

I N D E X

Barber Shop Quartet

Baseball and Softball Diamonds

Birth Announcements (Animals in Central Park, Prospect Park Zoo)

Boxing Tournament

Bronx Park Plg& - Boston Road and East 180th Street - ^{WESTER AVE. -}
EAST 188 ST.

Brooklyn Battery Tunnel Plaza Playground

Children's Dance Festival (Bronx, Brooklyn, Richmond, Manhattan & Queens)

Concert - Naumburg Orchestra

Coney Island Fishing Contest

Dyckman House - Closing for refurbishing, painting and general
rehabilitation

Egg Rolling Contest

Flower Show (Greenhouse - Prospect Park)

Frank Frisch Field Bleachers

Golf Courses

Harlem River Driveway (repaving section Washington Bridge to Dyckman)
Driveway closed St.

Henry Hudson Parkway (construction of additional access facilities near
George Washington Bridge)

Kissena Corridor Playground

Laurelton Parkway Reconstruction

Liberty Poles - City Hall Park

Marionette Circus

Name Band Dances

Osborn Memorial

Recreational Facilities

St. Nicholas Playground (St. Nicholas Housing Project Manhattan)

Tennis Courts Opening

Tree Planting and

Van Wyck Expressway and Queens Boulevard

Ward's Island

Wollman Memorial (termination of ice and roller skating)



R. C. Gentry

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

FOR RELEASE

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The second of three concerts scheduled this season at the south end of Harlem Meer, 110th Street in Central Park, will be given on Thursday, July 30 at 8:30 P. M. Juanito Sanabria and his orchestra will play for this concert.

These concerts have again been contributed by an anonymous donor to provide musical entertainment for the residents of the community at the north end of Central Park.

Juanito Sanabria's music for this concert will consist of popular Latin-American numbers. As there are no facilities for dancing at Harlem Meer, Mr. Sanabria's engagement will be solely a concert appearance.

These concerts are a fine addition to the Department of Parks summer program of music in the parks. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy an evening of gay musical entertainment.

7/29/53

R. C. Guttridge



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Tuesday, July 28, 1953

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground at Webster Avenue, Park Avenue and East 188th Street, the Bronx.

Located in a heavily built up section, the three-quarter acre area includes two basketball and two handball courts, play apparatus, comfort station, wading pool and sand pit.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 590 playgrounds in the expanded park system.



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Neal Hefti and his orchestra

12:00 Noon

Bowling Green, Broadway and Whitehall St.,
Concert sponsored by Isbrandtsen Company

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8:30 P.M.

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8:30 P.M.

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Symphonic Music

8:30 P.M.

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Mall, Central Park - Naumburg Memorial Concert -
Joseph Hawthorne conducting, Joan Radley,
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8:30 P.M.

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Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and
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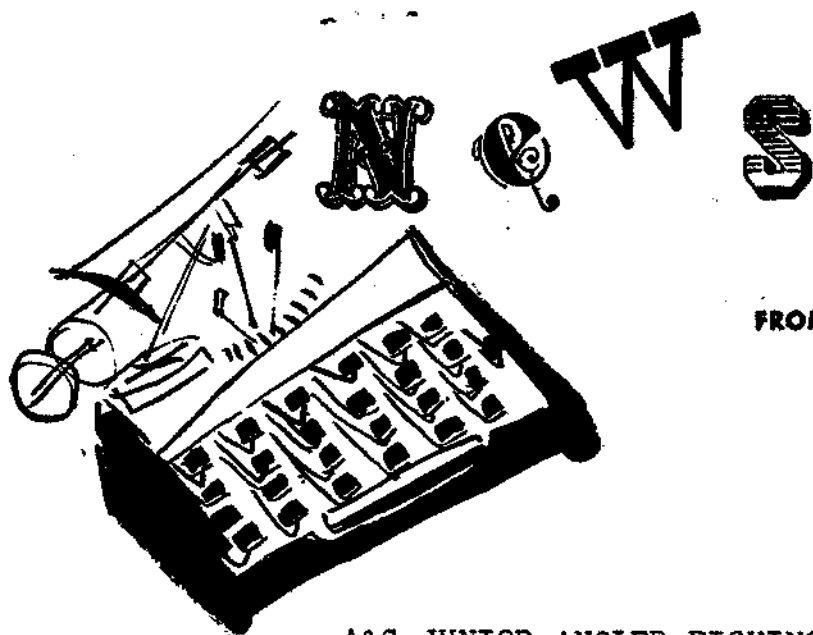
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FROM

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• FULTON STREET AT HOYT
• BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK, N.Y.
• TRIANGLE 5-7200
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EXT. 691

A&S JUNIOR ANGLER FISHING CONTEST
LURES 7,150 "SMALL FRY" FISHERMEN IN FIRST TWO WEEKS

55 Kids Land Prize-Winning Fish

While their elders were bewailing the heat and that old devil, the humidity, Brooklyn's youngsters, oblivious of the weather, this week have been devoting their energies to fishing in Prospect Park. The special attraction for these young enthusiasts of the anglers' art is the second Annual Abraham & Straus Junior Angler Fishing Contest. Sponsored by A&S in cooperation with the Park Department, the contest, which opened July 7, has attracted over 7,150 boys and girls who have landed a total of 2,193 fish.

Twenty-six junior grade Izaak Waltons have snagged prizes for themselves in the second week of the contest, making a total of 55 prize-winners to date. Garry Wozniak, 2, of 260 12th Street, who won the first week's prize as the youngest boy catching the largest fish, repeated the feat this week. Another two-year-old, Gail Zdrojeski, 249 13th Street, was the youngest winner in the girl's division, with a 2-ounce sunfish. She will also be awarded a prize for catching the week's second heaviest yellow belly sunfish.

Patricia Cromer, 13, 414 Columbia Street, had the best week of all the competitors. Pat's persistence paid off with four prize-winning fish in the past week. During the first week, she hooked one of the first prize fish on opening day.

The De Vita children, Theresa, Anthony and Martin, of

191 28th Street, are turning the contest into a family affair. Tony, 15, has a good chance of snaring the prize for the longest fish caught - a complete fishing outfit - with his 14½-in. carp. Sister Theresa, 7, caught the heaviest carp in the girl's division. Brother Martin, 13, chalked up a win the very first day by landing one of the first 10 fish caught in the contest. Maryann, Theresa's twin, has had none of the famous De Vita luck. To date, her best catch has been a very old rubber boot.

Two other family acts are prominent among the contest winners to date. Complicating the judges' job is the fact that there are two pairs of twins, including two Roberts and two Richards. Robert and Richard Pawlowski, 13, 341 17th Street, hit pay dirt this week. The other Robert and Richard, the Lewandowskis, 9, 584 16th Street, are also in line to receive some of the contest's over 200 valuable prizes, which include \$325 in U. S. Defense Bonds, three English bicycles, a balloon tire bike and a wide variety of other awards.

John Sosinski, 12, and his sister, Ruth, 10, 341 17th Street, are among the contest's most determined anglers. They have shown up at the Park with rod and reel every day since the start of the contest. Both have prize-winning fish to show for their persistence.

Sunfish are the most common catch this year, Park officials report, with carp, which escaped last year's hooks completely, making a good showing in the two week's haul.

An old-fashioned "Fish Fry," at which the winners will receive their prizes, will climax the contest at noon on August 5. The unique party, which will be held at Prospect Park's Picnic Grounds, will be attended by the winners, their parents and friends, and city officials and civic leaders.

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8:30 P. M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Johann Strauss Program
- Monday, July 20
8:30 P. M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Bach Program
- Tuesday, July 21
8:30 P. M. - Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Avenue, Queens - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Company - Al Lombardy and his orchestra
- Wednesday, July 22
8:30 P. M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Miscellaneous Program
- 8:30 P. M. - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Ernie Rudy and his orchestra
- 8:30 P. M. * Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave. and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Jerry Wald and his orchestra
- Thursday, July 23
8:30 P. M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Blvd. Brooklyn - Goldman Band - Original Band Music
- 8:30 P. M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street West of Fifth Avenue - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Ernie Rudy and his Orchestra
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- Saturday, July 25
8:30 P. M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Blvd., Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Italian Music

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Dancing under the stars in New York City Parks

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this week will feature the rhythms of the Al Lombardy, Ernie Rudy, and Jerry Wald orchestras. This is the fifth week of the 12th annual Name Band Dance series sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company. Dances are conducted by the Department of Parks on weekday evenings from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. No admission is charged and all who wish to dance or listen to the music are invited to attend.

Al Lombardy and his orchestra will play for two dances this week: Tuesday evening, July 21, at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens, and on Friday, July 24 at Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, Lombardy has a large following of fans who look forward to his appearances on this popular dance series each year.

Ernie Rudy also appears for a twin engagement, playing Wednesday, July 22, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, and Thursday, July 23, at the Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street, west of Fifth Avenue. The Ernie Rudy Orchestra, as it is billed, is built around former stars in the Sammy Kaye orchestra. Besides Rudy, the Daffy Drummer, there are outstanding musicians such as Chubby Silvers, Don Rogers, Charlie Wilson, and Phil Gilbert

Jerry Wald, young clarinet sensation, will lead his orchestra for the Wednesday, July 22, dance at Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond. This is the first year that Con Ed dances have been held at this location. Wald's more than just ordinary dance music is sure to please the rapidly growing Name Band Dance followers in Richmond.

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LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULED

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Central Park Locale for City's Oldest Sport

It is fitting that on the occasion of the 300th Anniversary of New York City, the city's oldest sport be brought to the attention of the public and also that on the 100th Anniversary of Central Park, several important lawn bowling tournaments will be held in Central Park.

Under the auspices of the Metropolitan District Association and Affiliated Clubs, the first of these contests, the New York Open Doubles, will be held on Sunday, July 19, beginning at 10 A.M., in Central Park on Sheep Meadow, 67th Street near West Drive, where the bowling greens consist of twelve creases.

The clubs taking part in these events are the Brooklyn, Irvington, New York, and Sunrise clubs from New York, and the Essex, East Orange, Trenton, Montclair, and Plainfield clubs from New Jersey.

Lawn bowling to the uninformed, is a quaint game that was played by the early settlers of the city and few are the people who associate the sport with the name of Bowling Green Park where history records the game was played as far back as 1732. Far from being obsolete, lawn bowling has many enthusiastic groups of participants who play regularly and conduct tournaments.

Other competitions scheduled later in Central Park are the Metropolitan Trophy Tournament on August 23 and the Open Rink competition on August 30. On September 13 the Neilson Cup Competition will be scheduled at the Prospect Park bowling greens where there are eight creases.

Spectators are invited to attend these contests. There is no charge for admission.

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Another summer series of three concerts has been sponsored by an anonymous donor for the benefit of the community at the north end of Central Park. The concerts will be given at the south end of the lake at 110th Street in Central Park. The first will take place on Thursday, July 16, at 8:30 P.M. The other two concerts will be given on July 30 and August 13.

These concerts combine a setting similar to the Tidal Basin concerts in Washington, D. C., and the informality of Tanglewood. Listeners may stroll along the walks, sit on park benches, or rent a rowboat and enjoy the music on the water.

The first concert will be given by mambo's famous rajah, Tito Rodriguez, and his rhumba orchestra. Tito has been internationally acclaimed as the Number One Latin-American Singing Personality. He served a musical apprenticeship as vocalist with the Xavier Cugat and Enric Madriguera orchestras before launching his now-famous ten piece crew.

The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy an evening of gay Latin-American musical entertainment.

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7/8/53 10 am

Three top band attractions, Art Mooney, Roy Stevens, and Neal Hefti, have been scheduled for the fourth week of Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks each evening, Monday through Friday, in the major parks of the city. All dances begin at 8:30.

Art Mooney will play for the first two dances, appearing Monday, July 13, at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue in Manhattan, and on Tuesday July 14, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 30th Avenue in Queens. Art Mooney stresses showmanship as well as danceable music and, as a result, has one of the most entertaining and versatile bands in America. Mooney features the romantic ballads of Alan Foster and the comedy capers of Kerwin Somerville.

Roy Stevens, America's newest trumpet and vocal stylist, will play on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 15 and 16. Wednesday's dance will be held at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, and Thursday's dance will be at the Wollman Memorial, Central Park, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. Roy's talents include the trumpet, violin, piano, vocals, composing, and arranging. Formerly he was featured trumpet player in Benny Goodman's orchestra.

Neal Hefti and his orchestra will play on Friday evening, July 17 at Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn.

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The Hefti dance music is played in a muted manner. The band will never be accused of being loud. Even the jazz instrumentals achieve a delicacy that delivers the modern message without puncturing ear drums.

Stay-at-home New Yorkers have five fine evenings of dancing planned for their enjoyment and are invited to attend any or all of them.

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8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - Verdi Program
- 2:00 P.M. - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, West of
Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale - Concert by Paul A.
Leone School of Music.
- Monday, July 13 - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - French Music
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- Tuesday, July 14 - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th St and 30th Ave.,
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- Wednesday, July 15 - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - Schubert Program
- 8:30 P.M. - Poe Park, 192nd St. and Grand Concourse, Bronx -
Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edi-
son Company - Roy Stevens and his orchestra.
- Thursday, July 16 - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Ave. and Empire
8:30 P.M. Blvd., Brooklyn - Goldman Band - Light Opera Program
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th St. West of
Fifth Ave. - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Con-
solidated Edison Company - Roy Stevens and his
orchestra
- Friday, July 17 - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
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West, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consoli-
dated Edison Company - Neal Hefti and his orchestra
- Saturday, July 18 - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Ave. and Empire
Blvd. Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Johann Strauss Program

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FULTON STREET AT HOYT

BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK, N.Y.

TRIANGLE 5-7200

FROM

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A&S JUNIOR ANGLERS MAKE MONKEYS OUT OF POOR FISH

Ambitious anglers have landed 1,204 fish in the first week of the second Annual Abraham & Straus Junior Angler Fishing contest at Prospect Park Lake, Brooklyn, where an average of 600 young Izaak Waltons have been luring the fish each day, since the contest opened July 7. Thirty-seven Brooklyn youngsters have been adjudged prize winners thus far under the rules of the contest.

Youngest winner of the week is two-year old Garry Wozniak, 260 12th Street, who hauled in a 3-oz. Common Sun Fish. In the feminine contingent youngest winner is Mary Ward, five years old of 2 East 10th St. who pulled up a 1 oz. Sun Fish.

In the heavyweight department, Robert Yeno of 643 Rogers Avenue, is the leading contender for the \$200 U. S. Defense Bond with a 1 lb. 7 oz. golden carp, while Maurice Laboz, 1710 West 4th Street, stands first in line for a complete fishing outfit by hooking the longest fish, a carp, measuring 12 1/2 inches. With three more weeks to run, other A&S Junior Anglers will have the opportunity to challenge the records established thus far.

The Lewandowski twins, Robert and Richard, nine years old, of 584 16th St., have the fish jumping for their bait with each rating two prizes in the first week. Robert's 3 1/2 oz. Yellow Belly Perch and his 4 1/2 oz. Calico Bass were heaviest in their classes; Richard's 4 oz. White Perch and 4 oz. Common Sunfish

came in second in their respective classes. Twins on the distaff side, Maryann and Theresa DeVita of 197 28th Street, are at Prospect Lake tempting the fish every day, but the fish have not yet responded to the temptresses.

Vying with each other are Roberta and Barry Schwartz, brother and sister of 191 Snediker Avenue. Both are assured prizes: Roberta with her 4 oz. Pearl Roach and Barry with an 8 oz. Small Mouth Bass.

More interested in feeding the fish than themselves, many of the youngsters use their lunch as bait, with the fish treated to tasty morsels of baloney and ham, while some anglers are trying out corn kernels on the carp.

The contest, sponsored by Abraham & Straus and the Department of Parks will wind up with a gala fish fry on August 5th when more than 200 valuable prizes will be awarded to the lucky contestants.

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FOR A&S JUNIOR ANGLER FISHING CONTEST

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Competition Sponsored by Abraham & Straus and Park Department
Expected to Attract 6,000 Youngsters

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BROOKLYN, N.Y. -- June 29 -- During the next week more than 6,000 budding Izaak Walton are expected to enroll in the 2nd Annual Junior Angler Fishing Contest sponsored by Abraham & Straus and the Department of Parks, according to Robert E. Blum, A&S vice president and secretary. Last year the competition attracted some 5,000 entrants.

City youngsters, armed to the teeth with every conceivable type of fishing equipment, will compete for more than 200 valuable prizes in the unique contest held at Prospect Park Lake, Brooklyn, from July 7 to August 3. Last year only specially tagged fish were potential prize winners, but this year any fish caught will help his captor in the quest for prizes. Anglers may fish as often as they like during the contest and be eligible for more than one of the prizes to be awarded at a gala Fish Fry on August 5.

The heaviest fish caught during the entire contest will net a \$200 U. S. Defense Bond; the most fish caught during the entire contest will be worth \$125 in bonds to the successful angler, and the lucky youngster who catches the heaviest fish during the first hour on opening day will receive a three-speed English bicycle.

Two more English bicycles will be awarded to the apt anglers

who manage to land the two fish tagged last year as "Romeo" and "Juliet," which were either too romantically involved to be interested in baited hooks, or just too wily to get anywhere near the Prospect Park Lake shoreline. Some of the other prizes are: a balloon tire bicycle for the last fish caught in the contest; a complete fishing outfit for the longest fish caught in the contest, and many weekly awards for the 1st and 2nd heaviest fish caught by both a boy and a girl in each of the Lake's ten species, and for the heaviest fish caught by the youngest boys and girls. The first ten fish caught on opening day, closing day, and "Mystery Days" (to be announced), will also be prize-winners.

Enrollment Starts Today

Prior to the official contest opening at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 7 -- boys and girls must enroll as members of the 1953 Junior Anglers Club at Abraham & Straus. To be eligible, youngsters must be under 16 years of age as of August 5th; must have the consent of a parent to enter and must report in person to the A&S Sporting Goods department for membership badges. Enrollment opens today (Monday, June 29) and the fishing begins on July 7th.

A&S Commended by New York Zoological Society

The contest, held in cooperation with the Department of Parks, has been endorsed by Park Commissioner Moses and by William M. Chadbourne, president of the Park Association of New York, as well as Fairfield Osborn, president of the New York Zoological Society. In his letter to Mr. Blum, Mr. Osborn writes:

"Your contest will again give city kids a chance to try their skill at one of the oldest of sports. As we all know, the instinct of the angler runs strong in all of us, and this opportunity to foster such desires among our children is a public-spirited project that deserves the support of everyone.

"In the not too distant future we hope that the young

anglers of Brooklyn will have an opportunity to enjoy the marvels of the New York Aquarium which will be built at Ocean Park, Coney Island. Not many of the youngsters eligible for your contest ever had a chance to visit the old Aquarium at the Battery, one of the most popular educational and recreational centers of New York. This new undertaking, sponsored jointly by the City of New York and the New York Zoological Society, should one day prove to be one of Brooklyn's proudest possessions.

"Abraham & Straus is to be congratulated for its part in helping to stimulate interest in the wonderful sport of fishing, and for its efforts to provide an incentive for our children to visit and enjoy the clean, wholesome atmosphere of our parks."

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FOR RELEASE:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1953

FROM

• ABRAHAM & STRAUS
• FULTON STREET AT HOYT
• BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK, N. Y.
• TRIANGLE 5-7200
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EXT. 691

CITY YOUNGSTERS FLOCK TO ENTER FISHING CONTEST

First Day's Applications for 4-Week Anglers'
Tourney Tops 460

The first day's applications for the prize fishing contest to be held in Prospect Park Lake, Brooklyn, between July 7 and August 3 passed the 460 mark, it was announced yesterday (Tuesday, June 30) by William Tobey, vice-president of Abraham & Straus which is sponsoring the competition in cooperation with the Department of Parks.

In its second year, the A&S Junior Angler Fishing Contest is open to boys and girls under sixteen years of age. Last year, more than 5,000 city youngsters enrolled as members of the Junior Anglers Club and it is expected that this year the event will attract some 6,000 entrants.

More than 200 valuable prizes will be awarded in the 1953 contest. Beginning with \$200 in U.S. Defense Bonds for the heaviest fish caught during the entire contest, the prizes include \$125 in bonds for the greatest number of fish caught, English bicycles for the heaviest fish caught during the first hour on opening day and for landing the elusive fish tagged specially last year as "Romeo" and "Juliet." Major prizes will also be awarded to the contestant catching the longest fish in the contest and to the angler who lands the very last fish, plus many additional weekly awards for heaviest specie catches and for catches made on special days.

To be eligible for the contest, youngsters must appear in

person at the sporting goods department of Abraham & Straus, where they will be issued membership badges in the Junior Anglers Club if they will not become 16 years old until after August 5 and if they have their parents' consent. Enrollment blanks are available in the Brooklyn parks and playgrounds as well as at the store.

The contest has been endorsed by many civic leaders as "one answer to that situation wherein many of our children are getting into trouble simply because of a lack of something better to do." William M. Chadbourne, president of the Park Association of New York, writing to Robert E. Blum, vice-president and secretary of Abraham & Straus, said:

"It is indeed difficult, if not impossible, for the city alone to provide recreational activities of a quantity and variety sufficient enough to satisfy the needs of the many youngsters in our large population. The cooperation of such firms as Abraham & Straus in implementing the city recreational program is both welcome and needed."

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Mr. Guthridge

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

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MUSIC IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, July 5
8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Wagner Program
- 2:00 P.M. - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, West of Woodhaven Blvd, Glendale - Concert Band of Jamaica
- Monday, July 6
8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Bach Program
- Tuesday, July 7
8:30 P.M. - Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Ave., Queens - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny Long and his orchestra
- Wednesday, July 8
8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Tchaikovsky Program
- 8:30 P.M. - Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave., and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Tommy Tucker and his orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny Long and his orchestra
- 8:00 - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, West of Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale - Equitable Life Assurance Society

- Thursday, July 9
8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and
Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Special Guggenheim
Memorial Concert - Goldman Band
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park 64th Street West
of Fifth Avenue - Name Band Dance sponsored
by the Consolidated Edison Company - Charlie
Peterson and his orchestra
- Friday, July 10
8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Old Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and
Prospect Park West, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance
sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company -
Tommy Tucker and his orchestra
- Saturday, July 11
8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and
Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Verdi Program

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The third week of outdoor Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks each evening Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 P.M. features the dance rhythms of Johnny Long, Tommy Tucker and Charlie Peterson.

Johnny Long, Young America's Favorite will play a double date this week playing Tuesday, July 7 at Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Avenue, Queens, and on Wednesday, July 8 at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Johnny features as soloists Barbara Hammond and Dick Perry.. Other vocalizations are presented by the Long Shots and the Glee Club.

Tommy Tucker and his "Sing For Your Supper" Orchestra will also play two evenings this week. On Wednesday, July 8 he will appear at Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave., and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond, and on Friday, July 10, he will play at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Tommy is now listed among the top ten in the country and "Tommy Tucker Time" always heralds an evening of splendid musical entertainment. Clare Nelson, MGM Singing Star is the featured vocalist.

Charlie Peterson, perennial favorite on the Name Band Dance series, will wield the baton on Thursday evening July 9 at Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street, West of Fifth Avenue.

The Consolidated Edison Company and The Department of Parks extend a cordial invitation to the public to enjoy good listening and good dancing in the parks next week.

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Mr. Guthridge

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1953

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Entry blanks are available for the 19th Annual American Ballad Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park on Tuesday evening, June 16. Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Department of Parks borough offices.

The contest is open to amateur male quartets who do not earn their livelihood as a singing group. Each quartet may sing two numbers, two medleys, or a combination of one song and one medley of the American ballad or barber shop variety. No quartet may sing for more than six minutes. Instrumental accompaniment will be permitted for the starting chord only.

Judging will be based on musical technique, originality, expression, and stage presence and presentation.

Preliminary contests will be held in each of the five boroughs at 8:30 P.M. each evening, as follows:

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| Monday, | June 1 | - Manhattan | - Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive |
| Tuesday, | June 2 | - Queens | - Music Grove, Forest Park, Main Drive, west of Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale |
| Wednesday, | June 3 | - Richmond | - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard |
| Thursday, | June 4 | - Bronx | - Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and East 164th Street |
| Friday, | June 5 | - Brooklyn | - Music Grove, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard. |

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

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

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Modern music will give way to barber shop harmony next week when more than 60 amateur male quartets compete in borough eliminations of the 19th Annual American Ballad Contest conducted by the Department of Parks. These preliminaries will be held at 8:30 P.M. each evening as follows:

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| Monday, | June 1 - Manhattan | - Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive |
| Tuesday, | June 2 - Queens | - Music Grove, Forest Park, Main Drive west of Woodhaven Blvd, Glendale |
| Wednesday, | June 3 - Richmond | - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard |
| Thursday, | June 4 - Bronx | - Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome and East 164th Street |
| Friday, | June 5 - Brooklyn | - Music Grove, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard |

Each quartet will present arrangements of songs or medleys in the style popular at the turn of the century. Each number will be judged on musical technique, originality, expression, stage presence, and presentation.

The quartet placing first in each borough contest will be eligible to compete in the city-wide championships to be held at the Mall in Central Park at 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16. In the event of rain the contest will be postponed to Wednesday, June 17.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the preliminary and final contests. No tickets are required and admission is free.

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Mr. Seethridge



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The Finals of the 19th Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, on Tuesday, June 16th at 8:30 P.M.

Dressed in Gay Nineties fashion and singing ballads in turn of the century type harmony, the winning quartets from borough competitions held last week, will compete for the city-wide amateur quartet championship.

Among those judging the contest will be William C. Handy, composer of the St. Louis Blues, Sigmund Spaeth, The Tune Detective, and J. Bailey Harvey, of the University Glee Club.

In addition to the finals of the ballad contest, the program will include such stars as The Mariners, the popular Ben Yost's New Yorker Quintet, the 60 member chorus of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., the celebrated Metropolitan Opera Tenor, Kurt Baum, and the noted stage and television duet, Jack Russell and Guen Omeron, as well as the jokes and wit of Harry Hershfield. The Police Department Band will render selections of old time and popular instrumental numbers.

The quartets competing and the songs they will sing are:

THE HIGHLIGHTS, BRONX

....."THAT TUMBLE-DOWN SHACK IN
ATHOLONE"
....."MY HOME TOWN"

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| THE TOTTEVILLE TOM-CATS, RICHMOND..... | "YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THE GOOD FELLOW I'VE BEEN" |
| |"SWEET, SWEET ROSES OF MORN" |
| THE FOUR FATHERS, QUEENS | GEORGE M. COHAN, MEDLEY |
| | "OH EVALINE" |
| THE VILLAGE FOUR, MANHATTAN |"OLD TIME MEDLEY" |
| |"HONEY GAL MEDLEY" |
| THE GOLDEN DAY FOUR, BROOKLYN |"ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH" |
| | MEDLEY: "SOMEBODY STOLE MY GAL" |
| | "I AIN'T GOT NOBODY" |

The Department of Parks extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend. No tickets are required.

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The Department of Parks announces that its 157 baseball and 376 softball diamonds will be ready for play on Saturday, April 11.

Where the demand for diamonds is heavy, their use will be regulated by permit. Applications for permits may be secured from the Borough Director at the Department of Parks office of the borough in which the diamonds are located. Use of other diamonds will be regulated by the playground director assigned to the area.

Permits are issued for a minimum of two hours and a maximum of two and a half hours. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, permits are issued for the following periods: 9 A.M. to 11 A.M., 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., 1 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., 3:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. Twilight games will be scheduled for 6 P.M.

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Mr. Guttridge



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The Department of Parks announces the birth on May 7,
of two female jaguars at the Central Park Zoo.

The proud parents, Becky and Ebe were captured in
Matta Grasso, Brazil and were presented to the zoo on
May 30, 1951.

Pictures may be taken Thursday, July 2 at 9:30 A.M.

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Mr. Guthridge

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The Park Department announces that two bear cubs, namely Jerry a male, and Susie a female, born in Prospect Park Zoo on January 28, 1953, will be on display at the Bear House on Thursday, April 30, 1953.

Jerry and Susie are the children of Louis and Daddles, both 4 years old. The parents were raised and donated by Mr. Otto Burger, who shipped them from Kempt Bay, Canada. Mr. Burger had the honor of naming the cubs.

The cubs, American Black Bears, were recently weaned on evaporated milk, fruits and vegetables.

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Pictures may be taken Thursday
morning, April 30th at 9:30 A.M.

