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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces that on Friday, November 16, 1956 at 8 P.M., members of the New York Knickerbocker Basketball Team will conduct a free basketball clinic at St. Mary's Recreation Center, St. Ann's Ave. and East 145 St., in the Bronx.

This is the first of a series of three clinics arranged through the courtesy of the Basketball Department of the Madison Square Garden Corporation.

Subsequent clinics will be held at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Boulevard at Christopher Street in Brooklyn on Wednesday, November 28 at 8 P.M., and at St. John's Recreation Center, Prospect Place between Troy and Schenectady Avenues, Brooklyn on Thursday, December 20 at 8 P.M.

The complexity of modern basketball and its popularity as a recreational activity demands more than knowing the basic skills. Boys and girls, by watching the experts in action at these Knickerbocker clinics, can improve their game for better individual and team performance.

The "Knicks" will lecture and give floor demonstrations to illustrate plays and techniques. Motion pictures of Knickerbocker games show how they work out in actual play.

The clinic is open to both children and their parents. Adults attending the clinic may also see the many other facilities provided in the recreation centers of the Department of Parks.

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STATEMENT BY ROBERT MOSES ON THE 1957 CAPITAL BUDGET

I am voting against the 1957 Capital Budget as adopted by the City Planning Commission because, in my opinion, it is unrealistic and does not face the inescapable fact that unless steps are taken which will remove some programs entirely from the Capital Budget and reduce the cost of others, we shall within a very short time be without funds for an adequate school and hospital program to say nothing of Health, Parks, Sanitation and other needs. This is unsound financial planning.

The capital program picture is roughly this:- In the years from 1951 through 1956, the City will have spent about \$1,700,000,000 on capital improvements. There is no reason to suppose the need for such improvements will be less in the period from 1957 through 1962. The Director of the Budget finds that in that period only \$1,295,000,000 will be available for Capital Budget purposes. This leaves a minimum deficit of \$405,000,000.

It is, however, likely that more money will be required in the next six years than has been appropriated in the past six. Immigration is continuing at the same alarming rate with as many as 50,000 to 70,000 immigrants entering and remaining in the City every year for whom we have in prospect neither housing nor other essential services which should be reflected in honest and realistic capital budget plans.

Under present circumstances the school program shows no

sign of tapering off. Hospitals need substantial sums for modernization and new construction. Transit, even without the Second Avenue program, requires fantastic sums to complete present programs and to put the system in good operating condition.

The City will also require, in the next five or more years, additional substantial sums for its one-third share of write down in land acquisition for Title One Slum Clearance projects.

I therefore continue to urge that the following actions be taken by the Board of Estimate, since the majority of the members of the City Planning Commission refuse to face the issues, so that the 1957 Capital Budget may reflect the facts.

1. Increase the sewer rent so that it will pay the entire cost of sewer maintenance and the pollution control program. The cost of completion of this program is presently estimated to be \$225,000,000 which, under present arrangements, will have to compete with other essential services for capital budget funds unless the sewer rent is increased.

2. Sell the power generating facilities of the Transit Authority to the Consolidated Edison Company and purchase additional power to operate the transit system. It should be noted that the City now purchases some private power and would in any event continue to do so.

In 1946 when the program of modernizing the City's power plants was proposed, the estimated cost of the entire program was \$104,000,000. So far, the City has spent \$103,000,000 on these

plants and the estimated cost of completion is \$143,000,000. It is altogether likely that the final cost will be in excess of present estimates.

The Comptroller and the Director of the Budget both approve the existing power program and say the City will benefit by furnishing its own energy, since power will be generated for less than it would cost if purchased from Consolidated Edison. No one knows this since no serious negotiation for the sale of the plants and purchase of power has been undertaken. A report by a former Assistant City Administrator is cited as proof that the City should generate its own power. This report was in part inconclusive and in part ridiculous, and does not give proper weight to the City's need for capital funds.

It has repeatedly been urged that competent, respected and impartial negotiators with full authority be appointed to investigate the sale of the city power plants and purchase of more private power. Until such negotiators complete their work no funds should be appropriated in the capital budget for work on any part of the power generation program.

3. A number of City docks should be leased to the Port of New York Authority on proper terms. There has been no full and frank discussion of the problem with the Port of New York Authority in recent years. The Port of New York is one port and if its business could, in the main, be handled by one agency, benefits would accrue to both New York and New Jersey.

The cost of the proposed six-year Capital Dock program is estimated at \$130,000,000. The Comptroller says that by 1960 the docks will be self-supporting and that, therefore, the City should keep them. There is little in past experience to support his point of view or the recent decision by the Director of the Budget that 75% of Dock expenditures would be exempt from the debt limit. Even if these funds were exempt, debt service on the bonds sold to produce the capital funds to pay for the projects would have to be met at the same rates as if the projects had not been judged exempt.

Negotiations with the Port of New York Authority should be undertaken immediately and should include, in addition to the Dock program, a new, efficient food market on piers in Manhattan to take the place of the Washington Market and at the same time make available for housing redevelopment the old, decaying, inefficient, ramshackle but highly assessed area through which the City's food now passes.

If these three things were done, there would be some chance of continuing our \$100,000,000 per year school program and of providing other needed plant improvements.

We could also make real progress on our incinerator construction program without which the City will face an insoluble garbage disposal problem in 1970 at latest. The present estimated

cost of completion of this entire program is \$91,000,000. The program was started in 1948, and is now five years behind schedule.

I strongly urge that the Nostrand Avenue Subway extension in Brooklyn be started immediately. This can be done if the three recommendations concerning the City's Capital Budget are followed. This extension should be started in 1957 and completed in 1959.

The City must have more money for capital projects than is available. Adoption of the recommendations made here would go a long way towards solving this problem. There may be other methods which would produce the needed money painlessly, but so far no one has suggested anything except devious methods of going deeper into debt without any real hope that projects exempted from the debt limit would in fact be self-liquidating.

There is always the possibility that assessments on real property will be raised substantially. Construction costs have increased by 170% since 1939 while assessments on real property in the same period have increased only 28%. Let me add that the City will need more money in future Expense Budgets as well as Capital Budgets, and that these two budget systems are inextricably intertwined.

Unless this problem is faced honestly now, we must, I believe, within a few years levy a City income tax.



Barney Felix

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

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces the Seventh Annual Christmas Carol Celebration, sponsored in cooperation with the New York Daily Mirror, will be held on the Mall in Central Park on Sunday afternoon, December 23, 1956 at 2:30 P.M.

Mr. J. Bailey Harvey of the University Glee Club will act as Master of Ceremonies. The program features Laurel Hurley, famous coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, and other guest artists. The children's choir of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church and the Broadway Temple Methodist Chancel Choir will participate in the singing of the Christmas Carols. Christmas music will be played by the Fire Department Band.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1956

11:30 AM - 12/11/56
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The Department of Parks announces that twenty-three Christmas Trees located throughout the city will be lighted on Tuesday, December 18th at 5 P.M. Tree lighting ceremonies will be held at City Hall, Manhattan; Borough Hall, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, Bronx; Queens Borough Hall and Richmond Borough Hall.

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

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

The trees and the wreath will be lighted each evening after

the ceremony from 4:30 P.M. until midnight January 1, 1957.

Christmas trees have been erected in the following locations:

MANHATTAN:

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

BROOKLYN:

*BOROUGH HALL PARK, FULTON AND JORALEMON STREET
GRAND ARMY PLAZA, PROSPECT PARK, FLATBUSH AVE & UNION ST.
McCARREN PARK, DRIGGS AVENUE AND LORIMER STREET
ESPLANADE, MONTAGUE TERRACE BETWEEN REMSEN & PIERREPONT STS.

BRONX:

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

QUEENS:

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

RICHMOND:

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

* - PRINCIPAL CEREMONY

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

In addition to the ceremonies at the largest trees, there

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

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Borough</u>
Thurs Dec. 13	11:00 AM	Weeping Beech Playground	Queens
Fri. Dec. 14	11:00 AM	Von Dohlen Playground	Queens
	4:00 PM	Marcy Houses Playground	Brooklyn
Mon Dec. 17	10:00 AM	Playground at Union & Van Brunt Sts.	Brooklyn
	10:00 AM	Playground at Silver Lake Tennis Area	Richmond
	10:45 AM	Playground at 65 Ave & 102 St.	Queens
	2:00 PM	Highbridge - 167th Plgd at 173 St. Pool	Manhattan
Tues Dec. 18	10:00 AM	St. John's Rec. Center	Brooklyn
	10:30 AM	Ft. George Plgd at 189 St & Amsterdam Ave	Manhattan
	11:00 AM	Ciccarone Playground	Bronx
Wed Dec. 19	10:30 AM	Sunset Park	Brooklyn
	10:30 AM	Jackson Pond Playground	Queens
	1:30 PM	Payson Ave. Playground	Manhattan
	2:00 PM	Mullaly Playground	Bronx
Thurs Dec. 20	10:00 AM	Colonial Park	Manhattan
	10:00 AM	John F. Murray Playground	Queens
	10:00 AM	Levy Playground	Richmond
	11:00 AM	DeVoe Park	Bronx
	1:00 PM	Brooklyn War Memorial (Golden Age Party)	Brooklyn
	2:00 PM	St. Mary's East Playground	Bronx
Fri Dec. 21	10:00 AM	St. Mary's Recreation Center	Bronx
	10:00 AM	DeMatti Playground	Richmond
	10:30 AM	McKinley Park	Brooklyn
	10:30 AM	Playground at Bway & 69 St	Queens
	3:00 PM	Alfred E. Smith Plgd at Cherry & Oliver St Gym	Manhattan
	3:30 PM	Brownsville Rec. Center (Inter-faith party)	Brooklyn

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Borough</u>
Fri (contd)			
Dec. 21	4:00 PM	Annunciation-Hamilton Place	Manhattan
	4:00 PM	Astoria Play Center	Queens
	4:30 PM	DeMatti Playground	Richmond
Sunday			
Dec. 23	1:00 PM	Brownsville Rec. Center (for retarded children)	Brooklyn
Monday			
Dec. 24	10:30 AM	Sheridan Playground	Brooklyn

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1956

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Starting ~~Friday~~, December 1, 1956, applications for 1957

golf permits will be available at each of the five Borough Offices of the Park Department. The 1957 golf permit costing \$15.00 will be valid after December 1, 1956 and may be used at any course that will be open for play. 1956 golf permits will be honored until December 31, 1956. Applications for 1957 permits may be made either in person or by mail and must be accompanied by a face photograph of passport size, taken not more than thirty days prior to date of application. A "Photomaton" will be available at the Arsenal Building for use by those applying for permits at this location. The fee for this service will be 25¢ for two pictures. Applications filed by mail must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and the address must include the postal zone, if any. Permits may be purchased at the several offices after filling out applications.

Golf lockers for 1957 season will be placed on sale during the early part of next year. The exact date will be announced later.

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

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

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

(continued)

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

BRONX: Administration Building, Telephone: TAlmadge 8-3200
Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx 60, N.Y.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces that the following golf courses will close for the season at the end of the day's business on Sunday, December 2, 1956.

PELHAM	BRONX
SPLIT ROCK	BRONX
VAN CORTLANDT	BRONX
FOREST PARK	QUEENS
KISSENA	QUEENS
LATOURETTE	RICHMOND

In addition the Pitch Putt Golf Course at Jacob Riis Park in Queens will close for the season at the end of the day's business, Sunday, December 2, 1956.

The following courses will remain open for play:

DYKER BEACH	BROOKLYN
CLEARVIEW	QUEENS
MOSHOLU	BRONX
SILVER LAKE	RICHMOND

The winter operated golf courses will be open for play daily from 8:00 to 4:00 P.M., when conditions for play are favorable. Cafeteria and golf pro services will be available, and lockers may be rented on a day to day basis only. Golf permits for the year 1956 are valid for use until December 31, 1956 on any of the courses which are open for play, and the rates charged for rounds of golf during the regular playing season will be effective at the winter operated courses. Golf permits for the year 1957 may be purchased starting Saturday, December 1, 1956, and may be used after that date.

11/16/56



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1956

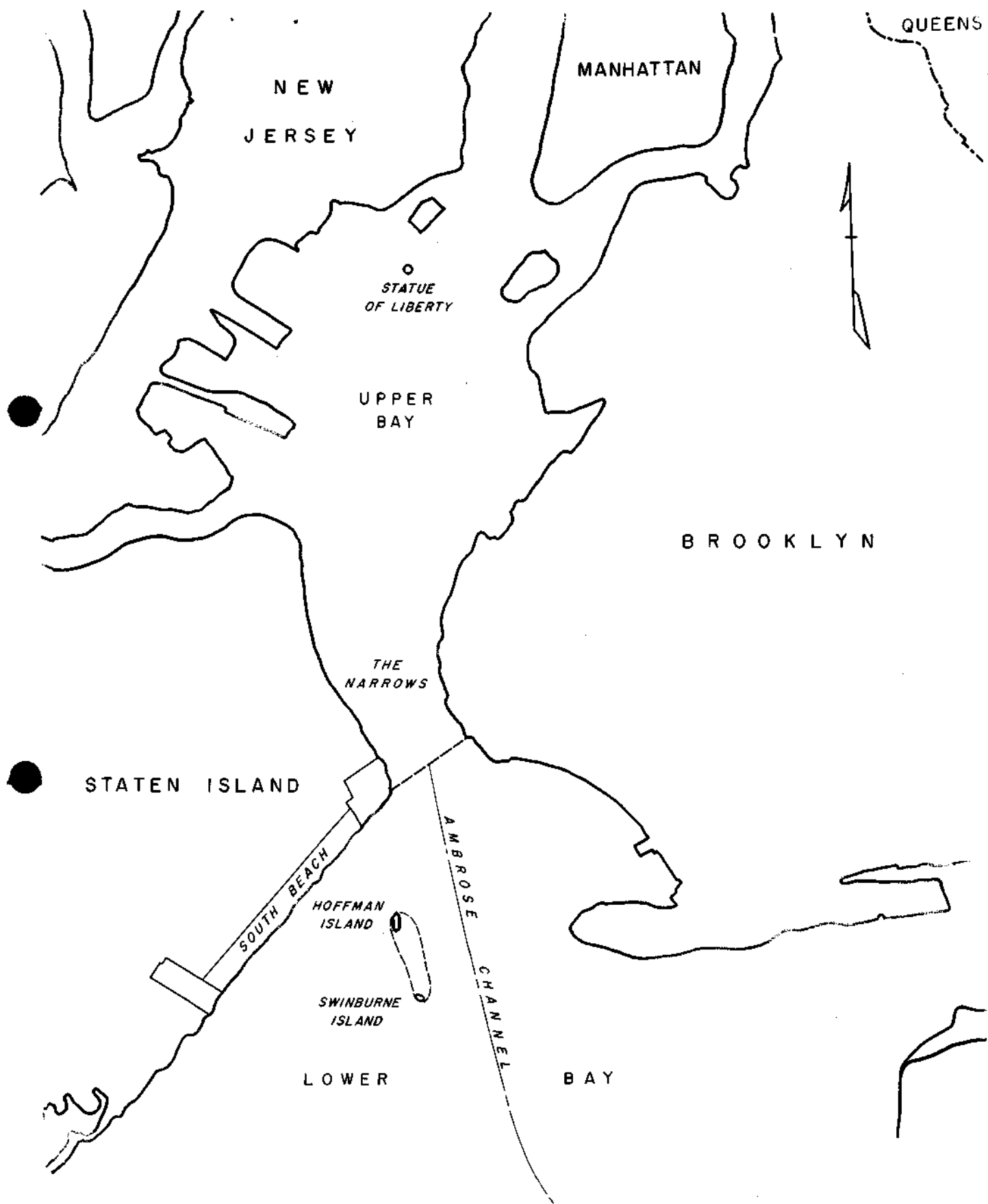
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The Department of Parks today announces that Mr. Bernard M. Baruch has provided the necessary funds for the purchase for park purposes of Hoffman and Swinburne Islands in the Lower Bay for the protection of New York Harbor.

Details concerning this most generous and timely gift and its purpose are contained in the enclosed brochure.

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12-21-56



NEW
JERSEY

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OF LIBERTY

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THE
NARROWS

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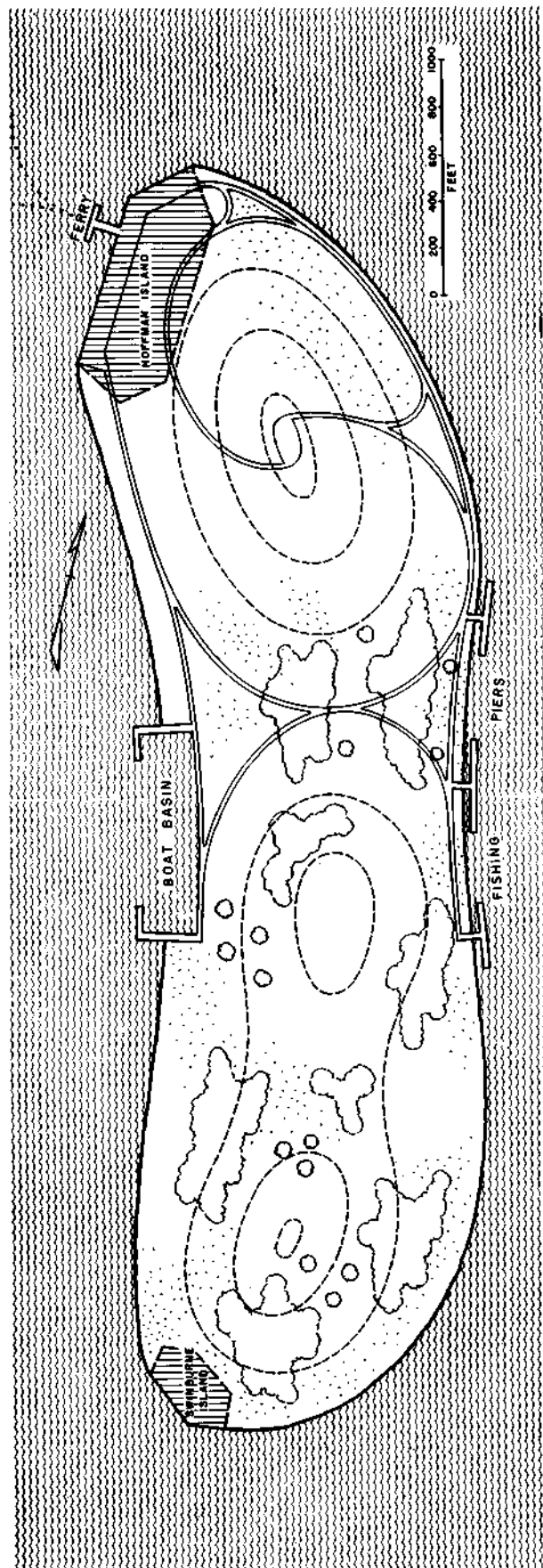
HOFFMAN
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YOU'RE BACK IN
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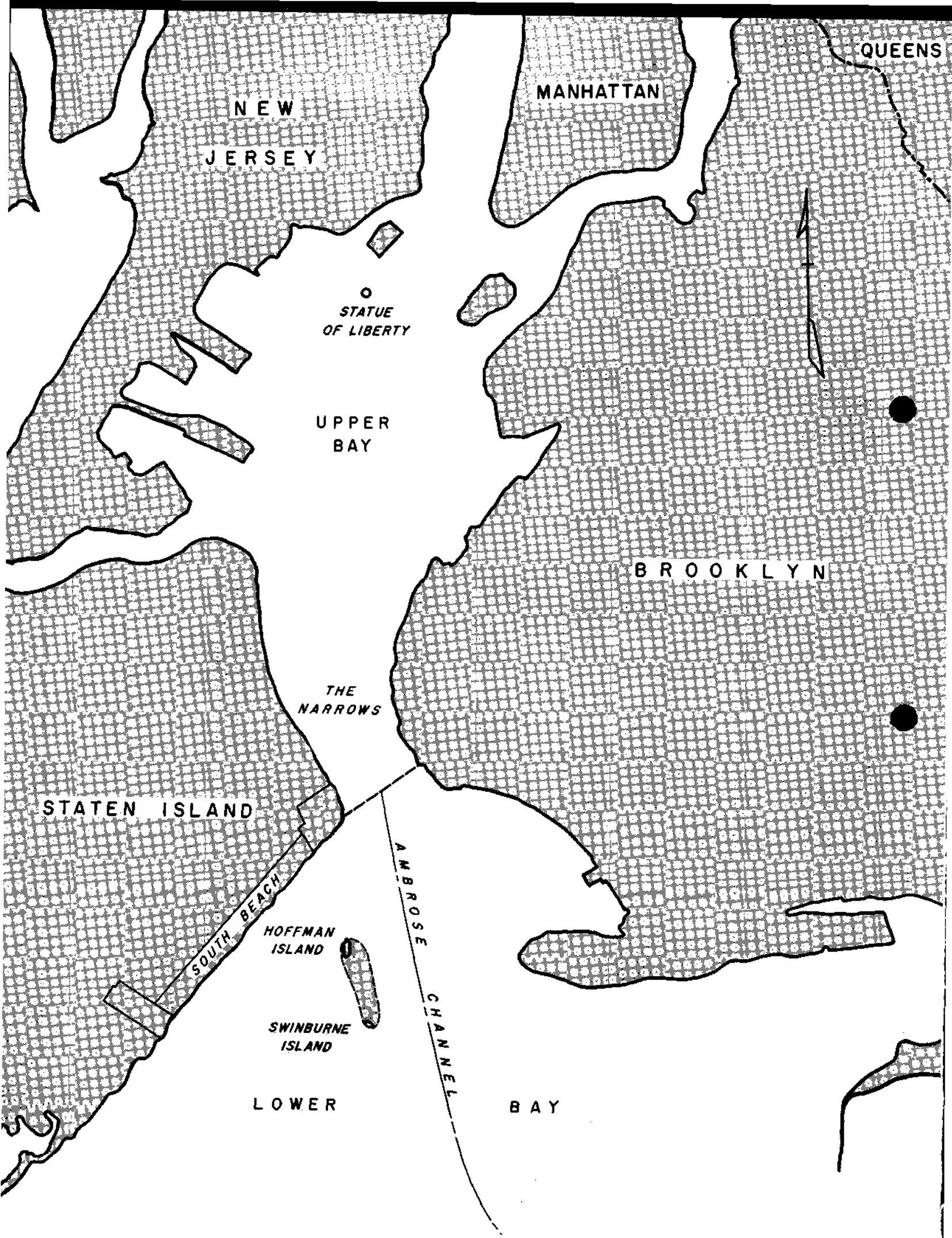
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UNTIL

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HOFFMAN AND SWINBURNE ISLANDS
PROTECTION AND EXTENSION OF SOUTH BEACH PARK
IN THE LOWER BAY AT STATEN ISLAND

DECEMBER 24, 1956



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The Park Department must take advantage of an offer by the U.S. Government to turn over to the City at nominal cost Hoffman and Swinburne Islands for the protection and extension of the new South Beach Park at Staten Island, for future use for fishing and other waterfront purposes, and for gradual filling of the shallow water between the islands with controlled sanitation fill brought in by barge. The priceless shorefront of South Beach and our magnificent Lower Bay and Harbor entrance would be ruined if advertising signs and other nuisances were placed on these two islands.

