numbering approximately 400 men was set up and a complete survey of the city park system was started. There were so few up-to-date topographical maps of the parks available that every project has required that such a map be made before any planning could be done.

A group of landscape architects of 60 men and women was brought in and every development has had the advantage of their expert training. The designs of the new park developments can be compared favorably with those of any city in the world.

Approximately 60 architects were put to work on the drafting boards designing the buildings and sending into the field completed working drawings for the construction forces.

Some 50 engineers--structural, mechanical, electrical, heating and drainage, work with the architects on the designs.

An Arboricultural Department was set up to handle the planting problems.

An Inspection Department was established to act as the liason between the designers and the Construction Department.

All the work in the Division of Design is under the direct supervision of the Park Engineer who is aided and advised by a Consulting Architect, a Consulting Landscape Architect, and a Consulting Engineer.

DIVISION OF DESIGNInspection Department

Under the previous administration, the Inspection Department played a very minor role in the organization of the Park Department. It consisted of a group of Civil Service employees with the following titles: Inspector of Masonry, Inspector of Regulating, Grading and Paving, Engineering Assistant, Assistant Engineer and one Assistant Landscape Architect. In this group there were no Architectural Inspectors or men qualified to criticize design or architectural construction.

In February, 1934, the present Inspection Department was organized with C.W.A. personnel, consisting of architects, landscape architects, designers, plantmen, tree movers and several engineers. There were approximately 85 men in this category and in addition 24 Civil Service Inspectors who had worked under the previous administration.

At the Department's inception, the original group of inspectors, because of their knowledge of landscaping, acted in a supervisory capacity in the planting of the various parks - they being the only ones qualified to handle this work. At the present time the majority of these men are being transferred to the Division of Maintenance and Operation.

The Department has recently been reorganized and divided into three groups, namely Architectural, Landscaping and Engineering. There is a Chief Inspector in each of these three groups. It is the duty of all inspectors to see that work is carried out in accordance with plans and specifications, and in general to expedite the work in every way possible.

The Inspection Department has been the only means of contact between the Design Department and the work being done in the field. Since the members of the Design Department, because of the press of work, seldom visit the field, it devolved on the inspectors to keep the Arsenal informed of the progress of the work and to recommend numerous changes in order to fit the plans to local conditions.

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF  
PROJECTS COMPLETED  
PRIOR TO AUGUST 1934

PROJECTS COMPLETED BETWEEN JANUARY 19, 1934 AND AUGUST 19, 1934

Jobs which were started prior to January 19, 1934 and which have been redesigned and carried to completion by August 19, 1934, are listed below:

John Jay Park - Wading Pool

St. Nicholas Park - Shelter and Playground

J. Hood Wright - Stone boundary wall on Fort Washington Ave.

Inwood Hill - Field House and Playground and Comfort Station

Claremont Park - Retaining Wall on Clay Avenue and Tennis Courts

Crotona Parkway - Curbs, paving and sidewalks of islands

Echo Park - Boundary stone wall

Fort #4 - Field House and Comfort Station

Lincoln Terrace - Tennis Courts

Canarsie - Comfort Station, walks, landscaping, drainage

Cooper - Walks, fencing, landscaping, drainage

Grand Army Plaza - New hex block sidewalks

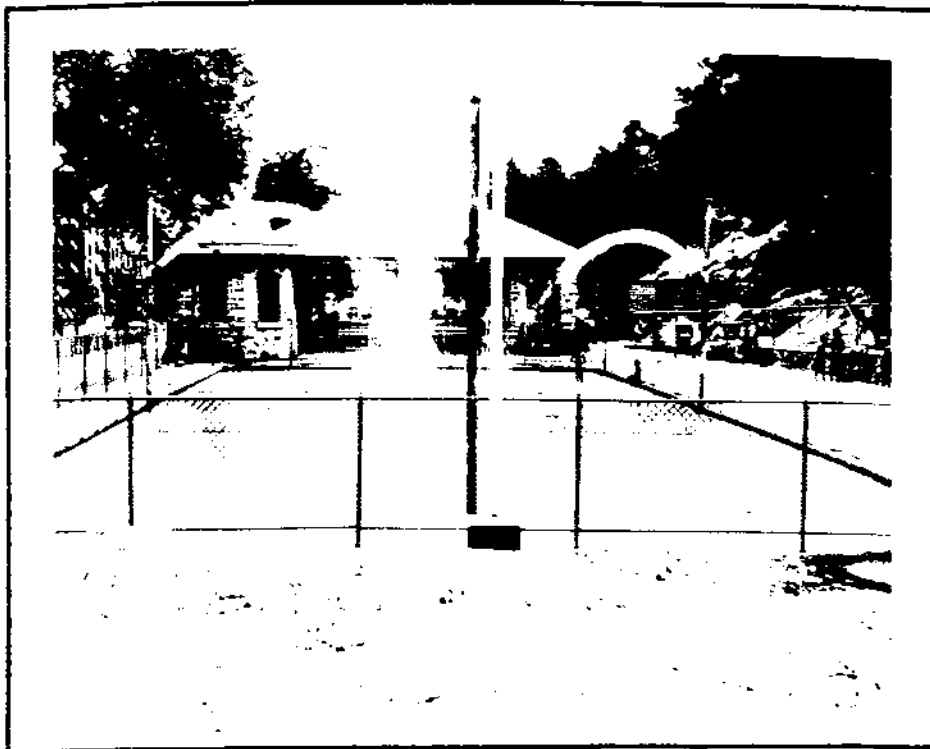
Walker Park - Field House

Livingston Park - Field House



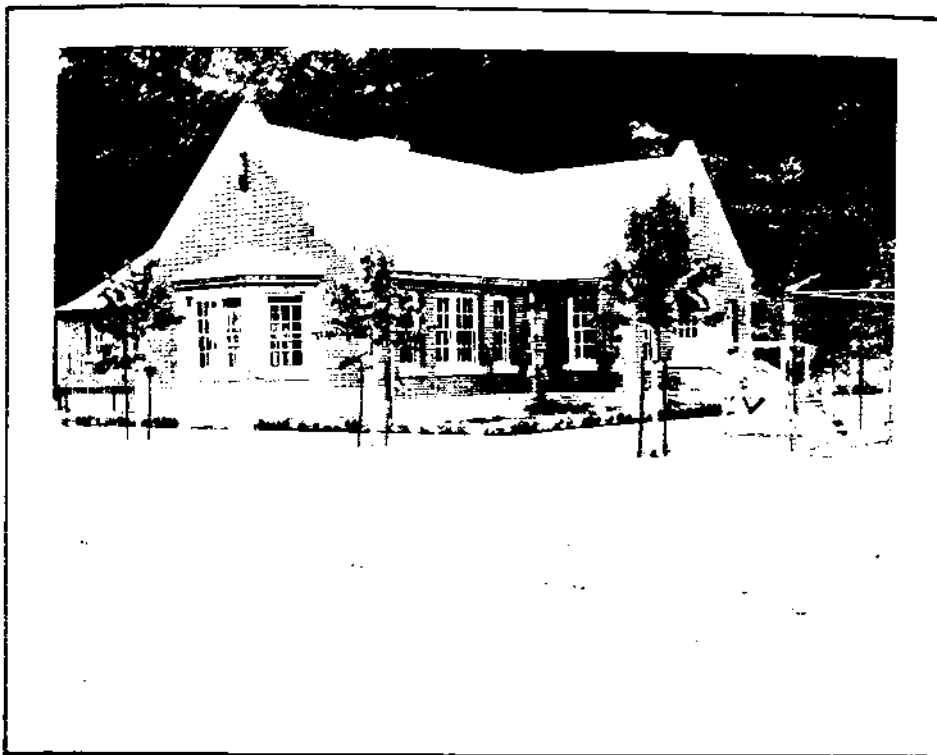


John Jay Wading Pool

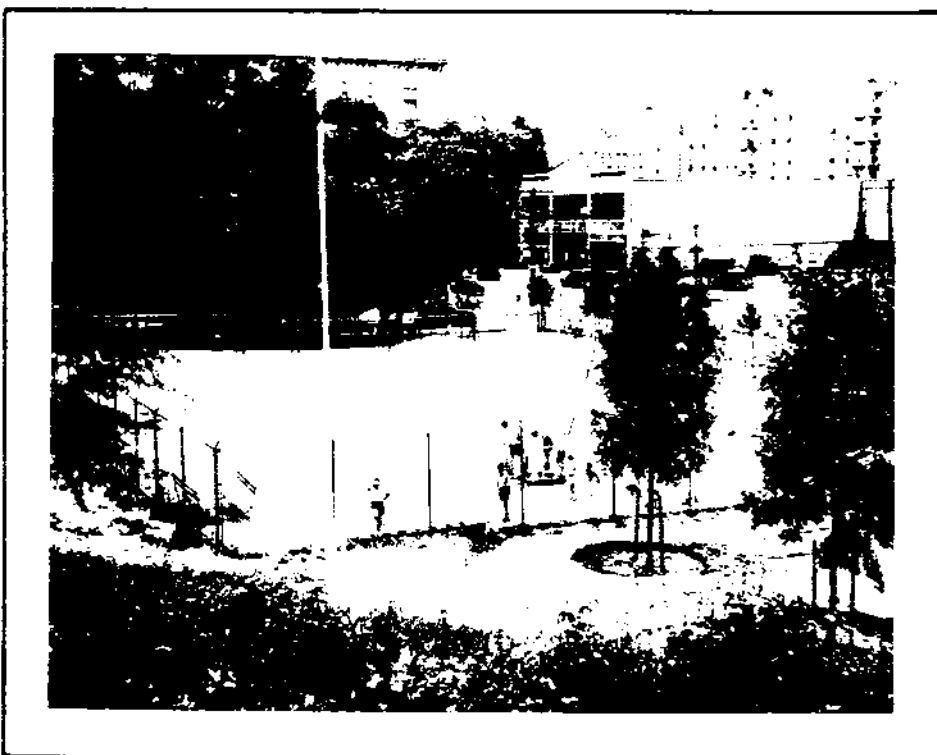


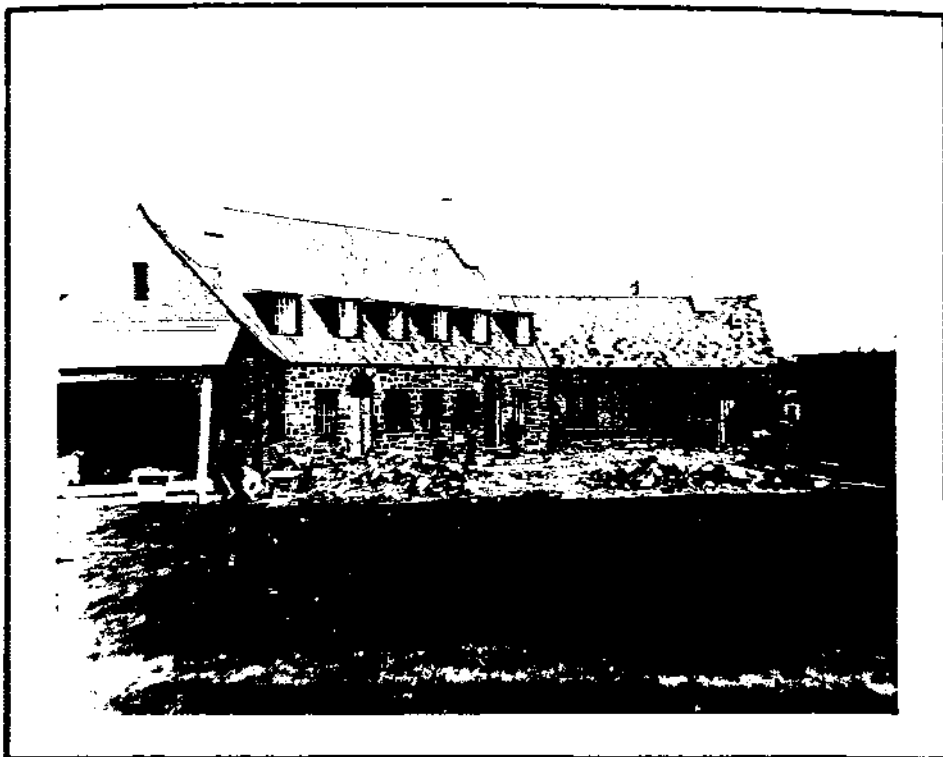
St. Nicholas Park Shelter and Playground





Inwood Hill Field House and Playground





Livingston Park - Field House

PROJECTS ORIGINATED SINCE JANUARY 19, 1934

AND COMPLETED BEFORE AUGUST 19, 1934

Central Park

Police Garage and gateway 97th St. transverse

Four new concession stands

(See Concessions - Maintenance and Operation  
Report)

Backstops for 13 baseball diamonds and bleachers on

2 baseball diamonds, North Meadow

(See Baseball - Maintenance and Operation  
Report)

Fort Washington Park - Service road guard rails

Forest Park Day Camps

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See Day Camps

Inwood Hill Park Day Camps

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Maintenance and Operation

Van Cortlandt Park Day Camps

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Report

Pelham Bay Park Day Camps

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Riverside Park - Fleet Reception Buildings

Carl Schurz Park - Repairing steps and walks

Betsy Head Park - Installation of a chlorinating system for  
swimming pool and renovation of locker and  
shower room building

Wolfe's Pond Park - Two bath houses with lockers, showers and  
comfort facilities

### WAR MEMORIAL PLAYGROUNDS

Nine War Memorial Playground Field Houses were built under contract with moneys received from a War Memorial Fund, collected a number of years ago by members of the Police Department, and turned over to the Park Department on March 19, 1934.

Fading pools, grading, fences, and planting were completed and playground apparatus installed with funds supplied by T.E.R.A.

The playgrounds were opened July 15, 1934.

NINE WAR MEMORIAL PLAYGROUNDSMANHATTAN

Joseph C. Sauer Playground - 528 E. 12th Street

William McCray Playground - 47 W. 138th Street

BROOKLYN

William E. Sheridan Playground - 80-100 Grand Street

QUEENS

Howard A. Von Dohlen Playground - 138th Place,  
91st Ave., & Archer Ave., Jamaica

Daniel O'Connell Playground - 113-114th Ave.,  
St. Albans

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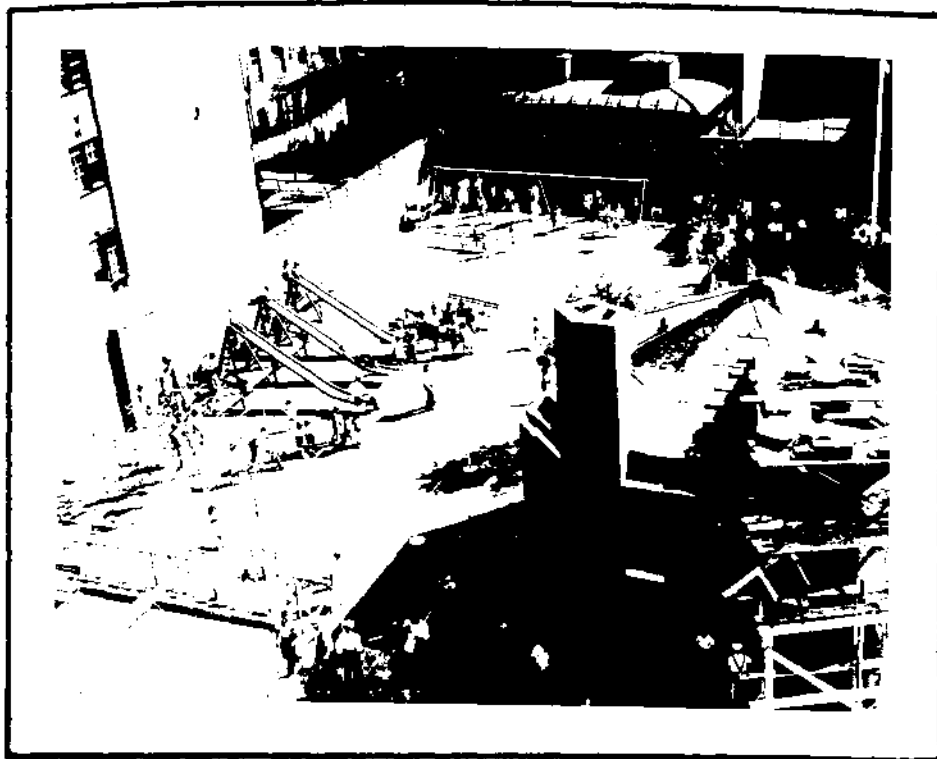
Austin J. McDonald Playground - Forest & Myrtle Aves.,  
West Brighton

Nicholas De Matti Playground - Tompkins Ave., & Chestnut  
St., Richmond

BRONX

Vincent Ciccarone Playground - 188th Street & Hughes Ave.

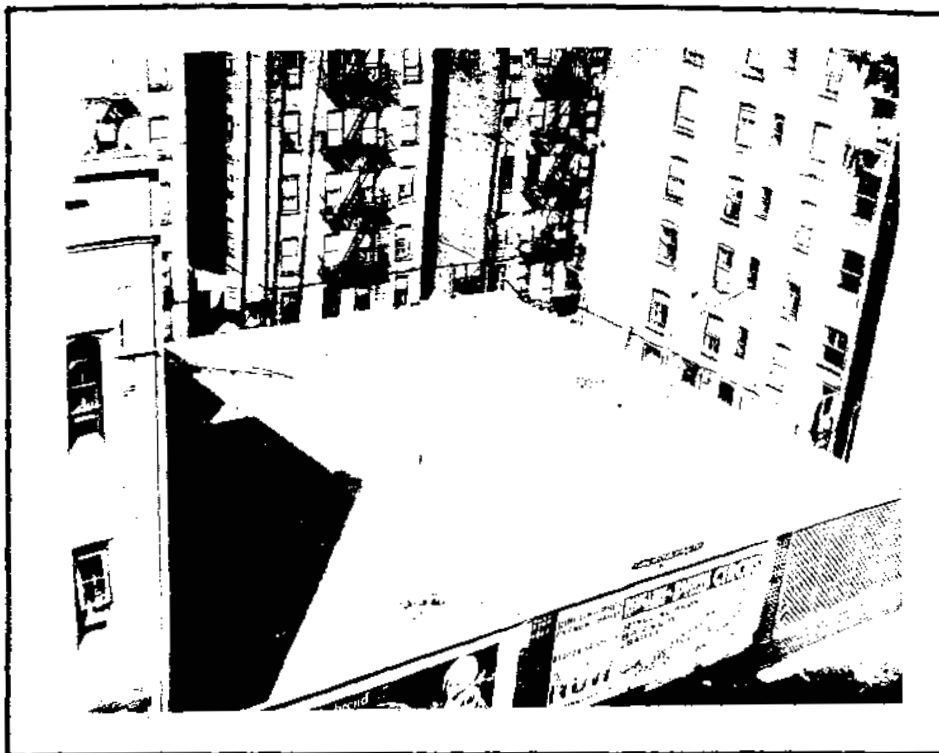
Louis Zimmerman Playground - Barker Ave., Olinville &  
Britton St.



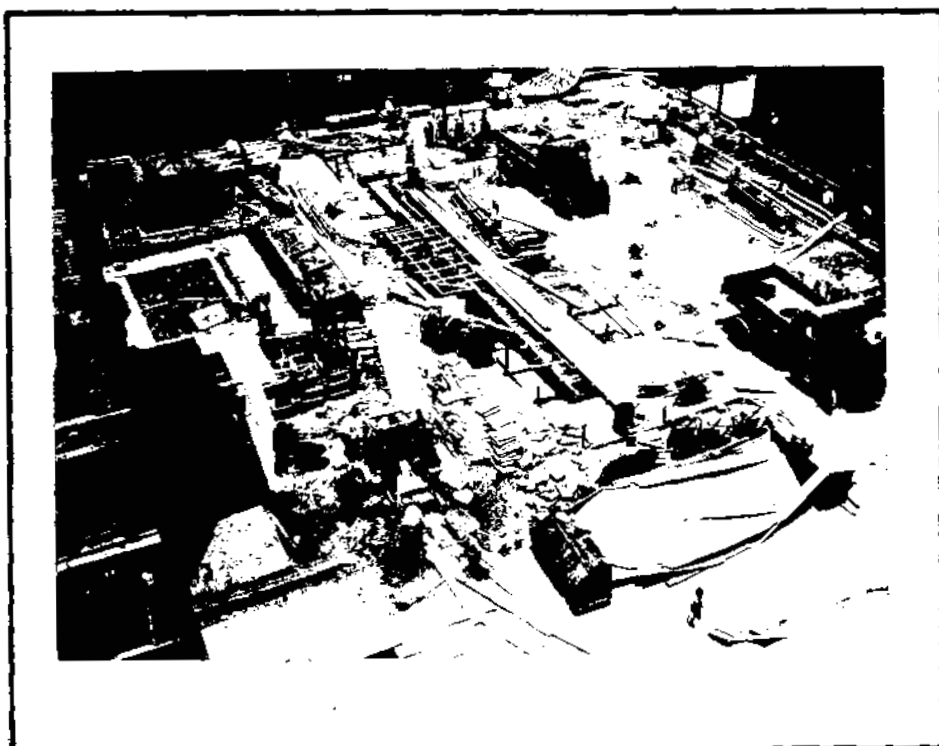
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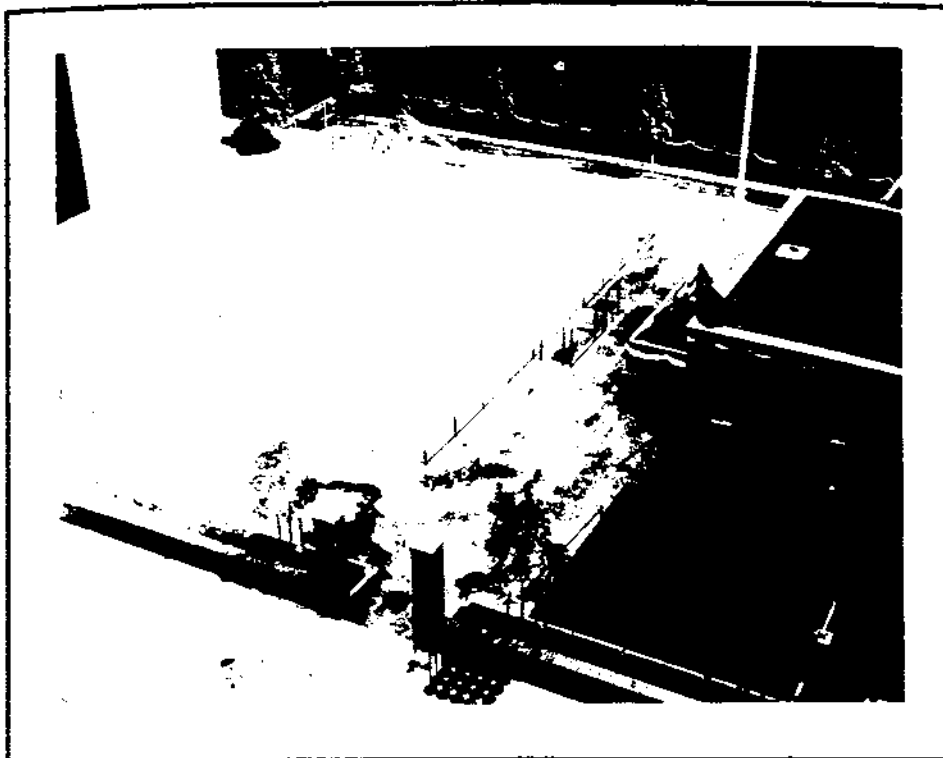




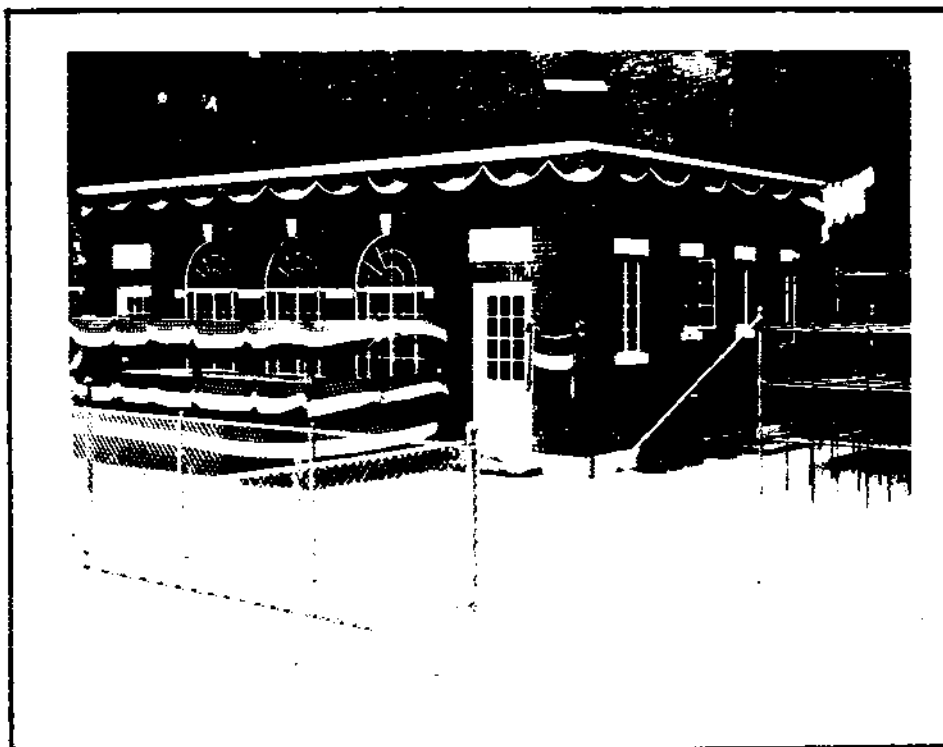


William McCray Playground, Progress Pictures  
47 W. 138th St., Manhattan





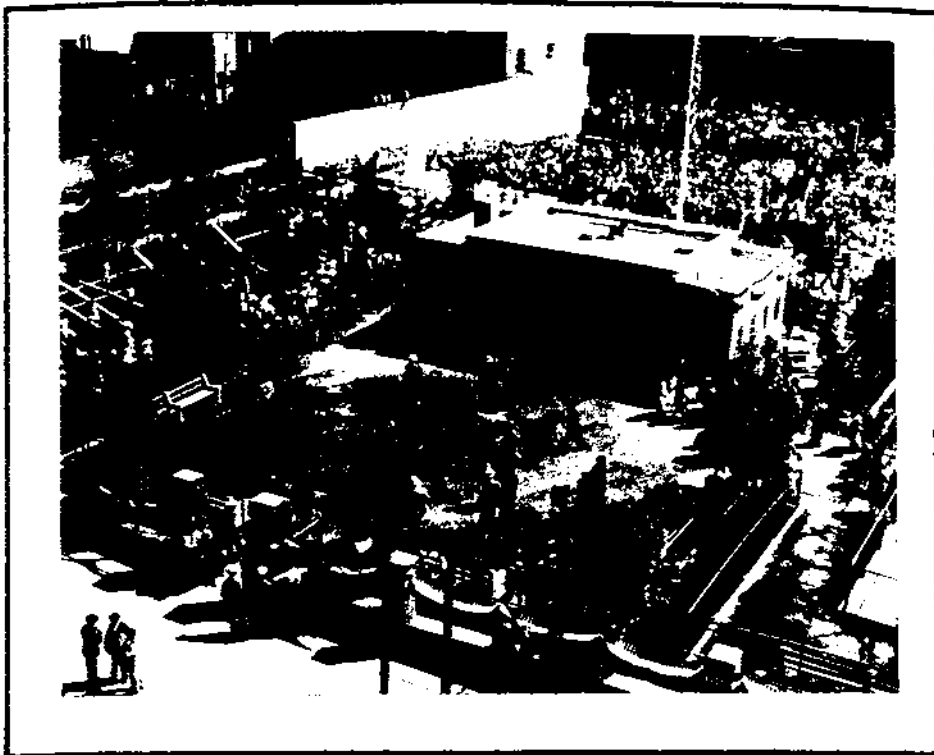
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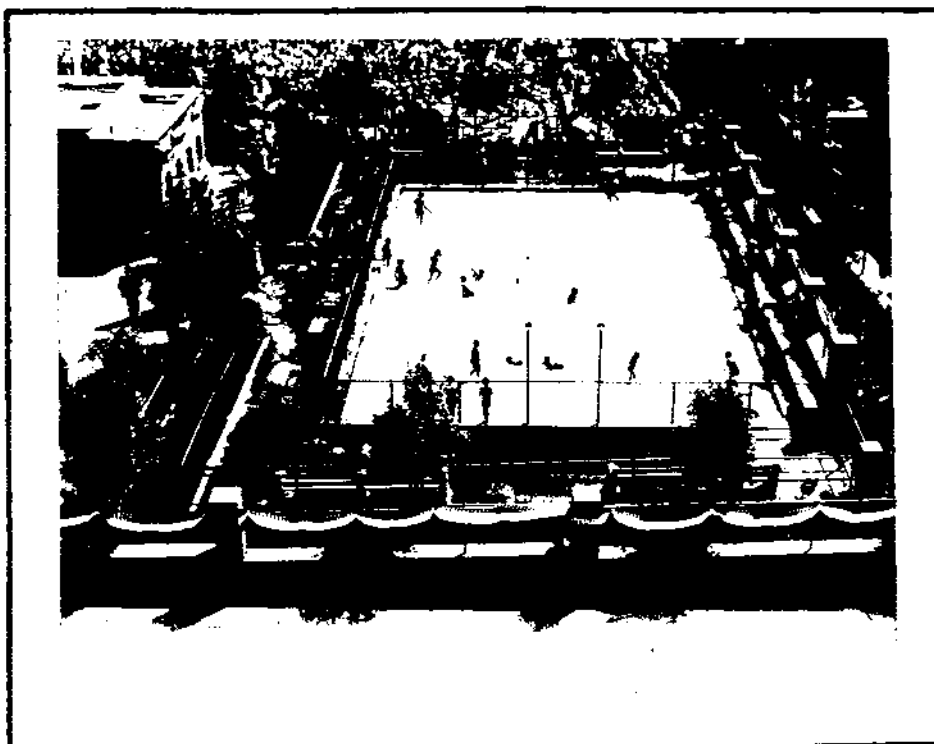