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The city-wide championships of the Department of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner, will be held at 8 P.M. on Friday, May 1, at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

Twenty-six boys ranging in age from 14 to 19 years of age, will compete for championships in four junior, five intermediate, and four senior division classes. The contestants, best of more 650 boys who participated in boxing classes at 15 Department of Parks boxing centers, have won their borough championship and semi-final matches held earlier this month. They will be matched as follows, on Friday:

JUNIOR DIVISION

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 105 Pound Class | | |
| Peter Spanakos | opponent | Richard Adams |
| (Red Hook Play Center) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) |
| 112 Pound Class | | |
| Lennie Mangiapone | " | Nicholas Spanakos |
| (Flushing Meadow) | | (Red Hook Play Center) |
| 119 Pound Class | | |
| Pedro Santana | " | Louis Weber |
| (St. Mary's Rec.Center) | | (Flushing Meadow) |
| 125 Pound Class | | |
| Carmine Squitieri | " | Arthur Hutchinson |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) |

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INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

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| 119 Pound Class | | | |
| Ramus Parrea | opponent | Joseph Crowther | |
| (West 134th St. Gym.) | | (Flushing Meadow) | |
| 125 Pound Class | | | |
| James Tomaski | " | LeRoy Young | |
| (Flushing Meadow) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) | |
| 132 Pound Class | | | |
| Neuman Daugherty | " | Tyron Turner | |
| (St. Mary's Rec.Center) | | (West 134th St.Gym) | |
| 139 Pound Class | | | |
| Frank Mangiapone | " | Noel Rios | |
| (Flushing Meadow) | | (East 54th St. Gym.) | |
| 147 Pound Class | | | |
| Andre Campbell | " | Lester Williams | |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) | |

SENIOR DIVISION

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|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--|
| 132 Pound Class | | | |
| Floyd Stewart | opponent | Anthony Garcia | |
| (Red Hook Play Center) | | (St.Mary's Rec. Center) | |
| 139 Pound Class | | | |
| Ronald Clare | " | Louis Carlo | |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (Red Hook Play Center) | |
| 147 Pound Class | | | |
| Edward Miller | " | Buddy Sanders | |
| (St. Mary's Rec.Center) | | (Flushing Meadow) | |
| 156 Pound Class | | | |
| Robert Harris | " | Thomas Davis | |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (Red Hook Play Center) | |

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

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

Mr. Guthridge



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1953

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FOR RELEASE

City-wide semi-final matches in the Department of Parks

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Annual Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner, will be conducted on Wednesday, April 22, at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens, and on Friday, April 24, at St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx. Matches will begin at 8 P.M. each evening.

At Lost Battalion Hall, competition will be in the Junior Division 105, 112, 119, and 125 pound classes and Intermediate Division 119, 125, and 132 pound classes.

At St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, the program will consist of Intermediate 139 and 147 pound matches and Senior 132, 139, 147, and 156 pound matches.

Competing will be the best of more than 650 boys who have been participating in boxing classes at the 15 Department of Parks boxing centers located throughout the city. Under the supervision of trained boxing instructors, the boys learned the fundamentals of body conditioning through proper training and observance of good health habits as well as boxing skills and techniques.

Winners of all semi-final matches will be eligible to compete in the City-wide Championships to be conducted at the 69th Regiment Armory on Friday, May 1.

The matches are open to the general public and tickets may be secured without charge from the borough offices of the Department of Parks.

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Mr. Rosenfeld

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1953

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114 Borough championships in the Department of Parks Annual

Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner, will be held at 8 P.M. each evening according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday, April 8 - Bronx Championships at St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th St. & St. Ann's Ave.
- Friday, April 10 - Brooklyn Championships at McCarren Recreation Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
- Tuesday, April 14 - Queens Championships at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park
- Friday, April 17 - Manhattan Championships at the gymnasium at 342 East 54th Street

Boxing classes have been regularly scheduled since last fall at the 15 Department of Parks boxing centers. Over 650 boys registered for the classes and participated in a comprehensive course of boxing instruction under the supervision of specially trained boxing instructors. The best qualified boxers in the various age and weight classifications have been permitted to enter the competitive phase of the boxing program which will terminate with the city-wide championships at the 69th Regiment Armory on May 1.

Medals to be awarded to winners and runners-up of each match in the borough competitions have been donated by Mr. Rosenfeld.

The public is cordially invited to attend these matches. Tickets may be secured from the Department of Parks office of the borough conducting each championship event.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground in Bronx Park in the southerly section at Boston Road and East 180th Street.

This 1-1/4 acre playground, although located within the park is directly accessible from a densely populated neighborhood to the west and south.

The playground consists of two areas, one of which includes a wading pool, comfort station, sand pit and kindergarten apparatus, and the other, larger apparatus and a running around area.

Immediately outside the playground is an overlook sitting area adjacent to the Bronx River with a fine view of the natural beauties of the rest of the park. In addition, adequate access walks have been built, trees have been planted, and lawns seeded.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 585 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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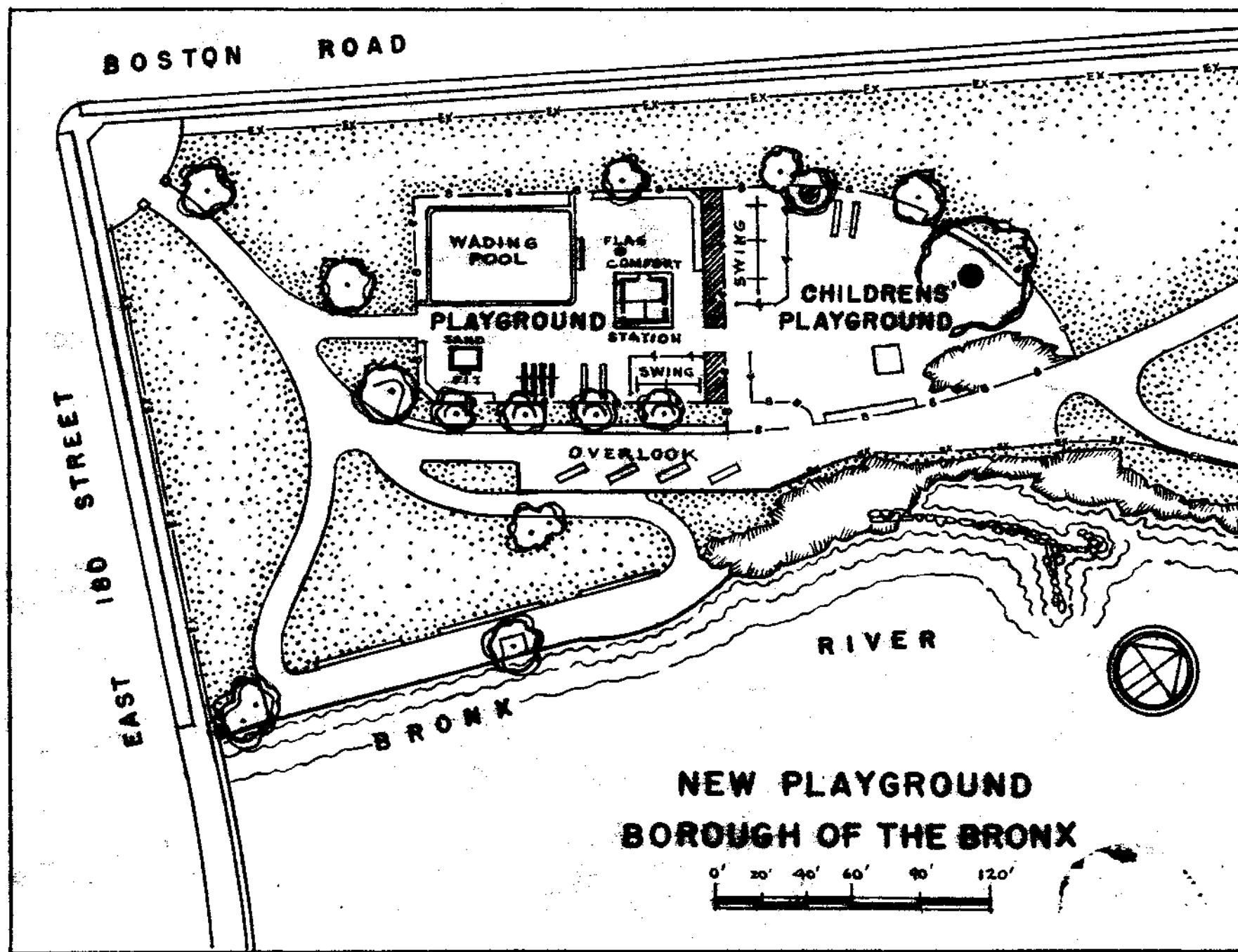
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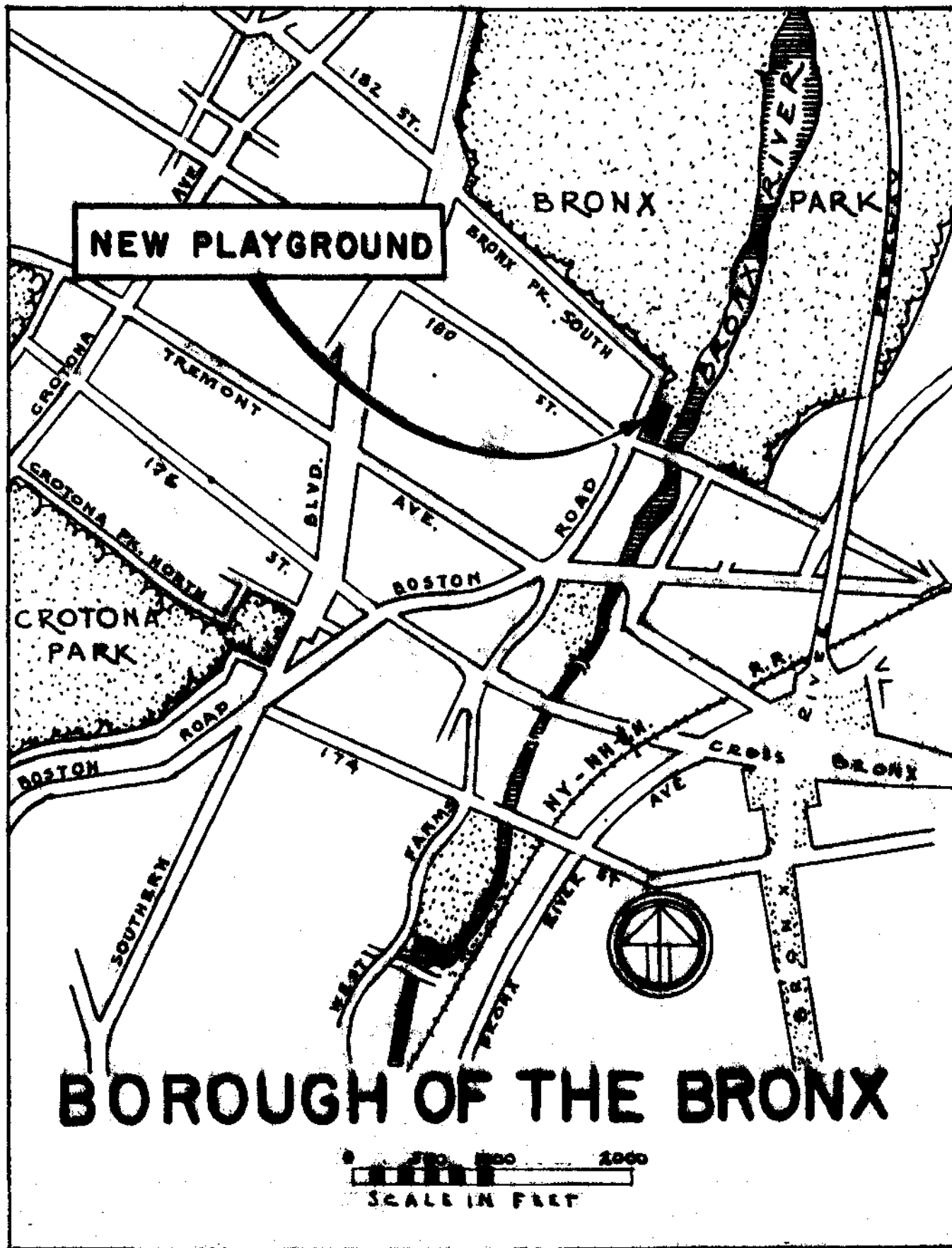
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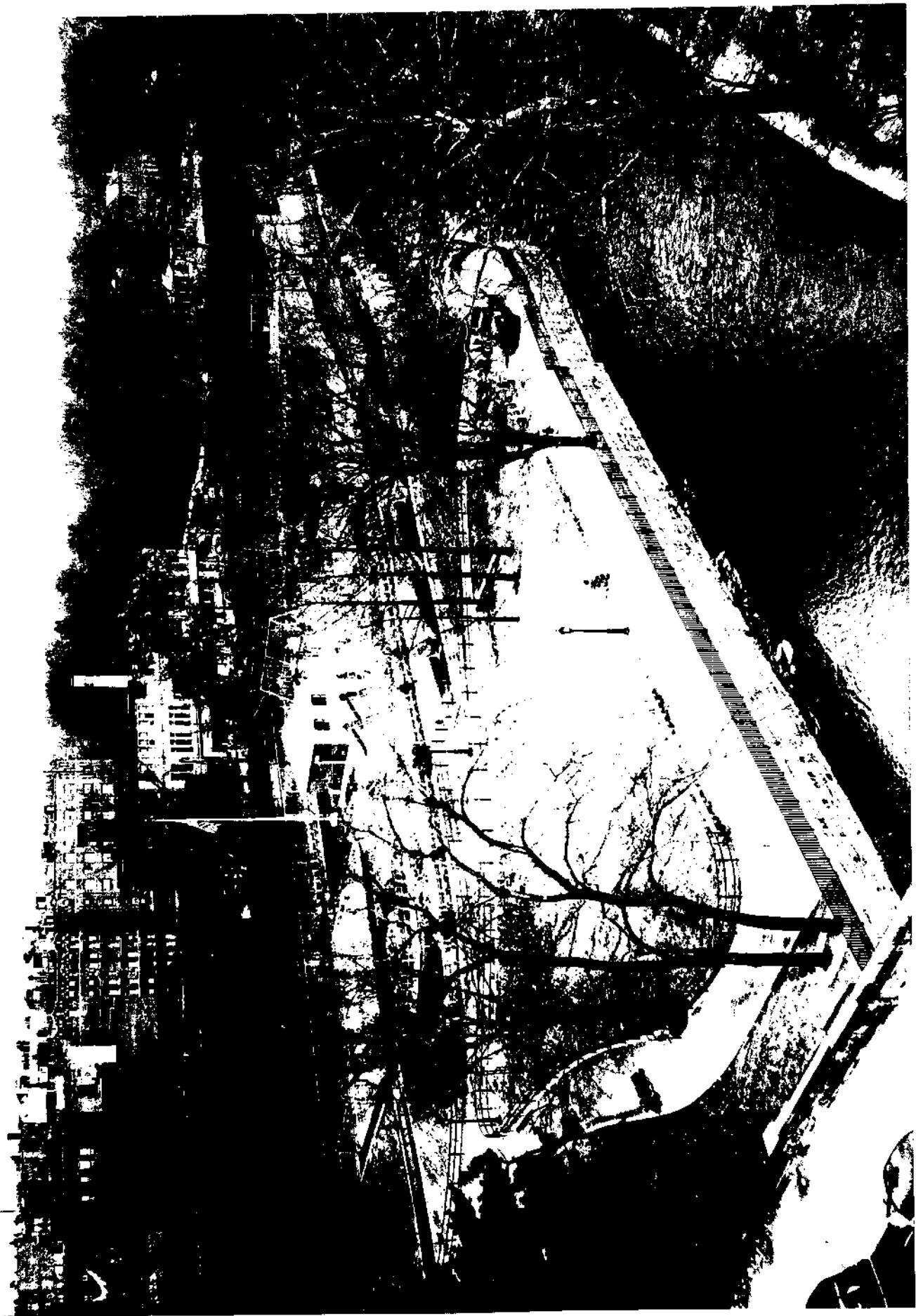
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Tuesday, July 28, 1953

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground at Webster Avenue, Park Avenue and East 188th Street, the Bronx.

Located in a heavily built up section, the three-quarter acre area includes two basketball and two handball courts, play apparatus, comfort station, wading pool and sand pit.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 590 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

Mr. Guhrbridge



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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground in Brooklyn, at the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel Plaza.

In planning Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, land was acquired for portals, ventilating buildings, and access roads. Immediately over the tunnel and a short distance from the portal, the major ventilating building was located in a large plot of land surrounded by Van Brunt Street, Woodhull Street and the east bound and west bound Hamilton Avenues. Except for a small service court and a ventilating building itself, the remainder of this block has been used for playground purposes.

This 1.4 acre playground includes a soft ball field, six horse shoe pitching courts, two hand ball courts, sitting areas and planting.

The playground was built by the Department with funds provided by the Borough President of Brooklyn.

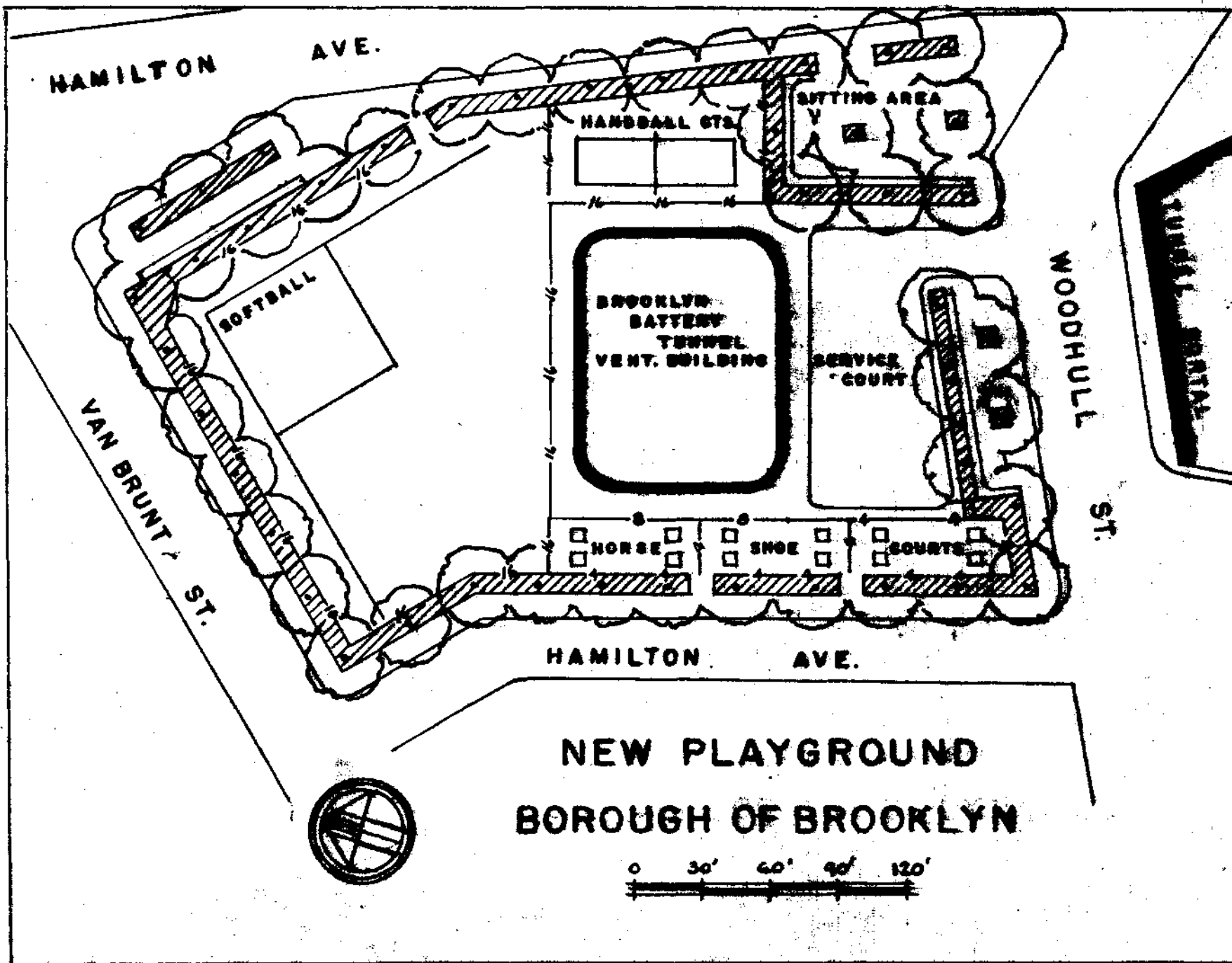
In keeping with modern practices in highway design, recreational facilities and the improvement of a neighborhood are very important elements.

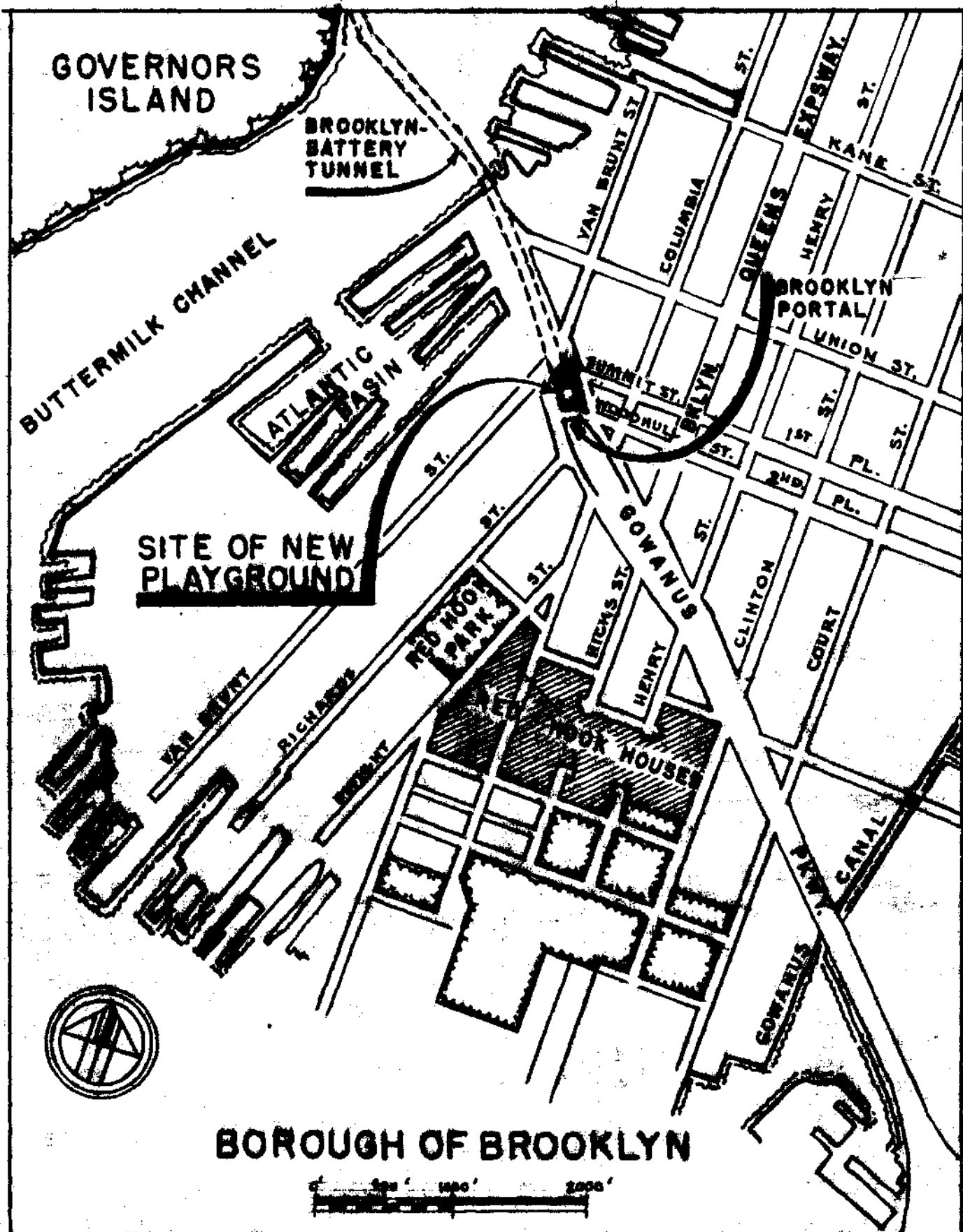
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PLAYGROUND NORTH OF B'LYN. BAT-TUNNEL PLAZA
BORO. OF B'LYN. MAY 8, 51 - R.L.B.

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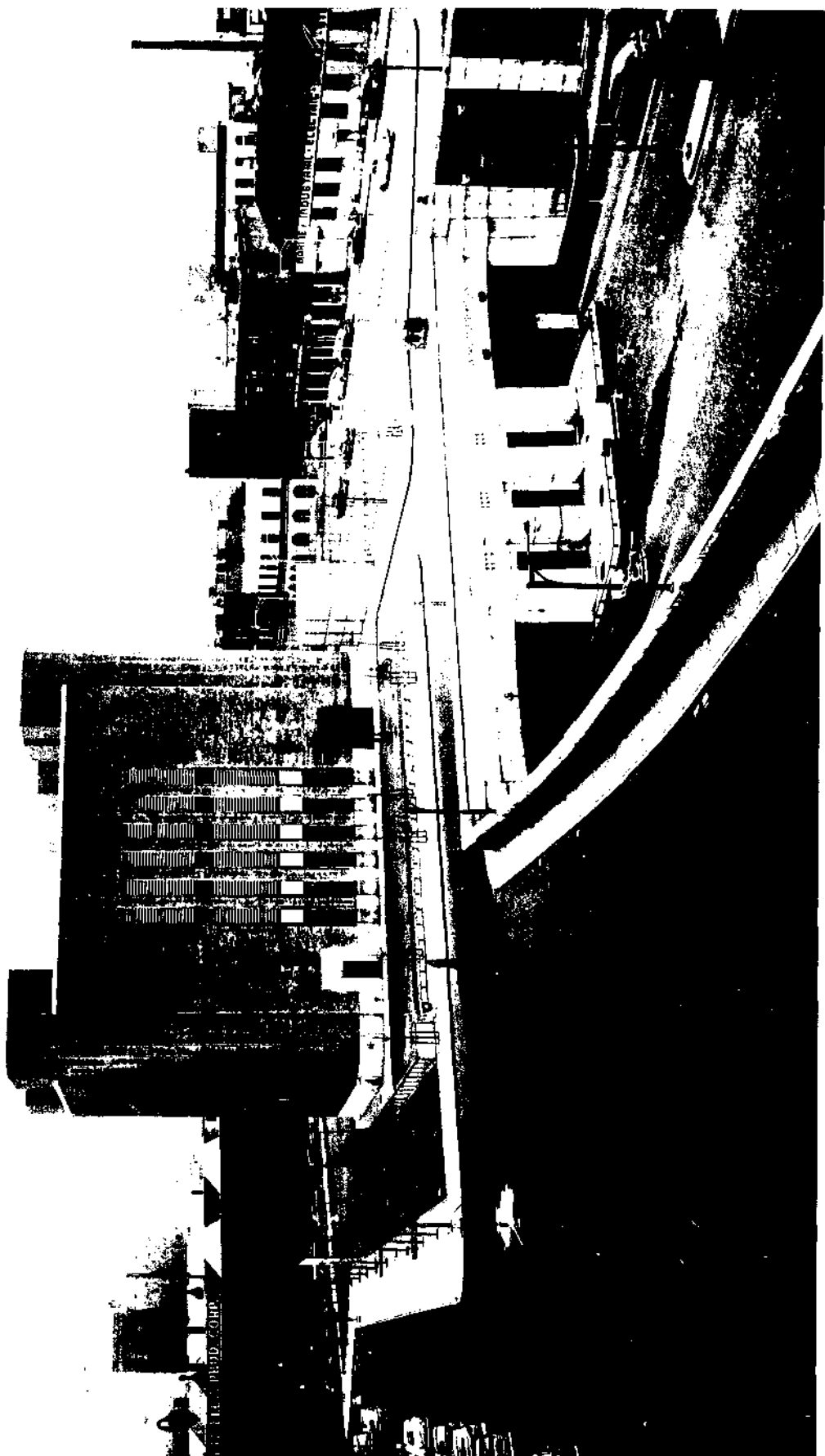


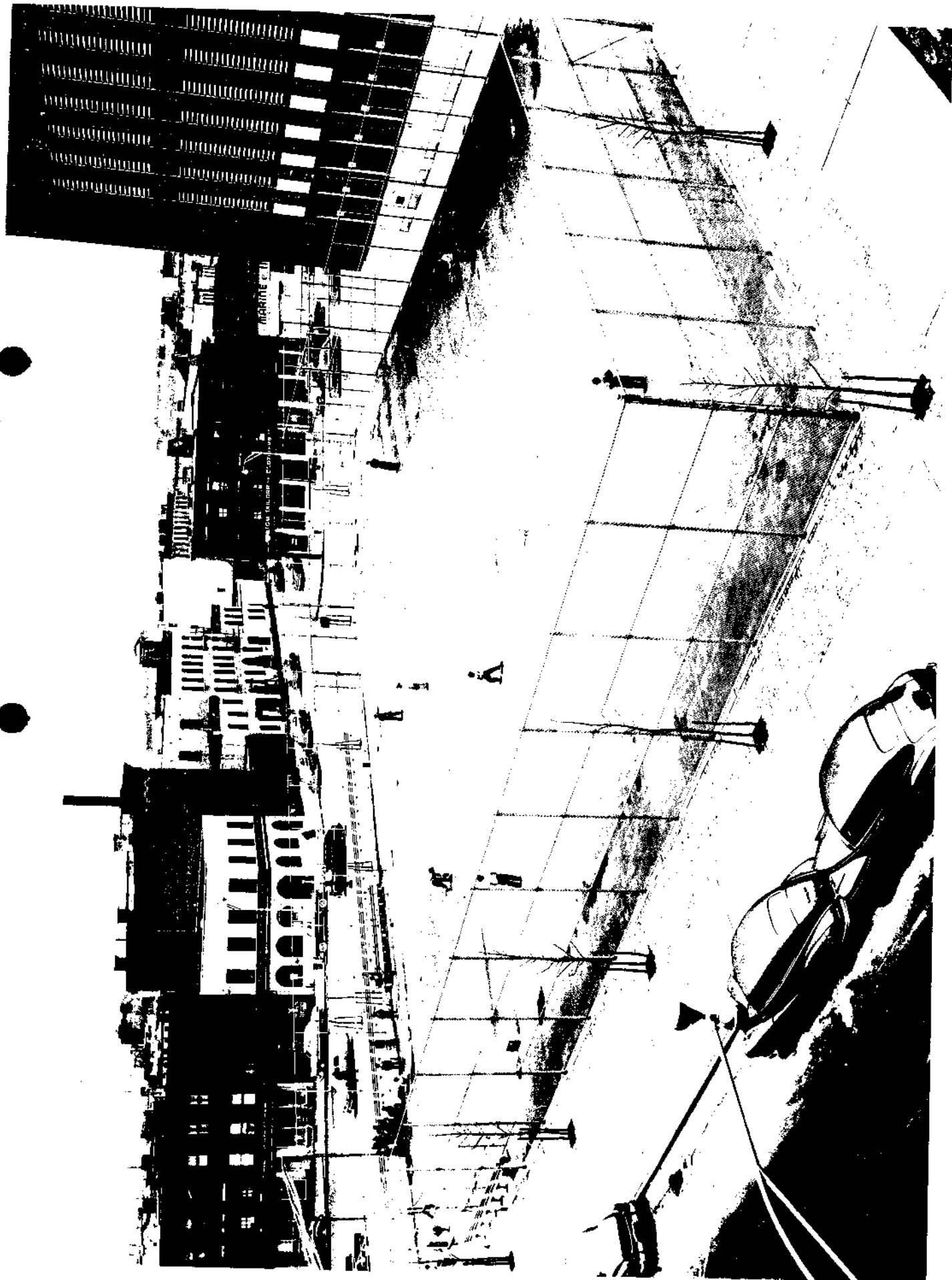
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Children from Department of Parks playgrounds in the Bronx will present their 9th Annual Children's Dance Festival on Saturday, June 13, at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue. The program, which begins at 2:30 P. M., will open with the 550 gaily costumed dancers marching in procession to the green lawn of the park where the dances will be performed.