These maps and photographs show Hoffman and Swinburne Islands in the Lower Bay facing the Atlantic Ocean. They are the property of the Federal Government, but have been abandoned and completely vandalized. They were constructed about 1870 to serve as quarantine stations for immigrants. The quarantine stations were closed in the 1920's. In 1938, additional buildings were constructed on Hoffman Island for use as a training school for the U.S. Maritime Service. In 1947, the school was closed and this island has not been used since that time.

The larger island, named for John T. Hoffman, who was Mayor of New York in 1866, and Governor from 1868 to 1872, is approximately 11½ acres in area. Swinburne Island is

about 2½ acres in area. Both islands are surrounded by masonry walls and are about 11 feet above sea level.

The Surplus Property Act of 1944 provides that surplus land which in the determination of the Secretary of the Interior is suitable for use as a public park may be conveyed to any state or municipality at a price equal to 50% of the fair value of the property. The General Services Administration has determined that the fair value of Hoffman and Swinburne Islands is \$20,000. The City of New York can therefore acquire title for \$10,000.

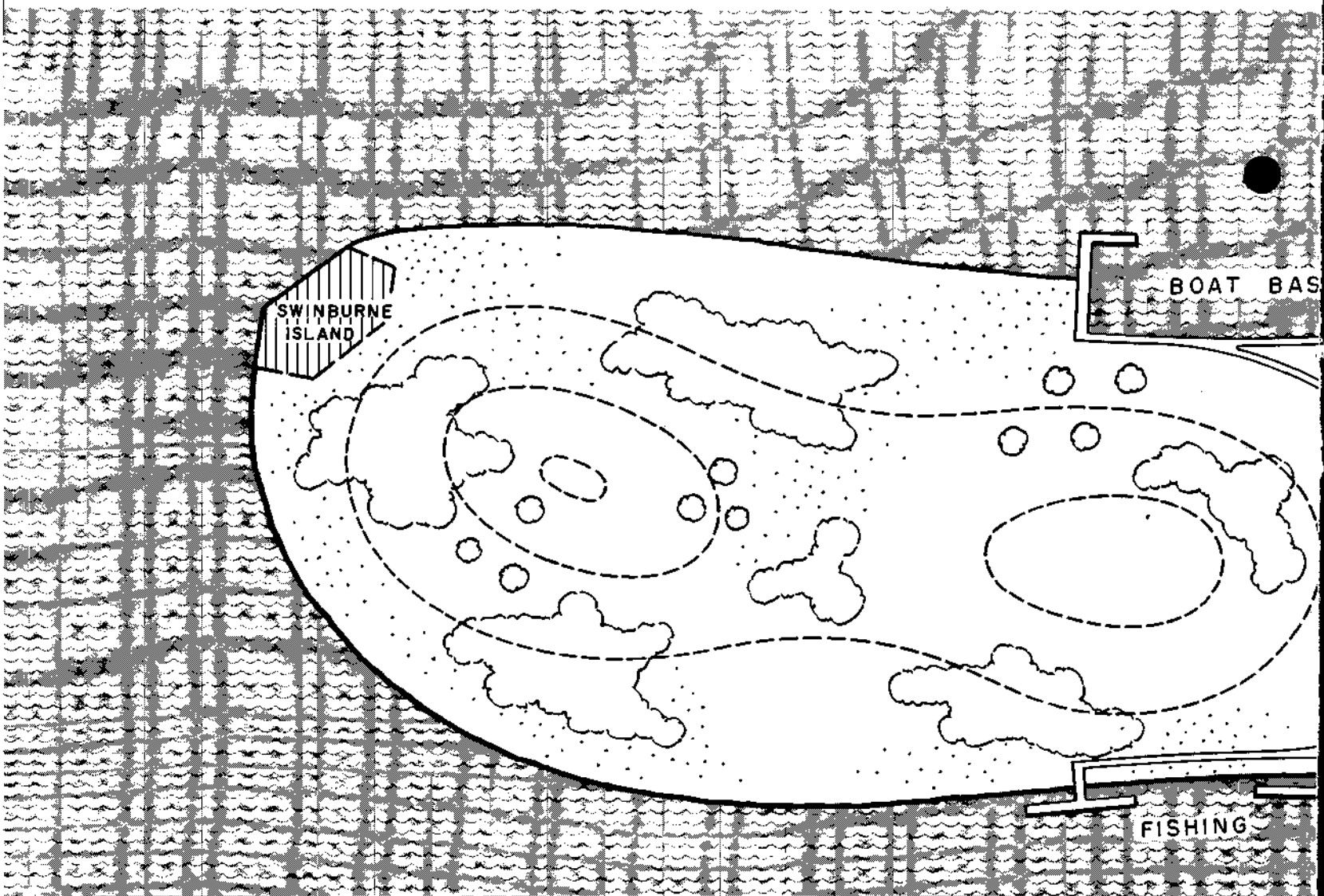
Mr. Bernard M. Baruch has given to the Park Department \$10,000 to buy these islands for the preservation of the beauty of the Lower Bay and Harbor and for the protection and extension of South Beach Park. This contribution has been deposited in trust for this sole purpose under the provisions of Section 5321 subsection 9 of the City Charter.

The City will not be committed to any additional expense for the creation of this extension of South Beach at Staten Island. The new combined islands will, when filled, eventually cover about 250 acres or more than one-quarter the area of Central Park.

The existing islands can be connected by constructing sand dikes pumped from the surround-

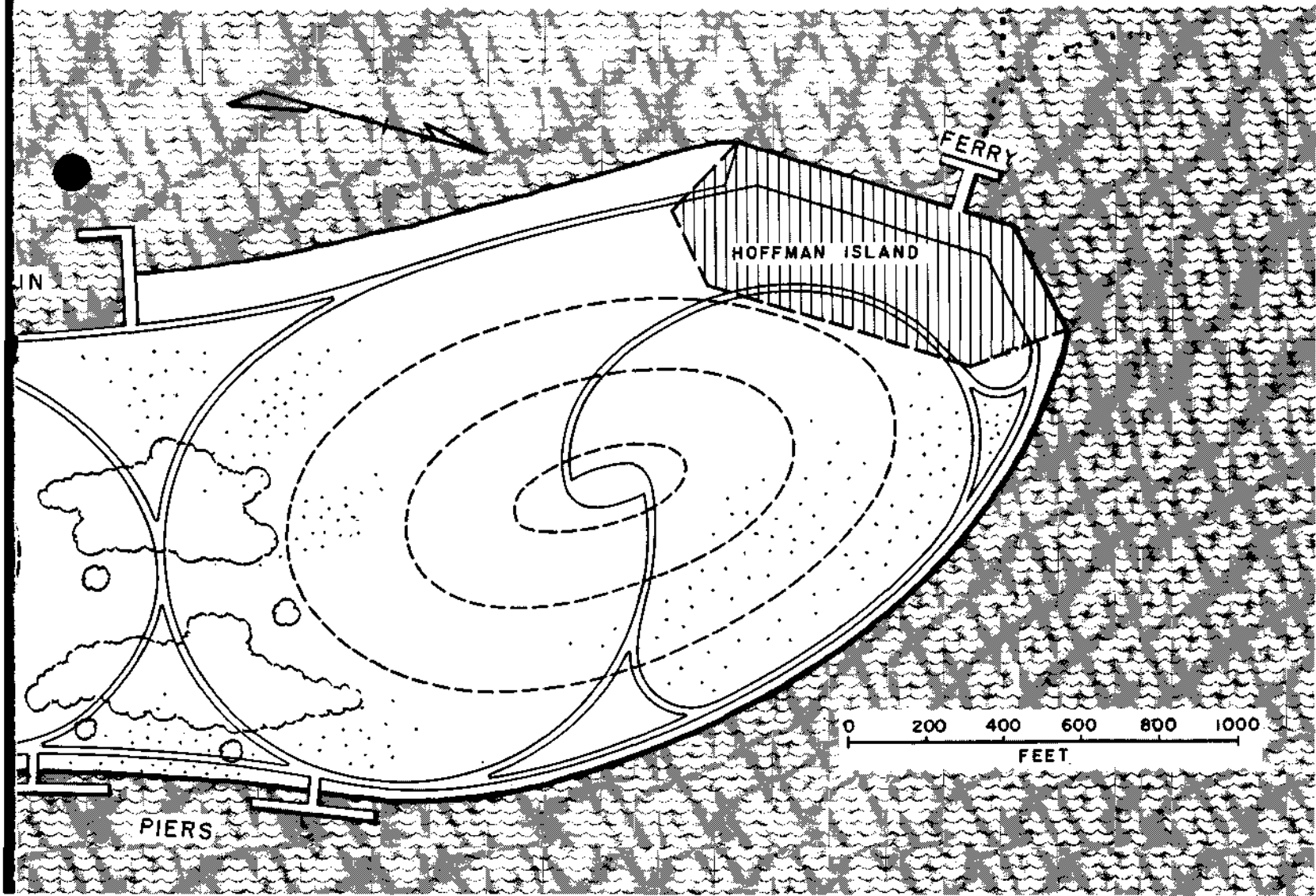


SWINBURNE ISLAND





HOFFMAN ISLAND



ing shallow water of West Bank in the Lower Bay. The area surrounded by these dikes can then be filled by the Department of Sanitation, using the customary controlled sanitary landfill method which has been so successful elsewhere on the City waterfront. The Commissioner of Sanitation needs an additional waterfront disposal area of this kind and has so certified.

The new combined islands will be much closer to the Sanitation Department's source of collected material than the area at Fresh Kills in Staten Island which is now being filled. It will take at least 10,000,000 cubic yards of compacted material to create the connection between Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. This will provide disposal space for about 25,000,000 cubic yards of waste as it comes from collection trucks. There will be no neighborhood nuisance or annoyance. Dumping material at this new site in the Lower Bay will add three years to the life of the Fresh Kills fill allowing additional time for the future building of adequate modern incinerators. The cost of depositing material here will be much less than the cost at Fresh Kills.

After the new combined islands are completed they can be used for picnicking and for fishing which is excellent in these waters. Access to this extension of South Beach will, of course, be primarily from South Beach. Ferry service

can, however, ultimately be provided from Manhattan and Brooklyn. Adequate dock space for small boats can be provided.

Inevitable bad use of this land for commercial advertising and development on the Lower Bay and at the very entrance to New York Harbor, adjacent to the newest substantial oceanfront addition to our City park system, at South Beach will be a continuing threat unless it is acquired as a public park. It is unthinkable that huge advertising signs directed both to large areas of the shorefront and to all incoming ships will be permitted on this strategic site. This is the only alternative to park acquisition, a fact immediately grasped and recognized by Mr. Baruch.

The islands are unzoned and improper uses would inevitably result if they were sold at auction to private interests. Will the first sight seen from an ocean liner entering New York Harbor be—not Liberty lifting her lamp beside the golden door—but two wrecks of small islands with decaying buildings supporting advertising billboards? Bernard Baruch says "No" and the public will say "Amen."

The City will be grateful to Mr. Baruch for this farsighted and public spirited contribution to insure protection of our Harbor and to prevent the sale of these islands to commercial interests.

ROBERT MOSES

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

250 HUDSON STREET

REGION 2

NEW YORK 13, NEW YORK

Nov. 28, 1956

The Honorable Robert Moses
Commissioner, Department of Parks
64th Street and Fifth Avenue
Central Park
New York 21, New York

Re: Hoffman and Swinburne Islands
New York Harbor, New York

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I have your letter of November 23, 1956 giving notice of intent on behalf of the Park Department of the City of New York to acquire the subject islands, and that a formal proposal will be filed with this office within thirty (30) days.

I shall be glad to defer all disposal action for the thirty (30) day period and your formal proposal will be given prompt attention when received.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Walter F. Downey
Regional Commissioner

**CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK**

December 7, 1956

Mr. Bernard M. Baruch
597 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Bernie:

Thank you for your prompt and generous response to my request for help in acquiring Hoffman and Swinburne Islands.

It is our understanding that you will give us certain securities in trust, that we may sell these and apply the proceeds to the purchase of the Islands, and that you will make up any failure of the sale to produce \$10,000, the price of the Islands. We understand further that you are making this gift to the Commissioner of Parks for the purpose of purchasing Hoffman and Swinburne Islands for the City for park purposes.

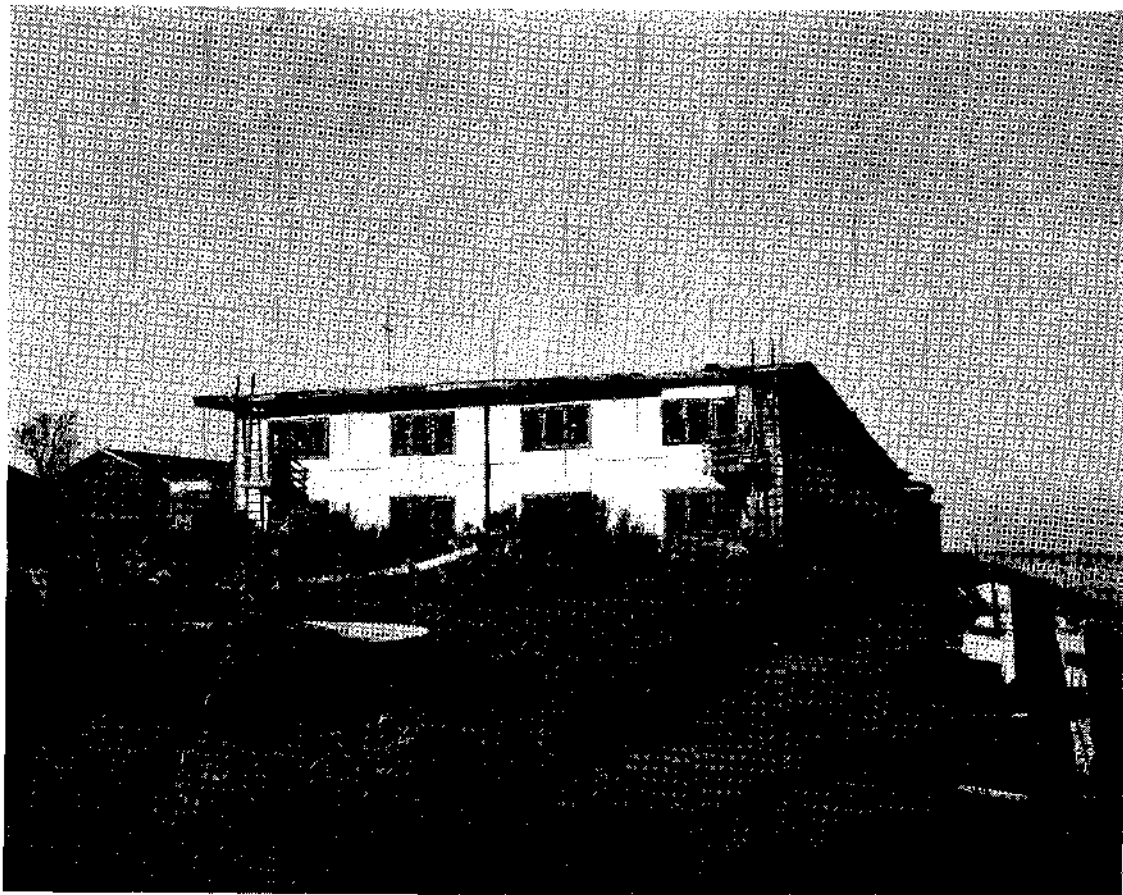
The funds you are giving will be deposited in a trust fund, the sole purpose of which will be to acquire Hoffman and Swinburne Islands for such purposes.

The securities or cash which you give us for the above purpose should be given to the Commissioner of Parks, Hoffman & Swinburne Islands Trust Fund, Stuart Constable, Executive Officer, Trustee.

Again, deep thanks.

Cordially,

/s/ Robert Moses
Commissioner



ABANDONED AND VANDALIZED BUILDINGS ON HOFFMAN ISLAND



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1956

B. F. ...
10/28/56
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Mail .. 1:30 P.M.

The duck hunting season for the Long Island area opens on November 3, 1956.

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

Violators of these regulations will be subject to prosecution.

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10-24-56



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1956

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New York City's Thirteenth Annual Outdoor Chrysanthemum Display is now in bloom with over 1,000,000 blossoms on view in five park areas, the Park Department announced today.

These displays are made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, who, in 1943 in memory of her mother, established the Sara J. Woodard Memorial Chrysanthemum Plantings. The displays have been established in four park areas in New York City; Central Park Conservatory Gardens at Fifth Avenue and 105th Street; The Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street; Bryant Park at 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas; Bowling Green Park at Broadway and Whitehall Street.

Planted solidly in beds, some of them 250 feet long, the flowers range in color from white through pale yellow to blue to pink to brilliant red, and the plants range in size from the small dwarf varieties to more than three feet high and three feet in spread.

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Attached is statement by Commissioner Moses
concerning Local Laws affecting Park Operations and
Concessions introduced by Councilman Isaacs.

Mr. Stanley Isaacs has introduced two Local Laws the manifest purpose of which is to embarrass and curtail drastically the powers of the Commissioner of Parks. The effect of these proposals, if adopted, would be to throw the award of concessions back into politics and personal pressure.

One of the proposed laws applies only to the Department of Parks. It would amend the Charter and would require approval by the Board of Estimate and the City Planning Commission of any plan for any park or playground, and for any change in use of any part of any existing park. It would also require that acceptance of any gift offered to the Department of Parks be subject to approval by the same procedure.

This proposed law is entirely unnecessary, would complicate and obstruct the ordinary day to day work of the Park Department and in fact make reasonably efficient operation impossible. There is ample protection at present. All plans for parks are now approved by the Art Commission and the Board of Estimate. Moreover the Board must approve all contracts for Park work of any consequence. In addition, the City Planning Commission in making the capital budget also passes on all park projects and approves park changes of any substance.

The second law proposed by Mr. Isaacs on its face applies to all departments and has to do with the operations of business on public property. Actually it is largely aimed at the Department of Parks. It affects all concessions. The proposed law would put selection of all concessionaires under the Board of Estimate and make all construction on premises occupied by concessionaires subject to approval by the Board of Estimate and the City Planning Commission. It would also cancel all existing concessions one year after the effective date of the law.

A brief look at the scope of this law makes its absurdity obvious. Under it, every bootblack stand, candy cart and other trivial concessions would have to have a place on the Board of Estimate calendar and go up for consideration and approval before the Board. The debates by people interested in concessions and the appeals to and pressures on Board members to intervene would not advance one iota the cause of good public park administration or the public interest.

Both of Mr. Isaacs' proposed laws really are attacks upon me personally and upon my almost 23-year administration of the park system in New York City. I think a brief review of the record will demonstrate better than argument the vicious

and dangerous character of the proposals. If these were adopted a system of politics and favoritism which I found in 1934 and eliminated would immediately be restored. During more than twenty-two years activity as Park Commissioner since 1934 the acreage in the park system has increased from 14,000 acres to 28,550 acres and the number of playgrounds has increased from 119 to 680. All recreation facilities have increased at least fourfold.

In 1934 when I took charge of the newly unified Department of Parks I found concessions in a deplorable state. I quote from a statement concerning concessions published by the Department of Parks on June 1, 1934, five months after I took office.

"The smaller concessions seem to have been parceled out to the aged, the blind, the lame and the needy, and to war veterans - wounded or unwounded - on the theory that these people should be taken care of by the Park Department, irrespective of the need of the concessions or the ability of the concessionaire to render adequate and sanitary service.

"There can be no doubt that the granting of permits for all classes of concessions was influenced by political considerations. A prize illustration is the Casino in Central Park which involved a long term license given by Mayor Walker to a friend on a personal basis at an absurdly low rental. Licenses were granted after clandestine meetings behind closed doors. Permits were obtained by political captains for people in their districts or for members of their political clubs. Permits were given to mere brokers or middlemen who in turn peddled them to incompetent or irresponsible assignees. There are indications that, in some case, monies were paid by concessionaires to public officials or to campaign funds or political clubs. No thought apparently was given to the real public necessity of a particular concession in a particular park area or to the fact that it might unnecessarily and unfairly compete with private business on adjacent streets. We found a great many complaints by small storekeepers who paid heavy taxes that stands and licensed peddlers in parks who paid a nominal fee to the City, were taking away customers from private stores which were readily accessible.

"The large concessions were, for the most part, let at public bidding. This did not prevent favoritism. In practice, it prompted and abetted trickery. In many cases, the conditions under which the license was to be operated, as provided in the notice for bids, were altered after the award was made by increasing the prices the licensee could charge, by extending

the area in which he could operate, and by other ingenious devices. It is obvious that word was passed around that if the right man put in a low bid he would not have to worry later about inspection or the enforcement of requirements. This gave the favored bidder the necessary advantage, made a joke of public bidding and foisted on the City an undesirable concessionaire. It also frightened off competent people who quickly learned that open bidding was simply a thinly disguised racket. In some cases, bidders were induced, by official promises of improvements to be made by the City in connection with a license, to bid more for the license than it turned out to be worth when the city failed to make the improvements.

"In regard to operation, there are no indications that the old Park Departments provided proper supervision. Apparently, as long as a man paid his rent and the public did not strenuously complain, the licensee operated as he pleased. There were clear indications in some cases that either politicians or racketeers forced the concessionaires to pay regular charges to others than the proper park officials.

"Assignments were made without the consent of the Commissioner having jurisdiction in violation of the terms of the license agreements. In an important case, the Commissioner allowed an assignment to be made without a record of any kind, and without notice to the Comptroller or any other official. Licenses granted for a charge of \$20. or \$30. a month were sold for ten times these amounts. Some licenses were operated by assignees, who paid the party who originally obtained the license a monthly royalty for the privilege of operation. Certain names appear again and again as the operators of licenses, or as having some mysterious interest in such operation. Stories are told that such persons have forced concessionaires to pay large amounts in cash for the privilege of operating certain concessions and have later, when the concession proved more valuable than they had expected, forced the assignee to sell back the concession and accept in payment notes which turned out to be worthless.

"Almost all the concession properties were filthy, and a good many needed painting and repairs. The people who operated them were often unkempt, bad mannered and dirty. There were entirely too many of them. This over-crowding, and the fact that they were not protected against competition from unlicensed vendors of all kinds, made it impossible for many concessionaires to make more than a bare living, and to keep their places and themselves in presentable condition. The cheapest food stuffs were bought by these vendors, and in many

instances the food they sold was harmful or actually unfit for consumption. Unlicensed peddlers overran the parks to such an extent that in Central Park, despite 1200 arrests in a year, the nuisance continued. The magistrates, in most of the cases, dismissed the violators of the park ordinances, gave suspended sentences, or levied so small a fine that the arrest had no deterring influence.

"When the new Park administration came into office, something like 50% of the concessionaires were behind in their rent for periods running from two months to two years. In a good many cases, bonds had been given to the City to insure the payment of rent, but the bonding companies were insolvent. A large percentage of this back rent has now been paid up. Some of it is uncollectible, and, in some cases, defenses have been interposed in actions to collect the rent, which have resulted in bothersome and expensive litigation. A comparison of the amounts of the bonds in a number of cases has indicated either the lack of any uniform principle or the working of the crudest kind of favoritism. In some cases, the bond requirements were ridiculously low, and in other cases, ridiculously high."

