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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, June 29, 1947

Misc.-10M-82346 114 An extensive program of summer sports activities for children and adults has been arranged by the Department of Parks to help stay-at-home vacationers find greater enjoyment in the parks this summer. To make this possible, the Department of Parks has augmented its permanent staff of 400 playground directors with 300 seasonal playground directors, and scheduled a longer play-day in its 492 playgrounds. Thirty areas equipped with floodlights will be open until 10 P.M., and all other playgrounds until 9 P.M. Special activities planned include softball tournament, swimming events for boys and girls, a Learn to Swim Campaign, tennis and golf tournaments, track and field meets, table tennis and checker tournaments, and dance festivals.

A series of competitive swimming meets for boys and girls up to 17 years of age will be held at swimming pools in parks of the five boroughs, and will culminate in City-wide Championships for both divisions. The boys' events, sponsored by the New York Mirror, will start on July 8th, and end with City-wide Finals on July 26 at Sunset Pool in Brooklyn. Girls' events, sponsored by the New York Journal-American, will begin at Astoria Pool, Queens on July 7th, and wind up with five-borough championships at the Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre on July 19th. Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events will be held at each of the preliminary meets, and Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events will be held in conjunction with the City-wide shows.

A softball tournament for boys 14 to 17 years of age will be sponsored by the New York Mirror, and will start with playground eliminations in all boroughs on July 7th. Preliminary games will be followed by district play-offs, and borough finals. The tournament will end with a City-wide Championship series, from August

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25 to September 6, in which the top teams from the five boroughs will compete.

Tennis tournaments for children and adults will be held during July, August, and September at 45 tennis areas in the parks. Local eliminations will be followed by borough-wide and city-wide championships. Preliminary play will start on July 19th in the men's division, July 21st in the junior division, and August 2nd in the women's division.

Golf Championships for men, women, and junior boys will be held at each of the Park Department's ten golf courses. Local Championships, followed by City-wide Finals, are scheduled. The starting dates for course tournaments are July 20th for men and women, and July 28th for junior boys.

The first rounds of tournaments in table tennis and checkers sponsored by the New York Community Trust, will be held in neighborhood playgrounds starting July 7th. Winners of these contests will engage in a series of play-offs, ending in City-wide Finals late in August.

A full season of track and field events for boys and girls looms ahead for the summer months. Five meets will be sponsored by the New York Athletic Club. Four of these will be qualifying meets, and the fifth, the City-wide Championships, in which the best of all the boroughs' athletes will meet at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island on September 6th. In addition to the events for playground youngsters, each meet will include special events for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., sponsored by the Athletes Development Committee of the A.A.U. Two track and field meets for Queens athletes will be held on July 20, and August 3, sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Queens. These meets will consist entirely of events for boys and girls 17 years of age and under.

One of the most important activities planned by the Department of Parks for the coming season, does not fall into the competitive category - this is the Learn to Swim Campaign. The object of the campaign is to give every child in the city an opportunity to learn to swim in a safe, supervised area. The Learn to Swim program will be carried out in each of the 17 Park outdoor swimming pools, daily from 10 A.M. to Noon during July and August. Instruction will be graded for all

degress of skill. Lessons for beginners will start on July 7th and continue until August 1st. The course for intermediate swimmers is scheduled from August 4 to August 15th. Instruction for advanced swimmers will be given from August 18 to August 29. Children under 14 years of age are admitted to swimming pools without charge, daily from 10 A.M. until Noon.

In addition to the sports program, the Department of Parks has also arranged a program of dance and musical events for the summer. Children's Dance Festivals, in which several thousand children will perform dances taught to them in neighborhood Park playgrounds, are scheduled for August 9th at Sheep Meadow in Central Park, and August 23rd at Long Meadow in Prospect Park Brooklyn, and Clove Lakes Park in Richmond. Fifty-four Name Band Dances, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company, will be held in the city's parks, from June 26th to September 12th, on Mondays through Fridays. These are listed for the Central Park Mall every Thursday evening, Prospect Park Dance Area every Friday evening, and Poe Park, Bronx, every Wednesday evening. Monday and Tuesday evenings will be devoted to Name Band Dances at different parks throughout the season. All Name Band Dances are scheduled for 8:30 P.M.

and music

Square dancing, with calls/by Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands, is already under way in the parks, under sponsorship of the Pepsi-Cola Company. Square dances are held every Monday evening at 8:30 P.M. at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, every Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M. at the Prospect Park Dance Area, and every Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M. on the Central Park Mall.

Entry blanks for all tournaments, and information on all activities are available at all Department of Parks playgrounds, swimming pools, golf courses, and department headquarters in each borough.



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The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

Sunday June 29	8:30 P.M.	Concert by the Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park
Monday June 30	2:30 P.M.	Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel" at St. Albans Playground 111th Avenue and 174th Street, St. Albans, Queens
	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing, Riverside Drive and 105th Street.
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by the Goldman Band at the Mall in Central Park.
Tuesday July 1	11:00 A.M.	Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Liberty Park,
	2:30 P.M.	Liberty Avenue and 172 Street, Jamaica, Queens.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Chuck Foster's Orchestra, at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens
	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing, Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
Wednesday July 2	11:00 A.M.	Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Forest Park, The
	2:30 P.M.	Overlook, Park Lane and Union Turnpike, Kew Gardens, Queens
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Chuck Foster's Orchestra, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, the Bronx
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by the Goldman Band, at the Mall, Central Park
Thursday July 3	11:00 A.M.	Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at O'Connor Play- ground, 32nd Avenue and 210th Street, Bayside, Queens.
	2:30 P.M.	
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by the Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Boyd Racburn's Orchestra, at the Mall, Central Park.
Friday July 4	2:30 P.M.	Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Riis Park, Rockaway Beach.
	8:15 P.M.	Concert by the Naumburg Orchestra, at the Mall, Central Park.
Saturday July 5	8:30 P.M.	Concert by the Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by the City Amateur Symphony Orchestra at the Mall, Central Park.

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Misc.-10M-82346 Five more Name Band Dances in the series of fifty-four being sponsored

by Consolidated Edison Company, will be conducted by the Department of Parks this week. Name Band Dances, now in their sixth year, continue to rate as one of the most popular forms of evening recreation in the city's parks.

On the program for this week's dancing are Chuck Foster and Boyd Raeburn. Chuck Foster and his orchestra, featuring sweet arrangements, will play on Tuesday, July 1st at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, and on Wednesday, July 2nd at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, the Bronx. Both dances will start at 8:30 P.M. The Foster orchestra is well known on the west coast, and has had three successful local engagements at the Ice Terrace of the Hotel New Yorker. Tommy Ryan and Betty Clark will do the vocals.

Boyd Raeburn will play for dancing at the Central Park Mall on Thursday evening, July 3rd, at 8:30 P.M. The Raeburn band is a nationally known outfit, unusual in that it includes some of the instruments rarely seen in dance aggregations - the flute, oboe, English horn, bassoon, alto clarinet, and bass clarinet. Coupled with the more common popular instruments, these classical features give a unique brand of music. Ginnie Powell is featured vocalist with the orchestra.

Name Band Dances will continue in the parks every evening, Monday through Friday, until September 12th.



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Several hundred airplanes will land on park property next Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, but instead of handing out parking tickets, the police will be on hand to lend a helping hand to the pilots.

The aircraft models, that is - will be flown in stunt and speed events at Flushing Meadow Park at the opening of the Park Department's new model airplane flying site for miniature aircraft flown on the end of controlling wires.

More than 100 small airplanes and their pilots will participate in the colorful opening ceremonies for which special events have been planned by the Department of Parks and members of the Metropolitan Hobby Guild. Heading up the slate of expert flyers will be Alan Orthof, model aviation editor and designer, who has assisted the Park Department in setting up its first control line model aircraft flying site.

Among the special demonstrations planned are stunt and speed flying exhibitions by members of the Sky Devils Club of White Plains, dog fights by members of the Linden, N.J., Model Airplane Club, and mass formation flying by the Model Knights of New York City.

It is expected that assaults on the national speed records for "control line" model airplanes, powered by miniature gasoline or "diesel" engines, will be highlights of the two day grand opening celebration. Members of the Metropolitan Hobby Guild will represent the Academy of Model Aeronautics, governing body for sporting model aviation in America, at these trials. A.M.A. rules will govern all flying at the model airport.

Flying will get underway by midmorning both Saturday and Sunday and will continue until dusk. Six flying circles have been marked out by the Park

Department in which the model pilots perform. Each small aircraft is guided by the operator, standing in the middle of the circle, who controls its up and down path of flight by means of two steel wires which actuate the tail surface of the craft.

By this method, model planes can be made to loop, fly inverted, dive, and zoom - simulate all the acrobatics of full size craft, even adding a few new ones.

Several thousand spectators are expected to witness the opening day's flying and help the model aeronauts get off to a good start. The site will be open every day thereafter to model airplanes whose flight is controlled by "lines". The Park Department has shown considerable interest in the new control line phase of model airplane building and flying and through its cooperation in setting up the Flushing Meadow Park Model Airport, it is expected that the hobby-sport will gain new adherents in the metropolitan area.

To reach the model airplane event which will be at the site of the World's Fair parking area, drive over Triboro Bridge out Northern Parkway, or take the IRT or BMT Flushing Lines to Willets Point Boulevard Station which is at the entrance to the field.

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RECORD CROWDS EXPECTED AT THIRD WEEK OF FREE SQUARE DANCES AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE
JUNE 30TH, PROSPECT PARK JULY 1ST, AND CENTRAL PARK MALL JULY 5TH

Truly American Square Dances Fitting Event for New Yorkers Celebrating
National Holiday

Entire Free Series of 42 Square Dances at Three Localities, Made
Available by Pepsi-Cola Under Auspices of Department of Parks,
Will Take Place Every Monday and Tuesday Nights and Every Saturday
Afternoon Until September.

Record holiday crowds will be able to enjoy these truly American events
during this third week of free Pepsi-Cola Square Dances which will include
the dance on Central Park Mall at 2:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon of the 4th of
July weekend.

Thousands of New Yorkers have fun at the free dances held at Riverside Drive
and 103rd Street (Lower Level) every Monday night starting at 8:30 P.M., while
Brooklynites throng to their special series of free dances at Prospect Park
West and 11th Streets, every Tuesday night at 8:30 P.M.

Ed Durlacher calls the dances and his Top Hands provide the music for
the entire series.

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Misc.-10M-32346 ~~100-185~~ City-wide Finals of the Department of Parks Jacks Contest for girls sponsored by the New York Community Trust will be held Saturday, June 28th at 2 P. M. at Heckscher Playground, 62nd Street & West Drive in Central Park.

This contest will mark the close of a city-wide tournament in which 3565 girls under 13 years of age competed during the past two months. Competition started with eliminations in neighborhood playgrounds of the five boroughs. These preliminary contests were followed by district-wide playoffs, and borough-wide finals.

The best jacks players from each of the five boroughs who will meet at Heckscher Playground this Saturday to vie for the City Jacks Championship, are:

Manhattan:

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| 1. Sylvia Vanterpool | Mc Crea Playground |
| 2. Ingrid Dolenski | Payson Avenue Playground |

Brooklyn:

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| 1. Mary Ryan | Red Hook Playground |
| 2. Camella Ariale | New Utrecht Playground |

Bronx:

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| 1. Anna Fantone | Ciccarone Playground |
| 2. Rosalind Gartzman | Crotona Playground |

Queens:

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| 1. Bessie Boutswokos | Von Dohlen Playground |
| 2. Pansy Korkus | Von Dohlen Playground |

Richmond:

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| 1. Marion Thomson | Mahoney Playground |
| 2. Lorraine Harris | Clove Lakes Playground |

The New York Community Trust will award medals to the champion and runner-up at Saturday's contest.

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The Department of Parks announces that rapid progress is being made in the filling of Bronx Kills, which presently separates Randall's Island from The Bronx. The filling of this area will add twenty-nine acres to the existing park and will make possible the construction of additional and much-needed softball diamonds, football fields and other athletic facilities.

The filling is being done at no cost to the City, and consists of excess excavation obtained from various building projects in Manhattan and in nearby sections of The Bronx and Queens.

Bronx Kills has been closed to navigation since 1936 when a rip rap dyke was built across the Kills to eliminate heavy tidal cross currents in the East River and Harlem River. The present filling operation will completely eliminate the Kills, and only a narrow drainage ditch about thirty feet wide will remain.

The operation will also simplify access from The Bronx, which is to be provided by a pedestrian bridge over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad yards. This will make Randall's Island easily available to the residents of the heavily populated communities in the South Bronx.

Filling operations will be completed late in the Fall of 1947, and the basic park improvements will be constructed in the Spring of 1948.

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The annual series of 54 Name Band Dances will be inaugurated in the city parks this Thursday evening, June 26th, under the sponsorship of Consolidated Edison Company and the direction of the Department of Parks, when the first dance is held on the Central Park Mall at 8:30 P.M., Sam Donahue conducting. The Name Band Dance program, now in its sixth season, gives New Yorkers a whole summer of dancing under the stars to the music of nationally known top-flight dance bands. Name Band Dances have become an integral part of the Department of Parks' adult recreation program, attracting audiences of all ages - the oldsters coming to listen, and the younger element to dance.

Name Band Dances will be held at the Central Park Mall every Thursday evening; at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn every Friday evening; and at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, the Bronx every Wednesday night. On Monday and Tuesday evening, dances will be held at various parks throughout the city. The season will close on September 12th.

Sam Donahue will play for the first dance at the Prospect Park Dance area on Friday, in addition to playing for the opener on the Mall. The Donahue band has a danceable style, and is unusual among contemporary outfits in that it has six saxophones, but never a clarinet or guitar. Donahue has made some of the best of the recent recordings, and played at top dance spots in the city.

Lined up to play for next week's dances are Chuck Foster, Boyd Raeburn, "Hot Lips" Page, Sonny Dunham, and Johnny Long.



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Misc.-10M-82376 The first of a series of five athletic meets for Park playground boys and girls sponsored by the Youth Athletic Council of the New York Athletic Club will be conducted by the Department of Parks at Red Hook Stadium, Bay and Columbia Streets, Brooklyn, on Sunday, July 6th at 2 P.M. Other meets will follow on July 20th at East River Park at 12th Street, Manhattan; August 3rd at VanCortlandt Stadium, the Bronx; and August 17th at Victory Field, Queens. These will be qualifying meets for the City-wide Championships scheduled for the Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, on Saturday, September 6th.

Special events for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union will be sponsored at each meet by the Athletes Development Committee of the A.A.U. At the Red Hook games on July 6th, A.A.U. events will be: 70 yard dash, novice; 600yard run, handicap; shot put, handicap; 50 yard dash for girls, handicap; 2 mile walk, handicap.

Boys' events in the playground division of the meet are: 50 yard dash for 100 lb. class; 60 yard dash for 110lb. class; eight events for unlimited class, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, half mile run, 1 mile run, running broad jump, running high jump, and 12 lb. shot put.

Girls' playground events are: 40 yard dash for 100 lb. class; 50 yard for 110 lb. class; and 60 yard dash and potato race for 120 lb. class. In the four preliminary meets, the best six youngsters in each event will be selected to compete for City-wide Championships at Triborough Stadium on September 6th.

The New York Athletic Club will award medals to boys and girls placing first, second and third at each of the five meets. The Athletes Development Committee of the A.A.U. will present awards to winners of all A.A.U. events.

Entry blanks are now available at all Park Department Playgrounds.

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Monday, June 23, 1947

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The Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre, beginning its summer tour of Queens playgrounds this week, will give nine performances of "Hansel and Gretel" for hundreds of youngsters to whom the appearance of the miniature actors is the high spot of the vacation season.

To help Hansel and Gretel solve the difficulties that arise on their adventure in the forest, the Park Marionette Troupe has enlisted the aid of the Blue Fairy, the Sandman, and a host of Guardian Angels. Though the wicked witch and the suspense of the story keep the boys perched on the edges of their seats, while the girls are enchanted by beautiful costumes, the gingerbread cottage which lures Hansel and Gretel into captivity, meets with universal approval.

The show will be presented this week at the following playgrounds in Queens:

Monday	June 23	11:00 A.M.	Maurice Playground, 61st to 63rd Streets and 54th Avenue.
		3:30 P.M.	
Tuesday	June 24	11:00 A.M.	Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street.
		3:30 P.M.	
Wednesday	June 25	11:00 A.M.	Juniper Valley Playground, Dry Harbor Road and 63 Street, Elmhurst.
		3:30 P.M.	
Thursday	June 26	3:30 P.M.	Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Boulevard and Bridge Plaza North.
Friday	June 27	3:30 P.M.	Van Wyck Playground, 11th Avenue and 134 Street. Ozone Park.
Saturday	June 28	2:30 P.M.	Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 192 Street, Hollis.



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FREE SQUARE DANCES GO INTO SECOND WEEK WITH DANCES MONDAY
NIGHT AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND TUESDAY NIGHT AT
PROSPECT PARK

Second Central Park Dance on Mall Takes Place Saturday

Entire Free Series at All Three Localities Made Available
by Pepsi-Cola Company Under Auspices of Department of Parks,
Will Take Place Every Monday and Tuesday Nights and Saturday
Afternoons Until September

The free square dances go into their second week at Riverside Drive Monday night, June 23rd, at Prospect Park Tuesday night, June 24th and on Central Park Mall Saturday afternoon, June 28th, it was announced by the Department of Parks and the Pepsi-Cola Company which is sponsoring the combined series of 42 dances at all three localities.

12,000 New Yorkers and Brooklynites of all ages enthusiastically enjoyed these picturesque, typically American dances during the opening week.

The Monday night square dances are held at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) from 8:30 to 11 P.M., Tuesday nights at Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn from 8:30 to 11 P.M. and on Saturday afternoon the dances take place on Central Park Mall (72nd Street) from 2:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Ed Durlacher calls the dances with music by the Top Hats.



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Sunday, June 22, 1947

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The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

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| Sunday
June 22 | 3:00 P.M. All City High School Band Concert at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park. |
| Monday
June 23 | 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Maurice Playground, 61-63 Street and 54 Avenue, Queens. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 105th Street. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park. |
| Tuesday
June 24 | 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Marionette Show at Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Concert by City Amateur Symphony Orchestra at the Mall Central Park. |
| Wednesday
June 25 | 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Juniper Valley Playground, Dry Harbor Road and 63 Street, Elmhurst Queens. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park. |
| Thursday
June 26 | 3:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Boulevard and Bridge Plaza North, Queens. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman, Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Sam Donahue's Orchestra, at the Mall, Central Park. |
| Friday
June 27 | 3:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Van Wyck Playground, 11 Avenue and 134 Street, Ozone Park, Queens. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park. |
| | 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Sam Donahue's Orchestra, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. |

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Saturday 2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at the Mall, Central Park.

2:00 P.M. City-wide Finals, Girls' Jacks Contest, at Heckscher Playground, 66 Street and West Drive, Central Park.

2:00 P.M. City-wide Finals, Marbles Contest, at Heckscher Playground 66 Street and West Drive. Central Park.

2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 192 Street, Hollis.

8:30 P.M. Concert by City Amateur Symphony Orchestra at the Mall, Central Park.

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Saturday, June 21, 1947

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A new six-acre playground bounded by the East River Drive, York Avenue, East 60th Street and East 61st Street, Manhattan, will be opened by the New York City Park Department for public usage without ceremony on June 21, 1947.

The property was transferred to the Park Department for recreational purposes by the Board of Estimate in 1943, and a small additional parcel was acquired by purchase at that time to round out the plot. Located in a congested neighborhood, it will provide urgently needed additional recreational facilities for the adjacent residents of various ages.

The playground provides handball courts, an open asphalt-surfaced play area suitable for roller skating and group games, a typical playground equipped with swings, slides, see-saws and other apparatus, sand pit, basketball standard, shower basin, and a comfort station. The entire area is fenced in and bordered with shade trees. An adequate number of benches have been provided for the guardians of children and others watching those at play.

With the addition of this new play area, there are now 494 playgrounds in the City park system.

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Monday, June 16, 1947

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The City-wide Finals of the Department of Parks 13th Annual American

Ballad Contest, sponsored by the Jacob Ruppert Brewery, will be held tomorrow night, June 17th at 8:30 P.M. on the Central Park Mall. A competitive song fest, with the best amateur "barber shop" quartets from the five boroughs competing, will comprise the major portion of the evening's entertainment. The entire program will be devoted to quartet harmony, with four guest quartets furnishing additional ballad arrangements.

The Garden State Quartet, International Champions of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, will show their prize winning style in a group of close harmony Gay Nineties numbers.

The popular radio singers, the Esquire Quartet, heard on "It Pays to be Ignorant," will sing a group of ballads in the style that has made them one of the nation's outstanding foursomes. The 4 Knights, CBS radio quartet featured in the coast to coast program, "Carolina Hayride" will entertain with a series of songs. Not to be excluded from the sacred precincts of barber shop harmony, the ladies will be represented by the Balladaires, popular female quartet, who will interpret some popular numbers.

The five quartets competing for the City-wide title are the Four G's, representing Queens; The Post Office Four of Manhattan; The Weissglass Gold Seal Quartet of Richmond; The Brooklyn Dodgers Knochle Four; singing for Brooklyn; and The Club Harmony, of the Bronx. Selections by the Police Department Band will open the program. Part of the program will be reserved for community singing, when the entire audience will get an opportunity to indulge in a little close harmony of its own.

The sponsors of the program, the Jacob Ruppert Brewery, will award prizes to the quartet winning the City-wide Championship and to the runner-up quartet.

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Monday, June 16, 1947

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The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will continue its summer tour of neighborhood playgrounds this week, giving performance of "Hansel and Gretel" for small fry in the Bronx. After completing its Bronx schedule, the theatre will go to the Borough of Queens next week.

The Park puppeteers have taken the old story of Hansel and Gretel and given it a new twist, building a drama full of surprises and adventure. Of course, the wicked witch and the gingerbread cottage, two elements which could not be dispensed with, remain. The tiny actors, Hansel and Gretel, have a difficult time, but with the aid of the Sandman, the Blue Fairy, and a band of Guardian Angels, all problems are solved, and the play reaches a happy ending.

Hansel and Gretel will visit the following Bronx playgrounds this week.

Monday, June 16th 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. - Playground at 234 Street and Bailey Avenue.

Tuesday, June 17th 3:30 P.M. - Playground at Bronx Blvd. and Rosewood St.

Wednesday, June 18th 3:30 P.M. - Playground at Bronx River Parkway & 203 Street.

Thursday, June 19th 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. - Poe Park, East 192 Street and Grand Concourse.

Friday, June 20th 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. - Crotona Park Playground, Clinton Ave. and Crotona Park South.

Saturday, June 21st 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - St. James Playground, Jerome Ave. and 192 Street.



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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1947

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NEW YORKERS TO ENJOY 42 DANCES IN OPEN THIS YEAR
THROUGH COURTESY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER AUSPICES OF
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Third Year of Square Dances Opens on Extended Schedule
Over 200,000 Attended Them Last Summer

New Yorkers will enjoy their Third Series of free Square Dances through courtesy of Pepsi-Cola Company as a public service, under the auspices of the Department of Parks, it was announced today by Walter S. Mack, Jr., President of the Company, and by the Department.

The first of three separate series, all together totalling 42 summer dances, start tomorrow, Monday, June 16th, at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (Lower Level), running every Monday night to September 15th inclusive, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 17th, a series opens in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, - 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., running there every Tuesday night to September 16th inclusive; and on Saturday afternoon, June 21st, a series opens on the Central Park Mall - 2:00 to 4:30 P.M., which will run there every Saturday afternoon to September 20th inclusive. Ed Durlacher and The Top Hands will again provide music and calling for all events.

Last year 200,000 New Yorkers enjoyed the dances, which were limited to Riverside Drive and the Mall, the Brooklyn series being an extended new feature of this year's events.

The membership of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Women's Voluntary Services, YWCA, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and others are expected to attend, together with New Yorkers of all ages from 8 to 80, it was announced.



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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, June 15, 1947

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Line control model airplane flying will be permitted in the New York City parks for the first time on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, when a portion of the former parking field north of Roosevelt Avenue in Flushing Meadow Park officially opens as a model airport with demonstrations and trials of control line model aircraft.

These miniature airplanes are powered by small internal combustion gasoline and diesel engines, and are flown by model "pilots" on the end of steel wires which control the circular path of flight.

Speed trials, stunt flying and precision attempts will mark the opening of the Park Department's model flying site adjacent to the Willets Point subway station of the IRT and BMT subway lines to Flushing.

There will be special demonstrations in stunt and precision flying by the Model Knights model aero club of the Bronx and a visiting team from the Linden, N. J. Model Airplane Club. Model Knight members, enthusiasts of all ages, will fly scale and stunt models at 10 A.M., 2 and 4 P.M. on June 28. The Linden flyers specialize in team flying with two or more models "dogfighting" in one circle at the same time. In addition, there will be ample opportunity for all control line model aeronauts to fly to their hearts content in the special area allotted by the Department of Parks.

Six flight circles, each 70 feet in diameter, have been marked off in an area 400 by 800 feet. Barriers will be placed to keep spectators 100 feet from the circles, thus giving the modeler plenty of room in which to operate his miniature plane and affording spectators opportunity to observe the models in flight.

Representatives of the Metropolitan Hobby Guild, an organization of New Yorkers interested in all types of hobbies, will be on hand to "clock" any speed flights in the event any local modelors try to break national records. Such flights will be run off in accordance with regulations of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, governing body for model aviation in the United States. A few simple rules have been devised by the Department of Parks to cover model flying at Flushing Meadow Park. Copies of these will be posted at the site.

In addition to the model airport, there is sufficient room at this area for six softball diamonds. These fields will be marked out and ready for use the latter part of this week. Permits for the use of the fields may be secured by writing to the Queens office of the Department of Parks, the Overlook, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, Queens 15, N. Y. In making applications, managers should state days and hours on which they desire to play.

The northeast section of the former parking field will be used for kite flying.

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Sunday, June 15, 1947

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The following special events are planned for the city's parks for the coming

week:

- Sunday, June 15 8:30 P.M. Concert by the Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park.
- Monday, June 16 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Playground at Bailey Avenue and 234 Street, the Bronx.
- 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing, Riverside Drive and 105 Street
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by the Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park.
- Tuesday, June 17 3:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Playground at Bronx Boulevard and Rosewood Street, the Bronx.
- 8:30 P.M. City-wide Championships, American Ballad Contest, at the Mall, Central Park.
- 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
- Wednesday, June 18 3:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Playground at Bronx River Parkway and 203 Street, The Bronx.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by the Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park.
- Thursday, June 19-11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Toe Park, Grand Concourse and 192 Street, the Bronx.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by the Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.
- Friday, June 20 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Crotona Park Playground, Clinton Avenue & Crotona Park So.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by the Goldman Band at the Mall, Central Park.
- Saturday, June 21 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel", at St. James Park Playground, Jerome Ave, and 192 Street.
- 11:00 A.M. Borough Championships, Marbles Contest, Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens.
- 2:00 P.M. Borough Championships, Marbles Contest, Hechscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan; Parade Ground, Coney Island and Parkside Avenues, Brooklyn; Mullaly Playground East 164 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx; and Silver Lake Park, Forest Avenue and Clove Road, Richmond.
- 2:00 P.M. Square Dancing, at the Mall, Central Park.



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FOR RELEASE

Thursday, June 12, 1947

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The City-wide American Ballad Championships, sponsored by the Jacob Ruppert Brewing Company, will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Central Park Mall on Tuesday, June 17th at 8:30 P.M. It will be an evening of close harmony and fine entertainment for Father Knickerbocker's residents.

The winning quartets from five borough-wide preliminary contests which finished last night, will meet and sing for the City-wide title and the handsome prizes which the sponsor will award to the winners of first and second place. All quartets competing will sing songs of the American ballad variety, typified by such numbers as, "Down Mobile", "I had a Dream, Dear", "Kentucky Babe", "Sunshine of Paradise Alley", and "Let me Call You Sweetheart". Each Quartet will sing two numbers or two medleys, and will be limited to a singing period of six minutes. Quartets will be judged for tone, rhythm, musical technique, harmony, interpretation, stage presence, and costumes.

Guest quartets which will also be heard, are The Garden State Quartet, winner of last year's nation-wide contest at Cleveland, Ohio, which will render some of the good, old "barber shop" harmony which helped them to bring home the national title to the State of New Jersey, and Ray Porter's Esquires, the quartet heard weekly on the "It Pays to be Ignorant" radio program, which will entertain after the competitive numbers. The Police Department Band will also be on hand to play some of the Gay Nineties favorites.



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A full program of music and dancing for New Yorkers has been arranged by the Department of Parks for the coming season. The program includes 59 outdoor evening concerts, and 96 dance sessions.

The Goldman Band, playing its thirtieth season, will open in Central Park on the Mall on Friday, June 13th, at 8:30 P.M., and at the Prospect Park Music Grove in Brooklyn, on Saturday evening, June 14th. Dr. Goldman will conduct concerts on the Mall every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening until August 10th. The Goldman Band will play at the Prospect Park Music Grove every Thursday and Saturday night until August 9th.

Naumburg Concerts will be presented on the Central Park Mall on Friday, July 4th, Thursday, July 31st, and on Labor Day at 8:15 P.M. Rudolf Doblin will conduct the July 4th concert. Rev. Leonardo Pavone will conduct on July 31st. A series of six concerts will be rendered by the City Amateur Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Hon. Leopold Prince. These will be given on Central Park Mall on June 24, 28, July 5, 12, 19, and 26th at 8:30 P.M.

Fifty-four Name Band Dances, sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company, with music by nationally known dance orchestras, will be held in various parks throughout the city from June 26 until September 12. The opening dance on Thursday, June 26 will be at the Mall in Central Park. Weekly dances will follow at the same location every Thursday evening at 8:30 P.M. Every Friday evening will be reserved for Name Band Dances at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. On Wednesday nights, Poe Park at Grand Concourse and 192 Street in the Bronx, will be host to the dancers. Name Band Dances are planned for other

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neighborhood parks on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the summer. Lined up for this summer's dances are such well known musical names as Tony Pastor, Ray Eberle, Johnny Long, Bobby Byrne, Sonny Dunham, Johnny Bothwell, and Sam Donohue.

Forty-two square dances sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company, with Ed Durlacher playing and calling, will be held at three different parks, starting June 16th, ending September 20th. The "hoe-downs" are planned for every Monday night from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. at Riverside Drive and 105th Street, starting June 16th, closing September 15th; and every Tuesday evening at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, starting June 17th and closing September 16th. For those who want to do-si-do by daylight, there will be square dancing on the Central Park Mall every Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M., starting June 21 and continuing until September 20th.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Monday, June 9, 1947

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Thirty Park Department playgrounds will be flood lighted and remain open, for the summer season, until 10 P.M. each evening except Saturdays and Sundays, beginning Monday, June 9th, according to an announcement made by the Department of Parks.

These evening recreation areas, all under the supervision of playground directors, provide an opportunity for older boys and girls and adults, to participate in outdoor sports in the cool of the evening, after working hours. The principal facilities which will be available for night activity are softball diamonds, basketball, handball, volleyball, tennis and horseshoe courts.