The festival, culminating weeks of rehearsing and sewing of costumes by the children and the park recreation staff, will be witnessed by hundreds of parents, relatives, and friends of the youngsters. After the dances are completed, the children will picnic in the park.

Saturday's dances and the playgrounds presenting them will be:

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| TEA FOR TWO: | St. James, Devoe and Claremont Playgrounds. |
| WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS: | Zimmerman, Fort #4, and P. S. #21 Playgrounds. |
| SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET: | Lyons Square, Bronx River Houses, and Crotona Playgrounds. |
| JARABE TAPATIO: | Williamsbridge, Mosholu, and Bailey Avenue Playgrounds. |
| GLOW WORM: | St. Mary's E., St. Mary's W., Flynn, and Brook Avenue Playgrounds. |
| RAGGEDY ANN AND RAGGEDY ANDY: | Pelham, Loreto, Ciccarone, and Waterbury Avenue Playgrounds. |
| KENTUCKY BABES: | St. Mary's Recreation Center. |
| TARANTELLA: | Mullaly, Morris Avenue, Nelson Avenue, and Goble Place Playgrounds. |

This is the second of the borough dance festivals. Manhattan park playgrounds will be held on June 20, and Richmond and Brooklyn parks will hold theirs on Saturday, June 27. All the exhibitions are free to the public and no tickets of admission are necessary.

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The children from the Department of Parks Playgrounds in Brooklyn and Richmond will present their Annual Dance Fetes on Saturday, June 27 at 2:30 P.M.

The Brooklyn Fete, presented at the Long Meadow, near the Union Street entrance, Prospect Park will consist of eight folk and novelty dances with over 700 dancers participating. The festival will open with a grand march entrance by the gaily costumed children as they take their places around the green lawn where the dances will be performed. At the conclusion of the program the children will have refreshments at the picnic grounds. The eight dances on Saturday's program and the playgrounds presenting them, will be:

- "GLOW WORM".....by children of Borough Hall District.
- "NEWSBOYS".....by children of Greenpoint-Williamsburg District.
- "SQUARE DANCE LASSIES".....by children of Bushwick-Stuyvesant District.
- "GYPSY DANCE".....by children of Brownsville-East New York District.
- "MEXICAN HAT DANCE".....by children of Marine Park-Flatbush District.
- "TOREADOR".....by children of Sheepshead Bay District.

"COWGIRL'S FROLIC".....by children of Bensonhurst -
Coney Island District.

"A COUPLE OF SWELLS".....by children of Bay Ridge District.

The Richmond Dance Fete, also conducted on
Saturday, June 27 at 2:30 PM. at Clove Lakes Park, Clove
Road and Victory Boulevard, will present five colorful and
unique dances, as follows:

"LITTLE ABNER, DAISY MAE".....by children of the De Matti
Playground.

"MAGIC PETER PAN".....by children of the Walker Park
Playground.

"SWEDISH PLAY TIME".....by children of the McDonald
Playground.

"BUNNY JAZZARINE".....by children of the Berry
Houses Playground.

"BALLET de LEVY".....by children of the Levy
Playground.

The children in their dance costumes, preceded
by a color guard will parade from Clove Lakes Park to the
dancing area. Refreshments also will be served at the
conclusion of the program.

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The Department of Parks announces that the Borough of Manhattan will present their 26th Annual Children's Dance Festival on the Sheep Meadow, 67th Street and West Drive in Central Park, on Saturday, June 20, at 2:30 P.M. More than 600 young girls will participate in the fete which will be witnessed by friends and relatives of the dancers.

This year's festival will feature a number of novelty dances as well as traditional folk dances.

Eight numbers are on Saturday's program. The following is a listing of the dances and the playgrounds participating in them:

TARANTELLA AMERICANAColonial Park and Harlem River Housing

THUMBELINAMcCaffrey, West 45th Street, Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, St. Gabriel's and East 24th Street Playgrounds.

BALLOON DANCE60th & York Avenue, St. Catherine's John Jay, Carl Schurz, Machine & Metal Trades, 108th & Park Avenue, James Weldon Johnson, Thomas Jefferson and Louis Cuvillier Playgrounds.

GAY PARISIENNEMurphy, Sauer, Tompkins Square, East River Drive & 11th Street, Kelly and Downing Street Playgrounds.

DAY WITH STRAUSSAlfred E. Smith, Columbus, Roosevelt, Seward, Bernard Downing, Cherry & Clinton Streets Playgrounds.

PETER PAN'S PHANTASIAMt. Morris East, Mt. Morris West, McCray, St. Nicholas - 133rd Street and Colonel Young Playgrounds.

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SCOTCH FLINGJ. Hood Wright, Payson Avenue, Dyckman
Housing, Highbridge - 189th, Highbridge -
173rd Playgrounds.

FADO BLANQUITAHeckscher, Rumsey, North Meadow, 74th &
Riverside, 83rd & Riverside, 103rd &
Riverside and 123rd and Morningside Play-
grounds.

The dances are performed within the enclosure of a giant horseshoe arrangement of benches for spectators. The young dancers open the program by marching in procession around the enclosure and then sitting down in groups on the green lawn. Their bright costumes which they made under the supervision of the park recreation staff, lend bright accents to the scene.

These festivals are highlights in the year-round recreation program of the Department of Parks. The festival for the Queens playgrounds was held earlier in June. The Bronx Festival, scheduled for last Saturday, could not be held due to inclement weather, and has been re-scheduled for this coming Saturday, June 20th at Williamsbridge Oval, East 206th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, at 2:30 P.M. The Richmond festival will be held on June 27th at Glove Lakes Park and Brooklyn's will be held the same day at the Long Meadow in Prospect Park.

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

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More than 650 young dancers from park playgrounds in Queens will present their 10th Annual Children's Dance Festival at King Park, 150th to 153rd Streets and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 6. In the event of rain, the event will be held on June 13 at 2:30 P.M.

Eleven dances are on the program - one American Indian dance, three novelty dances, and seven European folk dances. The dances and the playgrounds presenting them will be:

- Broadway Rhythm - Liberty Park
- Manhattan Isle - St. Albans, P.S. 40, and P.S. 50 Playgrounds
- French Dance - Laurelton, Von Dohlen, O'Connell, and Jamaica & 179th Street Playgrounds
- Sidewalks of New York - Jackson Pond and Dry Harbor Playgrounds
- Indian Dance - Jackson Heights Model Playground
- Polish Dance - Newtown, P.S. 175, Corona & 102nd Street, Ravenswood, and Triboro F Playgrounds
- Swiss Dance - Flushing Memorial, Chisholm, and P.S. 20 Playgrounds
- English Dance - Cunningham Park, P.S. 162, and P.S. 165 Playgrounds
- Dutch Dance - Thomson Hill, P.S. 174, and Torsney Playgrounds
- Italian Dance - Brookville, Braddock, P.S. 136, P.S. 46, and P.S. 104 Playgrounds
- Irish Dance - Highland Upper, 74th & 78th, Austin Street, and Cleveland Playgrounds

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Music will be provided by the St. Pascal Baylon Band and a contingent of Girl Scouts from Queens will serve as Color Guards.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the festival, and those of the other boroughs which will be held June 13 in the Bronx, June 20 in Manhattan, and June 27 for Brooklyn and Richmond playgrounds.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the 1953 season of concerts in New York City parks on Decoration Day, May 30 at 8:30 P.M., when the Naumburg Orchestra will give the first of a series of four concerts on the Mall, 72nd Street and Center Drive, in Central Park.

These concerts are contributed annually by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the people of the City of New York. Mr. Elkan Naumburg had made a custom of contributing orchestral concerts in the cause of good music for the people on three holidays, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. His sons, continuing this custom in his memory, have added a fourth concert to the Naumburg series by giving a similar concert on July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death.

On Decoration Day, Remus Tzincoca will conduct the Naumburg Orchestra and Beatrice Krebs, Contralto, will appear as soloist. The program will be:

1. Overture to Oberon Von Weber
2. Minuet and Rigaudon from Tombeau de Couperin Ravel
3. Aria - "Adieu Forêts" from Jeanne d'Arc Tchaikovsky
Beatrice Krebs
4. Finale - Symphony No. 4 in E Minor Brahms

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More than 3,300 contestants participated in the week-long Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted last week by the Department of Parks at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island. Vying for \$1,000 in fishing equipment prizes donated by Nathan's of Coney Island, anglers who took top honors in each division were:

Senior Men's: Dom Balsamo, 19, 6612 - 11 Ave., Brooklyn, with a 4 lb. 4 oz. blackfish. Balsamo, who works in his father's fish market in Bay Ridge, caught his fish Monday, opening day of the tourney.

Senior Women's: Mrs. Elaine Fosco, of 2834 West 16 St., Brooklyn, with a 1 lb. 1½ oz. blackfish. Mrs. Fosco, a housewife with two children, made her winning catch at 2:58 PM Sunday, two minutes before the close of the contest.

Boys: Neil Steinberg, 14, of 1843 - 50 St., Brooklyn, with a 4 lb. 9½ oz. skate. His sister Sharon, 12, won second prize in the girls' division.

Girls: Pat Cromer, 13, of 1414 Columbia St., Brooklyn, with a 12 oz. fluke.

Contest judges included John J. Downing, Parks' Department Director of Recreation, and Nathan Handwerker, founder and president of Nathan's Famous of Coney Island.

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MONDAY, MAY 18, 1953

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THIRD ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST OPENS TODAY; MORE THAN
2,000 CONTESTANTS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE

Prizes valued at more than \$1,000 offered
in week-long event conducted by Department
of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's Famous

The Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted
by the New York City Department of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's
Famous, Coney Island restaurant, opens at 3 P.M. today at Steeplechase
Pier.

More than 2,000 boys, girls, men and women are expected to
participate in the week-long event, which will continue until Sunday,
May 24. Prizes consisting of up-to-date fishing equipment valued at
more than \$1,000 will be given to the lucky fishermen landing the
heaviest catch.

Competition will be held daily from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M., Monday
to Friday, for Junior contestants, under 16 years of age, and from
3 P.M. to 10 P.M. for Seniors; on Saturday, May 23, 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
for Juniors, and on Sunday, May 24, during the same hours, for Seniors.
Two daily prizes, consisting of pier-casting outfits, will be awarded
at the end of each day's fishing, one to the Junior and one to the
Senior catching the heaviest fish of the day. Eight grand prizes will
also be awarded at the end of the week's fishing, to the first and

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and second place boy, girl, man and woman landing the heaviest catch of the week. All prizes were donated by the sponsor, Nathan's Famous, Inc., and are on display at the sponsor's sea-food counter, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island. The grand prize consists of fiber-glass rod, chrome-steel reel, tackle box, casting shirt, wading boots, 200 feet of nylon line and other accessories.

The quarter-mile-long pier has been decorated by the Park Department for the contest, with carnival-striped canopies, spotlights and other displays, and a public-address system has been installed which will regale the contestants with music while they fish, and will announce the names of leading contestants as the fishing progresses.

Initiated in 1951 with a two-day tournament in which some 700 fishermen competed, the Coney Island Contest has grown rapidly until this year's event promises to be, far and away the largest of its kind in the northeast, if not in a much larger area. More than 1,000 children and adults took part in the 1952 running of the contest, leading to the decision to run it for a full week this year.

Entries in the contest have been accepted for the past four weeks at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's Famous. Late entries will be taken right at the pier while the contest progresses. There is no fee for participation.

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MORE THAN \$1000 IN PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AT
THIRD ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST.

The Department of Parks announced today that more than \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded in the Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, to be conducted May 18 through 24 at Steeplechase Pier by the Park Department under the sponsorship of Nathan's Famous, Inc.

Entries in the contest are divided into four classes, including junior boys and girls under 16, and men and women over 16, with first and second prizes to be awarded in each class. Applications for the contest are now available at all Park Department playgrounds and at Nathan's Famous, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.

Prizes to be awarded to first- and second-place winners include: 1) a fibre-glass fishing rod; 2) chrome-steel reel; 3) tackle box, 4) 150 feet of line; 5) assorted hooks; 6) fishing knife; and 7) a scale and tape for measuring catch.

In addition, first-place winners will receive a set of wading boots and a casting jacket.

A rod and reel will also be awarded to the daily winner in the junior group and the daily winner in the senior group, regardless of sex. All prizes are now on display at Nathan's Famous.

Contest hours for juniors will be: 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday, May 18, to Friday, May 22, and 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Saturday, May 23, with grand prizes to be awarded on Saturday afternoon.

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The contest hours for seniors are: 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Monday, May 18, to Friday, May 22, and 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Sunday, May 24, with prizes awarded at the end of the contest.

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MORE THAN 1500 CONTESTANTS SIGN UP FOR CONEY ISLAND FISHING
CONTEST ONE WEEK BEFORE OPENING OF WEEK-LONG THIRD ANNUAL EVENT

More than 1,500 boys, girls, men and women had signed up to participate in the Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest by Monday, May 11, one week before the opening of the week-long competition, it was announced today by the Park Department, which conducts the annual competition. It is expected that a total of 3,000 entries from all parts of the Greater New York Area will be received for the contest, sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Inc., Coney Island restaurant.

Entries for the contest are being accepted at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's Famous sea-food counter, where the prizes valued at more than \$1,000 for daily and overall winners in the contest are on display.

Competition will begin at 3 P.M., Monday, May 18, and will continue daily from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. until Friday for boys and girls, and until 10 P.M. for adults. Final day for the junior competitors will be Saturday, May 23, when competition will run from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.; seniors, over 16 years of age, will have their final day of competition on Sunday, May 24. A daily prize consisting of rod, reel and accessories, will be awarded to the junior and the senior

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catching the heaviest fish in daily competition, and 8 grand prizes will be awarded at the close of the week's fishing, to first and second place winners in each of the four classes of entries: boys, girls, men and women.

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Mr. Guthridge

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THIRD ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN CONEY ISLAND MAY 18-24
CONDUCTED BY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, SPONSORED BY NATHAN'S FAMOUS

The third annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted by the Park Department and sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Coney Island restaurant, will be held at Steeplechase Pier for a full week, Monday, May 18 to Sunday, May 24, it was announced today by the Park Department. Prizes of fishing equipment valued at more than \$1,000, donated by the sponsor, will be awarded the first and second-place winners in each of four classes of contestants: junior boys and girls under 16 years of age and men and women over 16.

Limited to two days of competition in 1951 and 1952, the contest has been expanded to a full week this year because of the great increase in registrants, the Park Department announced. More than 1,000 contestants took part in the competition in 1952, including 608 boys, 376 men, 43 girls and 34 women, and registration this year is expected to exceed these figures considerably.

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

In addition to grand prizes for those in each class of contestants who catch the biggest fish in the course of the week's competition, daily prizes will be given to the junior and senior fisherman landing the heaviest catch each day.

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MEMO: TO News, Feature and Photo Editors

RE: Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest

Beginning Monday, May 18 and running through Sunday, May 24, Coney Island's Steeplechase Pier will be the scene of a competition with fine story and picture possibilities. Hundreds of junior and adult fishermen, both male and female, have already signed up for the Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted by the Department of Parks. They will compete for more than \$1,000 worth of prizes donated by Nathan's Famous of Coney Island, annual sponsor of the tourney.

Competition will take place daily for juniors and adults from 3 to 10 P.M., with daily prizes awarded every night. Juniors alone will compete on Saturday, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., seniors Sunday, same hours, with grand prizes awarded at the end of the contest on these last two days.

Picture possibilities from previous years included dozens of shots of individual fishermen, running in age from 3 to 75, from bobby-soxers to grandmothers, including an Indian Princess and mothers who parked their tots in carriages alongside them while they tried their luck. Other shots used included long-shots of the pier with hundreds of anglers competing at one time.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ANNOUNCES THAT THE DYCKMAN
HOUSE, BROADWAY & 204th STREET IN UPPER MANHATTAN, WILL BE
CLOSED FROM JUNE 23rd TO JULY 3rd FOR REFURBISHING, PAINTING
AND GENERAL REHABILITATION.

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More than 1,000 youngsters, 5 to 13 years of age, have filed entries for the 7th Annual Egg Rolling Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the auspices of Arnold Constable on Saturday, April 4th, at 2 P.M., on the Great Lawn, 80th to 84th Streets, in Central Park.

Scrambled eggs will not be a consequence of the egg derby. Arnold Constable will provide gaily painted wooden eggs and spoons for all contestants.

The contest will be conducted in classes suitable to the age and sex of the participants.

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| Group I | Boys and Girls 5-6-7 years of age | 20 yard course |
| Group II | Boys and Girls 8-9-10 years of age | 30 yard course |
| Group III | Boys and Girls 11-12-13 years of age | 40 yard course |

The winners in Group I will receive a velocipede for first place, a scooter for second, and roller skates for third. Group II and III winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20 and \$15. All prizes are donated by Arnold Constable.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1953

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The seventh annual Easter Egg Rolling Contest conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of Arnold Constable will be held Saturday, April 4, 1953 at 2:00 P.M. on the Great Lawn of Central Park, between 80th and 84th Streets.

A valuable array of prizes will be presented to winners by Arnold Constable. Included among the gifts will be a bicycle, scooter, roller skates and doll carriage for the younger children and gift certificates for \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00 for the older children.

Children from the ages of five to thirteen years are eligible to enter the contest. Entry blanks are available at Department of Parks playgrounds and at the Contest Booth located in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue. Entries close Thursday, April 2.

Easter Egg Rolling is an ancient custom of Lancashire, England. There, on Good Friday, the children roll brilliantly colored eggs down the slopes of a convenient hill until the shells cracked.

New York's contest follows this tradition, with the exception that the contest in Central Park is less difficult. Instead of real eggs, gaily painted wooden eggs are used, with the youngsters using spoons to push their eggs along a course suitable for their age group. Six events are on the program.

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Sunday, March 22, 1953

Entries are being accepted for the 7th Annual Egg

Rolling Contest to be held on Saturday, April 4, at 2 P.M. on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets, under the sponsorship of the Department of Parks and Arnold Constable.

Boys and girls 5 through 13 years of age file their entries at any Park Department playground or at the contest booth located in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue. Entries close Thursday, April 2. There is no fee for filing.

The contest will be conducted in six classes, suitable to the age and sex of the participants.

- Group I - Boys, 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
- Group I - Girls, 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
- Group II - Boys, 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
- Group II - Girls, 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
- Group III - Boys, 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course
- Group III - Girls, 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course

The youngsters will be required to propel their eggs down the course, using a spoon as a mallet. Eggs and spoons will be provided by Arnold Constable.

The winners in Group I will receive a velocipede for first place, a scooter for second, and roller skates for third. Group II and III winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15. All prizes are donated by Arnold Constable.

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Friday March 27, 1953

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The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouse at Prospect Park West and 7th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1953 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 of Mexican Lilies with an edging of mixed Blue 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 motif, the walls of the Greenhouse are banked with a colorful display of flowers in great varieties, among which are Sweet Peas, Snap Dragons, Camelias and many other plants.

Press photographs may be taken daily starting Friday, March 27, 1953.

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Mr. Guttridge



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The Park Department announces completion of bleachers at Frank Frisch Field in the Bronx at Mosholu Parkway and Webster Avenue. The ball field, a favorite of the Bronx for many years, was in 1948 officially named for Frank Frisch, who came from this neighborhood.

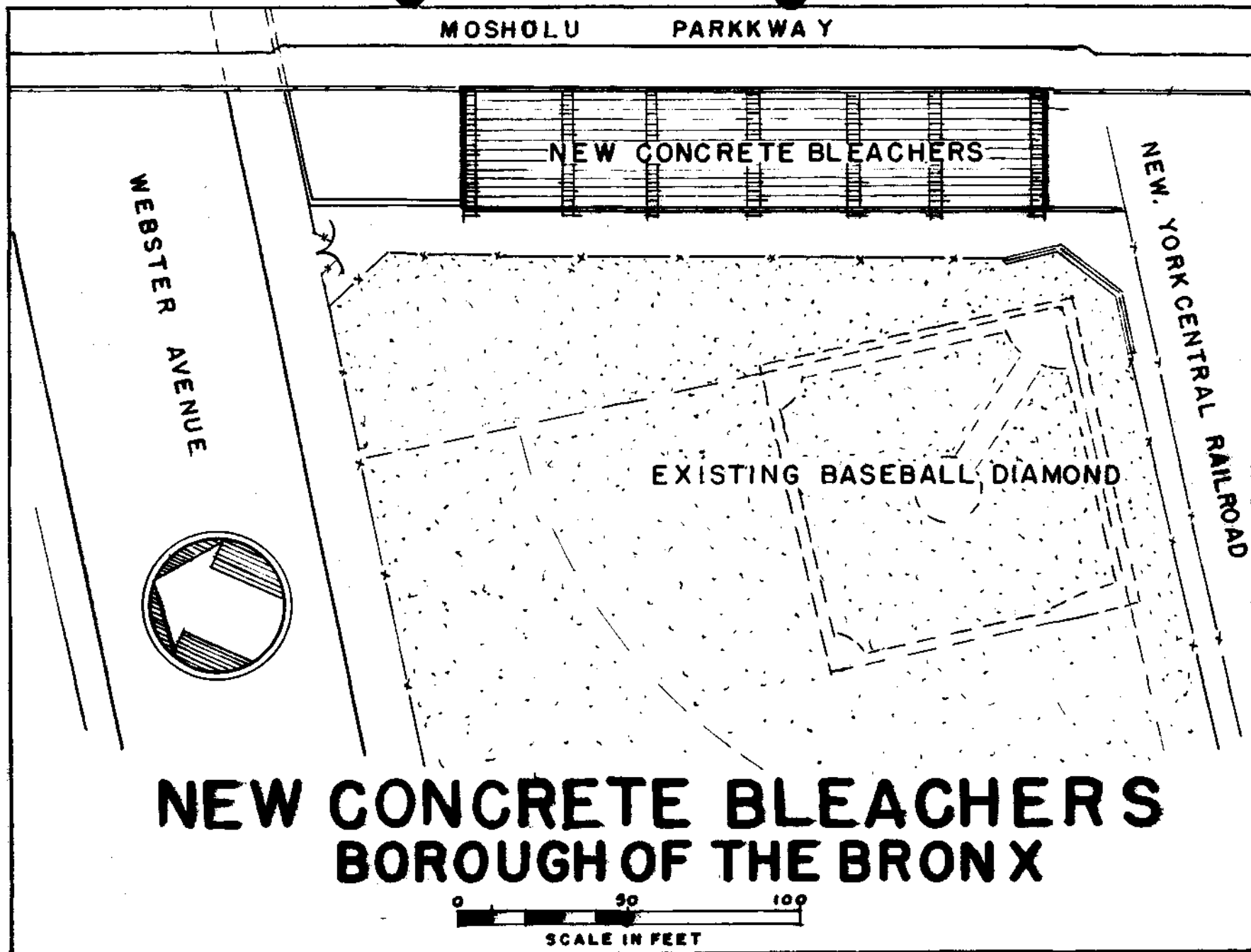
The bleachers now completed, replace inadequate wooden ones that had outlived their usefulness. Seats for twelve hundred spectators are included. The field is one of several in the Bronx that are used on permit only, and regularly scheduled games are played throughout the year.

Permits may be had at the Bronx Office, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue.

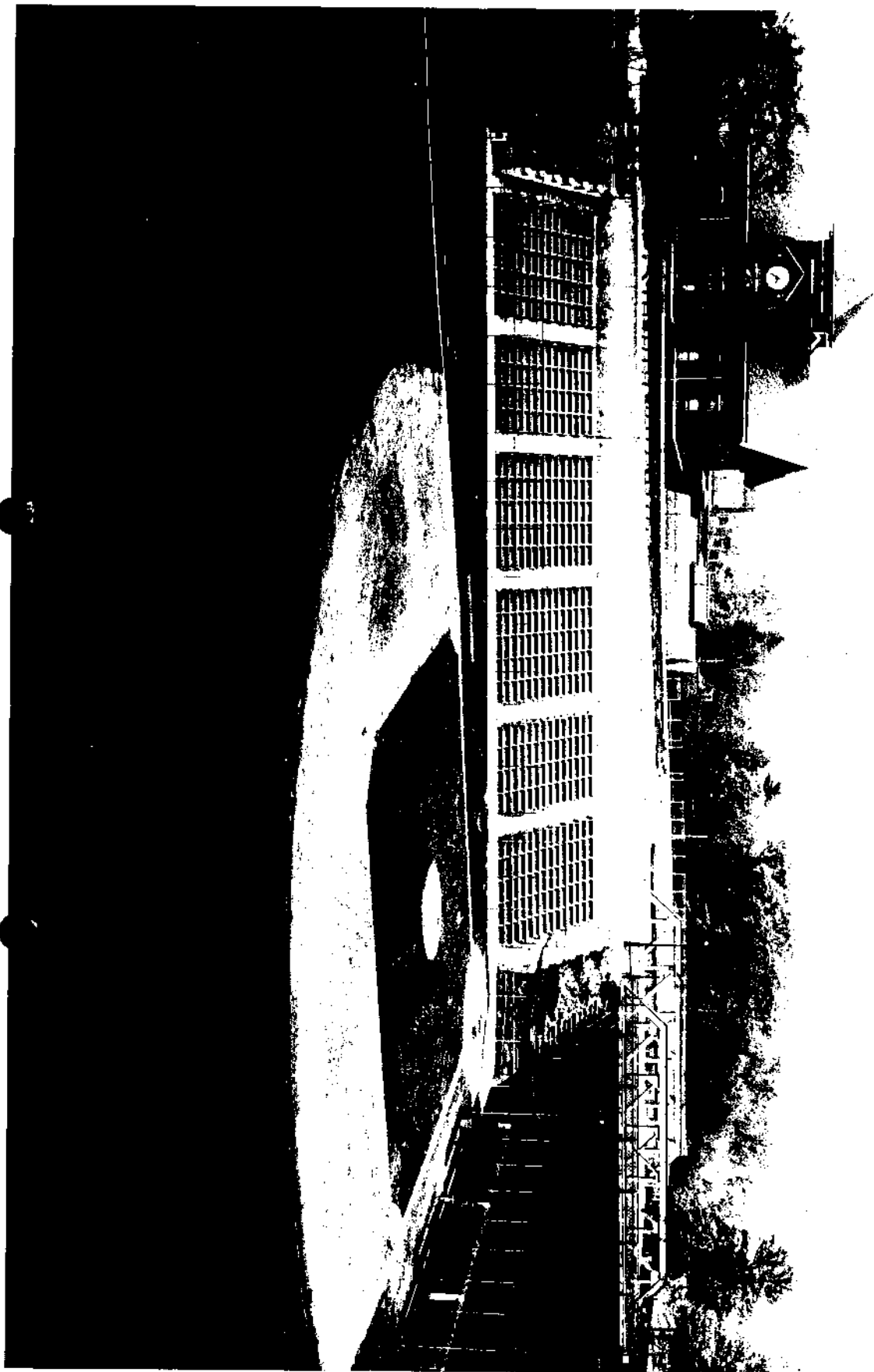
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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the ten municipal golf courses on Saturday morning, April 4, 1953, at 6 A.M. The club houses, with food facilities, locker and shower accommodations and other facilities, will be opened at the same time for the use of the public. The locations of these ten courses are as follows:

BROOKLYN: Dyker Beach Golf Course, 86 Street and Seventh Avenue.