William E. Sheridan Playground - Progress Pictures  
80 Grand Street, Manhattan





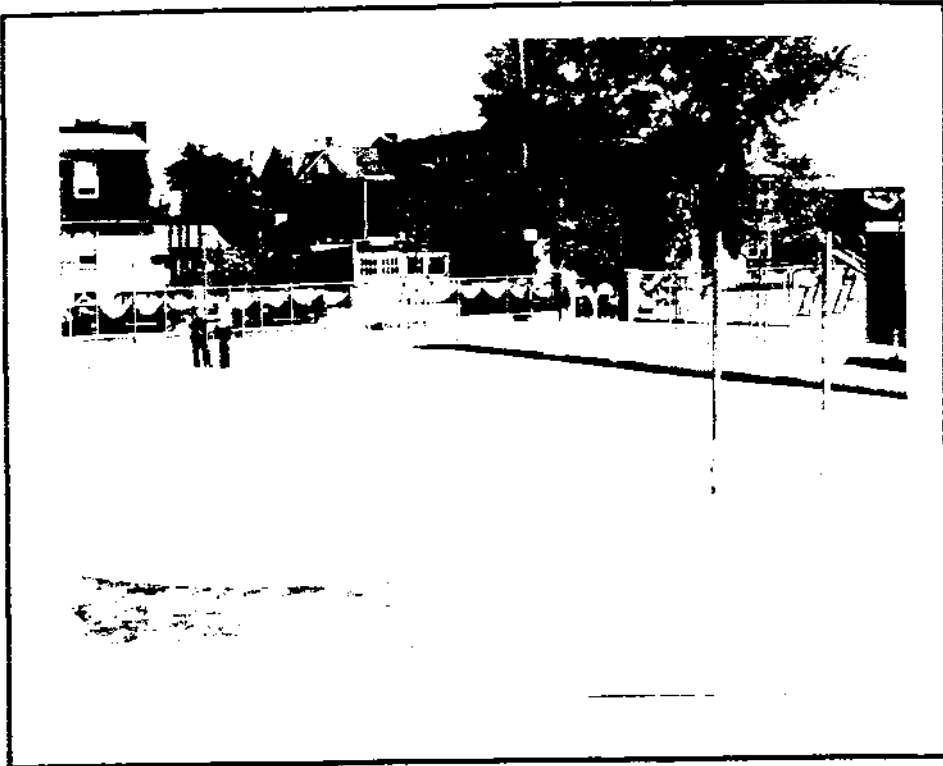
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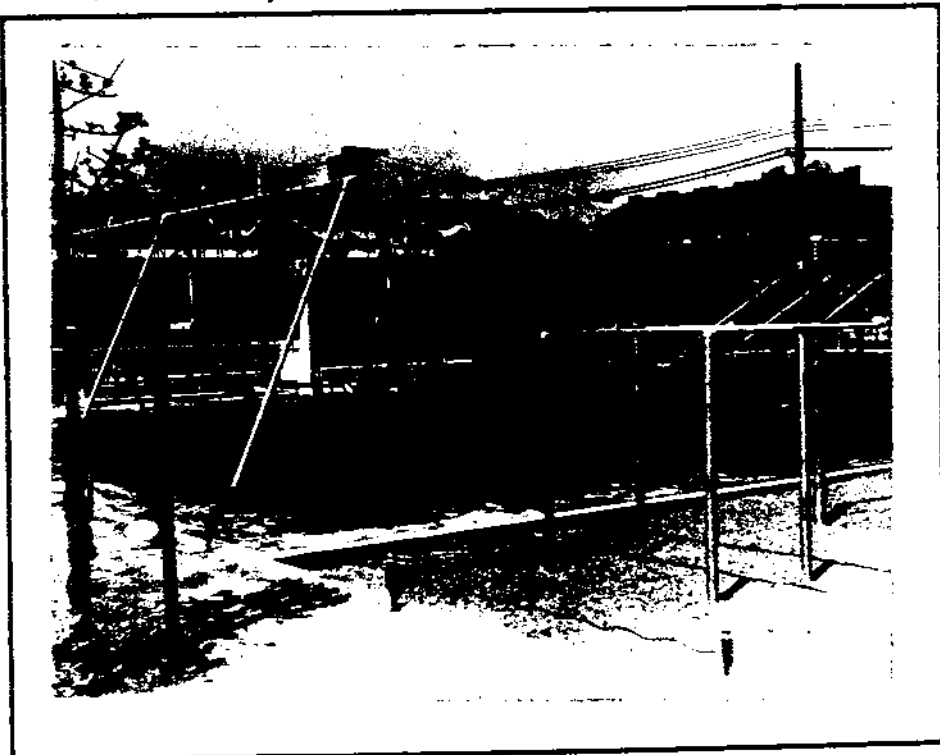


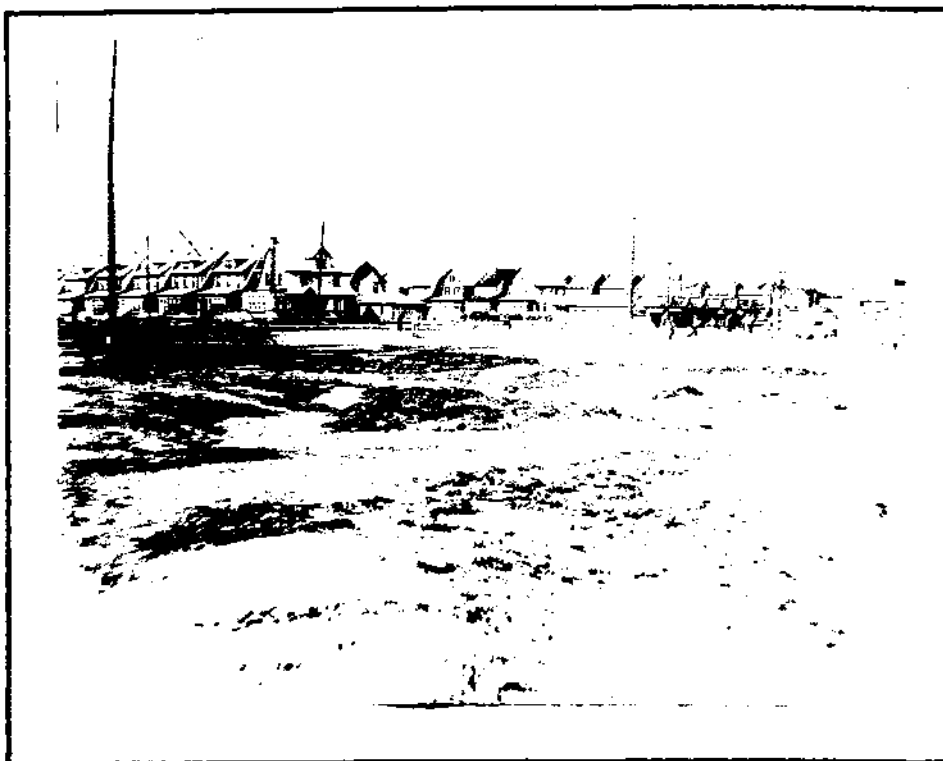
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138th Place, 91st Avenue & Archer Avenue, Jamaica





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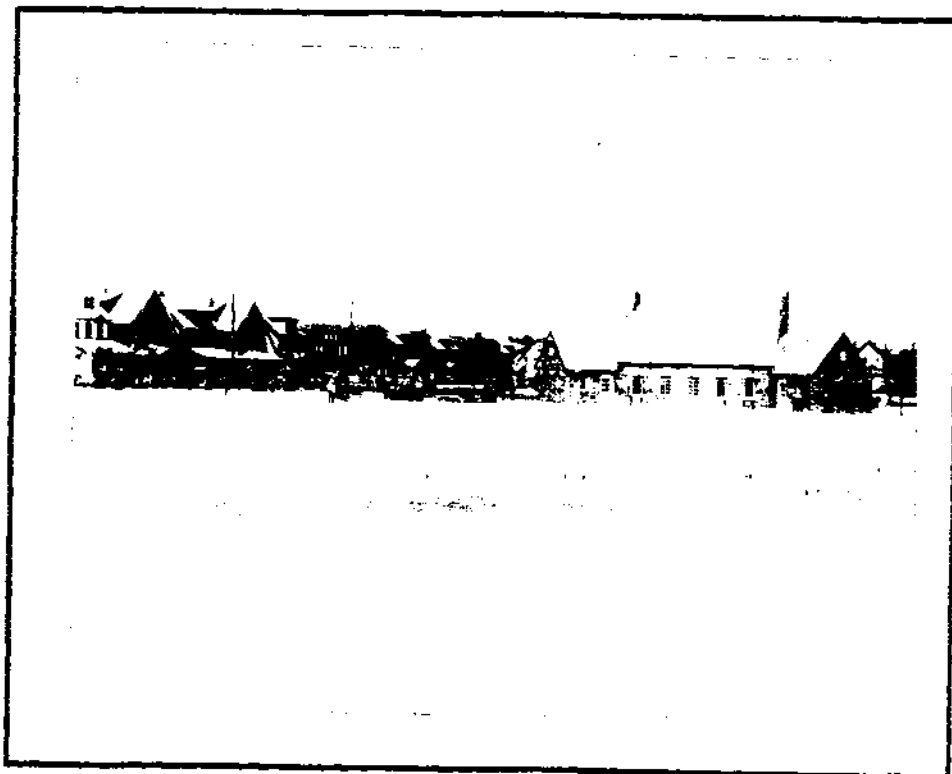


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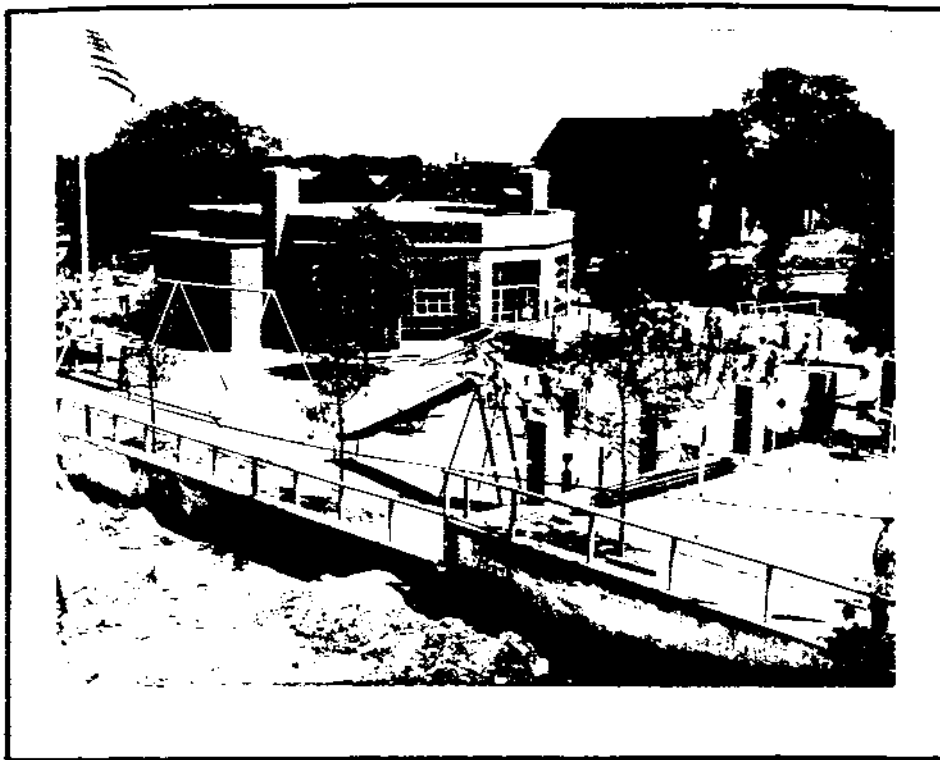
113-114th Avenues, St. Albans



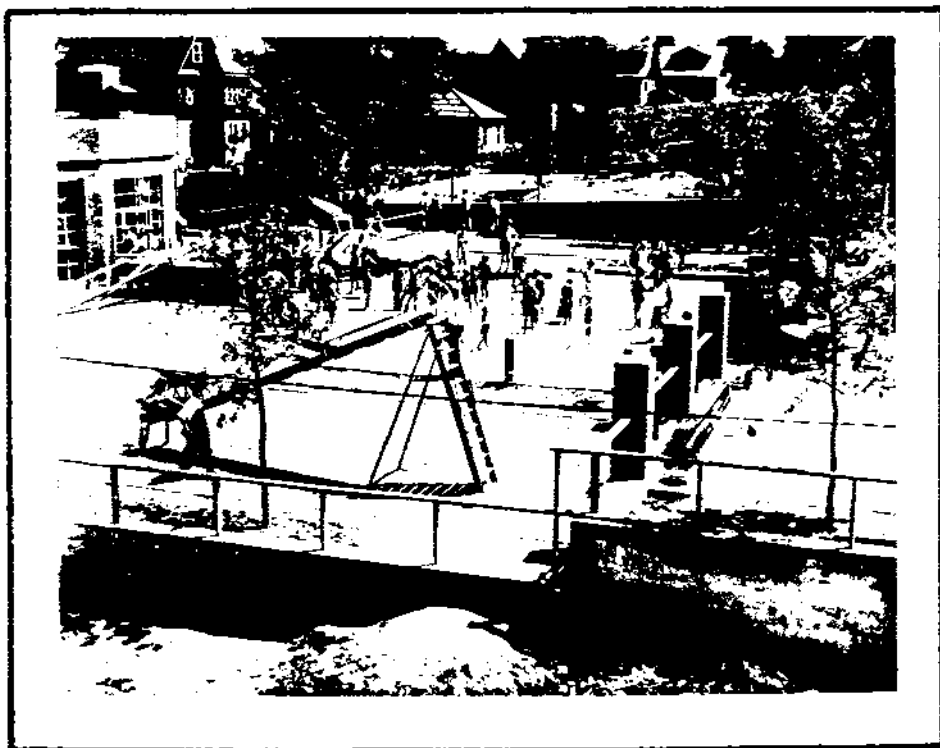
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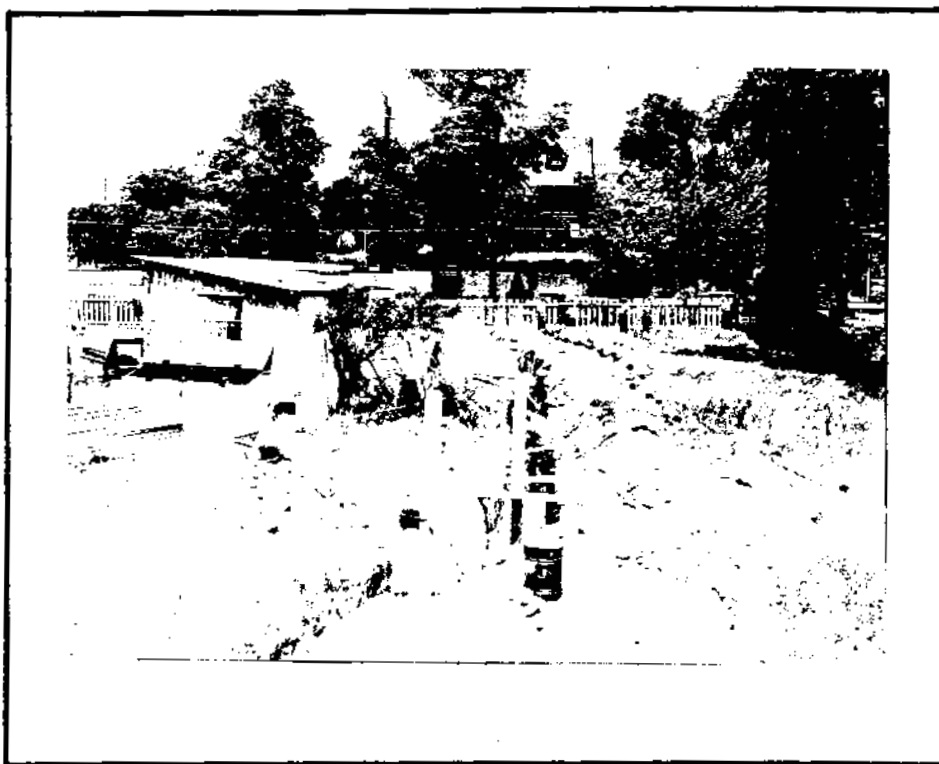




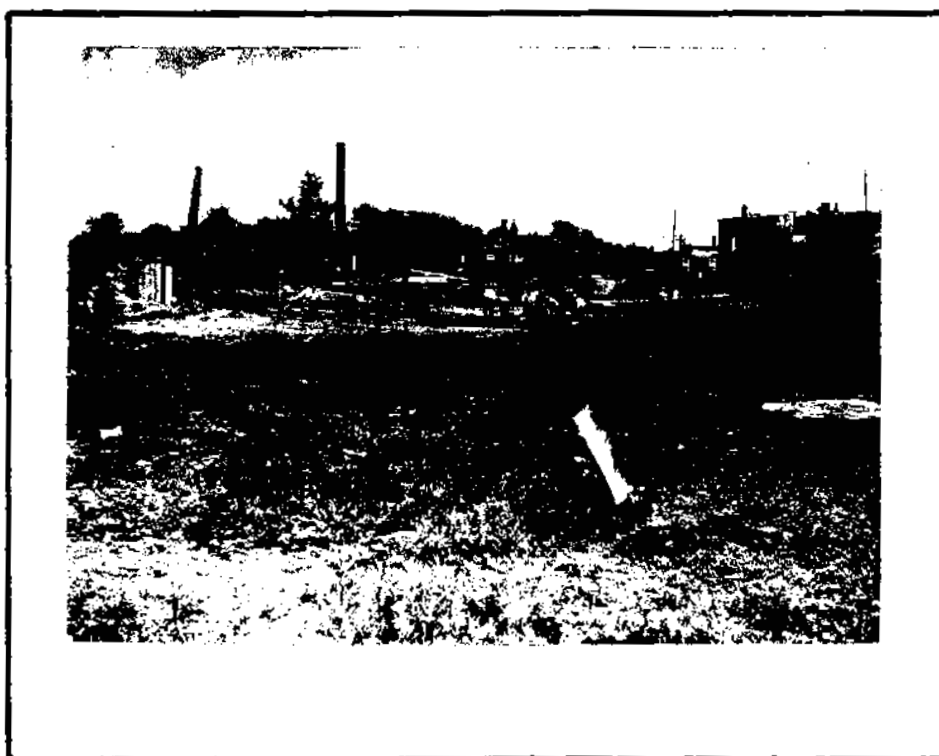


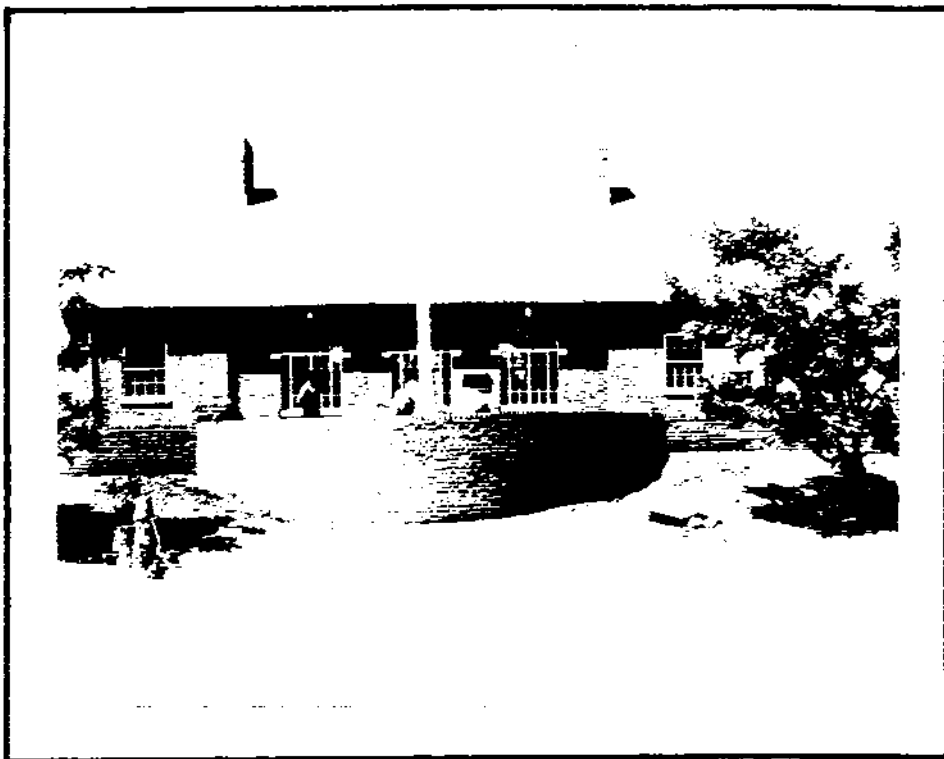
Austin J. McDonald Playground  
Forest & Myrtle Avenues, West Brighton





Nicholas Di Matti Playground - Progress Pictures  
Tompkins Avenue & Chestnut Street, Richmond



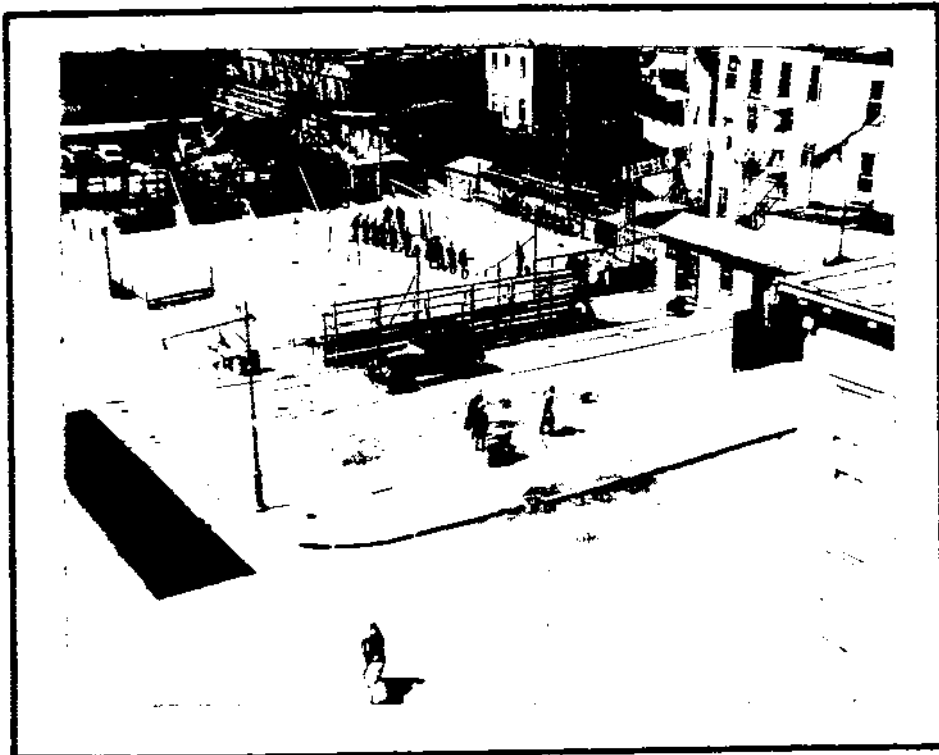


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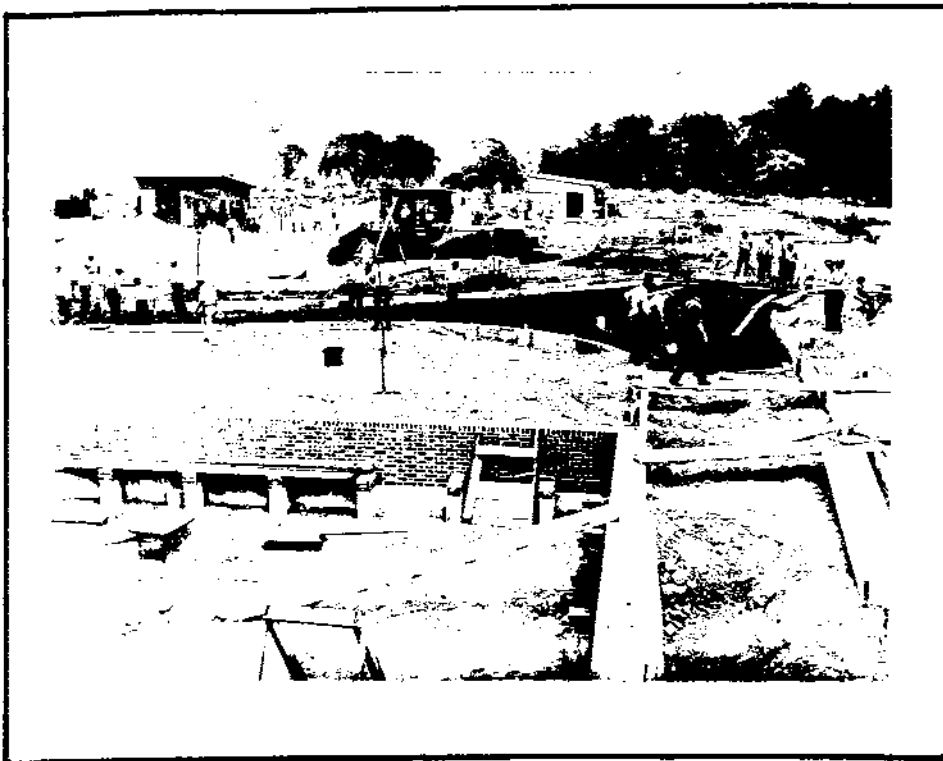
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188th Street and Hughes Avenue, Bronx



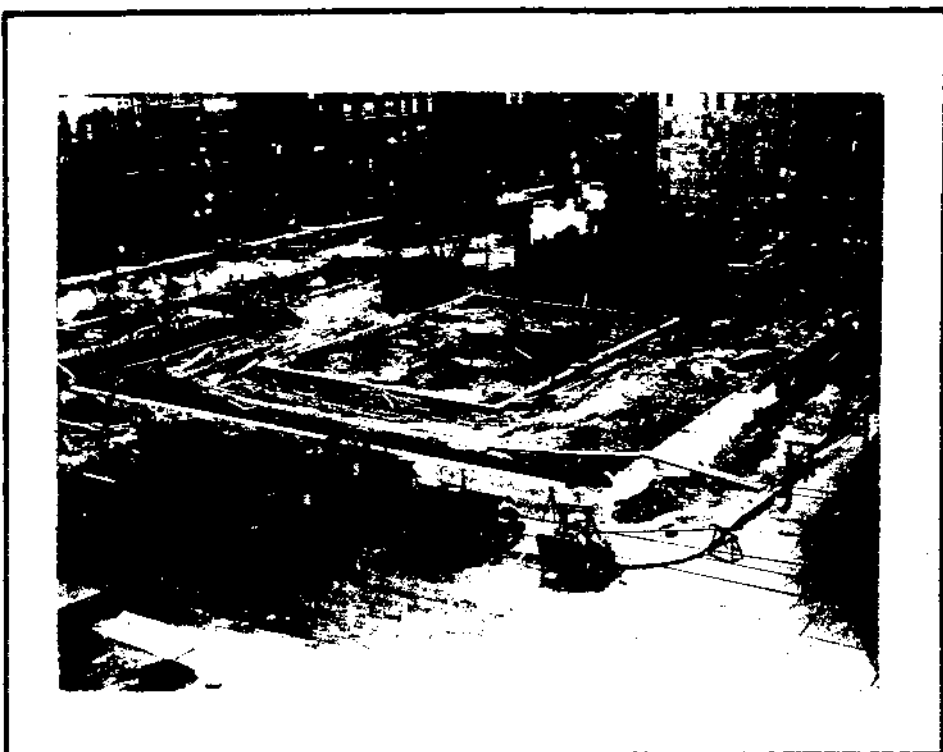


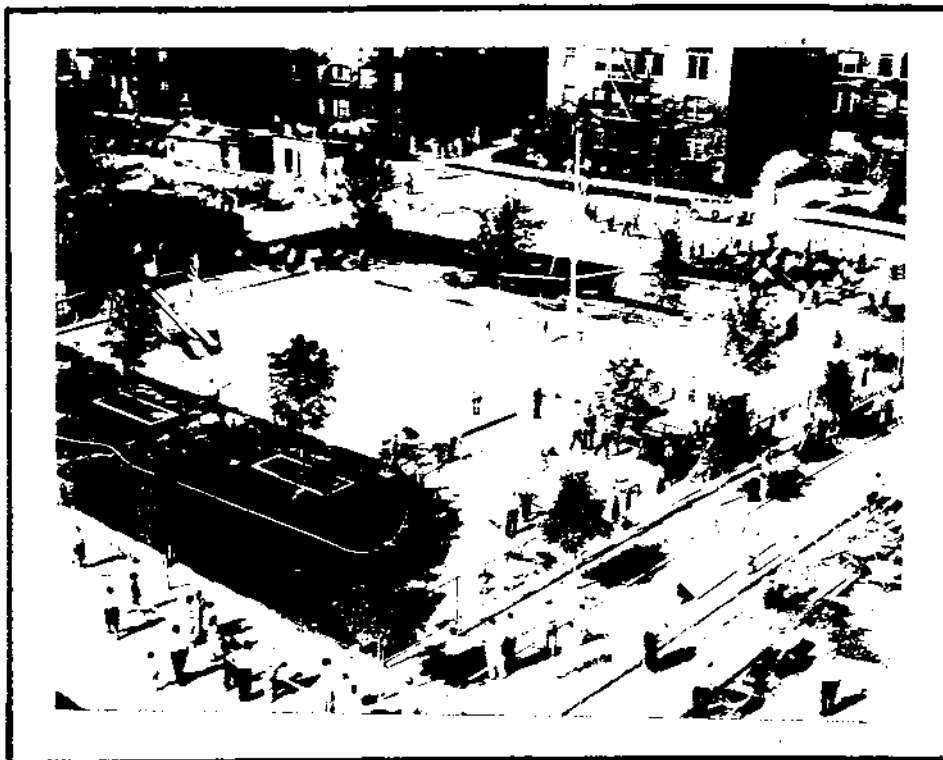
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Zimmerman Playground - Progress Pictures  
Olinville & Britton Street, Bronx





Zimmerman Playground - Progress Picture  
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MODEL PLAYGROUNDS

Model Playgrounds were built in five congested neighborhoods, and demonstrate the use of small areas for recreational purposes. These playgrounds were designed & equipped to meet the present day needs of the children, and to enable directors to conduct a wide range of activities with a minimum amount of supervision.