The Park system has been lifted since 1934 from a disorganized, divided, politically controlled, disgracefully neglected shambles into an efficiently operated, well maintained, unified system with concessions operated for the benefit of the public who use the parks. This is generally recognized throughout the United States and abroad.

New regulations concerning concessions were adopted, all bidding was eliminated, concessionaires were selected on the basis of their proven ability to do the job required and all agreements were made as revocable licenses.

Under this system the City parks are now served by competently operated, well supervised concessions. The income to the City from these concessions has increased from \$220,000 in 1934 to \$972,000 in 1956. Substantial improvements have been made to City installations and concession facilities to serve the public have been expanded and multiplied at least four times.

While as a matter of practice, major improvements in parks generally now come in one form or another to the Board of Estimate for approval. I would have no objection to a proposal to submit for approval agreements with concessionaires which provide for the expenditure of over \$100,000 for improvements to concession facilities in the parks where payment is made out of future rentals, payable from the concession. This would exclude

small incidental repairs and would not involve in any way selection or approval of ~~concession~~ operators and would not resemble the Isaacs' proposals.

If Mr. Isaacs' proposed laws are enacted, operation of concessions and many other matters now under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Parks will be returned to political control and the advances of almost a quarter of a century will be wiped out.

No self-respecting individual would be willing to serve as Commissioner of Parks under the conditions Councilman Issacs proposes. I attach for your attention the editorial which appeared in the World-Telegram on September 20th, which makes the same point.

Attach.

EDITORIAL PRINTED IN WORLD TELEGRAM, SEPTEMBER 20, 1956

TIGHTER REINS ON CONCESSIONS?

Mayor Wagner's administration is reportedly working up legislation to tighten controls over contracts with concessionaires in city parks.

This move, of course, emanates from the celebrated Tavern-on-the-Green rumpus. Critics charged that the city was being short-changed, receiving only a small fraction of the restaurant's revenue and absorbing the lion's share of improvement expenses. They suggested that the Board of Estimate get a final say on Parks Department contracts with concessionaires.

A look at concession policies may be in order, but we think it's important to remember that the city's purpose in contracting for park concessions is primarily service, not profit.

That's not saying contract procedures can't be improved. But we think it would be a sorry mistake if the Tavern controversy were used as an excuse to throw park concessions back in the political grab bag -- available on the old catch-as-catch-can basis which pleased some politicians, favored some concessionaires but often did a disservice to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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The Department of Parks announces the fall and winter schedule of the Marionette Theatre for the 1956-57 season. A total of 154 performances will be given at 81 locations.

Two tours are made annually - fall and winter (indoor shows) and spring and summer (outdoor shows). They are scheduled throughout the five boroughs. The outdoor shows extend invitation to the general public. However, at the indoor shows, to prevent overcrowding, it will be necessary for those wishing to attend to request permission from Directors in charge. Attendance at performances given in schools during regular school hours is limited to pupils attending the school.

The current production of "Happy the Humbug" will be presented in the Borough of the Bronx beginning Wednesday, November 14, 1956. The shows open to the public are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, November 20 - 3:30 P.M.	P.S.#99 Community Center 1180 Stebbins Avenue
Friday, November 30 - 3:30 P.M.	P.S.#2 Community Center 1363 Fulton Avenue
Monday, December 3 - 3:30 P.M.	P.S.#155 Community Center 450 St. Paul's Place

The show comes to Brooklyn on

Tuesday, December 11 - 3:30 P.M.	Brooklyn War Memorial Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Orange Sts No tickets necessary
Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Dec. 27, 28, 29) - 11 AM and 2 P.M.	Brooklyn Museum at Eastern Parkway and Washington Avenue. Those desiring tickets of admission should get in touch with the Director of the Museum

The theatre will perform in Richmond the latter part of January; in Queens beginning January 31, and in Manhattan on March 6. The Park Puppeteers design, construct and costume all the marionettes, write their own scripts and design, build and paint all scenery and props. They endeavor to bring to youngsters cultural and educational entertainment on a professional level.

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Barney Felix

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces that application blanks for the Municipal Lifeguard Training Course will be available on December 1, 1956. This course is conducted each year to train young men for the position of lifeguard at New York City's municipal pools and beaches. Tuition is free.

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

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

Sessions begin on January 2, 1957 and will be held in the afternoons and evenings. Successful candidates will receive certificates of qualification at termination of the course.

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ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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December 3, 1956

Barney Felix
12/3/56 - Sent to all
Heads of
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Each year, this Department conducts a Lifeguard Training Course. The purpose of this course is to adequately protect the public at the municipal beaches and pools with competent and qualified personnel who will have received training and instruction compatible with the duties of the position.

May we again request your cooperation in publicizing this training course among the personnel of your Department, who also may pass the information to friends having sons interested in this position. In addition, the organization publications in your agency would be an excellent avenue for release of this information.

I am enclosing several copies of the application containing all pertinent information on this subject which may be displayed at bulletin board locations in your Department.

Very truly yours,

G. L. Quigley
GEORGE L. QUIGLEY
Director of Maintenance
and Operation

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BULLETIN

December 1st, 1956

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

CITY OF NEW YORK

LIFE GUARD

MALE—MUNICIPAL POOLS AND BEACHES

SPONSOR

MUNICIPAL LIFE GUARD TRAINING SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
342 EAST 54th STREET
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

CONTENT

Practical and theoretical instruction in life guard procedure and practice. Course will consist of five parts; lifesaving and water safety, resuscitator and inhalator operation, beach control, use and care of lifesaving equipment, including boats and surf rescue technique.

INSTRUCTORS SCHEDULE

Executive and staff members of the Department of Parks.

Fourteen — 2-hour sessions weekly, beginning January 2nd, 1957. Enrollees will be required to attend one period of training a week. Sessions will be held afternoons and evenings each weekday and mornings and afternoons on Saturdays. Applicants will be given their choice of class periods.

PLACE

East 54th Street Indoor Pool—342 East 54th Street, Manhattan (near 1st Avenue) (IRT-Lexington Ave. Line to 51st Street. Independent Line to Lexington Avenue).

ELIGIBILITY

Open to male citizens of the United States who are residents of New York City for three (3) years immediately prior to date of appointment and who will have reached their 17th birthday as of date of appointment who can pass a non-competitive swimming test of 50 yards in 35 seconds, free style. Applicants must furnish a medical certificate on Doctor's Stationery, stating that they are in good health. Applications will not be accepted without proof of date of birth. Candidates will not be considered eligible for appointment if they have reached their 35th birthday.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be by written application on forms provided by the Department of Parks. Applications will be available at all Public, Private, Parochial and Hebrew high schools, and university and college placement offices. At all YMCA and YMHA and Red Cross Chapter offices. Also at all Borough offices of the Department of Parks. Applications will be accepted during December, 1956, by registration clerk at East 54th Street.

CERTIFICATE

In addition to becoming eligible for appointment as a municipal life guard for the summer season, successful candidates will receive a Senior Red Cross Life Saving Certificate and a certificate of qualification from the Department of Parks.

MUNICIPAL LIFEGUARD COURSE

**To be Conducted by the
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK**

REGISTRATION AND PRE-TEST

**DECEMBER 1st, 1956 THROUGH DECEMBER 29th, 1956
COURSE — JANUARY 2nd, 1957 THROUGH MARCH 30th, 1957**

COURSE OF STUDY

- 1. LIFESAVING AND WATER SAFETY**
- 2. RESUSCITATOR AND INHALATOR OPERATION**
- 3. BEACH AND POOL CONTROL**
- 4. USE AND CARE OF BEACH AND POOL EQUIPMENT**
- 5. SURF TECHNIQUE**

IMPORTANT

Successful completion of this course will qualify applicant for position as Lifeguard at the beaches and pools operated by the Department of Parks.

— — TUITION IS FREE — —

**Address all Communications to: MUNICIPAL LIFE GUARD TRAINING SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
342 EAST 54TH ST.
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Municipal Lifeguard course will consist of five parts: lifesaving and water safety, resuscitator and inhalator operation, beach control, use and care of lifesaving equipment including boats, and surf rescue technique. A detailed description of the subjects will be given each candidate at the time of the first class. Candidates will be required to attend one period of training a week.

Classes will be held afternoons at 4:00 P.M. and evenings at 7:30 P.M. each weekday of the term and 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. on Saturdays. Candidates, as far as possible, will be assigned to such classes as they choose. The course itself will be conducted by members of this department experienced in theory and practical methods of lifesaving.

Rules governing the conduct of classes, attendance, etc., will be strictly enforced. Classes will consist of 35 to 40 members; thus each candidate will be assured of individual instruction.

Aside from the possibility of securing profitable employment as a Lifeguard at the New York City pools and beaches, this course is extremely valuable as physical training.

A standard basis of rating will be used and marks given each pupil for each session. These ratings will be compiled and the final standing of the candidates, made up from these compilations.

Qualifying swimming tests will be held at 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan, indoor pool, every day, except Sunday, beginning December 1, 1956 to December 29, 1956 from 2 to 9 P.M. On Saturdays from 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Applicants are required to furnish their own towel, soap and trunks each session.

PREREQUISITES

1. Open to male citizens of the United States who are residents of New York City for three (3) years immediately prior to date of appointment and who will have reached their 17th birthday as of date of appointment. Applications will not be accepted without proof of date of birth.
2. Candidates for the course will be required to pass a non-competitive swimming test, free style, 50 yards, 35 seconds.
3. Applicants must furnish a medical certificate on Doctors Stationery, stating that they are in good health.
4. Candidates who have been previously employed as Lifeguard by this department must also file an application.
5. Applicants will be required to furnish a photo—passport size—taken within 30 days prior to submission of application.
6. Candidates will not be considered eligible for appointment if they have reached their 35th birthday.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT
MUNICIPAL LIFEGUARD TRAINING SCHOOL

NAME _____
 (PLEASE PRINT) LAST MIDDLE FIRST

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____
 NO. STREET TOWN POST OFFICE NO.

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
 PROOF OF BIRTH MUST BE SUBMITTED

BIRTHPLACE _____
 CITY STATE

SCHOOL _____
 NAME CITY

LIFEGUARD EXPERIENCE WITH PARK DEPT. _____

RED CROSS LIFESAVING CERTIFICATE—Jr. _____ Sr. _____ Yr. _____

WHAT DAY AND PERIOD PREFERRED? _____
 (INDICATE FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE)

In consideration of granting this application, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all right and claim for damages I may have against the City of New York, the Department of Parks, their agents, representatives and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by me while participating in the Municipal Lifeguard Course conducted by the Department of Parks of the City of New York.

 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

APPROVAL OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

(Following must be signed when applicant is under 21 years of age)

In consideration of granting this application, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all right and claim for damages I may have against the City of New York, the Department of Parks, their agents, representatives and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by my son (ward), while participating in the Municipal Lifeguard Course conducted by the Department of Parks of the City of New York.

 SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT

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QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

See General Information Sheet for Instructions.

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2. RESUSCITATION AND INHALATOR OPERATION
3. BEACH AND POOL CONTROL
4. USE AND CARE OF BEACH AND POOL EQUIPMENT
5. SURF TECHNIQUE

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THURSDAY, ⁴
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1956

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Bath Avenue between Bay 22nd and Bay 23rd Streets, adjacent to P.S. 200, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

This new 3/4-acre playground is divided into two sections for control purposes. The westerly section which will be operated by the Department of Parks at all times is an area for pre-school age children and provides for slides, swings, sandpit, comfort station, see-saws, jungle gym and shower basin. The easterly section which will be operated by the Board of Education when school is in session and by the Department of Parks at all other times, contains practice basketball areas, handball courts and quiet games area.

With the addition of this playground there are now 681 playgrounds in the park system.

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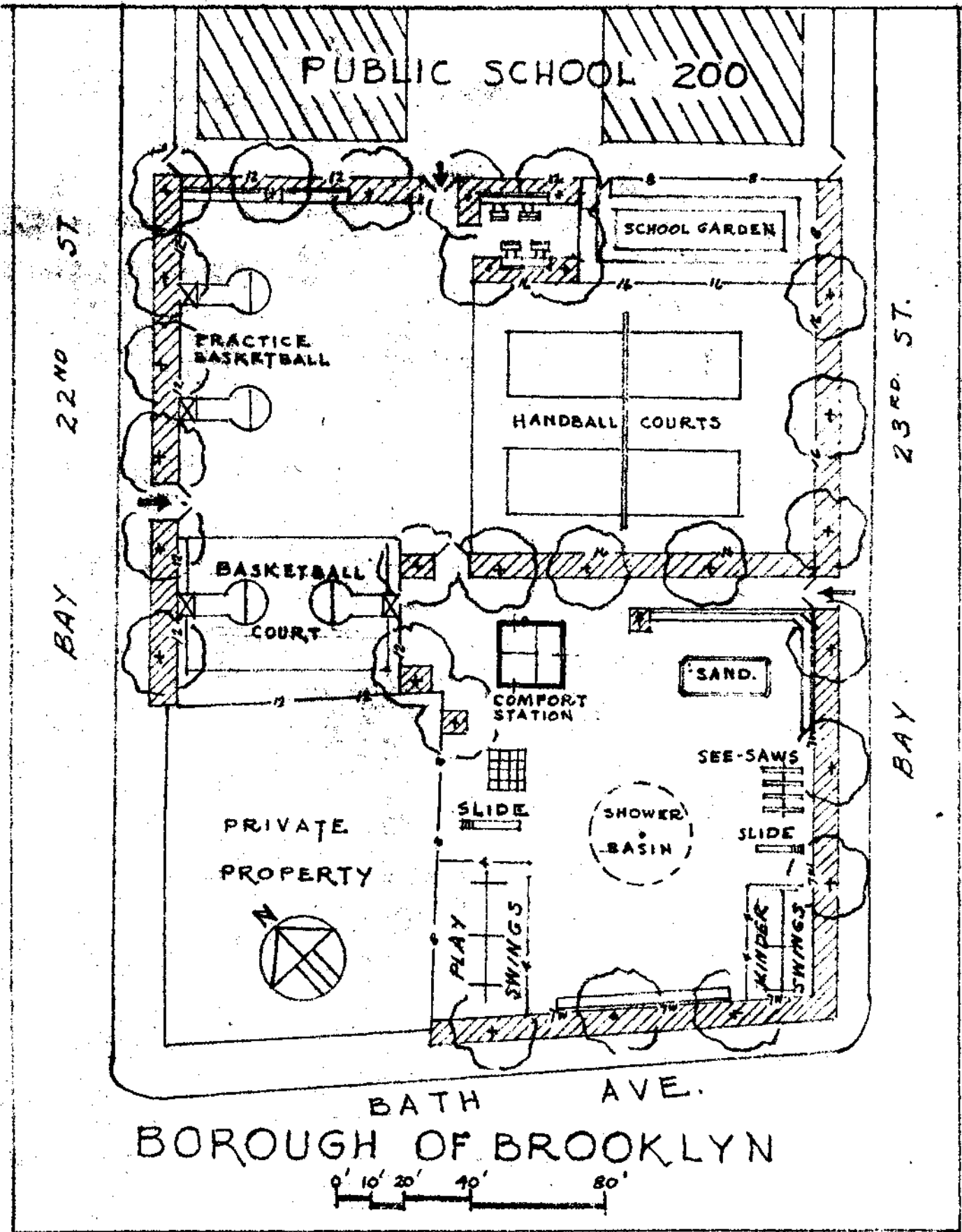
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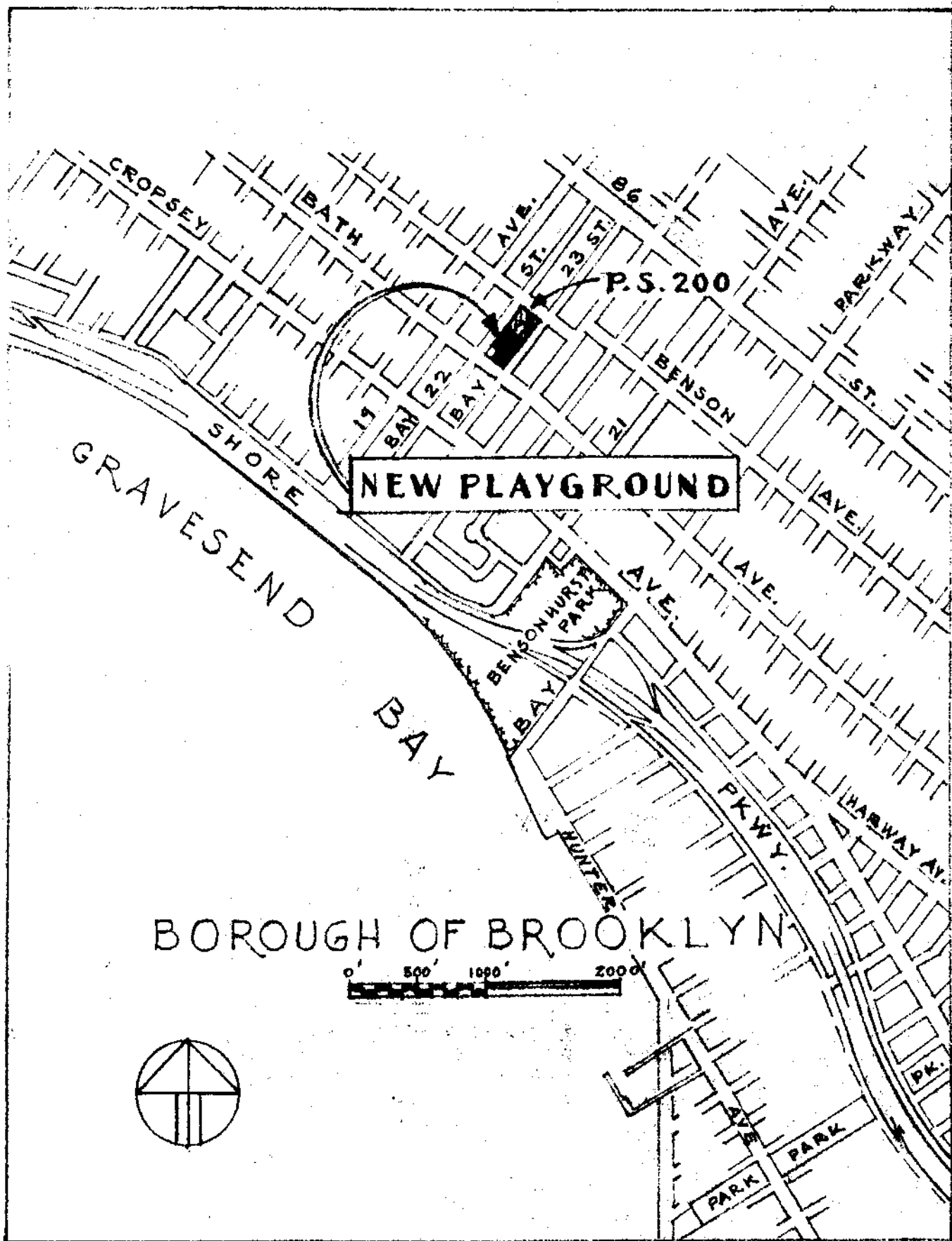
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1956

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The Central Park playground located adjacent to 110 Street and 8 Avenue is equipped in the same way as eighteen other marginal type playgrounds located in Central Park.

These playgrounds are intended for small children accompanied by their parents or guardians. In view of this and the restricted and inadequate budgetary allowance of personnel for the maintenance of the entire park system, a park employee cannot be assigned full time. The areas are cleaned at least once daily and the employee is then assigned to the maintenance of other surrounding park areas.

The congregating of hoboes and derelicts in the park is strictly a police matter. Patrolmen are assigned to cover all sections of Central Park, but as has been repeatedly emphasized by both Police Commissioner Kennedy and myself, the number of Police Officers available for such assignment is inadequate for proper control and safety in many park areas. It was announced recently that more police would be available. A thousand men were added. At the same time hours were cut. Commissioner Kennedy ended up with a little less coverage than he had before.

/s/ R. MOSES



ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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October 4, 1956

Mrs. Carol Leone
485 Central Park West
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Leone:

I have your letter of September 29 regarding the Central Park marginal playground at 110 Street and Central Park West.

Due to severe budgetary limitations, a park employee cannot be assigned on a full-time daily basis to these marginal playgrounds. An employee is assigned to clean the playground daily and also to maintain the surrounding park area. Our supervisory personnel have been instructed to inspect this location daily.

We have called to the attention of the 22 Police Precinct, the necessity for more intensive police patrol in this area in order to discourage derelicts from congregating. The 28 Precinct has also been requested to patrol the 110 Street boundary sidewalk adjacent to this playground. As we have repeatedly and publicly stated there are simply not nearly enough police to make our parks safe, prevent vandalism, etc.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner

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485 Central 1 Park West
New York 25, N. Y.
Sep. 29, 1956

Mr. Robert Moses
Commissioner of Parks
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moses:

We, the mothers of the 110th & Central Park Vicinity, are asking you, as the Commissioner of Parks to help safeguard our children and ourselves. The playground in our neighborhood (110th St. & Central Park West) has become impossible to use. Instead of a play area for children, it has become the haunt of drunkards and hobos. It is littered with broken whiskey bottles; the benches surrounding the playground have become a sort of hotel for homeless prostitutes; and the once lovely shrubs are now turned into rest rooms for the shameless.

We have grown used to the hard fact that we ourselves dare not venture out of doors after dark, but our children must have a safe, decent place to play in broad daylight. The least that we can expect from the city is protection. We demand the following:

1. a park attendant in the playground all day
2. a foot patrolman whose beat is small enough to enable him to make sure that the aforementioned types do not congregate in the area

The physical and mental well being of the women and children in the area depend directly on the fulfillment of these two demands.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carol Leone
(Mrs.) CAROL LEONE



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

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1956

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The Park Department announces that ceremonies opening the reconstructed Weeping Beech Park and its new 1.3-acre playground will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 1956 at 3:30 P.M. in the playground located at Bowne Street and 37th Avenue, Flushing, Queens. The ceremonies will also mark the 311th Anniversary of the granting of the Flushing Charter which accorded the settlers of Flushing the right to "enjoy liberty of conscience", in this respect the most liberal grant in any of the American colonies up to that time.

Adjacent to the park and playground is the historic Bowne House, preserved as "a shrine to religious freedom" by the Bowne House Historical Society. The house was built in 1661 by John Bowne, a settler from New England, who incurred the wrath of Governor Peter Stuyvesant by inviting Quakers to use it as a place of worship. His imprisonment and two years of exile led to the winning of new guaranties of religious freedom from the authorities in Holland.

Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside at the opening ceremonies. Other speakers will include the Hon. Charles S. Colden, president of the Bowne House Historical Society, William B. Groat III, Assistant Commissioner of Borough Works, and Franklin F. Regan, Chairman of the New York State Joint Legislative Commission for the Celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance.

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Weeping Beech Park takes its name from the magnificent old tree which occupies the eastern end of the 2-acre park. Planted in 1830 from a cutting imported from Belgium, it is believed to be the first of its variety to be planted in the western hemisphere. It is over sixty feet high, and has a spread of eighty-five feet and trunk circumference of fourteen feet.