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

Mosholu Golf Course, Jerome Avenue and Holley Land at Woodlawn.

Pelham Golf Course, Shore Road, north of Hutchinson River Parkway, Pelham Bay Park.

Split Rock Golf Course, Shore Road, north of Hutchinson River Parkway, Pelham Bay Park.

QUEENS: Clearview Golf Course, 23 Avenue and Willets Point Boulevard, Bayside.

Kissena Golf Course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road, Flushing.

Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Parkway, Forest Park.

RICHMOND: Silver Lake Golf Course, Silver Lake Park on Victory Boulevard and Park Road.

La Tourette Golf Course, Forest Hill Road and London Road.

Fees for season permits will be \$10.00. An additional

daily fee of 50¢ per round entitles the permit holder to play weekdays, and an additional charge of \$1.00 per round is made on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Permits are good at any of the 10 Courses.

For non-permit holders the daily fee from Monday through Friday will be \$1.50, and \$2.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

The Department of Parks has been experimenting with several types of grass in the nursery at Pelham Bay Park and will plant some of them this Spring. One type has been known to spread over two inches in a twenty four hour period, once it is established, and it is felt that this type of grass will be able to withstand the heavy usage of the tees on the golf courses. Another type of grass, unofficially called "divotless", and for which this Department will not make any claims, will be tried on a few tees. The seed of this grass was harvested in the Park Department Nursery.

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The Park Department announces that repaving of a section of Harlem River Driveway from Washington Bridge to Dyckman Street will start on Monday, April 6th. At that time the two northbound lanes will be closed to traffic by proper fencing and the two southbound lanes will be left open for two-way traffic. Signs will be posted to adequately direct traffic.

On completion of the repaving of the northbound lanes, these will be opened to similar two-way traffic and the southbound lanes will then be closed for repaving.

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The Park Department announces that as a part of the construction of additional access facilities on Henry Hudson Parkway near George Washington Bridge, both north and south traffic will be detoured for several hours on the night of March 25-26. The south bound lane will be closed from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M., and north bound from 2 A.M. to 6 A.M. Traffic will have adequate facilities on nearby Riverside Drive. Signs will be posted to show the exact routes of travel. It is expected that the light traffic at these hours of the night will not be impeded in any way.

The detouring is required to facilitate the placing of steel on the new viaduct connection from George Washington Bridge to the Parkway. On completion of the project, traffic will be greatly expedited.

In case of bad weather, the detouring will be postponed to the following night.

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NOT TO BE QUOTED OR RELEASED.
PRIOR TO
TUESDAY, JUNE 16th

KISSENA CORRIDOR

PLAYGROUND ★

JUNE 16, 1953

FLUSHING MEADOW
PARK

KISSENA
PARK

CUNNINGHAM
PARK

PROGRAM

Presiding

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Commissioner of Parks

Speakers

HON. HUGH QUINN

Councilman of the Borough of Queens

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GUSTAVE CHIRLIAN, *Director of Engineering*

STUART CONSTABLE, *Chief Park Designer*

Music by the New York Sanitation Department Band
Under the direction of Superintendent John Celebre

The dedication today of the Kissena Corridor Playground at 188 Street and Peck Avenue marks the mid-point in the history of the Kissena Corridor Park lands in the Borough of Queens. The park areas consist of two separate strips connecting Flushing Meadow Park and Kissena Park, and Kissena Park and Cunningham Park. The opportunity to acquire this Corridor arose through the construction in the early 1940's of a great stormwater sewer. The areas have been partially filled under the Department of Sanitation's land fill program. The basic plan of the Corridor includes play fields, walks, path system, bicycle path, planting and several playgrounds strategically located. In measuring the benefits of new recreation areas to a large neighborhood, it is interesting to note that a given number of acres stretched out in a long strip will serve many more people than a compact square area. This particular point in park design is, of course, very similar to the small bordering parks built as a part of New York's parkway system.

The playground being dedicated today will serve all age groups. The heart of this playground is the kindergarten area, its wading pool, sandpit, small apparatus and a comfort station. Adjacent is an area with apparatus for the older age children. Also included are basketball courts, handball courts, shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pitching.

The completion of the remainder of the Kissena Corridor Park is of utmost importance to the growing neighborhood in this part of Queens. Recent studies have shown in detail the importance of park developments such as Flushing Meadow Park, Grand Central Parkway and the Belt Parkway, in influencing neighborhood improvement and in increasing values of surrounding properties. The existence of even undeveloped park lands in the Corridor have had a noticeable effect on nearby building construction. The completion of Kissena Corridor must be expedited as a part of the overall neighborhood development plan.

The Park Department appreciates the cooperation of a number of City departments and of course of the City Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate.

With the addition of this playground there are now 589 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

PECK AVENUE

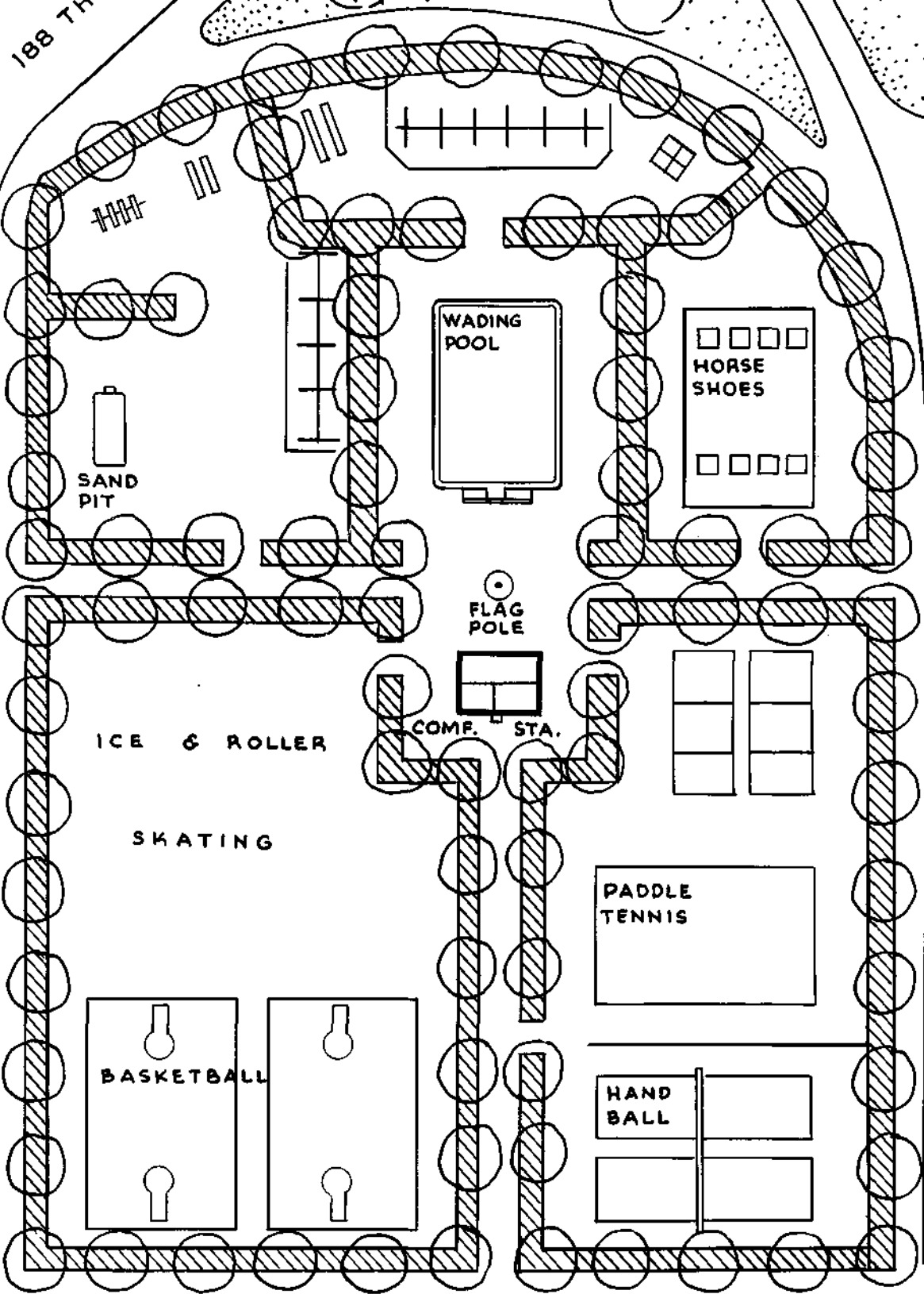
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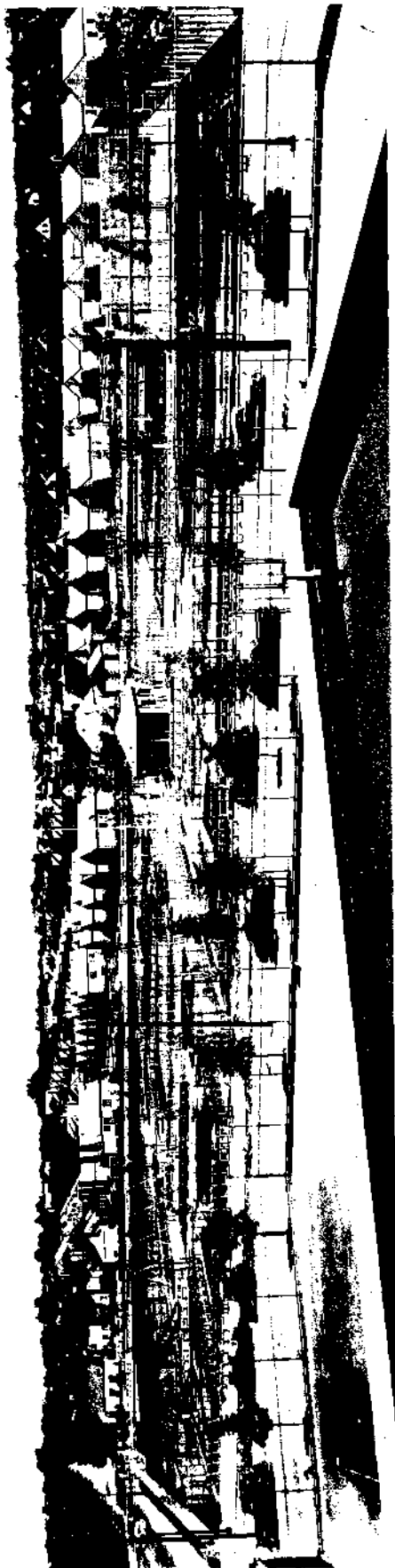
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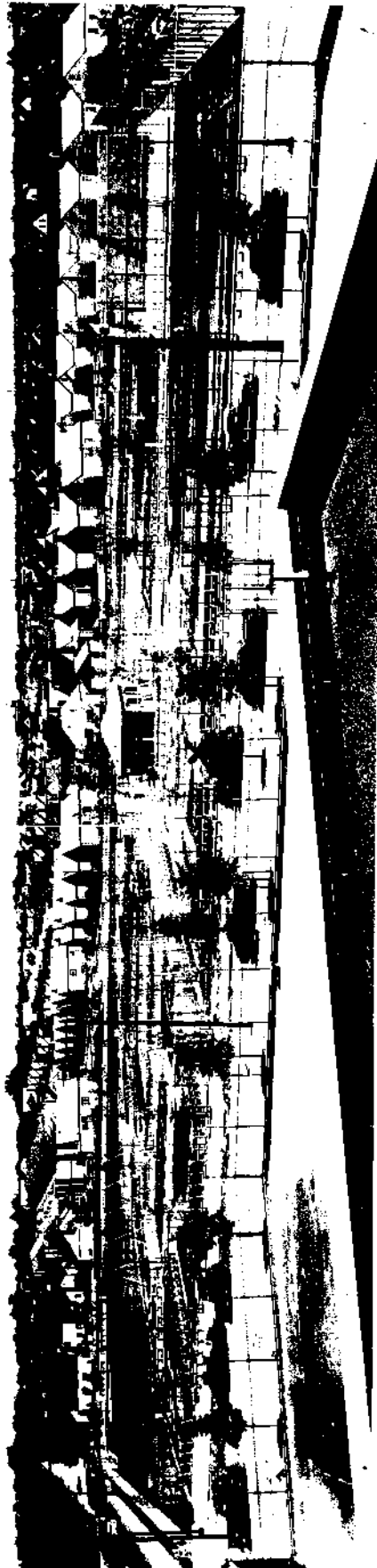
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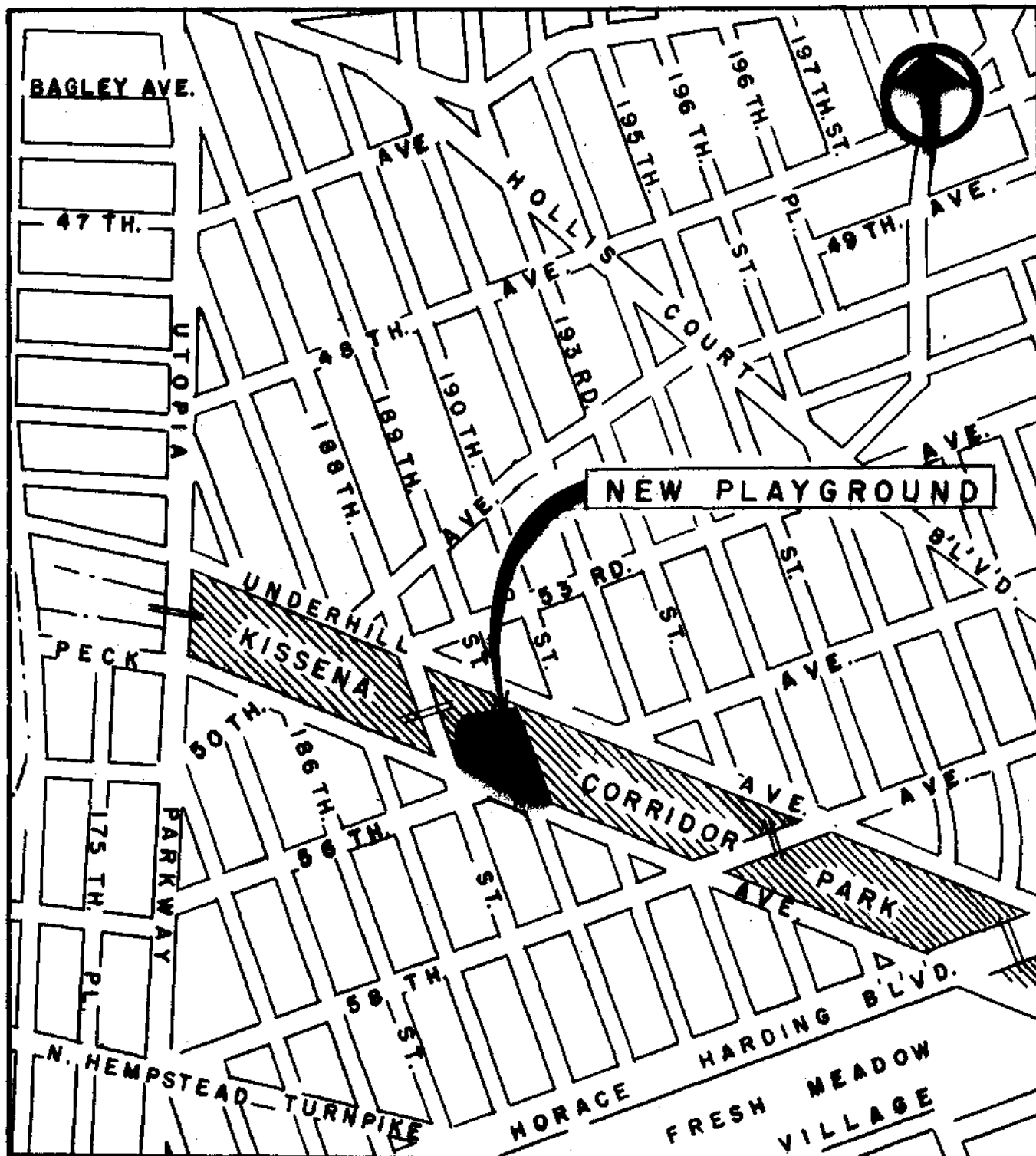
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UNDERHILL AVENUE









BOROUGH OF QUEENS

0 500 1000 2000 FT.

CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND
 BET. UNDERHILL & PECK AVENUES, EAST OF 188TH ST.
 IN KISSENA CORRIDOR PARK, BORO. OF QUEENS.
 SCALE 1"=500' 5/14/52 M. BECKE

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June 30, 1953

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority announces the opening to traffic of the reconstructed Laurelton Parkway at a cost of \$2,800,000. This is one of the projects included in the program of improvements to approaches and connections to its facilities announced by the Authority about a year ago.

Laurelton Parkway was originally constructed as a four-lane roadway by the State in 1936. Subsequently a center divider separating the roadway into two lanes in each direction was installed by the Park Department as a safety measure. As traffic increased in recent years and with the completion of three lanes in each direction on other sections of the Belt Parkway, Laurelton Parkway with only four lanes caused long, uneconomic traffic delays.

The parkway was rebuilt by constructing an entirely separate three-lane roadway for northbound traffic to the east of the existing parkway. An additional arch was built for the new roadway adjacent to each of the existing bridges at North Conduit Avenue, Francis Lewis Boulevard, Merrick Boulevard and 130th Avenue. The stone facing was matched to fit the design of the old bridge. The original parkway roadway was reconditioned, the center divider removed, and now is used for southbound traffic only.

The existing playground at 136th Avenue is being enlarged and a new recreation area is being built at 120th Avenue. These will be completed and opened to public use in the latter part of the summer.

The reconstruction of Laurelton Parkway has been coordinated with the proposed Southern State Parkway improvement which will be carried out in a similar manner, using the existing roadway for westbound traffic and constructing a new roadway with grade separations for eastbound traffic. The Southern State Parkway improvement would not have been practical if Laurelton Parkway had remained as a narrow four-lane roadway.

Mr. Guthridge



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LIBERTY POLES

The Department of Parks announces the erection of a tapered steel flag pole in City Hall Park, which replaces a wooden one erected in 1940 which was in danger of falling. This pole is 80 feet high, 14 inches in diameter at the butt, and 4 inches at the top, and is surmounted by a 6-foot by 2-foot weather vane salvaged from the former wood pole. Metal strips, 2 inches wide by 1/4 inch thick by about 8 feet long, similar to those which were placed around the early wooden poles to discourage the British from chopping them down, have been reset in the lower part of the new steel pole as a reminder of and tribute to the determination and resourcefulness of our patriotic forefathers. At the base of the pole, a circular platform contains stones from each of the thirteen original states.

There have been seven "Liberty Poles" erected in City Hall Park. The first one, celebrating the Repeal of the Stamp Act, was erected in May 1766, and is described in the historical records as a "Mast erected on the Common" inscribed to "His Majesty, Mr. Pitt, and Liberty". It was cut down by the British soldiers on August 10, 1766. The "Battle on the Common", which followed the cutting of the pole, resulted in the first bloodshed of the Revolution on August 11, 1766, although historians consider January 19, 1770, the date of the "Battle of Golden Hill", as the start of that war.

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Another wooden pole, erected on August 11, 1766, survived only six weeks. It was cut down on September 23, and was replaced by the "Sons of Liberty" on the following day. Six months later, on March 19, 1767, that pole suffered the same fate as the others, but a new one replaced it before the Red Coats could say "God Save the King". To prevent further cutting, this one was encased below with iron strips higher than a man. However, after several attempts, the British succeeded in eliminating that one, also, on January 17, 1770, and two days later hostility between the British soldiers and the citizens erupted in the "Battle of Golden Hill". Another wooden Liberty Pole was erected on February 6, 1770 near the spot where the first one stood, and it remained there until October 28, 1776, when it was removed by the British after their capture of the city.

On Flag Day, June 14, 1921, the sixth wooden pole was erected by the Sons of the Revolution and the New York Historical Society. It was blown down in 1940 and was replaced in the same year, but it too succumbed to the elements, having rotted so deeply that it had to be removed late in 1952.

A granite tablet, bearing the following inscription, was placed near the pole in 1921 through the generosity of the historical and patriotic societies who paid for the sixth pole:

HERE IN THE ANCIENT COMMONS OF THE CITY
WHERE BEFORE THE TIME OF OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
FIVE LIBERTY POLES WERE SUCCESSIVELY SET UP
THIS FLAGPOLE OF 1921 IS PLACED
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF ALL LOVERS OF OUR COUNTRY
WHO HAVE DIED THAT THE LIBERTY WON ON THESE SHORES
MIGHT BE THE HERITAGE OF THE WORLD

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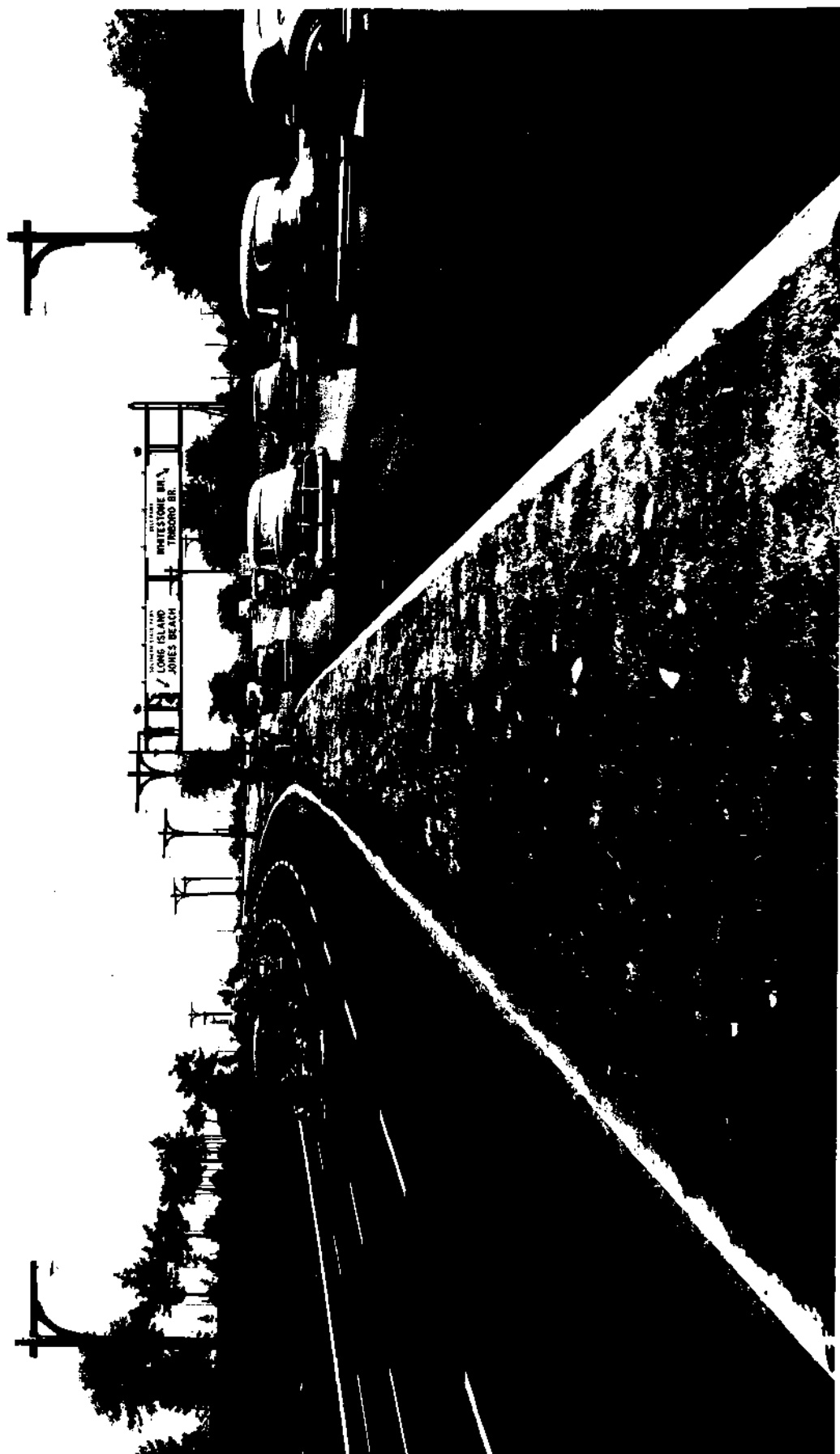
It is appropriate that the eighth Liberty Pole be re-dedicated to the "Sons of Liberty" on the 300th Anniversary of the founding of our city, where the first American blood was shed in the fight against dictatorship. The convictions and spirit of the early citizens have encouraged freedom-loving peoples throughout the world in their fight against tyranny, and the "Stars and Stripes" has become their inspiration.

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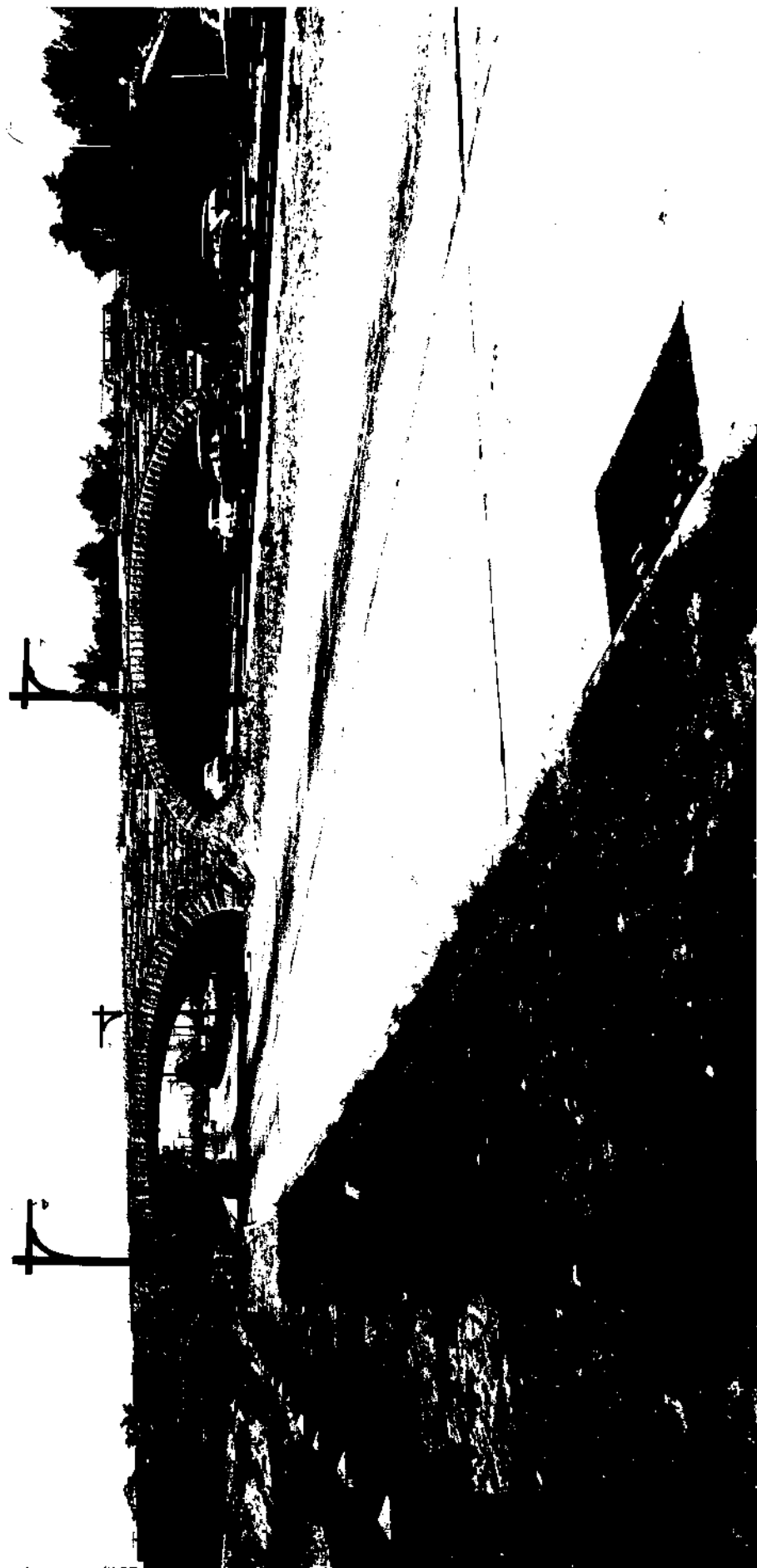


27747 - Reconstructed Laurelton Parkway looking South. Original roadway
on right - new northbound roadway on left

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27746 - Reconstructed Laurelton Parkway looking North at intersection with
Southern Parkway and Cross Island Parkway



27745 - Laurelton Parkway - 130th Avenue Bridge looking South. New bridge
and northbound roadway on left. Former grade separation bridge
and original roadway on right

MR. GUTHRIE



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Marionette Circus Featuring Rare Animal Acts and Extraordinarily Strange Performers to Tour New York City's Parks and Playgrounds, Beginning Monday, June 15.