The playgrounds which will remain open until 10 P.M. are located as follows:

MANHATTAN:

Lillian D. Wald - Cherry, Monroe and Gouverneur Streets
Luther Gulick - Columbia, Sheriff, Delancy, and Broome Streets
William H. Seward - East Broadway, Canal and Essex Streets
Sara Delano Roosevelt - Forsyth, Chrystie and Hester Streets
Lewis and Rivington Streets Playground
Gertrude B. Kelly - West 17th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues
Chelsea - West 27th and 28th Streets and 10th Avenue
St. Catherine's - East 67th Street and 1st Avenue
Yorkville - East 101st Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues
West 130th Street and 5th Avenue Playground
Jasper Oval - West 136 to 138 Streets, St. Nicholas Terrace and Convent Avenue
J. Hood Wright - West 173 Street and Fort Washington Avenue
James J. Walker Park - Hudson, Leroy, Clarkson Streets and 7th Avenue
East River Drive and 120 Street Playground

BROOKLYN:

Ocean Parkway and Avenue P Playground
Kelly Memorial Playground - Avenue S and East 14th Street
New Lots - Sackman Streets and Riverdale Avenue
Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street Playground

BROOKLYN - (continued)

Bushwick Playground - Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues
Williamsburg Housing - Manhattan Avenue and Scholes Street
La Guardia - South 5th and Roebling Streets
Lynch Street and Lee Avenue Playground
James J. Byrne - 3rd Street and 4th Avenue

BRONX:

Zimmerman - Olinville Avenue and Britton Street
Waterbury, Edison and La Salle Avenues Playground
Crotona Park Handball Courts - Crotona Avenue, south of Crotona Park North

QUEENS:

Victory Field - Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale
Von Dohlen - 138 Street and Archer Avenue, Jamaica

RICHMOND:

Austin J. McDonald - Forest Avenue, near Broadway, West Brighton
Schmul - Wilde Avenue, Travis



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, June 8, 1947

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The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will start its annual summer tour of the city's park playgrounds on Monday, June 9, presenting a new dramatic version of the old fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel." The theatre, housed in a colorful trailer, has been making summer circuits of the parks for the past seven years, attracting large audiences of fascinated children.

This summer's play tells the story of the little brother and sister who are lost in the woods while seeking berries. The story of their adventure is given a new twist, which makes it novel and refreshing. A beautiful Blue Fairy, aided by a cloud of shining angels watches over the children, and their ultimate rescue from the wicked witch is brought about by the good Sandman. The miniature drama ends on a note of gaiety, with the entire marionette village feasting in grand style.

"Hansel and Gretel" will visit the following playgrounds in the Bronx during the coming week:

Monday, June 9	- 3:30 P.M.	Pulaski Playground, East 133 Street and Willis Ave.
Tuesday, June 10	- 11:00 A.M.) 3:30 P.M.)	St. Mary's Park, Trinity Avenue & East 146 Street
Wednesday, June 11	- 11:00 A.M.) 3:30 P.M.)	Watson, Gleason, and Noble Avenues Playground.
Thursday, June 12	- 11:00 A.M.) 3:30 P.M.)	Waterbury, Edison, and La Salle Aves. Playground
Friday, June 13	- 11:00 A.M.) 3:30 P.M.)	Claremont Park, Teller and Mount Eden Avenues.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Sunday, June 8, 1947

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Thirty-eight amateur male quartets will sing this week in the preliminaries of the 13th Annual American Ballad Contest being conducted in each of the five boroughs by the Department of Parks and sponsored by the Jacob Ruppert Brewing Company. The songsters will sing "barber shop" ballads, and will vie for a spot in the City-wide Championships scheduled for the Mall in Central Park on Tuesday, June 17th at 8:30 P.M.

Manhattan and Queens will start the series of contests tomorrow night at 8:30 P.M., and will be followed on Tuesday evening, June 10th by Brooklyn and Richmond. The Bronx will close the preliminary song fests with its contest on Wednesday evening, June 11th.

The seven quartets who are ready to sing for the Manhattan title at 8:30 P.M. tomorrow night at the Central Park Mall are The New York Jubilee Singers, The Jeffersonians, The Troublesome Foursome, The Manhattanites, The Blue Barons, The Amsterdam Quartet, and The Dingler Family Quartet. Queens songsters, who will be holding forth at the same time across the river at the Music Grove in Forest Park, are the Four G's, The Gondoliers, The Homogenizers, and The Four Flounders of Bayside.

On Tuesday, June 10th at 8:30 P.M., sixteen Brooklyn quartets will sound off at the Music Grove in Prospect Park. The singing Brooklynites are The Fleet Wings, The Four Quarteters, The Quartet Brothers, The Jubilees, The Mount Carmel Quartet, Father Giorgio Post of the Catholic War Veterans, The Clover Leaf Quartet, The Flatbush Hoboes, The Melodeers, The Downtown Melody Four, Fidelity Council of the Knights of Columbus, Melwyn Four, Eberhard Faber Pencil Co. Quartet, The St. Bernadette Troubadors, The Ambassadors, and The Barber Shop Choristers. At the same

time Brooklyn is vocalizing, Staten Island quartets will also be making themselves heard in the Richmond contest at McDonald Playground, Broadway and Forest Avenue. The singing Staten Islanders are The Gulf Quartet, The McKee Teachers, The Campus Four, and The St. Patrick Quartet.

The last borough-wide contest of the week will be held at Mullaly Recreation Center in the Bronx at Jerome Avenue and 162 Street on Wednesday, June 11th at 8:30 P.M. Seven Bronx quartets are ready to sing for the borough crown and a place in the City-wide finals. They are The Four Sharps, The Club Harmony, The Chordsmen, The Hook and Ladder Four, The Ultra Violet Four, The What Four, and The Silvertops.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning quartets by the Jacob Ruppert Brewing Company.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

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Immediately

I understand that the Police Commissioner has released a report recommending the construction of two-story underground garages in Bryant Park and Madison Square Park as a solution of the parking problem in New York City. In spite of the information we have repeatedly furnished him, he has followed the usual pattern and, has reached down into the bottom drawer to resurrect this moldy and preposterous scheme.

Careful studies of the practicability of building underground garages in the parks from time to time during the last decade have always reached the same conclusion. Aside from the temporary destruction of the parks and the permanent scars they leave, these schemes are wholly impracticable from a financial standpoint. They add to, rather than ameliorate traffic problems through depressed entrances and exits which in themselves take up much of the theoretical parking space, and must begin hundreds of feet away to avoid impossible grades. The maze of underground railroads, conduits and ducts in the adjacent streets and through the parks add tremendously to the cost of construction.

This is the most expensive method of providing new parking garages. Rock is close to the surface in both Bryant Park and Madison Square Park. The cost of rock excavation alone exceeds the cost of building an equivalent overhead structure. Both parks were recently rehabilitated at great expense and, at today's prices, it would cost more than a half a million dollars to relocate them on top of the proposed garages. The restored landscaping would never be satisfactory.

Bryant Park is the site of an old reservoir and is traversed by the old aqueduct. It is filled with vaults, transformers and other utilities which must either be relocated or protected at great expense. Drainage, ventilation, and other unusual construction, costing much more than larger and better facilities in a building above ground would be required. Subways run on two sides of Bryant Park and access to the underground garage would have to pass around them. Access under the Library from Fifth Avenue would be impossible.

As to Madison Square, this is in an area where there is a demand on one side only for public parking facilities and a garage for this neighborhood should be placed elsewhere. Access to the park from the west is restricted by the subway on Broadway, and traffic on Madison Avenue which ends at 23rd Street is as congested as anywhere in Manhattan. Rock is within a few feet of the surface and construction costs would be tremendous.

Two examples, usually pointed out by the proponents of this scheme, are the San Francisco Garage and the one at Rockefeller Center. Neither are comparable. The San Francisco Garage was built in sandy soil on a site that was topographically advantageous and provided access at different levels. The rates charged at the Rockefeller Center Garage are many times those that could be set up at a public facility and the special services, such as the sale of gasoline and oil and washing and minor repairs to cars, are a substantial part of the income.

As I see this picture, the purpose of any municipal parking garage is to relieve traffic congestion. This means that they should not be located on plots such as Bryant Park on 42nd Street between Fifth Avenue and Sixth Avenue or in Madison Square Park on 23rd Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, among the busiest intersections of the City.

We are making progress on the parking problem in Manhattan. We expect to have the Battery Garage under construction shortly. The St. George situation will be cleared up with the completion of the new ferry terminal which was started a short time ago. The next step should be the new Columbus Circle garage, auditorium and sports center, which still can be built without expense to the City, if it will only indicate a willingness to cooperate with the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. The United Nations garage under the World Capitol site will provide for 2,000 cars.

Finally the Board of Estimate should direct a competent agency to employ experts to investigate thoroughly the locations and costs of construction and operation of additional parking garages such as those recommended in the report by Gano Dunn, Gilmore Clarke and Earl Andrews, with a view to establishing a practical program based on engineering facts and figures.

I can only repeat, as I have time and time again, that underground parking garages in Manhattan are impractical. The idea of tearing up valuable park improvements for such expensive projects is silly.

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner



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Two All City High School Band Concerts are planned for the public parks this week-end, under the direction of Mr. George H. Gartlan, Director of Music for the Board of Education. Young musicians from high schools throughout the city present these concerts annually, marking the end of the term's musical activities. The first concert will be at Central Park Mall, on Saturday, June 7th, at 2 P.M. This will be followed by a concert at the Music Grove in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, on Sunday, June 8th at 2 P.M.

The program for both concerts will be as follows:

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

1. Petrouchka Ballet Stravinsky
Mr. Franklin Grapel, Conductor
2. Sailor's Dance, Red Poppy Gliere
Mr. Joseph Rosenthal, Conductor
3. First Suite in E. Flat Holst
Mr. Franklin Grapel, Conductor
4. Washington Post March Sousa
Mr. Joseph Rosenthal, Conductor
5. Chocolate Soldier Selections Oscar Strauss
Mr. Franklin Grapel, Conductor
6. Masaniello Overture Auber
Mr. Cosimo DePietto, Conductor
7. Show Boat Selections Kern
Mr. DePietto
8. On the Mall March Goldman
Mr. DePietto
9. New Moon Selections Romberg
Mr. DePietto
10. National Emblem March Bagley
Mr. DePietto

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

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The Department of Parks announced today that the newly constructed addition to the promenade and beach at Orchard Beach in Pelham Bay Park, Borough of the Bronx, will be opened to the public on Decoration Day, May 30th.

The beach has been extended 1,200 feet to the east, providing an additional seven acres of beach and five acres of the former eroded beach have been restored. The completion of the beach addition and the restoration of the old beach will greatly relieve the overcrowding at this facility, particularly on holidays and weekends.

Orchard Beach was originally constructed with WPA funds and opened to the public in July 1936. The facilities then consisted of two bathhouse buildings, a curved shore promenade about 4,500 feet in length and approximately twenty-six acres of abutting beach. Facilities for parking, picnics and games were also provided.

The work under the construction contracts which have just been completed includes the placing of rip rap fill in the channel between Pelham Bay Park and Twin Island for the protection of the promenade extension, the construction of two protecting jetties and the placing of 300,000 cubic yards of hydraulic fill for the construction of the promenade and the added beach area. The hydraulic fill has been covered with three feet of white sea sand which was dredged from the Rockaway Inlet and carried by barges to Orchard Beach. The promenade is well lighted, paved with asphalt block and lined with benches. Additional drinking fountains have been installed on the promenade and new clusters of drinking fountains have been located on the beach. A new drainage and water supply system has also been added.

The locker rooms in the bathing pavilions have also been altered and enlarged. These rooms, which previously accommodated 7,220 lockers, have been enlarged so as to provide 1,700 additional lockers for women and 830 additional lockers for men. Additional shower facilities have been added and new ticket booths have been constructed.

Arrangements have been made with the local bus companies for additional transportation to be furnished this summer.

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The first of a series of four Naumburg Memorial Concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Decoration Day, Friday, May 30th, at 8:15 P.M. Other concerts will follow on July 4, July 31, and Labor Day.

These concerts are contributed to the music lovers of New York City through the generosity of Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall in 1922, and lived to see it put to the purpose he had in mind of erecting a veritable Temple of Music. This is the twenty-third year that these concerts have been presented.

The Decoration Day concert will be conducted by Dean Dixon. The following program will be rendered:

Overture "Die Meistersinger"	Wagner
Pavane "For a dead Infanta"	Ravel
Slavonic Dance NO.1, in C Major, opus 46	Dvorak
Symphony No.5 in C Minor, opus 68 Third and Fourth Movements	Beethoven
Tragic Overture	Brahms
Violin Concerto in D Major, opus 35 Canzonetta and Finale Anahid Ajomian, Violin Soloist	Tschaikowsky
Emporer Waltz	Strauss
Finale from Symphony No. 4	Tschaikowsky

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The Department of Parks announces that the Claremont Inn will reopen for the summer season on Thursday, May 22nd. This establishment is famous for its cuisine as well as for its historic background.

Built in the charming tradition of the early 19th Century, the Claremont had many famous owners and guests, including Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother, and later President McKinley. The Inn, situated on Riverside Drive and 124th Street, commands a delightful view of the Hudson.

Claremont Inn, with its attractive dining terrace and gay umbrellas, is one of New York's most popular rendezvous. It will be open at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays and 1:00 P.M. on Sundays. Sonny Weldan's Orchestra alternates with Ennio's Rhumba Band to provide continuous dancing from 6:45 P.M. in either the Garden or Cocktail Lounge.

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Sunday, May 18, 1947

Misc.-10M-82346 114 The thirteenth annual American Ballad Contest for Barber Shop Quartets will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Mall, Central Park, on Tuesday evening, June 17th, at 8:30 P.M. The contest is open to amateur male quartets. All of the songs rendered by the competing foursomes will be of the "American ballad" or "barber shop" variety. This classification includes such old time favorites as "Honey That I Love So Well", "Sweet Adeline", "Sweet Genevieve", "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland", "Down Mobile", and those moss covered "tear jerkers", "The Pardon Came Too Late", "The Picture that is Turned Toward the Wall", "She Is More to be Pitied than Censured", and "She May Have Seen Better Days."

Preliminary contests will be held in each of the five boroughs the week of June 9th to select the quartets which will sing for the City-wide Championship at the Mall on June 17th. Entries are now being received for these qualifying contests at borough offices of the Park Department. The contests are scheduled as follows:

Monday, June 9 - 8:30 P.M. - Manhattan contest at the Mall, Central Park.

Monday, June 9 - 8:30 P.M. - Queens contest at the Music Grove, Forest Park.

Tuesday, June 10 - 8:30 P.M. - Brooklyn contest at the Music Grove, Prospect Park.

Tuesday, June 10 - 8:30 P.M. - Richmond contest at McDonald Playground, Broadway and Forest Avenue, Staten Island.

Wednesday, June 11 - 8:30 P.M. - Bronx contest at Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 162 Street.

In selecting winning quartets, the judges will consider tone, rhythm, technique, originality, interpretation, expression, phrasing, and stage presence. Prizes will be awarded to the winning quartet at each borough-wide contest, and to the winners of first, second, and third place in the City-wide Finals.

Entry blanks may be obtained from the Supervisor of Recreation at borough Park Department headquarters: in Manhattan at the Arsenal, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue; in Brooklyn at the Litchfield Mansion, 5th Street and Prospect Park West; in the Bronx at Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue; in Queens at the Overlook, Park Lane and Union Turnpike; and in Richmond at Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, Staten Island.



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The City-wide Finals of the Department of Parks One Act Play Contest sponsored by the New York Community Trust, will be held on Saturday, May 17th, at 2:00 P.M., at the Amphitheatre, East River Park at Grand Street. Five plays, the winning dramas of five borough-wide elimination contests, will be presented in the competition by groups of Park playground children.

The five plays to be presented this Saturday are:

"Wonder Child", by Gulick Playground, Manhattan

"The Namesake Girl", by Carroll Park Playground
Brooklyn

"The Snow Witch", by Mosholu Playground, Bronx

"The Odyssey of Runyon James", by Newtown Play-
ground, Queens

"Nick Bluster's Trick", by Levy Playground,
Richmond

The plays will be judged for diction, acting, costumes, make-up. Plays placing first, second, and third will receive New York Community Trust medals. The judges who will select the winning plays are Mrs. Samuel F. Carstens, Jr., Miss Iris Vinton, and Miss Hester Conway.

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The Department of Parks announced today that the playground at Rutgers and Henry Streets, Manhattan, recently named by the City Council in memory of Captain Jacob Joseph, son of the present City Comptroller, Iazarus Joseph, will be dedicated on May 15 at 3:30 P.M. Captain Joseph, a member of the Marine Corps, was killed at Guadalcanal on October 22, 1942. Mayor O'Dwyer, Comptroller Iazarus Joseph, Park Commissioner Robert Moses and Councilman Stanley Isaacs will participate in the ceremony and the unveiling of a plaque. Dr. Hiller Weiss, Rabbi of the Jacob Joseph School, will say the invocation and the American Legion Post of the Department of Parks will furnish the color guard.

Adjacent to the playground on Henry Street are the several buildings of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School which was organized almost a half century ago in honor of Rabbi Jacob Joseph, then Chief Rabbi of the Jewish community of the City of New York. Iazarus Joseph, the present Comptroller, is his grandson and one of the Vice-Presidents of the school. Rabbi Jacob Joseph, the first Chief Rabbi in the City, came from Vilna, Poland, at the request of the Jewish populace of New York. He died on July 29, 1902. The school was established in his memory and received its provisional charter from the Board of Regents on May 1, 1903. It was through the efforts of Raphael Joseph, the Comptroller's father, and Samuel I. Andron that the school was founded in memory of the first Chief Rabbi. The school was originally established at 52 Orchard Street and moved to its present quarters at 165 Henry Street in 1944. Included among its graduates is Samuel Rifkin of the Federal Court, and among its early teachers were Albert Cohen of the Appellate Division and Judge William Evans of the City Court. The school includes both grammar and high school grades.

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The building adjacent to the school, owned by the Lehman Foundation, was constructed through the efforts of Emanuel Lehman, cousin of the former Governor, and provided for the care of crippled and handicapped children until this service was taken over by the Department of Welfare.

The playground is developed on property which was obtained from the Board of Transportation on a permit basis in 1934. It was excess property taken in connection with the construction of the Houston Street line of the Independent Subway and was developed as a small children's playground.

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The demand for baseball permits and playing time on existing Park Department ball fields, particularly in the Coney Island and Bay Ridge sections of Brooklyn, has greatly exceeded the supply.

In order to satisfy the demand and to encourage continued youthful interest, additional ball fields will be provided for use next spring at the following locations:

Dyker Beach at Bay 8th and Cropsey Avenue.
3 hardball and 1 softball fields

Coney Island Creek at Bay 49 and Shore Parkway
3 hardball fields

Neptune Park at Neptune Ave. and West 25 Street.
2 hardball fields

Unscheduled scrub team play by the local school boys has been in progress in these areas and will be permitted until work starts in connection with the construction of the new diamonds.

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The Department of Parks announces that outdoor dining in the garden at the Tavern-on-the-Green at 65th Street and Central Park West, in Central Park, will resume May 10th for the summer season.

This colorful building is one of the landmarks in Central Park and was remodeled some years ago to provide a pleasant dining facility in the park.

The Tavern-on-the-Green will be open Saturdays and weekdays from 5 P.M. and Sundays from 1 P.M. There will be dancing in the Terrace Garden from 6:45 P.M. to closing. Music will be furnished by Allan Holmes' Orchestra and Art Baker's Trio.

May 8, 1947

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The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Governor Smith Memorial Fund Committee announce the opening of an exhibition of the Governor Smith Memorial Statue, the flagpole base, and plans, photographs and renderings showing the redevelopment of Manhattan's Lower East Side.

The exhibition will be opened at a formal ceremony on Thursday, May 8, 1947, at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Robert Moses, Chairman of the Governor Smith Memorial Fund Committee, will preside. The speakers will be Mayor William O'Dwyer, The Honorable Bernard M. Baruch, and His Excellency J. Francis A. McIntyre, Archbishop of the New York Diocese. The Police Department Glee Club will sing. The exhibition will be opened to the public on May 9th and will continue through Sunday, June 1st.

The memorial statue and bronze flagpole base will be erected in a small park at Governor Smith Houses on the lower east side of Manhattan, in the neighborhood in which Governor Smith was born, which he represented in the Legislature and where he spent many years of his life. His intimate knowledge of the problems of the residents of the lower east side was the stimulus for much of the enlightened

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social legislation which he fostered as Governor of the State. The Governor lived to see the beginning of the rehabilitation of the entire east side of Manhattan and he endorsed with great enthusiasm the rehabilitation and reconstruction program which is now well under way.

The memorial statue and bas relief will be placed at the end of a tree-lined mall between two playgrounds. The bronze figure of the Governor stands in a characteristic, informal speaking pose, with his hand resting on a bronze drape which hangs over a polished granite pedestal. The bronze bas relief, which is set in the back of the pedestal, depicts scenes on the "Sidewalks of New York." The sculptured bronzes were modeled by Charles Keck, and the granite pedestal and steps were designed by Eggers and Higgins, Architects.

The bronze flagpole base which was modeled by Paul Manship will be placed in the playground adjacent to the Memorial. The composition, a group of native wild animals, recalls the Governor's interest in children, in the conservation of wild life and in parks and playgrounds.

On panels at each side of the statue, "before" and "after" illustrate the extensive transformation and rehabilitation of the east side of Manhattan from waterfront slum to garden city. The photographs and renderings are keyed to a large map which shows the extent of the redevelopment.

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ment from the United Nations site at 48th Street south down to the Brooklyn Bridge. The great New York University Medical Center, the extension and rehabilitation of Bellevue Hospital, and the several housing developments are effectively shown. These houses which will provide modern living accommodations for approximately 68,000 persons include: Peter Cooper Village and Stuyvesant Town, projects sponsored by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; East River apartments, a cooperative project; and Jacob Riis, Lillian D. Wald, Governor Smith Houses and the extension of Vladeck Houses, all sponsored by the New York City Housing Authority.

This exhibition of progress in the oldest part of our city, now to house the World Capital, marks the realization of one of the fondest dreams and ambitions of Governor Smith.



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One Act Play Contests for children will be conducted by the Department of Parks this week as part of the New York Community Trust Spring Sports Tournament. These contests are borough-wide, and are eliminations from which the best plays will be selected to compete in the City-wide Finals on Saturday, May 17th at 2 P.M. at the Amphitheatre, East River and Grand Street.

The young actors are all under 16 years of age, and have received their dramatic training from Department of Parks playground directors in neighborhood playgrounds throughout the city. Several of the boroughs had such a large number of plays entered in the tournament that it was necessary to hold preliminary competition on a district-wide basis before the borough-wide contests could be scheduled. Borough-wide contests will be held this week as follows:

- Manhattan - May 3rd, 1 P.M., at the Amphitheatre, East River Drive & Grand Street
 - "Stones in the Potato Patch", by St. Catherine's Playground
 - "Cinderella", by Carl Schurz Playground
 - "Toys that Talk", by J. Hood Wright Playground
 - "The Maid is in the Garden", by East River and 11th Street Playground
 - "Once in a Hundred Years", by Seward Park Playground
 - "The Wonder Child", by Gulick Playground
 - "Tandora's Box", by Colonial Playground
 - "Disappearing Money", by St. Gabriel's Playground
 - "Grandmother Dozes", by Morningside and 123rd Street Playground
- Brooklyn - May 3rd, 2:15 P.M., at McCarren Center, Driggs Avenue & Lorimer St.
 - "The Namesake Girl", by Carroll Park Playground
 - "Portrait of a Gentleman", by Sheridan Playground
 - "Alice's Blue Gown", by Bushwick Playground
 - "The Hole in the Sock", by New Lots Playground
 - "Refuge", by Bill Brown Memorial Playground
 - "We Want Mother", by Bensonhurst Playground
 - "Lemon Pie for Andy", by McKinley Playground

- Bronx - May 3rd, 2 P.M., at Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Ave. & 165 St.
"The Snow Man Who Wouldn't Melt", by Mullaly Playground
"Fraidy Cat", by Claremont Park Playground
"How Boots Befooled the King", by Crotona Park Playground
"Snow Witch", by Moshulu Park Playground
"Cross My Heart", by St. Mary's West Playground
- Queens - April 30th, 4 P.M. at Flushing Memorial Playground, Bayside & 25 Ave.
"Mother Gets a Shock", by Flushing Memorial Playground
"Selma Goes Psychic", by Martins Field Playground
- May 2nd, 4 P.M., at O'Connor Playground, Corp. Kenny St. & 32 Ave.
"Girls Wanted", by O'Connor Playground Bayside
- May 2nd, 5:30 P.M., at O'Connell Playground, 113 Ave. & 196 St. St.
"The Little Rebels", by O'Connell Playground Albans
- May 3rd, 10 A.M., at Von Dohlen Playground, 138 St. & Archer Avenue,
"The Happy Beggar", by Von Dohlen Playground Jamaica
- May 3rd, 1 P.M. at Liberty Park, Liberty Ave. & 173 Street, Jamaica
"Professor Frog's Lecture", by Jamaica & 179 Place Playground
"The Runaway Clowns", by Liberty Park
- May 3rd, 3:30 P.M. at St. Albans Playground, Merrick Road and Linden
"Quiet Please", by St. Albans Playground Boulevard

The New York Community Trust will award medals to the cast of the best play in each borough-wide contest, and to the children of the plays rated first, second and third in the City-wide Finals

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The Department of Parks announced today that a new playground, located east of Second Avenue between 96th and 97th Streets, Manhattan, will be opened to the public on May 1, 1947. The playground is adjacent to the Machine and Metal Trades High School.

In 1941, the Board of Education acquired the entire block between 96th and 97th Streets from First to Second Avenues for school and recreational purposes. The Machine and Metal Trades High School was constructed on the easterly half of the block in 1942 and the remainder of the property was turned over to this department for the construction of a playground to be jointly operated by the Board of Education and this department. The department was unable to permanently improve the property during the war and the area was temporarily used by the neighborhood youngsters as a ball field. This one and one-half acre playground has now been developed to provide recreational facilities for all age groups. The facilities will include a softball diamond, a wading pool, an open play area, a children's playground equipped with swings, slides, see-saws and other play apparatus, and a comfort station.

The Playground will provide essential recreational facilities during school hours for the students attending the high school and for the children of P.S. 150 immediately to the south of the playground and will also serve the residents of this congested residential neighborhood at other times.

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The Department of Parks announced today that the contract to place hydraulic fill in Great Kills Park, Borough of Richmond, was awarded to the Standard Dredging Corporation, 80 Broad Street, New York City. The low bid was in the amount of \$935,900. The contractor will start work immediately.

The Department proposes under this contract to fill the beach area and the park frontage on Great Kills Harbor with sea sand dredged by hydraulic means. The fill, about 3,500,000 cubic yards, will be placed on marsh land and will provide firm soil foundations for the surface improvements planned for next year. These improvements will include a two mile sand beach and boardwalk, bathhouses, game areas, parking fields, picnic groves, children's playgrounds, roadways, walks and landscaped areas.

The grading for the right-of-way for the Willowbrook Parkway within the park limits will also be provided for under this contract.

The area to be filled amounts to approximately three hundred acres and the work will take about a year. The balance of the park will be completed in stages and it is expected that the surface improvements adjacent to the beach and bathhouse will be completed and open to the public at the end of 1949

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The baseball season in the city's parks will officially start Saturday, April 19th, when the Department of Parks opens 157 baseball and 297 softball diamonds for public play. There will be never a dull moment on any one of the 454 diamonds from opening day until season's end, as permits have been issued for every field for the remainder of April, and applications are piling up even now for next month.

The amateur ball players who will be fanning the spring air over home plates are of many varieties, ranging from teen-age teams to the less spritely "married men's" aggregations. Many older men's teams have requested permits for twilight games.

Permits for the use of diamonds are issued on a monthly basis, and may be secured by sending applications to the Park Director in the borough in which the team desires to play.

Borough offices are located as follows:

Manhattan - Arsenal Building, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion, 5 Street & Prospect Park West, Brooklyn 15, N.Y.

Bronx - Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx 60, N. Y.

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

Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West Brighton, Staten Island 1, N.Y.

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City-wide Championships in the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament sponsored by Gimbel's, will be held Friday evening, April 18th at 8:30 P.M. at 69th Regiment Armory, 26 Street and Lexington Avenue. These bouts mark the culmination of a tournament in which 1,100 boys between 14 and 18 years of age competed in Department of Parks gyms of the five boroughs.

The boys boxing in Friday's bouts are the survivors of borough-wide elimination contests and city-wide semi-finals matches in two divisions: junior for boys 14, 15, and 16 years of age, and senior for 17 and 18 year olds. There are thirteen weight classes.

Gimbel's will award medals to Champions and runners-up in each class. A special award, the John F. Murray Memorial Trophy, will go to the borough winning the greatest number of points in the City-wide finals. The boys who will vie for top honors in the City-wide Championships Friday evening are :

Junior Division

90 Pound Class	James McCole, Manhattan	vs	Ray McLain, Bronx
100 Pound Class	Edward Olmeda, Manhattan	vs	Sol Spinelli, Brooklyn
105 Pound Class	John Mannix, Queens	vs	Max Salazar, Manhattan
112 Pound Class	George Elsasser, Brooklyn	vs	Albert Marino, Manhattan
118 Pound Class	Philip Haveran, Queens	vs	George Simmons, Manhattan
126 Pound Class	Henry Rafferty, Queens	vs	Joseph Pagano, Brooklyn
135 Pound Class	Robert Kirkwood, Queens	vs	Neil Palermo, Brooklyn

Senior Division

118 Pound Class	Pat Olinto, Manhattan	vs	Joseph Conigliaro, Brooklyn
126 Pound Class	Albert Rossi, Queens	vs	Frank Lauro, Brooklyn
135 Pound Class	Joseph Fiel, Manhattan	vs	Fred Monforte, Brooklyn
140 Pound Class	Edward Esposito, Brooklyn	vs	Gerard Leone, Queens
147 Pound Class	John Mullins, Manhattan	vs	Arthur De Ponte, Brooklyn
160 Pound Class	Walter Bland, Bronx	vs	John Psomeades, Queens

Free tickets for the Championships may be obtained at the booth in Gimbel's sixth floor Boys' Department, or at borough Department of Parks offices.

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Friday, April 11, 1947

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The Department of Parks announces that New York City's 522 public tennis courts at 46 locations will be open for play on Saturday, April 12th. A season locker is \$2.00.

Permits can be secured at any of the five borough offices listed below, either by personal application or by mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed. Address should include postal unit number.

Manhattan - Arsenal Building - Telephone REgent 4-1000
64 Street and 5th Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion - Telephone SOuth 8-2300
Prospect Park West and 5th Street
Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

Queens - The Overlook - Telephone CLeveland 3-4600
Union Turnpike and Park Lane
Forest Park, Kew Gardens 15, N. Y.

Bronx - Administration Building - Telephone WEstchester
Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue 7-5200
Bronx 60, N. Y.

Richmond - Clove Lakes Field House - Telephone GIbraltar
Cloves Lakes Road & Victory Boulevard 2-7640
Staten Island 1, N. Y.



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Friday, April 11, 1947

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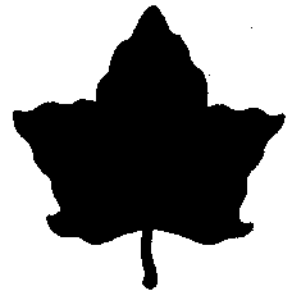
Richmond - Clove Lakes Field House - Telephone GIbraltar
Clove Lakes Road & Victory Boulevard 2-7640
Staten Island 1, N. Y.

Season permits which cost \$3:00 are good at any of the locations.

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Wednesday April 9th, 1947

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The new playground bounded by Ninth Street, Bridge Plaza South, Eleventh Street and the Queensbridge Housing Project in Long Island City, Queens, will be officially opened on Thursday, April 10, 1947 at 3:30 P.M. John Splain, Commissioner of Public Works and James A. Burke, President of the Borough of Queens, will participate. Robert Moses, Commissioner of the Department of Parks, will act as Chairman.

While the work in connection with the development of the playground was completed some time ago, the opening to the public had to be delayed until a protective gutter was erected underneath the Queensborough Bridge to safeguard children using the facility.