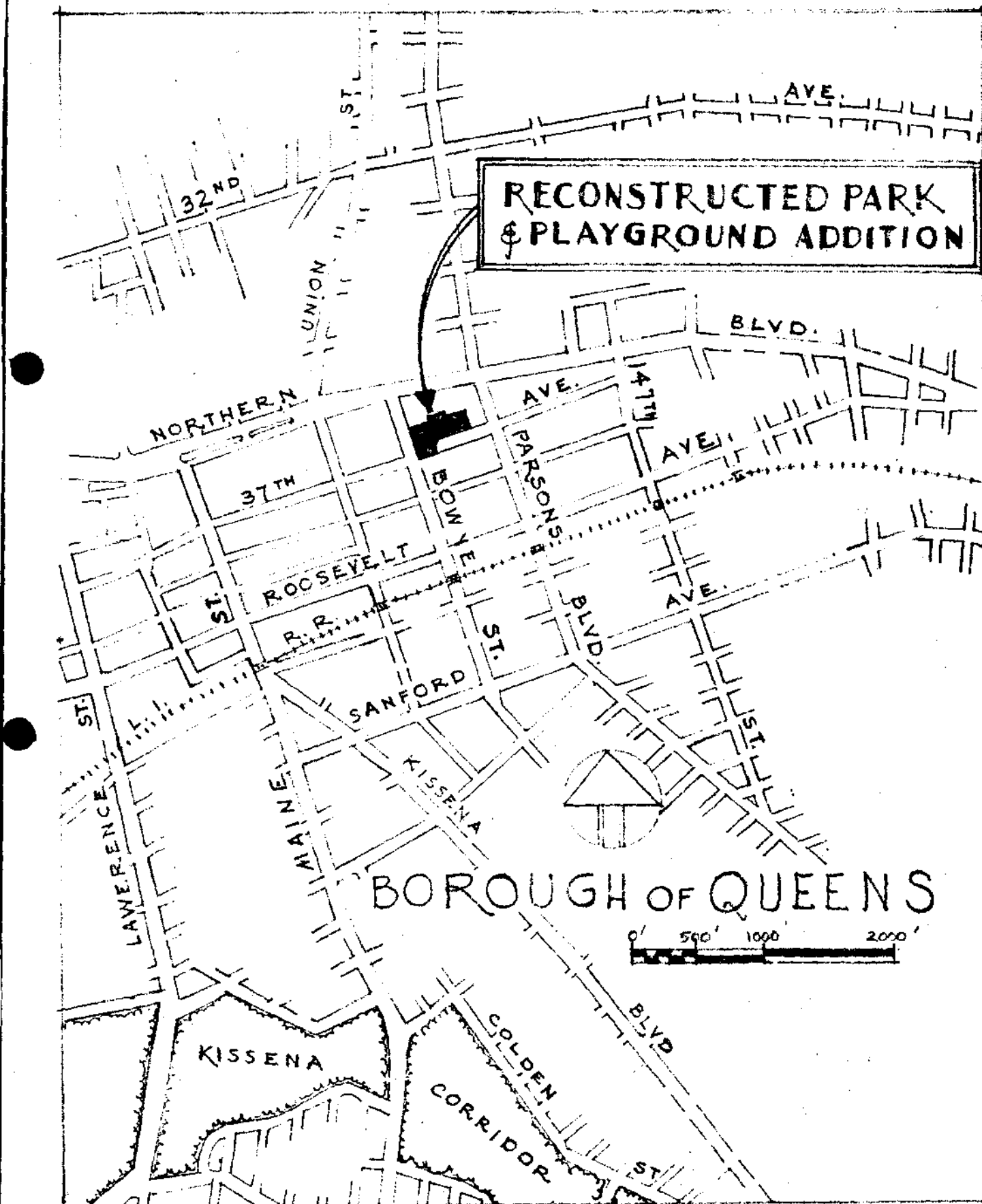
The new playground extends from the park area surrounding the weeping beech to Bowne Street and is divided into two sections. The easterly section is a children's area containing a comfort station, sand pit, wading pool and playground apparatus. The westerly section provides two handball courts and two basketball courts.

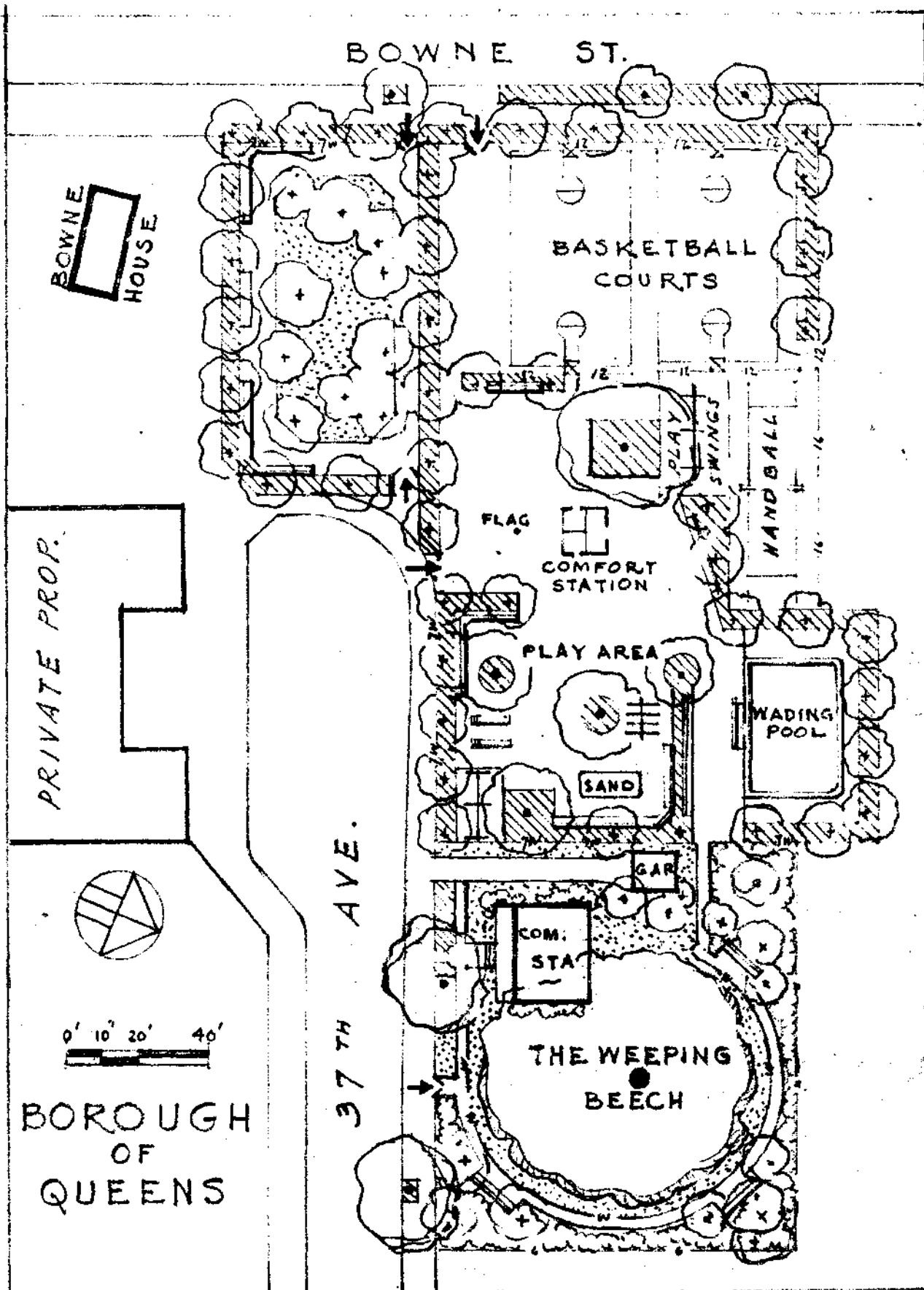
The remaining park area is located between the Bowne House and the playground adjacent to Bowne Street. It has been developed as a small sitting park with grass and tree-shaded benches. It will provide a pleasant retreat for residents of the neighborhood and its trees will protect and enhance the setting of the Bowne House.

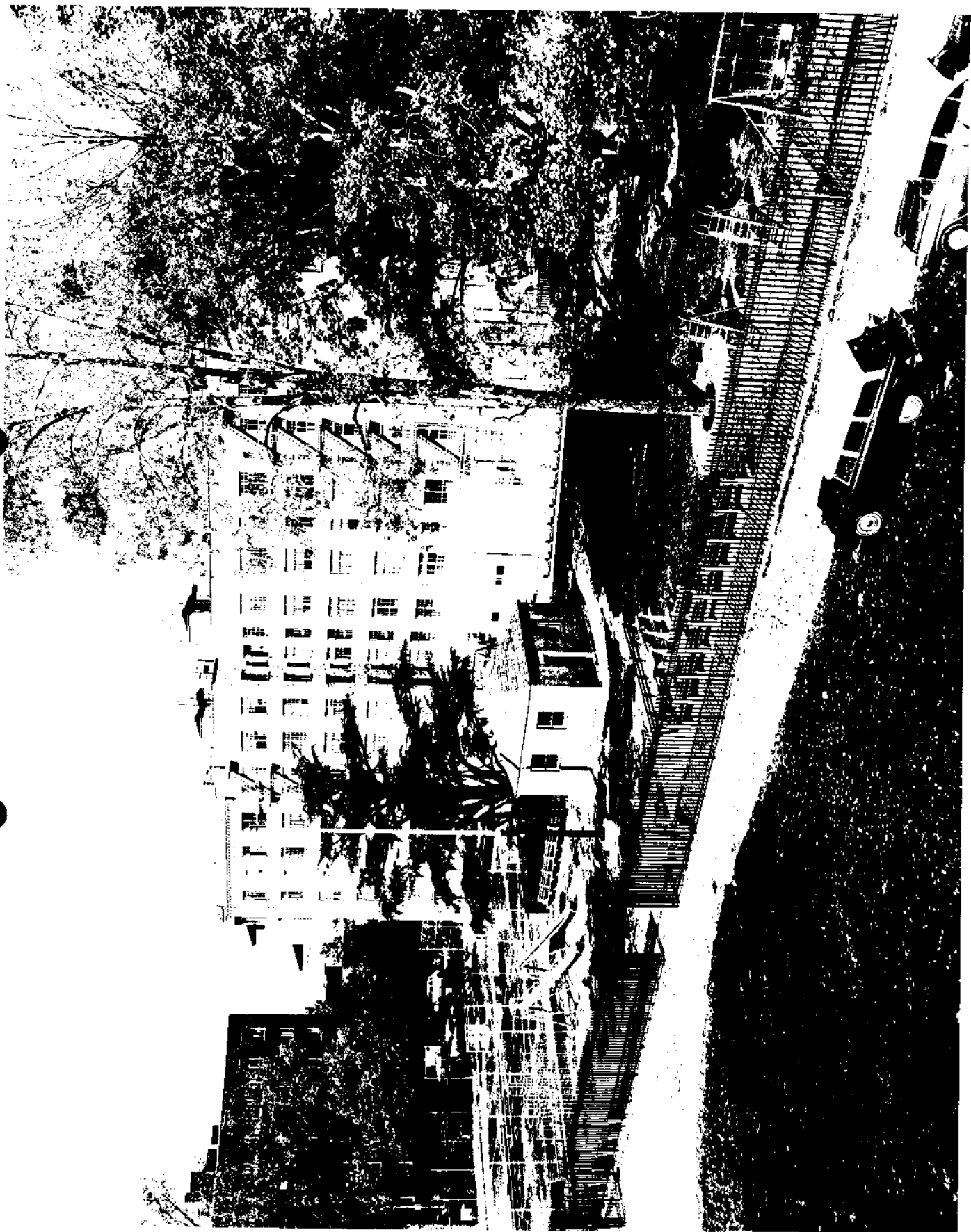
With the addition of the playground in Weeping Beech Park, there are now 682 playgrounds in the park system.

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10-5-56









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

FOR RELEASE

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

Thursday, October 11, 1956

10/10/56 REGENT 4-1000

B. Felix
Hand Delivery 1235 P.M.
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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Peck Avenue, Horace Harding Expressway and Francis Lewis Boulevard, in Kissena Corridor Park, adjacent to P.S. 179, in the Borough of Queens.

This new 2.7 acre playground is divided into two sections. The westerly section contains four handball courts, five basketball courts, games area, and a softball field. The easterly section is an area for small children and provides for swings, slides, see-saws, wading pool, sandpit, a comfort station and an open play area.

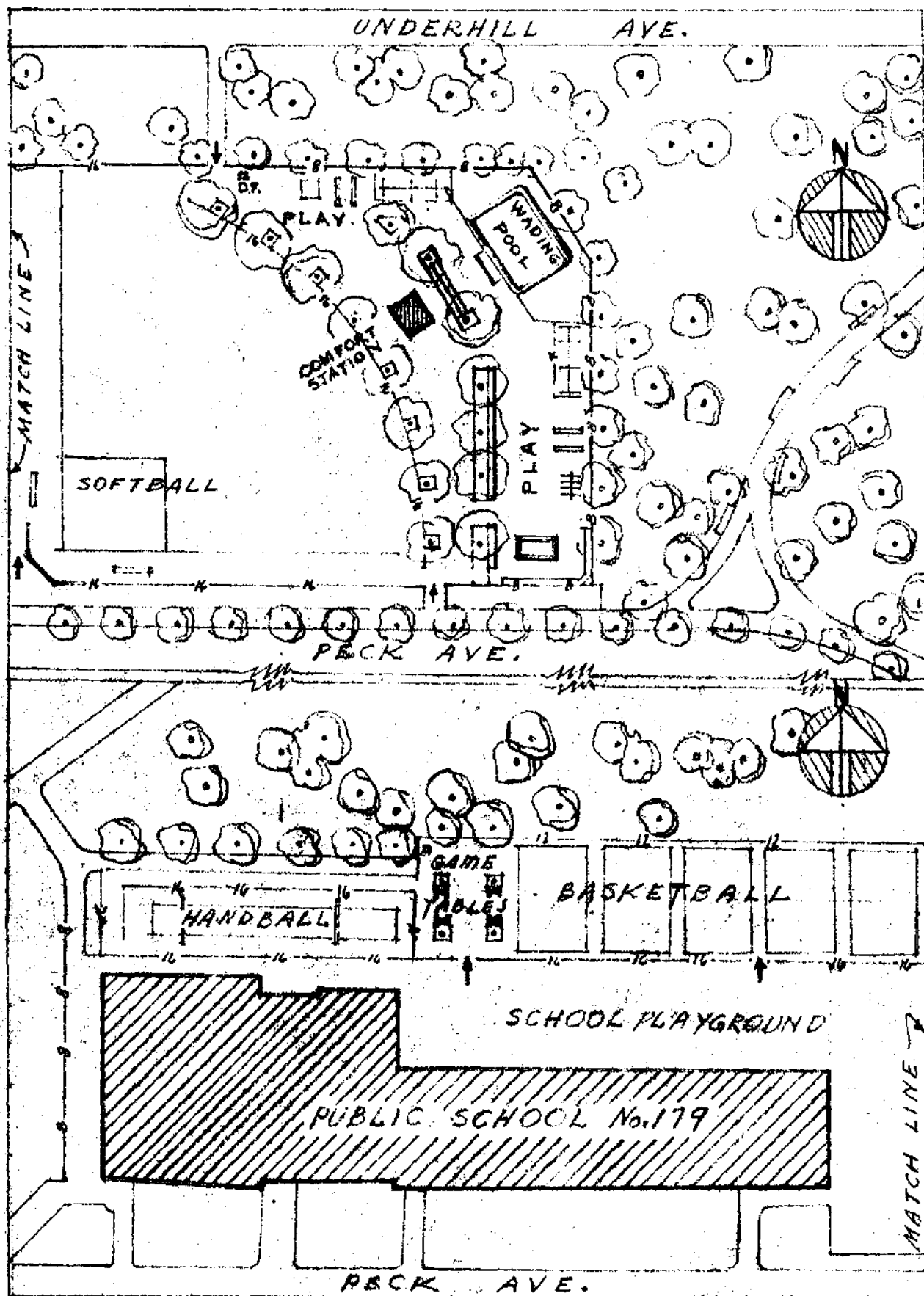
In accordance with the policy of joint operation the area for older children will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks at all other times. The area for small children will be operated by the Department of Parks at all times.

With the addition of this playground there are now 683 playgrounds in the park system.

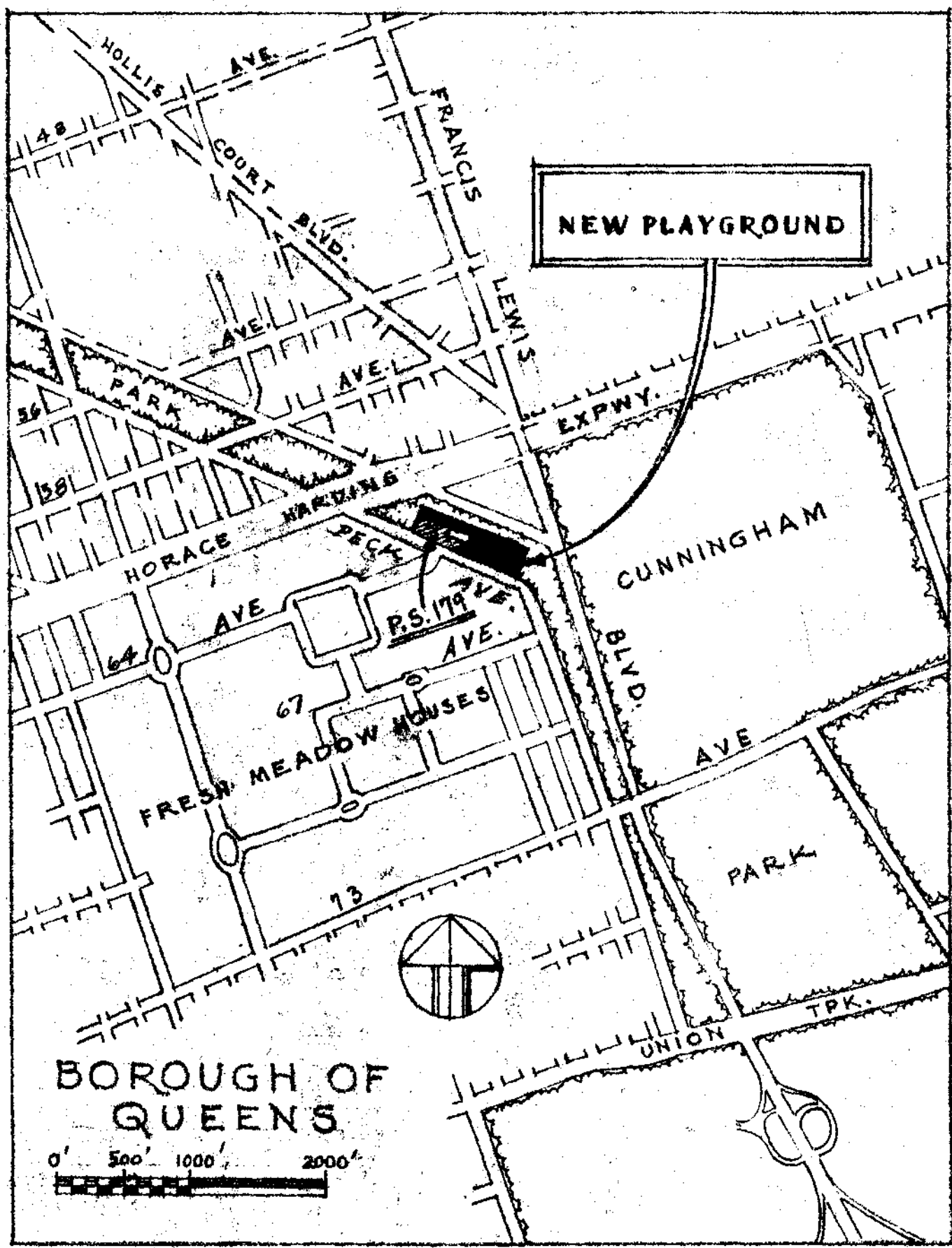
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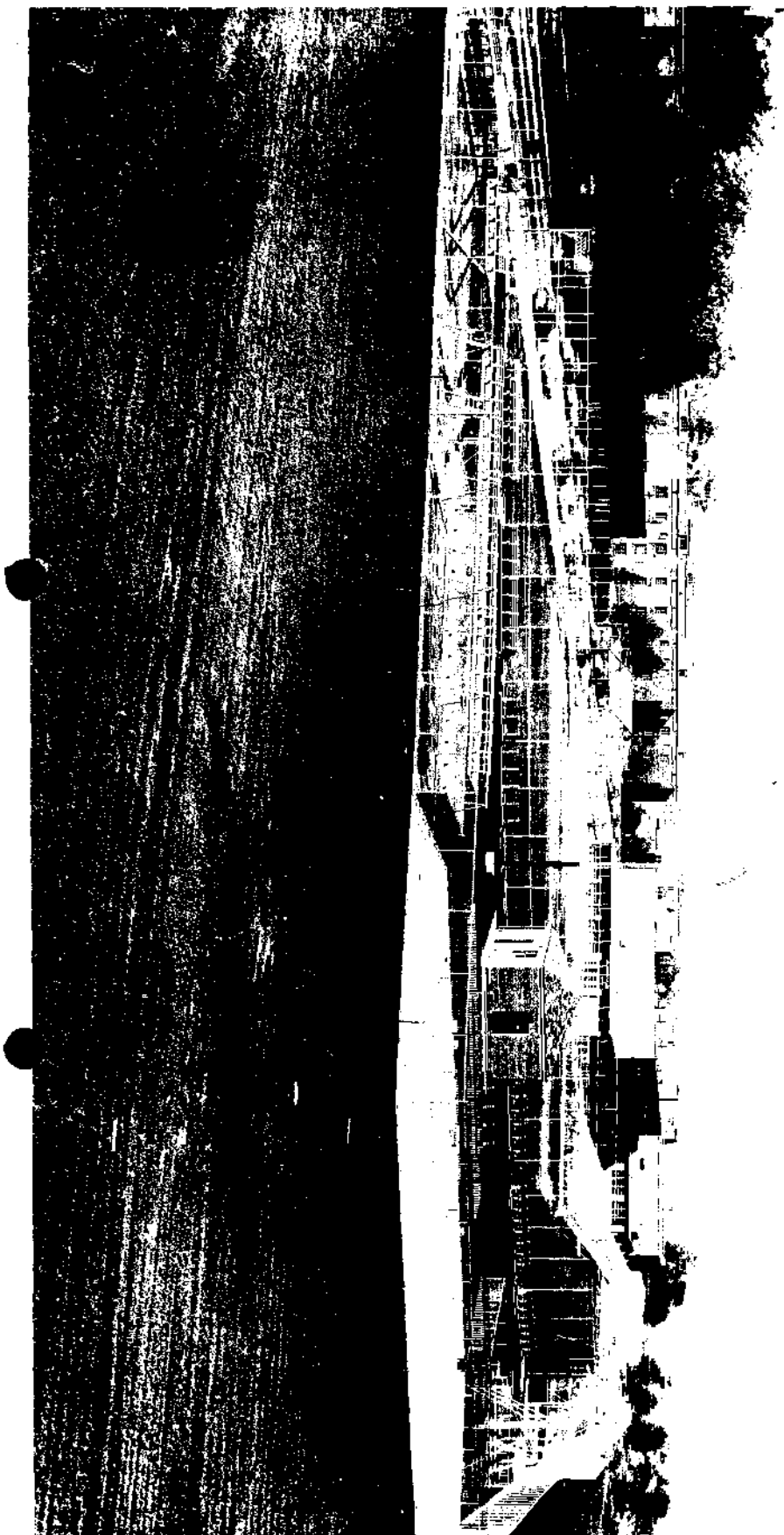
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1956

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

B. Felix
10/10/56 REGENT 4-1000
Hand Delivery 7:30 PM
Mail " 3 PM

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the general public of a playground located at Broadway, 69th Street and 37th Avenue in the Borough of Queens.