They are located as follows:

MANHATTAN

West 17th. Street.

QUEENS

Jackson Heights.

BROOKLYN

Gowanus

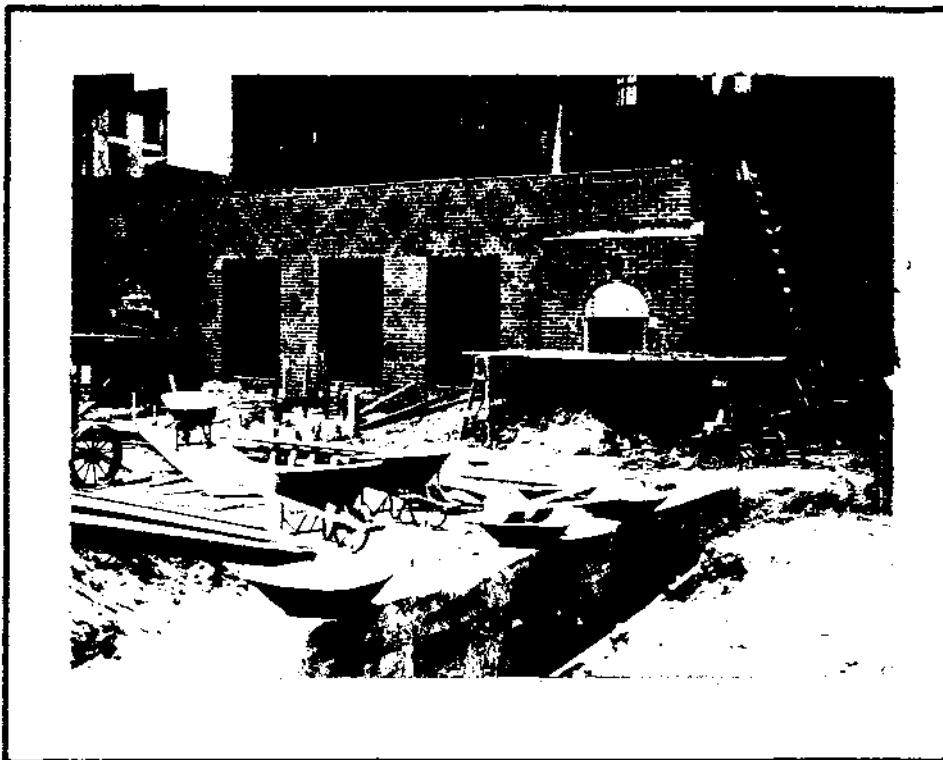
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Jewett & Castleton Aves.

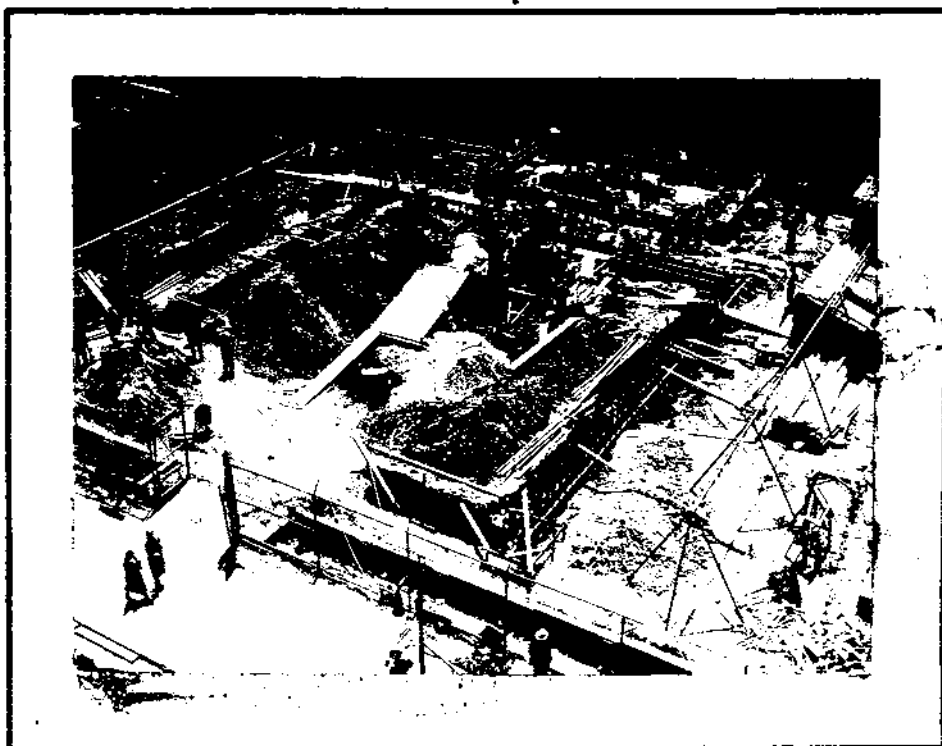
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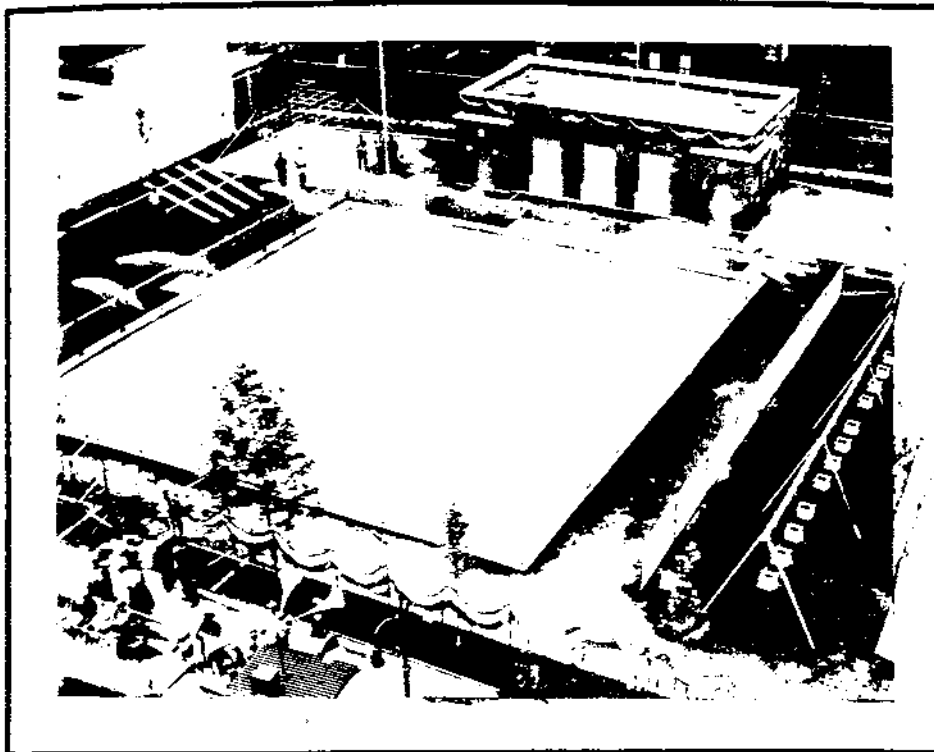
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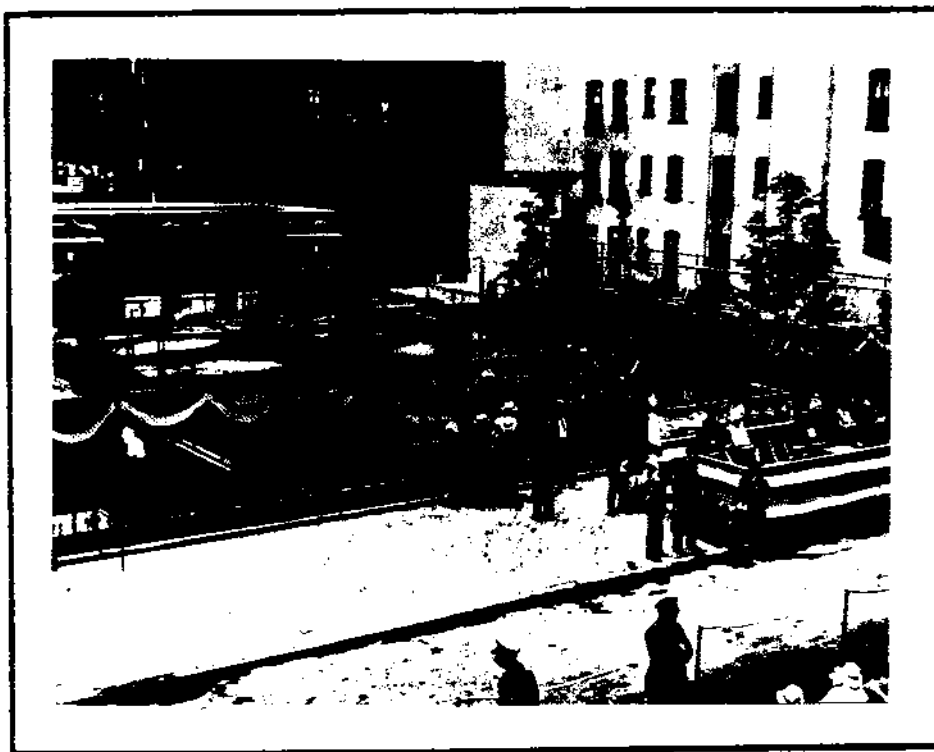


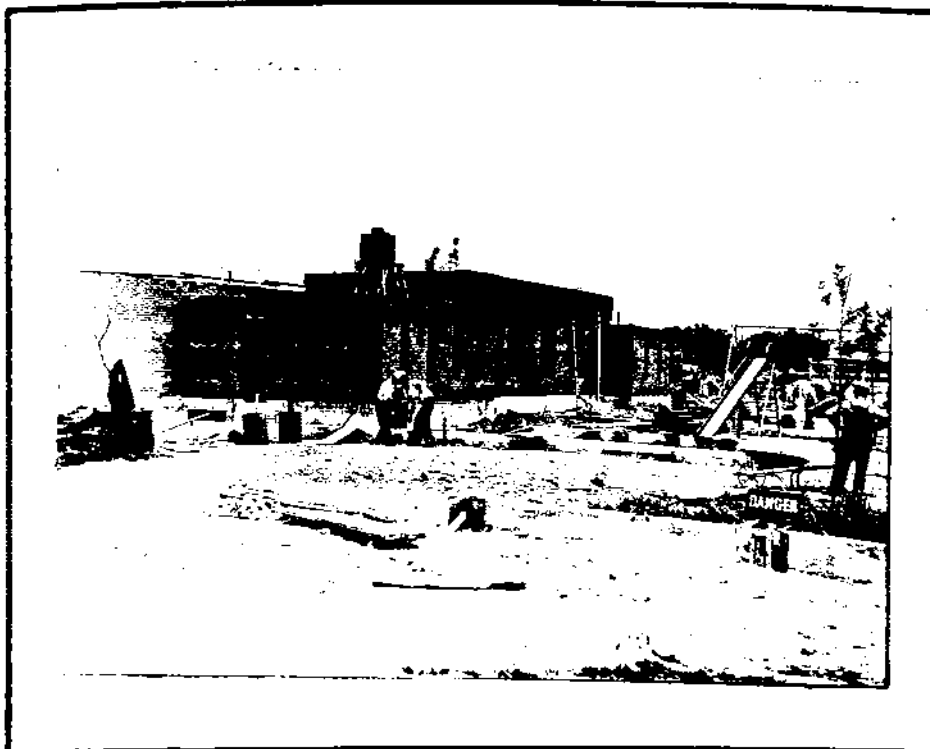
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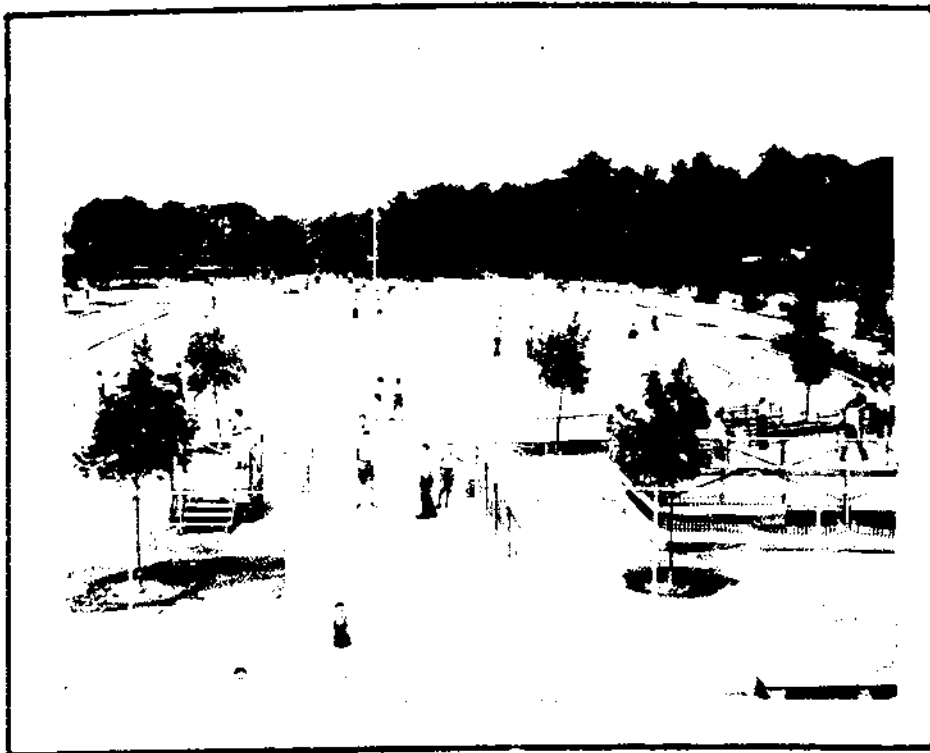
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Model Playground - Progress Pictures  
85th - 86th Street between 25 - 30th Avenue  
Jackson Heights, Queens



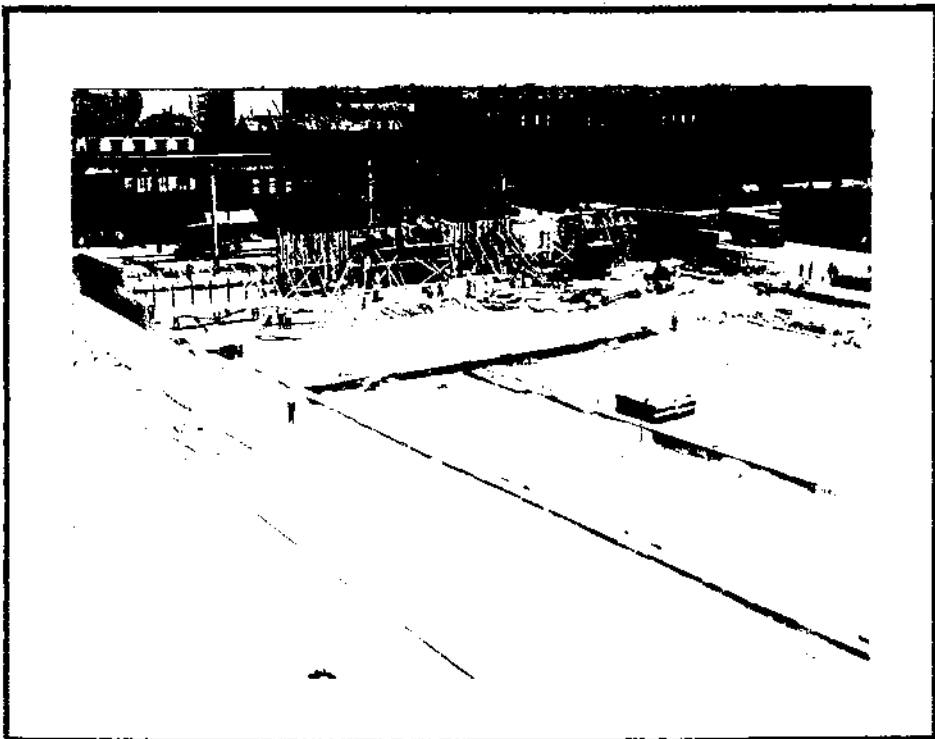


Model Playground, 85th & 86th Sts., between 25 & 30th Aves.,  
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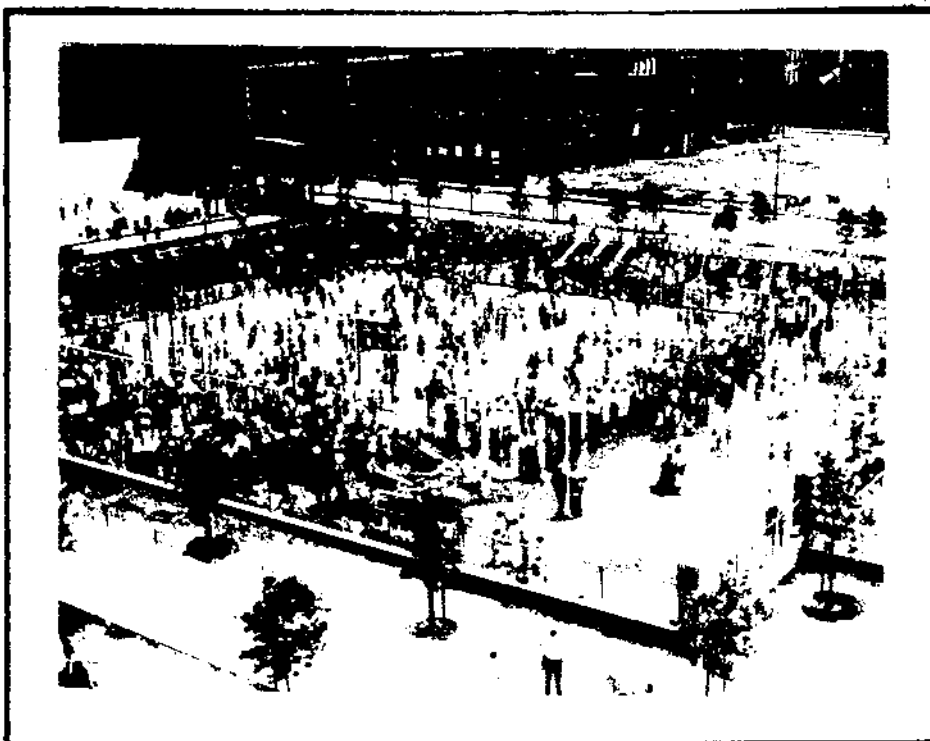


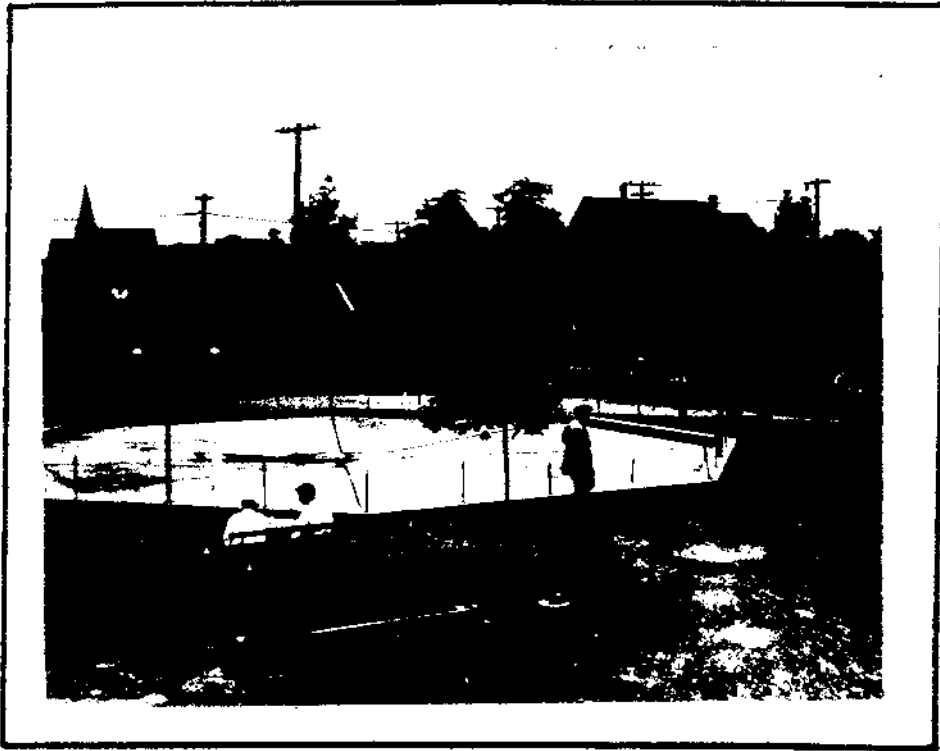
Gowanus Playground-Progress Pictures  
3rd Street & 4th Avenue, Brooklyn



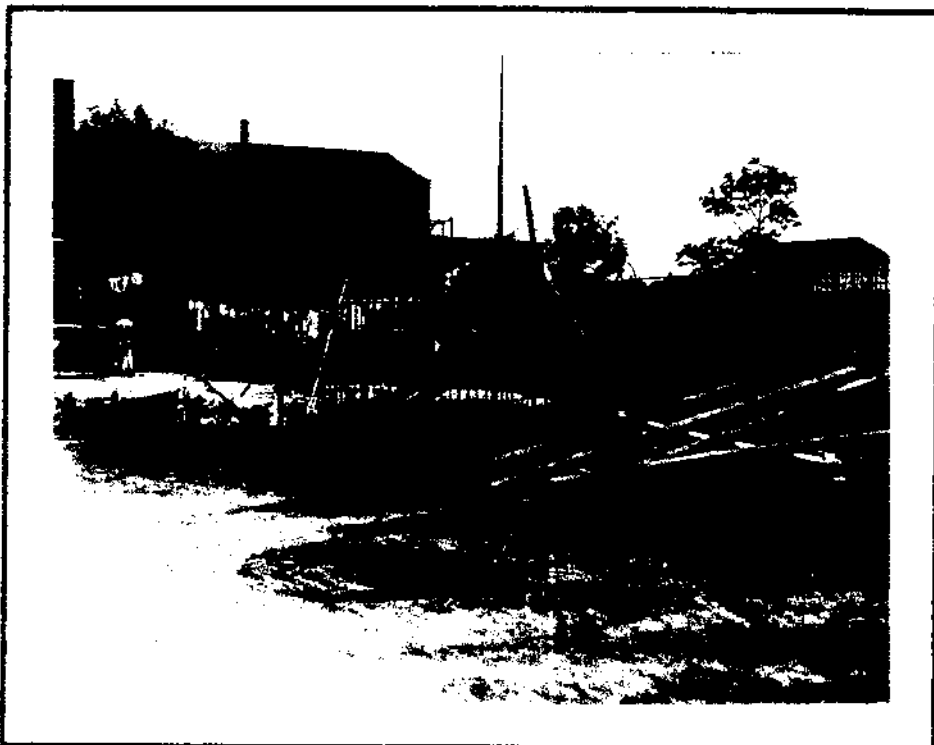


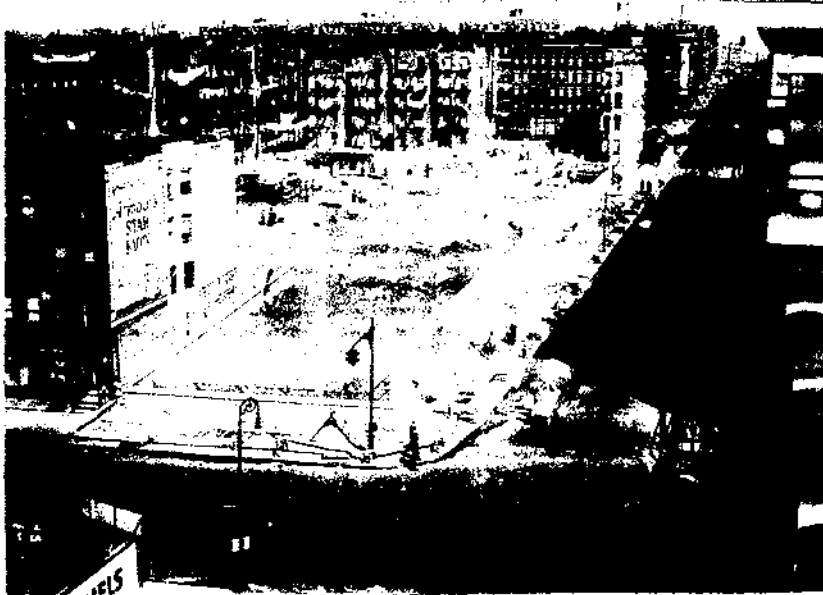
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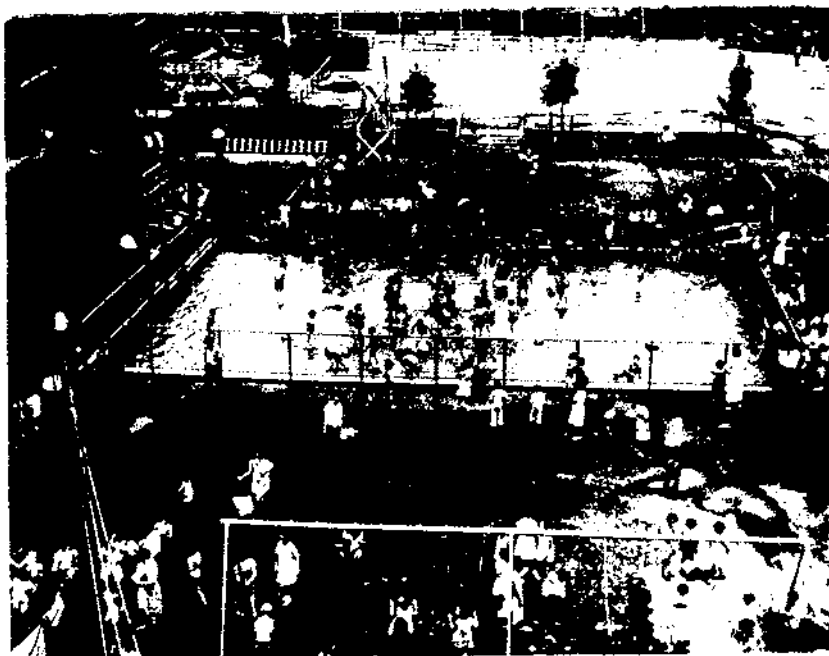


Model Playground  
Jewett & Castleton Avenues, Staten Island





Model Playground  
141st Street & Brook Avenue, Bronx





THREE SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

The Board of Education donated three condemned school sites to the Tenement House Commission for model tenements. However, the Commission found the land unsuitable after demolishing the buildings and turned the property over to the Department of Parks.