What the Department of Parks Marionette Circus lacks in size is compensated for by rib-tickling nonsense which has universal appeal for children of all ages. Stellar attractions in the circus include the only aluminum armored rhinoceros in captivity, and elephant with a magic trunk, and Salami the Beautiful, the Wonderful who, sawed in half, performs her dance in two parts.

Always a sensation are the snake charmer, a seal that swallows fish, the bareback rider and her horse, and the lion and wolf who frolic in the same cage with tender little lambs. Acrobats, clowns, and a gaily uniformed marionette band round out the entertaining, hour-long performance.

This season's schedule of 88 outdoor performances will be given at 72 parks and playgrounds in the five boroughs of New York City, according to the following schedule:

Brooklyn - Monday, June 15 through Friday, July 3

Richmond - Monday, July 6 through Tuesday, July 14

Queens - Wednesday, July 15 through Monday, August 3

Bronx - Tuesday, August 4 through Friday, August 21

Manhattan - Monday, August 24 through Friday, September 11

Admission is free at all performances for children and adults.

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The complete schedule of performances in Brooklyn is listed below. Information regarding shows in other boroughs may be secured from Department of Parks borough offices.

Brooklyn Schedule

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|--------|---------|-------------------------|--|
| Mon. | June 15 | 3:30 P.M. | Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and East New York Avenues |
| Tues. | June 16 | 3:30 P.M. | Sunset Playground, 44th Street and Sixth Avenue |
| Wed. | June 17 | 3:30 P.M. | New Lots Playground, Sackman Street and Riverdale Avenue |
| Thurs. | June 18 | 3:30 P.M. | Playground at Howard, Pacific, and Dean Streets |
| Fri. | June 19 | 3:30 P.M. | Marcy Houses Playground, Marcy and Nostrand Avenues |
| Sat. | June 20 | 11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M. | Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street |
| Mon. | June 22 | 3:30 P.M. | Bushwich Park, Knickerbocker Avenue and Starr Street |
| Tues. | June 23 | 3:30 P.M. | Bushwich Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Aves. |
| Wed. | June 24 | 3:30 P.M. | Glenwood Houses Playground, Central Mall, Ralph Avenue and Farragut Road |
| Thurs. | June 25 | 3:30 P.M. | McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street |
| Fri. | June 26 | 3:30 P.M. | Gravesend Playground, 56th Street and 18th Avenue |
| Mon. | June 29 | 3:30 P.M. | Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Avenue P |
| Tues. | June 30 | 3:30 P.M. | Red Hook Playground, Stadium, Bay and Columbia Sts. |
| Wed. | July 1 | 2:30 P.M. | Neptune Playground, West 28th St. and Neptune Avenue |
| Thurs. | July 2 | 2:30 P.M. | Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street |
| Fri. | July 3 | 2:30 P.M. | Gerrittsen Playground, Gerrittsen Avenue and Avenue X |

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The 12th season of outdoor Name Band Dances in the parks, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks, will begin on Thursday evening, June 18, at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. Fifty-four dances held at 8:30 P.M. each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, are on the 1953 schedule. The series will continue through Thursday, September 3.

It is to be noted that this summer marks the initial appearance of the borough of Richmond on the Name Band Dance schedule. Cromwell Recreation Center in Tompkinsville is to be the scene of four dances, two in July, and two in August.

Among the popular Name Bands scheduled to play early in the season are Jerry Wald, Freddy Shaffer, Neal Hefti, Sy Oliver and Johnny Long.

The dances are scheduled as follows:

MANHATTAN.....WOLLMAN MEMORIAL, CENTRAL PARK, 64th STREET,
WEST OF FIFTH AVENUE
THURSDAYS, JUNE 18 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

MALL, CENTRAL PARK, 72nd STREET AND CENTER DRIVE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

COLONIAL PARK, 146th STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE
MONDAYS, JUNE 29, JULY 13, AUGUST 3, 17, and 24

BROOKLYN.....PROSPECT PARK DANCE AREA, PROSPECT PARK WEST AND
11th STREET
FRIDAYS, JUNE 19 THROUGH AUGUST 28

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BRONX.....POE PARK, 192nd STREET AND GRAND CONCOURSE
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 24 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2

QUEENS.....VICTORY FIELD, WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD AND MYRTLE AVENUE
TUESDAYS, JUNE 23, JULY 7 AND 21, AUGUST 4 AND 18,
SEPTEMBER 1

JACKSON HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND, 84th STREET AND 25th
AVENUE
TUESDAYS, JUNE 30, JULY 14, AND 28, AUGUST 11 and 25

RICHMOND.....CROMWELL RECREATION CENTER, MURRAY HULEBURT AVENUE
AND HANNAH STREETS, TOMPKINSVILLE
JULY 8 and 22, AUGUST 5 AND 19

Jerry Wald, the young clarinet sensation will bring his famous band to the Wollman Memorial for the opening dance on June 18 and will make a second appearance on June 19 to open the season at Prospect Park.

Freddy Shaffer and his popular all girl orchestra will appear at Victory Field on Tuesday, June 23 and will also play for the Friday, June 26 dance at Prospect Park.

Neal Hefti of radio and television fame will entertain on June 24 at Poe Park and on June 25 at the Wollman Memorial.

There is no admission fee charged for any of these dances. The Department of Parks and the Consolidated Edison Company cordially invite all those who wish to dance or listen to the music to attend all of this season's dances.

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Mr. Guttridge

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The second week of outdoor Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks features a wide and exciting variety of dance rhythms by some of America's finest bands.

Sy Oliver, creator of the famous "two beat" style will bring his band to Colonial Park, Manhattan on Monday evening, June 29.

Johnny Long and his all-star group of musicians and entertainers will be featured at the Jackson Heights Playground, Queens on Tuesday, June 30.

On Wednesday, July 1st the Name Band Dances open the 1953 season at Poe Park in the Bronx as Gene Williams and his Band of Tomorrow makes their initial appearance on the Name Band schedule.

The popular Billy May, one of Capitol Records' top recording artists will wield the baton on Thursday, July 2 at the Wollman Memorial, in Central Park, and on Friday, July 3, Boyd Raeburn and his band presents the newest music in America at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Brooklyn.

There is no charge for admission to any of these dances. They are contributed by the Consolidated Edison Company as a public service and conducted by the Department of Parks as part of the summer recreational program.



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MUSIC IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 29

8:30 P.M.

- Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Sy Oliver and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

Tuesday, June 30

8:30 P.M.

- Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny Long and his orchestra

Wednesday, July 1

8:30 P.M.

- Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Gene Williams and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

Thursday, July 2

8:30 P.M.

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park 64th Street West of Fifth Avenue - Name Band sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Billy May and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

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Friday, July 3
8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Boyd Raeburn and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

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

Saturday, July 4
8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park, Naumburg Independence Day Concert - Naumburg orchestra

Sunday, July 5
8:30 P.M.

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



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Monday, June 15, and Tuesday, June 16

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MEMORANDUM TO EDITORS

The Park Department will open two playgrounds on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

On June 15, 1953, the Osborn Memorial Playground at Fifth Avenue and 85th Street will be opened at 3:30 P. M. with Mayor Impellitteri, Roland L. Redmond, President of the Metropolitan Museum and Co-Chairman of the William Church Osborn Memorial Committee, and Commissioner Moses as speakers.

On June 16, 1953, the Kissena Corridor Playground at 188th Street and Peck Avenue in Queens will be opened at 3:00 P. M. with Mayor Impellitteri, Councilman Hugh Quinn, and Commissioner Moses as speakers.

Departmental press releases on each opening will be delivered to your desk on Friday afternoon.

Wednesday, June 10, 1953.

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PRIOR TO
MONDAY, JUNE 15th

OSBORN MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND

MEMORIAL GATES

AYMAR EMBURY II, *Architect* PAUL MANSHIP, *Sculptor*



PROGRAM

Presiding

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Commissioner of Parks

Presentation of Memorial Gates

MR. ROLAND L. REDMOND

Co-Chairman, William Church Osborn Memorial Committee

Acceptance of Memorial Gates

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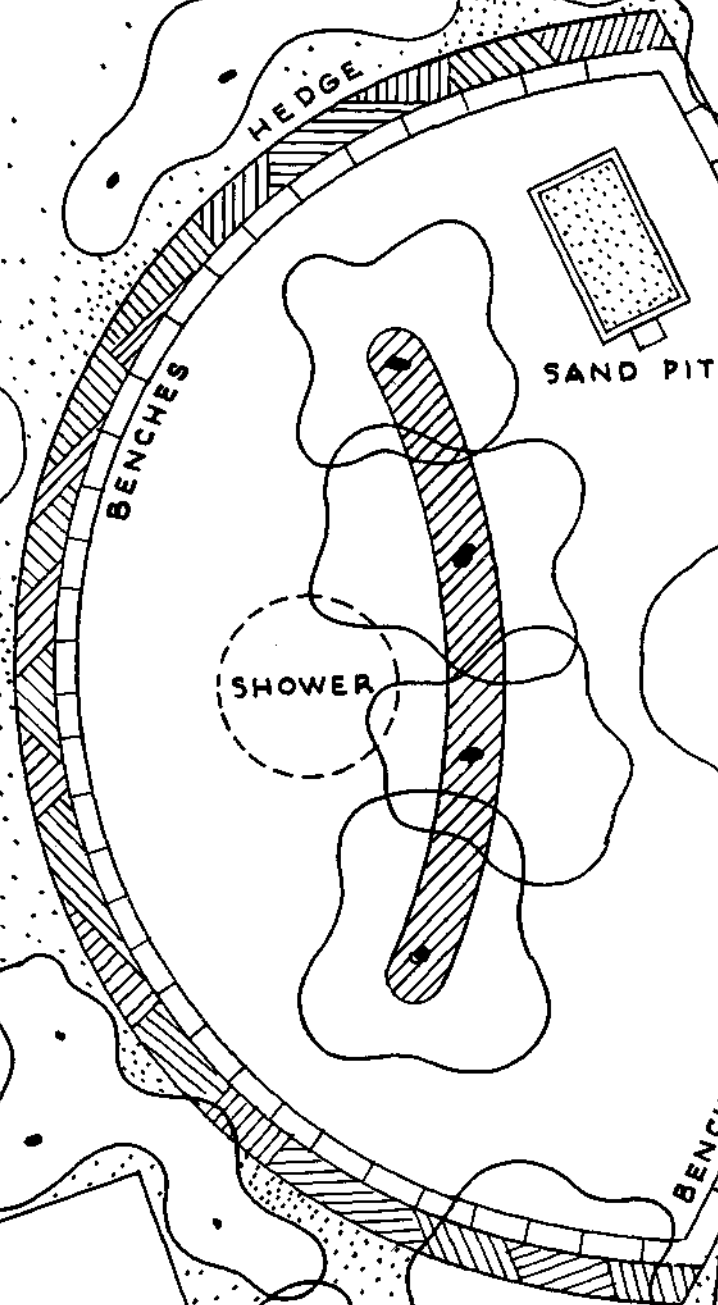
STUART CONSTABLE, *Chief Park Designer*

In November 1951, the William Church Osborn Memorial Committee was formed to honor the memory of one of New York's leading civic benefactors. Mr. Osborn, who died on January 3, 1951, at the age of 88, had a deep interest in the humanities. He was not only President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but also President of the Children's Aid Society and the New York Society For The Relief of The Ruptured and Crippled. Few citizens have had broader interests. The New York Times wrote, "He brought vitality, intelligence and a deep sense of humanity to every civic task he undertook." The New York Herald Tribune wrote, "With a constantly active sense of his responsibility to his fellows, with interest in almost every field of human welfare, William Church Osborn was an exemplar of the good citizen and the good life."

With the funds it raised, the Committee considered as a most appropriate memorial to Mr. Osborn, a playground adjacent to the great Metropolitan Museum. We honor him today in opening this children's playground. At the entrance of the playground just off the 85th Street Transverse Road, Aymar Embury II, Architect, and Paulanship, Sculptor, have collaborated to produce a magnificent set of memorial gates. Mr. Manship's playful design illustrates the stories of the Proud Peacock and the Crane; the City Mouse and the Country Mouse; the Lion and the Wolf; the Fox and the Crow and the Hare and the Tortoise.

The playground itself is a one-half acre semi-circular paved area with sandpit, shower basin and many benches shaded by trees, and will be maintained and operated by the Department of Parks. We are happy to do our part in establishing so fitting a memorial to William Church Osborn.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 588 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

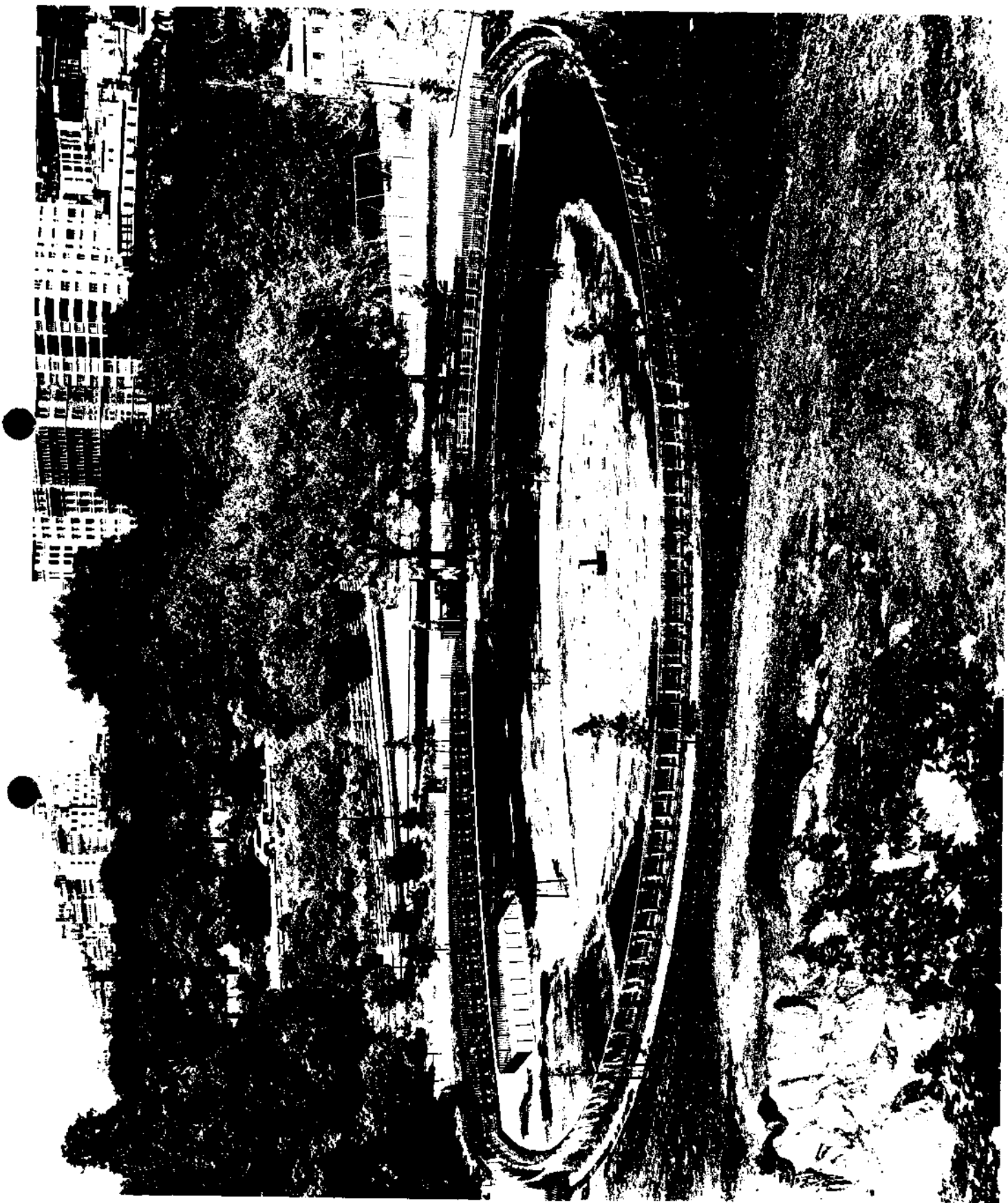


MEMORIAL
GATES

86TH STREET TRANSVERSE ROAD

SERVICE ROAD TO METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

CENTRAL PARK
CITY OF NEW YORK BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN





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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1953

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The 1953 edition of the Department of Parks brochure, Recreational Facilities for New Yorkers, is now available for distribution. The brochure lists the principal recreation facilities in the New York City parks and playgrounds, with addresses, and includes the following: Archery Ranges, Baseball Diamonds, Bathing Beaches, Bicycle Paths, Boat Basins, Boating, Boccie Courts, Botanical Gardens, Bowling Greens, Bridle Paths, Carousels, Children's Gardens, Coasting Areas, Cricket Fields, Cross Country Courses, Fishing Areas, Football Fields, Golf Courses, Gymnasias, Historical Points, Hockey Fields, Ice Skating Areas, Kite Flying Areas, Model Airplane Fields, Model Yacht Ponds, Museums, Music Groves, Picnic Areas, Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Stadia, Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, and Zoos.

The brochure gives information regarding bathing beaches, showing the length of each beach and the rental charges for lockers, dressing rooms, bathing suits, and towels; boat basins and fees charged; number of boats on park lakes and fees charged for their use; lengths of bridle paths in the parks; golf courses, showing par and yardage for each of the 10 municipal courses and the cost of permits. There is also information regarding the Wollman Memorial and Flushing Meadow skating rinks, giving hours of operation and other pertinent facts, and the location of picnic areas, giving numbers of tables, benches, and fireplaces that are available at each location.

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Another section lists the 27 indoor and outdoor swimming pools operated by the Department of Parks, giving the size of the pools, hours of operation, admission fees, and the time of free periods for children.

The brochure gives statistical information about additional facilities in the parks and playgrounds which includes 519 basketball, 29 croquet, 1300 handball, 379 horseshoe pitching, 429 paddle tennis, 658 shuffleboard, and 235 volleyball courts; 584 playgrounds, 110 roller skating areas, 331 sand pits, 139 tennis tables, and 224 wading pools; also, some of the most popular equipment in the playgrounds: 115 horizontal and 98 parallel bars, 65 horizontal ladders, 367 jungle gyms, 2364 see-saws, 1207 slides, and 5178 small and 3304 large swings.

Copies of the brochure may be secured by sending a 4" by 9 1/4" self-addressed, stamped, envelope to Brochure, Department of Parks, 64th Street and 5th Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

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With summer just around the corner, New Yorkers are thumbing through colorful travel and resort folders and planning how and where to spend their vacations. Few people, however, can get away from the city for more than a short time. Yet there are many more weeks in a summer for New Yorkers to enjoy than those spent out-of-town.

The Department of Parks has numerous suggestions as to how these weeks can be filled with worthwhile fun and recreation not only for those who can't get away but also for those who want to get the most out of their vacations by getting pre-vacation practice in the activities planned for their holiday and who, on returning to the city, desire continued participation in the recreational pursuits that made their vacations so much fun.

Popular summer activities in the parks as well as at summer resorts are golf, tennis, handball, swimming at beaches and pools, dancing, fishing, boating, archery, paddle tennis, ping pong, horseback riding, shuffleboard, croquet, and horseshoe pitching. The Department of Parks has a great many facilities for these activities available in the five boroughs for people of all ages.

Family beach outings, if planned for a different park beach each weekend, will lend variety to summer vacationing in the city. Parents of young children who might be fretful on the beaches, have a choice of 21 park picnic areas where mothers may relax under

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shade trees while the menfolks try their hand at outdoor cooking. Fireplaces, benches, and tables are provided at most of these locations.

Special fun for children may include sailing model boats on park lakes, rides on the carousels and pony tracks, fishing on park lakes, seeing a marionette show, or learning to swim during the Learn-to-Swim Campaign at the 17 park pools during July and August.

Older boys and girls can arrange group outings to hundreds of interesting park recreational facilities and special events. Many of these can be reached by the 56 miles of park bicycle paths.

New York's older citizen too, can while away the summer days and evenings in the parks. Chess and checker fans can find interesting impromptu competition at the new chess and checker house in Central Park. Lawn bowling, dancing, boccie, croquet, shuffleboard, and horseshoe pitching facilities provide more active types of recreation. Many old-timers have been enjoying concerts in the parks for the past 35 years.

If sight-seeing is a vacation must, the parks have many points of interest to visit - historical parks, mansions, etc., museums, botanical gardens, and zoos.

Beginning June 1 a series of sponsored competitive contests and tournaments will be conducted by the Department of Parks. These include marble shooting, softball, swimming, fishing, the Junior Olympics, golf, tennis, barber shop quartet singing, social dancing, handball, and horseshoe pitching, the last six being open to adults as well as young people.

Summer fun for New Yorkers need not end with their vacations. More detailed information regarding any or all of these

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park recreation facilities and events may be secured by sending a 4 x 9½" stamped, self-addressed envelope to Brochure, Department of Parks, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

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Department of
Social Welfare
60th St.
New York 19

May 20, 1953

NOTE TO EDITORS:

On release dated FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1953, on
bathing and swimming season, please note that on page 3,
paragraph 2, the charge of 50¢ at Jacob Riis Park pitch putt
golf course is in error and should be 75¢.



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FRIDAY - MAY 22, 1953

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The Department of Parks announces that the bathing and swimming season at the 16.2 miles of municipally operated beach will open May 23, and seventeen outdoor swimming pools will officially open on Decoration Day - May 30th.

The swimming pools are located as follows:

MANHATTAN

Hamilton Fish Pool
Colonial Pool
Highbridge Pool
Thomas Jefferson Pool
23rd Street Pool
Carmine Street Pool
60th Street Pool

John Jay Pool

East Houston and Pitt Street
Bradhurst Avenue, West 145th to 147th Sts.
Amsterdam Avenue and 173rd Street
111th to 114th Streets and First Avenue
23rd Street and East River Drive
Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue
59th Street between Amsterdam and 11th Avenues
78th Street and East River Drive

BROOKLYN

Sunset Pool
McCarren Pool
Red Hook Pool
Betsy Head Pool

Seventh Avenue and 43rd Street
Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

BRONX

Crotona Pool

173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

QUEENS

Astoria Pool
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre

19th Street and 23rd Drive
Flushing Meadow Park

RICHMOND

Faber Pool
Tompkinsville Pool

Richmond Terrace at Faber Street
Victory Boulevard between Bay Street
and Murray Hulbert Avenue

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From May 30th to June 14th, the pools will be opened for weekends only, and from June 20th, until the end of the season, they will be open daily with the following operating schedule:

On weekdays and Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a free period for children 14 years of age and under, during which hours no adults will be admitted to the pool area.

After 1:00 p.m. on weekdays, Saturdays, and all day on Sundays and holidays, there will be a 10¢ charge for children 14 years of age and under, and a 25¢ charge for older children and adults.

Groups in swimming and diving contests and water shows will be organized at all pools. Classes in life saving and first-aid will also be included in the Aquatic Program, in addition to the yearly "Learn to Swim" campaign which will be held during July and August.

Orchard Beach, located in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx; Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens; Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn; and South Beach, Great Kills Park and Wolfe's Pond Park on Staten Island will also open for bathers on May 23rd. Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park, Great Kills and Orchard Beach will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until the end of the season.

At Great Kills Park, there is a total of 6,600 lockers and a parking space for 2,000 cars has been provided. At Orchard Beach, there is a total of 9,145 lockers for bathhouse patrons and parking space is provided for 7,500 cars. At Jacob Riis Park, the bathhouse accommodates 11,400 people and the parking space is provided for 14,000 cars. Wolfe's Pond Park has parking space for 1600 cars.

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Parking at these four beaches will be 25¢ per car, and with the exception of Wolfe's Pond Park which has no bathhouse facilities, bathhouse fees are 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers. Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational areas at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach, providing shuffleboard, paddle tennis and handball are available to the public at 10¢ per person per half hour.

At Jacob Riis, there is also an eighteen hole pitch putt golf course at which a charge of 50¢ is made for each round of golf, which includes clubs. A 50¢ deposit is required on each ball. The pitch putt golf course will operate on a full time basis starting May 23rd.

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

At the Rockaways, seven parking fields are available, at Beach 32nd Street, Beach 52nd Street, Beach 59th Street, Beach 62nd Street, Beach 64th Street, Beach 68th Street and Beach 69th Street, to take care of the many visitors who will come to use the beach during the coming summer. These parking fields will accommodate 1,940 cars and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, at a fee of 25¢ per car.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground at 7th Avenue between 127th and 129th Streets as a part of the St. Nicholas Housing Project in Manhattan.

The St. Nicholas Houses bounded by 127th Street, 131st Street, 8th Avenue and 7th Avenue, is a federally aided project being built by the New York City Housing Authority. In accordance with long established cooperation between the Housing Authority and the Park Department, city playground areas are always included in a City Housing Project, except in cases immediately adjacent to adequate recreational facilities. In the St. Nicholas Houses there are actually two city playgrounds, one now being opened and one to be opened in the future.

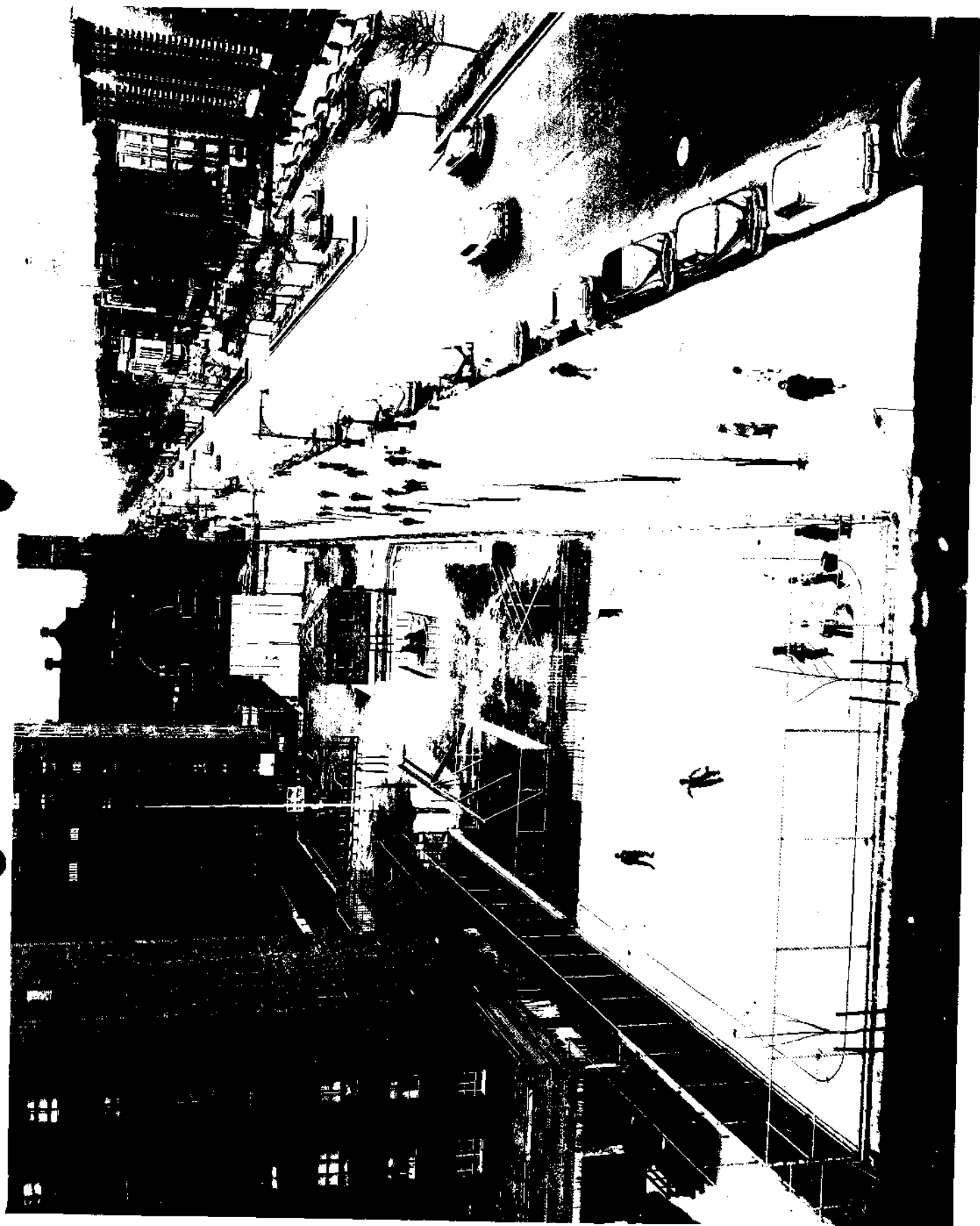
The present playground consists of all age group recreational facilities including wading pool, comfort station, sand pit, apparatus, basketball, paddle tennis, handball and shuffle board courts.