This new recreational area will provide additional play facilities for children residing in the Queenbridge Housing Project and also for children living in the densely built-up area to the south of the bridge approach.

The new playground contains a wading pool, slides, large swings, baby swings, basketball and volleyball courts, a sandpit and a comfort station. The entire area is fenced in and bordered with shade trees.

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Sunday April 6, 1947

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The last set of City-wide Semi-finals in the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament sponsored by Gimbels, will be held tomorrow evening, April 7th at 8 P.M. at Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 165 Street, the Bronx.

The boys who will trade leather for a spot in the City-wide Championships bouts scheduled for April 18th at the 69th Regiment Armory, are the winners of Borough-wide elimination contests for which over 1,100 boys trained in Park Department gymnasias. To-morrow's semi-finals will be in the senior division for boys 17 and 18 years of age. Semi-finals for junior boys, 14, 15, and 16 years of age, were held last week.

The Senior Semi-final card will include matches in 126, 135, 140, 147, and 160 pound classes. The boys boxing tomorrow night are:

126 Lb. Class

James Hamilton, Manhattan
Joseph Mastro, Bronx
Al Rossi, Queens

135 Lb. Class

Joseph Fiol, Manhattan
Fred Monforte, Brooklyn
Lorenzo De Cohen, Bronx
John Barongi, Queens

140 Lb. Class

Angelo Montello, Manhattan
Ed Esposito, Brooklyn
Ed Zimmerman, Bronx
Gerard, Leone, Queens

147 Lb. Class

John Mullin, Manhattan
Arthur De Ponte, Brooklyn
Kenny Clarke, Bronx
John Vantor, Queens

160 Lb. Class

Vincent Hutchinson, Manhattan
Stanley Rosenstein, Brooklyn
Walter Bland, Bronx
John Psomocades, Queens

Medals will be awarded by Gimbels to the winners and runners-up in each of the borough-wide contests, and to the Champions and runners-up in each division of the City-wide Championships on April 18th. At the City-wide finals, the borough receiving the greatest number of points will be given a special award, the John F. Murray Memorial Trophy.

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Seven hundred and fifty boys and girls have expressed their approval of the Arnold Constable Egg and I Egg Rolling Contest by filing entries for this novel competition which will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th and 84th Streets, next Saturday, April 5th, at 2 P.M. This enthusiastic response from the youngsters, whose ages run from 5 through 13 years, proves that New York City's children are as susceptible to the appeal of good, clean fun as those of other communities.

Using spoons as niblicks to advance their eggs across the turf, the youthful tyros will find that their fanciest flourishes will not result in mishaps as all the eggs will be made of wood. Competition will be on an equitable basis since boys and girls will have individual races arranged according to age groups. Competing in Group I, the 5, 6, 7 year old tots will have 20 yards of clover to traverse. Group II for the 8, 9, and 10 year olds, will cover 30 yards. Group III, for those who are 11, 12, and 13 years of age, will have to travel 40 yards.

Generous prizes will be awarded by Arnold Constable to first, second and third place winners in each event. Toys, specially designed by Ann Farrell of the A. C. Gilbert Co., await Group I winners. Merchandise certificates for \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded to Group II winners. The boy and girl finishing first in Group III events, each with a parent, will win a trip to Washington, D. C., in addition to a \$100 merchandise certificate. Second and third place winners will receive merchandise certificates for \$50 and \$25.

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Sunday March 30, 1947

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Misc.-10M-82346 114 Semi-finals in the Junior Division of the Department of Parks Boxing

Tournament sponsored by Gimbel's will be held on Monday evening, March 31st at 8 P. M. at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens. These bouts are part of the boxing program which the Department of Parks is conducting for boys between 14 and 18 years of age in which over 1,200 boys are participating.

The Junior semi-finals will bring together the winners of five borough-wide elimination tournaments for 14, 15, and 16 year old boys. The victors in the semi-finals will box for City-wide Championships at the 69th Regiment Armory on Friday evening, April 18th. City-wide semi-finals in the Senior Division of the tournament, for boys 17 and 18 years of age, will be held at Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 165 Street, the Bronx.

The boys who will box in the Junior Semi-finals on March 31st are:

90 lb. class

James McCole, Manhattan
Nathan Breland, Brooklyn
Ray McLain, Bronx

100 lb. class

Edward Olmeda, Manhattan
Sol Spinelli, Brooklyn
Andrew Mason, Bronx

105 lb. class

Max Salazar, Manhattan
Augie, Garritano, Brooklyn
Joseph Shannon, Bronx
John Mannix, Queens

112 lb. class

Albert Marino, Manhattan
George Elsassner, Brooklyn
Bernard McCoy, Bronx
Manuel Zaharia, Queens

118 lb. class

George Simmons, Manhattan
Malachia Beach, Brooklyn
James Langhorn, Bronx
Philip Koveran, Queens

126 lb. class

William Reginio, Manhattan
Joe Pagano, Brooklyn
Robert Szesny, Bronx
Henry Rafferty, Queens

135 lb. class

Charles Ayala, Manhattan
John Showell, Brooklyn
William Connelly, Bronx
Robert Kirkwood, Queens

Gimbels will award medals to the winners and runner-up of each Borough-wide finals, and to the Champions and runners-up at the City-wide Championships on April 19th. A special award, the John F. Murray Memorial trophy, will be awarded to the borough attaining the greatest number of points in the finals.

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Saturday March 29th, 1947

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The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouse at Prospect Park, (Prospect Park West and 7th Street, Brooklyn) on Palm Sunday, March 30th at 10:00 A.M.

More than 200 varieties of flowers will be on exhibit. The main feature of the show is a huge cross, twenty feet high, made up of Mexican Lilies with an edging of Pink Hydrangeas. Leading to the steps of the cross is a path of grass with beds of Azaleas in over 50 varieties.

As a background for the central motive, the walls of the Greenhouse are banked with a colorful display of flowers in great varieties, among which are Sweet Peas, Calceolarias, Snap Dragons, Camellias and many other plants.

Press photographs may be taken daily starting Friday, March 28th.

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The Department of Parks, in cooperation with Arnold Constable, will herald the advent of Easter with an Egg and I Rolling Contest on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th and 84th Streets, on Saturday, April 5th at 2 P.M.

Though world-wide food shortages have cancelled the traditional egg rolling on the White House lawn this year, industrious hens, already stepping up production to meet Lenten demands for their edible ovoids, have nothing to fear from New York City youngsters. The boys and girls, ranging from 5 through 13 years of age, will propel wooden eggs across the green without leaving a trail of scrambled eggs behind them.

The children will compete in events arranged according to age and sex. Group I, for 5, 6, and 7 year olds will wield their spoons over a 20 yard course; Group II, 8, 9, and 10 years, will navigate 30 yards; and Group III, 11, 12, and 13 years will go a distance of 40 yards.

Arnold Constable will award prizes to first, second, and third place winners in each event. For Group I, these prizes will be specially designed toys by Ann Farrell of the A.C. Gilbert Co. Group II will receive merchandise certificates for \$100, \$50, and \$25. The winners of Group III, one boy and one girl, each with a parent, will win a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as a \$100 Merchandise certificate. Second and third place winners will receive \$50 and \$25 merchandise certificates respectively.

Entries may be filed with Park Department Playground Directors or Arnold Constable Egg and I Booth on 2nd floor, Fifth Avenue and 40th Street, by Thursday, April 3rd.

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Finalists in the three divisions of the Department of Parks Basketball Tournament will take over the Madison Square Garden court on Saturday, March 29, from 1:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. when the City-wide Championships are decided for Junior Boys, Senior Boys, and Girls. The teams playing are the survivors of 1,288 starting teams, and have fought their way through elimination tournaments in their individual boroughs, and then through inter-borough play-offs to reach that Elysian field of all basketball players - the Garden. The opener will be the Junior game, to start at 1:30 P.M. This will be followed by the Girls game at 2:30 P.M. and the Senior Boys at 3:30 P.M.

In the Junior Boys' division for 12, 13, and 14 year olds, the boroughs of Bronx and Brooklyn will send in the Panthers and the Betsy Head Roberts as their representatives. The Bronx Panthers, who were last year's runners-up for the City-wide Championship, are expected to spark their attack with Norman Tauber and Jake Molinas. Dave Gotkin, David Freundlich, and Harold Friedland, consistent heavy scorers, will highlight the Roberts line-up.

In the Girls' tilt, last year's champions, the Comets of Manhattan, will be out to repeat their 1946 performance, with the aid of Virginia Montemorro and Mary Jane Romaro, their outstanding players. The St. Barnabas girls, representing the Bronx, will provide the competition.

In the Senior Boys' division, for boys 15, 16, and 17 years of age, Brooklyn will be represented by a second team from Betsy Head Playground, the New Yorkers, who will meet Madison House of Manhattan to decide the senior title. Edwin Rubin, who has been the spearhead of the New Yorkers' attack throughout the tournament is expected to star in this final game. Madison House will counter with their perennial high scorer, Happy Reynolds.

Handsome trophies will be awarded to the three winning teams, and medals will be awarded to all members of both champion and runner-up teams,

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Monday, March 24, 1947

FOR RELEASE

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The last two sets of Borough-wide boxing finals in preparation for the City-wide Championships in the Department of Parks annual Boxing Tournament for boys will be held this evening at 8:00 P.M. at East 54th Street Gymnasium, 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan, and at Faber Play Center, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street, Port Richmond, Staten Island. The winners of to-night's bouts will qualify for the City-wide Semi-finals in which boxers from the five boroughs will meet. Semi-finals for juniors are scheduled for March 31st at Lost Battalion Hall in Queens, and for April 7th for seniors at Mullaly Recreation Center in the Bronx.

The young boxers are all between the ages of 14 and 18 years, and are part of a group of 1,100 boys who train in the seventeen boxing centers which the Department of Parks conducts. Tournament competition is in two divisions: junior, for boys 14, 15, and 16 years of age, and senior for boys 17, and 18 years of age. Juniors will box in 90, 100, 105, 112, 118, 126, 135 lb. classes, and seniors in 118, 126, 135, 140, 147, and 160 lb. classes.

The winners of the five borough-wide elimination tournaments who are victorious in the City-wide Semi-finals, will meet in the City-wide Championships on Friday, April 18th, at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue.



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Monday, March 17, 1947

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114 The second week of elimination bouts in the Department of Parks Boxing

Tournament will start this evening at 8 P.M. when Manhattan conducts semi-finals for the western division of the borough at Highbridge Play Center, West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and Queens holds its borough-wide finals at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard.

These bouts are part of the City-wide Boxing Tournament which the Department of Parks is conducting for boys from 14 to 18 years of age who have been trained in the 17 Park boxing centers throughout the city. Boys 14, 15, and 16 years of age are competing in the Junior Division, in 90, 100, 105, 112, 118, 126, and 135 lb. classes. The Senior Division, for boys 17 and 18 years of age, includes 118, 126, 135, 140, 147, and 160 lb. classes. Each borough is conducting its own elimination bouts, and will send the winners in thirteen classes to the City-wide Championships and semi-finals. The City-wide Championships are scheduled for Friday evening, April 18th, at the 69th Regiment Armory.

The complete program of Park Department boxing shows for this week is:

Monday, March 17, Manhattan Semi-finals, Western division, at Highbridge Play Center, West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

Monday, March 17, Queens Borough Finals at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Blvd.

Tuesday, March 18, Manhattan Semi-finals, Western division, at Highbridge Play Center, West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

Thursday, March 20, Manhattan Semi-finals, Eastern division, Gym at 342 East 54 St.

Thursday, March 20, Bronx Borough Finals at Mullaly Recreation Center, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue.

There is no admission charge at any of the bouts.

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Monday
March 10, 1947

The annual Department of Parks Boxing Tournament will start this evening at 8:00 P.M. with the first set of borough-wide elimination bouts at Mullaly Recreation Center, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue in the Bronx. These bouts will mark the opening of a City-wide tournament for which over 1,100 boys have been training in seventeen Department of Parks boxing centers for the past few months.

All boxers competing are between 14 and 18 years of age, and have had the benefit of a carefully supervised program which included rope skipping, bag punching, boxing, sparring, calisthenics, and individual fundamental instructions. The tournament will be conducted in two divisions: Junior for boys 14, 15, 16 years of age, and Senior for boys 17 and 18 years of age. The weight classes in the two divisions are: Junior, 90, 100, 105, 112, 118, 126, 135 pounds; Seniors, 118, 126, 135, 140, 147, and 160 pounds.

The tournament will be run on the elimination basis, with each borough conducting its own bouts and sending the winners in each division to the five-borough semi-finals, and the City-wide Championships. The Department of Parks will award medals to the winners and runners-up at each borough-wide show, and to the winners and runners-up at the City-wide Championships.

Boxing matches are scheduled as follows, starting at 8:00 P.M. :

Monday, March 10 - Bronx Junior Semi-finals at Mullaly Recreation Center, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue.
Tuesday, March 11 - Bronx Senior Semi-finals at Mullaly Recreation Center, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue.
Wednesday, March 12 - Brooklyn Junior Semi-finals at McCarren Play Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street.
Thursday, March 13 - Brooklyn Senior Semi-finals at McCarren Play Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street.
Saturday, March 15 - Brooklyn Finals, McCarren Play Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street.
Monday, March 17 - Manhattan Semi-finals, Western division, at Highbridge Play Center, West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue.
Monday, March 17 - Queens Borough Finals at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard.
Tuesday, March 18 - Manhattan Semi-finals, Western division, at Highbridge Play Center, West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue.
Wednesday, March 19 - Manhattan Semi-finals, Eastern division, Gym at 342 East 54 St.
Thursday, March 20 - Manhattan Semi-finals, Eastern division, Gym at 342 East 54 St.
Thursday, March 20 - Bronx Borough Finals at Mullaly Recreation Center, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue.
Monday, March 24 - Manhattan Borough Finals, at Gym at 342 East 54 Street.
Friday, March 28 - City-wide Quarter Finals at Gym at 342 East 54 Street.
Monday, March 31 - City-wide Junior Semi-finals at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens.
Monday, April 7 - City-wide Senior Semi-finals at Mullaly Recreation Center, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.
Friday, April 18 - 8:30 P.M. - City-wide Championships at 69th Regiment Armory, 26 Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Skiing and coasting have come to New York. The snow covered slopes of the city's parks are being used by many winter sports fans. The Department of Parks has set aside special hills for coasting and skiing in the parks of the five boroughs. These hills have been selected for their safety, and are supervised by Park personnel.

Coasting hills are located throughout the city at the following parks:

Manhattan: Central Park -

Pilgrim Hill, 72 Street and East Drive
Cedar Hill, 79 Street and East Drive
Burns Lawn, 79 Street and West Drive, south of Transverse Road
83 Street and East Drive, north of Museum of Art
Boat House, 72 Street and East Drive, north of Boat House
60th Street and West Drive
East Meadow, 99th Street off Fifth Avenue
79th Street and East Drive (short run for small children)

Brooklyn: Prospect Park -

Lookout Hill, southwest of Music Grove, near Empire Boulevard
Long Meadow, opposite First Street and Prospect Park West
Long Meadow North, near East Drive
Maryland Monument Hill, near 16 Street and Prospect Park West

Bronx: Van Cortlandt Park -

18th tee and fairway of golf course, 242 Street and Broadway

Queens: Forest Park -

Old 18th tee of Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane S. and Forest Hwy.

Kissena Park -

First fairway of golf course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road, Flushing

Richmond: LaTourette Golf Course -

7th Fairway, Forest Avenue and Silver Lake Park Roadway

Hills which have been designated for skiing are:

Manhattan: Central Park - Cedar Hill and Burns Lawn

Brooklyn: Prospect Park - southwest of Music Grove
Dyker Golf Course

Bronx: Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course - 18th tee and fairway

Queens: Crocheron Park, 33 Avenue and Cross Island Parkway, Bayside
Forest Park Golf Course, 3rd tee, 2nd and 4th fairways
Kissena Park Golf Course, Fresh Meadow Road, 164 Street and North Hempstead Turnpike, Flushing

Richmond: LaTourette Golf Course, Forest Hill and London Roads, Rockland Avenue
Silver Lake Golf Course, Forest Avenue and Victory Boulevard

February 8, 1947.

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FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

The ice skating season in the city's parks got under way today with the first day's skating on 192 flooded wading pools in neighborhood playgrounds. These small areas provide safe skating for youngsters as they are filled with water to a depth of only six inches. If low temperatures continue, many large flooded areas which are used as softball diamonds and tennis courts in other seasons, will soon have good ice. The most popular of these large areas are:

- Manhattan:** Col. Young Playground, 143 Street and Lenox Avenue
Playground, East River Drive and Broome Street
Roosevelt Playground, Broome Street and Chrystie Street
Ft. Tryon Park, Broadway and Dyckman Street
- Brooklyn:** Bushwick Playground, Putnam and Knickerbocker Avenues
Gravesend Playground, 56 Street and 18th Avenue
Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue S and East 14th Street
Lincoln Terrace Park, Rochester and Buffalo Avenues
McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Court Streets
- Bronx:** Bronx Park East and Unionport Road Tennis Courts
Pelham Bay Park, Rice Stadium, Middletown Road and Eastern Boulevard
Pulaski Playground, East 133 Street and Willis Avenue
Crotona Park Tennis Courts, Crotona Pk. North and Crotona Avenue
Mullaly Playground, Jerome Avenue and 165 Street
- Queens:** Alley Pond Tennis Courts, Winchester Blvd. off Union Turnpike,
Queens Village
Playground, Atlantic Avenue and 88th Street, Ozone Park
Brookville Tennis Courts, Brookville Blvd. and S. Conduit Rd., Rosedale
Maurice Playground, Maurice, Borden and 54 Avenues, Maspeth
Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale

Lakes in the five boroughs are not ready for ice skating. Children and adults are urged to keep off the thin and dangerous ice. The Department of Parks will announce in newspapers and over municipal broadcasting station WNYC when lakes are ready for ice skating.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Friday
January 17, 1947

The Park Department announces that because of previous experience and anticipated large demand for locker accommodations at the golf club houses for the 1947 season, the following procedure will be followed in assigning lockers:

Written applications will be received on or after February 1st at the Borough Office in the borough in which the club house is located. Letters of application postmarked prior to February first will not be considered. Applications are not to be made in person, as they will not be accepted. Lockers will be assigned according to chronological order of postmarks. When duplicate postmarks exceed the number of lockers available, assignments will be by draw.

The cost of a golf locker permit for the 1947 season will be the same as last year - five dollars.

The addresses of the Borough Offices are listed below:

Brooklyn	Litchfield Mansion 5th Street and Prospect Park West Brooklyn 15, N. Y.
Queens	The Overlook Kew Gardens 15, New York
Bronx	Administration Building Bronx Park East and Birchall Bronx 60, New York
Richmond	Clove Lakes Park Clove Road and Victory Boulevard Staten Island 1, New York

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~~FOR RELEASE~~ Immediately

Lakes and ponds under the jurisdiction of the
Department of Parks are freezing over.

The Department requests the cooperation of parents,
schools and others in cautioning children not to go on ice
until it is safe for skating.

Most of the tennis courts and wading pools have
been flooded and are now open for skating. These provide safe
skating for youngsters.

Of the larger lakes the 59th Street pond in the
south end of Central Park and the Van Cortlandt Park Lake
in the Bronx will be opened for skating at noon today
Thursday, January 9, 1947.

January 9, 1947

*Phone to Broadcast Room
& Station W N. Y. C.*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Sunday
January 5, 1947

Over 113,000,000 visits were made by children and adults to the city's parks and playgrounds during 1946, an increase of 7,000,000 over last year's attendance. Interest in all forms of public recreation showed an upward trend in 1946, with basketball's 4,800,000 topping the previous year by almost a million participants; picnic activities, jumping to a million and a half, showed a substantial increase; and beach attendance soaring to 69,000,000 from 1945's 66,000,000. The Park Department's varied facilities were used twelve months of the year, with emphasis on different activities each season.

During the winter months, a million children and adults engaged in ice skating, skiing, and coasting on lakes, flooded areas, and hills. During the summer, park beaches and swimming pools provided seventy-one million people with relief from the heat, and a million and a half small fry splashed in complete safety in the 189 playground wading pools. In the spring and summer months, softball and baseball diamonds were taken over by two million boys and men in search of healthful, enjoyable exercise. The fall months found large numbers coming out for football, soccer, roller skating, and roller hockey. At various times during the year, special sports facilities, such as archery ranges, bicycle paths, bowling greens, bridle paths, horseshoe pitching courts, golf courses, and tennis courts took care of the outdoor needs of another two million citizens.

Flood lighting equipment permitted the use of facilities for pleasant summer evening activities for many thousands of New Yorkers. Concerts by the Goldman Band, the City Amateur Symphony Orchestra, the American Federation of Musicians, and the Naumberg Memorial concerts were heard by 500,000 in various parks throughout the city. Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison System, and the Pepsi-Cola Company square dances kept 700,000 in a gay mood. The summer's musical activities ended on a high note with Barber Shop Quartet and Dance contests on Central Park Mall. Youngsters were not overlooked by the Park Department in planning entertainment. Many thousands of children in playgrounds of the five boroughs enjoyed marionette shows presented by the Park Department Marionette

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Theatre, and the travelling Magic Show.

A series of special tournaments and contests were featured in the Park Department's 1946 program. Thirty thousand children, young men and women took part in the Learn to Swim Campaign, marbles contest, boys' swimming meets, softball tournament, golf and tennis tournaments. These games and meets were witnessed by 250,000 spectators. Six swimming meets for girls attracted over 1,000 swimmers, most of them swimming in competition for the first time. A series of eleven swimming meets was sponsored by the New York Community Trust, in which 2,000 boys and girls took part.

Track and field for boys and girls was given a big lift by the four meets sponsored by the New York Athletic Club, and the three meets sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Queens and Kings, in which 2,000 young athletes took part. A million more youngsters practiced and competed on the Park Department's 17 running tracks and 3 cross country courses during the year.

In addition to conducting these special events, with their colorful and exciting angle of city-wide competition, the Department of Parks also helped to keep New Yorkers active and happy with a daily program of supervised activities conducted by playground directors which has come to be accepted as routine in the Department's 492 playgrounds throughout the city. This daily program includes arts and crafts, drama, dancing, sports, clubs, dancing, gardening, games, and use of swings, slides, see-saws, and other playground equipment. Two thousand girls between six and sixteen years of age learned to dance in neighborhood playgrounds, and showed their accomplishments in Dance Festivals held in each borough during the month of August.

The Department of Parks is all set to give New Yorkers another helping of health and pleasure during 1947. The first sports items on the calendar for the new year are a city-wide basketball tournament, and ice skating meets, for which entries are now being received at all playgrounds.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY



Ice skating carnivals will be conducted by the Department of Parks on park lakes in each of the five boroughs on Sunday, January 12th, at 1:30 P.M. These events are preliminaries to the City-wide Championship meet which will be held on Central Park Lake on Sunday, January 19th.

A program of eight events for boys and girls 17 years of age and under will be conducted at each meet. In the juvenile class for children 9, 10, and 11 years of age, events will be 75 yards for boys, and 60 yards for girls. In the junior division for skaters 12, 13, and 14 years of age, the boys' events will be 100 yards, the girls' 75 yards. In the intermediate class for 15, 16, and 17 year olds, boys' events will be the 220 and 440 yards; girls' events, 100 and 220 yards.

The lakes on which the five carnivals will be held on January 12th are:

Manhattan: Central Park Lake, 72 Street and Fifth Avenue

Brooklyn: Prospect Park Lake, Flatbush Avenue and Lincoln Road

Bronx: Van Cortlandt Park Lake, 242 Street and Broadway

Queens: Bowne Park Lake, 155 Street and 29 Avenue, Flushing

Richmond: Martling's Pond, Clove Lakes Park, Martling's Lane near Slosson Avenue

The first five winners in each event will represent their boroughs in the City-wide finals on January 19th. Skaters who place first, second, and third will receive medals.

Seven events for skaters who are members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association will be held in conjunction with Manhattan's borough-wide meet on January 12th. These events will be: for midget boys under 12 years of age - 220 yards; for juvenile boys under 14 years of age - 440 yards; for junior boys under 16 years of age - 440 and 880 yards; for intermediate boys under 18 years of age - 880 yards and one mile; for intermediate ladies under 18 years of age - 660 yards.

Entry blanks may be obtained at borough headquarters of the Department of Parks, or at any Park Department ice skating area.

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Squadrons of shiny Christmas sleds are making their first runs down the snowy slopes of the city's parks today. The Department of Parks has set aside special areas throughout the city for coasting and skiing. These hills have been selected for safety, and are supervised by Park personnel.

Coasting areas are located at the following parks:

MANHATTAN:

Central Park:

Boat House Hill, 72 Street and East Drive, north of Boat-House
Burns Lawn, 79 Street and West Drive, south of Transverse Road
Cedar Hill, 79th Street and East Drive
East Meadow, 99 Street and Fifth Avenue
Pilgrim Hill, 72 Street and East Drive
Heckscher Playground, West Drive and 60 Street
East Drive and 79 Street, short run for small children.
North of Museum of Art, 83 Street and East Drive

BROOKLYN:

Prospect Park:

Bowl between Picnic and Tennis House
Long Meadow, north and east sides.
Lookout Hill, north slope
Payne Monument Hill, toward Picnic House
Slope east of Tennis House

BRONX: Van Cortlandt Park, 18th Tee and fairway of golf course, east of 242 Street and Broadway

QUEENS:

Alley Park, Motor Parkway near Winchester Boulevard, Queens Village
Chisholm Park, 115 Street and Poppenhusen Avenue, College Point.
Crocheron Park, end of Crocheron Avenue, Bayside.
Forest Park, old 18th tee, Forest Park Golf Course, Main Drive at 82 St.
Kissena Park Golf Course, first fairway of course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road, Flushing.

RICHMOND: La Tourette Golf Course, 2nd, 14th and 18th Fairways, Rocklnad Avenue and Forest Hill Road.
Silver Lake Golf Course, 7th fairway, Forest Avenue and Silver Lake Park Roadway.

Skiing areas are Burns Lawn and Cedar Hill in Central Park; Dyker Golf Course and Prospect Park, south of Music Grove, in Brooklyn; Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course in the Bronx; Crocheron Park, Forest Park Golf Course, Kissena Golf Course in Queens; La Tourette Golf Course and Silver Lake Golf Course in Richmond.

Friday, December 26, 1947

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE: Immediately

The Park Department announces the completion and opening to the public on Christmas Day of a new playground at Onderdonck Avenue between Starr Street and Willoughby Avenue, as a Yuletide present to the youngsters in the Ridgewood section of Queens.

This is one of several recreation areas started in 1940 and left in various stages of incompleteness when the W.P.A. was abolished in 1942. It will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the adjacent residents of various ages.

The nine tenths of an acre, rectangular shaped plot, entirely enclosed with fencing to protect the youngsters and bordered with shade trees, is divided into three separate sections to facilitate control. One area contains a sand pit, shower basin, kindergarten swings, slides and see-saws for pre-school children; another contains larger slides, swings and handball courts for older children; and the third contains two basketball courts and a large asphaltic concrete surfaced area for group games, roller skating and ice skating when sub-freezing temperatures permit.

Numerous benches have been provided for the users of the facility as well as for parents and guardians of children. There are also a drinking fountain, flag pole and comfort station.

With the addition of this new area, there are now 501 playgrounds in the City park system.

December 23, 1947

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Immediately

A special program of marionette and magic shows has been planned by the Department of Parks for the Christmas holidays. The shows will be given from December 26th to January 3rd at the Park Department's indoor playhouse at the Amphitheatre, East River Drive at Grand Street in Manhattan. The shows are for children only, and admission is free. Morning performances will start at 10:00 A.M. and afternoon shows at 2:00 P.M.

At each performance the children will be treated to magical tricks, songs, stunts and games by Peter Pan the Magic Man, helped by his furry, white assistant, Oscar the Rabbit, and a full marionette show by the Park Department Marionette Theatre troupe. Four marionette dramas, selected because of their popularity with young audiences of the trailer marionette theatre, have been chosen for presentation. The shows are The Shoemaker and the Elves, Happy the Humbug, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Hansel and Gretel.

The shows scheduled for the Amphitheatre are as follows:

Friday, December 26 - 10:00 A.M. - The Shoemaker and the Elves and Magic Show
2:00 P.M. - The Shoemaker and the Elves and Magic Show
Saturday, December 27 - 10:00 A.M. - The Shoemaker and the Elves and Magic Show
2:00 P.M. - The Shoemaker and the Elves and Magic Show
Sunday, December 28 - 2:00 P.M. - Happy the Humbug and Magic Show
Monday, December 29 - 10:00 A.M. - Happy the Humbug and Magic Show
2:00 P.M. - Happy the Humbug and Magic Show
Tuesday, December 30 - 10:00 A.M. - Jack and the Beanstalk and Magic Show
2:00 P.M. - Jack and the Beanstalk and Magic Show
Wednesday, December 31 - 10:00 A.M. - Jack and the Beanstalk and Magic Show
2:00 P.M. - Jack and the Beanstalk and Magic Show
Friday, January 2 - 10:00 A.M. - Hansel and Gretel and Magic Show
2:00 P.M. - Hansel and Gretel and Magic Show
Saturday, January 3 - 10:00 A.M. - Hansel and Gretel and Magic Show
2:00 P.M. - Hansel and Gretel and Magic Show

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FOR RELEASE Sunday, December 21, 1947

The Annual Christmas Exhibit of the season's flowers is on exhibition in the Greenhouse, in Prospect Park West and 9th Street, Brooklyn.

This year's display comprises over 1000 colorful Poinsettia plants in three varieties, white, pink and red; some of the Poinsettias measure 12 to 15 inches in diameter. Other flowering plants such as the attractive and well known Cyclamen and Camellias, have been grouped with the Poinsettias.

The exhibit will be ^{on view} ~~open~~ every day from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. starting Sunday, December 21, 1947 to January 2, 1948.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Immediately

When the Hon. Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of the City Council, and Acting Mayor, throws the switch at City Hall at 5:25 P.M., Thursday, December 18th, lighting the sixty-foot high tree, he will also light a decorative scene depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a traditional red and green wreath, the largest outdoor wreath in the City of New York.

This mammoth wreath, eighteen feet in diameter, has been erected over the main entrance of the Park Department Headquarters at the Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, New York, a Christmas welcome to the visitors in the park.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, Park Department gardeners made the wreath by ingenious use of simple, inexpensive materials such as attractive holly, laurel, rich brown pine cones, moss, soft hemlock - the most graceful of all evergreens, and large clusters of Red Ruscus more brilliant than holly berries.

In all there are 19,288 selected branches of various materials mounted on a wooden frame, braced and reinforced with 3/8 inch steel rods. The wreath is eighteen feet wide and weighs approximately two thousand pounds. The foliage across the frame is six feet wide and the depth of the foliage and filling from the face of the wreath to the base of the frame is over three feet.

December 18, 1947.

FOR RELEASE Monday, December 15, 1947

The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with twenty-two Christmas trees which have been erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on Thursday, December 18th, at 5:00 P.M. A special program will be held at the principal trees in each borough, which will be at City Hall Park, Manhattan; Borough Hall Park, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, the Bronx; Queensborough Hall, Kew Gardens, Queens; and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park, Manhattan, the ceremonies will be broadcast over Station WNYC. Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of the City Council, representing Mayor O'Dwyer, will deliver his annual Christmas message and throw the switch lighting the sixty-foot high tree, officially starting New York's observance of the Yuletide season. Borough President Hugo E. Rogers will also participate in the exercises. Selections will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band, and Christmas carols will be sung by the Police Department's Glee Club, and a boys' choir from Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

Borough Presidents Cashmore, Lyons, Burke and Hall will light the trees in their respective boroughs, where exercises will be conducted under the borough Park Directors who have arranged appropriate programs.