Situated in the Woodside section of Queens this 0.9 acre playground contains a wading pool, slides, swings, see-saws, sandpit, jungle gym, comfort station, basketball courts, and an area for quiet games with tables provided.

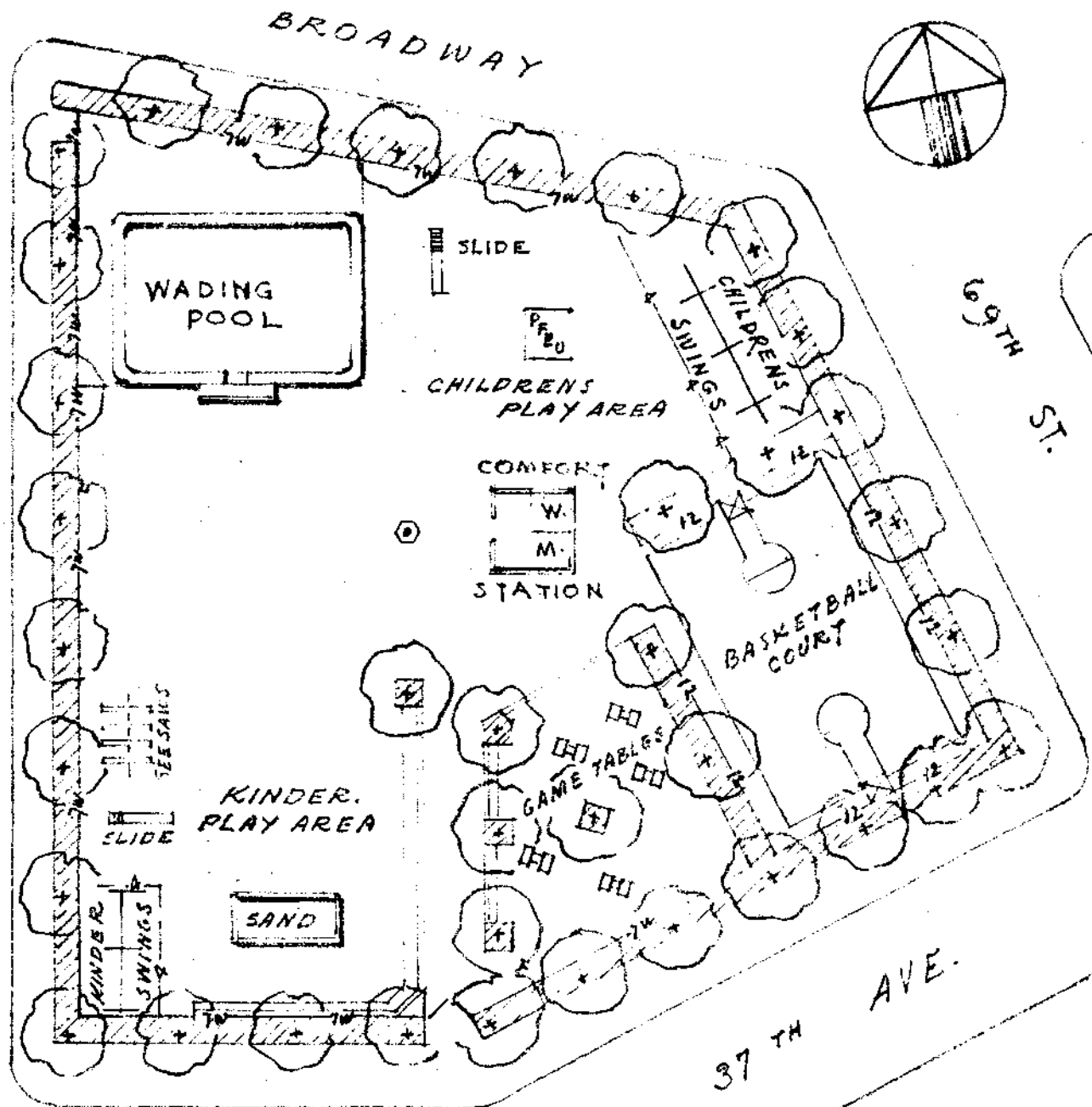
Shade trees have been planted within the area and around the perimeter. With the addition of this facility there are now 684 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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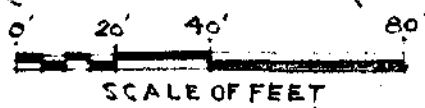
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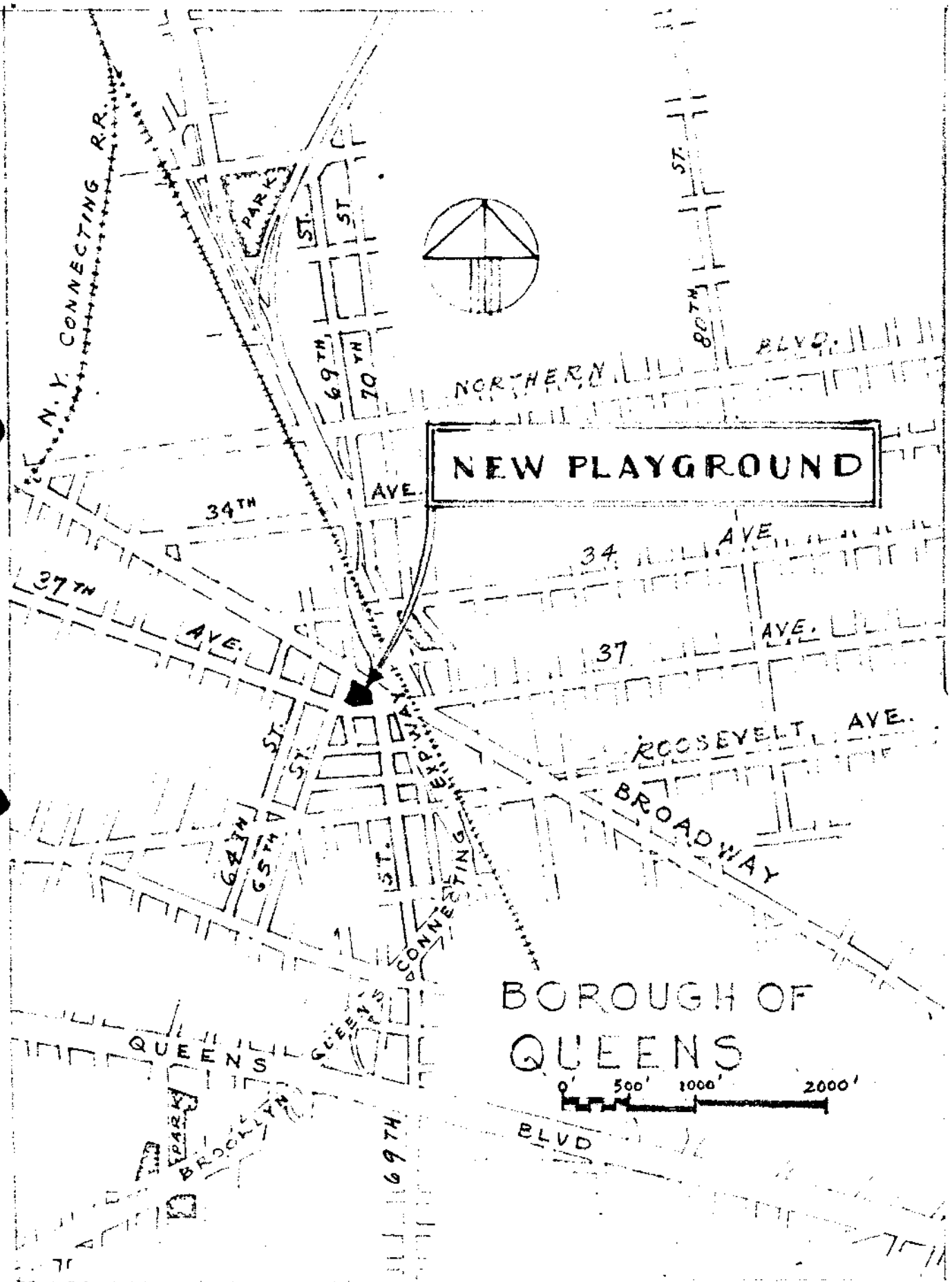
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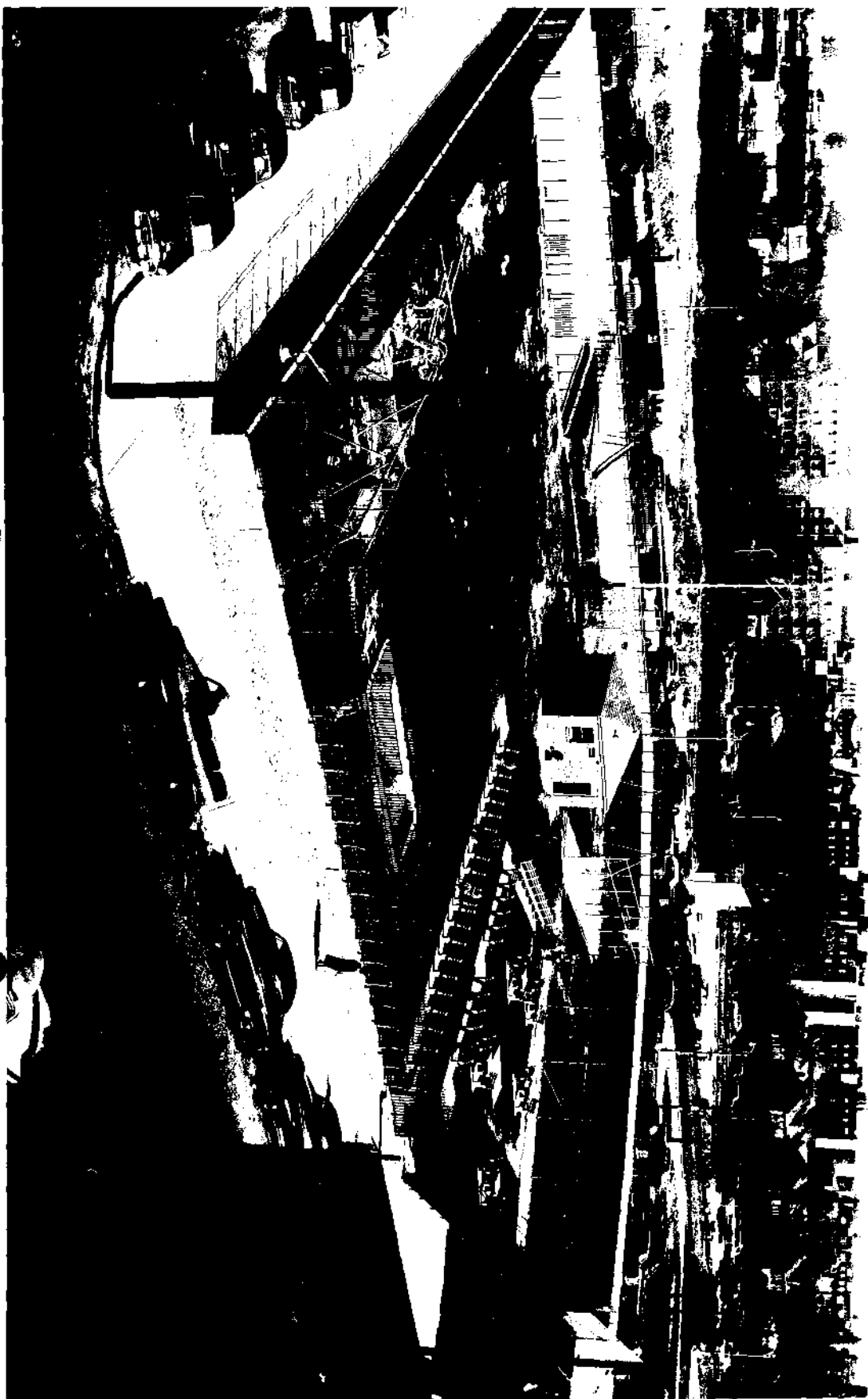
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BOROUGH OF QUEENS









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

10/11/56
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Mail 3:30 P.M.
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1956

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

The Park Department announces that ceremonies opening the new Brownsville Recreation Center Playground, located at Linden Boulevard and Hegeman Avenue and adjacent to the Brownsville Recreation Center in Brooklyn, will be held in the playground on Tuesday, October 16, 1956 at 3:30 P.M.

Commissioner Robert Moses will preside at the ceremonies, and the speakers will include the Brownsville Boys' Club President, Sam Abrams, the Borough President of Brooklyn, the Honorable John Cashmore, and the President of the City Council, the Honorable Abe Stark. The Fife and Drum Corps of Our Lady of Loretta Church and the Marotta Yannota American Legion Post will participate in the massing of the colors and an exhibition will be given by the baton twirlers of the Brownsville Recreation Center. Music will be furnished by the Department of Sanitation Band.

This new 2.25 acre playground is divided into two sections. The easterly section consists of a comfort station, wading pool, jungle gym, slides, swings, a sandpit, see-saws and a sitting area. The westerly section provides for softball, roller skating, six basketball practice areas, four handball courts and one basketball court.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Brownsville Boys' Club and the City of New York, we are presently contracting a Golden Age Center which will provide recreational facilities for

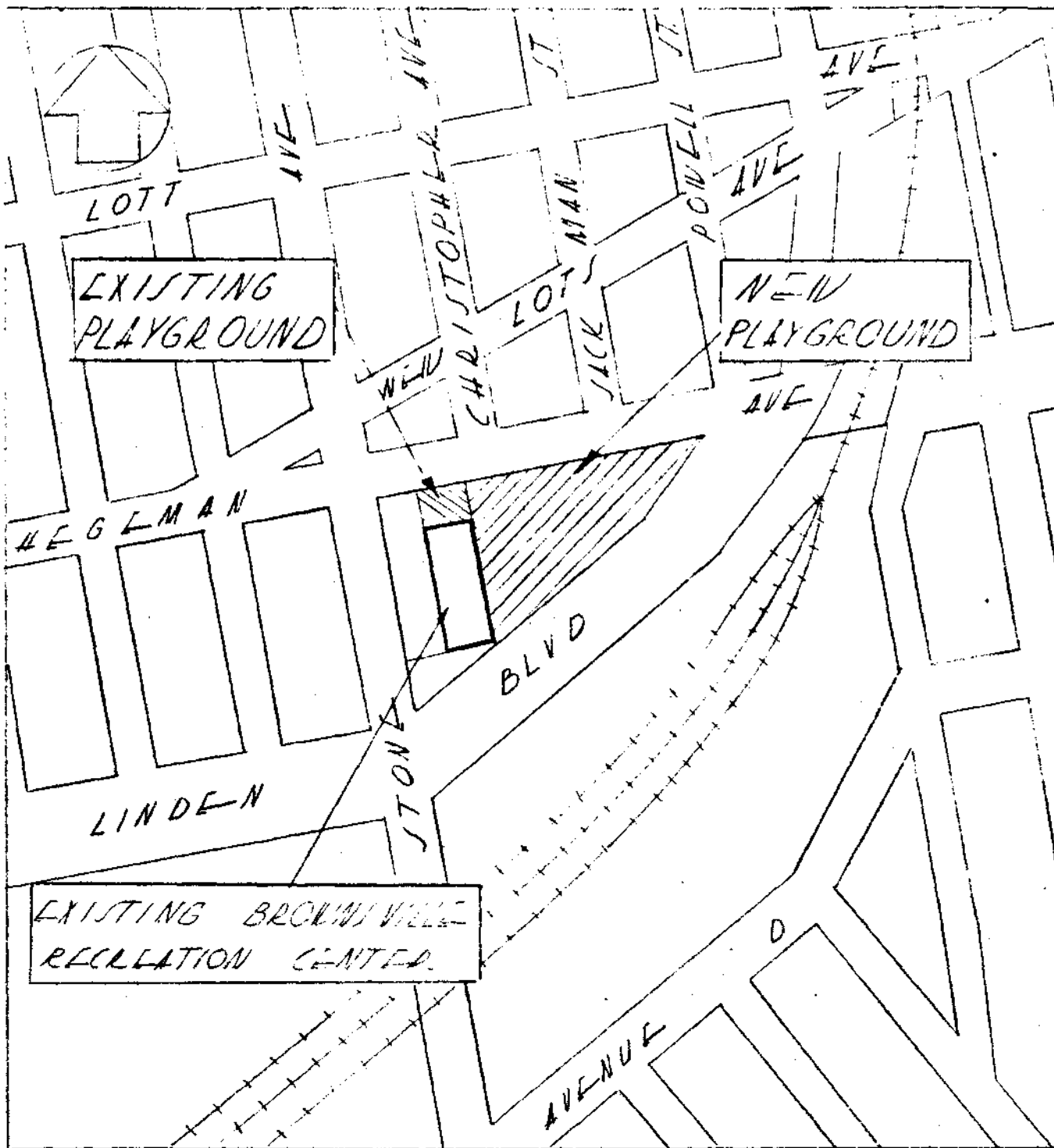
our senior citizens. We are also constructing a Cerebral Palsy Center for children which will provide play rooms with recreational facilities. Both Centers are immediately adjacent to the Brownsville Recreation Center. When completed, the Golden Age Center and the Cerebral Center combined with the playground and the Recreation Center will provide a full program of recreation to the residents of Brownsville during all seasons of the year.

With the addition of this new playground there are now 685 playgrounds in the Park system.

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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

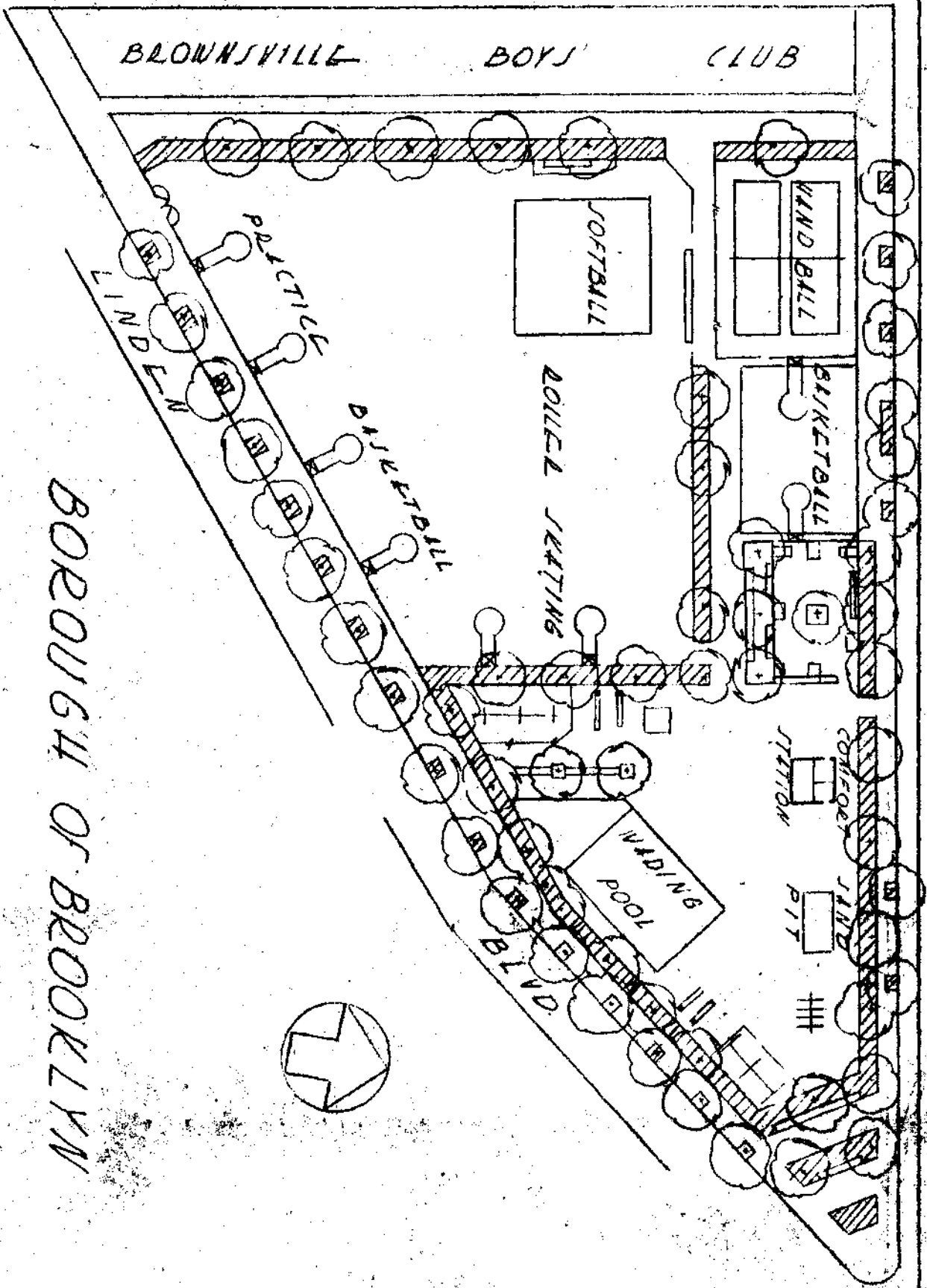


NEW PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO
BROWNVILLE BOYS CLUB
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

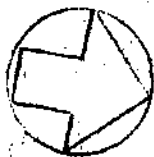
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BROWNSVILLE BOYS' CLUB



BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN







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

FOR RELEASE

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1956

P. Felix
10/18/56 REGENT 4-1000
Klara Kellmeyer 2:30 PM
Mail 3 P.M.

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located west of 164 Street and south of 65 Avenue, adjacent to Electchester Houses, in the Borough of Queens.

Located in the Flushing section of Queens, the property on which this 1.749-acre playground is situated was acquired by a gift to the City from Electrical Workers Union, to be developed as an outdoor recreation area for use by the residents of the community and tenants of the adjacent private housing project. The Department of Parks will supervise and maintain the facility at all times.

Divided into several sections, the southerly section contains apparatus for small children with slides, swings, see-saws, sandpit, jungle gym, wading pool and a comfort station. The adjacent area on the north contains a softball diamond and practice basketball courts. The northerly section provides a basketball court and four handball courts.

Shade trees have been planted around the perimeter and within the area. With the addition of this playground, there are now 686 playgrounds in the park system.