This three-quarter acre playground will serve both the housing project with its many open areas and primarily the surrounding neighborhood which is intensely built up.

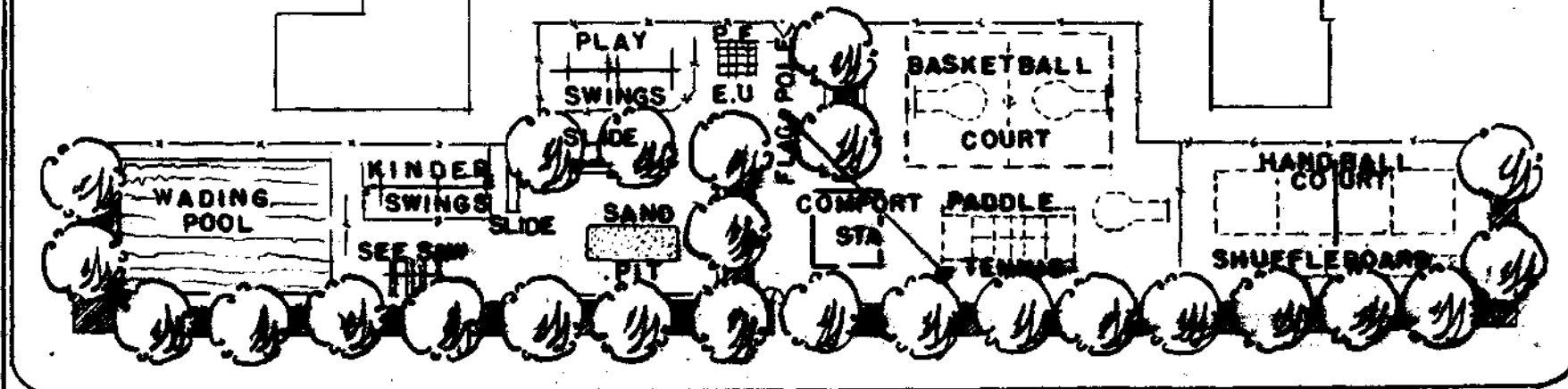
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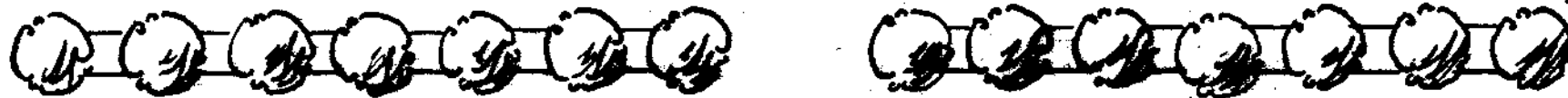
ST. NICHOLAS HOUSES



W. 127 ST

SEVENTH AVENUE

W. 129 ST



NEW PLAYGROUND
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 495 Tennis Courts at various locations in the five boroughs on Saturday, April 11, 1953.

Season permits cost \$5.00 and are good for play every day including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This is the only class of permit that is issued and it is good for use on all the Park Department tennis courts.

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

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S
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March 15, 1953

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Now is the time of the year when the Park Department is asking for trouble. The tree surgeons have been busy caring for our millions of trees throughout the City. Our maintenance people are getting ready for the rush of summer. Before long the pools will be filled, beaches will be opened, parkways crowded, the playgrounds in full swing, enough to keep our limited forces with its limited budget busy with no extra work added on. But there is one thing that we in New York are a little bit foolish about. Parks are wonderful. We go to them and we enjoy them, but there is nothing like a street tree outside your window. The trouble we are asking for is that you people plant as many thousands as you can. We will cheerfully maintain, care for and worry about them after you have them in the ground. It does not cost much to plant one, roughly about \$75. But once it is in the ground and with just a little luck your \$75 buys at least fifty years of beauty. The Park Department must come into the picture at the start to insure proper spacing, planting conditions, the right tree and simply because it is responsible for the tree's future life. It is, of course, pretty evident that we cannot do the whole job and besides there is something to say for your right to say that "that is my tree". The procedure for getting a tree is very simple. Below is a list of addresses where you may apply for a permit and for information regarding reputable

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firms that will do the work. In effect, practically all you do is pay the money. The tree is guaranteed for a year by the planter and will be cared for forever by the Department. Besides individual tree plantings, in many neighborhoods local groups have been formed for continuous planting of trees along the streets. In other neighborhoods civic and business organizations have taken this responsibility. For instance, the Avenue of the Americas Association and groups along other avenues and streets have made these arrangements. Not all trees will grow in New York, but there is a small group that experience has shown will stand the rigors of the city. These are pin oak, red oak, scarlet oak, American elm, European elm, sweet gum, European ash, linden, Norway maple, honey locust, Oriental plane, tulip and ginkgo. We urge that all citizens interested in the welfare of the city carefully consider these facts.

The street tree is worth every effort that you put into it.

- MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building
64th Street & 5th Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.
- BRONX - Bronx Park E. at Birchall Ave.
New York 60, N. Y.
- BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion
Prospect Park
Brooklyn 15, N. Y.
- QUEENS - The Overlook
Forest Park
Kew Gardens 15, N. Y.
- RICHMOND - Field House - Clove Lakes Park
Victory Blvd. & Clove Road
St. George
Staten Island 1, N. Y.



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The Park Department has, for many years, advocated the planting of street trees, and for information regarding types of trees and reliable contractors is always available. This spring many individuals and organizations planted trees throughout the City. Trees planted this spring need particular care during the dry summer months to come. At least twice a week, three pails of water applied at sunset are sufficient for the average young tree.

Once a week, in order to assure deep penetration of the water, the surface soil at the base of the tree should be loosened with a hoe or rake to prevent hard packing over the roots.

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*Original file
(Mr. Sherry)*

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF CITY CONSTRUCTION CO-ORDINATOR
Randall's Island
New York 35, N. Y.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Albany 1, N. Y.

June 12, 1953

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Robert Moses, City Construction Co-Ordinator, and Bertram D. Tallamy, Superintendent of Public Works, announce the opening to traffic of the westbound connection between Van Wyck Expressway and Queens Boulevard on Monday, June 15, 1953.

The opening of this connection marks the completion of construction of Van Wyck Expressway at Queens Boulevard, where two bridges carry Queens Boulevard over the Expressway and Main Street.

The Main Street bridge provides for Queens Boulevard traffic and in addition special bus lanes and platforms connecting with the Independent Subway.

Paving is now under way on Van Wyck Expressway Extension between Queens Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway and this important connection will be opened to traffic on August 15, 1953.

The construction of Van Wyck Expressway Extension through the Kew Gardens Interchange has been unusually difficult

because of the requirement that traffic be maintained at all times through the area. Temporary bridges and detours have been utilized throughout the entire construction period. All structures have now been completed and there remain to be completed only the pavement and the landscaping.

Van Wyck Expressway Extension has been constructed under the supervision of the State Department of Public Works and has been paid for by the State with Federal Highway Aid. The cost of the land has been defrayed by the City and the State. Upon completion the pavements will be maintained by the office of the Borough President of Queens and the landscaped areas by the Park Department.

ROBERT MOSES
City Construction Co-Ordinator

BERTRAM D. TALLAMY
Superintendent
State Department of Public Works



Connection between Van Wyck Expressway and Grand Central Parkway at
Kew Gardens Traffic Interchange

1. Van Wyck Expressway. 2. Queens Boulevard. 3. Main Street.
4. Westbound connection between Van Wyck Expressway and Queens Boulevard. 5. Queens Borough Hall. 6. Interboro Parkway.
7. Grand Central Parkway. 8. Union Turnpike.

● Note: Numbers can be removed. ●



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1953

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WARD'S ISLAND

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The Park Department announces that an agreement has been reached with the State of New York regarding the schedule of release of lands for park purposes on Ward's Island, East River. The schedule is shown on the attached map.

Ward's Island had been the seat of the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane for over seventy years when in 1930 its conversion from an institution to a park for the crowded upper Manhattan East Side, with a bridge from 103rd Street, was suggested by the Metropolitan Conference of Parks. The hospital buildings were old and dangerous, and fire had destroyed some of them. The New York Connecting Railroad Bridge had been built over Randall's and Ward's Islands. Land on Ward's had also been turned over for a sewage disposal plant and rights of way for the Triborough Bridge had been provided. Legislation authorizing the removal of old dilapidated State hospital buildings, the gradual relocation of the inmates and the return of both Randall's and Ward's Islands to the City for park purposes was enacted in 1932, and signed by Governor Herbert Lehman on the strong recommendation of the Park Association of New York City.

This original legislation contemplated the transfer of all of Ward's Island to the City in 1943, but the need of

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continuing at least part of the hospital in new buildings at an accessible location made it necessary further to amend the law to permit the State to retain part of the Island and to delay the date of transfer of the remainder to the City. The State is proceeding with plans for the construction of modern new institutional buildings in the northwesterly portion of the Island. Under the agreement just concluded with Governor Thomas E. Dewey's representatives, all of the remainder will have been conveyed to the City by 1959. Thirty-eight acres were turned over to the City Park Department in 1938, making it possible to tear down Civil War dormitories and carry out initial limited development of the southerly tip of the Island with W. P. A. forces. Subsequently, in 1950, an additional seventeen acres were transferred. Construction in 1950 by the Park Department had two purposes, first to rehabilitate the areas originally constructed by the W. P. A., and second, to provide additional facilities such as lighting, benches, landscaping, and active play space.

Ward's Island Pedestrian Bridge was promised by the Triborough Bridge Authority when it was reorganized in 1934. The new members of the Authority agreed to build the structure when funds became available in return for the City's cooperation in furnishing rights of way and approaches to the Triborough Bridge itself. Ground was broken for the Pedestrian Bridge on October 14, 1949, and it was opened on May 18, 1951. The cost of the bridge, \$2,100,000, was paid entirely by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

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The development of that section of Ward's Island already under jurisdiction of the Park Department includes a picnic area, a playground, a comfort station, a concession building, three baseball fields and three softball fields, and a waterfront promenade.

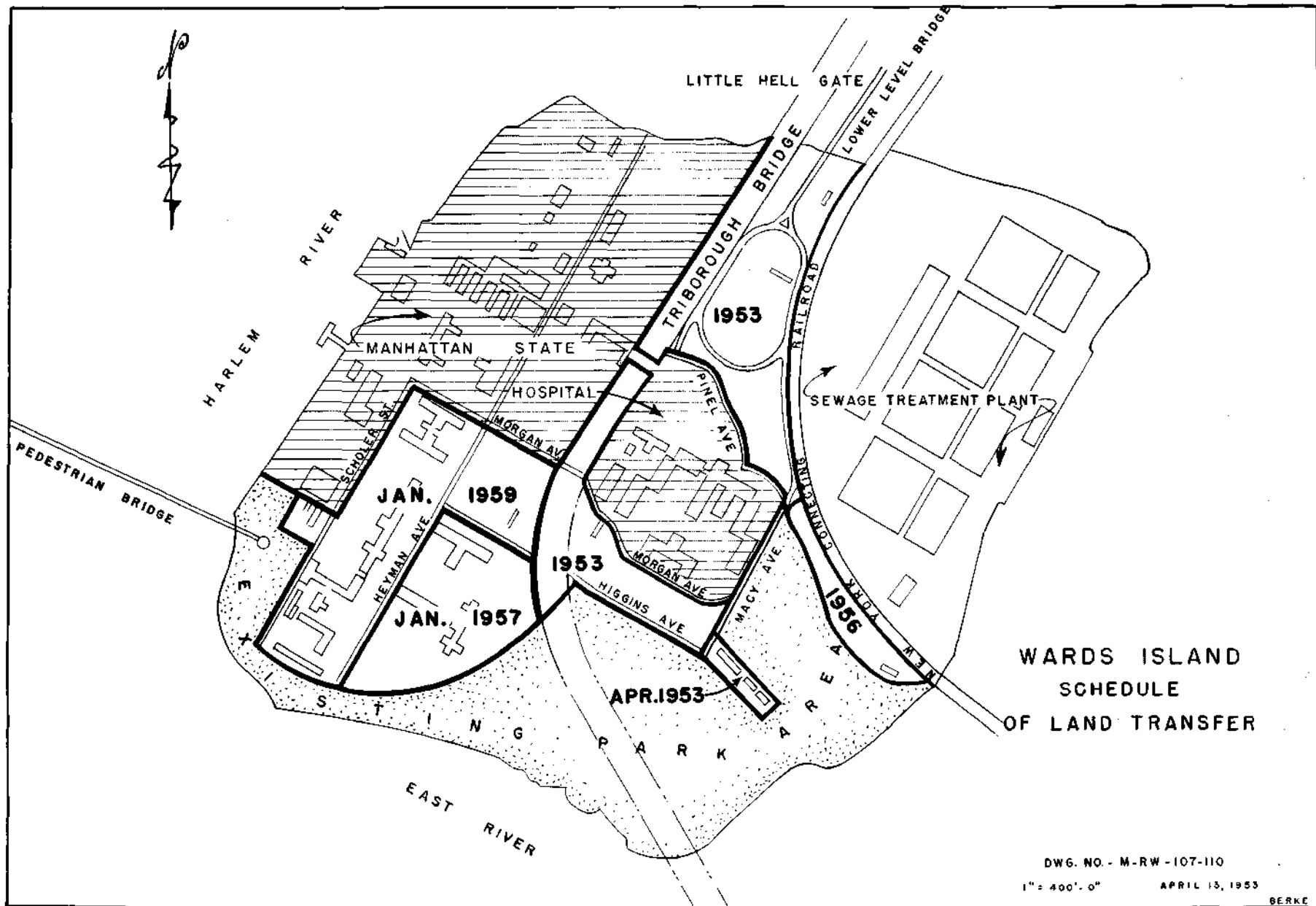
The area to be released by the State from 1953 to 1959 will be developed in stages as areas become available.

The areas still to be developed will provide access roads, parking fields for 500 cars, 5 acres of additional picnic area, three shelters, two comfort stations, a concession building with terrace on the river, three organized play areas with large showers, two ponds and a coasting hill.

When completed the Ward's Island park will comprise 122 acres developed to provide adequate active and passive recreation facilities for the heavily populated section on the east side of Manhattan served by the new footbridge.

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Mr. Guttridge



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces that roller skating at the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink will terminate at the close of business Wednesday, June 17, 1953.

Starting, Thursday, June 18, 1953, this facility will operate daily from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., except on Thursday evenings, as a free recreational area, with shuffleboard courts in operation. Cues and discs will be available free of charge.

On Thursday evenings starting June 18th, free Name Band dances under the stars, again sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be held from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

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

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The Department of Parks announces that ice skating will terminate at the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park at the close of business on Sunday, April 19, 1953.

Since the start of this season's ice skating season, 340,000 persons of all ages have used this facility. With the coming of spring and the unseasonable warm weather, people are turning to baseball, tennis, fishing, boating and other outdoor sports, and the attendance is falling off rapidly to a point where it is no longer practical or economical to continue the ice skating session.

Starting Saturday, April 25, 1953, the Wollman Memorial Rink will reopen for roller skating with sessions as follows:

Afternoon Sessions - 2:30 to 6:00 P.M.

Evening Sessions - 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.

Admission charge for all sessions - 10¢.

Persons bringing their own skates will be permitted to use them, provided they are equipped with fiber or wooden wheels. The Park Department will rent clamp-on skates at 25¢ and shoe-skates at 50¢ a session.

The Department of Parks also announces the closing of the skating rink in the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park. For similar reasons to those above, indoor activities has dropped off to such an extent that it is no longer desirable to continue the

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operation of this facility. It will, of course, be reopened next fall. Total attendance for the season was 253,000. The personnel will be transferred to the nearby Amphitheatre to prepare the outdoor swimming pool and Amphitheater for the opening which will be announced in the future.

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MORE THAN 1500 CONTESTANTS SIGN UP FOR CONEY ISLAND FISHING
CONTEST ONE WEEK BEFORE OPENING OF WEEK-LONG THIRD ANNUAL EVENT

More than 1,500 boys, girls, men and women had signed up to participate in the Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest by Monday, May 11, one week before the opening of the week-long competition, it was announced today by the Park Department, which conducts the annual competition. It is expected that a total of 3,000 entries from all parts of the Greater New York Area will be received for the contest, sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Inc., Coney Island restaurant.

Entries for the contest are being accepted at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's Famous sea-food counter, where the prizes valued at more than \$1,000 for daily and overall winners in the contest are on display.

Competition will begin at 3 P.M., Monday, May 18, and will continue daily from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. until Friday for boys and girls, and until 10 P.M. for adults. Final day for the junior competitors will be Saturday, May 23, when competition will run from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.; seniors, over 16 years of age, will have their final day of competition on Sunday, May 24. A daily prize consisting of rod, reel and accessories, will be awarded to the junior and the senior

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catching the heaviest fish in daily competition, and 8 grand prizes will be awarded at the close of the week's fishing, to first and second place winners in each of the four classes of entries: boys, girls, men and women.

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MONDAY, MAY 18, 1953

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THIRD ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST OPENS TODAY; MORE THAN
2,000 CONTESTANTS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE

Prizes valued at more than \$1,000 offered
in week-long event conducted by Department
of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's Famous

The Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted
by the New York City Department of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's
Famous, Coney Island restaurant, opens at 3 P.M. today at Steeplechase
Pier.

More than 2,000 boys, girls, men and women are expected to
participate in the week-long event, which will continue until Sunday,
May 24. Prizes consisting of up-to-date fishing equipment valued at
more than \$1,000 will be given to the lucky fishermen landing the
heaviest catch.

Competition will be held daily from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M., Monday
to Friday, for Junior contestants, under 16 years of age, and from
3 P.M. to 10 P.M. for Seniors; on Saturday, May 23, 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
for Juniors, and on Sunday, May 24, during the same hours, for Seniors.
Two daily prizes, consisting of pier-casting outfits, will be awarded
at the end of each day's fishing, one to the Junior and one to the
Senior catching the heaviest fish of the day. Eight grand prizes will
also be awarded at the end of the week's fishing, to the first and

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and second place boy, girl, man and woman landing the heaviest catch of the week. All prizes were donated by the sponsor, Nathan's Famous, Inc., and are on display at the sponsor's sea-food counter, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island. The grand prize consists of fiber-glass rod, chrome-steel reel, tackle box, casting shirt, wading boots, 200 feet of nylon line and other accessories.

The quarter-mile-long pier has been decorated by the Park Department for the contest, with carnival-striped canopies, spotlights and other displays, and a public-address system has been installed which will regale the contestants with music while they fish, and will announce the names of leading contestants as the fishing progresses.

Initiated in 1951 with a two-day tournament in which some 700 fishermen competed, the Coney Island Contest has grown rapidly until this year's event promises to be, far and away the largest of its kind in the northeast, if not in a much larger area. More than 1,000 children and adults took part in the 1952 running of the contest, leading to the decision to run it for a full week this year.

Entries in the contest have been accepted for the past four weeks at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's Famous. Late entries will be taken right at the pier while the contest progresses. There is no fee for participation.

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More than 3,300 contestants participated in the week-long Third Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted last week by the Department of Parks at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island. Vying for \$1,000 in fishing equipment prizes donated by Nathan's of Coney Island, anglers who took top honors in each division were:

Senior Men's: Dom Balsamo, 19, 6612 - 11 Ave., Brooklyn, with a 4 lb. 4 oz. blackfish. Balsamo, who works in his father's fish market in Bay Ridge, caught his fish Monday, opening day of the tourney.

Senior Women's: Mrs. Elaine Fosco, of 2834 West 16 St., Brooklyn, with a 1 lb. 1½ oz. blackfish. Mrs. Fosco, a housewife with two children, made her winning catch at 2:58 PM Sunday, two minutes before the close of the contest.

Boys: Neil Steinberg, 14, of 1843 - 50 St., Brooklyn, with a 4 lb. 9½ oz. skate. His sister Sharon, 12, won second prize in the girls' division.

Girls: Pat Cromer, 13, of 1414 Columbia St., Brooklyn, with a 12 oz. fluke.

Contest judges included John J. Downing, Parks' Department Director of Recreation, and Nathan Handwerker, founder and president of Nathan's Famous of Coney Island.

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MUSIC IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, July 12 - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - Verdi Program
- 2:00 P.M. - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, West of
Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale - Concert by Paul A.
Leone School of Music.
- Monday, July 13 - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - French Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Colonial Park, 146th St. and Bradhurst Ave. Manhat-
tan - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated
Edison Company - Art Mooney and his orchestra.
- Tuesday, July 14 - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th St and 30th Ave.,
8:30 P.M. Queens - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consoli-
dated Edison Company - Art Mooney and his orchestra
- Wednesday, July 15 - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - Schubert Program
- 8:30 P.M. - Poe Park, 192nd St. and Grand Concourse, Bronx -
Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edi-
son Company - Roy Stevens and his orchestra.
- Thursday, July 16 - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Ave. and Empire
8:30 P.M. Blvd., Brooklyn - Goldman Band - Light Opera Program
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th St. West of
Fifth Ave. - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Con-
solidated Edison Company - Roy Stevens and his
orchestra
- Friday, July 17 - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - Light Opera Program
- 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th St. and Prospect Park
West, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance sponsored by Consoli-
dated Edison Company - Neal Hefti and his orchestra.
- Saturday, July 18 - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Ave. and Empire
Blvd. Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Johann Strauss Program

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The children from the Department of Parks Playgrounds in Brooklyn and Richmond will present their Annual Dance Fetes on Saturday, June 27 at 2:30 P.M.

The Brooklyn Fete, presented at the Long Meadow, near the Union Street entrance, Prospect Park will consist of eight folk and novelty dances with over 700 dancers participating. The festival will open with a grand march entrance by the gaily costumed children as they take their places around the green lawn where the dances will be performed. At the conclusion of the program the children will have refreshments at the picnic grounds. The eight dances on Saturday's program and the playgrounds presenting them, will be:

- "GLOW WORM".....by children of Borough Hall District.
- "NEWSBOYS".....by children of Greenpoint-Williamsburg District.
- "SQUARE DANCE LASSIES".....by children of Bushwick-Stuyvesant District.
- "GYPSY DANCE".....by children of Brownsville-East New York District.
- "MEXICAN HAT DANCE".....by children of Marine Park-Flatbush District.
- "TOREADOR".....by children of Sheepshead Bay District.

"COWGIRL'S FROLIC".....by children of Bensonhurst -
Coney Island District.

"A COUPLE OF SWELLS".....by children of Bay Ridge District.

The Richmond Dance Fete, also conducted on
Saturday, June 27 at 2:30 PM. at Clove Lakes Park, Clove
Road and Victory Boulevard, will present five colorful and
unique dances, as follows:

"LITTLE ABNER, DAISY MAE".....by children of the De Matti
Playground.

"MAGIC PETER PAN".....by children of the Walker Park
Playground.

"SWEDISH PLAY TIME".....by children of the McDonald
Playground.

"BUNNY JAZZARINE".....by children of the Berry
Houses Playground.

"BALLET de LEVY".....by children of the Levy
Playground.

The children in their dance costumes, preceded
by a color guard will parade from Clove Lakes Park to the
dancing area. Refreshments also will be served at the
conclusion of the program.

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Monday, June 29
8:30 P.M.

- Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Sy Oliver and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

Tuesday, June 30
8:30 P.M.

- Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny Long and his orchestra

Wednesday, July 1
8:30 P.M.

- Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Gene Williams and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

Thursday, July 2
8:30 P.M.

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park 64th Street West of Fifth Avenue - Name Band sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Billy May and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

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Friday, July 3
8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Royd Raeburn and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

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

Saturday, July 4
8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park, Naumburg Independence Day Concert - Naumburg orchestra

Sunday, July 5
8:30 P.M.

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



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| Sunday, July 5 | - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial |
| 8:30 P.M. | Concert - Goldman Band - Wagner Program |
| 2:00 P.M. | - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, West of Woodhaven Blvd, Glendale - Concert Band of Jamaica |
| Monday, July 6 | - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial |
| 8:30 P.M. | Concert - Goldman Band - Bach Program |
| Tuesday, July 7 | - Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Ave., Queens - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny Long and his orchestra |
| 8:30 P.M. | |
| Wednesday, July 8 | - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial |
| 8:30 P.M. | Concert - Goldman Band - Tchaikovsky Program |
| 8:30 P.M. | - Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave., and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Tommy Tucker and his orchestra |
| 8:30 P.M. | - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Johnny Long and his orchestra |
| 8:00 | - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, West of Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale - Equitable Life Assurance Society |

- Thursday, July 9
8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and
Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Special Guggenheim
Memorial Concert - Goldman Band
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park 64th Street West
of Fifth Avenue - Name Band Dance sponsored
by the Consolidated Edison Company - Charlie
Peterson and his orchestra
- Friday, July 10
8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Old Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and
Prospect Park West, Brooklyn - Name Band Dance
sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company -
Tommy Tucker and his orchestra
- Saturday, July 11
8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and
Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Verdi Program

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The third week of outdoor Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks each evening Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 P.M. features the dance rhythms of Johnny Long, Tommy Tucker and Charlie Peterson.

Johnny Long, Young America's Favorite will play a double date this week playing Tuesday, July 7 at Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Avenue, Queens, and on Wednesday, July 8 at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Johnny features as soloists Barbara Hammond and Dick Perry.. Other vocalizations are presented by the Long Shots and the Glee Club.

Tommy Tucker and his "Sing For Your Supper" Orchestra will also play two evenings this week. On Wednesday, July 8 he will appear at Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave., and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond, and on Friday, July 10, he will play at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Tommy is now listed among the top ten in the country and "Tommy Tucker Time" always heralds an evening of splendid musical entertainment. Clare Nelson, MGM Singing Star is the featured vocalist.

Charlie Peterson, perennial favorite on the Name Band Dance series, will wield the baton on Thursday evening July 9 at Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street, West of Fifth Avenue.

The Consolidated Edison Company and The Department of Parks extend a cordial invitation to the public to enjoy good listening and good dancing in the parks next week.

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The Department of Parks announces the birth on May 7,
of two female jaguars at the Central Park Zoo.

The proud parents, Becky and Ebe were captured in
Matta Grasso, Brazil and were presented to the zoo on
May 30, 1951.

Pictures may be taken Thursday, July 2 at 9:30 A.M.

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Three top band attractions, Art Mooney, Roy Stevens, and Neal Hefti, have been scheduled for the fourth week of Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks each evening, Monday through Friday, in the major parks of the city. All dances begin at 8:30.

Art Mooney will play for the first two dances, appearing Monday, July 13, at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue in Manhattan, and on Tuesday July 14, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 30th Avenue in Queens. Art Mooney stresses showmanship as well as danceable music and, as a result, has one of the most entertaining and versatile bands in America. Mooney features the romantic ballads of Alan Foster and the comedy capers of Kerwin Somerville.

Roy Stevens, America's newest trumpet and vocal stylist, will play on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 15 and 16. Wednesday's dance will be held at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, and Thursday's dance will be at the Wollman Memorial, Central Park, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. Roy's talents include the trumpet, violin, piano, vocals, composing, and arranging. Formerly he was featured trumpet player in Benny Goodman's orchestra.

Neal Hefti and his orchestra will play on Friday evening, July 17 at Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn.

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The Hefti dance music is played in a muted manner. The band will never be accused of being loud. Even the jazz instrumentals achieve a delicacy that delivers the modern message without puncturing ear drums.

Stay-at-home New Yorkers have five fine evenings of dancing planned for their enjoyment and are invited to attend any or all of them.

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Over 141 million visits to New York City's parks and playgrounds were made by people seeking active recreational activity during the year 1952. This is an increase of more than 4 million over 1951. Additional millions used the parks for more passive recreational pursuits such as walking, reading, nature study, rest, and relaxation.

The greater portion of the Department of Parks' year-round recreation program is conducted in neighborhood playgrounds of which there are now 584 in the expanded park system of our city. Seventeen new playgrounds were opened in congested neighborhoods in 1952 bringing urgently needed recreational facilities for young and old alike.

The larger parks and other areas having special recreational facilities, such as beaches, swimming pools, picnic grounds, bridge paths, golf courses, and tennis courts, attracted an attendance of 59 million.

In 1952, city-wide tournaments and contests drew 100,000 contestants who competed in basketball, swimming, tennis, golf, roller skating, marbles, boxing, track and field, handball, horseshoe pitching, speed and figure skating, egg rolling, barber shop harmony, dancing, and fishing. Outdoor concerts and dances conducted in the major parks during the summer months attracted an attendance of over 500,000 persons.

In 1952, the Wollman Memorial outdoor ice skating rink and the reopened Flushing Meadow indoor skating rink have been used by over 400,000 skaters, about 40,000 of these were children 14 years of age and

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under who were admitted to the free sessions on Saturday mornings and on mornings during the Easter and Christmas school vacations.