A special decorative scheme depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a holly wreath ten feet in diameter, will be erected over the main entrance of the Park Department Headquarters at the Arsenal, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, Manhattan. The trees will be lighted each evening from 4:30 P.M. until midnight, up to and including January 1, 1948, Christmas trees have been erected at the following locations:

Manhattan * City Hall Park, Broadway and Murray Street
Tavern on the Green, Central Park West and 67 Street
Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111 Street
Roosevelt Park, Block 7, Forsyth and Canal Streets
Mt. Morris Park, center line of Fifth Avenue, top of hill
Ft. Tryon Park, Dyckman Street and Broadway
Carl Schurz Park, 85 Street and East End Avenue
Bellevue Hospital, East River Drive and 26 Street
Washington Square Park, Washington Arch

- Brooklyn * Borough Hall Park, Fulton and Joralemon Street
Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Union Street
Leiv Eiriksson Park, 67 Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues
McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
- Bronx * Joyce Kilmer Park, 161 Street and Grand Concourse
St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 144 Street
St. Jame's Park, Center of oval lawn, East 191 Street & Jerome Ave.
- Queens * Borough Hall, Queens Boulevard and Union Turnpike
King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 151 Street
Flushing Park, Northern Boulevard and Main Street
Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street
Forest Park, Park Lane South, and 108 Street
- Richmond * Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place
* Principal Ceremony

In addition to the large ceremonies, there will also be 100 children's Christmas parties, held between December 18th and the New Year, in the neighborhood playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. In general the parties will include carol singing, tree trimming, and special Christmas games.

The largest of the children's parties in Manhattan will be at Roosevelt Playground and Heckscher Playground on December 22nd, and the Playground at 74th Street and Riverside Drive on December 23. Brooklyn's largest parties will be at Red Hook Play Center on December 22nd and McLaughlin Playground on December 23.

The gayest parties in the Bronx will be at St. Mary's West Playground on December 22nd, and at Mullaly Playground on December 24. Bronx children will also present a dance program on December 30th at Mullaly Recreation Building. Queens will hold its largest parties at Astoria Play Center December 19th and O'Connor Playground on December 22nd and at Newtown Playground on December 23d. In Richmond, parties of unusual interest will be held on December 22nd, at McDonald Playground and at De Matti Playground on December 23d.

FOR RELEASE Sunday, December 14, 1947

On Sunday, December 14th at 12 noon, the American National Fur Breeders Association of Wasau, Wisconsin and the Greater New York Retail Furriers Association, 1451 Broadway, New York City, will formally present two silver foxes to the Central Park Zoo as a Christmas gift to the children of the City of New York.

Mr. Adolph Regent, President of the Greater New York Retail Association will make the presentation and George L. Quigley, Borough Director of Parks in Manhattan will receive the animals for the city and the children.

The animals named "Nip" and "Tuck" arrived on an American Airlines plane last Sunday at La Guardia Airport. Nip is a very rare platina (platinum) fox and Tuck is an exceeding rare ringneck silver fox. They are both males, 18 months old and are progressive color phase descendants of Hercules Amelia, a pale female silver fox, who was the most consistent winner in the fox show in the National fox shows from 1924-1931.

According to Dr. L.J. O'Reilly, president of the American National Fur Breeders Association, the non-profit, cooperative group which is the co-sponsor of Nip and Tuck, the silver fox industry dates back to 1879 when a pair of wild foxes mated and produced a litter of young in captivity on the farm of Benjamin Heywood, at Tignish, at Prince Edward Island. Fur farming first became a practical commercial enterprise, however, when Sir Charles Dalton and Robert T. Oulton began their experiments in domestication of red and silver foxes in 1887. At the end of the Spanish-American War fabulous prices were paid for the live animals and breeding then became a profitable venture. From that time on, the industry spread to many parts of the United States and Canada.

The animals will be housed in the Antelope house at which the ceremony will take place.

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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The Department of Parks requests the cooperation of parents, civic groups, schools and others in cautioning children of the treachery of thin ice and instructing them in safety measures on ice. With the advent of cold weather, lakes and ponds throughout the park system are freezing over.

The first cold snap always seems to serve as an invitation to youngsters to test thin ice, often with disastrous results.

Warning signs have been posted at all lakes and ponds under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

When the ice is safe for skating, the Park Department will announce it in the daily papers and over the the municipal broadcasting station W N Y C.

December 2, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY

The Department of Parks announces the
closing of the ten municipal golf courses in the
various boroughs and the Pitch Putt Course at Jacob
Riis Park, Queens, at the close of play on Sunday,
November ²⁸~~30~~, 194⁸

During the past season more than ^(73,177)~~633,181~~
rounds were played over the ten courses and
approximately ^{38,387}~~36,639~~ rounds were played on the
Pitch Putt Course.

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November ~~25~~, 1947

A new playground bounded by Bruckner Boulevard, Cypress Avenue and 133 and 134 Street, the Bronx, will be opened by the New York City Park Department for public usage without ceremony on Wednesday, November 26, 1947.

The property formerly the site of an old piano factory was acquired by the city in 1942 and assigned to the Park Department in 1943 for recreational purposes.

Although only .8 of an acre in extent this triangular shaped play area will provide urgently needed recreation facilities for the adjacent residents of all ages. It provides floodlighted handball courts, basketball courts; a large bituminous surfaced area which can be used for softball in summer, roller skating and also ice skating in winter, a shower to cool off youngsters in hot weather, a sandpit, seesaws, slides, and small and large swings. There is also a combination comfort station and maintenance building.

The various recreational units are separated from each other with fencing for control and the entire area is enclosed with fencing, and landscaped with shade trees. Numerous benches have been provided for mothers and guardians of children and others watching the children at play.

With the addition of this new area there are now 499 playgrounds in the Park system.

November 25, 1947

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FOR RELEASE Saturday, November 22, 1947

A new playground with facilities for all age groups located adjacent to Public School 39, between McFarland and Major Avenues, north of Sand Lane, Richmond, will be opened officially to the public with exercises at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, November, 22, 1947. The Honorable Cornelius Hall, Borough President of Richmond, Dr. Augusta R. Goldin, Principal of P.S. 39, Dr. Victor Burger, Associate Superintendent of Schools in Richmond, the Rev. Alexander Frier of St. John's Episcopal Church, Father Forrester of the Holy Rosary Church and Albert V. Maniscalco, President of the South Beach Community Council will participate in the ceremony which will be preceded by a parade of civic organizations and school children; James J. Mallen, Park Director in charge of Richmond parks will represent the Department of Parks.

The play area will be operated by the Board of Education during school sessions and at all other times by the Park Department. It will supply much needed recreational facilities both for the school children and for the children of the adjacent community.

The new playground contains four separate areas to provide maximum usage and control: one is equipped with sandpit for the younger children, slides, small and large swings, see-saws, and a comfort station; another, a softball diamond and three practice basketball standards; the third, basketball, handball and volley ball courts for adolescents; and the fourth, a separate play area with kindergarten play equipment and a sandpit which will be used as an outside classroom for children of kindergarten age. There is also a small compost and a cold frame school garden for the school children.

The ball field is paved with permanent material and may be used for roller skating. When sub-freezing temperatures permit, it may be flooded and used for ice skating.

The entire area is completely fenced in and landscaped with trees and shrubs.

With the addition of this new area, there are now 498 playgrounds in the

City park system.

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FOR RELEASE Saturday, November 1, 1947

The Park Department announces that the Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Brooklyn, will open to the public on Sunday, November 2nd, at 10:00 A.M.

The Greenhouse is located at Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, Brooklyn and may be reached by way of the I.R.T. subway, Grand Army Plaza Station; the Independent Subway, 7th Avenue Station and by the Vanderbilt Avenue and Smith Street car lines, Ninth Street stop; or by automobile direct to the Greenhouse by way of the East Drive in Prospect Park.

The exhibit will be open every day from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., for three weeks and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to view the display.

More than three thousand pots of chrysanthemums will be on exhibition. The ground bed is laid out in groups of various formations with the popular large bloom varieties in all shades of pink, yellow, red and bronze. Some of the attractive plants are the Pocketts, Turners, John S. Bush, Rise of Day and the Melba. Surrounding this feature of the display, banked on the sides of the Greenhouse are numerous smaller size chrysanthemums in 75 varieties, such as the Pompons, the Anemone and the Single Daisy type.

In the class of varieties in all shades of bronze, red, yellow and white, some of the outstanding chrysanthemums to be exhibited are the Crimson Red, Purple Queens, Red Rover, Orchid Beauty, Cleopatra and New York.

Press photographs may be taken any time after 9:00 A.M., Friday October 31st, 1947.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The fall program of cross country running is in full swing on the Department of Parks cross country courses located at Van Cortlandt Park, 246th Street and Broadway, the Bronx, the Parade Grounds, Parkside and Coney Island Avenues, Brooklyn, and Forest Park, Myrtle Avenue and Union Turnpike, Queens.

The Van Cortlandt Parks course, which is five miles long, is the most popular with the city's scholastic athletes, and has been in constant use for meets and practice since the start of the season in September.

Cross country meets scheduled for Van Cortalndt for the coming month are:

November 1	10:00 A.M.	P.S.A.L. - New York Athletic Club
November 1	1:00 P.M.	Brooklyn College - C. C. N. Y.
November 4	12:00 M,	Metropolitan Intercollegiate Cross Country Association.
November 8	10:00 A.M.	P. S. A. L.
November 9	2:00 P.M.	Senior Championships, Metropolitan A.A.U.
November 11	10:30 A.M.	Catholic High Schools A.A.
November 11	1:00 P.M.	C. C. N. Y. - Seton Hall
November 15	10:00 A.M.	P. S. A. L.
November 17	2:00 P.M.	I. C. A.A.A.A.
November 22	1:00 P.M.	C. C. N. Y. - First annual Invitation Varsity Cross Country Run
November 29	2:00 P.M.	National Senior Championships, A.A.U.

October 30, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Immediately

The New York City Park Department's Fifth Annual Outdoor Chrysanthemum display is coming into full bloom in Manhattan at the Central Park Conservatory Gardens, 105 Street and Fifth Avenue; The Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street; Bryant Park, 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas; ~~Riverside Park at 105th Street; Fort Tryon Park, Heather Garden;~~ Bowling Green Park, Broadway and Whitehall Street; and Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Tillary Streets, Brooklyn. The display will last for at least two weeks.

These permanent and colorful massed plantings are the gift of Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, of New York City, to the Department of Parks in memory of her mother and are known as the Sara Woodard Memorial Chrysanthemum Plantings. Mrs. Woodard who died in New York City on January 8th, 1940, was one of the founders of two parks in Watertown, Wisconsin, and a member of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

Over 8,500 individual plants have been used in this year's display. Massed solidly in large scale plantings the flowers range in color from white through pale yellow to pink to brilliant red. The plants range in size from the small dwarf varieties to plants more than three feet in spread.

All the plants in New York City's display are seedlings and cuttings from the "Chicago" strain of winter-hardy chrysanthemums developed by Dr. E.J. Krause, Chairman of the Botany Department of the University of Chicago. Dr. Krause stimulated by the desire to create a flower that could be used by the amateur gardener to extend the blooming period of a garden by as much as six weeks began his experiments in 1934. He wanted to develop a chrysanthemum whose flower would withstand severe frost, and whose plants would survive sub-zero temperatures.

Each year thousands of seedlings were grown and out of these fifty to one hundred outstanding plants were selected for further testing. In the Fall

of 1941 twelve varieties of these winter-hardy mums were selected and made available to the public through nursery-men and commercial growers and new varieties have been developed in recent years.

In the Spring of 1942 Mrs. Lasker gave the seeds and funds to establish the original plantings at the Conservatory Gardens and at Bryant Park to the New York City Park Department. The additional plantings were made in the succeeding years. The Park Department has found this chrysanthemum one of the few flowers that will bear up under frost, and the only plant having a wide range of color that is suitable in this section of the country for mass fall plantings.

October 24, 1947

FOR RELEASE Monday, October 20, 1947

STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER MOSES
ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY TURNOUTS

Plans have been prepared by New York State Department of Public Works for the construction of a series of emergency turnouts for the parking of disabled automobiles on the Henry Hudson Parkway between 72nd Street and the George Washington Bridge. The contracts have been submitted to the Board of Estimate for approval. All costs will be paid by the State with Federal Aid.

For the greater part of this section the roadway is either on a viaduct or adjacent to sharply sloping ground or other structures and facilities with shoulders too narrow to permit disabled motorists to pull off the pavement and out of moving lanes of traffic for repairs or to wait for the arrival of a tow car. During weekdays' heavy traffic hours and on warm weekends and holidays this condition results in delay, confusion and serious tie-ups.

After considerable study by New York City Police, City Park and State Department of Public Works officials, it was found that ¹⁴15 turnouts on the northbound roadway and ¹²13 turnouts on the southbound lanes between West 72nd Street and the George Washington Bridge could be constructed without serious alterations to the parkway or extensive and costly retaining walls. The spacing will be close enough to determine the effectiveness of the turnouts as a substitute for a continuous shoulder designed to accomodate disabled cars.

The width of the turnouts will be approximately eighteen feet. From entrance to exit they will be seventy feet long, separated from moving traffic by a two-foot wide concrete curb and brick island. They will be paved with stone blocks with grass joints, and these will eventually develop an appearance approximating the adjacent lawn areas. At the same time, they will not be subject to the drainage suffered by turf.

The turnouts will be located on the northbound lane opposite West 7th, 84th, 87th, 88th, 90th, 100th, 103rd, 105th, 108th, 112th, 116th, 124th, 148th, 158th, and 172nd Streets, and on the southbound lane opposite West 72nd, 86th, 89th, 106th, 110th, 112th, 114th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 120th, 122nd, and 162nd Streets.

If these turnouts prove successful they will be installed on other city parkways where, because of a narrow right-of-way, normal width shoulders were not possible. Considerable traffic relief is anticipated during the peak traffic periods when one or two disabled cars with flat tires or mechanical difficulties completely disrupt moving traffic.

Map X.L-110-801

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Immediately

Goal posts have been erected on 91 football fields throughout the five boroughs by the Department of Parks. All fields are in excellent condition, and are waiting for the onslaught of young gridgers, which officially starts in the parks this week-end.

Permits to play on these football fields, and on 35 soccer field located in various parks, are issued free of charge by Department of Parks headquarters in each borough. Permits may be obtained by applying in person or by mail to borough offices.

Park Gridirons are located as follows:

Manhattan:

Central Park, Heckscher Playground at 63 Street
Central Park, North Meadow at 97 Street
East River Park at 5 Street
East River Park and Grand Street
Inwood Park, Seaman Avenue and 207 Street
Randall's Island
Riverside Park, at 102 Street
Riverside Park, at 148 Street
Riverside Park, at Dyckman Street

Brooklyn:

Parade Grounds, Coney Island and Parkside Avenues
Red Hook Recreation Area, Bay and Columbia Streets
City Park, Flushing Avenue and Navy Street
Playground at Blake Avenue and Euclid Street
Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street
Playground at Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street
Bensonhurst Park, Cropsey Avenue and 21 Avenue
Playground at Bay 8 Street and Cropsey Avenue
Playground at Colonial Road and 83 Street
Playground at Shore Road and 79 Street
Playground at Shore Road and 97 Street
Avenue U and East 58 Street

Bronx:

Macombs Dam Park, River Avenue and 161 Street
Van Cortlandt Stadium, 242 Street and Broadway
Van Cortlandt Parade Field, 246 Street and Broadway
Van Cortlandt Park, Woodlawn, 233 Street and Jerome Avenue
Harris Park, Goulden Avenue north of Reservoir Avenue

Bronx:(continued)

Williamsbridge Oval, Bainbridge Avenue and 208 Street
Pelham Bay Park, Rice Stadium, Eastern Blvd. and Middletown Road
Pelham Bay Park, Rodman's Neck, City Island Road
Bronx River Parkway and 204 Street
West Farms, West Farms Road and 177 Street

Queens:

John Adams Playground, 102 Street and Rockaway Blvd. Ozone Park
Alley Park, Grand Central Parkway and Winchester Blvd. Queens Village
Baisley Park, 155 Street and 116 Avenue, Baisley Park
Bayswater Park, Beach 32 Street and Dickens Avenue, Far Rockaway
Broad Channel Playground, Bert and 2 Roads
Brookville Park, 149 Avenue east of 216 Street, Rosedale
Playground at Cross Bay Boulevard and Sunrise Highway, Ozone Park
Cunningham Park, 193 Street and Union Turnpike, Hollis
Flushing Meadow Park, 111 Street and 53 Avenue, Corona
Highland Park, Lower Playground, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street
Highland Park, Upper Playground, Highland Boulevard and Heath Place
Howard Beach Playground, Hawtree Basin, Jamaica Bay
Juniper Valley Playground, 80 Street and 63 Avenue, Middle Village
Kissena Park, Rose and Oak Avenues, Flushing
Playground at Sunrise Highway and 114 Street, South Ozone Park
Martins Field, 164 Street and Queens Avenue, Flushing
Pals Oval, 88 Street and North Conduit Avenue, Ozone Park
Queensbridge Playground, 41 Avenue and Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City
Rainey Park, Vernon Boulevard and Graham Avenue, Long Island City
Riis Park, Neponsit
Springfield Playground, Springfield Blvd. 147 Avenue, Sheffield Avenue
St. Albans Memorial Playground, 174 Street near 113 Avenue
Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue at Woodhaven Boulevard
Playground at 95 Avenue and 125 Street, Richmond Hill
Playground, at Sunrise Highway and 80 Street, Woodhaven
Playground at 138 Street and 116 Avenue, South Ozone Park

Richmond:

Glove Lakes Park, Glove Road and Victory Boulevard
Schmul Playground, Wilde Avenue and Pearson Street, Travis
Walker Park, Delafield Place, Bard and Davis Avenues
Willowbrook Park, Richmond Avenue and Victory Boulevard

October 8, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Wednesday, October 8, 1947

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All children are invited to attend a special Magic Show at the Central Park Mall on Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 P.M., marking the end of the Department of Parks 1947 series of outdoor shows. This is the twelfth annual Columbus Day show, and as always, is presented by the boys and girls who have learned to "make magic" in the four Magic Clubs conducted by the Department of Parks in indoor centers of Manhattan. This year's program will feature magic of many lands.

Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, will be on hand with Oscar the Rabbit and Otto the Duck, but will turn over the major portion of the program to his fledgeling prestidigitators. The program arranged for the Twelfth Annual Magic Demonstration is:

The Star Spangled Banner

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| 1. Riddle of Ancient China | Al Gosh |
| 2. Magic with an Irish Touch | Lew Howard |
| 3. Magic Demonstration | Jerry Slavin, Norman Valley, Nathan Siver
Jeff Gilbert, Ernest Rollband, Jerry Brody |
| 4. Dances of Many Lands | Phyllis Ritz |
| 5. Uncle Sam | Bill Baker |
| 6. Ye Old American Farmer | Sonny Sklar |
| 7. Oriental Magic | Vic Sendax |
| 8. Meet Your Relatives | Mt. Morris Puppeteers |
| 9. Prestidigitat ion Plus | Julian Day |
| 10. Puppet Dances of Many Nations | Nat Norbet |
| 11. G. I. Magic | Jack London |
| 12. Comedy Magic | George Schindler |
| 13. Songs | Judith Horvitz |

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The Department of Parks has completed the reconstruction of Linden Park in the block bounded by 41 Avenue, 42 Avenue, 103 Street and 104 Street, Corona, Queens.

This is one of the oldest neighborhood parks in Queens and was first shown on a map of the Village of West Flushing in the Township of Newtown, Queens County, Long Island, New York, filed in 1853. It was one of the few remaining old type parks, which were perfectly satisfactory many years ago but which cannot be maintained properly under the intensive use of densely populated neighborhoods.

It has been completely reconstructed to increase both active and passive recreational facilities and will serve the residents of the adjacent community as well as the public school across the street. The redesign permits more efficient operation and maintenance of the area. Besides filling in the old pond, probably one of the original public watering places of the old Town of Newtown, the major work consisted of the construction of two small children's play areas along the margins of the park, with swings, slides, sand pits, exercise units, shuffleboard courts, seesaws and other similar equipment; a large paved area for softball, roller and ice skating and other group games. Pedestrian walks were realigned for better circulation and old lawn areas were rehabilitated. The beautiful old trees were retained and new ones planted to landscape the park. Numerous benches have been provided under the shade trees to provide sitting areas for those seeking passive recreation and also for the guardians and mothers of children at play.

The addition of this new playground brings the total in the park system to 497.

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The Department of Parks and the Borough President of Brooklyn announce the selection of a site for a neighborhood playground at East 49th Street and Tilden Avenue, Brooklyn.

The property, which has an assessed valuation of \$42,000, will be acquired by President Cashmore by borough assessment. The playground will be built by the Department of Parks with funds allocated for this purpose in the Capital Budget. Acquisition will be completed in 1948 and the playground will be opened for use in the summer of 1949.

The playground will contain a comfort station, small children's play area with swings, see-saws, wading pool, etc., and handball courts, basket-ball and open spaces for older children and adults.

Recently, the Park Department received a petition from more than two thousand residents of the neighborhood urging immediate action on this long-needed facility. This is a heavily populated residential district and the nearest existing playground is more than a mile away. Since the Department's funds for the acquisition of property are limited, it was impossible for it to take independent action. When the situation was brought to the attention of Borough President Cashmore, he promptly agreed to acquire the property by borough assessment.

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Sunday, September 28, 1947

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The Park Department announces that in addition to the heaviest use by the public of park facilities generally in many years, the income during the period from January 1 to September 1, 1947, from the revenue producing facilities, as well as the income from concessionaires licensed to operate in public parks, has reached a new high.

The usage of revenue producing facilities of the Park Department, which consist of 2 beaches, 17 outdoor swimming pools, 10 golf courses, and 520 tennis courts, has shown a steady increase in the postwar years.

This is indicated by the revenue from admissions at the outdoor swimming pools, from locker rentals at Jacob Riis Park in Queens and Orchard Beach, in the Bronx, and golf and tennis permits, which provided an income up to September 1, 1947 of \$842,546., an increase of \$65,960. over 1946 and an increase of \$131,718, over the pre-war year of 1941. This income was made up of 1,793,923 admissions to the swimming pools, 19,766 season permits and 469,467 rounds of golf, 25,249 season permits for tennis, and 406,910 locker rentals at the 2 revenue producing beaches of the park system.

In addition to this revenue from the facilities mentioned above, the Park Department reports that \$538,072. was paid into the City Treasury by concessionaires in parks throughout the City. These concessions range from bootblack stands to full-scale restaurants and include such facilities as rowboating, gasoline stations, horseback riding, cafeterias, pony tracks, boat basins, and carousels. This is an increase of \$66,649. over 1946 and a increase of \$256,677. over 1941, the increase over the pre-war year amounting to 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

Thus, the Park Department has turned in to the City Treasury, as of September 1st, \$1,380,618. or an increase of \$388,395. over 1941, the last pre-war year.

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Harvest time has arrived on 1,374 pocket size farms in the Department of Parks Children's Gardens. Harvest Celebrations will be held during the next three weeks on these tiny green plots which are located in ten large gardens, and are attended by boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 years.

Youngsters who sowed seeds in May, and cultivated, watered, and sprayed their gardens during June, July, and August, will reap their bucolic rewards in a generous harvest of beets, swiss chard, carrots, corn, onions, lettuce, beans, and kohl-rabi. During the season the children planted and cared for observation plots of kale, cucumbers, egg plant, cabbage, parsley, peppers, tomatoes, celery, pumpkin, and spinach. They also brightened the gardens with bright accents of asters, cockscomb, cosmos, goldenglow, marigold, portulaca, sunflowers, geraniums, and chrysanthemums. The young gardeners were instructed and supervised throughout their "growing pains" by the Department of Parks staff of school farm teachers.

Awards for Garden Achievement will be made to outstanding boys and girls at each Harvest Celebration. The largest of the Harvest Celebrations will be held as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 20, 1:30 P.M. - DeMatt's Playground, Tompkins & Chestnut Aves., Richmond.

Friday, Sept. 26, 3:30 P.M. - St. Gabriel's Playground, East 35 St. & First Ave. Manhattan.

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10:00 A.M. - Ft. Greene Park, Myrtle Ave. & St. Edwards Place, Brooklyn.

Monday, Sept. 29, 3:30 P.M. - Thos. Jefferson Park, First Ave. & 114 Street, Manhattan.

Thursday, October 2, 3:30 P.M. - Seward Park, Canal Street, & East Broadway, Manhattan.

Friday, October 3, 3:30 P.M. - Crotona Park, Crotona Park South and Fulton Ave., Bronx.

Saturday, October 11, 10:30 A.M. - Highland Park, Lower Playground, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street, Brooklyn.

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The final rounds of the Department of Parks Knickerbocker Handicap Golf Tournament will be played at Split Rock Golf Course Split Rock and Boston Post Roads, Bronx, Sunday, September 21st. The first foursome will tee off at 9:00 A.M. Twenty golfers, top scorers from more than twelve hundred starters who competed in qualifying tournaments on the ten municipal courses, will play thirty-six holes of medal play for the handicap title; Along with the title, the winner will receive a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond and the runner-up will receive a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

The foursomes will be lined up on Sunday, as follows:

<u>Starting Time</u>		<u>Handicap</u>
9:00 A.M.	Joseph Roccisano, Split Rock	10
	Richard Carroll, Pelham	7
	Clarence Elger, Van Cortlandt	7
	Harold Arley, Mosholu	9
9:05 A.M.	A.A. Singer, Clearview	29
	David Edwards, Kissena	15
	Samuel Menlik, Forest Park	14
	Henry Schneyman, Dyker Beach	10
9:10 A.M.	J. Riche, Silver Lake	12
	Thomas Gairity, La Tourette	17
	John Korb, Split Rock	11
	H.P. Stecker, Pelham	18
9:15 A.M.	Jack Breakstone, Van Cortlandt	2
	Leonard Kaplan, Mosholu	9
	Tudor R. Fiach, Clearview	13
	John Ehrling, Kissena	13
9:20 A.M.	A. Henris, Forest Park	16
	Sal Parlatores, Dyker Beach	10
	Rollin Bauer, Silver Lake	12
	Philip Hacker, La Tourette	17

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday September 14, 1947

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99,312,000 visits were made to Department of Parks recreation facilities during the summer according to an announcement made by Park officials. This indicates that New Yorkers of all ages have learned to take advantage of their city's recreation resources.

It is estimated that over 81,000,000 people used New York City's six municipal beaches during the summer. This tops last year's beach attendance by 12,000,000. An additional million and three quarters enjoyed the Park Department's seventeen outdoor swimming pools; this includes 216,000 youngsters who were admitted free of charge during the morning period reserved for children. In the annual Learn to Swim campaign, 3,600 children were taught to swim. Two series of swimming meets were held during July and August: six Journal-American sponsored meets for girls, and six New York Mirror sponsored meets for boys. Junior and Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events were held in conjunction with both swimming tournaments. Over 3,200 boys and girls swam in these meets, many enjoying the thrill of competitive swimming for the first time.

Over 500,000 rounds of golf have been played on the ten municipal courses during the season to date. Local and City-wide Championship tournaments were held for men, women, and junior boys in which almost two thousand golfers teed off. A five-borough tennis tournament, for which 2,000 players turned out, was held on Park courts.

Eight thousand children participated in the Annual Summer Sports Tournament, a program of special events for children under 18 years of age, sponsored by the New York Community Trust. This tournament embraces a One Act Play Contest, and Table Tennis, Checkers and Jacks Contests. Individual contests in each of these activities were conducted, starting with playground eliminations, and ending with inter-borough competition to select City Championships.

Over 14,000 boys played in a softball tournament in the Mirror League, and many additional thousands of players used the 454 softball and baseball diamonds for daily games and exercise, and provided a source of recreation for a great number of spectators.

During the summer, the Department of Parks conducted seven track and field meets, sponsored by the New York Athletic Club, Metropolitan A.A.U., and Kiwanis Clubs and in which more than 4,500 boys and girls competed.

Among the most popular summer activities designed for youngsters were the marionette and magic shows. Eighty magic shows and 108 marionette shows played to small fry audiences totalling 100,000 in playgrounds of the five boroughs. Both traveling shows will make fall appearances soon.

Another popular summer activity for children was the annual dance festival held in each of the five boroughs. Two thousand girls were taught folk, ballet, and character dancing by playground directors in local playgrounds, and helped to make their own costumes for these events. 40,000 parents and friends witnessed these shows.

In addition to these special features, a recreation program consisting of arts, crafts, drama, dancing, sports, story telling, singing and group games, was carried on daily in 495 playgrounds, by a staff of playground directors who organized, supervised, and promoted the activities. The play program included basketball, handball, volleyball, softball, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, horseshoe pitching, the use of swings, see-saws, slides, exercise units, and the ever popular wading pools. Many New Yorkers also enjoyed boating on the lakes, riding on the bridge and bicycle paths, bowling on the green, playing cricket, fishing, and model yachting at special areas provided for these sports.

A full season of concerts and dancing rounded out the musical side of the summer recreation program. A series of fifty-four Name Band Dances which concluded last Friday at Prospect Park, was sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company, and was enjoyed by a half million dancers and listeners. Such well known leaders as Tony

Pastor, Johnny Bothwell, Johnny Long, Bobby Byrne, and Sunny Dunham led their orchestras for these starlight dances. The Name Band program was climaxed by a dance contest, in which eliminations were held in all boroughs, and finals on the Central Park Mall before an audience of 10,000 spectators.

Square dancing, which enjoys growing popularity, was sponsored on three evenings a week by the Pepsi-Cola Company. Nine thousand dancers do-si-doed every Monday night at Riverisde Drive and 103rd Street, and several thousand more did likewise at Central Park Mall on Saturday afternoons, and at the Prospect Park Dance Area on Tuesday nights. Square Dancing will continue at these locations until September 20th. Other outdoor dances sponsored by various organizations and held in the parks attracted 100,000 dancers.

Lovers of concert music were well provided for during the past summer. The Goldman Band, marking its thirtieth season in the parks, rendered fifty concerts for approximately 400,000 listeners in Central and Prospect Parks. The City Amateur Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Hon. Leopold Prince, gave six concerts on the Mall, entertaining 34,000 listeners. Four Naumburg Memorial concerts were provided, with conductors Nicholas Rescigno, Rev. Leonardo Pavone, Dean Dixon, and Rudolf Doblin sharing the honors.

The summer park recreation program just completed is part of the Department of Parks never ending effort to fill the twelve months of the year with healthful and enjoyable activities for all ages. The Park Department is looking forward to a busy season of fall sports and activities in its facilities throughout the five boroughs.

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FINAL WEEK OF SQUARE DANCES
WINDS UP TOTAL OF FORTY-TWO OUTDOOR DANCES HELD IN CITY
SPONSORED BY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER AUSPICES OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

The last week of free outdoor dances of the season will be held this week, September 15th to 20th, thus concluding a total of 42 outdoor dances which have been given for New Yorkers and Brooklynites throughout the summer, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company, under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

The entire series has taken place throughout the summer at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street every Monday night; at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, every Tuesday night; and at Central Park Mall every Saturday afternoon.

Altogether officials of the Park Department estimate that over a quarter of a million New Yorkers and Brooklynites attended the series. This is the largest crowd ever to attend this series of Square Dances which has now become a traditional program for New Yorkers and Brooklynites during the summer months.

Ed Durlacher has been calling the figures throughout the season and his Top Hands have provided the music.

September 10, 1947

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



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, September 7, 1947

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SQUARE DANCES ESTABLISHED AS SUMMER TRADITION FOR NEW YORKERS
AND BROOKLYNITES

As do all things of real value, square dancing has come back into its own. All over the country groups are being formed to do square dances -- in the city schools, in clubs, churches and homes.