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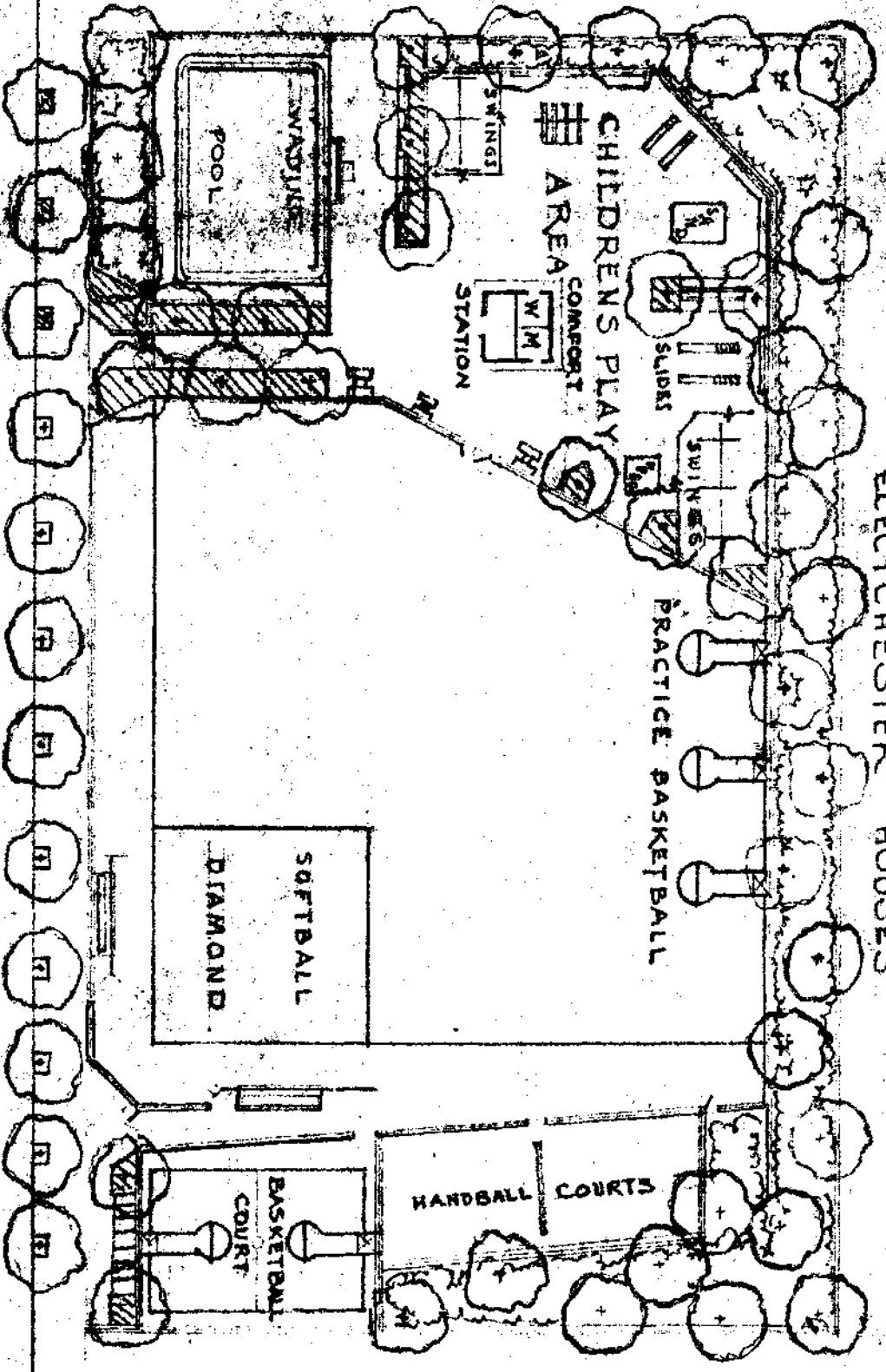
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PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO ELECTHWESTER HOUSES
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BOROUGH OF QUEENS

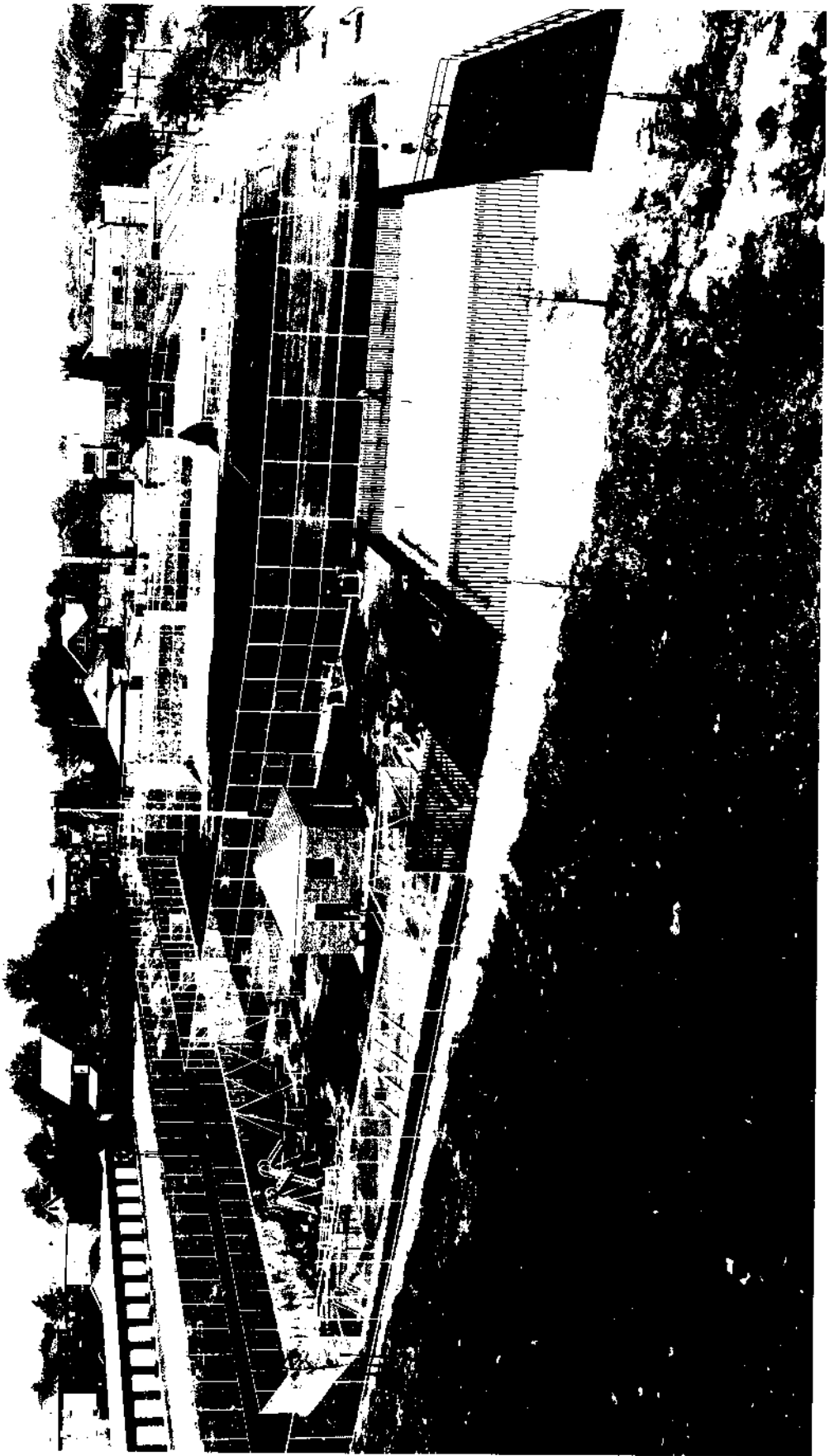
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Barney Felix

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1956

*11/21/56 - 11 AM
Hand Delivery
Regular Mail 11/21*

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground adjacent to Major Deegan Boulevard at Landing Road, north of Fordham Road in the Bronx.

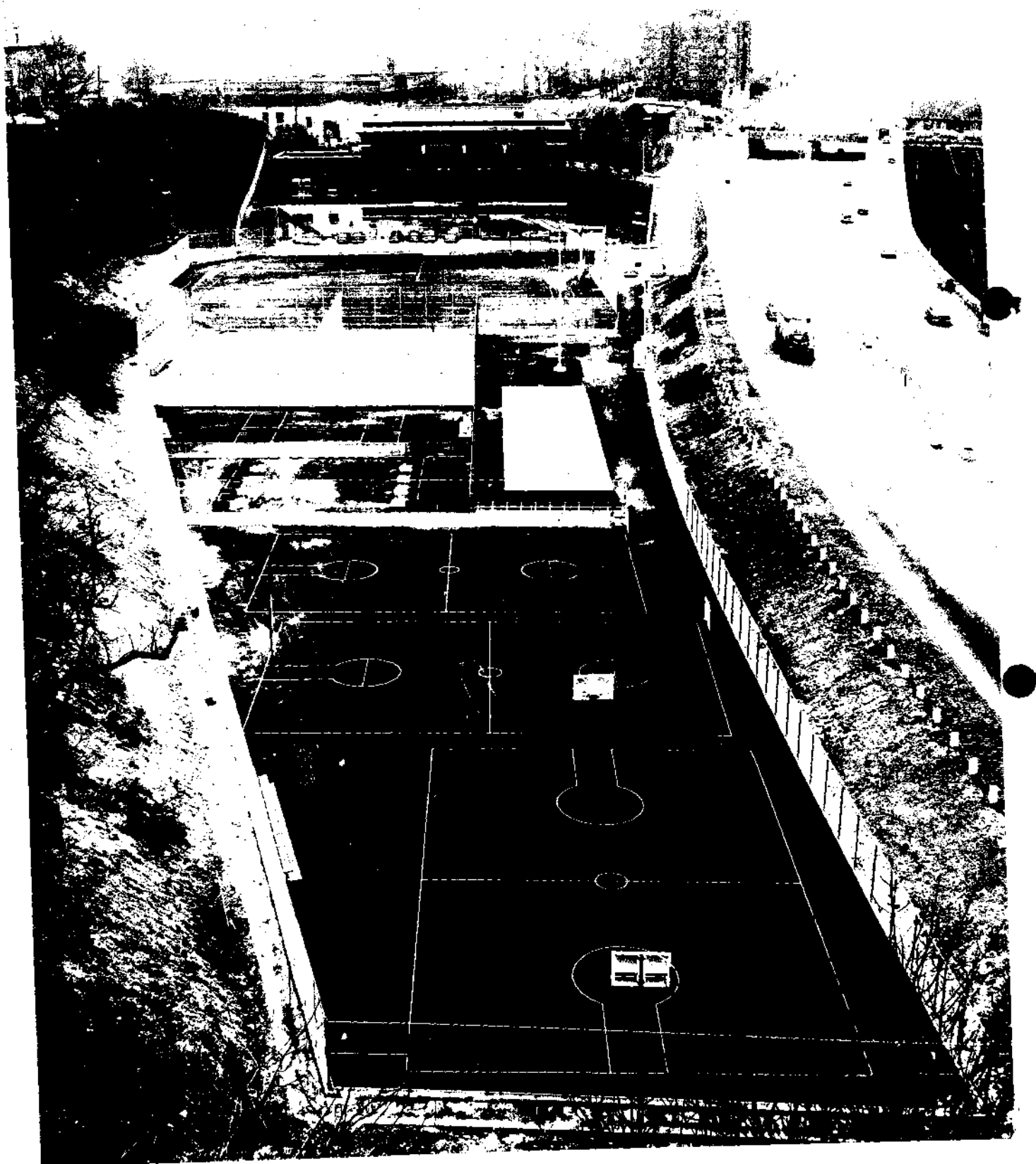
This new 2.65-acre facility was constructed by the New York State Department of Public Works in conjunction with the construction of the Major Deegan Expressway. The Department of Parks has accepted this playground and will maintain and operate it. It provides three basketball courts, four shuffleboard areas, four horseshoe pitching courts, two paddle tennis courts, four handball courts and a softball field which will be used for ice skating during the winter season.

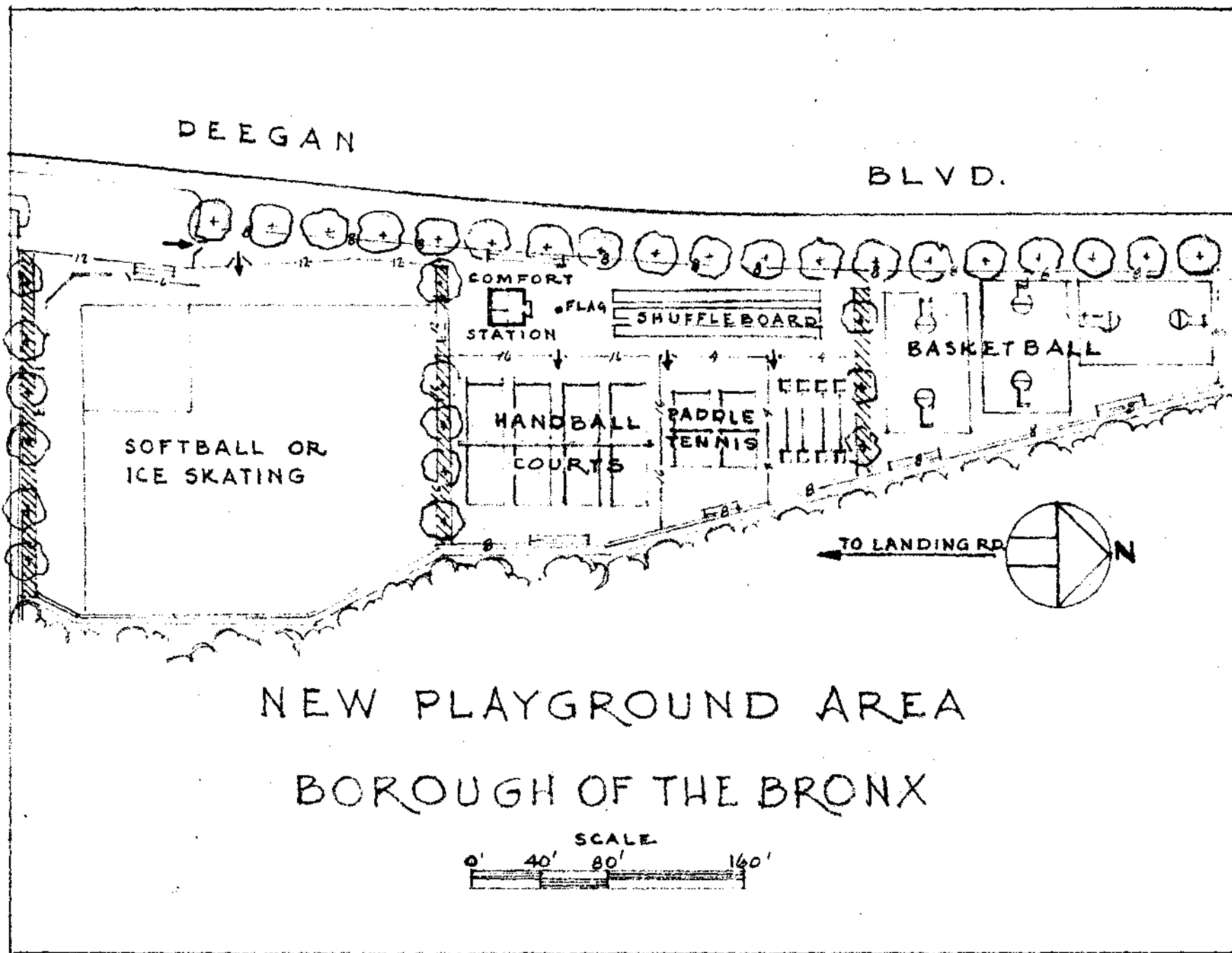
With the addition of this new playground, there are now 687 playgrounds in the park system.

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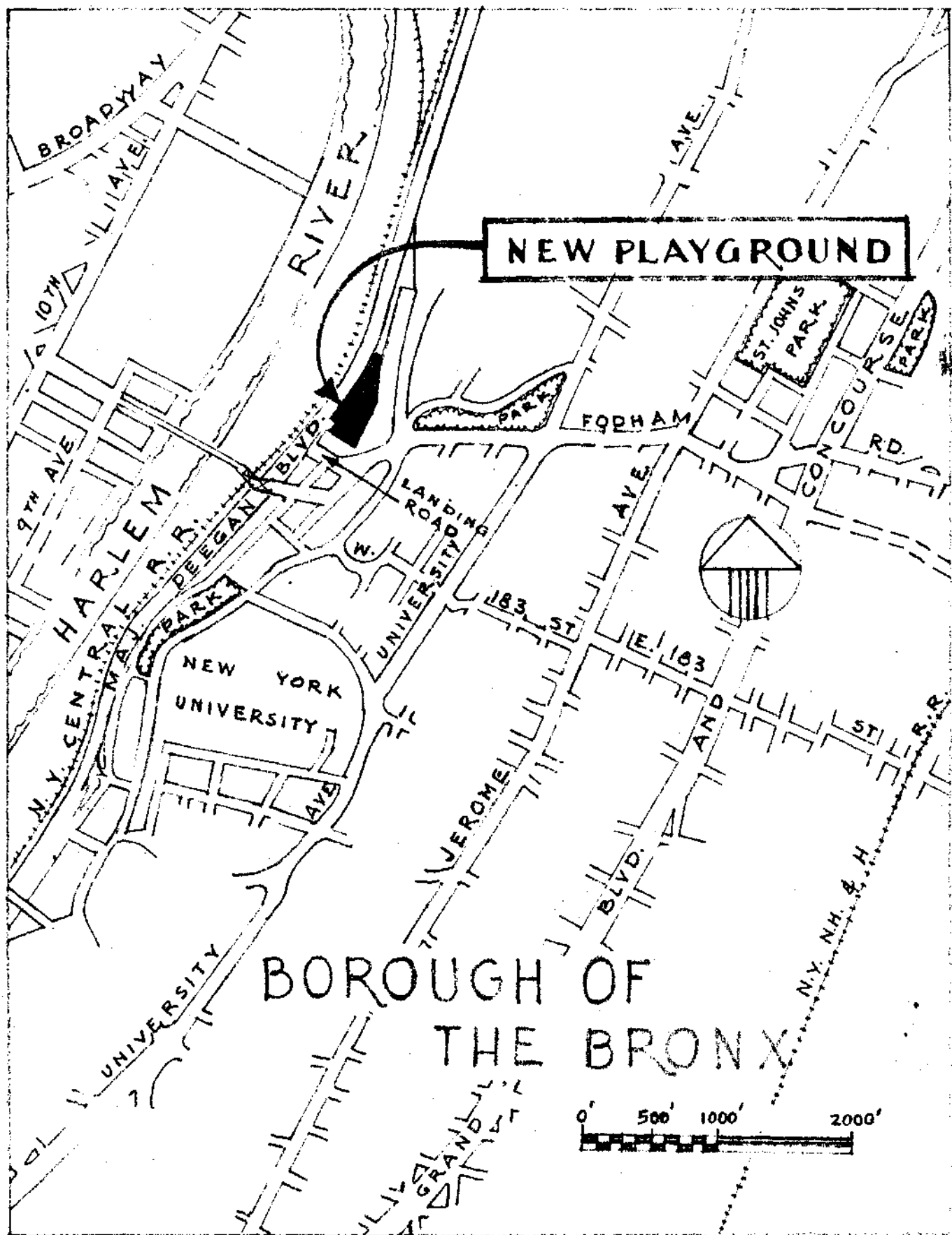
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PLGD. DEEGAN BLVD. N. OF LANDING ROAD. BRONX
NOV. 19. 1956 R.L.R.

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Barney Felix

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

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1956

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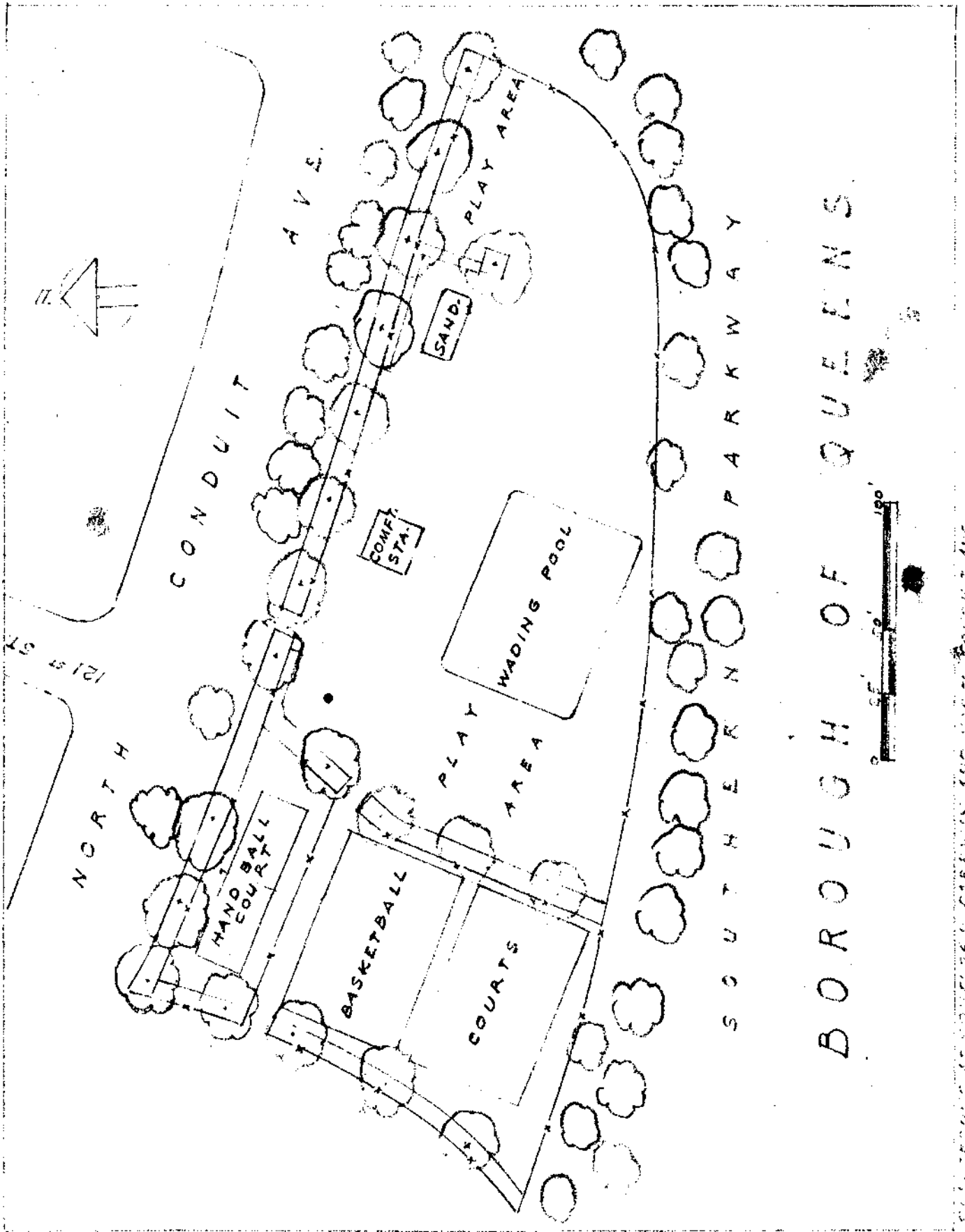
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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located adjacent to Southern Parkway at North Conduit Avenue and 121st Street in Queens.