St. Mary's Park Recreation Center in the Bronx, Cromwell Center in Richmond, and the newly opened Brooklyn War Memorial Center average a combined attendance of about 1,500 daily. These centers, with their special facilities and attractive programs, have expanded the scope of the park recreation program for the citizens of New York City.

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The second week of outdoor Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks features a wide and exciting variety of dance rhythms by some of America's finest bands.

Sy Oliver, creator of the famous "two beat" style will bring his band to Colonial Park, Manhattan on Monday evening, June 29.

Jehnnny Long and his all-star group of musicians and entertainers will be featured at the Jackson Heights Playground, Queens on Tuesday, June 30.

On Wednesday, July 1st the Name Band Dances open the 1953 season at Poe Park in the Bronx as Gene Williams and his Band of Tomorrow makes their initial appearance on the Name Band schedule.

The popular Billy May, one of Capitol Records' top recording artists will wield the baton on Thursday, July 2 at the Wollman Memorial, in Central Park, and on Friday, July 3, Boyd Raeburn and his band presents the newest music in America at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Brooklyn.

There is no charge for admission to any of these dances. They are contributed by the Consolidated Edison Company as a public service and conducted by the Department of Parks as part of the summer recreational program.



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The Department of Parks announces that the Borough of Manhattan will present their 26th Annual Children's Dance Festival on the Sheep Meadow, 67th Street and West Drive in Central Park, on Saturday, June 20, at 2:30 P.M. More than 600 young girls will participate in the fete which will be witnessed by friends and relatives of the dancers.

This year's festival will feature a number of novelty dances as well as traditional folk dances.

Eight numbers are on Saturday's program. The following is a listing of the dances and the playgrounds participating in them:

TARANTELLA AMERICANAColonial Park and Harlem River Housing

THUMBELINAMcCaffrey, West 45th Street, Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, St. Gabriel's and East 24th Street Playgrounds.

BALLOON DANCE60th & York Avenue, St. Catherine's John Jay, Carl Schurz, Machine & Metal Trades, 108th & Park Avenue, James Weldon Johnson, Thomas Jefferson and Louis Cuvillier Playgrounds.

GAY PARISIENNEMurphy, Sauer, Tompkins Square, East River Drive & 11th Street, Kelly and Downing Street Playgrounds.

DAY WITH STRAUSSAlfred E. Smith, Columbus, Roosevelt, Seward, Bernard Downing, Cherry & Clinton Streets Playgrounds.

PETER PAN'S PHANTASIAMt. Morris East, Mt. Morris West, McCray, St. Nicholas - 133rd Street and Colonel Young Playgrounds.

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SCOTCH FLINGJ. Hood Wright, Payson Avenue, Dyckman
Housing, Highbridge - 189th, Highbridge -
173rd Playgrounds.

FADO BLANQUITAHeckscher, Rumsey, North Meadow, 74th &
Riverside, 83rd & Riverside, 103rd &
Riverside and 123rd and Morningside Play-
grounds.

The dances are performed within the enclosure of a giant horseshoe arrangement of benches for spectators. The young dancers open the program by marching in procession around the enclosure and then sitting down in groups on the green lawn. Their bright costumes which they made under the supervision of the park recreation staff, lend bright accents to the scene.

These festivals are highlights in the year-round recreation program of the Department of Parks. The festival for the Queens playgrounds was held earlier in June. The Bronx Festival, scheduled for last Saturday, could not be held due to inclement weather, and has been re-scheduled for this coming Saturday, June 20th at Williamsbridge Oval, East 206th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, at 2:30 P.M. The Richmond festival will be held on June 27th at Glove Lakes Park and Brooklyn's will be held the same day at the Long Meadow in Prospect Park.

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

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THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ANNOUNCES THAT THE DYCKMAN
HOUSE, BROADWAY & 204th STREET IN UPPER MANHATTAN, WILL BE
CLOSED FROM JUNE 23rd TO JULY 3rd FOR REFURBISHING, PAINTING
AND GENERAL REHABILITATION.

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The 12th season of outdoor Name Band Dances in the parks, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks, will begin on Thursday evening, June 18, at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. Fifty-four dances held at 8:30 P.M. each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, are on the 1953 schedule. The series will continue through Thursday, September 3.

It is to be noted that this summer marks the initial appearance of the borough of Richmond on the Name Band Dance schedule. Cromwell Recreation Center in Tompkinsville is to be the scene of four dances, two in July, and two in August.

Among the popular Name Bands scheduled to play early in the season are Jerry Wald, Freddy Shaffer, Neal Hefti, Sy Oliver and Johnny Long.

The dances are scheduled as follows:

MANHATTAN.....WOLLMAN MEMORIAL, CENTRAL PARK, 64th STREET,
WEST OF FIFTH AVENUE
THURSDAYS, JUNE 18 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

MALL, CENTRAL PARK, 72nd STREET AND CENTER DRIVE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

COLONIAL PARK, 146th STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE
MONDAYS, JUNE 29, JULY 13, AUGUST 3, 17, and 24

BROOKLYN.....PROSPECT PARK DANCE AREA, PROSPECT PARK WEST AND
11th STREET
FRIDAYS, JUNE 19 THROUGH AUGUST 28

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The 1953 edition of the Department of Parks brochure, Recreational Facilities for New Yorkers, is now available for distribution. The brochure lists the principal recreation facilities in the New York City parks and playgrounds, with addresses, and includes the following: Archery Ranges, Baseball Diamonds, Bathing Beaches, Bicycle Paths, Boat Basins, Boating, Boccie Courts, Botanical Gardens, Bowling Greens, Bridle Paths, Carousels, Children's Gardens, Coasting Areas, Cricket Fields, Cross Country Courses, Fishing Areas, Football Fields, Golf Courses, Gymnasias, Historical Points, Hockey Fields, Ice Skating Areas, Kite Flying Areas, Model Airplane Fields, Model Yacht Ponds, Museums, Music Groves, Picnic Areas, Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Stadia, Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, and Zoos.

The brochure gives information regarding bathing beaches, showing the length of each beach and the rental charges for lockers, dressing rooms, bathing suits, and towels; boat basins and fees charged; number of boats on park lakes and fees charged for their use; lengths of bridle paths in the parks; golf courses, showing par and yardage for each of the 10 municipal courses and the cost of permits. There is also information regarding the Wollman Memorial and Flushing Meadow skating rinks, giving hours of operation and other pertinent facts, and the location of picnic areas, giving numbers of tables, benches, and fireplaces that are available at each location.

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Another section lists the 27 indoor and outdoor swimming pools operated by the Department of Parks, giving the size of the pools, hours of operation, admission fees, and the time of free periods for children.

The brochure gives statistical information about additional facilities in the parks and playgrounds which includes 519 basketball, 29 croquet, 1300 handball, 379 horseshoe pitching, 429 paddle tennis, 658 shuffleboard, and 235 volleyball courts; 584 playgrounds, 110 roller skating areas, 331 sand pits, 139 tennis tables, and 224 wading pools; also, some of the most popular equipment in the playgrounds: 115 horizontal and 98 parallel bars, 65 horizontal ladders, 367 jungle gyms, 2364 see-saws, 1207 slides, and 5178 small and 3304 large swings.

Copies of the brochure may be secured by sending a 4" by 9 1/4" self-addressed, stamped, envelope to Brochure, Department of Parks, 64th Street and 5th Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

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BRONX.....POE PARK, 192nd STREET AND GRAND CONCOURSE
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 24 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2

QUEENS.....VICTORY FIELD, WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD AND MYRTLE AVENUE
TUESDAYS, JUNE 23, JULY 7 AND 21, AUGUST 4 AND 18,
SEPTEMBER 1

JACKSON HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND, 84th STREET AND 25th
AVENUE
TUESDAYS, JUNE 30, JULY 14, AND 28, AUGUST 11 and 25

RICHMOND.....CROMWELL RECREATION CENTER, MURRAY HULBURT AVENUE
AND HANNAH STREETS, TOMPKINSVILLE
JULY 8 and 22, AUGUST 5 AND 19

Jerry Wald, the young clarinet sensation will bring his famous band to the Wollman Memorial for the opening dance on June 18 and will make a second appearance on June 19 to open the season at Prospect Park.

Freddy Shaffer and his popular all girl orchestra will appear at Victory Field on Tuesday, June 23 and will also play for the Friday, June 26 dance at Prospect Park.

Neal Hefti of radio and television fame will entertain on June 24 at Poe Park and on June 25 at the Wollman Memorial.

There is no admission fee charged for any of these dances. The Department of Parks and the Consolidated Edison Company cordially invite all those who wish to dance or listen to the music to attend all of this season's dances.

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The Park Department has, for many years, advocated the planting of street trees, and for information regarding types of trees and reliable contractors is always available. This spring many individuals and organizations planted trees throughout the City. Trees planted this spring need particular care during the dry summer months to come. At least twice a week, three pails of water applied at sunset are sufficient for the average young tree.

Once a week, in order to assure deep penetration of the water, the surface soil at the base of the tree should be loosened with a hoe or rake to prevent hard packing over the roots.

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The Finals of the 19th Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, on Tuesday, June 16th at 8:30 P.M.

Dressed in Gay Nineties fashion and singing ballads in turn of the century type harmony, the winning quartets from borough competitions held last week, will compete for the city-wide amateur quartet championship.

Among those judging the contest will be William C. Handy, composer of the St. Louis Blues, Sigmund Spaeth, The Tune Detective, and J. Bailey Harvey, of the University Glee Club.

In addition to the finals of the ballad contest, the program will include such stars as The Mariners, the popular Ben Yost's New Yorker Quintet, the 60 member chorus of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., the celebrated Metropolitan Opera Tenor, Kurt Baum, and the noted stage and television duet, Jack Russell and Guen Omeron, as well as the jokes and wit of Harry Hershfield. The Police Department Band will render selections of old time and popular instrumental numbers.

The quartets competing and the songs they will sing are:

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| THE HIGHLIGHTS, BRONX |"THAT TUMBLE-DOWN SHACK IN ATHOLONE" |
| |"MY HOME TOWN" |

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| THE TOTTEVILLE TOM-CATS, RICHMOND..... | "YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THE GOOD FELLOW I'VE BEEN" |
| |"SWEET, SWEET ROSES OF MORN" |
| THE FOUR FATHERS, QUEENS | GEORGE M. COHAN, MEDLEY |
| | "OH EVALINE" |
| THE VILLAGE FOUR, MANHATTAN |"OLD TIME MEDLEY" |
| |"HONEY GAL MEDLEY" |
| THE GOLDEN DAY FOUR, BROOKLYN |"ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH" |
| | MEDLEY: "SOMEBODY STOLE MY GAL" |
| | "I AIN'T GOT NOBODY" |

The Department of Parks extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend. No tickets are required.

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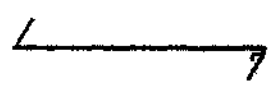
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The Department of Parks announces that roller skating at the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink will terminate at the close of business Wednesday, June 17, 1953.

Starting, Thursday, June 18, 1953, this facility will operate daily from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., except on Thursday evenings, as a free recreational area, with shuffleboard courts in operation. Cues and discs will be available free of charge.

On Thursday evenings starting June 18th, free Name Band dances under the stars, again sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be held from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

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



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Children from Department of Parks playgrounds in the Bronx will present their 9th Annual Children's Dance Festival on Saturday, June 13, at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue. The program, which begins at 2:30 P. M., will open with the 550 gaily costumed dancers marching in procession to the green lawn of the park where the dances will be performed.

The festival, culminating weeks of rehearsing and sewing of costumes by the children and the park recreation staff, will be witnessed by hundreds of parents, relatives, and friends of the youngsters. After the dances are completed, the children will picnic in the park.

Saturday's dances and the playgrounds presenting them will be:

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| TEA FOR TWO: | St. James, Devoe and Claremont Playgrounds. |
| WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS: | Zimmerman, Fort #4, and P. S. #21 Playgrounds. |
| SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET: | Lyons Square, Bronx River Houses, and Crotona Playgrounds. |
| JARABE TAPATIO: | Williamsbridge, Mosholu, and Bailey Avenue Playgrounds. |
| GLOW WORM: | St. Mary's E., St. Mary's W., Flynn, and Brook Avenue Playgrounds. |
| RAGGEDY ANN AND RAGGEDY ANDY: | Pelham, Loreto, Ciccarone, and Waterbury Avenue Playgrounds. |
| KENTUCKY BABES: | St. Mary's Recreation Center. |
| TARANTELLA: | Mullaly, Morris Avenue, Nelson Avenue, and Goble Place Playgrounds. |

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This is the second of the borough dance festivals. Manhattan park playgrounds will be held on June 20, and Richmond and Brooklyn parks will hold theirs on Saturday, June 27. All the exhibitions are free to the public and no tickets of admission are necessary.

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Marionette Circus Featuring Rare Animal Acts and Extraordinarily Strange Performers to Tour New York City's Parks and Playgrounds, Beginning Monday, June 15.

What the Department of Parks Marionette Circus lacks in size is compensated for by rib-tickling nonsense which has universal appeal for children of all ages. Stellar attractions in the circus include the only aluminum armored rhinoceros in captivity, and elephant with a magic trunk, and Salami the Beautiful, the Wonderful who, sawed in half, performs her dance in two parts.

Always a sensation are the snake charmer, a seal that swallows fish, the bareback rider and her horse, and the lion and wolf who frolic in the same cage with tender little lambs. Acrobats, clowns, and a gaily uniformed marionette band round out the entertaining, hour-long performance.

This season's schedule of 88 outdoor performances will be given at 72 parks and playgrounds in the five boroughs of New York City, according to the following schedule:

Brooklyn - Monday, June 15 through Friday, July 3
 Richmond - Monday, July 6 through Tuesday, July 14
 Queens - Wednesday, July 15 through Monday, August 3
 Bronx - Tuesday, August 4 through Friday, August 21
 Manhattan - Monday, August 24 through Friday, September 11

Admission is free at all performances for children and adults.

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The complete schedule of performances in Brooklyn is listed below. Information regarding shows in other boroughs may be secured from Department of Parks borough offices.

Brooklyn Schedule

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| Mon. | June 15 | 3:30 P.M. | Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and East New York Avenues |
| Tues. | June 16 | 3:30 P.M. | Sunset Playground, 44th Street and Sixth Avenue |
| Wed. | June 17 | 3:30 P.M. | New Lots Playground, Sackman Street and Riverdale Avenue |
| Thurs. | June 18 | 3:30 P.M. | Playground at Howard, Pacific, and Dean Streets |
| Fri. | June 19 | 3:30 P.M. | Marcy Houses Playground, Marcy and Nostrand Avenues |
| Sat. | June 20 | 11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M. | Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street |
| Mon. | June 22 | 3:30 P.M. | Bushwich Park, Knickerbocker Avenue and Starr Street |
| Tues. | June 23 | 3:30 P.M. | Bushwich Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Aves. |
| Wed. | June 24 | 3:30 P.M. | Glenwood Houses Playground, Central Mall, Ralph Avenue and Farragut Road |
| Thurs. | June 25 | 3:30 P.M. | McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street |
| Fri. | June 26 | 3:30 P.M. | Gravesend Playground, 56th Street and 18th Avenue |
| Mon. | June 29 | 3:30 P.M. | Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Avenue P |
| Tues. | June 30 | 3:30 P.M. | Red Hook Playground, Stadium, Bay and Columbia Sts. |
| Wed. | July 1 | 2:30 P.M. | Neptune Playground, West 28th St. and Neptune Avenue |
| Thurs. | July 2 | 2:30 P.M. | Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street |
| Fri. | July 3 | 2:30 P.M. | Gerrittsen Playground, Gerrittsen Avenue and Avenue X |

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Modern music will give way to barber shop harmony next week when more than 60 amateur male quartets compete in borough eliminations of the 19th Annual American Ballad Contest conducted by the Department of Parks. These preliminaries will be held at 8:30 P.M. each evening as follows:

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| Monday, | June 1 - Manhattan | - Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive |
| Tuesday, | June 2 - Queens | - Music Grove, Forest Park, Main Drive west of Woodhaven Blvd, Glendale |
| Wednesday, | June 3 - Richmond | - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard |
| Thursday, | June 4 - Bronx | - Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome and East 164th Street |
| Friday, | June 5 - Brooklyn | - Music Grove, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard |

Each quartet will present arrangements of songs or medleys in the style popular at the turn of the century. Each number will be judged on musical technique, originality, expression, stage presence, and presentation.

The quartet placing first in each borough contest will be eligible to compete in the city-wide championships to be held at the Mall in Central Park at 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16. In the event of rain the contest will be postponed to Wednesday, June 17.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the preliminary and final contests. No tickets are required and admission is free.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the 1953 season of concerts in New York City parks on Decoration Day, May 30 at 8:30 P.M., when the Naumburg Orchestra will give the first of a series of four concerts on the Mall, 72nd Street and Center Drive, in Central Park.

These concerts are contributed annually by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the people of the City of New York. Mr. Elkan Naumburg had made a custom of contributing orchestral concerts in the cause of good music for the people on three holidays, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. His sons, continuing this custom in his memory, have added a fourth concert to the Naumburg series by giving a similar concert on July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death.

On Decoration Day, Remus Tzincoca will conduct the Naumburg Orchestra and Beatrice Krebs, Contralto, will appear as soloist. The program will be:

1. Overture to Oberon Von Weber
2. Minuet and Rigaudon from Tombeau de Couperin Ravel
3. Aria - "Adieu Forêts" from Jeanne d'Arc Tchaikovsky
Beatrice Krebs
4. Finale - Symphony No.4 in E Minor Brahms

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- 5. Prelude - Die Meistersinger Wagner
- 6. Aria - "Il est Doux, Il est Bon" from Hérodiade. . Massenet
Beatrice Krebs
- 7. Blue Danube Waltz Strauss
- 8. Hungarian March from Damnation of Faust Berlioz



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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1953

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With summer just around the corner, New Yorkers are thumbing through colorful travel and resort folders and planning how and where to spend their vacations. Few people, however, can get away from the city for more than a short time. Yet there are many more weeks in a summer for New Yorkers to enjoy than those spent out-of-town.

The Department of Parks has numerous suggestions as to how these weeks can be filled with worthwhile fun and recreation not only for those who can't get away but also for those who want to get the most out of their vacations by getting pre-vacation practice in the activities planned for their holiday and who, on returning to the city, desire continued participation in the recreational pursuits that made their vacations so much fun.

Popular summer activities in the parks as well as at summer resorts are golf, tennis, handball, swimming at beaches and pools, dancing, fishing, boating, archery, paddle tennis, ping pong, horseback riding, shuffleboard, croquet, and horseshoe pitching. The Department of Parks has a great many facilities for these activities available in the five boroughs for people of all ages.

Family beach outings, if planned for a different park beach each weekend, will lend variety to summer vacationing in the city. Parents of young children who might be fretful on the beaches, have a choice of 21 park picnic areas where mothers may relax under

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shade trees while the menfolks try their hand at outdoor cooking. Fireplaces, benches, and tables are provided at most of these locations.

Special fun for children may include sailing model boats on park lakes, rides on the carousels and pony tracks, fishing on park lakes, seeing a marionette show, or learning to swim during the Learn-to-Swim Campaign at the 17 park pools during July and August.

Older boys and girls can arrange group outings to hundreds of interesting park recreational facilities and special events. Many of these can be reached by the 56 miles of park bicycle paths.

New York's older citizen too, can while away the summer days and evenings in the parks. Chess and checker fans can find interesting impromptu competition at the new chess and checker house in Central Park. Lawn bowling, dancing, bocce, croquet, shuffleboard, and horseshoe pitching facilities provide more active types of recreation. Many old-timers have been enjoying concerts in the parks for the past 35 years.

If sight-seeing is a vacation must, the parks have many points of interest to visit - historical parks, mansions, etc., museums, botanical gardens, and zoos.

Beginning June 1 a series of sponsored competitive contests and tournaments will be conducted by the Department of Parks. These include marble shooting, softball, swimming, fishing, the Junior Olympics, golf, tennis, barber shop quartet singing, social dancing, handball, and horseshoe pitching, the last six being open to adults as well as young people.

Summer fun for New Yorkers need not end with their vacations. More detailed information regarding any or all of these

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park recreation facilities and events may be secured by sending a
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The Department of Parks announces that the bathing and swimming season at the 16.2 miles of municipally operated beach will open May 23, and seventeen outdoor swimming pools will officially open on Decoration Day - May 30th.

The swimming pools are located as follows:

MANHATTAN

Hamilton Fish Pool
Colonial Pool
Highbridge Pool
Thomas Jefferson Pool
23rd Street Pool
Carmine Street Pool
60th Street Pool

East Houston and Pitt Street
Bradhurst Avenue, West 145th to 147th Sts.
Amsterdam Avenue and 173rd Street
111th to 114th Streets and First Avenue
23rd Street and East River Drive
Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue
59th Street between Amsterdam and 11th Avenues
78th Street and East River Drive

John Jay Pool

BROOKLYN

Sunset Pool
McCarren Pool
Red Hook Pool
Betsy Head Pool

Seventh Avenue and 43rd Street
Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

BRONX

Crotona Pool

173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

QUEENS

Astoria Pool
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre

19th Street and 23rd Drive
Flushing Meadow Park

RICHMOND

Faber Pool
Tompkinsville Pool

Richmond Terrace at Faber Street
Victory Boulevard between Bay Street
and Murray Hulbert Avenue

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From May 30th to June 14th, the pools will be opened for weekends only, and from June 20th, until the end of the season, they will be open daily with the following operating schedule:

On weekdays and Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a free period for children 14 years of age and under, during which hours no adults will be admitted to the pool area.

After 1:00 p.m. on weekdays, Saturdays, and all day on Sundays and holidays, there will be a 10¢ charge for children 14 years of age and under, and a 25¢ charge for older children and adults.

Groups in swimming and diving contests and water shows will be organized at all pools. Classes in life saving and first-aid will also be included in the Aquatic Program, in addition to the yearly "Learn to Swim" campaign which will be held during July and August.

Orchard Beach, located in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx; Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens; Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn; and South Beach, Great Kills Park and Wolfe's Pond Park on Staten Island will also open for bathers on May 23rd. Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park, Great Kills and Orchard Beach will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until the end of the season.

At Great Kills Park, there is a total of 6,600 lockers and a parking space for 2,000 cars has been provided. At Orchard Beach, there is a total of 9,145 lockers for bathhouse patrons and parking space is provided for 7,500 cars. At Jacob Riis Park, the bathhouse accommodates 11,400 people and the parking space is provided for 14,000 cars. Wolfe's Pond Park has parking space for 1600 cars.

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Parking at these four beaches will be 25¢ per car, and with the exception of Wolfe's Pond Park which has no bathhouse facilities, bathhouse fees are 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers. Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational areas at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach, providing shuffleboard, paddle tennis and handball are available to the public at 10¢ per person per half hour.

At Jacob Riis, there is also an eighteen hole pitch putt golf course at which a charge of 50¢ is made for each round of golf, which includes clubs. A 50¢ deposit is required on each ball. The pitch putt golf course will operate on a full time basis starting May 23rd.

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

At the Rockaways, seven parking fields are available, at Beach 32nd Street, Beach 52nd Street, Beach 59th Street, Beach 62nd Street, Beach 64th Street, Beach 68th Street and Beach 69th Street, to take care of the many visitors who will come to use the beach during the coming summer. These parking fields will accommodate 1,940 cars and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, at a fee of 25¢ per car.

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Now is the time of the year when the Park Department is asking for trouble. The tree surgeons have been busy caring for our millions of trees throughout the City. Our maintenance people are getting ready for the rush of summer. Before long the pools will be filled; beaches will be opened; parkways crowded, the playgrounds in full swing, enough to keep our limited forces with its limited budget busy with no extra work added on. But there is one thing that we in New York are a little bit foolish about. Parks are wonderful. We go to them and we enjoy them, but there is nothing like a street tree outside your window. The trouble we are asking for is that you people plant as many thousands as you can. We will cheerfully maintain, care for and worry about them after you have them in the ground. It does not cost much to plant one, roughly about \$75. But once it is in the ground and with just a little luck your \$75 buys at least fifty years of beauty. The Park Department must come into the picture at the start to insure proper spacing, planting conditions, the right tree and simply because it is responsible for the tree's future life. It is, of course, pretty evident that we cannot do the whole job and besides there is something to say for your right to say that "that is my tree". The procedure for getting a tree is very simple. Below is a list of addresses where you may apply for a permit and for information regarding reputable

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firms that will do the work. In effect, practically all you do is pay the money. The tree is guaranteed for a year by the planter and will be cared for forever by the Department. Besides individual tree plantings, in many neighborhoods local groups have been formed for continuous planting of trees along the streets. In other neighborhoods civic and business organizations have taken this responsibility. For instance, the Avenue of the Americas Association and groups along other avenues and streets have made these arrangements. Not all trees will grow in New York, but there is a small group that experience has shown will stand the rigors of the city. These are pin oak, red oak, scarlet oak, American elm, European elm, sweet gum, European ash, linden, Norway maple, honey locust, Oriental plane, tulip and ginkgo. We urge that all citizens interested in the welfare of the city carefully consider these facts.

The street tree is worth every effort that you put into it.

- MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building
64th Street & 5th Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.
- BRONX - Bronx Park E. at Birchall Ave.
New York 60, N. Y.
- BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion
Prospect Park
Brooklyn 15, N. Y.
- QUEENS - The Overlook
Forest Park
Kew Gardens 15, N. Y.
- RICHMOND - Field House - Clove Lakes Park
Victory Blvd. & Clove Road
St. George
Staten Island 1, N. Y.



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The Department of Parks announces the opening of two new playgrounds, one in Queens at 38th Street and 20th Avenue, and the other in the Bronx at Magenta Street between Cruger and Holland Avenues, adjacent to the Gun Hill Housing Project. Both of these playgrounds were available for use by children during the Christmas Holidays.

The 1.03 acre playground in Queens provides for 4 handball courts, 6 basketball courts, game tables, slides, see-saws, jungle gym, wading pool, comfort station, and an area for children of pre-school age with benches provided for their guardians.

The .7 acre playground in the Bronx was built by the New York City Housing Authority and turned over to the Park Department for operation. It contains 2 handball courts, a paddle tennis court, basketball and volley ball court, shuffle board, comfort station, slides, see-saws, wading pool, jungle gym and a sand pit.

The perimeters of both playgrounds are landscaped with shade trees, and with the addition of these two playgrounds, there are now 584 playgrounds in the Park system.

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The last free basketball clinic for boys and girls in a series conducted this season by the Department of Parks and the Madison Square Garden Basketball Department, will be held at the Park Department Gymnasium at 35 West 134th Street, Manhattan, on Friday evening, January 23, at 8:00 P.M.

Members of the New York Knickerbocker basketball team will conduct the clinic. They will use motion pictures and floor demonstrations to illustrate plays and tactics.

Parents and other adults are also invited to attend the clinic.

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February 2, 1953

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The Department of Parks announces that a project for the improvement of Central Park is soon to be realized through the generous gift by Mrs. Jeanne E. Kerbs, of 945 Fifth Avenue in memory of her parents, Edward A. and Alice Kerbs. The Memorial will consist of the erection of a new boat house for model yachts on the east side of Conservatory Lake opposite East 74th Street.

The Kerbs Boat House will replace the inadequate and unsightly existing old frame structure which is difficult to maintain and safeguard against fire, theft and vandalism, and also a run-down wooden comfort station and temporary food stand. The new building will contain a large, central room for the storage of model boats, a public comfort station, maintenance facilities and refreshment concession. The exterior, of brick with a metal roof, will conform to the Victorian architectural tradition established by Olmsted and Vaux, the original designers of Central Park. A 160-foot long terrace, in front of the building and overlooking the sailing activities on the Lake, will be attractively planted and provided with a sand pit for the use of small children and benches for older visitors to the area.

A suitably inscribed memorial plaque will be placed at the Fifth Avenue and East 72nd Street entrance to the Park and the appearance of this gate and the one at 76th Street will be improved by the planting of flowering trees and shrubs.

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Starting Tuesday, February 24, 1953, golf and tennis permits can be secured at any of the five borough offices of the Park Department, listed below, either by personal application or by mail, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed; a face photograph of passport size, taken not more than thirty days previous to date of application is required. Postal unit number is to be included in address.

Golf permits for the season cost \$10.00. An additional charge of 50¢ per round will be made to permit holders on weekdays, and an additional charge of \$1.00 per round on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Daily golf fees per round for non-permit holders; \$1.50 on weekdays, Monday through Friday, and \$2.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Season golf lockers cost \$5.00. Because the demand exceeds the supply, applications for golf lockers are not being accepted at this time for the following courses:

DYER BEACH, BROOKLYN
MOSHOLU, BRONX
CLEARVIEW, QUEENS
SILVER LAKE, STATEN ISLAND

Applications for lockers for the above courses will be accepted from permit holders at all borough offices from March 2nd to March 16, 1953, and a public drawing will be conducted on March 23, 1953 at 10:00 A.M. in the Park Department Borough Offices in which the course is located.

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Golf lockers may be obtained for Pelham-Split Rock, Van Cortlandt, Forest and La Tourette courses by season permit holders at this time.