But no where is square dancing more popular than in our big city of "sophisticates." The Pepsi-Cola Square Dances, held under the auspices of the Department of Parks are enjoyed by about 19,000 New Yorkers and Brooklynites each week during the entire summer.

These dances are held every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) at 8:30 P.M., every Tuesday night at Prospect Park, Brooklyn (Prospect Park West and 11th Street) at 8:30 P.M., and every Saturday afternoon at Central Park Mall (72nd Street) at 2:00 P.M.

Ed Durlacher calls the figures and his Top Hands provide the music.

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, September 7, 1947

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The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

Monday	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street.
Sept. 8	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Tony Pastor's Orchestra at Williams-bridge Oval, Bainbridge Avenue and E. 208th Street, Bronx
Tuesday	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area - 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
Sept. 9	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Tony Pastor's Orchestra at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens.
Wednesday	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Ray Anthony's Orchestra at Poe Park, Grand Concourse and 192nd Street, Bronx.
Sept. 10		
Thursday	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Ray Anthony's Orchestra at Mall, Central Park.
Sept. 11		
Friday	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Ray Anthony's Orchestra at Prospect Park Dance Area - 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
Sept. 12		
Saturday	2:00 P.M.	Square Dancing at Central Park Mall.
Sept. 13	2:00 P.M.	City-wide Tennis Championship, Womens' Division, Central Park Tennis Courts at 93rd Street.

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FOR RELEASE



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Sunday, September 7, 1947

The last five of the annual series of fifty-four Name Band Dances sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks will be held in the parks this week. During the past summer, which was the sixth consecutive season for this activity, over one half million persons enjoyed Name Band Dances in the parks.

Tony Pastor will play at two of the week's sessions: Monday evening, September 8th at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, the Bronx, and Tuesday night, September 9th at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens. All dances start at 8:30 P.M. Tony Pastor leads a top ranking name band and is a favorite with dancers from coast to coast. Pastor has a record of successful engagements, extensive radio work, and many hit recordings to his credit.

Ray Anthony will round out the rest of the week's program playing a triple date. The Anthony Orchestra will play on Wednesday evening, September 10th at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, the Bronx; on Thursday night, September 11th at the Central Park Mall; and on Friday evening, September 12th at the Prospect Park Dance Area 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Ray Anthony leads a sweet-swing combination and plays the trumpet in addition to wielding the baton. The Anthony group has been well received by music fans in the Midwest and in the New York area. Billy Johnson does the vocals.

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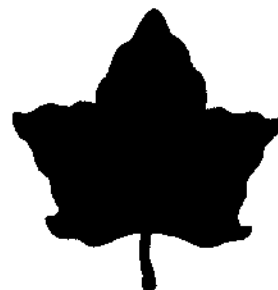
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The Department of Parks announces the closing of the bath houses at Jacob Riis Park, Queens, and Orchard Beach, Bronx, at the close of business on Sunday, September 7, 1947. The parking area at Orchard Beach and games areas at Jacob Riis, Orchard and Rockaway Beaches will remain open free of charge.

The Pitch and Putt Golf Course at Jacob Riis Park will be open to the public for daily operation until November 30, 1947.

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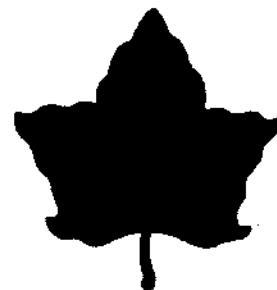
An inter-city baseball game between teen age teams from New York City and Washington D.C. has been arranged by the Department of Parks for this Saturday, September 6th at 3:00 P.M. at the Parade Grounds, Parkside and Coney Island Avenues, Brooklyn. The teams meeting in this "good will" game are the Silverman Club of Washington D.C., the winners of the National Division Championship of the Walter Johnson Memorial League, and the Jokers, an outstanding team in the Parade Grounds Grasshopper League.

The Washington visitors are being sent to New York by merchants of their city as part of the Attorney General Tom Clark Juvenile Delinquency program to integrate inter-city sports in teen age groups.

The general public is invited to witness the game, which will be played on Diamond #1.

September 4, 1947

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



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IMMEDIATELY

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The City-wide Championships of the Department of Parks Dance Contest will be conducted at the Central Park Mall this Thursday evening, September 4th, at 8:30 P.M. The contest is sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company which also sponsors the summer program of Name Band Dances held in the parks.

The sixty dancers competing in Thursday's finals are the winning couples from five borough-wide elimination contests which were held during the past two weeks. Competition is in four divisions: foxtrot, waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug. In addition, the winners of each of the four divisions will dance for the All Round Championship.

Consolidated Edison Company will award prizes of \$25.00 United States Savings Bonds to the winners of first place in each division, and appropriate prizes to those placing second. A special prize will be presented to the winners of the All Round Championship.

Judges who will select the winning dancers are dance specialists Oscar Duryea, Florence Doughty, Donald Sawyer, and Florence Terrace.

The general public is invited to attend the Dance Championships, which will start at 8:30 P.M. promptly.

September 3, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATE

Misc.-10M-82346 114

Three hundred and sixty park playground boys and girls and 150 A.A.U. athletes will compete in the Department of Parks City-wide Athletic Championships at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island, on Saturday, September 6th at 2 P. M., under the sponsorship of the Youth Athletic Council of the New York Athletic Club and the Athletes Development Committee of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The young track enthusiasts competing in the 15 events for playground children are the survivors of a field of over 3,200 who competed in the four preliminary meets, held on park tracks earlier this summer. Playground events are, boys - 100 lb. class, 50 yard dash; 110 lb. class, 60 yard dash; 120 lb. class, 70 yard dash; unlimited class, 100 yard dash; 220 yard dash, 440 yard dash, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile run, 1 mile run, running broad jump, running high jump, and shot put. Girls' events are: 100 lb. class, 40 yard dash; 110 lb. class, 50 yard dash; 120 lb. class, 60 yard dash and potato race.

A smart field is expected to turn out for the A.A.U. athletes' events. Standouts are Jim Herbert in the 220 yard run, and Ernest Weber, the 10,000 meter A.A.U. champion, in the walk. Other outstanding performers who will compete are Herb Pirkel of the Police Department A.A. in the mile; Harold Bogrow of the Grand Street Boys in the 220; and James Wilson of the Staten Island Harriers in the walk.

Awards will be made by the two sponsoring organizations to the winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event.

The general public is invited to witness the city-wide Athletic Championships at Triborough Stadium on Saturday, September 6th at 2 P. M. There is no admission charge.

September 3, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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The Department of Parks announces the closing of seventeen outdoor swimming pools located throughout the five boroughs at the close of business on Monday, September 1, 1947. This will mark the end of a successful season of water activities and competitions in which approximately 1,795,000 children and adults enjoyed the facilities of the pools. During the summer 3,200 youngsters participated in swimming meets in the pools. Many young swimmers had their first taste of competitive swimming in these Park Department meets.

In addition to the swimming meets, the annual Learn to Swim Campaign was held in each of the seventeen pools during the months of July and August. During these sessions over 3,600 children were taught how to swim.

Twelve of the outdoor pools will reopen as active play centers on Sunday, September 7th, with facilities for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, table tennis, and group games. The pools which will convert to play centers, operating free of charge are: In Manhattan, Hamilton Fish Pool at East Houston and Pitt Streets, Colonial Pool at Bradhurst Avenue and 145 Street, Highbridge Pool at Amsterdam Avenue and West 173 Street, Thomas Jefferson Pool at 111th St. and 1st Avenue; Brooklyn, Sunset Pool at 7th Avenue and 43rd Street, McCarren Pool at Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Red Hook Pool at Clinton Bay and Henry Streets, Betsy Head Pool at Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues; in the Bronx, Crotona Pool at 173 Street and Fulton Avenue; in Queens at Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive; in Richmond, Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street, and Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay Streets.

New Yorkers will be able to continue to enjoy swimming throughout the year, at nine indoor Department of Parks pools. Indoor pools, at which no admission is charged, are located in Manhattan, at West 60th Street between 11th and Amsterdam Avenues, Carmine Street at 7th Avenue, 407 West 28 Street, East 54th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues, 35 West 134th Street, 5 Rutgers Place, East 23rd Street at Avenue A, and Baruch and Rivington Streets; in Brooklyn, at Metropolitan and Bedford Avenues.

The bathhouses at Orchard Beach and Jacob Riis Park will remain open through Sunday, September 7th, 1947.

*and games also
also at Rockaway Beach*

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-10M-82346 114

Sunday August 31, 1947

Sixty couples representing the five boroughs will dance in the City-wide Finals of the Department of Parks sixth annual Dance Contest to be conducted on the Mall, Central Park, on Thursday evening, September 4th at 8:30 P.M. Bobby Byrne and his Orchestra will play for the contest. The contestants are the best dancers chosen from eliminations held in each borough during the past two weeks.

Titles will be contested in foxtrot, waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug divisions. Each borough will be represented by three couples in each division. The winners of the four individual dance titles will compete for the All Round Championship. Consolidated Edison Company, sponsors of Name Band Dances in the parks, will award prizes of \$25.00 U.S. Saving Bonds to the winners of first place in each division, and suitable prizes to those placing second. An additional prize will be awarded for the All Round Championship.

The judges who will pick the 1947 dance champions are Florence Doughty, Oscar Duryea, Donald Sawyer, and Florence Terrace, well known dance experts and teachers.

The regular program of Name Band Dances will continue this week, with Ray Anthony and his Orchestra at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens, on Tuesday, September 2nd; Bobby Byrne at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse the Bronx, on Wednesday, September 3rd, and at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on Friday, September 5th. All dances start at 8:30 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 31, 1947

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For Further Information Please Call Plaza 5-4306

SQUARE DANCERS' TASTES HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH IN 175 YEARS

George Washington's Favorite Dance, "Roger de Coverly", Better Known as the Virginia Reel, Still Favorite at Pepsi-Cola Square Dances.

George Washington always chose Virginia's popular dance, "Roger de Coverly" as his favorite. Today this dance, better known as the Virginia Reel, is the favorite of thousands of New Yorkers and Brooklynites who attend the Square Dances each week which are sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

The Square Dances will continue throughout the summer at all three localities; Riverside Drive and 103rd Street every Monday Evening, Prospect Park, Brooklyn every Tuesday evening, and at Central Park Mall every Saturday afternoon.

Ed Durlacher calls the figures and the Top Hands provide the music.

ARSENAL. CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday August 31, 1947

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The closing in the series of four Naumberg Memorial Concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Labor Day September 1st at 8:15 P.M. These concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumberg and Mr. George W. Naumberg in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumberg, who presented the bandstand on the Mall to New York City in 1922, and who during his lifetime, provided many free concerts for the city's music lovers. This is the twenty-third year that these concerts have been presented.

The Labor Day Concert will be conducted by Nicholas Rescigno.

The following program will be presented:

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| 1. Overture "Fidelio" | Beethoven |
| 2. Symphony No. 6 (Pathetique)
1st and 3rd movements | Tschaikowsky |
| 3. Arias- a) "Voi che sapete" | |
| b) "Non so piu cosa son"
from "Marriage of Figaro" | Mozart |
| Jean Maretta, Soprano | |
| 4. Dances from the "Bartered Bride"
Polka and Dance of the Comedians | Smetana |
| 5. Prelude and Love Death from "Tristan and Isolde" | Wagner |
| 6. a) Dances from "Le Cid" | Massenet |
| b) Intermezzo from "William Ratcliffe" | Mascagni |
| 7. Aria- "Addio del passato" from "Traviata" | Verdi |
| Jean Maretta, Soprano | |
| 8. Tone Poem "Finlandia" | Sibelius |

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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Sunday August 31, 1947

The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

Monday September 1	8:15 P.M. Naumberg Concert at Central Park Mall
	8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103 Street.
Tuesday September 2	8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
	8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Ray Anthony's Orchestra at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens.
Wednesday September 3	6:00 P.M. City-wide Softball Championship at Heckscher Playground, Central Park at 62 Street.
	8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Bobby Byrne's Orchestra at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.
Thursday September 4	8:30 P.M. City-wide Finals Dance Contest, Bobby Byrne's Orchestra, at Central Park Mall.
Friday September 5	8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Bobby Byrne's Orchestra, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
Saturday September 6	2:00 P.M. City-wide Championships Track and Field Meet - Events for A.A.U. athletes and for boys and girls, at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island.
	2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at Central Park Mall.
	2:00 P.M. City-wide Tennis Championships, Men's Division, at Central Park Tennis Courts, 93 Street.

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Ten little ladies, aspirants to the title of New York's Checker Queen, will meet on Saturday afternoon, August 30th, at 2 P.M., at McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillary Streets, Brooklyn, to play in the final round of the New York Community Trust Checker Tournament for girls, now being conducted by the Department of Parks.

The girls are the best players from a field of 2,000 who started in the Tournament. They have won top places in their home boroughs, after coming through a series of elimination matches which included neighborhood playground competition, district play-offs, and borough finals, and are now ready for a go at the city-wide crown.

The girls, all under 14 years of age, who will play for New York's Girls' Checker Championship on Saturday are:

Manhattan	Alicia Suskin Henrietta Handy
Brooklyn	Elvira Mino Clara McHugh
Bronx	Betty Kuntze Priscilla Oliver
Queens	Maureen Fearick Florence Sevit
Richmond	Erna Robbins Diana Lambert

The New York Community Trust will award medals to the winner and runner-up at Saturday's finals.

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SUNDAY, August 24, 1947.



Five Name Band Dances are planned for the parks this week, with music under the stars by Sam Donahue and Johnny Bothwell. These dances are part of a series of 54 held each summer for the past six years under the sponsorship of Consolidated Edison Company and the direction of the Department of Parks.

The first dance of the week will be held at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and 146 Street, Manhattan, on Monday evening, August 25th, to the music of Sam Donahue and his Orchestra. All dances start at 8:30 P.M. The Donahue band is known to dancers for its smooth style. It has cut some of the best recent recordings, and has played at top dance spots in this and other cities. Donahue is a repeat performer on Name Band Dances, having played during the opening week this season.

Johnny Bothwell, another repeat performer, will play for the four remaining dances of this week. Johnny will be at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, on Tuesday, August 26th; at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, the Bronx, on Wednesday, August 27th; at Central Park Mall on Thursday, August 28th; and at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on Friday evening, August 29th. Bothwell, an outstanding exponent of the alto sax, features a distinctive, stylized rhythm, stressing his favorite instrument. A special feature of the Tuesday evening dance at Victory Field, Queens, will be the borough-wide finals of that borough's annual Dance Contest, at which winners will be picked in waltz, rhumba, jitterbug, and foxtrot divisions to compete in the City-wide Championships at the Central Park Mall on Thursday evening, September 4th.

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CITY PARKS MAKE IDEAL SETTING FOR PEPSI-COLA SQUARE DANCES

Entire Series in Three Localities Sponsored by
Pepsi-Cola Company Under Auspices of the
Department of Parks

Wouldn't the American pioneers have loved to attend the Pepsi-Cola Square Dances in the City's parks today! They had to do most of their dancing in their kitchens -- removing everything but the sink, from which vantage point the local prompter (caller) held forth.

Today New Yorkers and Brooklynites can enjoy their Square Dancing in spacious outdoor dance areas while caller Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands direct the dancers from large bandstands.

The dances, sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks, are held every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, (lower level) from 8:30 to 11:00, every Tuesday night at Prospect Park, Brooklyn (11th Street and Prospect Park West) from 8:30 to 11:00, and every Saturday afternoon at Central Park Mall (72nd Street) from 2:00 to 4:30.

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Sunday, August 24, 1947

The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

SUNDAY
August 24

9:00 A.M. City-wide Golf Championships, Women, Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx.

9:30 A.M. City-wide Golf Championships, Juniors, Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx.

MONDAY
August 25

10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Magic Show at P.S. 21 Playground, 225 Street and White Plains Avenue, Bronx.

11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and East New York Avenues, Brooklyn.

2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Avenue and Britton Street, Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Sam Donahue's Orchestra, at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and 146 Street, Manhattan.

8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103 Street, Manhattan.

TUESDAY
August 26

10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Magic Show, at Williamsbridge Playground, Bainbridge Avenue and 208 Street, Bronx.

11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Playground Howard Avenue, Pacific and Dean Streets, Brooklyn.

2:30 P.M. Magic Show at St. James Playground, Jerome Avenue and 191 Street, Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Borough-wide Finals - Dance Contest - Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Johnny Bothwell's Orchestra, at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens.

8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of
 August 27 Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Lyons Square Playground, Bruckner Boulevard
 and Aldus Street, Bronx.

11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel" at
 Playground at Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street, Brooklyn.

2:30 P.M. Magic Show at St. Mary's Park, St. Anns Avenue and 147
 Street, Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Johnny Bothwell's Orchestra, at Poe Park,
 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

THURSDAY 10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of
 August 28 Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Crotona Park Playground, Crotona Park East
 and East 173 Street, Bronx.

11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at
 Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues,
 Brooklyn.

2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Claremont Park, East 170 Street and Clay
 Avenue, Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Johnny Bothwell's Orchestra at Central
 Park Mall.

FRIDAY 10:00 A.M. Final session, Swimming Instruction for children, at all
 August 29 Department of Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground at Morris Avenue and 166 St., Bronx.

11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at
 Playground at Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn.

2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Playground at Ryer Avenue and 183 St., Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Johnny Bothwell's Orchestra, at Prospect
 Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, B'klyn.

SATURDAY 2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at Central Park Mall.
 August 30

2:00 P.M. City-wide Checker Championships, Boys and Girls, at
 McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillary Streets, Brooklyn.

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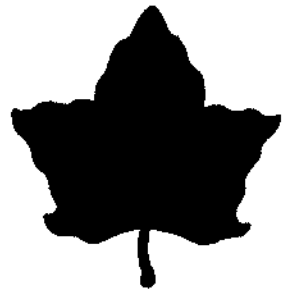
Hansel and Gretel, the hardy stars of the Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre's show of the same name, will make the final appearances of their current summer tour at Brooklyn playgrounds this week. This week's shows will conclude a successful tour of 108 performances, which covered the park playgrounds of the five boroughs, and left a trail of over 38,000 delighted youngsters in its wake.

"Hansel and Gretel" is a refreshing version of the time honored fairy tale about the lost brother and sister and their amazing adventures with the wicked witch and her gingerbread cottage.

"Hansel and Gretel" will appear at the following Brooklyn playgrounds this week:

Monday, August 25	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.-Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and East New York Avenues.
Tuesday, August 26	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.-Playground at Howard Avenue, Pacific and Dean Streets.
Wednesday, August 27	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.-Playground at Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street.
Thursday, August 28	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.-Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues.
Friday, August 29	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.-Prospect Park West and 11th Street Playground, Prospect Park.
Saturday, August 30	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.-Manhattan Beach Homes, John Barry Boulevard and Decatur Street.

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The Department of Parks Magic Show, "Adventures in Magic", goes into the final week of its summer tour of the city's park playgrounds this week, giving ten performances for Bronx youngsters. During the season, seventy performances of "Adventures in Magic" were given for small fry audiences totalling over 12,500.

Peter Pan the Magic Man, with his two able assistants Tom Swift, a junior grade swami, and Oscar, a pink eared rabbit, will visit the following Bronx Playgrounds this week.

Monday, August 25 11:00 A.M. P.S. 21 playground, 225 Street & White Plains, Ave.
2:30 P.M. Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Ave. & Britton St.

Tuesday, August 26 11:00 A.M. Williamsbridge Playground, 208 St. & Bainbridge Ave.
2:30 P.M. St. James Playground, Jerome Ave. and 191 Street.

Wednesday, August 27 11:00 A.M. Lyons Square Playground, Bruckner Boulevard and Aldus Street.
2:30 P.M. St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and 147 Street.

Thursday, August 28 11:00 A.M. Crotona Playground, East 173 Street and Crotona Park East.
2:30 P.M. Claremont Park, Clay Avenue and East 170 Street.

Friday, August 29 11:00 A.M. Playground at Morris Avenue and 166 Street.
2:30 P.M. Playground at Ryer Avenue and 183 Street.

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Over a thousand children from Department of Parks playgrounds in Brooklyn will dance in the 32nd Annual Children's Dance Festival on the Long Meadow in Prospect Park, on Saturday, August 23rd at 2:00 P.M. An audience of 15,000 is expected to witness the festival

The program will consist of seven dances by girls from neighborhood playgrounds throughout Brooklyn. The children have been taught the dances and costumed for the affair by the Park Department's staff of Playground Directors.

The Festival will start with a procession of dancers from the Grand Army Plaza Entrance at Union Street to the Long Meadow, where the youngsters will perform. The program will be opened by the singing of The Star Spangled Banner by dancers and audience. The following dances will be presented.

Fiesta Time, by children of the Bushwick, Stuyvesant district.

Naughty Rascals, by children of Coney Island, Bensonhurst district.

Parfum, by the Bay Ridge district.

Chiapanecas, by children of the Flatbush district.

April Showers, by children of Borough Hall, Red Hook district.

Petite Waltz, by children of the Brownsville, East New York district.

Scandinavian Dance, by children of the Williamsburg, Greenpoint district.

After the festival program, the dancers will parade to the Picnic Grounds where they will enjoy their annual picnic. The general public is cordially invited to attend the Children's Annual Dance Festival at the Long Meadow, Prospect Park this Saturday afternoon. The festival area may be reached through the Grand Army Plaza entrance at Union Street, or through the Third Street Entrance to the park.

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The final round of the City-wide Golf Championships in the Junior and Women's division of the Department of Parks Annual Golf Tournament, will be played at the Split Rock Golf Course, the Bronx, on Sunday morning, August 24th. The finalists are the survivors of a city-wide competition in which over 2,000 golfers competed.

following the "ladies first" tradition, the women's contest will get under way first, with the first fair foursomes teeing off at 9:00 A.M. Juniors will start at 9:30 A.M. Sunday's contests will consist of eighteen holes of medal play.

Starting schedules for the championships are:

Women

9:00 A.M.	Evelyn Harsch Rie T. Casella Nancy Dalby Jane Dalziel	Split Rock Pelham Van Cortlandt Mosholu	9:30 A.M.	John Korb Richard Carroll David Fingerhut Anthony Corcoran	Split Rock Pelham Mosholu VanCortlandt
9:05 A.M.	Helen Gilligan Victoria Zeboti Rita Ryan Mrs.A.Kohlmeier	Dyker Clearview Forest Park Kissena	9:35 A.M.	Jerry Nadeau John Schottie Alfred Sowinski Harold Shelley	Dyker Forest Kissena Clearview
9:10 A.M.	Jean Wikstrom Sylvia Voss Fannie Kleirrach Elizabeth Roper	La Tourette Silver Lake Split Rock Pelham	9:40 A.M.	Thomas Malone Keith Galli John Gaidjis Michael Carrell	Silver Lake La Tourette Split Rock Pelham
9:15 A.M.	H. Katz Rose Weinreb Ida Fish Jean Stuhler	Dyker Van Cortlandt Mosholu Clearview	9:45 A.M.	George Bernstein Edward Winter William Olsen Joseph Costanzo	Mosholu VanCortlandt Dyker Forest Park
9:20 A.M.	Anne Byron Mrs. M. Simpson Mildred Hanisch Ellen Sorge	Forest Park Kissena La Tourette Silver Lake	9:50 A.M.	Sol Magnatta Henry Kunkel William Walsh Patsy Barrata	Kissena Clearview Silver Lake La Tourette

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A choral concert of Negro spirituals will be given at the Central Park Mall on Sunday evening, August 24th at 8:30 P.M., under the auspices of the Department of Parks and the direction of Mr. Furman Fordham, eminent choral director. The entire program will be devoted to the presentation of the Negro spiritual in its various aspects.

The choristers who will be heard are part of a large group who have performed at community centers throughout Westchester County under the direction of Mr. Fordham in his capacity as Director of Chorals and Dramatics for the Westchester County Recreation Commission.

Some of the selections to be included in the program are: Stay in de Field, Standin' in the Need of Prayer, Great Day, My Lord's Gonna Move dis Wicked Race, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, and Go Down Moses. The Fordhamaires will appear as guest artists.

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The City-wide Championships of the New York Community Trust Table Tennis Tournament will be conducted by the Department of Parks this Saturday afternoon, August 23rd at 2:00 P.M. at Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 165th St., the Bronx. This tournament is part of a series of activities for children which have been held in the park playgrounds this summer under New York Community Trust sponsorship. The program included a One Act Play Contest, Checker Tournament, Jacks Tournament, and a Table Tennis Tournament.

The youngsters competing for laurels in Saturday's table tennis tilt are the survivors of the city-wide elimination tournament in which over 2,000 children competed. These finalists have played their way through playground eliminations, district eliminations, and borough-wide finals to reach the pinnacle of the contest - the City-wide Championships. Competition will be in four divisions, and winners and runners-up in each will receive handsome New York Community Trust medals. The players who will compete for top honors on Saturday are:

Junior Girls

Lena Flamm	Manhattan
Eileen Flannery	"
Dorothy Cullen	Brooklyn
May Yglesias	"
Natalie Mundt	Bronx
Sandra Weiss	"
Frances Coany	Queens
Marguerite Paulo	Richmond
Amelia Pulignone	"

Senior Girls

Nanette Clark	Manhattan
Elenka Novatchkoff	"
Miriam Kanarek	Brooklyn
Gloria Berman	Bronx
Charlotte Berman	"
Diana Mucci	Queens
Kathleen Bischoff	"
Minnie Moscella	Richmond
Lindy Tardogno	"

Junior Boys

Alfred Aumon	Manhattan
John Bigus	"
Anthony Favara	Brooklyn
Mario Austi	"
Murray Robinson	Bronx
Paul Gottesfeld	Bronx
John Crocerra	Queens
Ed Weiner	Queens
Augie Zito	Richmond
Joe Guevara	Richmond

Senior Boys

Irwin Slate	Manhattan
Barry Raften	"
Morris Kahn	Brooklyn
David Reiner	"
Abbott Glasser	Bronx
David Golden	"
William Tercers	Queens
Irwin LeRoy	"
Ray Walker	Richmond
Louis Palace	"

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Monday, August 18, 1947

FOR RELEASE



The Lifeguard Championship Tournament will be conducted at Rockaway Beach at 97th Street, on Thursday, August 21, at 1 P.M. according to an announcement by the Department of Parks. In case of rain, it will be held on Friday, August 22nd at 2 P.M.

The annual competition was resumed last year after a wartime interruption and will be held this year when the cream of the Park Department trained staff of 500 lifeguards compete in nine events to determine who is the most expert and proficient in all phases of their vocation.

The individual Lifeguard Championships will be decided by three of the events: the 75 yard Individual Surf rescue, the quarter-mile Speed Swim, and the half-mile Catamaran Race. Winners of first, second and third place will receive medals and the lifeguard scoring the most points will be awarded the championship trophy.

The beach championship will be determined by the remaining six events: the half mile swim, the half mile Catamaran Race, Three Man Rescue Race, 200 yard Obstacle Race, 350 yard Catamaran Rescue Race and the 75 yard Individual Surf Rescue. Rockaway Beach, last year's champion, will defend its title against Orchard Beach, Bronx; South Beach, Richmond; Coney Island, Brooklyn; and Jacob Riis Park, Queens. Points will be scored for the first five places and the beach with the highest score will win the trophy. Medals will also be awarded to the winner of each of these events.

"Victims" will, of course, be volunteers, in all the rescue races.

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Sunday, August 17, 1947

FOR RELEASE



Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, will bring magic right into neighborhood playgrounds of Bronx and Manhattan this week for a close inspection by sharp eyed youngsters. Peter is the star performer of the show, "Adventures in Magic", which is now touring the City's playgrounds. Oscar the Rabbit, that seasoned trouper who is known to thousands of youngsters, will assist Peter at each performance.

"Adventures in Magic" will appear at the following playgrounds this week:

Monday,	August 18th,	11:00 A.M.	St. Gabriel's Park, 35 Street and 2nd Avenue, Manhattan
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at East 24 Street and East River Drive, Manhattan
Tuesday	August 19th	11:00 A.M.	Highbridge Playground, 189 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.
		2:30 P.M.	Ft. Tryon Extension, Washington and Northorn Avenues, Manhattan.
Wednesday,	August 20th	11:00 A.M.	Rumsey Playground, 71 Street and East River Drive, Manhattan. <i>Central Park</i>
		2:30 P.M.	St. Catherine's Playground, 67 Street and 1st Avenue, Manhattan.
Thursday,	August 21st	11:00 A.M.	Playground at Hamilton Place and West 140 Street, Manhattan.
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street, Manhattan
Friday,	August 22nd	11:00 A.M.	Playground at 177 St. and Noble Ave. Bronx
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at Watson, Gleason, & Noble Avenues, Bronx.

"Adventures in Magic will continue to visit Bronx Playgrounds next week/

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 17, 1947

Three Hundred and fifty entries have been filed by Park Playground boys and girls and, Amateur Athletic Union athletes for the track meet to be held at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens on Sunday, August 17th at 3:00 P.M. This is the fourth of five meets to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the N. Y. A. C. through its Youth Athletic Council.

Special handicap and novice events, for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., will be conducted under the separate sponsorship of the Athlete Development Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union, at Victory Field, these events will be the 11 yard Dash-Novice; Half Mile Run - Handicap; 3 Mile Run Handicap; 5 Mile Walk - Handicap.

Competing in the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., events will be: in the Half Mile - Seymour Bibula of the New York Pioneer Club, who is the P.S.A.L. half mile champion; in the 5 Mile Run - Ernest Weberer, German-American A.C. star; and John Vislocky will compete in the high jump. He is the former National Indoor Champion. The New York Athletic Club, the Grand Street Boys, New York Pioneer Club, Millrose Athletic Club, the Police Department A.C., and the Staten Island Harriers have entered large fields in all the events.

Playground events for boys and girls are classified according to weight and include 50, 60, 70, 100, 220, and 440 yard dashes, Half and One Mile Runs, Running Broad Jumps and High Jump and 12 lb. Shot Put. Boys and girls qualifying in these events will be eligible to compete at the City-wide finals to be held at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, on Saturday September 6th.

Winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event will be awarded medals by the New York Athletic Club or the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. The public is invited to attend this meet as guests of the Department of Parks.

Entry blanks for the A.A.U. events at Triborough Stadium on September 6th may be obtained and filed at Park Department headquarters in all boroughs.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 17, 1947

Five additional dances in the popular series of Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, have been scheduled by the Department of Parks for the coming week. These dances are in their eighth week of the season and continue to add to the pleasure of thousands of New Yorkers seeking recreation in New York City's parks.

Billy Butterfield and his orchestra will make their second appearance of the season, playing Monday, August 18th at Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues in Brooklyn, and on Tuesday evening, August 19th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25 to 30 Avenues in Queens. Butterfield has as many Name Band Dance fans who come to listen to his music, as those who come to dance to his rhythmic arrangements. Featured vocalists are Pat O'Connor and Tommy Taylor.

Enoch Light and his Orchestra will play for Wednesday's dance August 20th, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, in the Bronx. This is his initial appearance on the Name Band Dance series. Evelyn Kent will handle the vocals.

Ray Anthony and his Orchestra will play for the final two dances this week, Thursday, August 21st at the Central Park Mall, in Manhattan; and on Friday evening, August 22nd, at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street in Brooklyn. When trumpet-toting Ray Anthony enlisted in the Navy, his superiors put him in front of his own band, and he was a sensation in the South Pacific. After his discharge he formed his present civilian band which has been unanimously acclaimed by Variety, Billboard and Metronome as an unusually fine dance band. Before the war, Ray was first trumpeter with some of the nation's top name orchestras, such as Glenn Miller and Jimmy Dorsey.