Playgrounds have been built on the sites, affording recreational facilities in crowded localities to children who heretofore played in the streets. These playgrounds are located as follows:

Manhattan

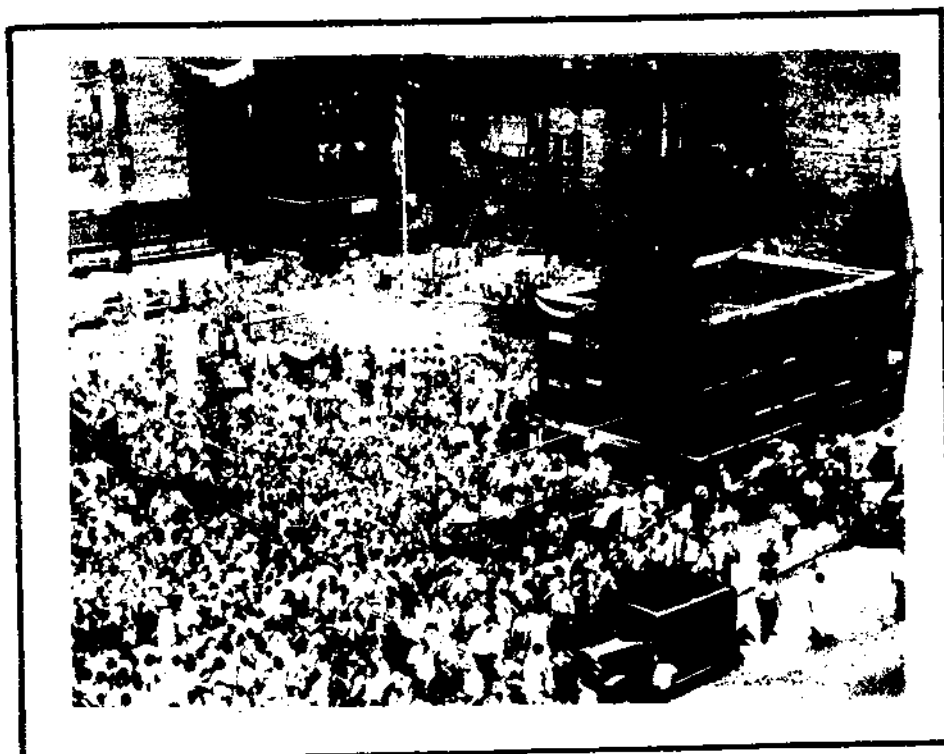
Lewis & Rivington Streets

97 Thompson Street

83 Roosevelt Street



Playground - Lewis & Rivington Sts. - Manhattan





Playground - 97 Thompson St. - Manhattan





Playground - 83 Roosevelt St. - Manhattan



95th Street and Avenues "K" & "L", Brooklyn, is a district which has been without recreational facilities for many years. To meet the requirements of the neighborhood a play area was developed, field house built and playground apparatus installed.

The Lower Reservoir Site is a development of the Great Lawn, Central Park.

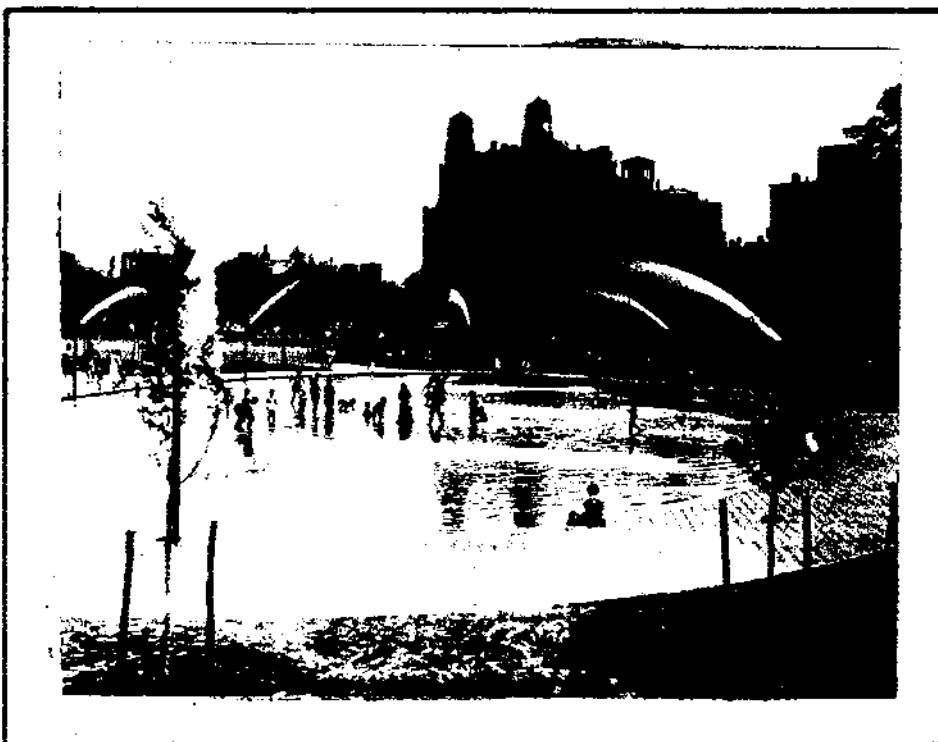


Playground - 95 St. between Aves. K & L - Brooklyn





Central Park Lower Reservoir Site - Manhattan



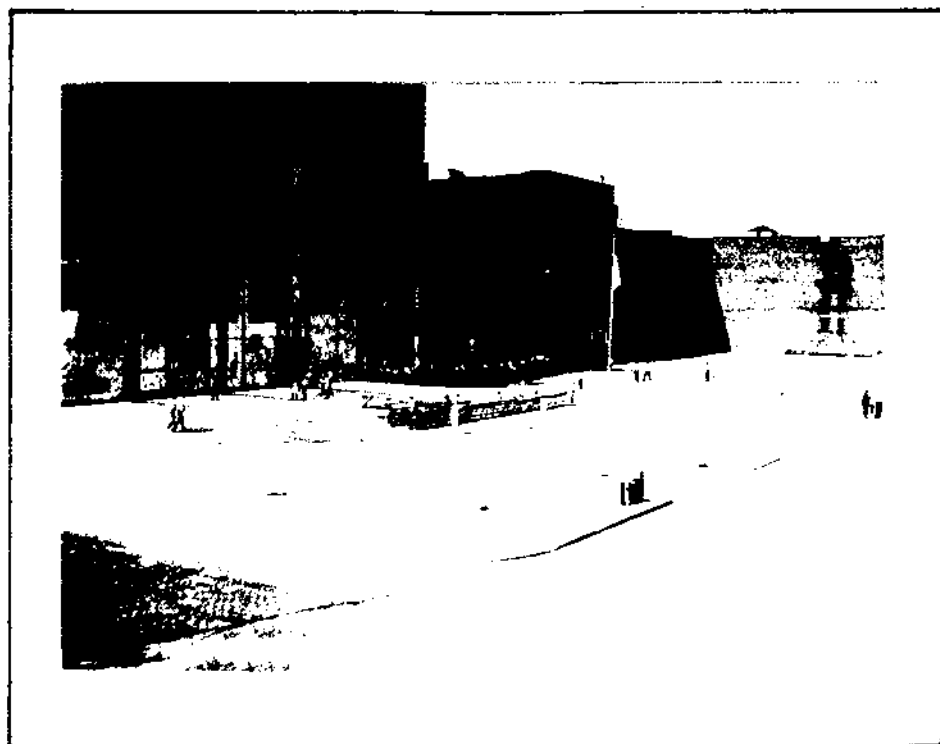
Corlears Hook Playground, Manhattan, is on land loaned for the period of a year. It has been developed to provide recreational facilities for unemployed men who are quartered in the Sunshine Barracks of the Salvation Army, which adjoins the property.

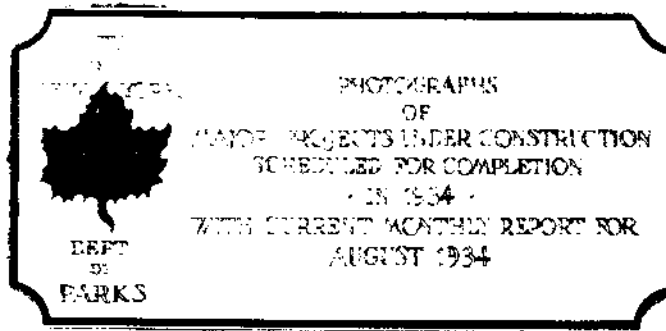
Ridgewood Pumping Station Area, Brooklyn, is leased by the Department of Parks at a nominal sum to provide baseball facilities badly needed in this section.





Corleone's Hook Playground - Manhattan





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PHOTOGRAPHS

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MAJOR PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION

IN 1934

WITH CURRENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR  
AUGUST 1934

CHRISTIE - FORSYTH

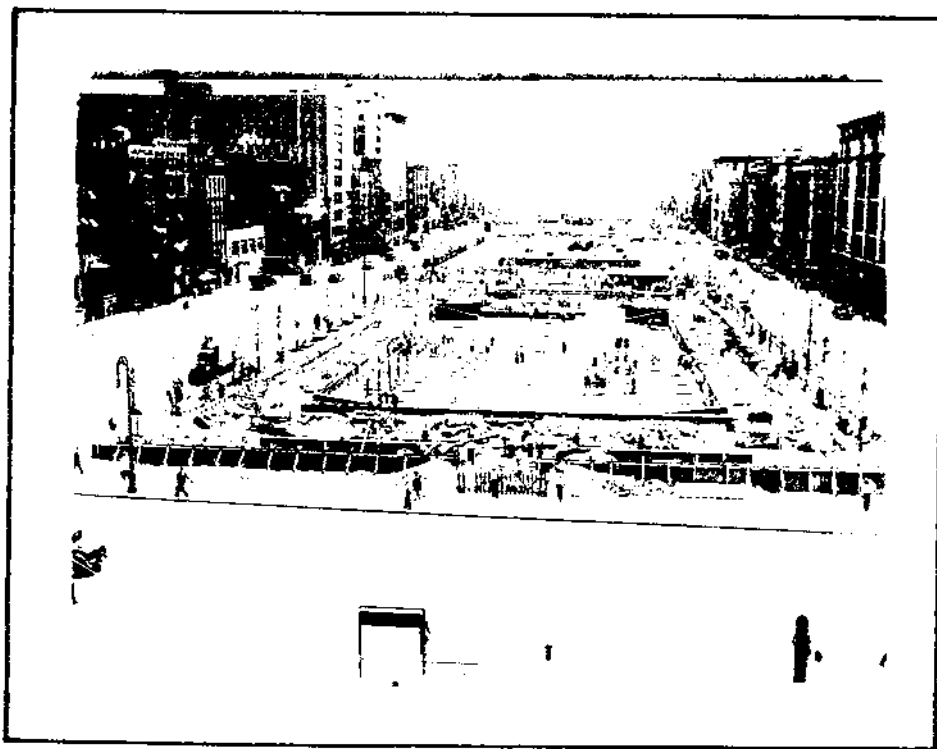
A plot of ground running north from the Manhattan end of the Canal Street Bridge to E. Houston Street was assigned to the Park Department on February 14th, 1934. The Design Division prepared plans for a seven block Recreational Area. Five streets were closed which, with two exceptions, provide continuous and safe play areas.

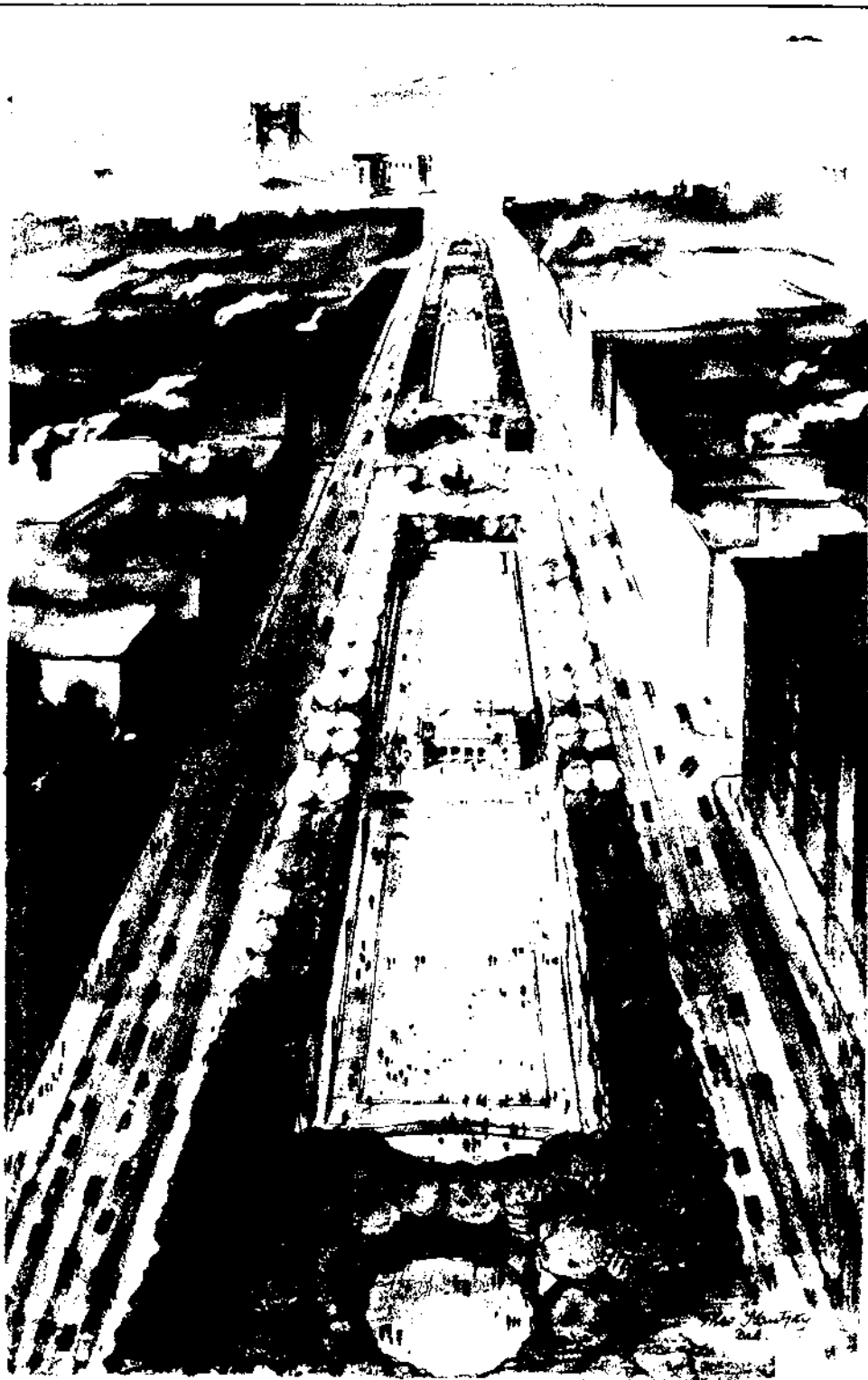
Construction was started about March 1st. The first five blocks on this development, including several different playgrounds and one wading pool, are to be opened September 14th. There remains to be completed one playground, one wading pool and four recreational buildings, and the entire job will be completed before the end of 1934.

The playgrounds are designed entirely for children. There are no recreational facilities for adults. A raised level with tree bordered walks, benches and drinking fountains has been built for parents.



Progress Pictures, Chrystie-Porsyth Playground





Bird's-eye View of Chrystie-Forsyth Play-round, New York City

### CENTRAL PARK ZOO

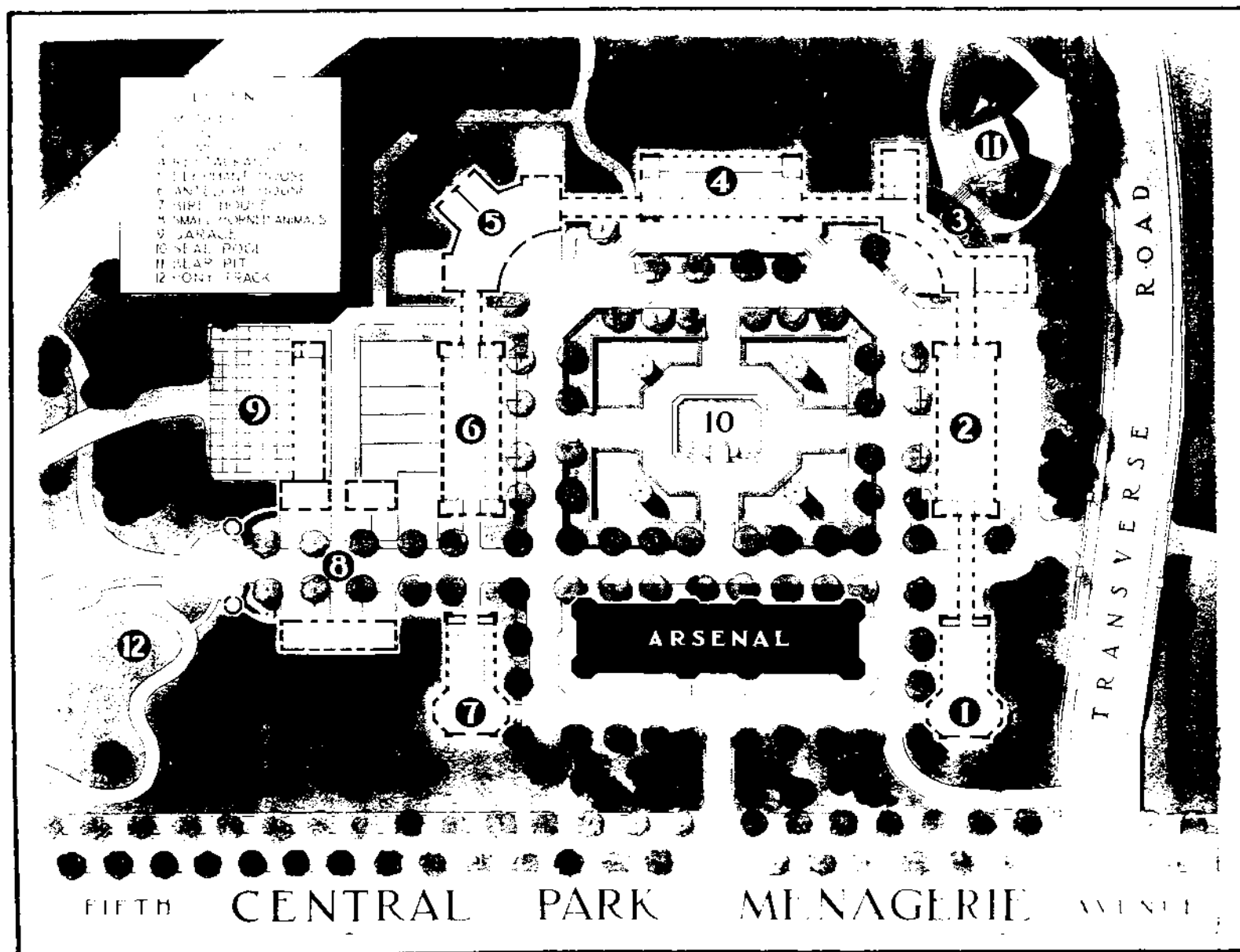
An inspection of the Central Park Zoo buildings showed they were structurally dangerous, unhealthy and unsanitary, as well as much too inadequate for housing wild animals. This is not surprising, as the original buildings were erected in 1850. In 1870 a report states there were 140 donations to the zoo in six months, which included:

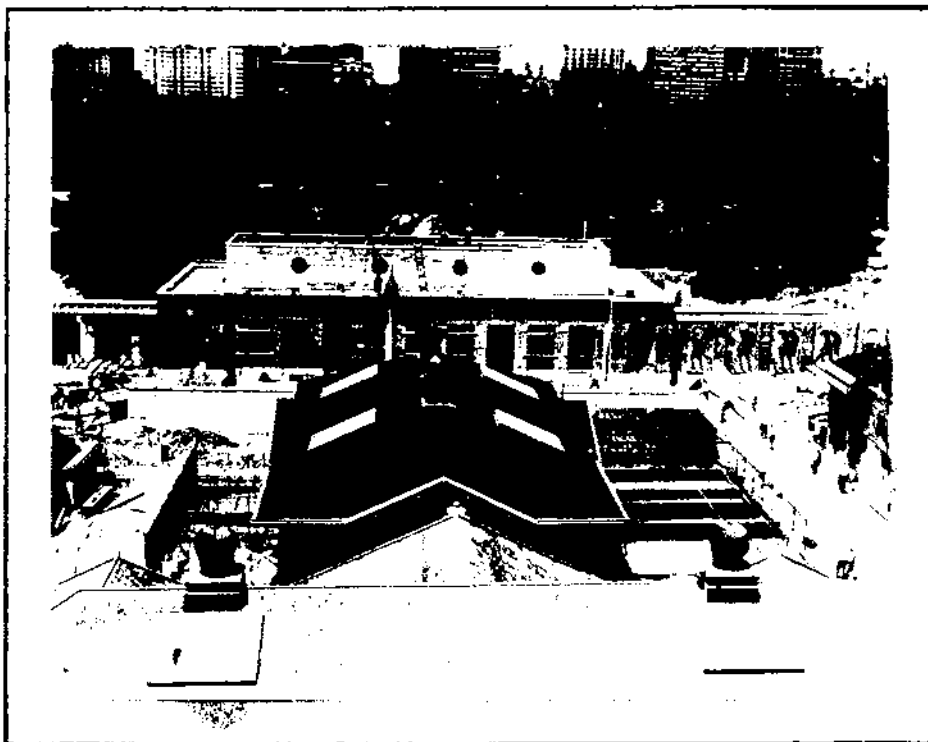
1 horned owl	3 Canadian wild geese	1 rabbit
skeleton of a seal	1 robin	1 pelican
1 small alligator	1 pair of white rats	6 wild turkeys
2 Virginia deer	30 terrapin	

One of the major construction projects of the Department of Parks is the erection of new zoo buildings which was started in February 1934. This project is architecturally centered around the old Arsenal building. It consists of nine buildings grouped about a central court, which includes a sunken garden and seal pool. There are seven animal buildings with interior and exterior cages; also a large concession building with an outside dining terrace and a garage for official cars, keepers' quarters and storage space.

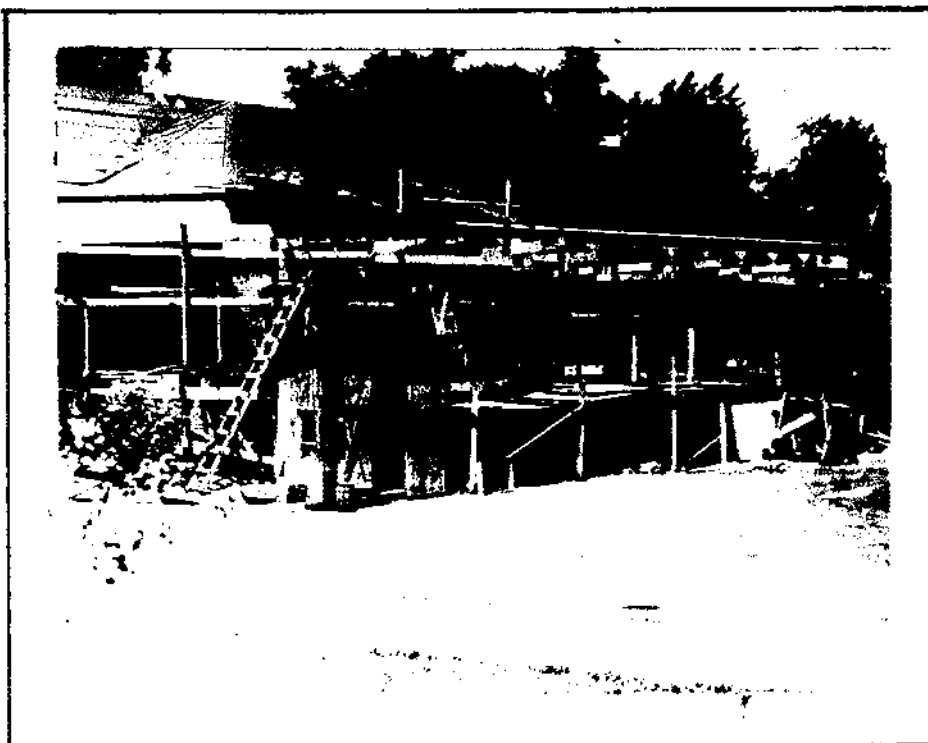
The new buildings were designed primarily to harmonize with the architecture of the Arsenal. However, the choice of materials and the character of the design was influenced considerably by the necessity of keeping the material cost at a minimum as compared with the labor cost.

The buildings are of brick with varied slate roofs and limestone trim and friezes, which have been carved in bas-relief to depict animal wild life. They are of no particular architectural style, but are perhaps a modernized version of the Victorian architecture characteristic of Central Park, simplified to the last degree. While there is no historic precedence in the architecture of menageries, these buildings are designed for the definite purpose of housing animals.