Season tennis permits for every day, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, cost \$5.00. This is the only class of season tennis permit that will be issued and it is good for use on all the City's 495 public tennis courts.

Applications for seasonal recreation lockers, the fee for which is \$5.00, will also be received at this time, however, because the demand exceeds the supply at the 93rd Street Tennis House in Central Park, only one application will be accepted from each season tennis permit holder between March 2nd and March 16, 1953. A public drawing will be held in the Manhattan Borough Office on March 23, 1953 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of issuing recreational locker permits for this facility.

Recreation Locker permits for the North Meadow Ball Field in Central Park may only be obtained at this time in person at the Permit Office in the Arsenal, 64th St. & 5th Avenue, and only one locker will be issued to an applicant.

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

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

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

QUEENS: The Overlook, Telephone: Virginia 9-4600
Forest Park
Union Turnpike and Park Lane
Kew Gardens 15, New York

BRONX: Administration Building, Telephone: TAlmadge 8-3200
Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue
Bronx 60, New York

RICHMOND: Clove Lake Park, Telephone: GIlbraltar 2-7640
1150 Clove Road
West New Brighton, Staten Island 1, New York



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JUMEL MANSION FENCE

In answer to recent inquiries, the Department of Parks is preparing a contract for the erection of an iron fence to protect the Jumel Mansion. The contract will be sent to the Board of Estimate for reference at the March 26 meeting and it is expected the contract will be awarded and work started before June 1.

Seven hundred eighty (780) linear feet of fence will be required and fence salvaged from the center malls in Delancey Street will be used to the extent it is available. The balance of the fence will be new. The estimated cost of this work is \$25,000, all of which is being borne by the City of New York.

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The Second Annual Open House Week will be held at

St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, from Monday, March 2 to Sunday, March 8. The Department of Parks' center will be open to the public for inspection daily from 10:00 A.M. to 11 P.M. and on Sunday from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 P.M.

A week of special programs has been arranged to demonstrate the activities conducted at the center. Highlights of events in the pool will be a water carnival, swimming and diving events, and a water polo game between the College All Stars and the New York Athletic Club team. Basketball games, drills, stunts, and dancing exhibitions, and weight lifting and gymnastic meets have been scheduled in the gymnasium. Dramatics, motion pictures of the 1952 World Series Games, and many tournaments and contests will be held in the game rooms. Arts and Crafts classes will meet regularly during the week and craft work will be on display.

St. Mary's Park Recreation Center which cost \$1,200,000 to construct, is the first of nine centers planned for densely populated sections of the city. It provides all-weather recreation for a community where other facilities were inadequate to meet the needs of the people. St. Mary's Center has a registration of 12,000 members for the current year.

Visitors from all over the United States, and from foreign countries too, have been impressed by the well-planned modern facilities as well as the efficient maintenance and comprehensive program of activities for people of all ages.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to visit St. Mary's Park Center during Open House Week. (2-27-53)

ST. MARY'S RECREATION CENTER

SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"OPEN HOUSE WEEK"

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 2nd TO SUNDAY, MARCH 8th inclusive

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Monday March 2nd | 4-6:30 | Gymnasium | Field Day - Intermediate Boys - 1st half. Bd. Jump, Rope Climb, Potato Race, BB. |
| | 4-6:30 | Sr. Game Rm. | Pool Tournament Doubles-SemiFinals (Inter.) |
| | 7-10:00 | Sr. Game Rm. | Pool Tournament Doubles-SemiFinals (Srs.) |
| | 7-10:00 | Gymnasium | Field Day - Senior Boys Foul Shooting, Set Shooting, BB Films |
| | 7-10:00 | Swimming Pool | "SPLASH-O-RAMA" by Center Members Water Carnival, Ballet, Clown Diving, etc. |
| | 4-6:30 | Arts & Crafts and Man. Trng. Rm. | Exhibits of Craft Materials and Products. Craft Classes in session. |
| Tuesday March 3rd | 4-6:30 | Swimming Pool | Novelty Swimming Races. Jr. Boys and Girls |
| | 4-6:30 | Sr. Game Rm. | Nok-Hockey Tournament Finals. Jr. Groups |
| | 7-10:00 | Sr. Game Rm. | Dramatic Presentation. Sr. Dramatic Group |
| | 7-10:00 | Gymnasium | "ST. MARY'S NIGHT" Presented by Center Grps Dances, Drills, Stunts, Gymnastics, etc. |
| | 7-10:00 | Arts & Crafts | Oil Painting Class and Art Exhibits |
| Wednesday March 4th | 4-6:30 | Gymnasium | Field Day - Intermediate Boys - 2nd half. High Jump, Foul Shooting and Time Lay-ups. |
| | 4-6:30 | Sr. Game Rm. | Ping Pong Tournament - SemiFinals. Inter. |
| | 7-10:00 | Sr. Game Rm. | Ping Pong Tournament - " " Sr. Girls |
| | 4-10:00 | Swimming Pool | Diving, Coaching and Exhibition |
| | 7-10:00 | Gymnasium | CENTER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FINALS Jr. and Sr. Boys' Basketball League |
| Thursday March 5th | 4-6:30 | Gymnasium | Gymnastic Class and Apparatus Play |
| | 4-6:30 | Swimming Pool | Achievement Test Awards. Jr. Boys & Girls |
| | 4-6:30 | Sr. Game Rm. | Bagatelle Tournament Finals. Jr. Boys & Girls |
| | 4-6:30 | Arts & Crafts | Indian Beadcraft Classes. |
| | 7-10:00 | Arts & Crafts | Sewing Class and Exhibit |
| | 7-10:00 | Sr. Game Rm. | Ping Pong Tournament-SemiFinals. Sr. Boys |
| Friday March 6th | 7-10:00 | Gymnasium | PARKS-N.Y. MIRROR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Inter-boro Play-offs. SemiFinals |
| | 4-6:30 | Gymnasium | Marble Shooting Contest. Juniors |
| | 4-6:30 | Sr. Game Rm. | Pool Tournament Doubles Finals. Boys & Girls |
| | 4-6:30 | Swimming Pool | Achievement Test Awards. Intermediates. |
| | 7-10:00 | Swimming Pool | SWIMMING MEET, -PARKS-BX. LODGE #871 B.P.O.E. All Center members up to and including 16 yrs. |
| | 7-10:00 | Sr. Game Rm. | Ping Pong Tourn. Finals - Sr. Boys & Girls |
| | 7-10:00 | Gymnasium | NOVICE GYMNASTIC MEET - MET. ASS'N. A.A.U. Athletic Development Meet for Seniors |
| | 7-10:00 | Arts & Crafts | Wood Carving Class. Totem Pole. |
| Saturday March 7th | 9-12:00 | Gymnasium | Party Games - Junior Gym Club |
| | 12-3:30 | Gymnasium | PARKS-N.Y. MIRROR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Inter-boro Play-offs. SemiFinals |
| | 12:30-3 | Swimming Pool | Demonstration-Water Safety & Life Saving |
| | 12:30-3 | Sr. Game Rm. | Ping Pong Tournament Finals. Intermediates |
| | 4-6:00 | Sr. Game Rm. | WORLD SERIES FILM 1952. YANKEES-BROOKLYN |
| | 4-6:00 | Gymnasium | WEIGHT LIFTING MEET - A.A.U. PARKS-BX. LODGE #871 B.P.O.E. |
| | 4-6:00 | Swimming Pool | WATER POLO - COLLEGE ALL STARS vs N.Y.A.C. |
| | | Gymnasium | PRESENTATION OF AWARDS - ALL WINNERS |
| | | Gymnasium | SOCIAL DANCING - ALL SPECTATORS & GUESTS |

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Sunday, March 22, 1953



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Entries are being accepted for the 7th Annual Egg Rolling Contest to be held on Saturday, April 4, at 2 P.M. on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets, under the sponsorship of the Department of Parks and Arnold Constable.

Boys and girls 5 through 13 years of age file their entries at any Park Department playground or at the contest booth located in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue. Entries close Thursday, April 2. There is no fee for filing.

The contest will be conducted in six classes, suitable to the age and sex of the participants.

- Group I - Boys, 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
- Group I - Girls, 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
- Group II - Boys, 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
- Group II - Girls, 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
- Group III - Boys, 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course
- Group III - Girls, 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course

The youngsters will be required to propel their eggs down the course, using a spoon as a mallet. Eggs and spoons will be provided by Arnold Constable.

The winners in Group I will receive a velocipede for first place, a scooter for second, and roller skates for third. Group II and III winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15. All prizes are donated by Arnold Constable.

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The Park Department announces that as a part of the construction of additional access facilities on Henry Hudson Parkway near George Washington Bridge, both north and south traffic will be detoured for several hours on the night of March 25-26. The south bound lane will be closed from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M., and north bound from 2 A.M. to 6 A.M. Traffic will have adequate facilities on nearby Riverside Drive. Signs will be posted to show the exact routes of travel. It is expected that the light traffic at these hours of the night will not be impeded in any way.

The detouring is required to facilitate the placing of steel on the new viaduct connection from George Washington Bridge to the Parkway. On completion of the project, traffic will be greatly expedited.

In case of bad weather, the detouring will be postponed to the following night.

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Friday March 27, 1953

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The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouse at Prospect Park West and 7th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1953 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 of Mexican Lilies with an edging of mixed Blue 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 motif, the walls of the Greenhouse are banked with a colorful display of flowers in great varieties, among which are Sweet Peas, Snap Dragons, Camellias and many other plants.

Press photographs may be taken daily starting Friday, March 27, 1953.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1953

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The seventh annual Easter Egg Rolling Contest conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of Arnold Constable will be held Saturday, April 4, 1953 at 2:00 P.M. on the Great Lawn of Central Park, between 80th and 84th Streets.

A valuable array of prizes will be presented to winners by Arnold Constable. Included among the gifts will be a bicycle, scooter, roller skates and doll carriage for the younger children and gift certificates for \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00 for the older children.

Children from the ages of five to thirteen years are eligible to enter the contest. Entry blanks are available at Department of Parks playgrounds and at the Contest Booth located in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue. Entries close Thursday, April 2.

Easter Egg Rolling is an ancient custom of Lancashire, England. There, on Good Friday, the children roll brilliantly colored eggs down the slopes of a convenient hill until the shells cracked.

New York's contest follows this tradition, with the exception that the contest in Central Park is less difficult. Instead of real eggs, gaily painted wooden eggs are used, with the youngsters using spoons to push their eggs along a course suitable for their age group. Six events are on the program.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1953

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the ten municipal golf courses on Saturday morning, April 4, 1953, at 6 A.M. The club houses, with food facilities, locker and shower accommodations and other facilities, will be opened at the same time for the use of the public. The locations of these ten courses are as follows:

BROOKLYN: Dyker Beach Golf Course, 86 Street and Seventh Avenue.

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

Mosholu Golf Course, Jerome Avenue and Holley Lane at Woodlawn.

Pelham Golf Course, Shore Road, north of Hutchinson River Parkway, Pelham Bay Park.

Split Rock Golf Course, Shore Road, north of Hutchinson River Parkway, Pelham Bay Park.

QUEENS: Clearview Golf Course, 23 Avenue and Willets Point Boulevard, Bayside.

Kissena Golf Course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road, Flushing.

Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Parkway, Forest Park.

RICHMOND: Silver Lake Golf Course, Silver Lake Park on Victory Boulevard and Park Road.

La Tourette Golf Course, Forest Hill Road and London Road.

Fees for season permits will be \$10.00. An additional

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daily fee of 50¢ per round entitles the permit holder to play week-days, and an additional charge of \$1.00 per round is made on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Permits are good at any of the 10 Courses.

For non-permit holders the daily fee from Monday through Friday will be \$1.50, and \$2.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

The Department of Parks has been experimenting with several types of grass in the nursery at Pelham Bay Park and will plant some of them this Spring. One type has been known to spread over two inches in a twenty four hour period, once it is established, and it is felt that this type of grass will be able to withstand the heavy usage of the tees on the golf courses. Another type of grass, unofficially called "divotless", and for which this Department will not make any claims, will be tried on a few tees. The seed of this grass was harvested in the Park Department Nursery.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground in Bronx Park in the southerly section at Boston Road and East 180th Street.

This 1-1/4 acre playground, although located within the park is directly accessible from a densely populated neighborhood to the west and south.

The playground consists of two areas, one of which includes a wading pool, comfort station, sand pit and kindergarten apparatus, and the other, larger apparatus and a running around area.

Immediately outside the playground is an overlook sitting area adjacent to the Bronx River with a fine view of the natural beauties of the rest of the park. In addition, adequate access walks have been built, trees have been planted, and lawns seeded.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 585 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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More than 1,000 youngsters, 5 to 13 years of age, have filed entries for the 7th Annual Egg Rolling Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks under the auspices of Arnold Constable on Saturday, April 4th, at 2 P.M., on the Great Lawn, 80th to 84th Streets, in Central Park.

Scrambled eggs will not be a consequence of the egg derby. Arnold Constable will provide gaily painted wooden eggs and spoons for all contestants.

The contest will be conducted in classes suitable to the age and sex of the participants.

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| Group I | Boys and Girls 5-6-7 years of age | 20 yard course |
| Group II | Boys and Girls 8-9-10 years of age | 30 yard course |
| Group III | Boys and Girls 11-12-13 years of age | 40 yard course |

The winners in Group I will receive a velocipege for first place, a scooter for second, and roller skates for third. Group II and III winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20 and \$15. All prizes are donated by Arnold Constable.

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LIBERTY POLES

The Department of Parks announces the erection of a tapered steel flag pole in City Hall Park, which replaces a wooden one erected in 1940 which was in danger of falling. This pole is 80 feet high, 14 inches in diameter at the butt, and 4 inches at the top, and is surmounted by a 6-foot by 2-foot weather vane salvaged from the former wood pole. Metal strips, 2 inches wide by 1/4 inch thick by about 8 feet long, similar to those which were placed around the early wooden poles to discourage the British from chopping them down, have been reset in the lower part of the new steel pole as a reminder of and tribute to the determination and resourcefulness of our patriotic forefathers. At the base of the pole, a circular platform contains stones from each of the thirteen original states.

There have been seven "Liberty Poles" erected in City Hall Park. The first one, celebrating the Repeal of the Stamp Act, was erected in May 1766, and is described in the historical records as a "Mast erected on the Common" inscribed to "His Majesty, Mr. Pitt, and Liberty". It was cut down by the British soldiers on August 10, 1766. The "Battle on the Common", which followed the cutting of the pole, resulted in the first bloodshed of the Revolution on August 11, 1766, although historians consider January 19, 1770, the date of the "Battle of Golden Hill", as the start of that war.

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Another wooden pole, erected on August 11, 1766, survived only six weeks. It was cut down on September 23, and was replaced by the "Sons of Liberty" on the following day. Six months later, on March 19, 1767, that pole suffered the same fate as the others, but a new one replaced it before the Red Coats could say "God ~~Save~~ the King". To prevent further cutting, this one was encased below with iron strips higher than a man. However, after several attempts, the British succeeded in eliminating that one, also, on January 17, 1770, and two days later hostility between the British soldiers and the citizens erupted in the "Battle of Golden Hill". Another wooden Liberty Pole was erected on February 6, 1770 near the spot where the first one stood, and it remained there until October 28, 1776, when it was removed by the British after their capture of the city.

On Flag Day, June 14, 1921, the sixth wooden pole was erected by the Sons of the Revolution and the New York Historical Society. It was blown down in 1940 and was replaced in the same year, but it too succumbed to the elements, having rotted so deeply that it had to be removed late in 1952.

A granite tablet, bearing the following inscription, was placed near the pole in 1921 through the generosity of the historical and patriotic societies who paid for the sixth pole:

HERE IN THE ANCIENT COMMONS OF THE CITY
WHERE BEFORE THE TIME OF OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
FIVE LIBERTY POLES WERE SUCCESSIVELY SET UP
THIS FLAGPOLE OF 1921 IS PLACED
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF ALL LOVERS OF OUR COUNTRY
WHO HAVE DIED THAT THE LIBERTY WON ON THESE SHORES
MIGHT BE THE HERITAGE OF THE WORLD

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It is appropriate that the eighth Liberty Pole be re-dedicated to the "Sons of Liberty" on the 300th Anniversary of the founding of our city, where the first American blood was shed in the fight against dictatorship. The convictions and spirit of the early citizens have encouraged freedom-loving peoples throughout the world in their fight against tyranny, and the "Stars and Stripes" has become their inspiration.

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The Park Department announces that repaving of a section of Harlem River Driveway from Washington Bridge to Dyckman Street will start on Monday, April 6th. At that time the two northbound lanes will be closed to traffic by proper fencing and the two southbound lanes will be left open for two-way traffic. Signs will be posted to adequately direct traffic.

On completion of the repaving of the northbound lanes, these will be opened to similar two-way traffic and the southbound lanes will then be closed for repaving.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1953

Misc.-20M-830082(51)

114 Borough championships in the Department of Parks Annual

Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner, will be held at 8 P.M. each evening according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday, April 8 - Bronx Championships at St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th St. & St. Ann's Ave.
- Friday, April 10 - Brooklyn Championships at McCarren Recreation Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
- Tuesday, April 14 - Queens Championships at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park
- Friday, April 17 - Manhattan Championships at the gymnasium at 342 East 54th Street

Boxing classes have been regularly scheduled since last fall at the 15 Department of Parks boxing centers. Over 650 boys registered for the classes and participated in a comprehensive course of boxing instruction under the supervision of specially trained boxing instructors. The best qualified boxers in the various age and weight classifications have been permitted to enter the competitive phase of the boxing program which will terminate with the city-wide championships at the 69th Regiment Armory on May 1.

Medals to be awarded to winners and runners-up of each match in the borough competitions have been donated by Mr. Rosenfeld.

The public is cordially invited to attend these matches. Tickets may be secured from the Department of Parks office of the borough conducting each championship event.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground in Brooklyn, at the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel Plaza.

In planning Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, land was acquired for portals, ventilating buildings, and access roads. Immediately over the tunnel and a short distance from the portal, the major ventilating building was located in a large plot of land surrounded by Van Brunt Street, Woodhull Street and the east bound and west bound Hamilton Avenues. Except for a small service court and a ventilating building itself, the remainder of this block has been used for playground purposes.

This 1.4 acre playground includes a soft ball field, six horse shoe pitching courts, two hand ball courts, sitting areas and planting.

The playground was built by the Department with funds provided by the Borough President of Brooklyn.

In keeping with modern practices in highway design, recreational facilities and the improvement of a neighborhood are very important elements.

With the addition of this playground there are now 586 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The Department of Parks announces that its 157 baseball and 376 softball diamonds will be ready for play on Saturday, April 11.

Where the demand for diamonds is heavy, their use will be regulated by permit. Applications for permits may be secured from the Borough Director at the Department of Parks office of the borough in which the diamonds are located. Use of other diamonds will be regulated by the playground director assigned to the area.

Permits are issued for a minimum of two hours and a maximum of two and a half hours. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, permits are issued for the following periods: 9 A.M. to 11 A.M., 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., 1 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., 3:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. Twilight games will be scheduled for 6 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY-APRIL 10, 1953

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 495 Tennis Courts at various locations in the five boroughs on Saturday, April 11, 1953.

Season permits cost \$5.00 and are good for play every day including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This is the only class of permit that is issued and it is good for use on all the Park Department tennis courts.

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

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Form 1-1-1-20M-707112(52) 114

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground at 7th Avenue between 127th and 129th Streets as a part of the St. Nicholas Housing Project in Manhattan.

The St. Nicholas Houses bounded by 127th Street, 131st Street, 8th Avenue and 7th Avenue, is a federally aided project being built by the New York City Housing Authority. In accordance with long established cooperation between the Housing Authority and the Park Department, city playground areas are always included in a City Housing Project, except in cases immediately adjacent to adequate recreational facilities. In the St. Nicholas Houses there are actually two city playgrounds, one now being opened and one to be opened in the future.

The present playground consists of all age group recreational facilities including wading pool, comfort station, sand pit, apparatus, basketball, paddle tennis, handball and shuffle board courts.

This three-quarter acre playground will serve both the housing project with its many open areas and primarily the surrounding neighborhood which is intensely built up.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 587 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1953

Form 1-1-1-20M-707112(52) 114

The Department of Parks announces that ice skating will terminate at the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park at the close of business on Sunday, April 19, 1953.

Since the start of this season's ice skating season, 340,000 persons of all ages have used this facility. With the coming of spring and the unseasonable warm weather, people are turning to baseball, tennis, fishing, boating and other outdoor sports, and the attendance is falling off rapidly to a point where it is no longer practical or economical to continue the ice skating session.

Starting Saturday, April 25, 1953, the Wollman Memorial Rink will reopen for roller skating with sessions as follows:

Afternoon Sessions - 2:30 to 6:00 P.M.

Evening Sessions - 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.

Admission charge for all sessions - 10¢.

Persons bringing their own skates will be permitted to use them, provided they are equipped with fiber or wooden wheels. The Park Department will rent clamp-on skates at 25¢ and shoe-skates at 50¢ a session.

The Department of Parks also announces the closing of the skating rink in the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park. For similar reasons to those above, indoor activities has dropped off to such an extent that it is no longer desirable to continue the

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operation of this facility. It will, of course, be reopened next fall. Total attendance for the season was 253,000. The personnel will be transferred to the nearby Amphitheatre to prepare the outdoor swimming pool and Amphitheater for the opening which will be announced in the future.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1953 #2 REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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City-wide semi-final matches in the Department of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner, will be conducted on Wednesday, April 22, at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens, and on Friday, April 24, at St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx. Matches will begin at 8 P.M. each evening.

At Lost Battalion Hall, competition will be in the Junior Division 105, 112, 119, and 125 pound classes and Intermediate Division 119, 125, and 132 pound classes.

At St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, the program will consist of Intermediate 139 and 147 pound matches and Senior 132, 139, 147, and 156 pound matches.

Competing will be the best of more than 650 boys who have been participating in boxing classes at the 15 Department of Parks boxing centers located throughout the city. Under the supervision of trained boxing instructors, the boys learned the fundamentals of body conditioning through proper training and observance of good health habits as well as boxing skills and techniques.

Winners of all semi-final matches will be eligible to compete in the City-wide Championships to be conducted at the 69th Regiment Armory on Friday, May 1.

The matches are open to the general public and tickets may be secured without charge from the borough offices of the Department of Parks.

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The city-wide championships of the Department of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner, will be held at 8 P.M. on Friday, May 1, at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

Twenty-six boys ranging in age from 14 to 19 years of age, will compete for championships in four junior, five intermediate, and four senior division classes. The contestants, best of more 650 boys who participated in boxing classes at 15 Department of Parks boxing centers, have won their borough championship and semi-final matches held earlier this month. They will be matched as follows, on Friday:

JUNIOR DIVISION

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| 105 Pound Class | | |
| Peter Spanakos | opponent | Richard Adams |
| (Red Hook Play Center) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) |
| 112 Pound Class | | |
| Lennie Mangiapone | " | Nicholas Spanakos |
| (Flushing Meadow) | | (Red Hook Play Center) |
| 119 Pound Class | | |
| Pedro Santana | " | Louis Weber |
| (St. Mary's Rec.Center) | | (Flushing Meadow) |
| 125 Pound Class | | |
| Carmine Squitieri | " | Arthur Hutchinson |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) |

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INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

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| 119 Pound Class | | | |
| Ramus Parrea | opponent | Joseph Crowther | |
| (West 134th St. Gym.) | | (Flushing Meadow) | |
| 125 Pound Class | | | |
| James Tomaski | " | LeRoy Young | |
| (Flushing Meadow) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) | |
| 132 Pound Class | | | |
| Neuman Daugherty | " | Tyron Turner | |
| (St. Mary's Rec.Center) | | (West 134th St.Gym) | |
| 139 Pound Class | | | |
| Frank Mangiapone | " | Noel Rios | |
| (Flushing Meadow) | | (East 54th St. Gym.) | |
| 147 Pound Class | | | |
| Andre Campbell | " | Lester Williams | |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (West 134th St. Gym.) | |

SENIOR DIVISION

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| 132 Pound Class | | | |
| Floyd Stewart | opponent | Anthony Garcia | |
| (Red Hook Play Center) | | (St.Mary's Rec. Center) | |
| 139 Pound Class | | | |
| Ronald Clare | " | Louis Carlo | |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (Red Hook Play Center) | |
| 147 Pound Class | | | |
| Edward Miller | " | Buddy Sanders | |
| (St. Mary's Rec.Center) | | (Flushing Meadow) | |
| 156 Pound Class | | | |
| Robert Harris | " | Thomas Davis | |
| (St. Mary's Rec. Center) | | (Red Hook Play Center) | |

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

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

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1953

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WARD'S ISLAND

Released 4/28/53

The Park Department announces that an agreement has been reached with the State of New York regarding the schedule of release of lands for park purposes on Ward's Island, East River. The schedule is shown on the attached map.

Ward's Island had been the seat of the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane for over seventy years when in 1930 its conversion from an institution to a park for the crowded upper Manhattan East Side, with a bridge from 103rd Street, was suggested by the Metropolitan Conference of Parks. The hospital buildings were old and dangerous, and fire had destroyed some of them. The New York Connecting Railroad Bridge had been built over Randall's and Ward's Islands. Land on Ward's had also been turned over for a sewage disposal plant and rights of way for the Triborough Bridge had been provided. Legislation authorizing the removal of old dilapidated State hospital buildings, the gradual relocation of the inmates and the return of both Randall's and Ward's Islands to the City for park purposes was enacted in 1932, and signed by Governor Herbert Lehman on the strong recommendation of the Park Association of New York City.

This original legislation contemplated the transfer of all of Ward's Island to the City in 1943, but the need of

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continuing at least part of the hospital in new buildings at an accessible location made it necessary further to amend the law to permit the State to retain part of the Island and to delay the date of transfer of the remainder to the City. The State is proceeding with plans for the construction of modern new institutional buildings in the northwesterly portion of the Island. Under the agreement just concluded with Governor Thomas E. Dewey's representatives, all of the remainder will have been conveyed to the City by 1959. Thirty-eight acres were turned over to the City Park Department in 1938, making it possible to tear down Civil War dormitories and carry out initial limited development of the southerly tip of the Island with W. P. A. forces. Subsequently, in 1950, an additional seventeen acres were transferred. Construction in 1950 by the Park Department had two purposes, first to rehabilitate the areas originally constructed by the W. P. A., and second, to provide additional facilities such as lighting, benches, landscaping, and active play space.

Ward's Island Pedestrian Bridge was promised by the Triborough Bridge Authority when it was reorganized in 1934. The new members of the Authority agreed to build the structure when funds became available in return for the City's cooperation in furnishing rights of way and approaches to the Triborough Bridge itself. Ground was broken for the Pedestrian Bridge on October 14, 1949, and it was opened on May 18, 1951. The cost of the bridge, \$2,100,000, was paid entirely by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

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The development of that section of Ward's Island already under jurisdiction of the Park Department includes a picnic area, a playground, a comfort station, a concession building, three baseball fields and three softball fields, and a waterfront promenade.

The area to be released by the State from 1953 to 1959 will be developed in stages as areas become available.

The areas still to be developed will provide access roads, parking fields for 500 cars, 5 acres of additional picnic area, three shelters, two comfort stations, a concession building with terrace on the river, three organized play areas with large showers, two ponds and a coasting hill.

When completed the Ward's Island park will comprise 122 acres developed to provide adequate active and passive recreation facilities for the heavily populated section on the east side of Manhattan served by the new footbridge.

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The Park Department announces that two bear cubs, namely Jerry a male, and Susie a female, born in Prospect Park Zoo on January 28, 1953, will be on display at the Bear House on Thursday, April 30, 1953.

Jerry and Susie are the children of Louis and Daddles, both 4 years old. The parents were raised and donated by Mr. Otto Burger, who shipped them from Kempt Bay, Canada. Mr. Burger had the honor of naming the cubs.

The cubs, American Black Bears, were recently weaned on evaporated milk, fruits and vegetables.

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Pictures may be taken Thursday
morning, April 30th at 9:30 A.M.

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MONDAY, MAY 4, 1953

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THIRD ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN CONEY ISLAND MAY 18-24
CONDUCTED BY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, SPONSORED BY NATHAN'S FAMOUS

The third annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted by the Park Department and sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Coney Island restaurant, will be held at Steeplechase Pier for a full week, Monday, May 18 to Sunday, May 24, it was announced today by the Park Department. Prizes of fishing equipment valued at more than \$1,000, donated by the sponsor, will be awarded the first and second-place winners in each of four classes of contestants: junior boys and girls under 16 years of age and men and women over 16.

Limited to two days of competition in 1951 and 1952, the contest has been expanded to a full week this year because of the great increase in registrants, the Park Department announced. More than 1,000 contestants took part in the competition in 1952, including 608 boys, 376 men, 43 girls and 34 women, and registration this year is expected to exceed these figures considerably.

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

In addition to grand prizes for those in each class of contestants who catch the biggest fish in the course of the week's competition, daily prizes will be given to the junior and senior fisherman landing the heaviest catch each day.

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