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

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 17, 1947

NEGRO CHORUS TO GIVE CONCERT OF SPIRITUALS ON
THE MALL IN CENTRAL PARK

Sunday, August 24, 1947 at 8:30 P.M.

Under the auspices of the Department of Parks, Furham Fordham, the eminent Negro Choral Conductor, will bring to the Central Park Mall on Sunday, August 24th, at 8:30 P.M., an entirely different type of concert from any previously presented there. The program will include selections from the various types of negro spirituals, the deeply religious tunes, the plaintive chants, and the militant songs.

Mr. Fordham is Director of Chorals and Dramatics for the Westchester County Recreation Commission. Singers for this event have been selected from Mt. Kisco, Mt. Vernon, White Plains, Port Chester, Tuckahoe, Tarrytown and other rehearsal centers and will include an "a cappella" choir of teen age girls from Greenborough, New York, who last year performed for the United Nations Assembly at Rockefeller Plaza. Appearing as guests artists will be the popular "Fordhamaires."

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



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 17, 1947

The colorful Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre, presenting "Hansel and Gretel," will continue its summer swing around the city's park system, visiting Brooklyn playgrounds this week. The trailer theatre has given eighty-seven performances of "Hansel and Gretel" this summer, and has been met with shrieks of delight at every stand.

The play has a large cast of marionette actors, chief among them the tiny brother and sister Hansel and Gretel. Before the final curtain falls, these two have many exciting times, being lost in the woods, menaced by a wicked witch, and rescued by a benign Sandman

"Hansel and Gretel" will visit the following Brooklyn park playgrounds this week:

Monday,	August 18th	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.	Gravesend Playground 56 Street and 18 Avenue.
Tuesday,	August 19th	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.	Playground at Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street.
Wednesday,	August 20th	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.	Bushwick Park, Suydam Street and Irving Avenue.
Thursday,	August 21st	2:30 P.M.	Lindsay Playground, Lorimer Street and Johnson Avenue.
Friday,	August 22nd	11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.	New Lots Playground, Sackman Street and Riverdale Avenue.

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SQUARE DANCE ETIQUETTE OBSERVED AT DANCES IN CITY PARKS

Suare Dances at Riverside Drive, Prospect Park,
and Central Park Mall Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola
Company Under Auspices of Department of Parks

The etiquette of Square Dancing is strictly enforced by caller Ed Durlacher at the dances each week in the city parks. These rules, which are based on the slogan, "Honor Your Partner," enable the huge crowds of dancers really to enjoy the evening.

These dances, sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks will continue throughout the summer until the middle of September. They are held every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower Level) from 8:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., every Tuesday night at Prospect Park, Brooklyn (11 Street and Prospect Park West) from 8:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., and every Saturday afternoon at Central Park Mall (72 Street) from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

The Top Hands provide the music.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 17, 1947

The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

- Sunday
August 17
- 8:00 A.M. City-wide Men's Individual Championships, Clearview Golf Course Belt Parkway and Willets Point Boulevard, Queens.
- 10 A.M.-5 P.M. Men's Borough-wide Tennis Championships: Finals: Central Park, Manhattan; McKinley Park, Brooklyn; Mullaly Park, Bronx; Forest Park, Queens; Walker Park, Richmond. Call borough headquarters for the exact time.
- 2:00 P.M. Track and Field Meet for Boys and Girls, events for A.A.U. athletes at Victory Field, Myrtle Ave., and Woodhaven Blvd., Queens.
- Monday
August 18
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
- 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at St. Gabriel's Park, 35 St. & 2nd Ave. Manhattan.
- 11:00 A.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Gravesend Playground, 56 Street and 18 Avenue, Brooklyn.
- 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at East River Drive & 24 St. Playground, Manhattan.
- 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Billy Butterfield's Orchestra, at Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn.
- 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103 Street, Manhattan.
- Tuesday
August 19
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
- 11:00 A.M. Magic show at Highbridge Playground, 189 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.
- 11:00 A.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Neptune and West 28 Street Playground, Brooklyn.
- 2:30 P.M. Magic show at Fort Tryon Extension, Fort Washington and Northern Avenues, Manhattan.
- 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Billy Butterfield's Orchestra at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 to 30 Avenues, Queens.
- 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing, Prospect Park Dance Area 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
- Wednesday
August 20
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
- 11:00 A.M. Magic show at Rumsey Playground, 71 St. and East Drive Central Park, Manhattan.
- 11:00 A.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Bushwick Park, Suydam Street and Irving Avenue, Brooklyn.
- 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at St. Catherine's Playground, 67 Street and 1st Avenue, Manhattan.

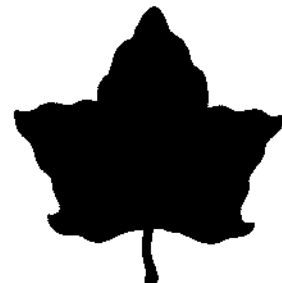
Wednesday 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Enoch Light's Orchestra at Poo Park, 192
(con'd) Street and Grand Concourse.
8:30 P.M. Borough-wide finals - Dance Contest, Poo Park, 192 Street
and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Thursday 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks
August 21 swimming pool.
11:00 A.M. Magic show at Hamilton Place Playground, West 140 Street and
Hamilton Place, Manhattan.
2:30 P.M. Magic show at Payson Avenue and Dyckman St. Playground, Man.
2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Lindsay Playground
Lorimer Street and Johnson Avenue, Brooklyn.
8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Ray Anthony's Orchestra, at Central Park Mall.
8:30 P.M. Borough-wide Finals, Dance Contest, Central Park Mall.

Friday 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks
August 22 swimming pools.
11:00 A.M. Magic show at 177 Street & Noble Avenue Playground, Bronx.
11:00 A.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at New Lots Playground,
2:30 P.M. Sackman Street and Rivervale Avenue, Brooklyn.
2:30 P.M. Magic show at Watson & Gleason Avenues Playground, Bronx.
8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Ray Anthony's Orchestra at Prospect Park Dance
Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
8:30 P.M. Borough-wide - Dance Contest, Prospect Park Dance Area, 11
Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Saturday 10:00 A.M. Womens' Borough-wide Tennis Championships: Central Park Man-
August 23 5:P.M. hattan; Lincoln Terrace Park, Brooklyn; St. James Park, Bronx;
Kissena Park, Queens; Silver Lake Park, Richmond;
Call borough headquarters for exact time.
2:00 P.M. Children's Annual Dance Festival at Long Meadow, Prospect Park,
near 3rd Street Entrance, Brooklyn.
2:00 P.M. Children's Annual Dance Festival at Clove Lakes Park, Victory
Boulevard and Clove Road, Richmond.
2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at Central Park Mall.
2:00 P.M. City-wide Table Tennis Finals at Mullaly Playground, 164 Street
and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

The Park Department will open to the public without ceremonies on Saturday, August, 16, 1947 a new 1.4 acre playground, bounded by Old Broadway West 126 and West 129th Streets and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.

This was the site of the former Orphan Asylum buildings operated by Sheltering Arms and in recognition of the good work of this charitable institution in the community and in view of the long association with this property the City Council passed a local law naming it Sheltering Arms Park. The property was acquired by the City by purchase on January 4th, 1945 for a park and playground site and for the future Riverside Health Sub-station.

This new recreational area will provide urgently needed additional recreation facilities in a densely populated neighborhood.

The playground provides a large bituminous surfaced area for roller skating, softball and group games, horseshoe pitching and handball courts, small and large swings, see-saws and slides, a shower basin, a sand pit, and a comfort station.

The various play units are separated by fencing for control purposes. Numerous benches have been provided under the shade trees for mothers and guardians of children.

The addition of this new playground brings the total in the park system to 495.

August 16, 1947.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

200 entries have been received to date for the 6th Annual Harvest Dance Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday, September 4th.

All entrants must be novices and at least 16 years of age. Competition is divided into the four most popular types of dancing: foxtrot, waltz, rhumba and jitterbug. Contestants may enter as many classes as they wish but may not win more than two prizes. Every couple will compete in one of the borough eliminations to be held during the next two weeks. These borough eliminations, all starting at 8:30 P.M. are scheduled as follows:

Richmond - Friday, August 15 - Westerleigh Park, Willard & Main Aves., Westerleigh
Bronx - Wednesday, August 20 - Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse
Manhattan - Thursday, August 21 - Mall, Central Park, 72 Street Entrance
Brooklyn - Friday, August 22 - Prospect Park Dance Area at 11 St. & Prospect Pk. W.
Queens - Tuesday, August 26 - Victory Field, Myrtle and Woodhaven Blvd.

Teams placing first, second and third in each class in the borough competitions will represent their boroughs in the City-wide Finals at the Mall on September 4th.

Entries, which close three days before each borough contest, may be secured at Park Department borough headquarters and at this week's Name Band Dances: Thursday evening at the Mall, Friday evening at Prospect Park West and 11th St., in Brooklyn; Monday night at Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Aves., and Tuesday evening at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th St. and 25 to 30 Aves., Qns.

Prizes will be awarded to couples placing first in each division in borough contests. Prizes for the City-wide Finals will be a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond to each member of winning team and \$10 in U.S. Savings Stamps to second place winners. All prizes are donated by the Consolidated Edison Company, who also provide the music as part of their annual program of 54 Name Band Dances.

Wednesday, August 13th, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 10, 1947

Thousands of New Yorkers and summer visitors are dancing or listening to the music of top-flight dance bands under the stars in New York City Parks. The popular series of Name Band Dances, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and held under the auspices of the Department of Parks, goes into its seventh week on Monday and will continue each evening until Friday, starting at 8:30 P.M. every night.

On Monday evening, Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra make their initial appearance and will play for "Dancing Under the Stars" at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and 146 Street, in Manhattan.

Sam Donahue, who opened this season's dancing on the Mall last June, returns for a three day engagement, playing Tuesday evening at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens; Wednesday evening at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse in the Bronx; and on Thursday at the Mall in Central Park. Sam Donahue and his orchestra are well known to Name Band Dances fans. Before the war he played in the Gene Krupa, Harry James and Benny Goodman bands. For three years he led the famed "Band of the U. S. Navy Liberation Forces."

Ray Eberle and his orchestra will play for Friday evenings' dance at Prospect Park West and 11 Street in Brooklyn. Long a music favorite as a featured performer with Glenn Miller, Ray Eberle was regarded as the top band singer. Upon the insistence of his enthusiastic fans, he organized his present orchestra and is well on the way to being the next big band sensation to hit the land.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 10, 1947

The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

- Sunday
August 10 8:30 P.M. Closing concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
- Monday
August 11 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks
 swimming pools
 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Tompkins Square Park, 10 Street and Avenue A,
 Manhattan.
 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Playground at East 12 Street and East River
 Drive, Manhattan.
 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Playground at 34th
 Street and 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn.
 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Tommy Reynold's Orchestra at Colonial Park
 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.
 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103 Street, Manhattan.
- Tuesday
August 12 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks
 swimming pools
 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Seward Playground at Canal and Essex Streets,
 Manhattan.
 11:00 A.M. Marionette Show "Hansel and Gretel", at Playground at Fort
 Hamilton Parkway and 52 Street, Brooklyn.
 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Gulick Playground, Sheriff, Broome, and
 Delancy Streets, Manhattan
 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Sam Donohue's Orchestra, Victory Field,
 Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens.
 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing, Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and
 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
- Wednesday
August 13 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks
 swimming pools.
 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground at 123 Street and Morningside Ave.,
 Manhattan
 11:00 A.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel," at Seth Low Playground,
 Bay Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn.
 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at 97 Street and Riverside Drive, Manhattan.
 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Sam Donohue's Orchestra at Poe Park, Grand
 Concourse and 192 Street.
- Thursday
August 14 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks
 swimming pools
 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground #83 Roosevelt Street, Manhattan.
 11:00 A.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel," at Marine Park,
 2:30 P.M. Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street, Brooklyn.

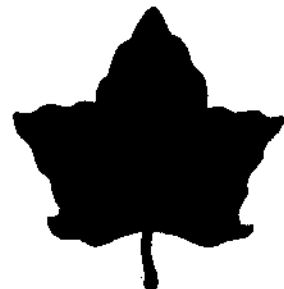
Thursday August 14	2:30 P.M.	Magic Show at Amphitheatre, East River Drive and Broome Street, Manhattan.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Sam Donohue's Orchestra, at Central Park Mall.
Friday August 15	10:00 A.M.	Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
	11:00 A.M.	Magic Show at Carmansville Playground, 152 Street and Amstordam Avenue, Manhattan.
	11:00 A.M.	Marionette Show. Hansel and Gretel,* at Sunset Park, 44
	2:30 P.M.	Street and 6th Avenue, Brooklyn.
	2:30 P.M.	Magic Show at Highbridge Playground, 167 Street and Edgcomb Avenue, Manhattan.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Ray Berle's Orchestra at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
	9:30 P.M.	Borough-wide Finals, Dance Contest, Westerleigh Park, Willard and Main Avenues, Westerleigh, Richmond.
Saturday	12:00 Noon	City-wide Championship, Men's Golf. at Clearview Golf Course, Willots Point Boulevard and Bolt Parkway, Queens.
	1:30 P.M.	Playground Olympic Sports Festival at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island.
	2:00 P.M.	Square Dancing, Central Park Mall

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Sunday August 10, 1947

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-10M-82346 114



Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, will visit ten playgrounds in Manhattan this week, entertaining youngsters with his new show, "Adventures in Magic". Peter is accompanied on his travels by his two faithful assistants, Oscar the Rabbit and Tom Swift. "Adventures in Magic" is a show especially designed for children, with magical tricks, songs, and games, and stories about some of their favorite comic strip characters. At each performance the Magic Man invites the children to join in the fun, and calls for volunteer assistants from the audiences.

"Adventures in Magic" will appear at the following Manhattan playgrounds this week:

Monday,	August 11th	11:00 A.M. Tompkins Square Park, 10th Street & Avenue A. 2:30 P.M. Playground at East River and 12 Street.
Tuesday,	August 12th,	11:00 A.M. Seward Park Playground, Essex Street and East Broadway. 2:30 P.M. Gulick Playground, Sheriff, Broome and Delancey Streets.
Wednesday,	August 13th,	11:00 A.M. Morningside Playground, 123 Street and Morningside Avenue. 2:30 P.M. Playground at 97 Street and Riverside Drive.
Thursday,	August 14th,	11:00 A.M. Playground at #33 Roosevelt Street. 2:30 Amphitheatre, East River Drive & Broome Street.
Friday,	August 15th,	11:00 A.M. Carmansville Playground, 152 Street and Amsterdam Avenue. 2:30 P.M. Highbridge Playground, 167 St. & Edgecomb Avenue

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 10, 1947

Misc.-10M-82346 114

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will continue its summer tour, entertaining children in park playgrounds of Brooklyn this week; This season's presentation, "Hansel and Gretel", is a new refreshing version of the old fairy tale, and is packed with exciting adventures and magical spells. The little drama, with actors, scenery, props and costumes all in miniature scale, is especially designed for the entertainment of youngsters.

"Hansel and Gretel" will visit the following Brooklyn playgrounds this week:

Monday, August 11th, 2:30 P.M. Playground at 34 Street and Third Avenue.

Tuesday, August 12th, 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Playground at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 52 Street.

Wednesday, August 13th, 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Avenue P.

Thursday, August 14th, 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marine Park, Playground at Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street.

Friday, August 15th, 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Sunset Playground, 44 Street and Sixth Avenue.

The Trailer Marionette Theatre will continue its visits to Brooklyn playgrounds next week.

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



FOR RELEASE Sunday, August 10, 1947

Athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. and novices under the age of 17 years may file entries now for the athletic meet to be conducted by the Department of Parks at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, on Sunday August 17th at 2 P.M. This meet is the fourth in a series of five sponsored by the New York Athletic Club through its Youth Athletic Council.

The special handicap and novice events for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. are conducted under the separate sponsorship of the Athlete Development Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union. These events, at the Queens meet, will be the 100 Yard Dash - Novice, Half Mile Run - Handicap, 3 Mile Run - Handicap, Running High Jump - Handicap and the 5 Mile Walk - Handicap.

The playground events, open only to novices under 17 years of age, are classified according to age and sex. Boys' events are: 100 lb. Class - 50 Yard Dash; 110 lb. Class - 60 Yard Dash; 120 lb. Class - 70 Yard Dash; Unlimited Class - 100 Yard Dash, 220 Yard Dash, 440 Yard Run, Half Mile Run, One Mile Run, Running Broad Jump, Running High Jump, and 12 lb. Shot Put. Girls' events are: 100 lb. Class - 40 Yard Dash; 110 lb. Class - 50 Yard Dash; 120 lb. Class - 60 Yard Dash and Potatoe Race. Boys and girls qualifying in these events will be eligible to compete at the City-wide Championships to be held at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, on Saturday September 6th.

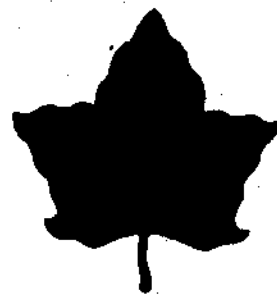
The New York Athletic Club and the Metropolitan Association will award medals to winner of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event which they sponsor. The public is invited to attend this meet as guests of the Department of Parks and the two sponsoring organizations.

Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Park Department headquarters or neighborhood playgrounds in all boroughs, for this meet and for the September 6th meet at Randall's Island.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Immediately



Row boating which has not been available at the 110th Street Lake in Central Park since 1941, when the reconstruction of the Harlem Meer section of Central Park was started and the old rowboats were taken to 72nd Street Lake for use there will be resumed on Friday, August 8th.

In 1942 the improvement of the area, a relief project, was abandoned and left unfinished by the W.P.A. Some of the basic work was completed by contract during the war so that the area could be made available to the public. However, because of difficulties in procuring critical materials the construction of the boathouse and other necessary facilities had to be postponed.

The 360-foot landing platform and combination brick boathouse, comfort station and refreshment concession building in modified victorian style in harmony with the architecture of other structures in the park, together with plumbing, heating and electrical work on the north shore of the lake near the Fifth Avenue entrance are now completed. The building and its facilities will serve adequately boating enthusiasts during summer and fall months and ice skaters when sub-freezing winter conditions permit.

The reconstruction and redesign of the historical Harlem Meer was necessary to permit increased use of the area and, at the same time, eliminate maintenance problems by improving access and providing better control. The work includes an adequate walk system with ramps, stairs, fences, additional benches, drinking fountains, the planting of trees and shrubs, the seeding and restoration of lawn areas; and a four-foot concrete wall with a fifteen feet abutting promenade completely around the lake. Frequent connections have been made with a secondary path system which

connects with the various entrances and also the general path system. This was necessitated by the tremendous usage of the area and the change in neighborhoods.

For patrons who will be visiting this spot during the warm weather, there will be ample refreshments. The food bar will be stocked with an assortment of hot and cold beverages, ice cream, frankfurters and candy... dispensed under the most sanitary conditions. Prices, both for food and rowboat rental, will be at a moderate and popular level. The boathouse will be operated under the direction of the Department of Parks by the present licensee of the boating concession at 72nd Street Lake, who is well equipped and qualified to operate the new facility.

August 6, 1947

Park Development Plan
Harlem Meer
Picture of Boathouse

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Immediately



The field of 1900 golfers who entered the Municipal Golf Tournament for men, has boiled down to 32 players who qualified by being among the 32 low scorers in the Municipal Golf Team Championships at Forest Park last Sunday. The 32 Qualifiers will start play for the Individual Championships at Clearview Gold Course, Belt Parkway and Willets Point Boulevard, Queens, next Saturday, August 9th, starting at 12:00 P.M. Eighteen holes of match play will determine who will remain in the tournament which will be continued at the same course on Sunday, August 10th, starting at 8 A.M.

The players have been matched as follows:

UPPER BRACKET

12:30	Arthur Zadina Gilbert Smith	Clearview Silver Lake
12:35	Loe Liotta William Young	La Tourette Van Cortlandt
12:40	J. Vogt Andrew Scholl	Forest Park Split Rock
12:45	James Manzone Jack Spinelli	Mosholu La Tourette
12:50	Patsy Palmieri Robert Yule	Mosholu Clearview
12:55	George Baskiel Sil Ramsey	Forest Park Silver Lake
1:00	Edward Solan J. J. Civiello	Silver Lake Forest Park
1:05	John Amanna H. Bernstein	Mosholu Dyker Beach

LOWER BRACKET

1:10	Peter De Capico Chris Joyce	Mosholu Mosholu
1:15	Leonard Sorge J. Costello	La Tourette Forest Park
1:20	Eugene Clark Aloid Tucker	Silver Lake Clearview
1:25	William Lee Ray Czizik	La Tourette Kissena
1:30	Ted Costa Vernon Edwards	Kissena Forest Park
1:35	Wm Blanchfield Edward Kohn	Van Cortlandt Mosholu
1:40	Robert Lorenz Bernard Kane	Forest Park Split Rock
1:45	Arnold Gray Henry Powers	Clearview Split Rock

August 6, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE Immediately

550 children from Department of Parks playgrounds in Manhattan will participate in their Annual Dance Festival on Saturday, August 9th at 2 P.M. on the Sheep Meadow, located at 67 Street and West Drive in Central Park.

For these children, Saturday's colorful festival is the culmination of six weeks of preparation under the guidance of directors in charge of neighborhood park playgrounds. The youngsters in each of the seven dances, will wear gaily colored costumes designed for them by the trained recreation staff. Besides being actively engaged in learning and rehearsing the dances, each girl, with the help of a playground director, mother or older sisters, made her own costume as part of her summer recreation program.

The festival will open with a mass procession as all the dancers parade around the green meadow to form a giant horseshoe within which the children will perform. Seats for thousands of spectators, including parents and friends of the children, will be placed on all sides of the meadow to provide an excellent view of the dances.

The program of dances and the playgrounds participating in them is as follows:

"Mexican Hat Dance"

Columbus, Wald, Gulick, Roosevelt, Seward, Lewis, and Rivington Streets Playgrounds.

"Alice Blue Gown"

Heckscher, Rumsey, Morningside - 123 Street
Riverside and 74 St., Riverside and 82 Street
Riverside and 97 Street, Riverside and 103 Street.

"To a Rose"

Sauer, Tompkins Square, East River Drive, Kelly,
Downing Street, Corlears Street, Playgrounds.

"Alice in Wonderland"

St. Gabriel's, Chelsea Roof, De Witt Clinton, East
24 Street, McCaffrey, Chelsea, West 45 Street.

"At the Crossroads"

St. Catherine's, John Jay, Carl Schurz, Thomas
Jefferson, Covillier, Machine and Metal Trades

"The Knave of Hearts"

Harlem Roof, McGray, Mt. Morris East and West,
140 and Lenox, Young, Harlem Housing, Carmansville,
Annunciation, Hamilton Place, Colonial and St.
Nicholas Terrace

"The Wraggle Taggle Gypsies"

Inwood, J. Hood Wright, Ft. Tryon, and Extension,
Highbridge - 189th, Highbridge 180th, Highbridge -
167th Streets, Playgrounds.

August 6, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Immediately

ALMOST 25,000 NEW YORKERS AND BROOKLYNITES CARRY ON ONE OF AMERICA'S
OLDEST TRADITIONS, SQUARE DANCING, EACH WEEK IN CITY PARKS

Record Crowds Attend Dances at Riverside Drive, Prospect
Park, and Central Park Mall Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company
Under Auspices of the Department of Parks

Although the Puritans found it possible to justify Square
Dancing only on the grounds that it promoted "grace and an erect carriage,"
almost 25,000 New Yorkers and Brooklynites come to the Square Dances in
the City Parks each week for the sheer fun of it.

These dances, sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, under the
auspices of the Department of Parks, are held every Monday night at
Riverside Drive and 103 Street (lower level) from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.,
Tuesday night at Prospect Park, Brooklyn (11 Street and Prospect Park
West) from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., and every Saturday afternoon at Central
Park Mall (72 Street) from 2:00 to 4:30.

Ed Durlacher does the calling and his Top Hands provide the
music

August 6, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Sunday August 3, 1947

"Hansel and Gretel" the marionette show being presented by the Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will continue its summer tour, visiting park playgrounds in Manhattan this week.

"Hansel and Gretel" is a drama in miniature, complete with marionette actors, scenery, props, costumes, and musical effects. The play tells the story of two children who become lost in the woods and finally end up at an enchanted gingerbread cottage, which is unfortunately inhabited by a wicked witch. The little wooden brother and sister have many exciting adventures, ending in a timely rescue by the Sandman.

"Hansel and Gretel" will be presented at the following Manhattan playgrounds this week.

Monday 11 A.M. & 2:30 P.M. - Thomas Jefferson Playground, 112 Street
August 4 and First Avenue

Tuesday 11 A.M. & 2:30 P.M. - Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Ave. and 150 Street.
August 5

Wednesday 11 A.M. & 2:30 P.M. - Mount Morris Park, East Playground, 123
August 6 Street and Madison Avenue.

Thursday 11 A.M. & 2:30 P.M. - Inwood Playground, Seaman Avenue and
August 7 Isham Street

Friday 11 A.M. & 2:30 P.M. - Heckscher Playground, 66 Street in Central
August 8 Park.

The Trailer Marionette Theatre will visit Brooklyn park playgrounds next week.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday August 3, 1947

Ten performances of "Adventures in Magic" the Department of Parks traveling magic show, will be given for children of Manhattan and Richmond playgrounds this week.

The magic show, in the deft hands of Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, is full of thrills and surprises, with magical songs, stories, and games about many of the children's favorite comic and motion picture characters. Peter is assisted in his tricks by Oscar, the itinerant rabbit, and Tom Swift.

"Adventures in Magic" will appear at the following playgrounds this week:

Monday	August 4th	11 A.M.	Lincoln Avenue Playground, Midland Beach, Richmond.
		2:30 P.M.	Kaltenmeir Playground, Virginia Ave. Rosebank, Richmond.
Tuesday	August 5th	11 A.M.	Silver Lake Park, Hart Boulevard and Revere Place, West Brighton, Richmond.
		2:30 P.M.	Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, West Brighton, Richmond.
Wednesday,	August 6th	11 A.M.	Playground at West 45 Street between 8 and 9 Aves. Manhattan.
		2:30 P.M.	DeWitt Clinton Playground, 53 Street and 11 Avenue Manhattan
Thursday,	August 7th	11 A.M.	Carl Schurz Park, East 84 Street and East End Ave. Manhattan
		2:30 P.M.	Thomas Jefferson Park, 112 Street and First Avenue, Manhattan.
Friday,	August 8th	11 A.M.	Mount Morris Park, East Playground, Madison Avenue and 120 Street, Manhattan.
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at 130 Street and Fifth Ave., Manhattan.

"Adventures in Magic" will continue its tour of Manhattan park playgrounds next week.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 3, 1947

Misc.-10M-82346 114

Five nights of dancing to the music of top Name Bands are on the program for the parks this week, under the sponsorship of Consolidated Edison Company and the direction of the Department of Parks. These dances are part of a series of 54 Name Band Dances conducted annually for the past seven years to make summer vacationing in New York more enjoyable. This week's music makers are Johnny Bothwell, Shorty Sherock, Victor Lombardo, and Charlie Peterson.

Victor Lombardo and his Orchestra will start the week's dancing on Monday night, August 4th, at the Playground at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P in Brooklyn. Victor Lombardo, one of the famous musical Lombardos, carries on the family musical tradition with his sweet, solid, danceable music. Victor features Lynne Barrett and Mark Carter as vocalists.

Charlie Peterson and his Orchestra has signed for a double date, and will play on Thursday evening, August 5th at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens, and on Wednesday night, August 6th, at Poe Park, Grand Concourse and 192 Street, the Bronx. Peterson's music has been heard at top dance spots from coast to coast, and is popular with all types of dancers.

Johnny Bothwell, his alto sax and orchestra, will be at the Central Park Mall on Thursday evening, August 7th. Bothwell is the first alto sax star to come to the top in many years, and has consistently placed among the top three in Downbeat and Metronome polls. Bothwell features a distinctive, stylized rhythm. Claire Hogan handles the vocals.

Shorty Sherock, well known to Name Band Dance fans, will play for this week's closing dance on Friday evening, August 8th, at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Sherock, a brilliant trumpet player, has a versatile delivery, and is rated tops by the dancing public. Shorty has a long record of successful radio, theatre, ballroom, and recording experience behind him. Name Band Dances will continue nightly at 8:30 P.M. in the parks Mondays through Fridays until September 12th.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Sunday August 3, 1947

Entries are now being received for the 6th Annual Harvest Dance Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday, September 4th.

The contest is open to novices who must be at least 16 years of age. Competition will be divided into the four most popular types of dancing: foxtrot, waltz, rhumba and jitterbug. Contestants may enter as many classes as they wish, but no contestant may win more than two prizes. The judges will use the Olympic Point Scoring System and will rate dancers for (1) posture and appearance (2) tempo and rhythm (3) proper execution (4) variety.

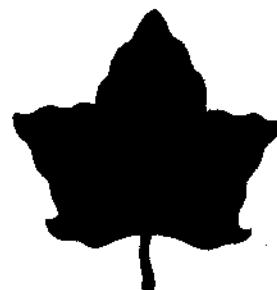
Each borough will conduct its own elimination contest and teams placing first, second and third in each class will represent their borough in the City-wide finals at the Mall on September 4th. These borough eliminations, all starting at 8:30 P.M. are scheduled as follows:

Richmond - Friday, August 15 - Westerleigh Park, Willard & Main Aves., Westerleigh.
Bronx - Wednesday, August 20 - Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse
Manhattan - Thursday, August 21 - The Mall, Central Park, 72 Street Entrance.
Brooklyn - Friday, August 22 - Prospect Park Dance Area at 11 St. & Prospect Park West
Queens - Tuesday, August 26 - Victory Field, Myrtle Ave. and Woodhaven Boulevard.

Entries close three days before the date of each borough contest. Entry blanks may be obtained at Department of Parks borough headquarters and at this week's Name Band Dances: Monday night at Playground at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P in Brooklyn; Tuesday night at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens; Wednesday night at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; Thursday at the Mall, Central Park, Manhattan; and Friday at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11 Street, Brooklyn.

Couples placing first in each division of the borough contests will receive an award. Prizes for the City-wide Finals will be a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond to each member of winning teams and \$10 in U.S. Savings Stamps to second place winners. These prizes are donated by the Consolidated Edison Company, which will also provide the music, as part of their annual program of 54 Name Band Dances.

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



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, August 3, 1947

The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

- Sunday
August 3rd
- 8:00 A.M. City-wide Team Championship, Men's Golf, Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Parkway, Queens.
- 2:00 P.M. Track and Field Meet for Boys and Girls, events for A.A.U. athletes at VanCortlandt Park Stadium, Broadway and 242 Street, the Bronx.
- 2:00 P.M. Track and Field Meet for Boys and Girls at Astoria Park, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
- Monday
August 4th
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
- 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Lincoln Avenue Playground, Midland Beach, Richmond.
- 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Thomas Jefferson Playground, First Avenue and 112 Street, Manhattan.
- 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Kaltenmeier Playground, Virginia Avenue, Rosebank, Richmond.
- 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Victor Lombardo's Orchestra, at Playground at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn.
- 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103 Street, Manhattan.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
- Tuesday
August 5th
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
- 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Silver Lake Park, Hart Boulevard and Revere Place, West Brighton, Richmond.
- 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Colonial Playground, Bradhurst Avenue and 150 Street, Manhattan.
- 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, Richmond.
- 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Charlie Peterson's Orchestra, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens.
- 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing, Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Wednesday August 6th 10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground at West 45 Street between 8th and 9th Avenues, Manhattan.
 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Mount Morris Park, East Playground, 123 Street and Madison Avenue, Manhattan.
 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Charlie Peterson's Orchestra, at Poe Park, Grand Concourse and 192 Street, the Bronx.