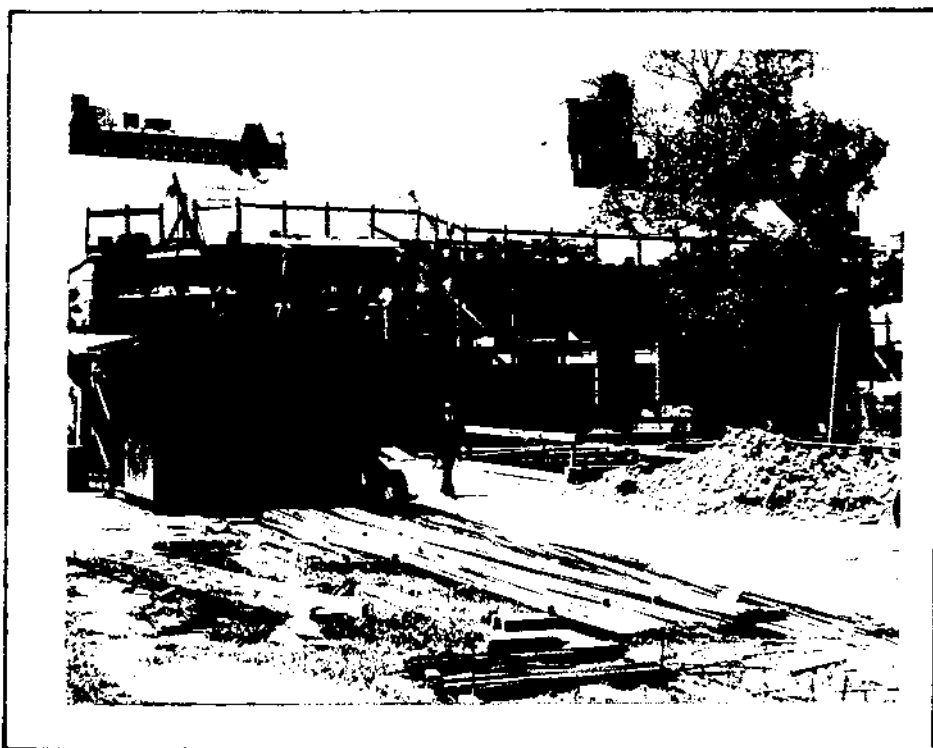


Central Park Zoo, Concession Building

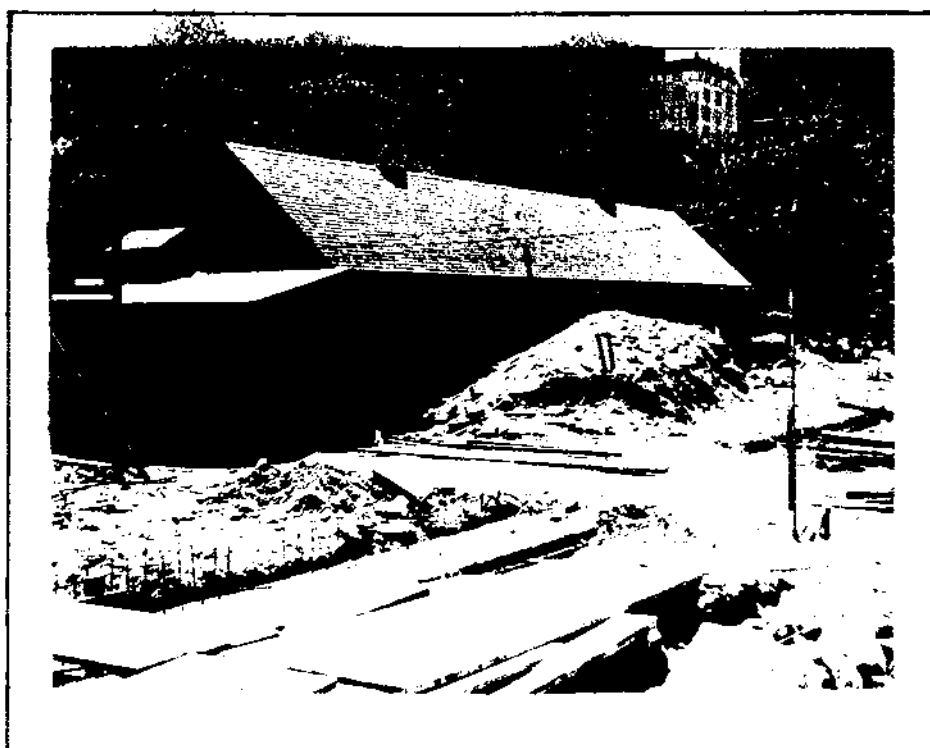


Central Park Zoo, Monkey House

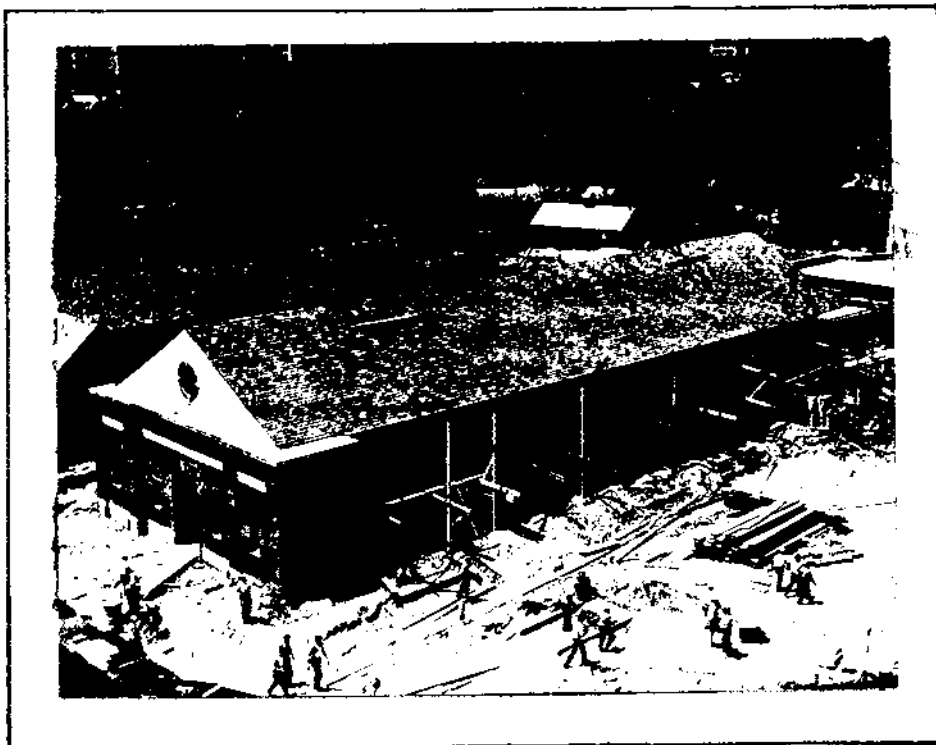




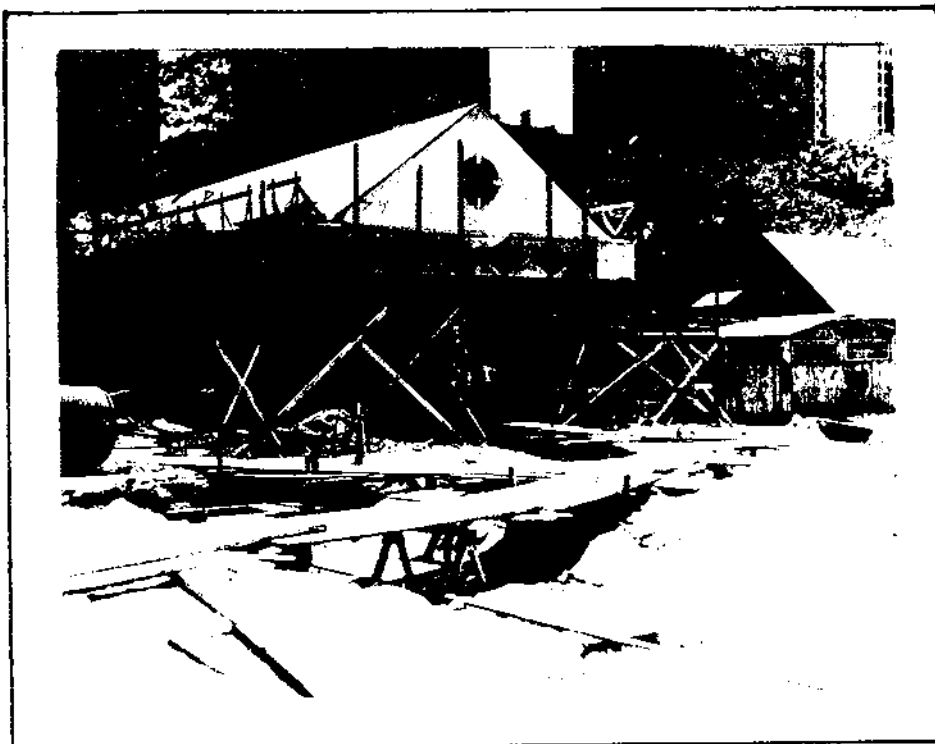
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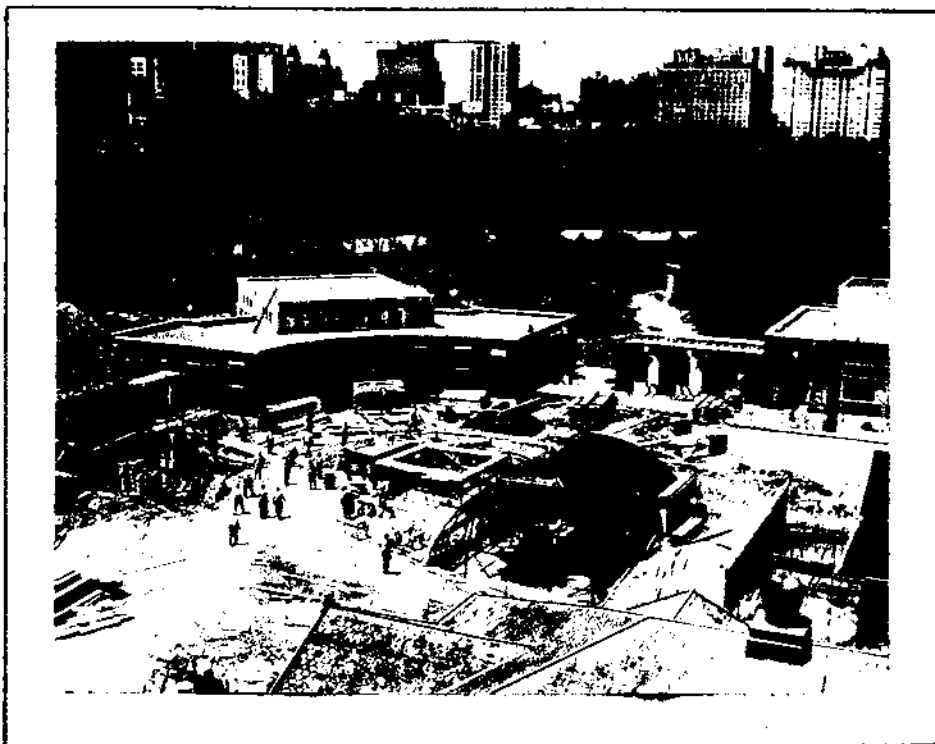
Central Park Zoo, Small Horned Animals



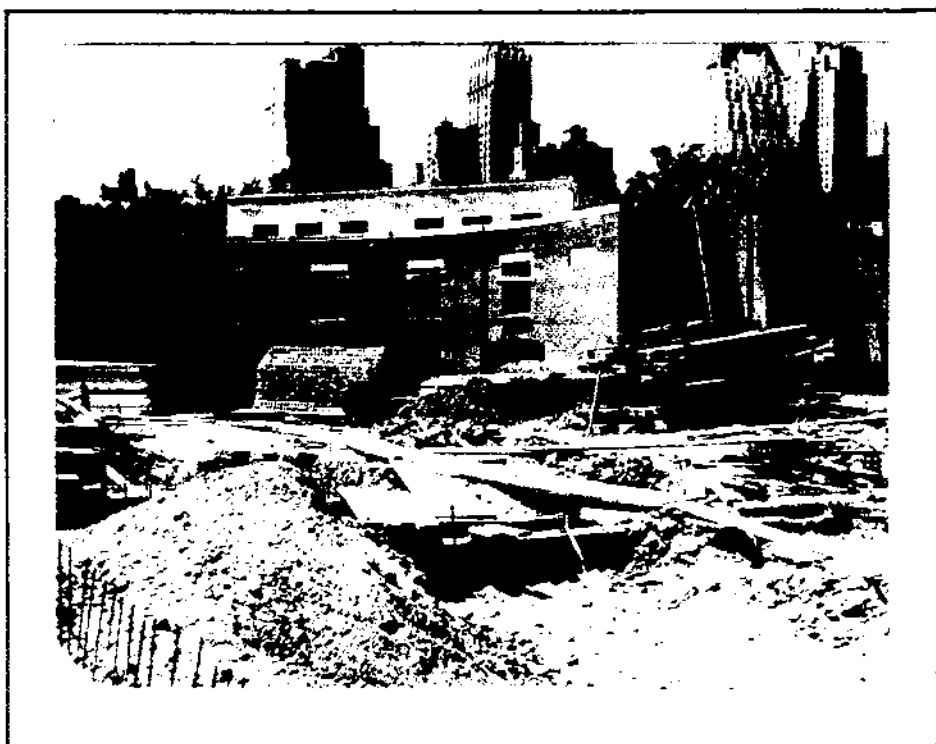
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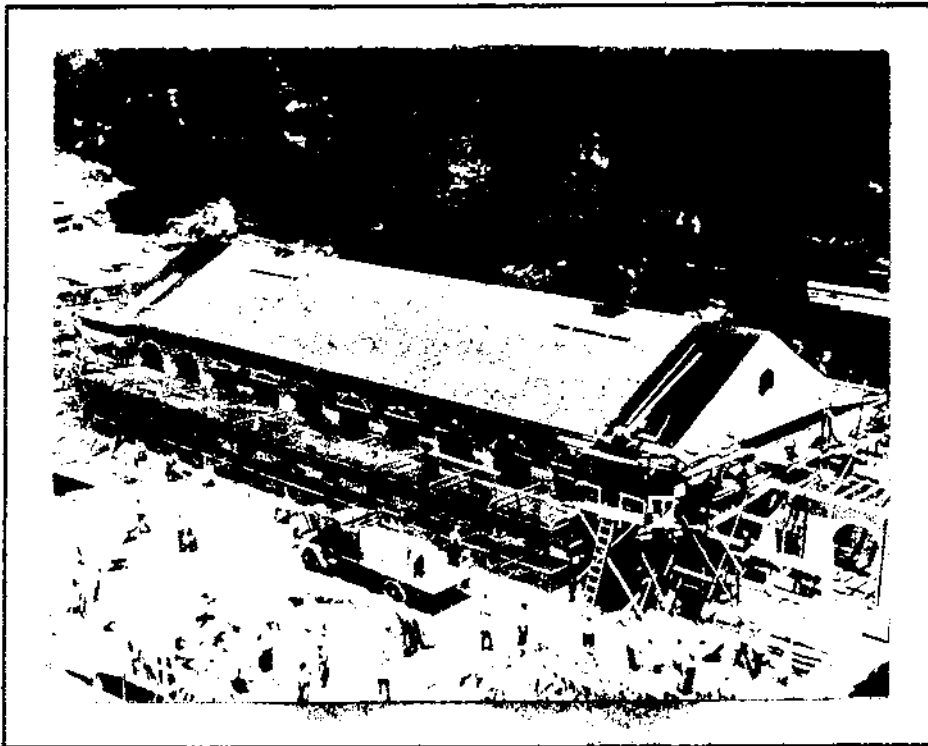


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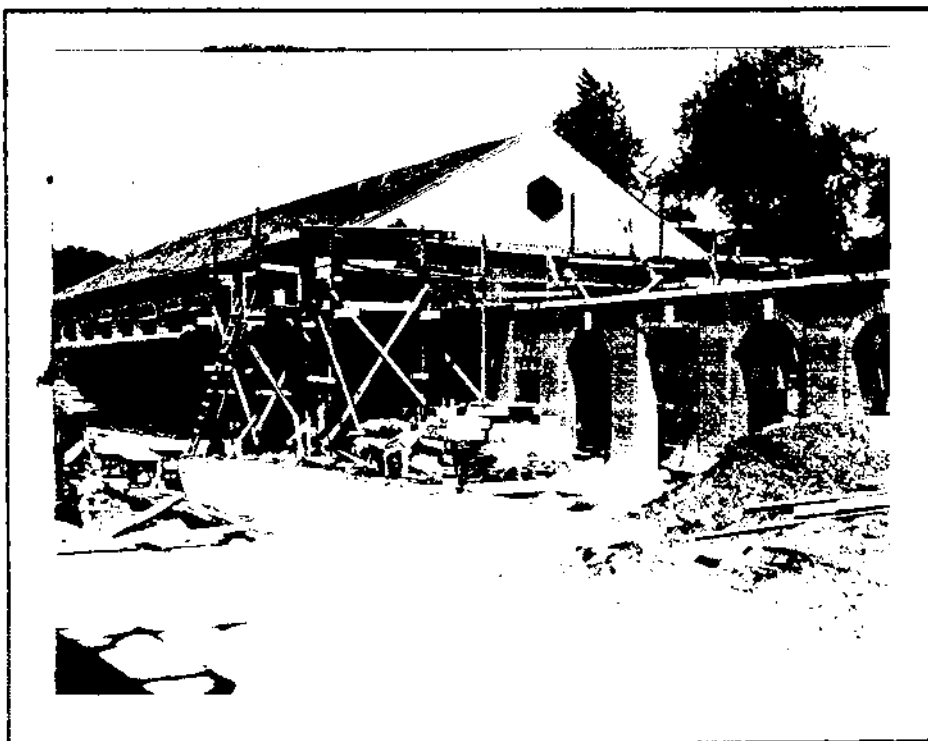


Central Park Zoo, Elephant House





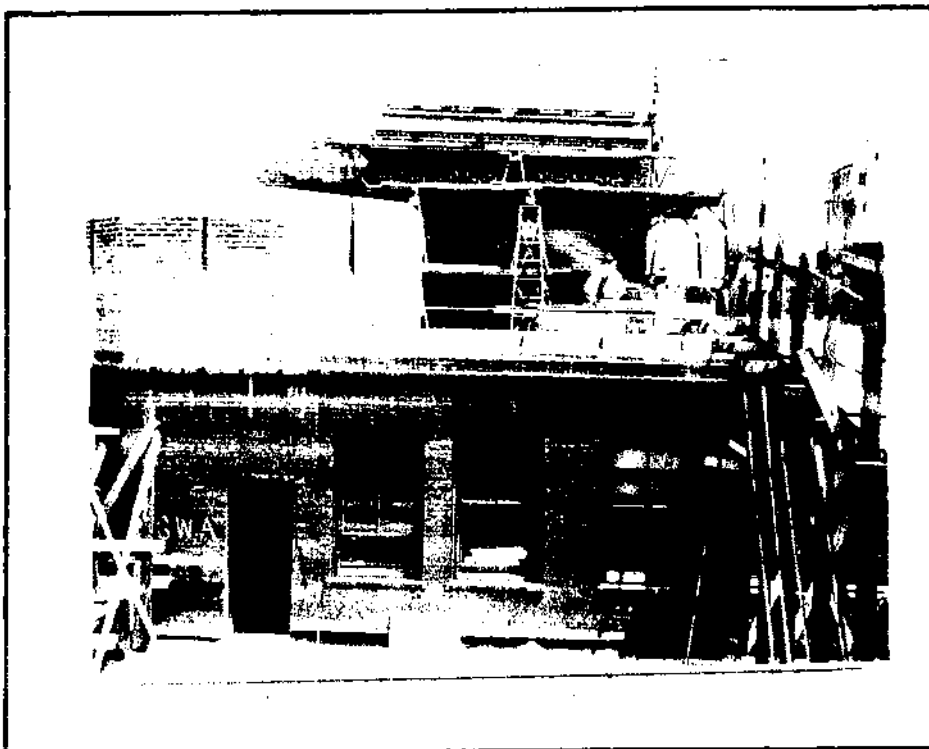
Central Park Zoo, Lion House



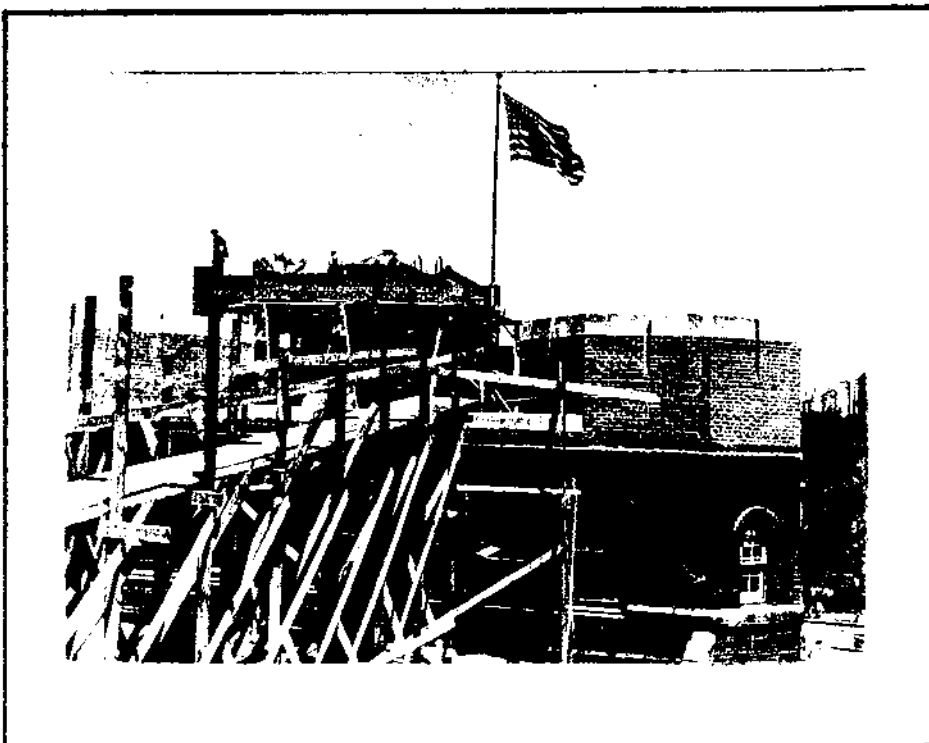
### THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

The new Zoo is laid out with the Arsenal as the main building of the new group. In the past eighty-six years this building has been altered many times. It was built originally by the State of New York for a militia headquarters. During the Civil War it was used as an Arsenal and a headquarters until the troops were ordered South. Some time later the towers were altered, various windows changed, copings of parapet walls removed, numerous interior partitions built, and the exterior walls were painted dark brown. These alterations were done by the City of New York who bought the building in 1857 for \$275,000. It was used after the Civil War by the Museum of Natural History.

When the Arsenal became part of the new Zoo group, the walls were sandblasted, and the original brick repointed. The conical roofs topping the eight towers were removed; the towers raised and concrete ramparts placed as copings. The restoration of the building to substantially its original character has brought out the naive excellence of its architecture, and as restored it is one of the handsomest public buildings in the City.



The Arsenal, Central Park



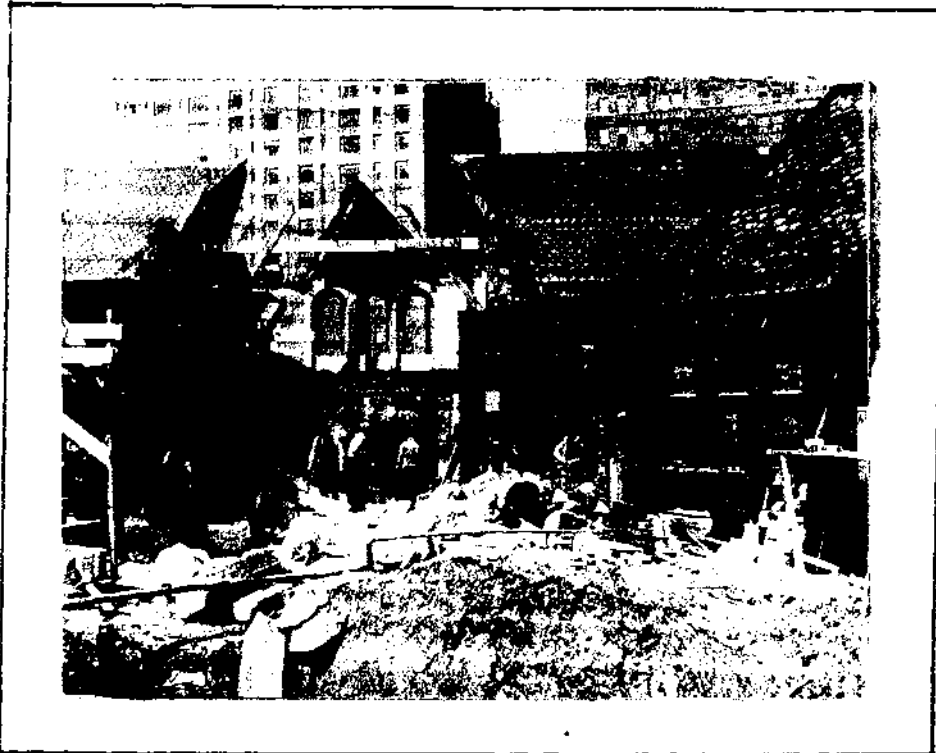
SHEEPFOLD

In 1871 the Sheepfold was erected in Central Park to house a large herd of sheep which was grazed on the Great Meadow to cut the grass. The building has been maintained for its original purpose, but gradually became dilapidated.

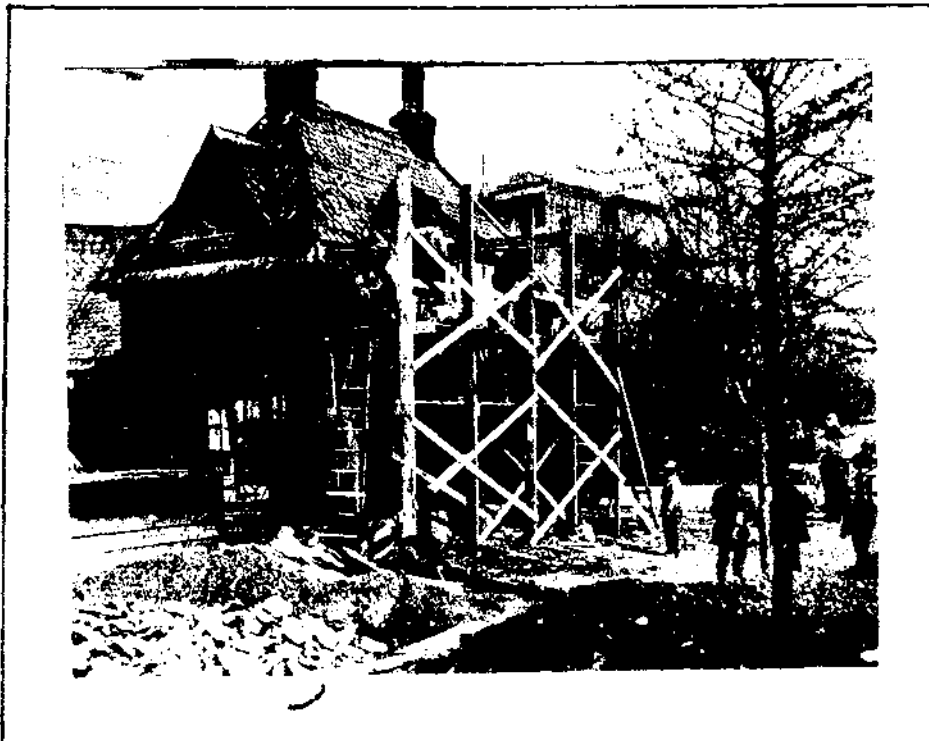
The sheep were transferred to Prospect Park early in March of this year and remodeling of the old building to convert it into a restaurant was commenced.

This new restaurant is to be called the "Tavern-on-the-Green." It will have full kitchen facilities, dining halls, lounges, interior and exterior dance floors and an open air dining space in the court surrounding the exterior dance floor. The old architectural style of the building was followed in the redesign so that it will have the atmosphere of an old English tavern. The dining halls retain the old wood trusses and the plaster walls are hand modeled, similar to English Manor houses.

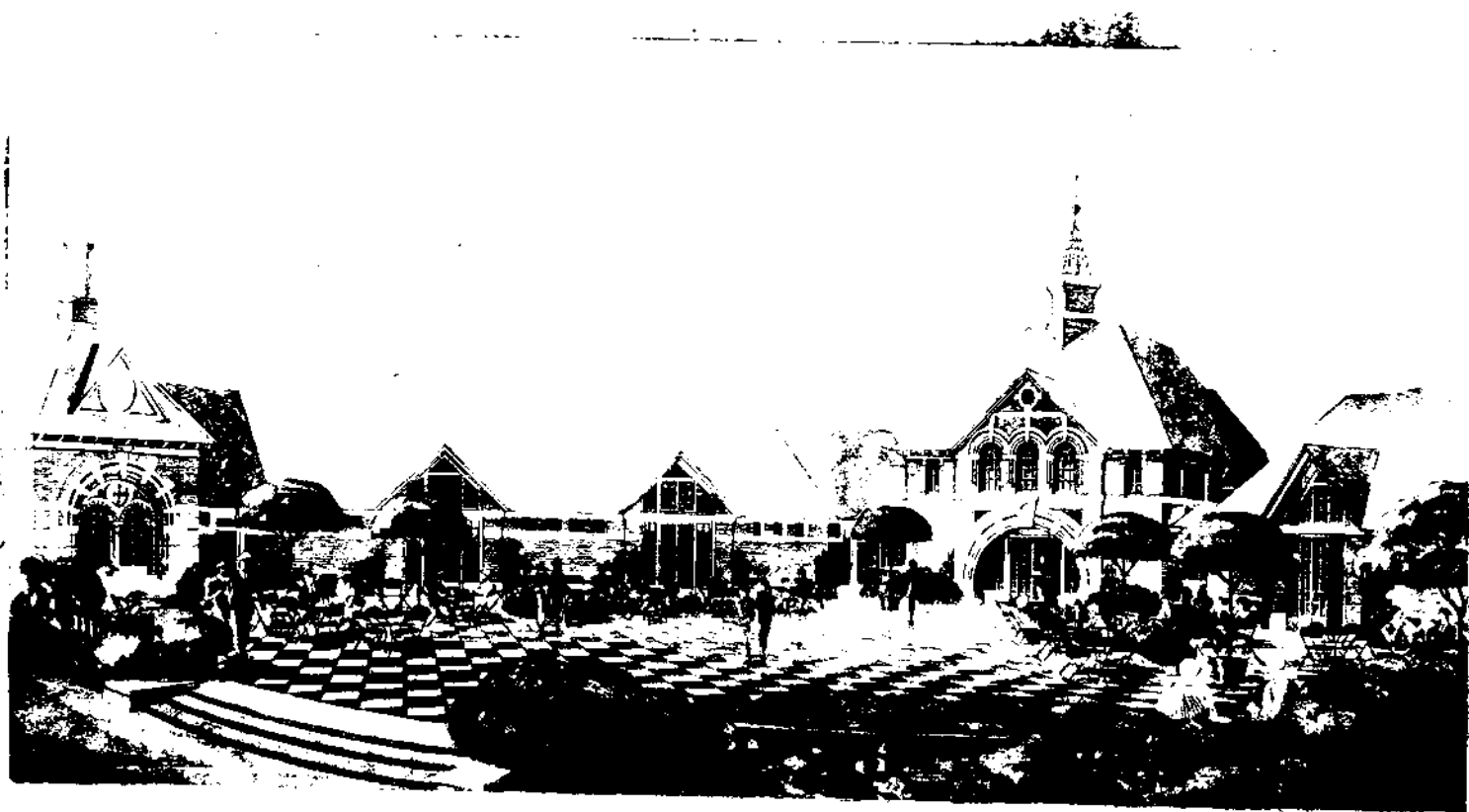
67th Street will be extended across Central Park directly into the park, where it will enter a motor court on the axis of the entrance to the tavern. One side of this court will be a large parking space. The motor court and parking space will be paved with old granite blocks obtained from the Second Avenue project of the Borough President of Manhattan.