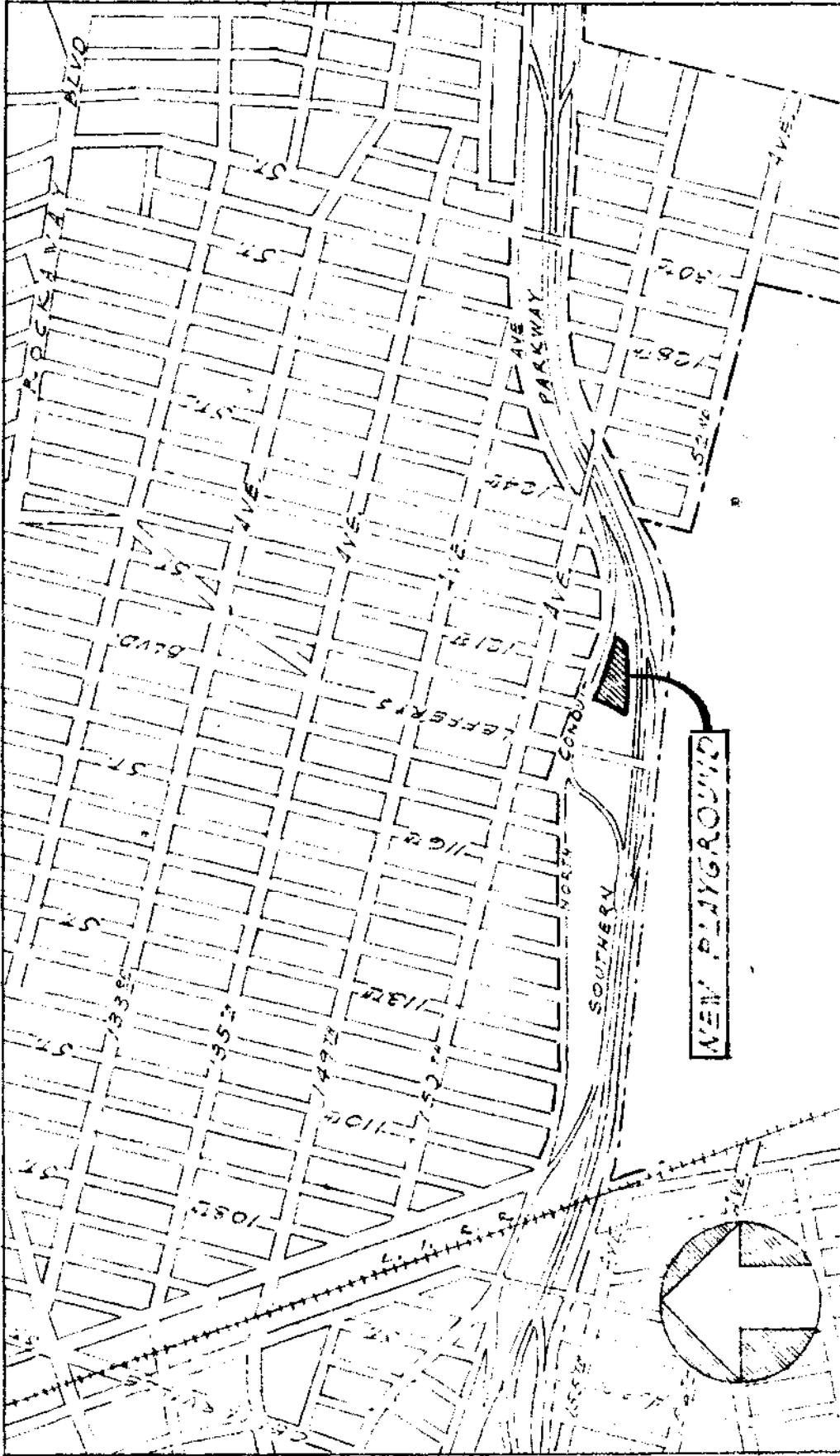
Located in the South Ozone section of Queens this new 1.086-acre playground is divided into two sections for control purposes. The westerly section provides for basketball, handball, swings, slides and a quiet games area. The easterly section provides an area for small fry which includes swings, a wading pool, a sand pit, see-saws, slides and a comfort station.

Shade trees have been planted within the area and around the perimeter. With the addition of this playground there are now 688 playgrounds in the park system.

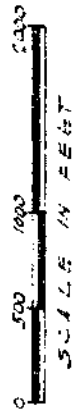
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PLAN SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE PARK AND THE LOCATION OF THE PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS - 11-16-60



BOROUGH OF QUEENS



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1956

Barney Felix
11 AM - 12/18 -
Hand Delivery
Regular Mail 12/18

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located west of Stone Avenue and north of Glenmore Avenue, adjacent to Howard Houses, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, this new 1.212-acre playground was made possible through the coordinated efforts of the New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Parks. The land was acquired and cleared by the Housing Authority, deeded to the City and transferred to the Department of Parks. The New York City Housing Authority contributed funds to defray part of the cost of the construction of the facility.

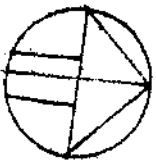
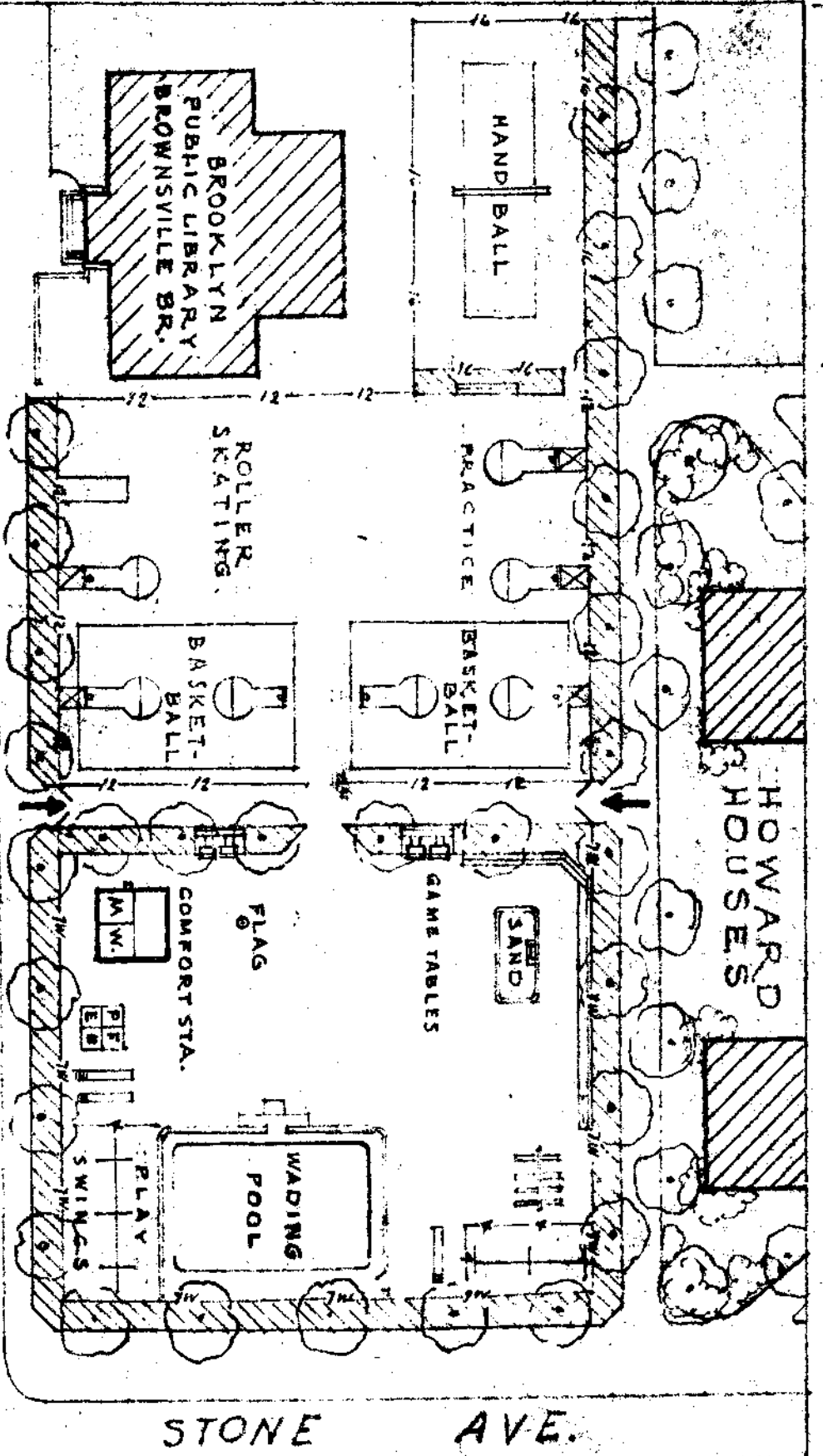
Divided into several sections, the westerly section contains a handball court. The adjacent area to the west contains practice basketball and basketball courts and an area for roller skating. The ~~westerly~~ ^{center} section contains a jungle gym, slides, swings, wading pool, sand pit, seesaws, games tables and a comfort station.

Residents of the community, as well as the housing project, and pupils of nearby JHS 84 will now have additional recreation facilities for use under the supervision of the Department of Parks.

The perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees. With the addition of this playground, there are now 689 playgrounds in the park system.

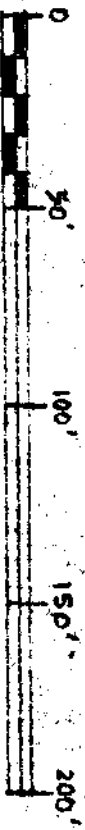
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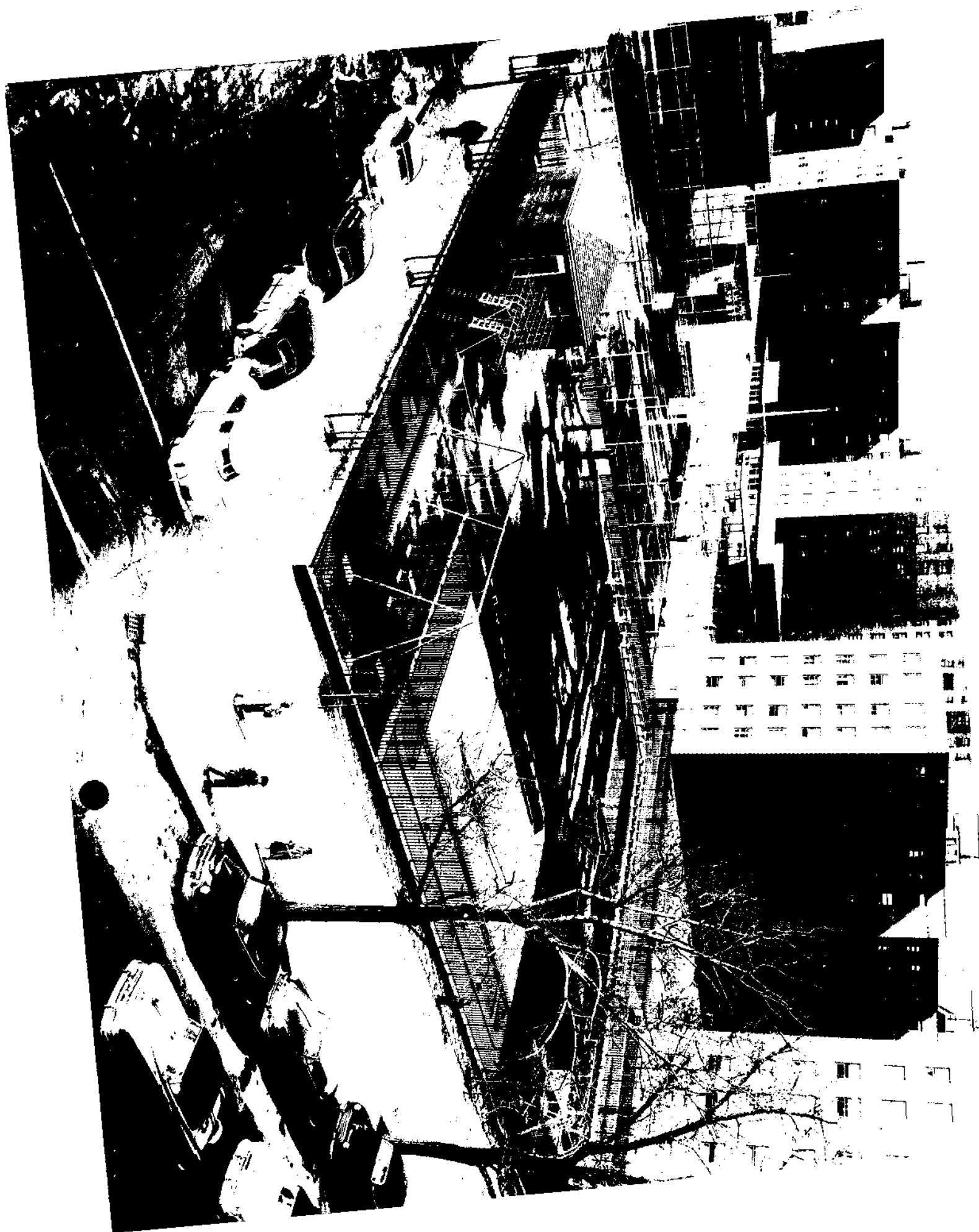
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

GLENMORE AVE.



PLGP. ADJACENT TO HOWARD HOUSES
 STONE AVE. N. OF GLENMORE AVE. BROWN. DEC. 13 1956-R.L.R.

B-17260-102





Barney Felix

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1956

*12/24/56 11 AM
Hand Delivered
Regular Mail 12/24*

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located south of East 166 Street between Union Avenue and Tinton Avenue, adjacent to Forest Houses in the Borough of the Bronx.

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

This 2.3-acre playground provides for handball, softball, basketball, roller skating, swings, slides, jungle gym, comfort station and an area for pre-school age children with a wading pool, sand pit, seesaws, swings and slides. The perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 690 playgrounds in the park system.

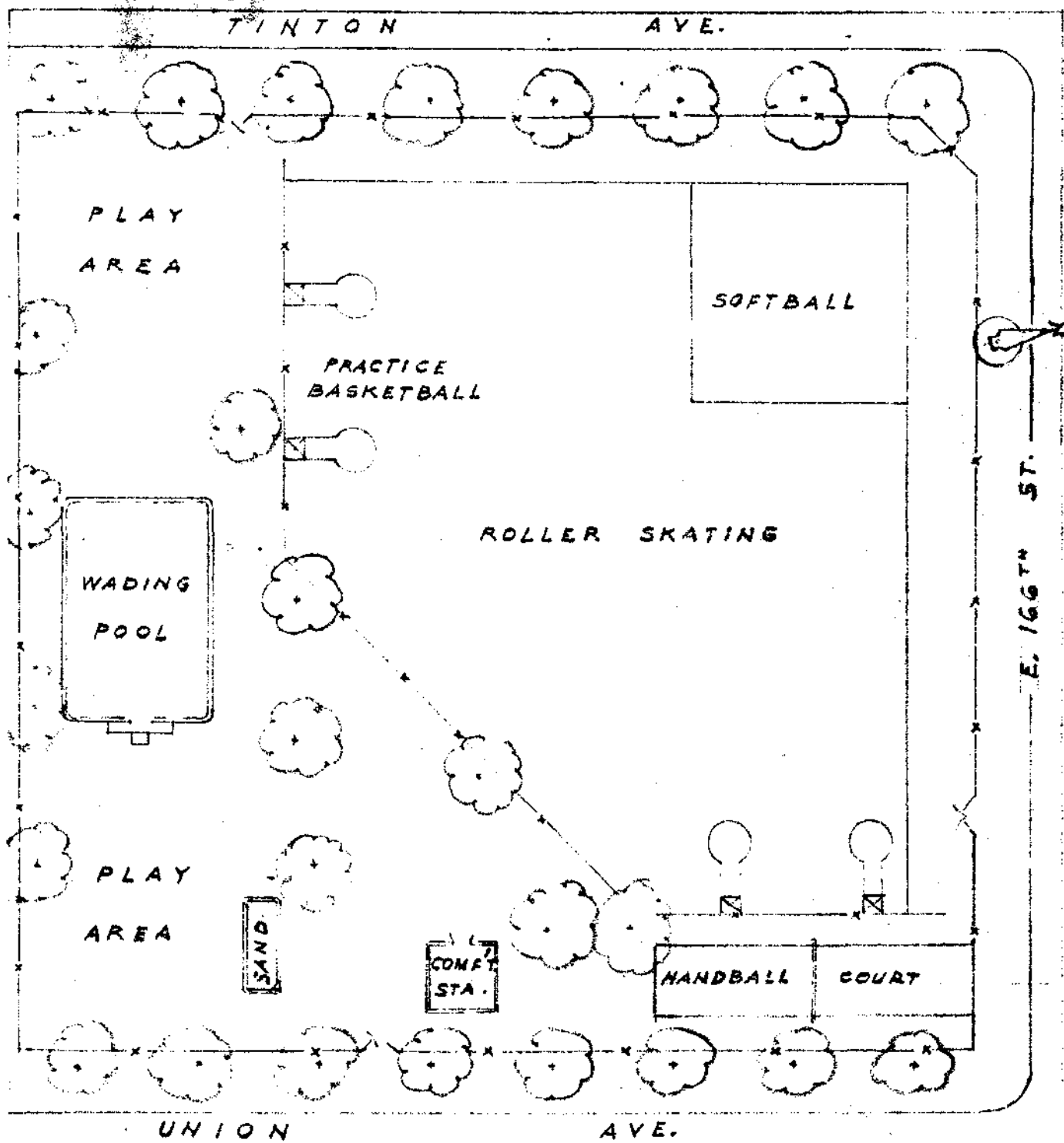
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12-24-56

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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO FOREST HOUSES - UNION & TINTON AVES.
SO. OF 166TH ST. - BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

X-L-166-1021



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

FOR RELEASE

1-1-1-50M-307045(56) 114

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1956

REGENT 4-1000

B. Felix
12/28/56
Hand Delivery 3:40 P.M.
Mail Delivery 4:30 P.M.

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the public of a playground located at Lafayette Avenue between Stuyvesant and Reid Avenues, adjacent to JHS 57 in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, this new 3.17-acre playground is divided into three sections for control purposes. The northerly section contains a pre-school age children's playground with swings, slides, sand pit, jungle gym, seesaws and a comfort station. The southerly section provides for a softball field, roller skating area, practice basketball and handball courts. Adjacent to this section is an older children's play area with school garden.

This is a jointly operated playground. The Board of Education will operate the school garden. The areas for older children will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Department of Parks at all other times.

The entire perimeter has been landscaped with shade trees. With the addition of this playground, there are now 691 playgrounds in the park system.

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12-28-56

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN



PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO J.H.S. 57 - BET. STUYVESANT & REID AVE.
SO. OF LAFAYETTE AVE. BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN. 4-16-56

L A F A Y E T T E

JR. HIGH SCHOOL 57

PLAY AREA

WADING
POOL

PUBLIC SCHOOL
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BASKETBALL
COURTS

SOFTBALL
ROLLER SKATING

HANDBALL
COURTS

BASKETBALL COURTS

SOFTBALL
DIAMOND

SCHOOL
GARDEN

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN



PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO J.H.S. 57 - BET. STUYVESANT & ALEID AVE.
SO. OF LAFAYETTE AVE. BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN 11-11-56

N.S.

B-4-269-101



MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

December 20, 1956

Mr. Rampino:

Re: Today's Final Inspection
Contract B-269-155 - Construction of Play-
ground adjacent to J.H.S. 57 between
Stuyvesant Avenue and Reid Avenue, south
of Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn

Contractor: Edenwald Contracting Co.

Supervision: S. Peter Shumavan

Per Liljeback:

Accepted and opened to public today, December 20th.

Minor punch list.

LP

CC: Felix, Sleeper

Felix

MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

December 27, 1956

Mr. Rampino:

Re: Reinspection scheduled for December 28, 1956
but held today - Contract X-20-155 -
Construction of Playground at 238th Street
and Sedgwick Avenue in Fort Independence
Park, Bronx

Contractor: A. Grace & Sons, Inc.

Supervision: Brown & Blauvelt

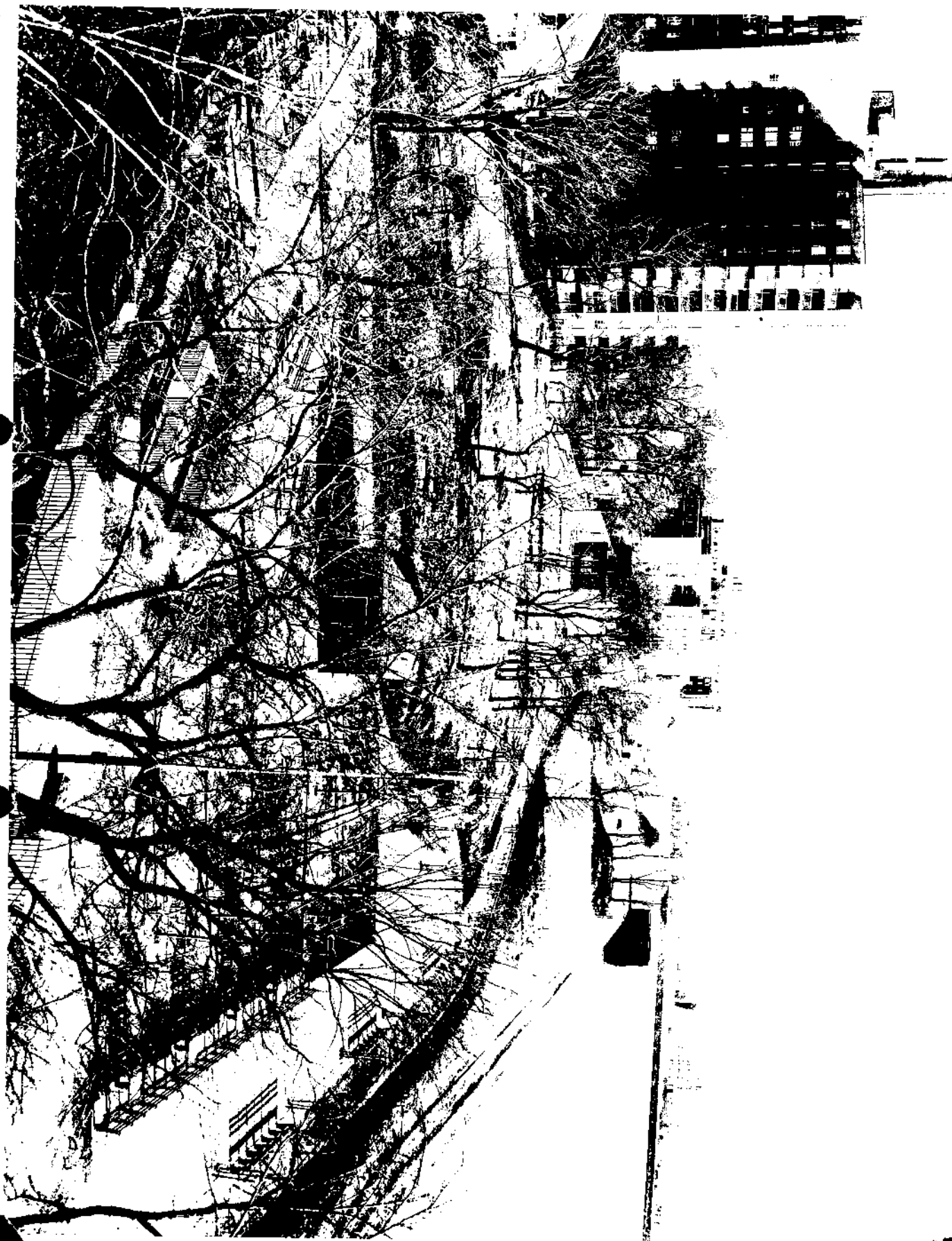
Per Lutz:

Accepted for maintenance and operation and
opened to public on Saturday, December 29, 1956.
There is a punch list.