Thursday August 7th 10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Carl Schurz Park, East End Avenue and East 84 Street, Manhattan.
 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Inwood Playground, Seaman Avenue and Isham Street, Manhattan.
 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Thomas Jefferson Park, 112 Street and First Avenue, Manhattan.
 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, B'klyn.
 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Johnny Bothwell's Orchestra, at Central Park Mall.

Friday, August 8th 10:00 A.M. Swimming Instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Mount Morris Park, East Playground, 123 Street and Madison Avenue, Manhattan.
 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Heckscher Playground, Central Park at 66 Street.
 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Playground at 130 St. and 5th Ave., Manhattan.
 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Shorty Sherock's Orchestra, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park W., Bklyn.

Saturday August 9th 8:00 A.M. City-wide Championships, Men's Golf, starts at Clearview Golf Course, Willlets Point Boulevard and Belt Parkway, Queens.
 2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at the Central Park Mall.
 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

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

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

The best eight players from the ten golf courses operated by the Department of Parks will tee off for the City-wide Team Championship at Forest Park Golf Course Queens, this Sunday, August 3rd, starting at 8:00 A.M. The competing foursomes are the survivors of ten local qualifying tournaments conducted by the Department of Parks, in which close to 2,000 golfers entered.

The starting schedule for Sunday's championships is:

A.M.

8:00 R. Reilly Dyker Beach
Walter Halzda Pelham
Andrew Scholl Split Rock
Bervin Hamilton VanCortlandt

8:05 Peter DeCaprio Mosholu
Aloid Tucker Clearview
George Baskiel Forest Park
Ted Costa Kissena

8:10 Joe Liotta LaTourette
Stephen Brzinski Silver Lake
M. Tadross Dyker Beach
Peter LaPolla Pelham

8:15 Bernard Kane Split Rock
William Young VanCortlandt
James Manzone Mosholu
Arthur Zadina Clearview

8:20 J. Vogt Forest Park
E. M. Leonard Kissena
Leonard Sorge LaTourette
E. Clark Silver Lake

8:25 J. Aquina Dyker Beach
A. Bassi Pelham
William McIntyre Split Rock
Wm. Blanchfield VanCortlandt

8:30 Patsy Palmieri Mosholu
A. Gray Clearview
Leon Little Forest Park
Ray Czizik Kissena

A.M.

8:50 H. Bernstein Dyker Beach
Richard Carroll Pelham
Ralph Muranelli Split Rock
Albert Keilin VanCortlandt

8:55 Edward Kohn Mosholu
Joseph O'Connor Clearview
Sid Thomas Forest Park
Gil Zizek Kissena

9:00 J. Spinelli LaTourette
John Murphy Silver Lake
J. Mulvihill Dyker Beach
B. Kalsmith Pelham

9:05 Henry Powers Split Rock
Alex Greissick VanCortlandt
Chris Joyce Mosholu
Robert Yule Clearview

9:10 Vernon Edwards Forest Park
W. P. Windris Kissena
George Lynn LaTourette
G. C. Smith Silver Lake

9:15 J. Maxwell Dyker Beach
A. C. Warren Pelham
Frank Rampacek Split Rock
Reginald Noles VanCortlandt

9:20 Stanley Florea Mosholu
Arthur Reinert Clearview
John Costello Forest Park
E. W. Bee Kissena

8:35 Frank Hahn
Edward Solan
A. Tartaglia
Harold Entress

LaTourette
Silver Lake
Dyker Beach
Pelham

9:25 Wm. Mitchell, Jr.
George Anderson
R. Ontl
Colin McManus

LaTourette
Silver Lake
Dyker Beach
Pelham

8:40 Peter Zorilla
Irving Watanabe
John Amanna
Stanley Rodnite

Split Rock
VanCortlandt
Mosholu
Clearview

9:30 Thomas Keane
Albert Dairwald
Fred Eppolito
John McGovern

Split Rock
VanCortlandt
Mosholu
Clearview

8:45 J. J. Civiello
C. E. Kissling
William Lee
Robert W. Smith

Forest Park
Kissena
LaTourette
Silver Lake

9:35 Robert Lorenz
E. Daddara
George Ledwith
Sylvester Ramsay

Forest Park
Kissena
LaTourette
Silver Lake

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

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Seven hundred Park Playground boys and girls and one hundred and fifty Amateur Athletic Union athletes have filed entries for the track meet to be held at Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, Broadway and 242 Street, Bronx, on Sunday, August 3rd at 2 P.M. according to an announcement by the Department of Parks. This meet is the third in a series of five sponsored by the New York Athletic Club through its Youth Athletic Council

Special handicap and novice events for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., will be conducted under the sponsorship of the Athlete Development Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union. These events at the Van Cortlandt Park meet, will be the 220 Yard Dash - Handicap; 1 Mile Run - Novice; Running Broad Jump - Handicap; 100 Yard Dash, Girls - Handicap; and the 3 Mile Walk - Handicap.

Competing in the Metropolitan Association A.A.U. events will be: Jim Herbert of the Grand Street Boys and Robert Hylton of C.C.N.Y. A.A. in the 220 Yard Handicap; Robert Glasse and Bob Hatch of the Grand Street Boys in the Running Broad Jump; and Ernest Weber of the German-American A.C., who is the National Walking Champion, will have competition from Arthur Fruauff and Carmine Riggiero of the N.Y.A.C. and Arthur Hall and James Wilson of the Staten Island Harriers.

The Playground events, which afford an opportunity for hundreds of tyros to enter track and field competition, are classified according to weight. Boys events are: 100 lb. Class - 50 Yard Dash; 110 lb. Class - 60 Yard Dash; 120 lb. Class - 70 Yard Dash; Unlimited Class - 100 Yard Dash, 220 Yard Dash, 440 Yard Run, Half Mile Run, 1 Mile Run, Running Broad Jump, Running High Jump, and 12 lb. Shot Put.

Boys and girls qualifying in these events will be eligible to compete at the City-wide Championships to be held at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, on Saturday, September 6th.

The New York Athletic Club and the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. will award medals to winners of first, second and third place in each of the events which they sponsor. The public is invited to attend these meets as guests of these two organizations and the Department of Parks.

Future meets in this series will be held Sunday, August 17th at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, and on Saturday September 6th, when City-wide Championships are held at Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island. Entry blanks for these meets may be obtained at Park Department headquarters or neighborhood playgrounds in all boroughs.

July 30, 1947

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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



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COME ONE, COME ALL AND SWING YOUR PARTNERS AT THE FREE SQUARE
DANCES AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE, PROSPECT PARK AND CENTRAL PARK MALL

"There's the fiddle, here's the call, up to the parks and
dance you all. Take your honey, the gal so fair, up to the parks to
dance a square." Come one, Come all and join the fun at the free Square
Dances sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the
Department of Parks.

These dances are held every Monday night at Riverside Drive
and 103rd Street (lower Level) at 8:30 p.m., every Tuesday night at
Prospect Park, Brooklyn (Prospect Park West and 11 Street) at 8:30 p.m.,
and every Saturday afternoon at Central Park Mall (72 Street) at 2:00 p.m.

Ed Durlacher not only calls the dances, but teaches the
beginners as well. The Top Hands provide the music and play many of the
old favorite American folk tunes.

July 29, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

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Sunday, July 27, 1947

The third in the current series of Naumburg Concerts will be conducted at the Central Park Mall on Thursday evening, July 31st at 8:15 P.M. These concerts are presented for the enjoyment of New York's music lovers by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the city in 1922. Each year concerts are given on the three holidays - Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, and on July 31st, the anniversary of Mr. Naumburg's death.

The Naumburg Orchestra, under the direction of Rev. Leonardo Pavone, will render the following program on the evening of July 31st:

"Andante Triste" - Tartini
In memory of Elkan Naumburg, founder of the concerts.

1. Overture "Semiramide" Rossini
2. Symphony "From the New World" Dvorak
Largo and Finale
3. Aria- "Di provenzo il mar" from "La Traviata" Verdi
Philip Maero, Baritone
4. Bacchanale "Samson and Dalilah" Saint-Saens
5. "Scenes Napolitaines" Massenet
La Fete and Finale
6. Aria- "Nemico della patria" Giordano
From "Andrea Chenier"
Philip Maero, Baritone
7. a) Anitra's Dance)
b) In the Hall of the Mountain King)
Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 Grieg
8. Overture "1812" Tschaikowsky

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Sunday July 27, 1947

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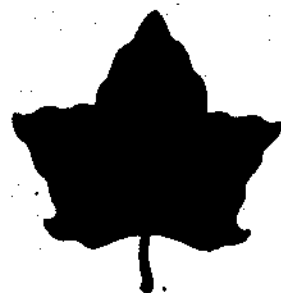
Two more top-flight Name Bands will play for dancing in the parks this week as part of the program of fifty-four Name Band Dances which Consolidated Edison Company is sponsoring for the entertainment and enjoyment of New Yorkers in cooperation with the Department of Parks. Dances are scheduled for every week-day evening, Monday through Friday, until September 12th. All dances start at 8:30 P.M.

This week's dancing will start at Williamsbridge Oval, Bainbridge Avenue and 208 Street, the Bronx, on Monday, July 28th, with music by Elliot Lawrence. Lawrence, although a youngster in the ranks of Name Band leaders, has amassed a large background of musical experience, having played on a coast to coast network with his "Listen to Lawrence" series, played at top hotels, covered many major proms, and won the Look Magazine award for the best new band of 1946. Elliot Lawrence will also play for dancing at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, on Tuesday evening, July 29th.

Billy Butterfield and his Orchestra will play for the three remaining dances of the week. Billy's triple engagement includes Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse on Wednesday, July 30th; Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker & Putnam Aves., Brooklyn, Thursday, July 31st; and the Prospect Park Dance Area 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on Friday, August 1st. Butterfield a master of the trumpet, plays a relaxed style of danceable music. He has been featured on commercial radio from coast to coast, and has made recordings for Capital Records. His Gershwin album has received wide acclaim.

Regular Thursday night dances at the Central Park Mall will be resumed on August 7th, and will continue for the rest of the season.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



Sunday, July 27, 1947

FOR RELEASE

The Department of Parks Magic Show, "Adventures in Magic", with Peter Pan the Magic Man, will be presented for the entertainment of youngsters in Queens and Richmond playgrounds this week. At each show, Peter Pan will have ample assistance in his magic making. The perennial helpers, Oscar, the Rabbit and Tom Swift, will be on hand, as will be a crowd of young volunteers from the audience. "Adventures in Magic" is top-notch educational entertainment, featuring audience participation.

Peter Pan and his bag of wonderful tricks will be at the following playgrounds this week:

Monday, July 28th	11:00 A.M. - Playground at Junction Boulevard and 96th Street, Corona, Queens.
	2:30 P.M. - Kissena Playground, 164th Street and Oak Avenue, Flushing, Queens.
Tuesday, July 29th	2:30 P.M. - Braddock Playground, Braddock Avenue and 240th St., Bellerose, Queens.
Wednesday, July 30th	11:00 A.M. - Tudor Playground, 84th Street and 133rd Ave., Ozone Park, Queens.
	2:30 P.M. - Forest Park Music Grove, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens.
Thursday, July 31st	11:00 A.M. - Evergreen Playground, Forest Avenue and St. Felix Street, Ridgewood, Queens.
Friday, August 1st	11:00 A.M. - Playground at Winter and Bismark Avenues, New Brighton, Richmond.
	2:30 P.M. - Mahoney Playground, Beechwood and Crescent Streets, New Brighton, Richmond.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 27, 1947

The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre, now on its seventh annual summer tour of the city's parks, will give seven performances of "Hansel and Gretel" for children of Manhattan playgrounds this week.

The play is a re-vitalized version of the old sister and brother story, with lots of excitement, adventure, and enchantment. The cast of the tiny fairy-tale drama is a set of pint size marionette actors who tread the boards with as much aplomb and skill as any group of players on the "straw hat" circuit.

"Hansel and Gretel" will be presented at the following Manhattan playgrounds this week:

Monday, July 28th, 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - John Jay Playground,
77th Street and East River Drive.

Tuesday, July 29th, 2:30 P.M. - North Meadow Playground,
Central Park at 97th Street.

Wednesday, July 30th, 2:30 P.M. - Playground at Riverside
Drive and 102nd Street.

Thursday, July 31st, 2:30 P.M. - Playground at Riverside
Drive and 148 Street.

Friday, August 1st, 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - J. Hood Wright
Playground, 175 Street and Ft. Washington Avenue.

"Hansel and Gretel" will continue to tour Manhattan park playgrounds next week.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 27, 1947

The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

Sunday
July 27

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.

Monday
July 28

8:00 A.M. Golf Tournament, Junior Division, starts on all Department of Parks Golf Courses.
10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground at Junction Boulevard and 96th Street, Corona, Queens.
11:00 A.M. Marionette show "Hansel and Gretel" at John Jay Playground, 77th St., and East River Drive, Manhattan.
2:30 P.M. Magic show at Kissena Playground, 164th Street and Oak Avenue, Flushing, Queens.
8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Eliot Lawrence's Orchestra, at Williamsbridge Oval, 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx.
8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street, Man.

Tuesday
July 29

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground at 179th Place near Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, Queens.
2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Braddock Playground, Braddock Avenue and 240th Street, Bellerose, Queens.
2:30 P.M. Marionette Show "Hansel and Gretel" at North Meadow Playground Central Park at 97th Street.
8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Eliot Lawrence's Orchestra, at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens.
8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Wednesday
July 30

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for all children at Department of Parks swimming pools.
11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Tudor Playground, 84th Street and 133rd Ave, Ozone Park, Queens.
2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Forest Park Music Grove, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens.
2:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Playground at Riverside Drive and 102nd Street, Manhattan.
8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Billy "utterfield's Orchestra, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Thursday
July 31

- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
- 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Evergreen Playground, Forest Avenue and St. Felix Street, Ridgewood, Queens.
- 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Highland Park, Lower Playground, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street, Brooklyn.
- 2:30 P.M. Marionette show "Hansel and Gretel" at Playground at Riverside Drive and 148th Street, Manhattan.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by Naumburg Orchestra at Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Billy Butterfield's Orchestra, at Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn.

Friday
August 1

- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
- 11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground at Winter and Bismark Avenues New Brighton, Richmond.
- 11:00 A.M. Marionette show "Hansel and Gretel" at J. Hood Wright Playground, 175th St., and Ft. Washington Ave., Man.
- 2:30 P.M. Magic show at Mahoney Playground, Beechwood and Crescent Avenues, New Brighton, Richmond.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Billy Butterfield's Orchestra, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Saturday
August 2

- 10:00 A.M. Tennis Tournament, Women's Singles, starts on all Department of Parks tennis courts.
- 2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at Central Park Mall.
- 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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For further information please call Plaza 5-4306.

MORE THAN 19,000 NEW YORKERS AND BROOKLYNITES ENJOY FREE SQUARE DANCES
EACH WEEK AT CITY PARKS

Promenade, Allemande, Chasse, Duck for the Oyster, and many other provincialisms are being added to the vocabulary of thousands of New Yorkers and Brooklynites who are learning the Square Dance calls as they join in the fun at the free Pepsi-Cola Square Dances which are held each week in the city parks under the auspices of the Department of Parks and sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company.

These dances take place every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., every Tuesday night at Prospect Park, Brooklyn (11th Street and Prospect Park West) from 8:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., and every Saturday afternoon at Central Park Mall from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Ed Durlacher calls the figures and his Top Hands provide the music.

July 23, 1947.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Immediately

FOR RELEASE

The 1947 season of competitive swimming for boys in Department of Parks outdoor pools will be concluded on Saturday, July 26th, when City-wide Championships are held at Sunset Park Swimming Pool, 42nd Street and 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, starting at 5 P.M.

Eight Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. events head the program and are scheduled as follows: 100 Meter and 1500 Meter Freestyle; 200 Meter Breaststroke; 300 Meter Individual Medley; 100 Meter Backstroke; 300 Meter Medley Relay; 800 Meter Freestyle Relay; and the 3 Meter Dive, High Board. Eight novice which are included on the program will bring together the best of more than two thousand boys who have been competing in five preliminary meets held in Park Department outdoor pools in the five boroughs during the past two weeks. These events are arranged according to age groups and include 25, 50 and 100 Meter Freestyle and 50 Meter Backstroke competition.

The New York Athletic Club, the Flatbush Boys Club and the Brooklyn Central YMCA have entered full teams. Some of the swimmers representing the New York Athletic Club are: in the 1500 Meter Freestyle - Steve Miller, Junior National Long Distance Champion; Tom McDermott, member of the world record holding 400 Yard Relay team. In the 300 Meter Backstroke - Charles Urstadt who is Senior Metropolitan Champion and Junior National Champion. In the 3 Meter Dive - Eddie Mulane, Metropolitan High Diving Champion; J. Smith, N.Y. State High Diving Champion and Earl Potts, Junior Metropolitan 1 Meter Dive Champion. In the 200 Meter Breaststroke - Robert Daley, Junior Metropolitan Champion and Catholic School Champion. In the 100 Meter Freestyle - M. Priano, former National 300 Meter Medley Champion; Bruce MacFadden, who finished third in the Nation Indoor 100 Meter Freestyle; Ed Koslow, P.S.A.L. Champion, H. Dapkiewicz, P.S.A.L. 50 Yd. Champion; and R. Halbauer, P.S.A.L. 200 Yd. Champion.

Medals will be awarded to those finishing first, second and third in each event.

July 23, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Entries close tomorrow, Thursday, July 24th, for the third annual Athletic Meet to be conducted by the Department of Parks at VanCortlandt Park Stadium, Broadway and 242nd Street, on Sunday, August 3rd at 2 P.M. This is the third of four elimination meets sponsored by the New York Athletic Club through its Youth Athletic Council. Boys and girls qualifying at these preliminary meets will be eligible to compete in the City-wide Championships at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island, on Saturday, September 6th.

Athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. will compete in five special handicap and novice events to be conducted at each meet under the auspices of the Athletes Development Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union. These events, for the August 3rd meet, will be: 200 Yard Dash- Handicap; 1 Mile Run- Novice; Running Broad Jump- Handicap; 100 Yard Dash- Handicap; 100 Yard Dash, Girls- Handicap; and the 3 Mile Walk- Handicap.

Park playground youngsters, who have never won prizes in track competition, will compete in fifteen events arranged according to weight groups. For boys these events are: 100 lb. class - 50 Yard Dash; 120 lb. class - 60 Yard Dash; 120 lb. class - 70 Yard Dash; Unlimited class - 100 Yard Dash, 220 Yard Run, 440 Yard Run, Half Mile Run, 1 Mile Run, 12 lb. Shot Put, Running High Jump, and Running Broad Jump. Events for girls are: 100 lb. class - 40 Yard Dash; 110 lb. class - 50 Yard Dash; 120 lb. class - 60 Yard Dash and Potato Race. First six in each event will qualify for the championships at Triborough Stadium.

Winners of first, second, and third place in each event will receive medals presented by one of the sponsoring organizations - the New York Athletic Club or the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U.

The remaining meets in this series will be the Queens Borough-wide Meet at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard on August 17th, and the City-wide Championships at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island on Saturday, September 6th. Entry blanks for all meets may be obtained at borough headquarters or neighborhood playgrounds of the Department of Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, July 20, 1947

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The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will continue its summer tour of the park playgrounds of the city presenting "Hansel and Gretel" in play areas of Manhattan during the coming week.

"Hansel and Gretel" as presented by the Park Department puppeteers, is a unique version of the traditional fairy-tale. The stepmother is interpreted as a kind hearted women who becomes vicious only after falling under the spell of the evil witch. Hansel's and Gretel's adventures in the enchanted forest follow the pattern known to generations of young fairy tale addicts. There is a delightful gingerbread house, a craftily hospitable witch, a band of protective fairies, and a timely magical rescue. The little drama ends happily with a cheerful family reunion after the witch's spell is broken.

"Hansel and Gretel", will be presented at the following Manhattan playgrounds this week:

- Monday - July 21st - 2:30 P.M. Highbridge Playground, north of swimming pool, 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue
- Tuesday - July 22nd - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Columbus Playground, Baxter and Worth Streets.
- Wednesday- July 23rd - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie, Forsyth and Broome Streets.
- Thursday - July 24th - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Hamilton Fish Playground, Titt, Stanton and East Houston Streets
- Friday - July 25th - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Chelsea Playground, 28th Street and 2 Avenue.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



Sunday July 20, 1947

FOR RELEASE

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The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

Sunday July 20	8:00 A.M.	Golf tournament starts on all Department of Parks golf courses, Men's and Women's Divisions.
	2:00 P.M.	Track and Field Meet for boys and girls, events for A.A.U. athletes at East River Drive and 12 Street, Manhattan.
	2:00 P.M.	Track and Field Meet for boys and girls at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens.
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
Monday July 21	10:00 A.M.	Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
	10:00 A.M.	Tennis Tournament, Junior Boy's Singles, starts on local Department of Parks tennis courts.
	11:00 A.M.	Magic Show at Playground at New Utrecht Avenue and 70 Street, Brooklyn.
	2:30 P.M.	Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Highbridge Playground, 174 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Eddie Durham's Orchestra, at Colonial Park, 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.
	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103 Street, Manhattan.
Tuesday July 22	10:00 A.M.	Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
	11:00 A.M.	Magic Show at Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn.
	2:30 P.M.	Marionette show "Hansel and Gretel" at Columbus Playground, Baxter and Worth Streets, Manhattan.
	2:30 P.M.	Baxter and Worth Streets, Manhattan.
	5:00 P.M.	Swimming events for boys, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships at McCarren Pool, Driggs Ave. and Lorimer St. Bklyn.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Randy Brooks' Orchestra, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens.
	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
Wednesday July 23	10:00 A.M.	Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
	11:00 A.M.	Magic Show at Long Island City Playground, 45 Avenue and 21 Street, Long Island City, Queens.
	11:00 A.M.	Marionette show "Hansel and Gretel" at Hamilton Fish Playground, Pitt, Stanton, & East Houston Streets, Manhattan.
	2:30 P.M.	Magic Show at Maurice Playground, Maurice and Borden Avenues, Maspeth, Queens.
	2:30 P.M.	Magic Show at Maurice Playground, Maurice and Borden Avenues, Maspeth, Queens.
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Randy Brooks' Orchestra, at Poe Park, 192 Street, and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Thursday
July 24

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Astoria Health Center, 14 Street and 31 Avenue Astoria, Queens

11:00 A.M. Marionette Show "Hansel and Gretel", at Chelsea Playground, 28 Street and 9 Avenue, Manhattan

2:30 P.M. Magic Show at John Andrews Playground, 5 Street off Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, Queens.

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Randy Brooks' Orchestra, at Central Park Mall.

Friday

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Magic Show at Playground at Broadway and 78 Street, Queens.

2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Flushing Meadow Memorial Playground, 150 Street and Willets Point Boulevard, Whitestone, Queens.

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Randy Brooks' Orchestra at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Saturday

2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at Central Park Mall.

5:00 P.M. City-wide championship swimming events for boys, Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships at Sunset Pool, 42 Street and 7 Avenue, Brooklyn.

8:30 P.M. Concert by City Amateur Symphony Orchestra at Central Park Mall.



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday July 20, 1947

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Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, appearing with his assistants, Oscar the Rabbit and Tom Swift, will present ten magic shows for children of Brooklyn and Queens playgrounds this week,

Peter will perform astounding feats of magic and logerdemain, inviting the young audience to participate in the fun. The show, called "Adventures in Magic", will include magical tricks, games and stories about the youngsters' favorite motion picture and comic strip characters, and will be climaxed by the astonishing appearance of the faithful scar

The following park playgrounds will be host to Peter Pan this week:

- Monday - July 21 - 11 A.M. & 2:30 P.M. Playground at New Utrecht Ave. & 70 Street Brooklyn.
- Tuesday - July 22 - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway, and Avenue P. Brooklyn.
- Wednesday - July 23 - 11 A.M. Long Island City Playground, 45 Avenue and 21 Street, Long Island City, Queens
- Wednesday -, July 23 - 2:30 P.M. Maurice Playground, Maurice and Borden Avenue, Maspeth Queens.
- Thursday - July 24 - 11 A.M. Astoria Health Center, 14th Street and 31st Avenue. Astoria, Queens.
- Thursday - July 24 - 2:30 P.M. John Andrews Playground, 5 Street off Vernon Blvd. Long Island City, Queens.
- Friday - July 25 - 11 A.M. Playground at Broadway and 78 Street, Elmhurst, Queens.
- Friday - July 25 - 2:30 P.M. Flushing Memorial Playground, 150 Street and Willets Point Boulevard, Whitestone, Queens.

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The Magic Show will continue its tour of Queens playgrounds next week



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Sunday, July 20, 1947

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Night dancing to the music of top-flight orchestras will continue in the parks this week under the direction of the department of Parks and the sponsorship of Consolidated Edison Company. These Name Band Dances, part of the sixth annual series of fifty-four, are scheduled for every week-day evening, Monday to Friday, until September 12. All dances start at 8:30 P.M.

Eddie Durham and his orchestra will lead off on Monday evening, July 21st, for dancing at Colonial Park, 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan. Eddie leads a closely knit musical group, and delivers music in a style all his own. In addition to leading the band, Durham plays his favorite instrument, the electric guitar.

Randy Brooks, the band leader with the Golden Trumpet, will round out the week's dancing, playing a four night engagement. Brooks will play on Tuesday evening, July 22nd, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens; on Wednesday night, July 23rd at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, the Bronx; on Thursday night, July 24th at the Central Park Mall; and on Friday evening, July 25th at the Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Brooks has been heard over most of the major networks, and has cut numerous top recordings for Decca. In a recent Down Beat poll, the Brooks orchestra finished among the top three American Name Bands.



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July 19, 1947

FOR RELEASE Monday, July 21, 1947

Honorable William O'Dwyer
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear General:

Shortly before I returned from Germany, Borough President Rogers wrote you defending the recommendations of the Traffic Committee for the construction of underground garages in Bryant and Madison Square Parks. This letter was released to the newspapers.

First, let me clear up one seeming misunderstanding on his part. I did not at any time say that it was impossible from an engineering standpoint to construct underground garages in either of these parks. Such garages could be built. So could a tunnel to China if no one cared about costs and no destruction, temporary and permanent, of old traditional parks were involved. My point is that the garages would be impractical from an economic and traffic standpoint, and that they would shut the parks for a long time and permanently disfigure them. This would inevitably have a deleterious effect upon the surrounding extremely valuable private property. It would be an outrage which many of our people would intensely resent.

I know what parking garages cost since the Triborough Bridge Authority is building one and I have built others before. I also know that there is a tendency on the part of everyone interested in the construction of parking garages to be optimistic in estimates of costs in the analysis of income and operation. I can say flatly and without the slightest exaggeration that the Borough President has grossly underestimated the cost of these parking garages. The figures submitted to you are just about enough to build two garages above ground, and wholly inadequate for an underground structure. I know this to be a fact because they are about the same per stall as the latest estimate for the Battery Garage.

We have made a careful engineering investigation of the cost of the respective underground garages and our estimate is that the garage at Bryant Park will cost \$6,100,000 and that the one at Madison Square Park will cost \$8,100,000, a total of \$14,200,00. Compare this with the Borough President's estimate of \$9,000,000 for two garages, which, by the way, is an increase of \$1,800,00 over the figure released in the traffic report only a few weeks ago.

Our estimates of cost for the construction of the underground garages were prepared under the direction of W. Earle Andrews of the firm of Andrews & Clark, Gilmore D. Clarke of the firm of Clarke, Rapuano and Holleran, and Cano Dunn, President of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation. Needless to say, all of these men have established reputations for honesty, integrity and conservatism in the engineering profession and they do not sign engineering reports unless they are absolutely convinced of their accuracy. I accept their figures.

The closing paragraph of the Borough President's letter pleads that parking facilities for 4,000 cars are far more important than any possible value of the parks. His own figures do not support this statement, for, at no place in his detailed analysis, does he show that the two garages would have a combined capacity of more than 3,000 cars. Even these estimates are unrealistic since we find that Bryant Park will only accomodate 950 and Madison Square Park 1,400, a total of 2,350 cars.

The costs alone are conclusive evidence of the undesirability of the scheme, particularly since they show that the cost of building underground garages is far in excess of any of those selected by the City Planning Commission, including the most expensive one at the Hippodrome site on the east side of the Avenue of the Americas between West 43rd and West 44th Streets.

It is interesting to note that there is presently pending before the Board of Standards and Appeals an application for a variance of the zoning to permit the construction of a combined store and parking garage on the Hippodrome site. This private garage will be paid for entirely with private funds and will house 800 cars according to the architect's estimate. This is only 200 less than the maximum number that could be placed in Bryant Park and should eliminate further discussing the destruction of Bryant Park to provide off-street parking facilities.

The above is factual information which can be easily sustained. There are even more serious objections to the destruction of either of these parks by the construction of underground

parking garages. The history of the City is one of continued encroachment of open and public places. It is only in recent years that City officials and the public as a whole have been intelligent enough to realize the importance of our small parks to the welfare and orderly development of the City. The parks and squares, in addition to providing light, air and recreation to our people, have been an important factor in the maintenance of realty values. Desirable residential and business space has remained around the parks and, although many of the areas away from the parks have deteriorated and have become business and residential slums, the park frontage remains attractive, rentable and high in value.

An underground garage, no matter how it is designed, must interfere with the normal use and attractiveness of the park itself. Long gashes will have to be cut back into the park to provide ramps in and out of the garage. Thousands of additional cars will be drawn into the area each day with resultant noise, confusion and gasoline fumes. The park will become unsatisfactory from a recreation standpoint and the influx of traffic will render the abutting privately-owned property undesirable for business or residential use.

Within the last decade, Bryant Park was reconstructed at a tremendous cost. The trees, shrubbery and other planting is now only beginning to reach a stage of development where the real beauty and attractiveness of the park is becoming apparent. No matter how carefully the surface of the park is restored, it will take another ten years before it has even a semblance of its present appearance. This is true to an even greater extent at Madison Square Park, which contains trees that have taken fifty years to grow and which can be replaced only with small trees which will probably never reach the age or beauty of the present ones because of the unfavorable conditions under which they will have to grow.

Both parks are in extremely bad locations as far as traffic conditions are concerned. Entrances could be provided to the Bryant Park garage only on 40th Street and the thousands of cars using this garage would have to be funnelled through a street which is presently almost impassable. Madison Square Park is located at the intersection of Broadway, Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street, and is at the southerly terminus of Madison Avenue. No matter where the entrances and exits are placed, they are certain to add seriously to traffic congestion. Our studies show that the center of the need for the parking space is to the east and north of Madison Square Park, and that it should be placed on relatively inexpensive land in the center of the blocks to the east of Madison Avenue.

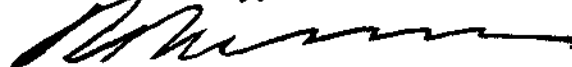
Hon. William O'Dwyer

July 19, 1947

May I again call to your attention the recommendation made by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority on December 2, 1946 to the effect that the report on parking garages include a complete study of the financial soundness of the project, in other words, just how they are to be financed and how much of the project will be genuinely self-liquidating. Without this material, the City may be assuming financial responsibility for projects which are completely unsound financially. If, as the newspapers indicate, the public insists upon the subways paying interest, amortization and operating costs, they are certainly going to be more insistent that people who can afford to use their automobiles as a means of getting into Manhattan pay their own way.

The construction of parking garages in the first stage can at best be only an experiment to show whether or not they actually provide the expected relief. The most logical location to start such an experiment would be on plots near the approaches to the island of Manhattan and conveniently located with respect to our transit system. For this reason, I again urge that the administration concentrate on the site at the Queensborough Bridge, and on the new Madison Square Garden proposal at Columbus Circle.