The Sheepfold, Central Park







THE LAVERN ON THE GREEN - CENTRAL PARK  
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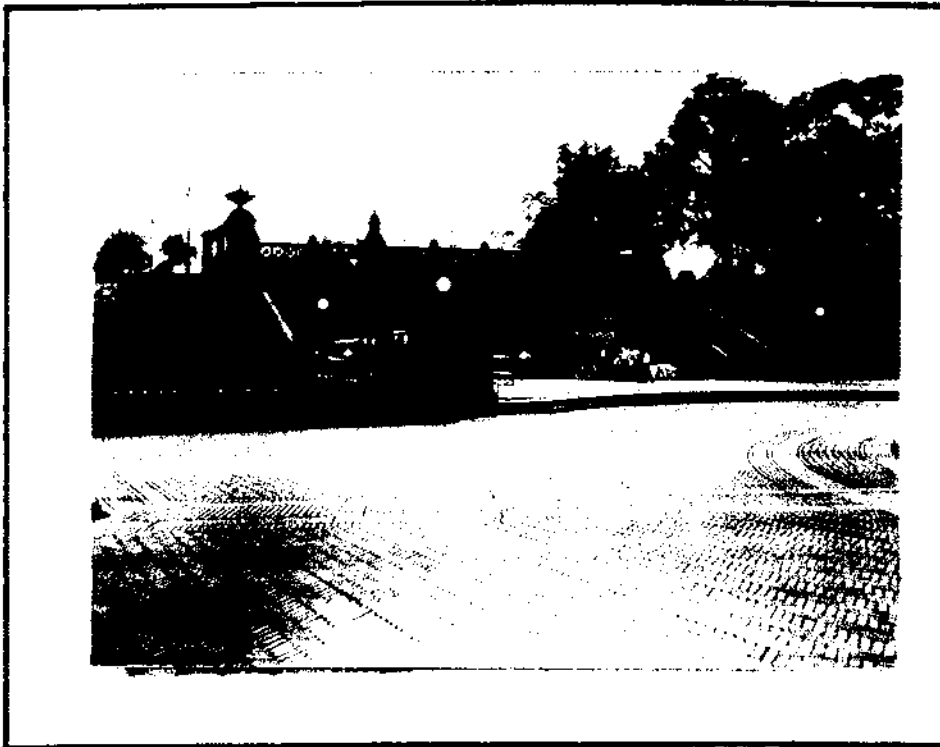


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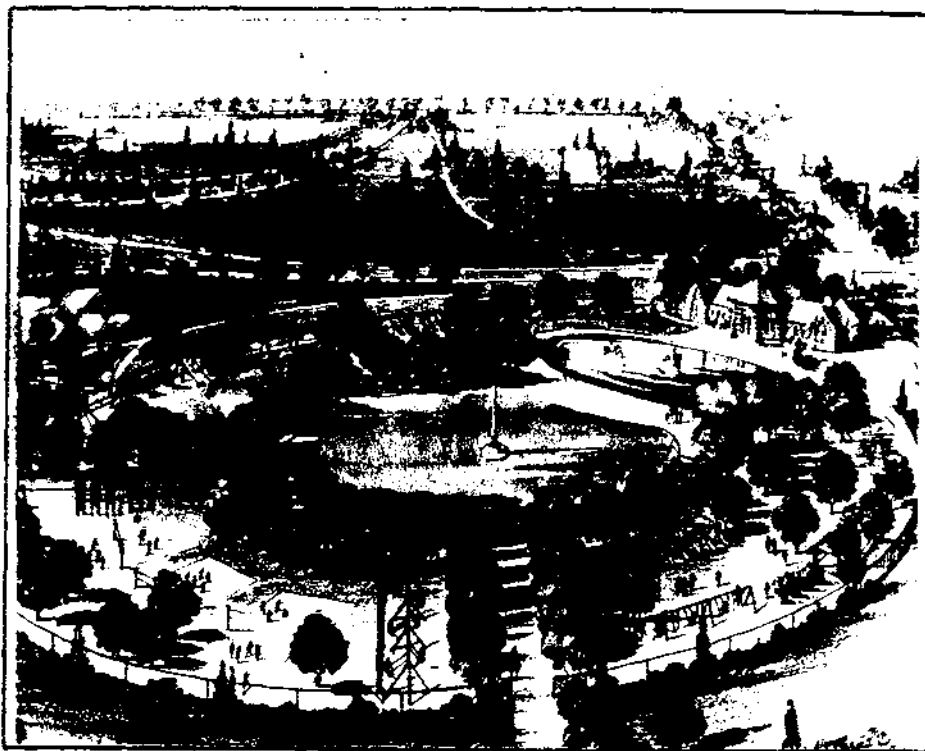
TERRACE BRIDGE

When the Park Department instituted dancing on the Mall, it was found necessary to provide an out-door restaurant for the convenience of the public. North of the Mall is the Terrace Bridge and beyond is the esplanade with the Bethesda Fountain. Below the bridge is a passageway from the Mall to the esplanade flanked on both sides by an arcade. This site was chosen as being best suited for an attractive outdoor food bar with tables.

It was necessary to remove two comfort stations which occupied the arcades to make room for the restaurants. New comfort stations are being constructed below grade to the south of the bridge nearer the Mall.



Terrace Bridge, Central Park



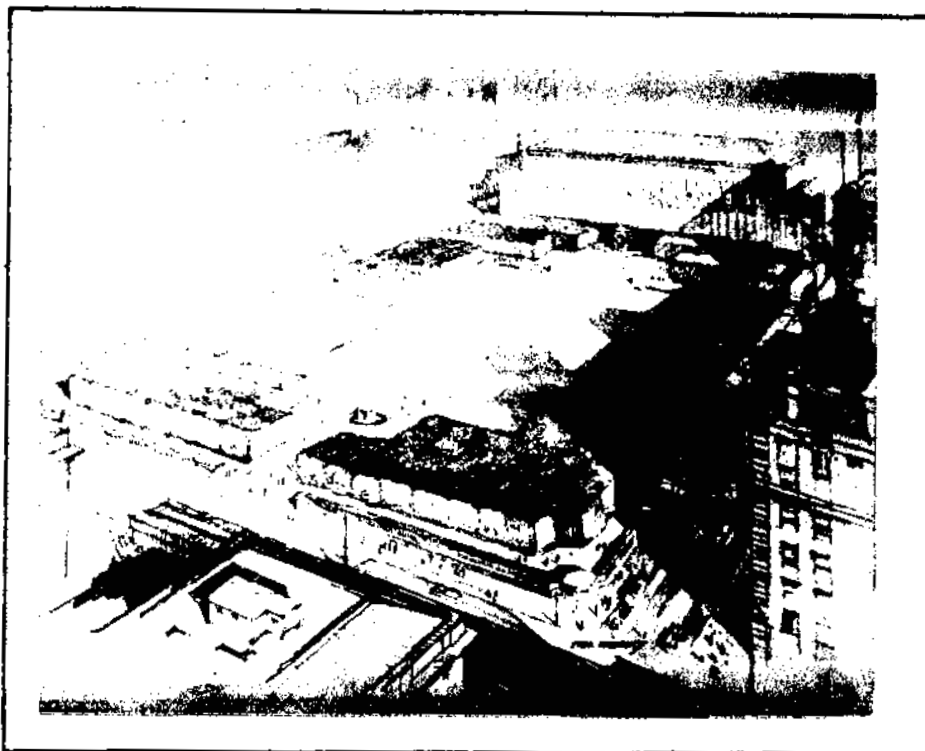
Development of Lower Reservoir Site, Central Park, New York City

### BRYANT PARK

In 1823 when the Potter's Field at Washington Square was leveled, bodies of the dead were removed to a tract of one hundred and twenty-eight building lots, part of which is the site of the present Bryant Park purchased by the city for a Potter's Field.

Since that time the park has had a varied and interesting history. In 1884 its name was changed to Bryant Park in honor of the poet, William Cullen Bryant. However, in past years this park has been an eyesore to the people of New York City. Consequently, the Department of Parks undertook the redesign of this area as one of its first construction projects. The work was commenced March 5, 1934, and has progressed steadily towards the opening date, which will be September 14.

On the following page is shown a bird's-eye view of the park as it will appear when finished.



Bird's-eye View, Bryant Park, New York City

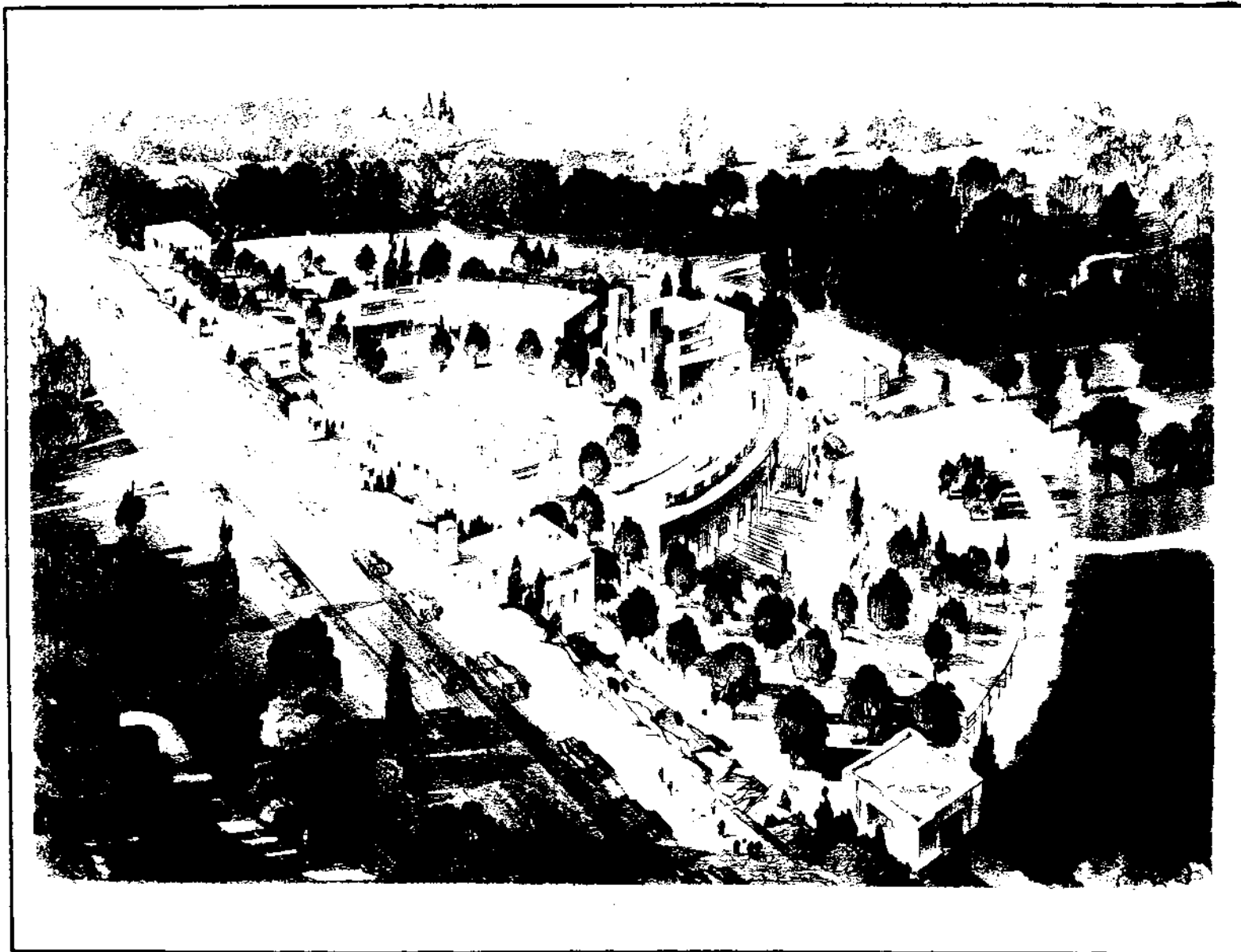
PROSPECT PARK ZOO

The buildings of the Prospect Park Zoo were in little better condition than those in Central Park. They were dilapidated, unsanitary and entirely inadequate for housing wild animals. Consequently, it was decided to construct a new zoo.

The new buildings form a semi-circular group around a grand stairway. Use of cages has been minimized by the installation of large moats around the outside of all buildings.

Upon completion of the zoo the old houses will be demolished and the area converted into a park or playground. It is expected that the job will be completed by the first of next year.



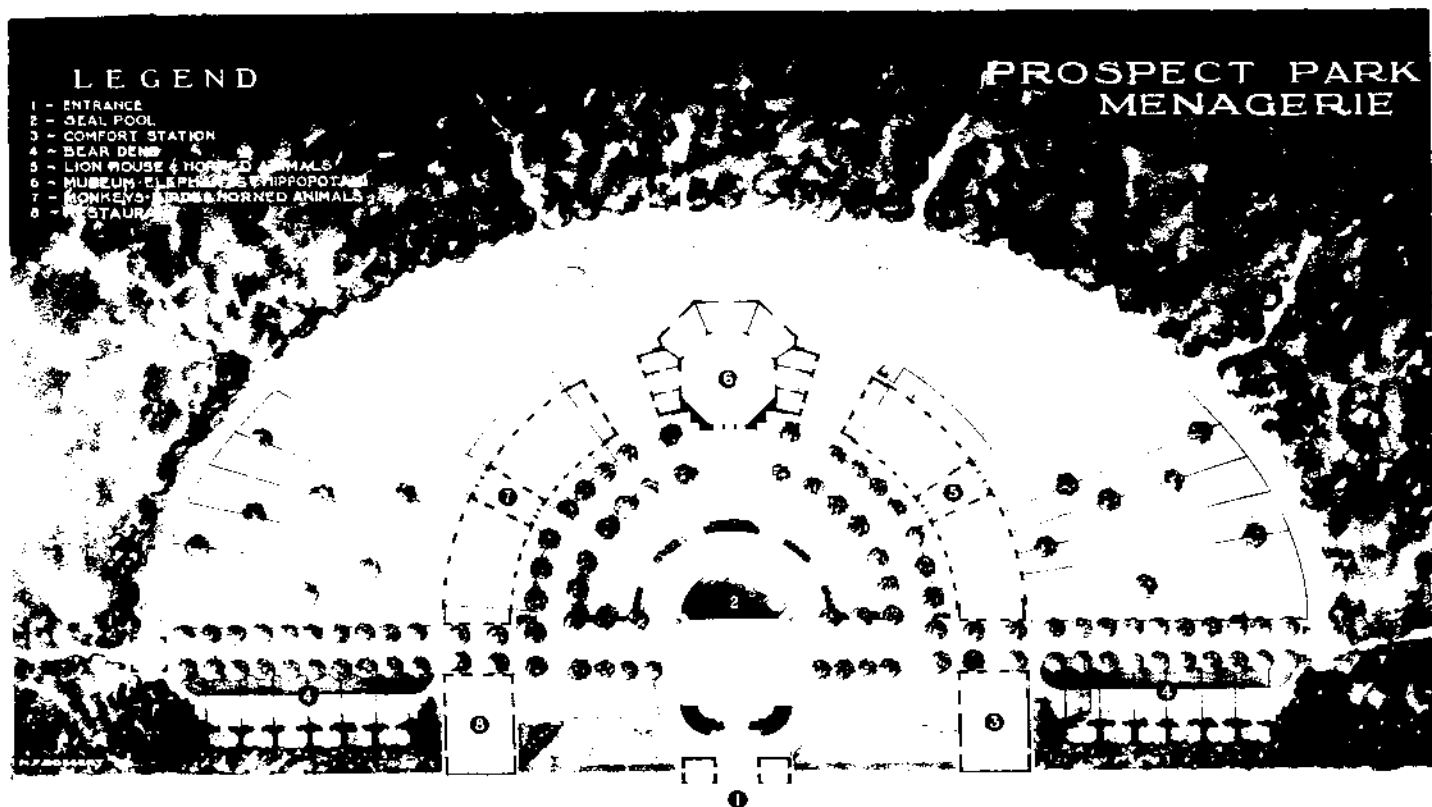


Bird's-eye View, Prospect Park Zoo, Brooklyn, New York

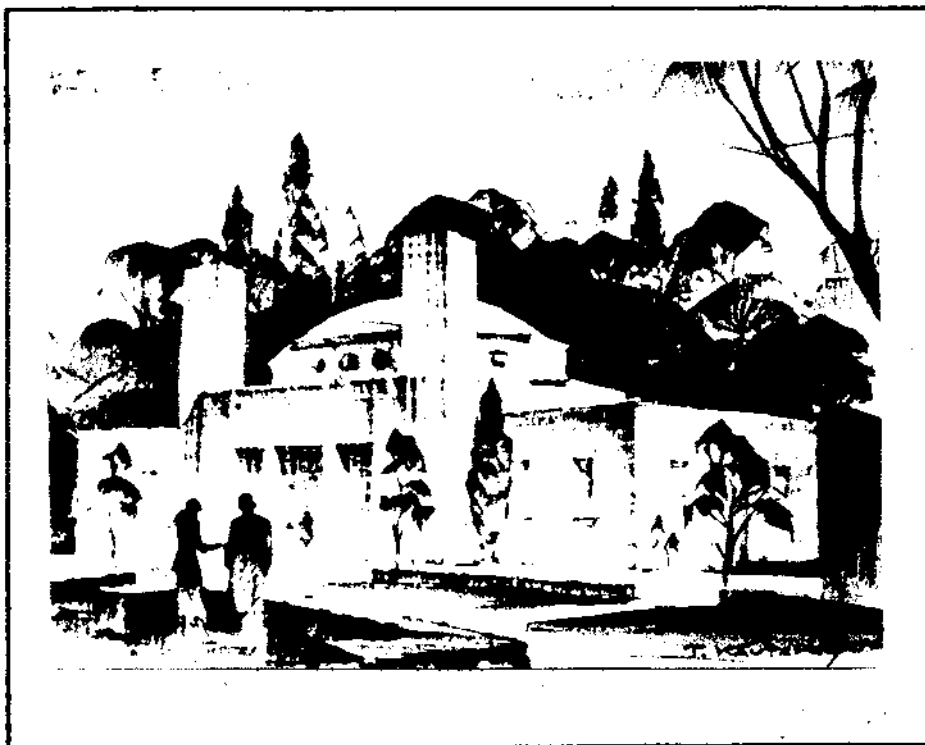
# LEGEND

- 1 - ENTRANCE
- 2 - SEAL POOL
- 3 - COMFORT STATION
- 4 - BEAR DEN
- 5 - LION HOUSE & HORNS ANIMALS
- 6 - MUSEUM, ELEPHANTS & HIPPOPOTAMUS
- 7 - MONKEYS & SMALL HORNED ANIMALS
- 8 - RESTAURANT

## PROSPECT PARK MENAGERIE



LEADERS AVENUE

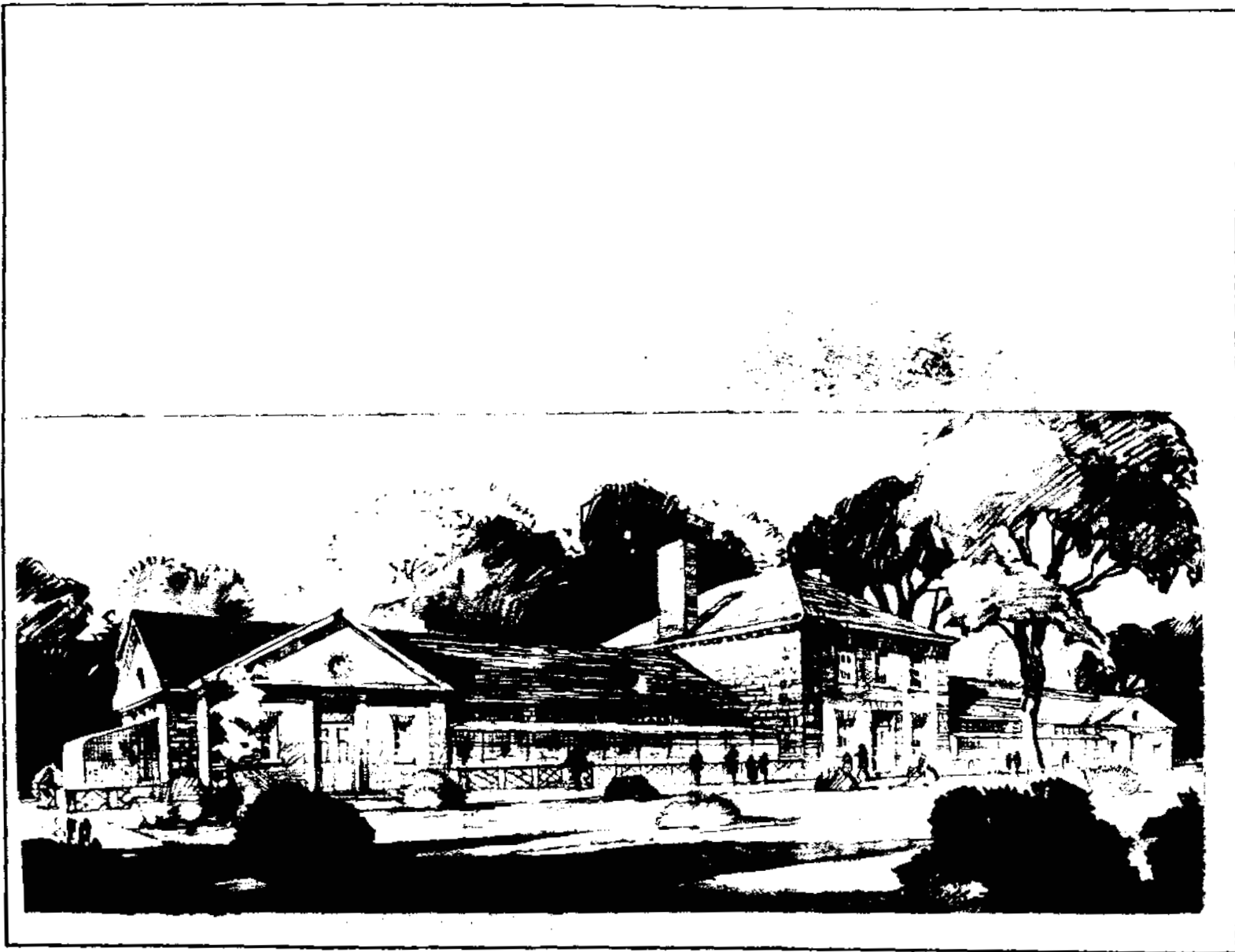


Prospect Park Zoo, Brooklyn, New York  
Elephant House and Administration Building



Prospect Park Zoo, Brooklyn, New York

Interior of Elephant House



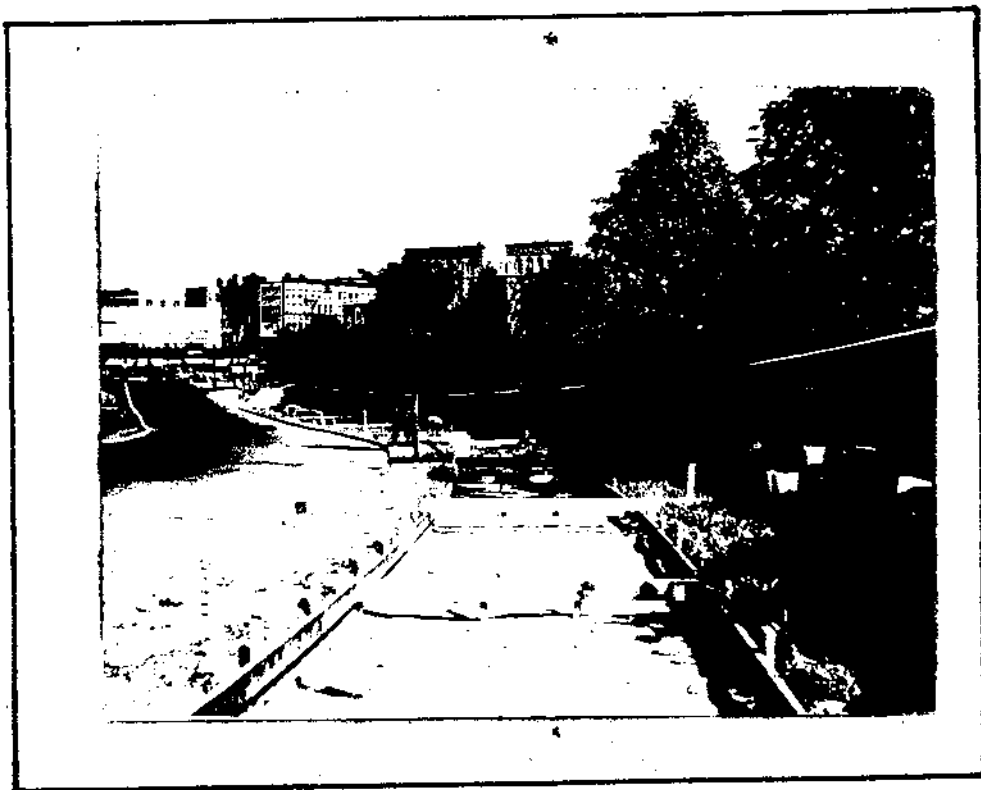
Perspective of Barrett Park Zoo, Staten Island, New York

FORT TRYON

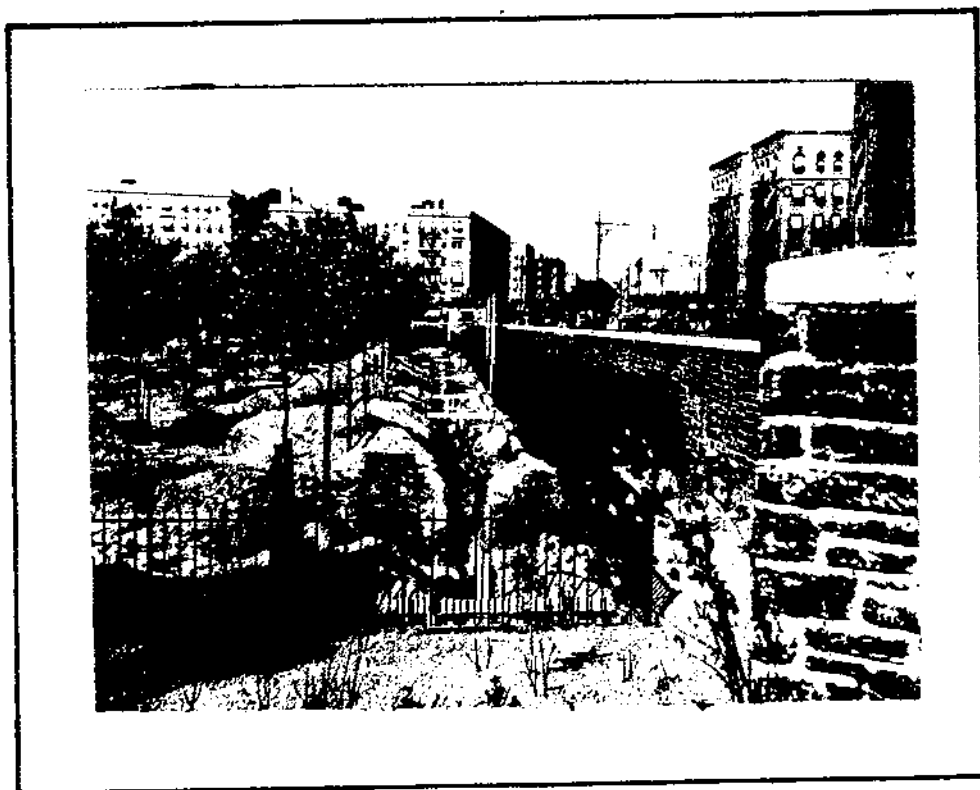
Mr. John D. Rockefeller purchased, built and donated to the City of New York, this historical park. The Fort was built by the Americans in the summer of 1776, and taken in the Fall of the same year by the Hessians. After the capture, which was witnessed by George Washington from the Palisades, the name was changed from Fort Washington to Fort Tryon.