Cordially,



Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

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The City Planning Commission at its meeting today adopted a new location of the Major Deegan Expressway northeasterly through the southeasterly corner of Van Cortlandt Park as part of the Master Plan of Arterial Highways and Major Streets. The new route enters the park at Putnam Avenue East, crosses to the east and then follows Jerome Avenue to the New York City line. The Commission approved the new route after a public hearing as the one causing a minimum of inconvenience to Van Cortlandt Park and the surrounding areas.

The route selected is one of five considered by State, Westchester County and New York City officials during the past two years. The controlling factor in selecting a route for the highway was the point of exit from the city. After several conferences with Westchester County and State officials, it was decided that the logical truck outlet through Westchester County was Central Avenue. This is a broad, paved highway which the State intends to improve in the near future for the primary purpose of providing a through artery for mixed traffic. The route approved by the Planning Commission and now part of the Master Plan will join with Central Avenue at the county line.

The first scheme contemplated the use of the abandoned right-of-way of the Yonkers branch of the New York Central Railroad through Van Cortlandt Park. This was discarded because of the lack of suitable outlets in Westchester County and because it would bisect

the park for its full length. The right-of-way of the railroad was acquired by the City of New York some years ago, thus eliminating a barrier which previously divided Van Cortlandt Park for its entire length.

Another route carried the main roadway of Major Deegan Expressway westerly across the southerly portion of Van Cortlandt Park into Broadway and thence northerly along Broadway and part of the westerly boundary of the park to the New York City line. This proposal would have required the release and utilization of substantial areas in Van Cortlandt Park. Because of the park lands involved and the inability of finding any practical way for the State of New York to extend the thoroughfare northerly in Westchester County through the substantial industrial and business sections of Yonkers, the plan was abandoned.

An additional investigation was made of the possibility of carrying the expressway on two different alignments up the escarpment in the vicinity of 231st Street, thence skirting Jerome Park Reservoir on the west, entering Van Cortlandt Park at Mosholu Parkway, crossing the southerly portion of Mosholu Golf Course and continuing northerly on a widened Jerome Avenue. This plan would have required the demolition of many residential buildings and would have effectively cut off all access to the park from adjacent residential districts. Furthermore, the proposed grades were excessive, the alignment poor and the construction would have been too expensive. For these reasons, this plan was also abandoned.

A fourth proposition was a consideration of extending the expressway northerly along Bailey Avenue into Van Cortlandt Park,

easterly through a deep rock cut to Mosholu Parkway and from that point easterly and northerly along the route previously described. While this proved to be more advantageous as far as alignment and grades were concerned, it had the disadvantage of limiting the access to the park from the south and east. It would have meant an extremely expensive rock excavation adjacent to the Amalgamated Housing Project and would have required the complete reconstruction of both Van Cortlandt and Mosholu Golf Courses and the closing of the courses during reconstruction. This is the location previously shown on the Master Plan.

The plan approved by the Commission is the fifth one given serious study and consideration by the Park Department, the City Planning Commission, the City Construction Co-Ordinator, the Borough President of the Bronx and Westchester County and State officials. The final decision of accepting this scheme was reached by all the conferees when the disadvantages of the other suggestions were considered. The topographical features of the park had a great deal to do with this conclusion. The southerly half of Van Cortlandt Park is generally at two levels separated by a steep embankment approximately along Mosholu Parkway extension. It contains the Van Cortlandt Golf Course and the Van Cortlandt Lake at the lower level and the Mosholu Golf Course and a large wooded area at the upper level. Both golf courses are completely fenced and are not open for general use by the public. The only means of access between the upper and lower levels of the park is by a park road leading from Mosholu Parkway to the lake and by a park road entering at about 233rd Street. Beyond this, there is no way for persons to go from one section of

the park to the other except by scrambling up and down the steep seventy-five foot embankment. Access between the high and low level portions of the park is retained under the approved plan. The expressway will not interfere with access to the periphery of the park from adjacent residential sections and requires a minimum amount of grading with no disfigurement of natural topographical features. It will pass in back of Mosholu Golf Course and through a very small portion of the Van Cortlandt Golf Course which will necessitate only some reconstruction of the latter course. The only other substantial park improvements within the new right-of-way are the old frame riding stables and frame maintenance buildings near the Bailey Avenue entrance which the State of New York will replace with modern structures in a more accessible location in the park.

The Park Department is generally opposed to the construction of mixed traffic arteries through parks. However, large parks cannot act as a barrier and, as in this instance, virtually isolate Central Bronx from Westchester County. The situation is not unusual and commercial traffic uses roads leading to City Island. Fordham Road and Boston Post Road cross Bronx Park. Flushing Meadow Park is crossed by Northern Boulevard, Roosevelt Avenue, Horace Harding Boulevard and 69th Road, while Central Park also is traversed by mixed traffic arteries.

There is no alternative except to pass through the park at some point and the Park Department consented to this plan for the extension of Major Deegan Expressway only after careful study of the alternatives. The route will result in no damage to the park nor will it interfere with the normal use and development thereof. It

is the only plan that is not detrimental to the surrounding residential neighborhood and, furthermore, the only one that will not isolate the park from the surrounding residential communities. An express artery through the park with proper provision for vehicular, pedestrian and equestrian crossings, will interfere less with the recreational use of the park than the existing roads which must be crossed at grade. A modern expressway design is similar in all respects to the parkways built in New York City in recent years. The Park Department has set up rigid requirements for the design of Major Deegan Expressway with high standards for aesthetic treatment and construction which will not be detrimental to the park.

The route, as adopted by the Planning Commission, has the full approval of the Borough President of the Bronx. Commissioner of Borough Works Arthur Sheridan, representing him at the public hearing in the Planning Commission, outlined the studies and investigations of various alternate routes for this expressway and demonstrated the advantages and disadvantages of each. He stated that the new plan, which entails the full utilization of the present park roads, the landscaping of the expressway and the relocation of several recreational facilities and pedestrian walks in connection with the physical improvement, will enhance rather than curtail the existing uses and will provide increased safety for the patrons of the park.

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Eight hundred boys and girls from Park playgrounds in Manhattan will compete in the third annual Athletic Meet sponsored by the New York Athletic Club and conducted by the Department of Parks at the East River Park track, East River Drive at 12th Street, on Sunday, July 20th at 2 P.M. This is the second in a series of five sponsored by the Youth Athletic Council of the New York Athletic Club.

Special handicap and novice events for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. will be conducted at each meet under the separate sponsorship of the Athlete Development Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union. Events listed for A.A.U. athletes this Sunday are: 100 yard dash - handicap, 440 yard run - novice, 2 mile run - handicap, 120 yard hurdle - novice, 1 mile walk - handicap.

Jimmy Herbert will turn out for the 100, with competition from Robert Hylton of C.C.N.Y.A.A., and Leonard Grace of the Grand Street Boys. The national walking champion, Ernest Weber of the German-American A.C. is expected to shine in the walk.

Playground events, in which hundreds of youngsters will enjoy the first thrill of competition on a cinder track, are classified according to weight: Boys' events are: 100 lb. class - 50 yard dash; 110 lb. class - 60 yard dash; 120 lb. class - 70 yard dash; unlimited class - 100 yard dash, 220 yard run, 440 yard run, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile run, 1 mile run, 12 lb. shot put, running broad jump, and running high jump. Events for girls: 100lb. class - 40 yard dash; 110 lb. class - 50 yard dash; 120 lb. class - 60 yard dash, and potato race. Boys and girls who capture first six places in each event will qualify to compete for City-wide titles

and awards at the City-wide Championships scheduled for Triborough Stadium on Saturday, September 6th.

The two sponsoring organizations, the New York Athletic Club and the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U. will present medals to the winners of first, second, and third place.

The remaining meets in this series are scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd, borough-wide meet at Van Cortlandt Stadium, Broadway and 242nd Street, the Bronx; Sunday, August 17th, borough-wide meet at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens; and Saturday, September 6th, City-wide Championships at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island. All meets start at 2 P.M. Entry blanks for these remaining meets may be obtained at borough headquarters of the Department of Parks.

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Twenty-four hundred and eighty entries have been received for the Ninth Annual Municipal Tennis Tournament which the Department of Parks is conducting for men, women, and junior boys at the forty-five tennis areas located throughout the five boroughs

Local tournament play in the Men's Division will start on Saturday, July 19th at each area. All matches will be singles. Some of the larger contests will be held in Central Park at 93rd Street and West Drive in Manhattan; McKinley Park and Lincoln Terrace in Brooklyn; Mullaly Park and St. James Park in the Bronx; Forest Park and Kissena Park in Queens; and Walker and Silver Lake Park in Richmond. Junior boys' local matches will start on July 22nd and women's division play-offs will follow on August 2nd.

All quarter-finalists at local tournaments will qualify for the borough championships which will be held from August 9th to 17th for men; August 11th to 15th for boys; and August 23rd to 31st for women. Quarter-finalists in the borough championships will qualify for the City-wide Finals in each division. City-wide Championship play will start on August 23rd.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up at each local and borough championship and in the City-wide Championship. Name of the winner in each division will be inscribed on permanent trophies donated by the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

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The girls' competitive swimming for the 1947 season in Department of Parks outdoor pools will reach a climax on Saturday, July 19th, when the City-wide Championships will be held at Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Swimming Pool. The meet will start at 5 P.M.

Five Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. events will be conducted at the following distances: 100 Meter Backstroke, 100 Meter Freestyle, 100 Meter Breaststroke, 800 Meter Relay, and the 300 Meter Individual Medley. Six novice events are also scheduled and will be arranged according to age groups. These events include 25 and 50 Meter Freestyle races and 50 Meter Backstroke competition. During the past two weeks, twelve hundred youngsters have competed in five elimination meets held in Park Department outdoor pools in the five boroughs. Saturday's meet will bring together the champions and runners-up of these preliminary meets, to vie for city-wide honors.

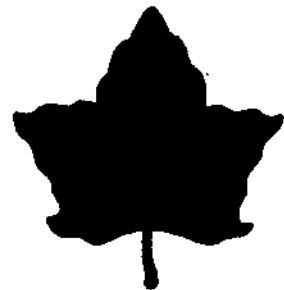
The Women's Swimming Association has entered thirty girls in the Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. events. Competing in the 100 Meter Freestyle will be Marie Corridon, Kathryn Manuel, Phoebe Rosen, Betty Shields and Lillian Burry; in the 100 Meter Backstroke: Lorna Dooling, Jane Dwyer, Joan Merkert, Betty Shields, Marie Corridon, and Kathryn Manuel; in the 100 Meter Breaststroke: Florence Schmidtt, Irene Sadowski, Dorothy Yongling, Audrey Speer; in the 300 Meter Individual Medley: Barbara Cunningham, Betty Shields, and Florence Schmidtt. Three teams are entered in the 800 Meter Freestyle Relay.

Regulation championship medals and bars will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in A.A.U. events, 10K gold medals, and gold filled medals and sterling silver medals will be awarded to winners placing first, second and third.

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-EXHIBITION OF SQUARE DANCES TO BE FEATURE IN SIXTH W
OF SERIES

The Grange Hall Dancers, An Amateur Dance Group of Men Women And Children To Demonstrate Medley of Square Dances at Free Pepsi-Cola Dances This Week.

The Grange Hall Dancers, an amateur group of men, women, and children ranging in age from 12 to 60, will give a special demonstration of a medley of square dances this week at the Free Square Dance Series sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

These dances take place every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103 Street (Lower Level) from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., every Tuesday night at Prospect Park, Brooklyn from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., and every Saturday afternoon at Central Park Mall from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Ed Durlacher does the calling and his Top Hands provide the music.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the Tri-Boro Stadium "Pop" Concerts on Saturday and Sunday, July 19th and 20th.

Mario Pescara will present the New York Symphonic Band under the direction of Frank Cola Santo. The program will consist of several operatic ballets, classical and modern favorites. Among the soloists will be Elaine Barrett, soprano, and Nicola Paone, tenor.

The guest conductor will be Guiseppe Creatore, who for many years has enjoyed an enviable reputation as band master.

The Tri-Boro Stadium on Randall's Island should prove an ideal site for the presentation of these diversified concerts which New Yorker are sure to find stimulating. The program selected with an eye to popular appeal, as well as with much artistic feeling and discrimination, will be the same on both nights - with the curtain scheduled to go up at 8:45 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday July 13, 1947

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Ten performances of the Department of Parks Magic Show, "Adventures in Magic" featuring Peter Pan the Magic Man, will be given for children in Brooklyn park playgrounds this week.

At each performance, Peter Pan will open his bag of tricks and games, inviting the youngsters in the magic-making. Peter will be accompanied on his tour by his two assistants, Tom Swift and Oscar, the perennial rabbit.

"Adventures in Magic" will be presented at the following Brooklyn playgrounds this week:

Monday,	July 14,	11:00 A.M.) Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street and 2:30 P.M.) Classon Avenue
Tuesday	July 15,	11:00 A.M.) McKibbin Playground, McKibbin and White Streets 2:30 P.M.)
Wednesday	July 16,	11:00 A.M.) Betsy Head Playground, Hopkinson and Dumont Aves. 2:30 P.M.)
Thursday	July 17,	11:00 A.M.) Playground at Riverdale and 2:30 P.M.)
Friday	July 18,	11:00 A.M.) Bill Brown Memorial Playground, Bedford Avenue and Avenue X

"Adventures in Magic will appear in Brooklyn playgrounds until July 22nd, then will continue on a city-wide tour visiting park playgrounds in all boroughs.



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Sunday July 13, 1947

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The Department of Parks Trailer Marionette Theatre will give seven performances of "Hansel and Gretel" for youngsters in park playgrounds of the borough of Richmond this week.

The drama, especially designed for small fry, presents the adventures of the faithful little brother and sister against a background combining the traditional motifs of scheming wicked witch, and omnipotent good fairies. The play has the fairy-like scenery, characters, costumes and background music all children find enchanting.

This week "Hansel and Gretel" will visit the following Richmond playgrounds:

- Monday - July 14, 2:30 P.M. Schmul Playground, Wilde Avenue and Pearson Street,
Travis
- Tuesday - July 15, 2:30 P.M. Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place.
West Brighton
- Wednesday- July 16, 11:00 A.M. Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road
West Brighton
- Wednesday- July 16, 2:30 P.M. Willowbrook Park, Victory Boulevard & Richmond Ave.
- Thursday - July 17, 11:00 A.M. Faber Park, Faber Street, and Richmond Terrace,
Port Richmond.
- Thursday - July 17, 2:30 P.M. Westerleigh Park, Main and Neal Dow Avenues,
Westerleigh.
- Friday - July 18, 2:30 P.M. Lincoln Avenue Playground, Lincoln and Boundary
Avenues, Grant City.



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Sunday July 13, 1947

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The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

Sunday July 13	8:30 P.M.	Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
Monday July 14	10: A.M.	Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools
	11: A.M.	Magic Show at Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street and Classon Avenue, Brooklyn.
	2:30 P.M.	Marionette Show "Hansel and Gretel" at Schmul Playground Wilde Avenue and Pearson Street, Travis, Richmond.
	5:00 P.M.	Swimming Events for girls, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships, at Crotona Pool, East 173 St. & Fulton Avenue, Bronx.
	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Ray Eberle's Orchestra at Williamsbridge Oval East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx.
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
Tuesday July 15	10 A.M.	Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
	11 A.M.	Magic Show at McKibben Playground, McKibben and White Street, Brooklyn
	2:30 P.M.	Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Walker Park, Bard Ave. and Delafield Place, West Brighton, Richmond.
	5:00 P.M.	Swimming events for boys, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Astoria, Queens
	8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area 11 Street and Prospect West, Brooklyn.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Chuck Foster's Orchestra, at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens.
Wednesday July 16	10 A.M.	Swimming instructions for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
	11 A.M.	Marionette show "Hansel and Gretel" at Clove Lakes Park, Victory Blvd. and Clove Road, West Brighton, Richmond.
	11 A.M.	Magic show at Betsy Head Playground, Hopkinson and Dumont Aves. Brooklyn.
	2:30 P.M.	Swimming events for girls, Junior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships at Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue & West 173 Street.
	8:30 P.M.	Name Band Dance, Ray Eberle's Orchestra, Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.
	8:30 P.M.	Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.

Thursday
July 17

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools
11:00 A.M. Marionette show "Hansel and Gretel" at Faber Park, Faber Street Street and Richmond Terrace, Fort Richmond, Richmond.
11:00 A.M. Magic show at Playground at Riverdale and Snediker Avenues,
2:30 P.M. Brooklyn.
2:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Westerleigh Park, Main and Neal Dow Avenues, Westerleigh.
5:00 P.M. Swimming Events for boys at Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay Street, Richmond.
8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.
8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Marshall Young's Orchestra, at Central Park Mall

Friday
July 18

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
11:00 A.M. Magic show at Bill Brown Memorial Playground, Bedford Avenue, and Avenue X, Brooklyn.
2:30 P.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Playground at Lincoln and Boundary Avenues, Grant City, Richmond.
8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Marshall Young's Orchestra, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

Saturday
July 19

10:00 A.M. Tennis Tournament, Men's Singles, starts on local Department of Parks tennis courts.
2:00 P.M. Square dancing at Central Park Mall.
5:00 P.M. City-wide Championship Girls' Swimming Events, Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships at Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Swimming Pool.
8:30 P.M. Concert by City Amateur Symphony Orchestra at Central Park Mall.
8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Bklyn.



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Dancing under the stars will continue in the parks this week, with five more Name Band Dances scheduled by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of Consolidated Edison Company. Ray Eberle, Chuck Foster, and Marshall Young will play. The Name Band Dance program, now in its sixth season, is one of the top ranking features of the Park Department's program of evening recreation for adults. The dances will continue Mondays through Fridays at 8:30 P.M. until September 12th.

Ray Eberle is slated for two Bronx dances - Williamsbridge Oval, East 203 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, on Monday, July 14th, and Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, on Wednesday July 16th. Both dances start at 8:30 P.M. Long a musical favorite as vocalist with the Glenn Miller Band, Eberle has recently switched to baton-wielding, and is now regarded as an outstanding prospect for "Band of the Year" honors.

Chuck Foster, playing a return engagement on Name Band Dances, will appear at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, On Tuesday July 15th, at 8:30 P.M. The Foster orchestra features sweet, danceable music, and is one of the West Coast's prime favorites. Tommy Ryan and Betty Clarke handle the vocal assignments.

Marshall Young and his orchestra will play a double date, appearing at the Central Park Mall on Thursday evening, July 17th, and at Prospect Park Dance Area, 116th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on Friday night, July 18th, both at 8:30 P.M. Young well known to radio listeners as a singer, has established a record as a capable band leader in record time, listing successful runs at the Palmer House in Chicago and the Persian Room in New York among his first engagements.

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With the past three day holiday record breaking weekend and summer making up for lost time the 17 municipally operated swimming pools scattered around the five boroughs and the beaches at Coney Island, Rockaway, Jacob Riis, Orchard Beach in the Bronx; and South Beach and Wolfes Pond Park in Richmond attracted millions of people seeking relief from the sweltering heat,

Park Department personnel and the police assigned to the facilities as usual had their hands full restoring strayed and lost children to their parents, cleaning up litter, and rescuing ambitious swimmers who had over estimated thier strength or ability.

The Park Department has increased the number of lifeguards this year so visitors to the beaches can use them with safety. Five additional Chief Lifeguards and forty-four new lieutenants have been assigned to the beaches and outdoor swimming pools throughout the park system, and there are now 6 chief lifeguards, 17 lieutenants and 192 lifeguards at Rockaway Beach, 4 chief lifeguards, 8 lieutenants and 92 lifeguards at Coney Island, 2 chief lifeguards, 4 lieutenants and 51 lifeguards at Orchard Beach, 1 chief lifeguard, 2 lieutenants and 41 lifeguards at South Beach, 1 lieutenant and 6 lifeguards at Wolfes Pond, and 2 chief lifeguards, 3 lieutenants and 35 lifeguards at Jacob Riis. At the larger outdoor swimming pools there will be assigned with the new additions 9 lieutenants and 72 lifeguards.

The public is requested to cooperate with the department in providing safe clean beaches by refraining from conversation with the lifeguards who must concentrate their complete attention on the bathers; by taking their problems to the nearest first aid station or police officer; by placing litter in the wire trash baskets, by leaving at home inflatable rubber tubes and rafts which are prohibited at beaches; by refraining from playing ball and by keeping out of the area between the lifeguards and the waters edge.

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FREE SQUARE DANCES AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE, PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN, AND CENTRAL PARK MALL CONTINUE TO ATTRACT THOUSANDS OF ENTHUSIASTS

Circle Dances, Reels, and Progressive Circles Featured at Free Series of Pepsi-Cola Square Dances

Enthusiasts at the free Pepsi-Cola Square Dances enjoy all forms of American folk dances, including the Circle Dance, the Virginia Reel, and Progressive circles, as well as the regular square dances.

These dances take place every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., every Tuesday night at Prospect Park, Brooklyn (11th Street and Prospect Park West) from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., and every Saturday afternoon at Central Park Mall (72nd Street) from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

The entire free series of 42 Square Dances at the three localities is made available by the Pepsi-Cola Company under the Auspices of the Department of Parks.

Ed Durlacher calls the figures and the Top Hands provide the music.

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The Marionette Trailer Theatre, popular feature of the Department of Parks' summer program of entertainment for New York City youngsters, will give nine performances of "Hansel and Gretel," in Queens and Richmond playgrounds this week.

The arrival of the gaily painted trailer, which serves as a stage for the Lilliputian performers, is a welcome occurrence at every neighborhood playground along its tour. This season's presentation keeps its youthful audiences engrossed as it unfolds an animated version of the story of Hansel and Gretel on their adventurous search for berries in the woods. The marionettes move through imaginative settings designed and created especially for the current show by the Park Puppeteers. The familiar story book characters have been augmented by a group of Guardian Angels and the Sandman, who outwits the traditional Wicked Witch. The beautiful Blue Fairy wafts her way throughout the tale and helps to break the evil spell cast upon the unfortunate stepmother. A happy ending sends the youngsters home enchanted with all they've seen.

Performances of "Hansel and Gretel" will be given at Queens playgrounds as follows:

Monday July 7 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Kings Park, Jamaica Avenue and 150 Street.

Tuesday July 8 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Brookville Park, Brookville Boulevard and 143 Avenue.

Wednesday July 9 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Kissena Park, 164 Street and Oak Avenue Flushing

Richmond:

Thursday July 10 2:30 P.M. Markham Housing Project, Richmond Terrace and Broadway, West Brighton.

Friday July 11 11:00 A.M. Levy Playground, Jewett & Castleton Aves., W. Brighton
2:30 P.M. Silver Lake Tennis, University Places and Revere Street, West Brighton.



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The following special events will be held in the city parks this week:

- Sunday July 6**
- 2:00 P.M. Track and Field Events for Playground Boys and Girls and AAU athletes, at Red Hook Stadium, Bay and Columbia Streets, Brooklyn.
 - 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
- Monday July 7**
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children starts, at all Department of Park swimming pools.
 - 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at playground at Prospect Park West and 11th Street
 - 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel" at Kings Park, Jamaica Avenue and 150th Street, Queens.
 - 5:00 P.M. Swimming events for girls, and Junior Metropolitan AAU Championships at Astoria Pool, 19 Street & 23 Drive, Astoria, Queens.
 - 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street.
 - 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, "Hot Lips" Page's Orchestras, at Colonial Park 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.
 - 8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.
- Tuesday July 8**
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Park Department swimming pools.
 - 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillary Streets, Brooklyn.
 - 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Brookville Park, Brookville Boulevard and 143 Avenue, Queens.
 - 5:00 P.M. Swimming events for Boys and Junior Metropolitan AAU Championships at Crotona Pool, East 173 Street and Fulton Ave., Bronx.
 - 8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Sonny Dunham's Orchestra, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue, Queens.
 - 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.
- Wednesday July 9**
- 10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.
 - 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Carroll Park, Smith and Carroll Streets, Brooklyn.
 - 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel", at Kissena Park, 164 Street and Oak Avenue, Flushing.
 - 5:00 P.M. Swimming Events for girls and Junior Metropolitan AAU Championships at Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Blvd. and Bay Street, Richmond.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Sonny Dunham's Orchestra at Poe Park, Grand Concourse and 192 Street, Bronx.

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.

Thursday
July 10

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools

11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn.

2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel," at Markham House, Richmond Terrace and Broadway, West Brighton.

5:00 P.M. Swimming Events for Boys and Junior Metropolitan AAU Championships at Thomas Jefferson Pool, 111 Street and 1st Avenue, Manhattan.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Johnny Long's Orchestra, at Central Park Mall.

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band, at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.

Friday
July 11

10:00 A.M. Swimming instruction for children at all Department of Parks swimming pools.

11:00 A.M. Marionette show, "Hansel and Gretel," at Levy Playground, Jewett and Castleton Avenues, West Brighton, Richmond.

11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Magic Show at Playground at Cherry and Vandervoort Streets, Brooklyn.

2:30 P.M. Marionette Show, "Hansel and Gretel," at Silver Lake Tennis Courts, University Place and River Street, West Brighton.

5:00 P.M. Swimming events for girls and Junior Metropolitan AAU Championships at Sunset Pool, 42 Street and 7 Avenue, Brooklyn.

8:30 P.M. Name Band Dance, Johnny Long's Orchestra, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11 Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.

Saturday
July 12

2:00 P.M. Square Dancing at Central Park Mall.

8:30 P.M. Concert by City Amateur Symphony Orchestra at Central Park Mall.

8:30 P.M. Concert by Goldman Band at Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn.



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Name Band Dances sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company, will continue in the parks this week, with music by Johnny Long, Sonny Dunham and "Hot Lips" Page. These dances are part of a series of 54 which are scheduled for the season to add greater enjoyment and variety to New York's summer evenings.

The weeks dancing will start on Monday, July 7, at 8:30 P.M. with "Hot Lips" Page and his orchestra taking over the bandstand at Colonial Park, 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan. The Page Orchestra, known for its fast snappy style, is a popular, repeat performer at park dances, where it always brings out a large crowd of enthusiastic dancers.

Sonny Dunham will conduct for two dances, one at Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 Avenue in Queens on Tuesday evening, July 8th, the second at Poe Park, Grand Concourse and 192 Street, the Bronx, on Wednesday, July 9th. Both dances start at 8:30 P.M. The Dunham orchestra has played successfully, engagements in some of the best spots from coast to coast and cut numerous recordings for Vogue and Bluebird. Dunham leans toward sweet music and handles the trumpet and trombone with equal ease. Pete Hanloy takes the vocals.

Johnny Long, leading one of the country's top ranking name bands, will play at the Central Park Mall on Thursday, July 10th, and at Prospect Park Dance Area 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, on Friday, July 11th. Both dances start at 8:30 P.M. Johnny's orchestra is the favorite at many college proms, and has been heard at outstanding hotels and theatres in the major cities. Included in the Johnny Long show are Francey Lane, vocalist, the Beachcombers, and instrumentalists Floyd Sullivan and Tex Mulcahy.

Name Band Dances will continue nightly in the parks until September 12th. (61)



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Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, aided by Tom Swift, will begin an eight week tour of Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, on Monday, July 7th, by giving ten performances of his new show, "Adventures in Magic", for Brooklyn youngsters.

"Adventures in Magic" is top-notch educational entertainment for children of all ages. During the course of the show, children will meet, through magic, their favorite characters of fiction, radio, comics, and the movies. Each trick and story points up a sugar-coated moral or lesson, and laughs follow thrills as the youngsters participate in helping Peter with his feats of magic. The high-spot of the show as always, is when Peter produces a rabbit at the climax of his performance, without which no magic show would be complete.

"Adventures in Magic" will be presented at Brooklyn playgrounds as follows:

Monday	July 7	11:00 A.M.) Prospect Park West and 11 Street. 2:00 P.M.)
Tuesday	July 8	11:00 A.M.) McLaughlin Park, Bridge and Tillary Streets 2:30 P.M.)
Wednesday	July 9	11:00 A.M.) Carroll Park, Smith and Carroll Streets 2:30 P.M.)
Thursday	July 10	11:00 A.M.) McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street 2:30 P.M.)
Friday	July 11	11:00 A.M.) Cherry and Vandervoort Streets Playground 2:30 P.M.)



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Fifteen hundred playground boys and girls will compete in the Department of Parks Track and Field Meet sponsored by the the New York Athletic Club at the Red Hook Stadium, Bay and Columbia Streets, Brooklyn, on Sunday, July 6th at 2:00 P.M. This is the first of the five N.Y.A.C.-sponsored meets scheduled for Park Department tracks this summer. Novice and handicap events for athletes registered with the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union will be conducted at each meet, sponsored by the Athlete Development Committee of the A.A.U.

Events in which playground youngsters will compete are: 50 yard dash for 100 lb. class, 60 yard dash for 110 lb. class, 70 yard dash for 120 lb. class, in the boys' division. Events for unlimited boys: 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, half mile run, 1 mile run, running broad jump, running high jump, and 12 lb. shot put. Events for girls are: 40 yard dash for 100 lb. class, 60 yard dash for 120 lb. class, and potato race for 120 lb. class. Boys and girls who win first six places in these events will qualify for the City-wide Championships scheduled for Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island, on Saturday, September 6th.

Events scheduled for A.A.U. athletes at the Red Hook Meets are: 70 yard dash - novice; 600 yard run - handicap; shot put - handicap; 50 yard dash for girls - handicap; and 2 mile run - handicap.

The Youth Athletic Council of the New York Athletic Club will award medals to winners of first, second, and third place in each playground event. Prizes for A.A.U. events will be presented by the Athlete Development Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Entries are still being received at borough headquarters of the Department of Parks for Track and Field Meets scheduled for July 20th at East River Drive and 12th Street, August 3rd at Van Cortlandt Stadium, and August 17th at Victory Field, Queens

July 3, 1947



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Entire Free Series of 42 Square Dances at Three
Localities Made Available by Pepsi-Cola Under
Auspices of Department of Parks, Will Take Place
Every Monday and Tuesday Nights And Every Saturday
Afternoon Until The Middle of September

About 18,000 New Yorkers and Brooklynites ranging in age from 7 to
70 will throng to the parks this week to join in the fun at the free Square
Dances at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) on Monday July 7th
at 8:30 P.M., at Prospect Park (11th Street and Prospect Park West) Brooklyn,
on Tuesday July 8th at 8:30 P.M., and at Central Park Mall (72nd Street) On
Saturday July 12th at 2:00 P.M.

Ed Durlacher, Pepsi-Cola's Square Dance Caller, teaches beginners
all the steps in record time, about 10 minutes, everyone can go through the
figures like a professional. The Top Hands provide the music.

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The second in a series of four Naumberg Concerts will be given at the Mall, Central Park, on Friday evening, July 4th, at 8:15 P.M., with Rudolf Doblin conducting. These concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumberg and Mr. George W. Naumberg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumberg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall to New York City's music lovers.

The Naumberg Orchestra will present the following program Friday evening, with Helen Greco, soprano soloist:

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| 1. Overture "The Merry Wives of Windsor" | Nicolai |
| 2. "Military Symphony" | Haydn |
| 3. Aria - "Bird Song" from "Pagliacci" | Leoncavallo |
| 4. Helen Greco | |
| 4. Waltz - "Voices of Spring" | Strauss |
| 5. "American Fantasy" | Herbert |
| 6. Tone poem "Vltava" (The Moldau) | Smetana |
| 7. Aria - "Jewel Song" from "Faust" | Gounod |
| Helen Greco | |
| 8. "Temp and Circumstances" | Elgar |

Other Naumberg concerts will be presented on the Central Park Mall on July 31st and Labor Day.

July 2, 1947