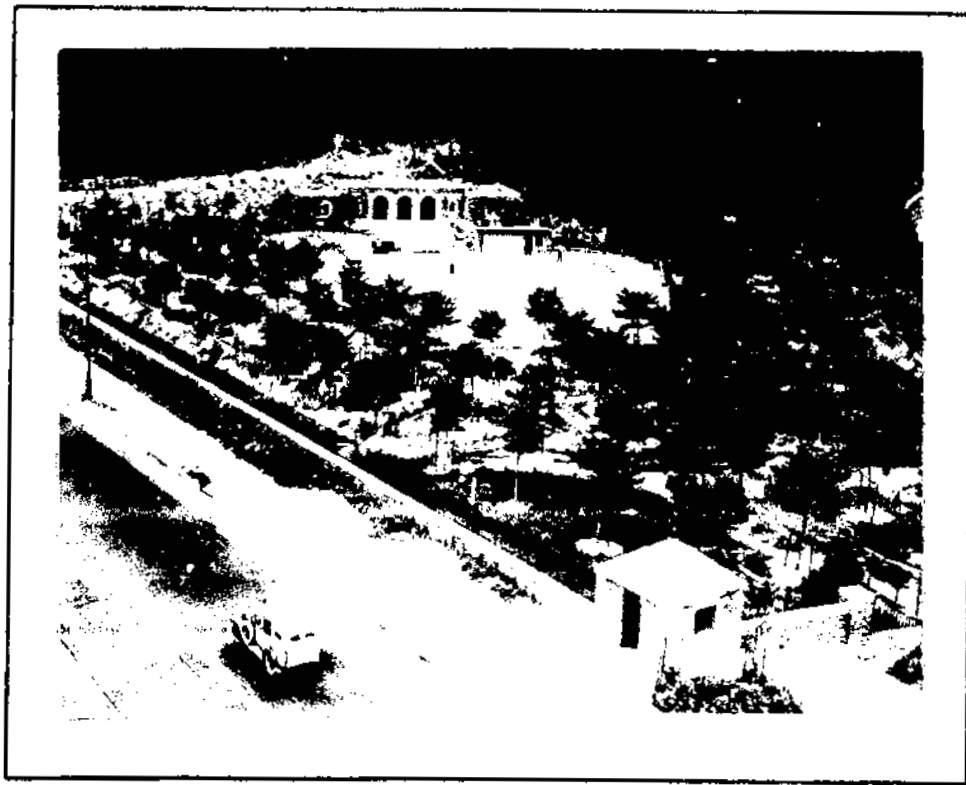
On May 25, 1934, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment passed a resolution apportioning \$150,000 for the purchase of material, and on June 10th the Park Department assumed the responsibility for the maintenance of the park.

The playground will be completed August 30th, 1934, and will be opened September 7th. The balance of the Park will be completed before the end of this year.



Fort Tryon Park, Riverside Drive and Broadway





Fort Tryon Park, Riverside Drive and Broadway, New York





Model Playground, E. Houston between Essex & Norfolk Sts., New York, Old Site P.S. 13



Gulick Playground, Sheriff, Broome & Delancey Sts., New York



Model Playground and Recreation Building, Park Ave. & Taaffe Pl., Brooklyn



Dreier Offerman Playground and Recreation Building

Cropsey Avenue and Bay 46th St., Brooklyn



Monument to Dr. Marion Sims

103rd St. & Fifth Avenue, New York City

The following is a list of projects which are to be completed by the Spring of 1935.

## I.

NEW PLAYGROUNDS

Houston & Sixth Avenue, (north plot)				Manhattan
Houston St. to Ludlow St.,				"
Sheriff, Broome & Delancey, (inc.rec.bldg.)				"
Houston & Essex,	"	"	"	"
Mulberry, Bayard, Baxter & Park Sts. (Inc.rec.bldg.)				"
(Columbus Park)				
Amsterdam Ave. & 180th St.	"	"	"	"
in Highbridge Park				
Dyckman & Payson Avenue	"	"	"	"
in Inwood Hill Park				
Pt. Washington Ave. at 174th Street	"	"	"	"
in J. Hood Wright Park				
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4th Ave. to Ft. Hamilton Parkway at 66th St.				
in Liew Erickson Park (incl. 3 rec.bldgs)				Brooklyn
Dreier Offerman Memorial Playground				
27th Avenue & Bay 46th Street	"	1	"	"
Park Avenue & Taaffe Place	"	"	"	"
Vandervoort to Cherry Streets	"	"	"	"
Stillwell Avenue & Avenue U	"	"	"	"
Fulton & Classon Avenues	"	"	"	"
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Corona Avenue & 102nd Street	(incl. rec. bldg.)			Queens
149th St. & 25th Ave. Flushing Mem.	"	"	"	"
Raymond O'Connor Playground	"	"	"	"
(32nd Ave. & Corporal Kennedy St.)				
92nd Street & 56th Avenue	"	"	"	"
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Fort #4 Playground - Sedgwick and				
Reservoir Avenue	(incl. rec. bldg.)			Bronx
City Island & Orchard Street	"	"	"	"
E. 164th Street & Teasdale Place	"	"	"	"
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Harbor Road & Richmond Terrace	(incl. rec. bldg.)			Staten Island

NEW SMALL PARKS

## II.

Houston St. & 6th Avenue (south Plot)	Manhattan
Jacobson Square	"

## III.

RESTORATION OF EXISTING PARKS

Mt. Morris Park	Manhattan
Plaza Lafayette	"
Riverside Drive, (Hex tile walks in old bridle path locations)	"
Carl Schurz Park	"
Broadway Plots	"
Botanical Gardens	Brooklyn
Fort Greene (Hexagonal tile walks)	"
Highland Park	Queens
Crocheron Park	"
Upland Park	"

## IV.

RECREATIONAL PLAYGROUNDS

Four rec'l. buildings at Chrystie-Forsyth Playgrounds	Manhattan
St. Nicholas Park Recreational Building	"
West 17th Street Playground Recreational Bldg.	"
83 Roosevelt Street " " "	"
99 Thompson Street " " "	"
Lewis & Rivington St. " " "	"
Central Park small children's Playground (at lower reservoir site)	"
Gowanus Playground (4th Avenue & 3rd St. Recreational Bldg.)	Brooklyn
East 95th Street & Avenue L " "	"
Jackson Heights Playground " "	Queens
Jewett & Castleton Avenues " "	Staten Island

## V.

SWIMMING POOLS & LOCKER ROOMS

Hamilton Fish Park	Manhattan
Highbridge Park	"
Thomas Jefferson Park	"
Crotona Park	Bronx
Sunset Park	Brooklyn
McCarren Park	"
St. Albans Swimming Pool	Queens
Astoria Park	"
Richmond Swimming Pool	Staten Island

## VI.

HISTORICAL MANSIONS RESTORED

Gracie Mansion	Manhattan
Jumel Mansion	"
Smith Mansion	Brooklyn

VII.

GOLF CLUB HOUSE

Pelham Bay Golf Club House

Bronx

HIGHWAYSVIII. Traffic Relief Road, Pelham Bay Park  
(Two Miles)

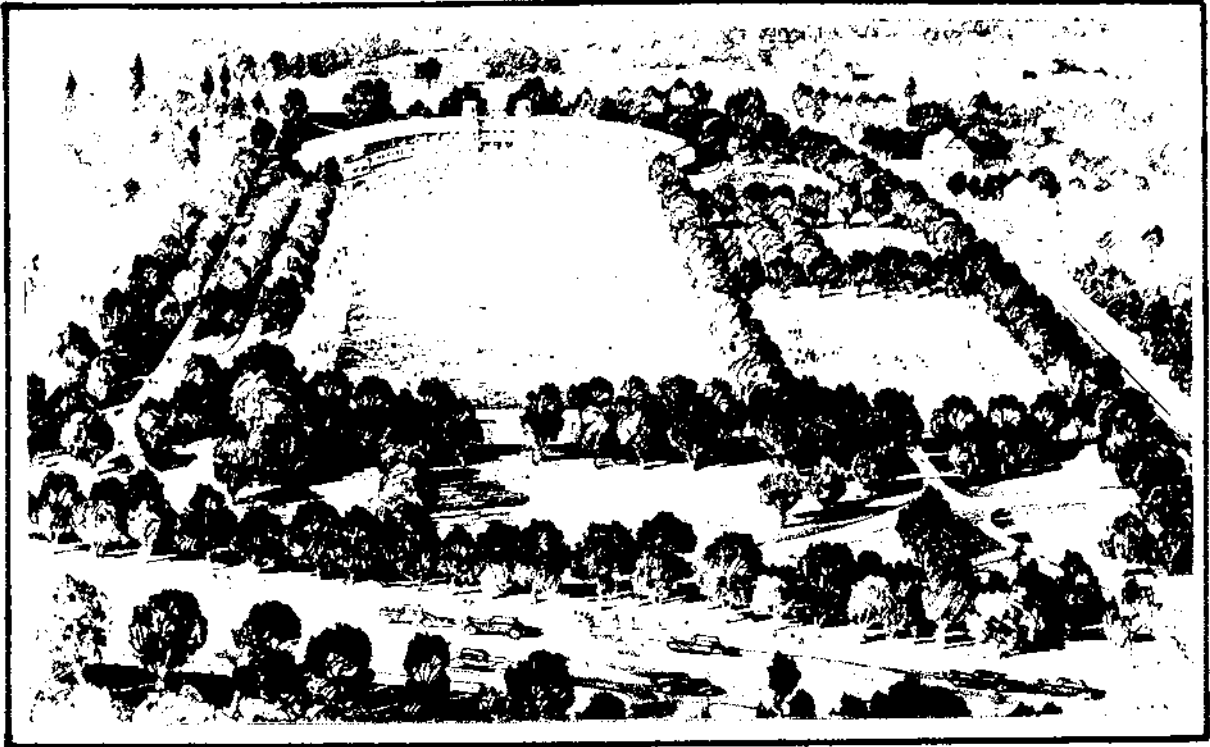
Bronx

IX.

MISCELLANEOUSWelfare Island Ferry Slip & Service House  
Barrett Zoo  
Clove Lake Park & Boat House  
Lincoln TerraceManhattan  
Staten Island  
" "  
Brooklyn

X.

STATUE BASESDr. Sim's Statue, 103rd Street & Fifth Avenue  
Columbus Statue, Baxter & Pearl StreetsManhattan  
"



Proposed Swimming Pool, St. Albans Park  
To Be Completed In 1935



Proposed Swimming Pool, Hamilton Fish Park  
To Be Completed In 1935



PROJECTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

NOW BEING DEVELOPED

PARKWAYS IN QUEENS COUNTY:

Grand Central Parkway Extension

This Parkway is now being constructed by the State Department of Public Works, with State and Federal funds, from the westerly end of Grand Central Parkway at Kew Gardens to the Queens end of the Tri-Borough Bridge. The total cost of this development will be approximately \$6,370,000.

There are two features of special interest which will be developed in connection with this Parkway. One, is a Yacht Harbor on the west shore of Flushing Bay just south of the North Beach Airport. This Yacht Harbor will be readily accessible from the Parkway and complete facilities for yachtsmen will be provided. The other feature of interest, is the Flushing Meadow Park development. The whole Flushing Meadows area which has formerly been used only as an ash-dump will be developed into a major outdoor recreation area.

This Parkway will furnish direct access from the Tri-Borough Bridge and westerly section of Queens by way of Grand Central Parkway and the Northern State Parkway to points on Long Island.

Interborough Parkway

The Interborough Parkway connects the junction of the Grand Central Parkway Extension and the Grand Central Parkway at Kew Gardens with Bushwick Avenue a short distance from the end of Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. The construction of this Parkway was started in the cemetery section several years ago, but was abandoned before it was sufficiently completed to be usable. This incompleeted section has been included in the final development of this Parkway.

The Interborough Parkway skirts the northerly edge of Forest Park where golf and other recreational facilities are available. It is intended that this Parkway will be further extended into Brooklyn to connect directly with Eastern Parkway. The cost of the construction from Kew Gardens to Bushwick Avenue is \$4,650,000. Funds are being supplied by the State and Federal Governments; construction is being performed by the State Department of Public Works. This Parkway will furnish direct and convenient access for motorists from Brooklyn by way of the Grand Central Parkway and Northern State Parkway to points on L.I.

#### Laurelton Parkway

This Parkway will connect the present westerly terminus of the Southern State Parkway in Nassau County with the existing Sunrise Highway at Laurelton in Queens County. Its cost of \$2,650,000 is being covered with State and federal funds and it is being constructed by the State Department of Public Works.

#### Sunrise Parkway

The construction of the Sunrise Parkway consists of the entire reconstruction of the existing Sunrise Highway from Linden Blvd. to connect with the Laurelton Parkway at Laurelton. This Parkway will consist of two central pavements which will be limited to the use of pleasure vehicles and two marginal streets which will carry local and commercial traffic. Grade separation bridges will carry all the cross streets over the central parkway pavements. This Parkway, with its connection by way of the Laurelton Parkway to the Southern State Parkway, will furnish easy access for motorists from the southerly section of Brooklyn to all points on the south shore of L.I. The estimated cost of this project is \$6,000,000.

This group of parkways in Queens County gives direct connections to existing park and parkway developments on L.I.

The City of New York furnished the funds for the acquisition of the land necessary for each of these developments. The construction in every case has been, or is being financed with funds from the State and Federal Governments. Plans are prepared by the State Department of Public Works subject to the approval of the L.I. State Park Commission and the City Department of Parks.

#### WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT, MANHATTAN

The Department of Parks will supervise the design and construction of the extension of the so-called express highway thru Riverside Park. This highway will extend from 72nd Street, parallel to the Hudson River and connect with the new Henry Hudson Parkway at Inwood Hill Park. The first section, now ready for contract, will extend from 72nd Street to 82nd Street and will be built at an estimated cost of \$3,500,000. This will be completed in the winter of 1935. Funds for this project come from three sources: New York City, and the New York Central Railroad.

#### SHORE PARKWAY EXTENSION, BROOKLYN

The Shore Parkway Extension will run from the southerly terminus of Shore Road along the edge of the Fort Hamilton Reservation through Dyker Beach Park to Cropsey Avenue, a distance of approximately one mile.

The Federal Government has already made available \$300,000 for this development. This money will be used during the coming winter for the placing of hydraulic fill and the construction of a sea-wall around the shore front of

Fort Hamilton. This project will be constructed by the State Department of Public Works, subject to the approval of the City Department of Parks.

Eventually it is intended to extend the Shore Parkway to the South and East to Marine Park, thence northerly and easterly to connect with the Sunrise Parkway. This development when completed will furnish a circumferential parkway around the southerly half of Brooklyn and will provide direct access to Marine Park, Jacob Riis Park and to the parkway developments on the south shore of L.I.

#### HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY, BRONX

The Henry Hudson Parkway will start from the northerly end of Riverside Drive. It will skirt the west side of Inwood Hill Park, cross the Harlem River at Spuyten Duyvil and follow along the route of Spuyten Duyvil Parkway to Riverdale Avenue, where it will continue as the Saw Mill River Parkway Extension. This development will be approximately two miles long and will accommodate six-lanes of pleasure car traffic on a central divided pavement. Commercial and local traffic will be carried through the Riverdale section on service roads along each side of the central parkway development.

The Parkway will be carried over Dyckman Street on a viaduct and over the Harlem River Ship Canal by a high level arch bridge. There will be no crossings at grade throughout the entire route and all cross streets will be carried either over or under the central parkway pavement. Access from adjacent public streets will be provided at convenient locations.

This development will be financed entirely by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority which was created by the State Legislature by Chapter 138 of the Laws of 1934. This Authority will issue bonds which will be amortized by revenue secured through the collection of a small toll, which will be charged

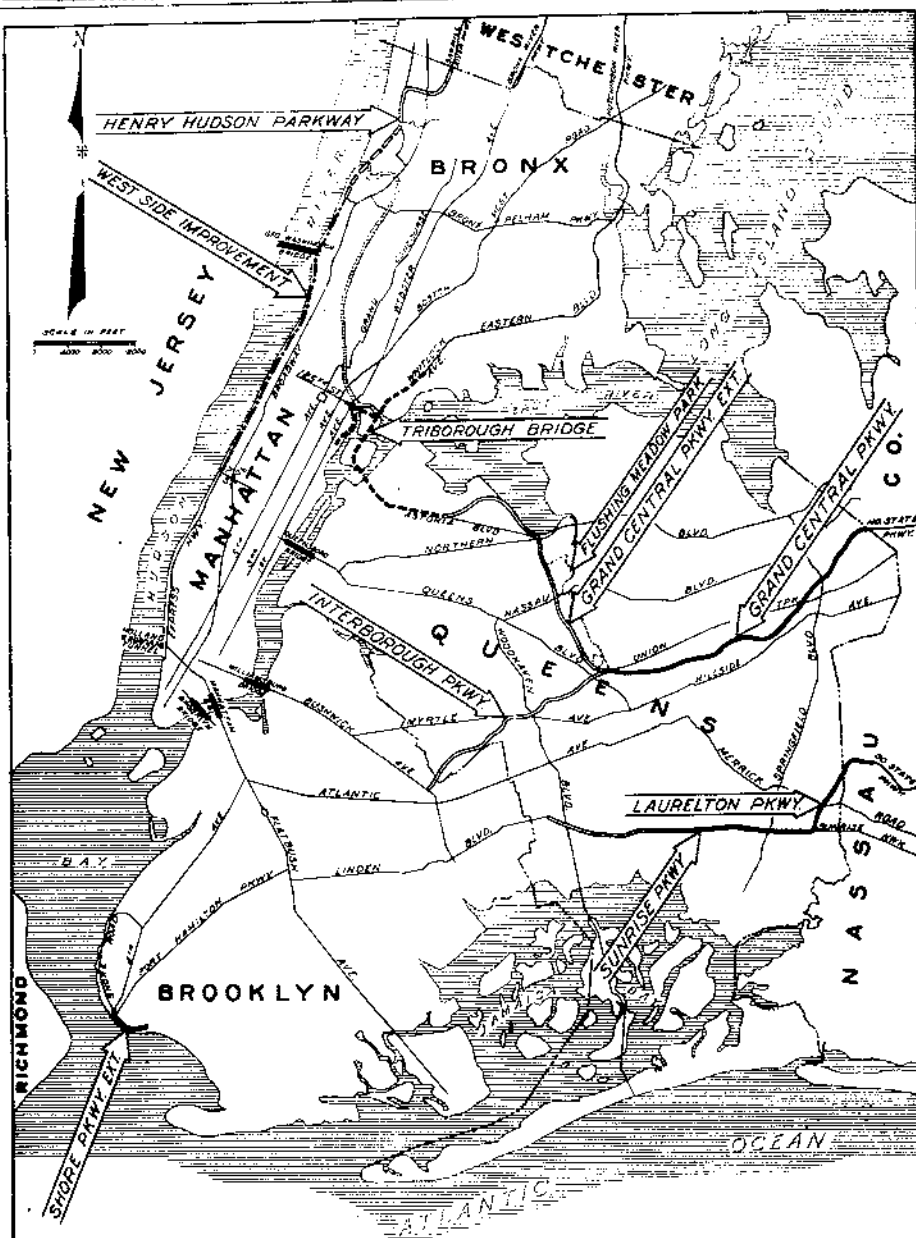
for crossing the bridge over the Harlem River Ship Canal. This entire development will be designed and constructed by the Authority in conjunction with the City Park Department.

SAW MILL RIVER PARKWAY EXTENSION, BRONX

The Saw Mill River Parkway extension will run from the present terminus of the Saw Mill River Parkway southerly and westerly through Van Cortlandt Park and across Broadway to connect with the Henry Hudson Parkway on Riverdale Avenue.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment recently passed resolutions committing the City to acquire the necessary right-of-way for this development from Broadway to Riverdale Avenue at a cost of \$605,000. The construction will be done by the State Department of Public Works with State and Federal funds according to plans approved by the City Park Department.

These two parkway developments will furnish an easy and convenient route for traffic from Riverdale, Westchester County and points north to Manhattan. The present congested section on Broadway, north of Dyckman Street and the narrow bridge over the Harlem River Ship Canal will be by-passed completely. Ultimately, there will also be a further connection from the Saw Mill River Parkway Extension in Van Cortlandt Park to the northerly end of the Grand Concourse. These two sections of parkway form a most necessary and important link in the City traffic system, and will relieve a great deal of the present traffic congestion in the northerly section of Manhattan and the Bronx.



### LEGEND

- UNDER CONST. BY STATE WITH FEDERAL AID.
- TO BE CONST. BY HENRY HUDSON PKWY. AUTHORITY.
- UNDER CONST. BY TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AUTHORITY.
- COMPLETED CONST. BY STATE WITH FEDERAL AID.

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# INTRODUCTION

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This summary report proposes to give a brief history of the progress made by the Park Department in the development of Parks, Playgrounds, and other Recreational Centers, from the week ending July 11th, 1934, to August 15th, 1934.

From the proposed stage, each development is shown, by percentages through all the phases of work, namely; Topography, Design and Construction.

Included, is a report from the Specification Department showing the status of all specifications for items of work on the projects; a report from the Requisition and Purchase Department; data by The Right of Way Division, showing Real Estate Acquisition, Zoning, and percentages of completion of the Legal History of Parks and Parkways; the status of Concessions, and the income of the Park Department from various sources for the Month of July 1934.



MONTH ENDING AUGUST 15th, 1934.

## SUMMARY OF DESIGN

	<u>NO</u>
PLAYGROUNDS-----completed-----	8
PLAYGROUNDS-----being designed-----	39
PLAYGROUNDS-----to be designed-----	11
IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS-----completed-----	11
IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS-----being designed-----	44

MONTH ENDING AUGUST 15th, 1934

## DESIGN

PLAYGROUND AND LOCATION	BORO	PERCENTAGE OF WORK COMPLETED ON DESIGN FOR WEEKS ENDING:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
141st St. & Brooke Ave.	Bx.	98	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION			
Highbridge Pk.-Edgecombe Ave. & W. 165th St.	M.	98	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION			
Vandervoort Ave. & Cherry St.	B.	96	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION			
Unnamed #11 - Blake & Euclid Ave.	B.	70	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION			
Corlear's Hook - Corlear & Water St.	M.	--	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION			
Cherry - Monroe - Gouveneur Sts.	M.	80	90	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION		
Columbus Park - Mulberry & Baxter Sts.	M.	68	74	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION		
Snediker & Riverdale Aves.	B.	92	95	96	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION	
Utrecht Ave. & 71st St.	B.	95	96	97	98	99	99
Bedford Ave. & Ave. X	B.	75	82	88	92	96	99
Stillwell Ave. & Ave. U	B.	65	72	85	89	93	99
180th St. & Amsterdam Ave.	M.	45	50	56	68	74	74
Cooper Park - Maspeth & Morgan Aves.	B.	45	43	53	55	57	58
J. Hood Wright - Ft. Washington Ave. & W. 173rd St.	M.	25	30	35	33	40	42
City Island Ave. & Orchard St.	Bx.	--	--	--	--	--	40
Central Park (No. of Gt. Lawn 86th St.)	M.	10	10	18	28	33	36
Central Park (No. Meadow - 97th St.)	M.	22	22	22	22	30	33
Downing & Carmine Sts. near 6th Ave.	M.	--	--	--	20	28	34
E. 164th St. & Teasdale Place	Bx.	8	12	15	20	25	34
W. 10th St. bet. Ave. Y & Ave. W	B.	12	14	20	23	28	30
E. Houston - Ludlow & 1st St.	M.	--	--	5	8	10	30
West Side of Harbor Rd.-South of Richmond Terrace	R.	--	--	--	--	--	30
Raymond O'Connor-32nd Ave. & Corporal Kennedy St.	Q.	10	13	18	20	22	26
Jackson Pond - Myrtle Ave. & 108th St.	Q.	--	--	--	--	10	25
Tompkins Square - E. 7th St. & Ave. A	M.	22	22	22	22	22	22
Ocean Parkway & Avenue P	B.	5	8	10	13	18	21
Gouveneur Slip - Front & South Sts.	M.	--	--	--	--	--	20
Fort Schuyler - Throggs Neck	Bx.	4	8	10	12	15	18

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# DESIGN

PLAYGROUND AND LOCATION	BORO	PERCENTAGE OF WORK COMPLETED ON DESIGN FOR WEEKS ENDING:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/18	8/15
E. Houston, Mott, Elizabeth & Bowery	M.	2	4	10	12	15	18
Aberdeen & Furman Sts. near Bushwick Ave.	B.	2	2	7	10	11	15
Newton - 92nd St. & 56th Ave.	Q.	-	-	-	8	10	15
E. Broadway - Rutgers & Henry Sts.	M.	-	-	-	2	8	15
Delancey, Essex & Rivington Sts.	M.	-	-	-	2	8	15
East Side of 6th Ave., South of Houston St.	M.	-	-	-	-	10	15
Reservoir Ave. - Strong St. & University Ave.	Bx.	-	-	-	-	-	15
3rd Avenue & Schermerhor St.	B.	-	-	-	-	-	15
Prospect Ave. near Greenwood Ave.	B.	2	2	8	10	10	14
Cauldwell Ave. & 161st St.	Bx.	-	-	2	3	8	11
Dyckman St. & Payson Ave.	M.	2	4	9	9	10	10
6th Ave.-bet. W. 3rd & W. 4th Sts.	M.	-	-	-	-	4	10
6th Ave.-W. Houston & McDougal Sts.	M.	-	-	-	-	2	10
6th Ave.-W. 3rd St. & Minetta Lane	M.	-	-	-	-	-	6
6th Ave.-South of Minetta Lane	M.	-	-	-	-	-	6
Red Hook--Ft. of Henry St. & Erie Basin	B.	4	4	8	8	8	8
146th St.-bet. Walton & Mott Aves.	Bx.	-	-	-	-	-	8
Sullivan, West Houston & McDougal Sts.	M.	-	-	-	-	-	2

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## DESIGN

PARK AND LOCATION	BORO	PERCENTAGE OF WORK COMPLETED ON DESIGN FOR WEEKS ENDING:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
Riis Park-West end Rockaway Penn. (Footbridge)	Q	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION				
La Tourette Park & Golf Course	R	100	"	"			
Central Pk.-72nd St. Transverse-Terrace Bridge	M	100	"	"			
Owls Head-66th St. & Colonial Road	B	100	"	"			
Broadway Plots-60th to 122nd St.	M	100	"	"			
Lief Erickson-66th St. & 4th Ave.	B	100	"	"			
Crocheron Pk.-Crocheron & 33rd Aves.	Q	98	100	SEE CONSTRUCTION			
Chisholm Pk.-Poppenhausen Ave. & College Pl.	Q	96	100	"	"		
Clearview Golf - Willotts Pt. Bond, Little Bat Ave.	Q	90	94	96	97	100	SEE CONST.
Carl Schurz Pk.-East River & E. 34th St.	M	58	63	63	63	100	" "
Bronx Pk. Zoo-(Comfort Station)	Bx	85	83	92	95	96	100
West Side Improvement Model-69th to 36th St.	M	10	50	75	90	95	98
Central Park-85th St. Transverse	M	80	85	90	90	90	95
Polham Bay Pk.-Hunter Mansion(Hunter Island)	Bx	90	90	90	93	94	94
Roger Morris Pk. Edgcombe Ave. & 160th St.	M	-	-	-	-	93	94
Battery Pk.-Ft. of B'way. & State St.	M	-	-	70	78	83	93
Brooklyn Heights-Clark & Pineapple Sts.	B	40	90	93	93	93	93
La Tourette Pk.-(La Tourette House)	R	35	85	85	85	85	85
Baisloy Pk.-Rockaway Blvd. & 125th Ave.	Q	80	80	80	80	80	80
Shore Rd. Dr. & Ext.-66th, Ft. Hamilton Pkway. & Dyker	B	42	42	46	69	75	80
Polham Bay Pk.-Golf Club House	Bx	42	48	55	62	70	78
Marino Pk.-Ave. U, Flatbush & Gorritsen Aves.	B	72	73	74	76	77	78
Clove Lake Pk.-Victory Blvd., Clove Ave.	R	50	52	58	68	78	78
Farado Grounds-Parkside & Coney Island Aves.	B	40	48	61	70	70	78
Polham Bay Pk.-Hunter Island Causoway	Bx	65	65	65	65	65	65
St. James Pk.-Jerome Ave. & 191st St.	Bx	58	58	58	60	60	60
Dyker Beach Pk.-7th Ave. & 86th St.	B	50	50	56	56	57	58
Van Cortlandt Pk.-Sawkill River Pkway. & Concourse Ext.	Bx	57	68	69	70R.	55	56

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## DESIGN

PARK AND LOCATION	BORO	PERCENTAGE OF WORK COMPLETED ON DESIGN FOR WEEKS ENDING:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
Highland Park-Vermont Ave. & Highland Blvd.	Q	48	48	48	48	50	50
Ft. Tryon-Riverside Dr. & Ft. Washington Ave.	M	20	26	27	30	36	45
Orchard Beach	Bx	15	20	25	38	38	38
Pelham Bay Pk.-Rodman's Neck	Bx	-	-	-	-	25	30
Forest Pk.-Union Turnpike & Park Lane	Q	-	-	-	-	15	18
Hutchinson River Pkway.	Bx	-	-	-	-	10	15
St. Alban's-Merrick Rd. & 173rd St.	Q	-	-	-	2	10	14
Hamilton Fish-Houston & Willet St.	M	-	-	-	2	10	14
Franz Siegel-E. 158th St. & Grand Concourse	Bx	-	-	5	6	6	10
Thomas Jefferson-1st Ave. & E. 111th St.	M	-	-	-	2	5	10
Astoria Pk.-Hoyt & Van Alst Aves.	Q	-	-	-	2	7	10
Conservatory Lake-Central Pk.	li	-	-	-	-	5	10
Mc Carren Pk. & Nassau Ave. & Lorimer St.	B	-	-	-	2	6	9
Sunset Pk.-5th Ave. & 44th St.	B	-	-	-	2	6	8
Mt. Morris Pk.-120th St. & 5th Ave.	M	-	-	-	-	3	8
Marine Pk.-Hylan Blvd. & Emmet Ave.	R	-	-	2	6	6	6
Highbridge Reservoir-175th St. & Amsterdam Ave.	M	-	-	-	-	6	6
Flushing Meadows-G.C. Pkway. & Nassau Blvd.	Q	-	-	-	-	2	5
Orona Pk.-3rd Ave. & E. 177th St.	Bx	-	-	-	2	5	5
Jacob Riis-West End of Rockaway Penn.	Q	-	-	-	-	-	5
Victory Field-Myrtle Ave. & Wood Haven Blvd.	Q	15	19	21	21	21R	4
Kissena Pk.-Hempstead Turnpike & 164th St.	Q	-	-	-	-	3	3
Forest Pk.-Queens Shops	Q	-	-	30	30	A	-
Madison Sq.-B'way & 23rd St.	M	55	55	55	55	55	A
Gorman Memorial-B'way. & 190th St.	M	85	88	70R	-	-	-
Pelham Bay-Concessions & Toilets	Bx	30	33	37	43	A	-

NOTE: -- A-Abandoned  
R-Redesign

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# TOPOGRAPHY

PARK & LOCATION	--	WORK CLASSIFICATION	PERCENTAGE OF WORK COMPLETED AND NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED DURING WEEKS ENDING:											
			7/11		7/18		7/25		8/1		8/8		8/15	
			%	MEN	%	MEN	%	MEN	%	MEN	%	MEN	%	MEN
RANDALLS ISLAND - MANHATTAN		FIELD	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	-	-	-	-
		OFFICE	85	4	90	3	92	3	100	1	-	-	-	-
ORCHARD BEACH - RODMAN'S NECK - EX.		FIELD	91	7	98	1	100	1	100	0	-	-	-	-
		OFFICE	85	9	92	2	98	1	100	1	-	-	-	-
RIVERSIDE DRIVE EXT. - EX.		FIELD	46	50	65	65	80	32	100	16	75	21	95	22
		OFFICE	22	15	40	40	60	25	75	35	40	17	70	18

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## TOPOGRAPHY

BOROUGH AND WORK CLASSIFICATION		Number of Projects and Men Employed During Weeks Ending:											
		7/11		7/18		7/25		8/1		8/8		8/15	
		Proj.	Mon	Proj.	Mon	Proj.	Mon	Proj.	Mon	Proj.	Mon	Proj.	Mon
MANHATTAN	FIELD OFFICE	30	76 22	33	74 35	28	39 34	22	49 25	23	49 29	19	38 33
BRONX	FIELD OFFICE	9	39 13	3	73 33	9	32 15	9	43 16	6	29 15	10	34 18
BROOKLYN	FIELD OFFICE	15	46 15	17	51 21	20	47 12	16	35 15	15	33 18	21	48 16
QUEENS	FIELD OFFICE	12	35 14	16	42 20	14	30 16	15	35 15	11	36 16	15	45 21
RICHMOND	FIELD OFFICE	3	11 10	3	9 7	5	12 7	4	12 9	4	12 8	4	12 14

# SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION

NO

WAR MEMORIAL PLAYGROUNDS-----completed----- 9 (Department Work)

WAR MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND BUILDINGS-----under construction----- 8 (Contract Work)

PLAYGROUNDS-----completed----- 1 (Department Work)

PLAYGROUNDS-----under construction-----28

PLAYGROUNDS-----work to be started----- 8

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS-----completed----- 4

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS-----under construction-----23

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS-----work to be started----- 3



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# WAR MEMORIALS

WAR MEMORIALS & LOCATIONS	BORE	CLASSIFICATION	PERCENTAGE OF CONTRACT & DEPARTMENT WORK COMPLETED DURING WEEKS ENDING:					
			7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
<u>WILLIAM McCRAY PLAYGROUND</u> 47-W. 138th St.	M.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	64 88	70 100	75 --	78 --	85 --	90 --
<u>NICHOLAS De MATTI PLAYGROUND</u> 440-Tompkins Ave.	R.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	60 48	72 100	80 --	90 --	94 --	95 --
<u>HOWARD A. VON DOHLEN PLAYGROUND</u> 139th Place & Archer Ave.	Q.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	66 76	70 100	82 --	85 --	88 --	90 --
<u>WILLIAM E. SHERIDAN PLAYGROUND</u> 80 Grand St.	B.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	60 60	65 100	70 --	80 --	85 --	90 --
<u>JOSEPH C. SAUER PLAYGROUND</u> 526 E. 12th St.	M.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	50 64	60 100	75 --	77 --	85 --	88 --
<u>VINCENT CICCARONE PLAYGROUND</u> E. 188th St. & Hughes Ave.	Bx.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	60 87	68 100	72 --	76 --	78 --	80 --
<u>AUSTIN J. McDONALD PLAYGROUND</u> Forest & Myrtle Aves.	R.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	60 40	70 100	76 --	77 --	78 --	80 --
<u>LOUIS ZIMMERMAN PLAYGROUND</u> Olinville Ave. & Britton St.	Bx.	DEPARTMENT	60	66	72	77	78	80
<u>DANIEL M. O'CONNELL PLAYGROUND</u> 113th & 114th Aves.--196th St.	Q.	CONTRACT DEPARTMENT	50 65	66 100	70 --	74 --	76 --	78 --

## CONSTRUCTION

PLAYGROUND & LOCATION	BORO	Percentage of Construction Completed for Week Ending:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
<u>MODEL PLAYGROUNDS</u>							
W. 17th St. & 8th Ave.	M	66	72	75	82	85	SEE NOTE
3rd & 4th Sts. & 4th Ave.	B	50	58	65	70	80	" "
Jewett & Castleton Aves.	R	47	50	55	64	66	" "
25th Ave. & 84th St.	Q	43	46	53	60	82	" "
Bryant Park	M	86	90	91	92	93	94
Central Pk.(Playground-Old Reservoir Site)	M	84	86	87	88	90	92
Central Pk. Zoo	M	58	60	62	65	67	68
Central Pk. Sheepfold	M	49	54	56	60	62	67
Prospect Pk. Zoo	B	30	33	34	36	38	39
Barrett Pk. Zoo	R	22	24	26	27	28	29
Corlears Hook-Corlears & Cherry Sts.	M	-	-	5	26	45	100M
83 - Roosevelt	M	36	44	48	55	60	SEE NOTE
99 Thompson St.	M	30	38	41	52	65	" "
Lewis & Rivington Sts.	M	28	36	38	50	55	" "
E. 95th St. bet. Aves. K & L	B	3	18	22	27	32	" "
141st St. & Brooke Ave.	Bx.	-	3	9	20	30	" "
Leif Ericson - 4th Ave. & 66th St.	B	66	67	68	69	70	71
Chrystie-Forsythe Sts.	M	47	52	54	61	64	68
Fort #4 - Sedgewick & University Aves.	Bx	-	90	92	95	96R	65
Ft. Tryon - Riverside Dr. & B'way.	M	13	18	26	32	36	40
Fort Schuyler - Throggs Neck	Bx	-	-	-	4	21	23
E. Houston bet. Essex & Norfolk Sts.	M	6	18	20	20	20	20

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# CONSTRUCTION

PLAYGROUND & LOCATION	BCRO	Percentage of Construction Completed for Week Ending:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	3/15
Corona Ave. & 102nd St.	Q	-	-	2	5	8	15
Memorial Field, 25th & 26th Ave. & 149th St.	Q	-	-	-	5	8	11
Columbus Pk. - Baxter & Mulberry Sts.	M	-	-	3	6	8	10
Unnamed #13 - Taaffe Pl. & Park Ave.	B	-	-	-	2	6	10
Unnamed #11 - Blake & Euclid Ave.	B	-	-	-	-	3	8
Drier Offerman - Bay 46th St. & Cropsey Ave.	B	-	-	2	3	4	7
Fulton St. & Classen Ave.	B	-	-	-	-	-	2
<p><u>NOTE:</u> Playgrounds marked "See Note", were turned over to Maintenance 8/13/34. The buildings are still under Construction.</p> <p>R-----Revision of Work</p> <p>M-----Turned over to Maintenance</p>							

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## CONSTRUCTION

PARK & LOCATION	BORO	Percentage of Construction Completed for Weeks Ending:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
Livingston Pk.(Field House)-Livingston, Court & Bond Sts.	R	97	98	100	UNDER MAINTENANCE		
Central Pk.-97th St. Gate & Garage	M	97	98	100	"	"	
Wolf's Pond Pk.-Johnson Terrace & Hylan Blvd.	R	86	88	100	"	"	
Astoria Pk.-E. River-Hoyt & Van Alst	Q	85	91	96	100	UNDER MAINTENANCE	
Lincoln Terrace Pk.-Rochester & Eastern Pkway.	B	90	91	94	94	94	95
Botanical Garden-Washington Ave. & Eastern Pkway.	B	85	86	89	90	91	93
Pelham Bay Pk.-Traffic Relief Rd.	Bx	75	80	85	90	91	92
Grove Lake Pk. (Boat House) Richmond Turnpike	R	90	92	96	99R	80	82
McCarren Pk.-No. 12th & Berry St.	B	95	96	97	98R	75	78
Marine Pk.-Hylan Blvd. & Emmett Ave.	R	60	63	67	70	71	76
Split Rock Golf Course	Bx	60	62	65	70	72	74
Prospect Pk. Fire Lines	B	65	66	67	71	71	71
Owl's Head Pk.-Colonial Rd. & 68th St.	B	60	62	64	65	63	63
Hutchinson River Pkway.	Bx	52	53	54	55	56	58
Forest Pk.-Golf Course-Myrtle Ave.-Interboro Pkway.	Q	50	51	55	56	56	58
McCombs Dam Pk.-(Field House)-161st St. & Ruppert Pl.	Bx	55	55	55	55	55	55
Kissena Pk.-Golf Course-Underhill Ave. & 164th St.	Q	28	32	35	38	40	43
Chisholm Pk.-Poppenhausen Ave. & College Pt.	Q	27	28	35	38	40	43
Dyker Beach-Irrigation-86th St. & 12th Ave.	B	28	R	-	30	36	40
Crocheron Pk.-Crocheron Ave. & 33rd Ave.	Q	25	27	30	35	38	40
Sims Monument - 5th Ave. & 103rd St.	M	-	-	-	-	20	40
Central Pk.-72nd St. Terrace Bridge(Com.Sta. & Concessions)	M	14	17	19	24	28	35
La Tourette Pk. - (Golf Course)	R	7	12	17	19	21	26
Jackson Sq. - 3th Ave. & Horatio St.	M	-	-	2	3	6	24
B'way. Plots - 60th to 122nd Sts.	M	5	7	10	12	16	18
Welfare Island Slip-78th St. & East River	M	7	7	7	7	7	7
Orchard Beach	Bx	74	78	100	D	2	2

NOTE:---R---Revision of Work  
D---Demolition Complete

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# MONUMENTS

MONUMENTS & LOCATIONS	BORO	PERCENTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED FOR WEEK ENDING:					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
Maine Monument - 59th St. & Columbus Circle	M	-	76	84	90	92	98
Maine Gate Houses (4)	M	-	-	-	-	-	3
Lafayette & Washington-114th St. & Manhattan Ave.	M	-	14	20	50	55	70
A. S. Sullivan Fountain-Van Cortlandt Park	Bx	-	2	2	8	3	8
Columbus Monument-59th St. & Columbus Circle	M	-	2	3	3	4	4

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# GENERAL REPAIRS

BOROUGH & CLASSIFICATION OF PAYROLL		AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEN WORKING DURING WEEK ENDING:--					
		7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15
MANHATTAN	WORK RELIEF	1573	1296	1070	913	702	560
	CIVIL SERVICE	144	139	17	20	11	26
BRONX	WORK RELIEF	126	133	402	347	315	280
	CIVIL SERVICE	88	91	71	77	81	69
BROOKLYN	WORK RELIEF	995	948	831	567	560	635
	CIVIL SERVICE	146	145	137	105	103	109
QUEENS	WORK RELIEF	278	289	265	225	181	198
	CIVIL SERVICE	84	100	101	99	99	101
RICHMOND	WORK RELIEF	38	39	39	5	4	11
	CIVIL SERVICE	13	13	13	8	20	4

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# GENERAL MAINTENANCE

BOROUGH AND CLASSIFICATION OF PAYROLL		AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEN WORKING DURING WEEK ENDING:					
		7-11	7-18	7-25	8-1	8-8	8-15
MANHATTAN	WORK RELIEF	1647	592	814	792	404	540
	CIVIL SERVICE	694	439	563	542	833	817
BRONX	WORK RELIEF	801	773	760	792	810	733
	CIVIL SERVICE	183	168	169	193	189	183
BROOKLYN	WORK RELIEF	1083	965	731	987	813	782
	CIVIL SERVICE	466	466	420	325	322	312
QUEENS	WORK RELIEF	606	594	483	490	488	537
	CIVIL SERVICE	164	199	131	131	133	142
RICHMOND	WORK RELIEF	66	68	68	95	75	145
	CIVIL SERVICE	110	109	109	66	66	93

## SPECIFICATIONS

JOB	BORO	CENTRAL PARK	ISSUED
Menagerie	M.	Fixture Schedule	August 13, 1934
Arsenal	M.	Drafting Room Lighting Layout (1st Floor)	July 10, 1934
		Photographer's Dark Room	July 9, 1934
Lower Reservoir Site	M.	Pump House - (Electric)	July 27, 1934
		Irrigation System	August 2, 1934
		Children's Playground - (Plumbing)	August 6, 1934
		Children's Playground - (General)	August 2, 1934
Police Station	M.	General Construction	July 17, 1934
86th St. Transverse		Plumbing	July 17, 1934
		Heating	July 17, 1934
Sheepfold	M.	Heating	July 24, 1934
(Tavern on the Green)		High Pressure Steam Work	July 23, 1934
		Interior Finishes	August 3, 1934
		Electric Dumbwaiter	July 7, 1934
		Hardware Schedule	July 24, 1934
		Dance Floor	July 10, 1934
		Fencing around Parking Space	August 9, 1934
Terrace Bridge-South End-M.		Electric	August 8, 1934
(near Mall)			
Terrace Bridge-North End-M.		Interior Equipment & Bar	July 18, 1934
(near Fountain)		Electric	July 13, 1934
Alteration-97th St.	M.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
Stable & Storage		Plumbing	" " " "
		Heating	" " " "
		Electric	" " " "



## SPECIFICATIONS

JOB	BORO	PLAYGROUNDS	ISSUED
83 Roosevelt St.	M.	Fixture Schedule	July 18, 1934
115th St. & Lex. Ave.	M.	General Construction	July 17, 1934
		Plumbing	July 17, 1934
		Heating	July 18, 1934
		Electric	July 17, 1934
141st St. & Brooke Ave.	Bx.	General Construction	August 7, 1934
		Plumbing	July 17, 1934
149th St. - bet. 25 & 26 Ave.	Q	General Construction	July 23, 1934
		Plumbing	July 23, 1934
		Heating	July 23, 1934
		Electrical	August 1, 1934
Cherry, Monroe & Gouverneur Sts.	M.	General Construction	July 19, 1934
		Plumbing	July 19, 1934
		Electric	July 19, 1934
Drier Offerman	B.	General Construction	August 1, 1934
27th Ave. & Bay 46th St.		Fixture Schedule (Electric)	August 1, 1934
Gowanus House Recreation Bldg.	B.	Fixture Schedule (Electric)	July 13, 1934
Fulton St. & Classon Ave.		Fixture Schedule (Electric)	August 1, 1934
Alteration Shelter House	M.	General Construction	August 7, 1934
Hamilton Pl.-141st St.			
Jewett & Castleton Ave.	R.	Interior Finish	August 10, 1934

JOB	BORO	PLAYGROUNDS	ISSUED
Park Ave. & Taaffe Pl.	B.	Fixture Schedule(Electric)	August 1, 1934
		General Construction	July 12, 1934
		Plumbing	July 12, 1934
		Heating	July 12, 1934
		Electric	July 12, 1934
Union St. bet. Hamilton Ave. & Van Brunt St.	B.	General Construction	July 11, 1934
		Heating	July 11, 1934
		Electric	July 11, 1934
		Fixture Schedule	August 1, 1934
Vandervoort Ave. & Cherry St.	B.	General Construction	July 31, 1934
		Heating	July 31, 1934
		Plumbing	July 31, 1934
		Electric	July 31, 1934
		Fixture Schedule	August 1, 1934
E. 95th St. near Ave. L	B.	Plumbing	July 19, 1934
		General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Heating	Not ready
		Electric	Ready but not issued
		Fixture Schedule	" " " "
Riverdale & Snediker Aves.	B.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Plumbing	" " " "
		Heating	" " " "
		Electric	" " " "
Edgecombe Ave.-164 to 165 Sts. (Highbridge Pk.)	M.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Plumbing	" " " "
		Electric	" " " "

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# SPECIFICATIONS

JOB	BORO	PLAYGROUNDS	ISSUED
Stillwell Ave. & Ave. U	B.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Plumbing	" " " "
		Heating	" " " "
		Electric	" " " "
New Utrecht Ave. 70-71st Sts.	B.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Heating	" " " "
		Plumbing	Not ready
		Electric	Not "
Bedford Ave. & Ave. X	B.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Heating	" " " "
		Plumbing	" " " "
		Electric	" " " "
180th St. & Amsterdam Ave.	M.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Plumbing	Not ready
		Heating	" "
		Electric	" "
Schermerhorn St. & 3rd Ave.	B.	General Construction	Not ready
Mulberry, Bayard, Baxter & Park Sts.(Columbus Pk.)	M.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
		Plumbing	" " " "
		Heating	" " " "
		Electric	" " " "

## SPECIFICATIONS

JOB	BORO	MISCELLANEOUS JOBS	ISSUED
Leader Boots for War Memorial Playground		Arsenal	August 9, 1934
Grocheron House	Q.	Heating Electric Plumbing	August 7, 1934 August 14, 1934 July 9, 1934
La Tourette Golf Course	R.	Irrigation(Pump & Appurtenances)	August 13, 1934
Chisholm Mansion	Q.	Plumbing	July 25, 1934
Owls Head Park	B.	Barn (Electric)	July 18, 1934
Prospect Pk.-Band Stand	B.	General Construction Plumbing Electric	July 30th, 1934 July 30, 1934 July 30, 1934
Welfare Island-Ferry Service-M. House		Electric	July 26, 1934
Typical Incinerator			August 9, 1934
Owls Head	B.	General Construction	Ready but not issued
Gorman Memorial Park	M.	General Construction	" " " "
Battery Park	M.	General Construction Plumbing Heating	" " " " " " " " " " " "

## SPECIFICATIONS

JOB	BORO	MISCELLANEOUS JOBS	ISSUED			
Clearview Golf Course Clubhouse	Q.	General Construction Plumbing Heating Electric	Ready but not issued " " " " " " " " " " " "			
Flushing Memorial Monument & Gates	Q.	General Construction	"	"	"	"
Gracie Mansion	M.	General Construction Plumbing Heating Electric	"	"	"	" " " "
Bronx Park Zoo Comfort Station	Bx.	General Construction Electric Heating	"	"	"	" " "
Pelham Bay Golf Club Maintenance Shed	Bx.	General Construction	"	"	"	"
Gerretson Mill (Marine Park)	B.	Plumbing	"	"	"	"
Jumel Mansion	M.	General Construction Plumbing Heating Electric	"	"	"	" " " "
Pelham Bay Golf Club-Concession & Toilet Bldg.	Bx.	General Construction	"	"	"	"

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## SPECIFICATIONS

<u>JOB</u>	<u>BORO</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS JOBS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>
Thos. Jefferson Park	M.	Alterations to Heating.	Ready but not issued
Leif Erickson Park-Pavilion	B.	Heating Electric	" " " "
Upland Park	Q.	Plumbing	" " " "
Schenck Farmhouse	B.	Electric	" " " "

NOTE: Those marked "ready but not issued" are being held either because the plans have not been completed or not checked, or changes are to be made.

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## REQUISITIONS AND PURCHASES

FORWARDED TO WORKS DIVISION-----\$846,020.00

RECEIVED AT PURCHASE DEPARTMENT----- 710,414.00

RETURNED TO ARSENAL FOR CORRECTION--- 9,445.00

BALANCE ON HAND AT WORKS DIVISION

AWAITING APPROVAL----- 126,161.00  
\$846,020.00

REQUISITIONS READY FOR TRANSMITTAL  
TO WORKS DIVISION 8/15/34-----\$319,809.64

TOTAL-\$1,165,829.64

The above total of \$846,020.00, includes \$325,000.00 for hire of equipment  
for month of August.

### STATUS OF PURCHASE ORDERS

RECEIVED FROM PURCHASE DEPARTMENT

APPLYING AGAINST JULY ALLOCATIONS----\$ 41,000.00

APPLYING AGAINST AUGUST ALLOCATIONS-- 467,000.00

REAL ESTATE

Properties recommended-----68

Properties Investigated-----88

Properties Acquired----- 7 - (553.3 Acres)

BY CONDEMNATION:

Brooklyn - Ash Removal Corona Dumps

Queens-----Park 320 Acres

BY TRANSFER FROM SINKING FUND:

Flushing Meadows

Queens - Park - 222 Acres

BY PERMIT FROM:

Department of W. S. G. & E.:

Ridgewood Pumping Station

King's Playground - 4.916 Acres

Department of Education:

Franklin Lane High School

Queens Playground - 2.777 Acres



REAL ESTATE (CONTINUED)

Board of Transportation:

Schermerhorn Street Property

Kings Playground - .566 Acres

Private Owners:

John C. Gable

Queens Playground - 2.2 Acres

Crane Company

Manhattan Playground - .849 Acres

ZONING

BOARD OF STANDARDS & APPEALS:

Applications which might adversely affect Park Property:

9 cases investigated, 7 of which were opposed and are still pending.

2 cases previously opposed and denied by the Board.

Applications for encroachments:

3 cases - 60% completed

General Sign Survey - 100% completed

3000 page report covering approximately 20,000 signs

Special Survey of Signs maintained by commercial advertising companies  
completed and submitted - 100%

## RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION

### ZONING (CONTINUED)

Objectionable Signs removed:

7 signs ordered removed (legally)

Applications for erection & maintenance of illuminated signs:

7 denied

### LEGAL HISTORY OF PARKWAYS & PARKS

BROOKLYN-	- - - - -	-60% Complete
MANHATTAN	- - - - -	-50% Complete
BRONX	- - - - -	-40% Complete
QUEENS-	- - - - -	-40% Complete
RICHMOND-	- - - - -	-20% Complete

MONTH ENDING JULY 31st. 1934.

## COLLECTIONS

CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS	TOTAL	MANHATTAN	BROOKLYN	RICHMOND	BRONX	QUEENS
Privileges	14,382.58	712.58	2002.50	263.75	4250.18	745.57
Inspection Fees	43.60	2.00	41.60	-	-	-
Restoring & Repairing	358.00	25.00	333.00	-	-	-
Golf Daily	11,213.00	-	2141.00	1688.00	4326.00	3063.00
Golf Season Resident	5,830.00	1680.00	1230.00	710.00	1440.00	770.00
Golf Season Non-Resident	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	-
Golf Season Duplicate	21.00	21.00	-	-	-	-
Tennis - Senior	3,612.00	987.00	693.00	186.00	741.00	405.00
Tennis - Junior	558.00	124.00	99.00	96.00	152.00	87.00
Lockers - Golf Season	140.00	-	-	30.00	65.00	45.00
Lockers - Tennis	130.00	84.00	22.00	-	24.00	-
Lockers - Recreational	171.75	5.50	148.75	-	-	17.50
Lockers - Croquet	10.00	-	10.00	-	-	-
Lockers - Golf- Daily	100.00	-	-	43.50	8.00	48.50
Parking Fee Daily	9475.00	1650.25	6666.00	460.75	-	698.00
Boat Hire(Kisssona Park)	405.70	-	-	-	-	405.70
Model Yachts	6.00	2.00	4.00	-	-	-
Croquet Play	4.00	-	4.00	-	-	-
Lawn Bowling	8.00	-	6.00	-	2.00	-
Bathing	4984.80	-	1463.10	3521.70	-	-
Zoo Garden Fund	80.00	80.00	-	-	-	-
Curb Roset	70.00	-	70.00	-	-	-
Salo(Fleet Concession Bldg.)	50.00	50.00	-	-	-	-
Picture Taking	95.00	95.00	-	-	-	-
Tree Planting	214.00	-	24.00	-	-	190.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>51387.43</b>	<b>11926.33</b>	<b>14957.95</b>	<b>6999.70</b>	<b>11028.18</b>	<b>6475.27</b>

MONTH ENDING AUGUST 15th, 1934.

# CONCESSIONS

BOROUGH	NEW CONTRACTS	CONTRACTS CANCELLED	CONTRACTS PENDING	TENANTS NOTIFIED TO VACATE
MANHATTAN	1	4	1	1
BRONX	-	6	6	8
BROOKLYN	-	-	2	-
QUEENS	3	1	1	-
RICHMOND	1	1	2	-

MONTH ENDING AUGUST 15th, 1934

## CONCESSIONS

MANHATTAN:-- 68 delinquents in rent notified to pay arrears.

8/13/34--46 paid. Rent collected-----\$1613.75

BRONX:----- 10 Squatters--Occupants of shacks on Hogg Island, Pelham Bay Park, signed agreements, 7/21/34, to vacate by September 1, 1934. Four (4) delinquents in rent notified to pay arrears on August 15, 1934.

BROOKLYN:--- 249 Squatters, - Occupants of shacks on Red Hook Area, notified August 6th, to vacate by September 6th, 1934. Ten(10) Delinquents in rent notified to pay arrears on August 15th, 1934.

QUEENS:----- 6 Delinquents in rent notified to pay arrears.

Four(4) paid -----Amount collected-----\$ 225.00

RICHMOND:--- 2 Delinquents in rent notified to pay arrears on August 15th, 1934.

GENERAL:--- Approximately \$2500.00 of arrearages collected during week beginning August 13th, 1934.