W. Lutz
(as authorized)

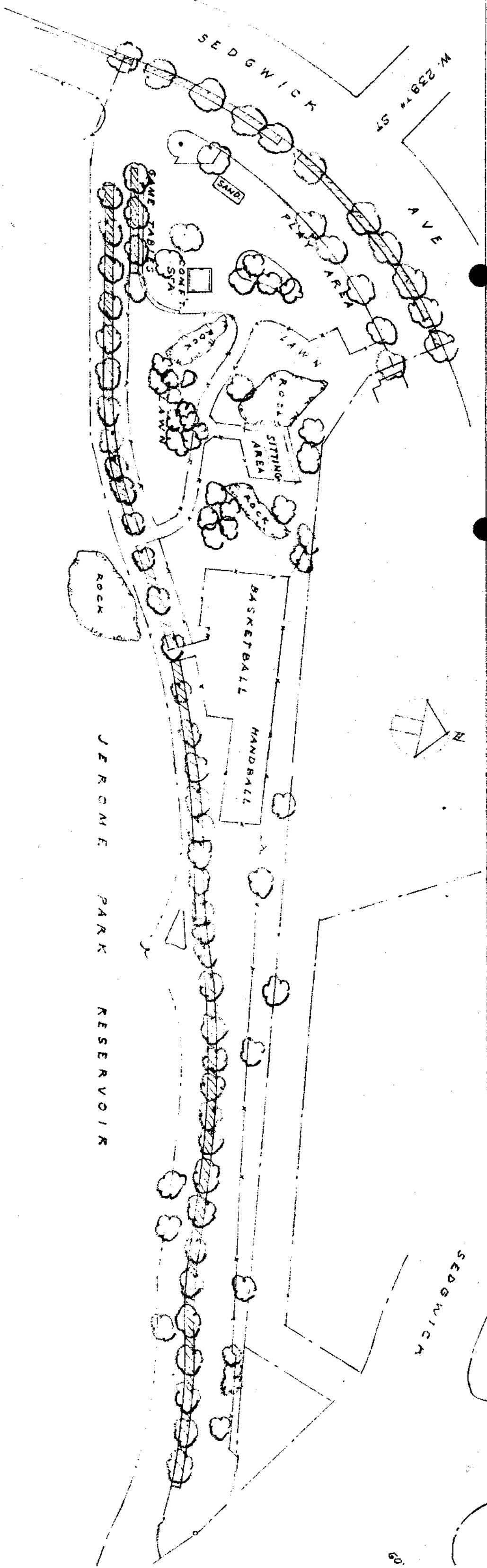
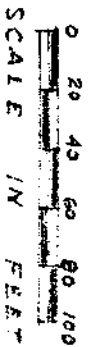
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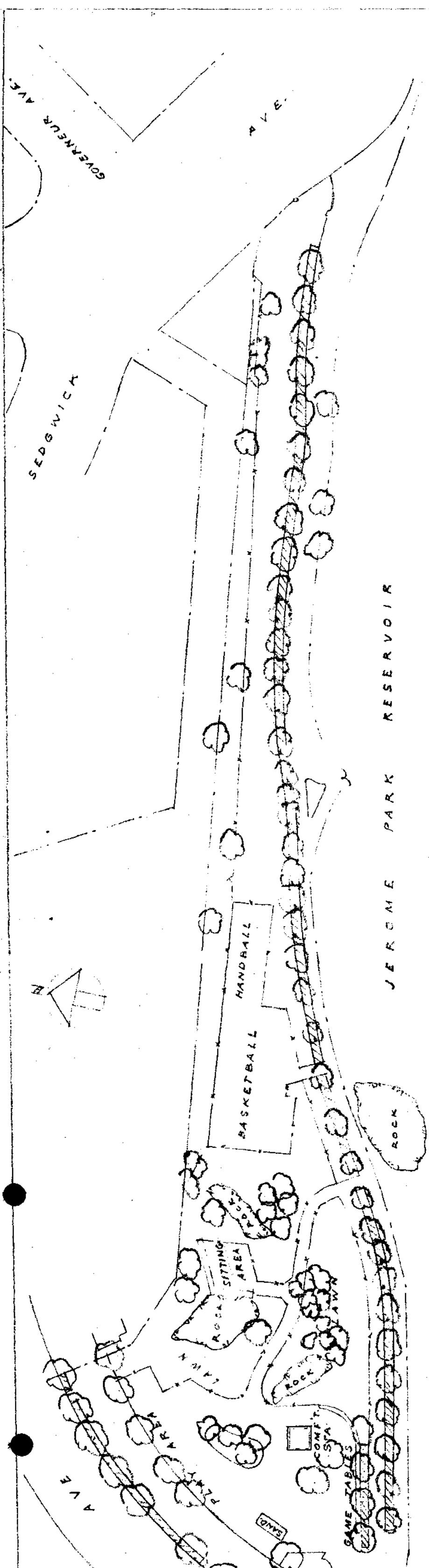


PLAYGROUND - 2587th ST. & SEDGWICK AVE. IN FT. INDEPENDENCE PARK
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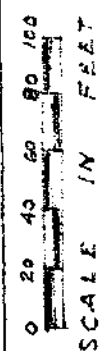
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



19TH ST. & SEDGWICK AVE. IN FT. INDEPENDENCE PARK
PARK RESERVOIR - BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



Barney Felix

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

12/6/56 REGENT 4-1000
Hand Delivery 1030 AM
Mail " 1 P.M.

FOR RELEASE

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1956

The Department of Parks announces that a dual swimming meet will be held between Villanova University and Holy Cross College on Saturday, December 8, 1956 at 2 P.M. at the St. Mary's Recreation Center in the Bronx. Admission is free to the public.

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

At least ten swimming meets featuring Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships are held at the Center during the fall and winter season.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1956

REGENT 4-1000

B. J. L.
11/1/56 Hand Delivery 11:30 AM
Mail " 3 P.M.

The Department of Parks announces the closing for the season of the Tennis Courts at the end of the day's business, Monday November 12, 1956.

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

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11/1/56

Barney Felix



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1956

11.30 AM - 12/7/56
Hand Delivery
Regular Mail

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

The Department of Parks announces that because of the construction of a sewer line under the Grand Central Parkway at 80th Street, through a contract let by the Borough President of Queens, the roadway on the Grand Central Parkway, between Ditmars Boulevard overpass and the Astoria Boulevard overpass, will be re-aligned to permit traffic to pass this area with the minimum of inconvenience.

Work on the construction of the temporary roadways will start on Monday, December 10, 1956, however, motorists will use the regular lanes until the temporary roads have been completed.

There will be no interference with traffic on weekends and holidays and during morning and evening rush hour periods.

During other hours of weekdays there will be some inconvenience.

Signs will be posted in the area advising motorists of this temporary condition.

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12-7-56



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1956

B. Felix
10/16/56 REGENT 4-1000
Hand Delivery P.M.
Mail " 3 P.M.

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

The Department of Parks announces that the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park and the New York City Building in Flushing Meadow Park will be re-opened for ice skating starting Saturday, October 20, 1956 at 10 A.M.

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

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

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

Flushing Meadow Park may be reached by the following

transportation lines:

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

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

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

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Attachments

10-16-56

SESSION SCHEDULE AND RATES

1956 - 57 Season

WOLLMAN SKATING RINK

ICE SKATING

Session

Rates

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

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

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

Free Period for
Children - 14 Years and
Under
No adults admitted

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

* Child - 10¢
Adult - 25¢

* 14 Years and Under

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

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

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

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

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

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

Ice Shoe Skate Rentals

50¢

SESSION SCHEDULE AND RATES

1956 - 57 SEASON

NEW YORK CITY BUILDING

ROLLER SKATING

Sessions

Rates

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

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

Spectators

General admission
charged for session

ICE SKATING

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

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

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

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

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

* Child - 10¢
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Daily - Evening
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

Spectator

General admission
charged for session

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

Child - 50¢
Adult - 50¢

Evening - Figure Skating
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Sunday morning 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

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

Ice or Roller Shoe Skate Rental

50¢

Season Locker Rental

\$5.00

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

25¢
CLAMP-ON ROLLER SKATES MAY BE OBTAINED ~~FREE~~ AT ALL GENERAL SESSIONS,
EXCEPT FIGURE AND DANCE SESSIONS.

W. Felix



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1956

*10/4/56 -
Hand Deliv 10:45 AM
Mail Deliv 10/4/56
11 AM*

The Department of Parks announces that the current Roller Skating Season at Wollman Skating Rink, will terminate at the close of business, Sunday, October 7, 1956.

Immediately after the closing of the rink, we will begin necessary work to prepare the facility for the ice skating season, scheduled to start Saturday, October 20, 1956, weather permitting.

The facility is located in the easterly side of Central Park at about 63rd Street, west of Central Park Zoo and west of 59th Street Lake, and is a gift to the City by Kate Wollman in memory of her parents.

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10-4-56

Barney Felix



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1956

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

*12/21/56 - 11 AM
Hand Delivery
Regular Mail 12/21*

The Department of Parks announces that the Annual Figure Skating Carnival will be held at Wollman Memorial Skating Rink, Central Park, on Wednesday December 26, 1956 at 11:30 A.M.

The program sponsored in cooperation with the Park Figure Skating Club features Bunny Wenzell, famous professional skater, who recently appeared upon the stage of the Roxy Theatre. Paul von Gassner is director of the show. The program is as follows:

1. Group Number Wollman Group "A"
2. Solo Ellen Lenore Kahn
3. Pair Skating Judy and Jill Lester
4. Solo Joan Gans
5. Group Number Wollman Group "B"
6. Solo Joan Milgram
7. Gypsy Rondo Park Figure Skating Club
8. Solo Priscilla Rassin
9. Solo Stephanie McKernan
10. Precision Formation Park Figure Skating Club, Wollman Division
11. Solo Carol Engelbrecht
12. Solo Deanna Weiss
13. The Hetrodynes Francine Gumbs, Wanda Turstig, Pamela McBride, Joan Gans, Jeannine Bartil, Stephanie McKernan, Carol Engelbrecht
14. Solo June Lomborg
15. Solo Bunny Wenzell

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12/20/56

Barney Felig



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1956

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

*12/10 6:15 P.M.
Per Hand Felig*

Attached are comments by Park Commissioner
Robert Moses in answer to WRCA Television and Radio
Broadcasts on Sunday, December 9, 1956.

Attach:

*Copies sent to -
Press Release List
Bd of Estimate
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Members of Little One Committee
" " City Planning Comm.
John T. Cahill
Joe V. Heffernan
Gen. Elsie Parnoff
Robert Parnoff*

*new 12/11/56
Louis Cohen
Dep. Controller
Paul Crowell of
RM 9 - Times*

I have been asked by the press to comment on last night's WRCA broadcast in which the City Comptroller and President of the Citizens Union were the top performers.

I have listed below and in order the allegations and the facts.

1. TAVERN ON THE GREEN

Allegations: Improvements consist of "decorations" paid for by the City to turn the Tavern into a "cabaret". These improvements will be of no value to the City. The City paid for them. The concessionaire pays the City 5% of the gross as against 10% paid by other concessionaires.

Facts: The Tavern improvements are permanent, needed for expansion of restaurant business, are not "decorations", have nothing to do with a "cabaret", are in substantial part paid for by the concessionaire out of the City's share of future revenues, and involve no use of City expense or capital budget funds. The City revenues from the Tavern are based on gross income, are on the same basis as comparable percentages elsewhere, that is 5% on items where waiter service is given and 10% on items where no waiter service is given which includes all beverages sold at the bar. These revenues cannot be increased consistently with first rate supervised service. The purpose of this, the only restaurant of the kind in Central Park, is primarily service to the public, not revenue to the City. The basis is precisely the same as that upon which other members of Mr. Gerosa's family have operated the food concessions in the State system at Bear Mountain.

2. CONCESSIONS GENERALLY

Allegations: The City is being cheated by inadequate revenues from concessions, could get a lot more and balance the budget if the Board of Estimate as a whole, on the advice of the City Comptroller, let park concessions. The Park Department should be treated like other departments, all of which submit concessions in this way for advice and approval. All concessions should be let by open bids. The calendar of the Board would not be overloaded if all such items appeared there for general public debate.

Facts: The City gets all the revenue possible consistent with good service based on high standards. Revenues from park concessions have risen in New York from \$220,000 in 1934 to \$972,000 in the last year.

All concessions in other departments are not let by the Board of Estimate and Comptroller. The Department of Licenses lets scores of concessions and takes direct responsibility without such submission. So does the Transit Authority. So does the City Housing Authority. So do Borough Presidents. So does the Department of Marine and Aviation.

The letting of most park concessions by open bid would result in the worst kind of service to the public, would return the whole system to personal and political pressure, foster messy, unsanitary, shiftless operation, and would not even temporarily produce any additional revenues which would have an appreciable effect on the expense budget. The calendar of the Board of Estimate, already intolerably long, would be impossible to follow and meetings

would be prolonged many hours. The Comptroller who is supposed to be an auditor would become the chief dispenser of city patronage.

Attempting to confuse food and news stands, caretinas, merry-go-rounds, rowboats, golf pro shops and similar park concessions with dock rentals to justify open bidding or letting by the Board of Estimate and Comptroller, is poor municipal business. I am sure the Mayor believes that other elected officials have plenty to do without messing into administrative details which must be delegated by the Chief Executive to trusted department heads.

3. PARK CONCESSIONS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Allegation: Park concessions could be made to pay for new public schools and public school upkeep.

Fact: This is a vicious falsehood. There is no relation whatever between park concessions involving improvements or revenues on the one hand, and school construction and upkeep on the other. This statement was obviously made to create prejudice in uninformed quarters.

The Capital Budget of the Board of Education is about \$100,000,000 annually and its Expense Budget is over \$400,000,000. If income to the City from all park concessions were doubled without regard for service it would amount to less than 1/2 of 1% of the City's annual expenditure for schools.

4. TITLE ONE SLUM CLEARANCE

Allegations: The City could balance its budget completely if there were less tax exemption and more taxes collected on Title One Slum Clearance projects. There are presently huge,

unjustified tax exemptions on these Title One projects which cause the City increasingly serious financial embarrassment.

Facts: The Comptroller's statement again is entirely erroneous. The fact is that there is no relation between balancing the budget and Title One projects. Title One projects pay more taxes than would be collected if the areas were not redeveloped. On 10 operating projects, taxes of \$5,700,000 will be collected on completion, as against \$2,000,000 collected before the areas were redeveloped. Likewise, if the projects which are now in planning are added, total tax revenues will be over \$12,000,000, indicating an increase of \$6,000,000 or about 100 per cent over the taxes on the existing deteriorated areas.

The huge, unjustified tax exemptions referred to by the Comptroller are a product of his imagination. All partial tax exemptions which are included in Title One projects are carefully reviewed and balanced, so that the program of redevelopment always produces increased taxes to the City. In addition, the public benefits from new middle-income housing provided in projects like Corlears Hook and Morningside, the Performing Arts Center, University and Hospital improvements which will be provided in Lincoln Square, Washington Square, Pratt Institute, Fort Greene, etc., more than justify the partial exemptions given. These are improvements for which the City has a basic obligation. They result in raising the physical standards of the areas and wiping out existing slums, without decreasing tax receipts and increasing them substantially as indicated.

There is no financial embarrassment to the City in this program but, instead, a tremendous financial advantage. Would the Comptroller be satisfied to rest on the old tax collections and leave the slum areas unimproved, which is the only alternative? Not only would tax revenues be less if this philosophy were adopted but deterioration would be extended and enlarged.

5. CITY INCOME TAX

Allegation: Commissioner Moses advocates a city income tax.

Facts: I never said this or anything like it. I said as a member of the City Planning Commission that if the City did not face honestly the problems of power and sewer plant construction by selling its power plants and paying for the sewer program currently out of increased sewer rates, we would not have sufficient margin in the Capital Budget to build schools and other vitally needed improvements.

The City is now trying to sell the power plants on fair terms. Its sewer program has virtually collapsed. I still believe our people are willing to pay a small additional sum annually to have safe bathing, free from typhoid, and an unpolluted waterfront. This problem has never been properly and fully explained, and has been confused with local assessments for new sewers.

6. HIGHWAYS

Allegation: New York City is being cheated in obtaining highway and street money from Albany and Washington.

Fact: If the Arterial program agreed upon with the

State and Federal officials is carried out, especially as it involves the 90% contribution from Washington and 10% from Albany for new urban arterials, and if the Triborough and Port Authority finance new toll crossings, the City will pay practically nothing toward these constructive attacks on vehicular strangulation, and will receive a fair share compared with other States and cities. It is ridiculous to ask the State here or in upstate cities to take over or further subsidize the ordinary City street system.

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

I N D E X - 1956 (July 1 to October 1)

Andersen Memorial in Central Park

Central Park Pony Track

Concerts - City Symphony, Pop, Naumburg

Dancing

Drama - Rissa

Duffy Square - Corresp. bet. RM, T.J. McInerney of Broadway Assn Inc
and Walter J. Salmon of Atlantic Leasing Co Inc
Harry Brandt, Brandt Theatres

Baby ELEPHANT story of Jean Ann Timm of Cherry Hill, Joliet, Ill.
and her desire to purchase the elephant

Fishing - Better Fishing , Inc

Garden Harvests

Golf Courses - Tournaments

Harvesr Dance Contest

Hippopotamus - birth in Central Park Zoo

Jointly Operated Playgrounds

Junior Olympic Sports Festival

Marionette Shows

Marti, Jose - Cuban patriot

Play Day Festival

Playgrounds - # 661 to 680 incl.

Pulitzer Fountain

Recreation Centers

Swimming Pools

Tavern-On-The-Green - new playground

Tennis Tournament

Traffic - repairs, etc.

Trees - watering , Tussock Moth Caterpillars

Wollman Skating Rink

World Jazz Festival (Owen Engel)



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

FOR RELEASE

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1956

B. Felix
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The Department of Parks announces that the unveiling ceremonies for the newly erected statue of the Danish story-teller, Hans Christian Andersen, will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 1956 at 3 P.M. This memorial is situated on Conservatory Lake at 74th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park.

The monument is a gift of the children of Denmark and New York City, and their friends. The cost of developing the surrounding area which provides a story-telling center was financed jointly by the Danish American Women's Association and the City of New York.

The project was initiated and sponsored by Baroness Alma Dahlerup and the Danish Women's Association, and cooperating agencies were the Department of Parks, the Board of Education and the New York Public Library.

Georg J. Lober is the sculptor and Otto F. Langmann, the architect. Excerpts from the tale "The Ugly Duckling" have been carved on a book held by Andersen and the duckling stands at his feet. The area surrounding the statue will be used by the Department of Parks and the New York Public Library as a story telling center. This program will start on Saturday, September 22, 1956 at 11 A.M., and will continue for the following six weeks. The noted actress, Eva La Gallienne, will read stories to the children at the first session on September 22, 1956.

Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside at the ceremonies. Other speakers include: Walter LaM. Sperry, Chairman of Unveiling; Dr. Jacob Greenberg, Deputy Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Andrew G. Clauson, Jr., Board of Education; Dr. William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools; Hulan E. Jack, Borough President of Manhattan; Hon. Charles H. Silver, President of the Board of Education; Henrik De Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to the United States; Hon. Julius Bomholt, Danish Minister of Education and Just Lunning, Chairman, Hans Christian Andersen Statue Fund.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY JULY 6, 1956

Mr. Felix
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1-1-1-30M-915094(54) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the re-constructed pony track in Central Park, located at 63 Street just off 5 Avenue is now opened to the public daily.

A source of enjoyment to thousands of children each year, this facility was long in need of rehabilitation, however, limited departmental budgetary appropriations delayed the necessary work.

Through a generous gift by the Altman Foundation, John S. Burke, President this improvement was made possible.

The Altman Foundation was founded by the widely known New York Merchant and Philanthropist Benjamin Altman, founder of B. Altman & Company, who died in 1913.

Improvements to the facility included landscaping, re-alignment of the pony track, replacing deteriorated wooden curbing with concrete, reconstruction of the pony shelter, new benches and other incidental work.

A feature of the reconstructed pony track will be a new drinking fountain combined with a watering trough for ponies. The following inscription has been cut in the granite of which the fountain has been built:

"THIS PONY TRACK IS THE GIFT OF THE ALTMAN FOUNDATION IN
MEMORY OF BENJAMIN ALTMAN, 1956."

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Rides will cost fifteen cents each and two for a quarter.
"House", "Mouse", "Spike", " Mac", and "Sam", a variety of Shetland and
Welsh ponies will provide the entertainment.

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7-5-56







B. Felix

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FOR RELEASE

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MONDAY, JULY 2, 1956

*6/29/56 - Hand Kelly
2 P.M.*

Regular Mail

The Department of Parks announces the third annual series of free weekly outdoor "pop" concerts sponsored by the Washington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Association, beginning July 4th.

The concerts will be held on alternate Wednesdays from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. at the Highbridge Park Playground, Amsterdam Avenue and 180th Street, and at J. Hood Wright Park, 174th Street and Fort Washington Avenue.

The two hour band concerts will be held at:
Highbridge Park on July 4 and 18, August 1, 15 and 29, 1956
J. Hood Wright Park on July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22, 1956

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

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1956

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 1

8:30 P.M.

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

Monday, July 2

8:30 P.M.

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

8:30 P.M.

- Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan - *Name Dance Band - Sy Oliver and his orchestra

Tuesday, July 3

8:30 P.M.

- Playground - 34th Ave. & 77th Street Jackson Heights, Queens
*Name Dance Band - Larry Sonn and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Wednesday, July 4

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park - Naumburg Concert Naumburg Orchestra. Julius Grossman conducting. Robert Notkoff, violinist soloist

Thursday, July 5

8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Original Band Music

8:30 P.M.

- East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand St. at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Julius Ceasar".

Thursday, July 5 (cont'd)

8:30 P.M.

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park
*Name Dance Band - Charlie Peterson
and his orchestra

Friday, July 6

8:30 P.M.

- East River Park Amphitheatre, Grand St.
at East River Drive New York Outdoor
Shakespeare Festival "Julius Ceasar".

8:30 P.M.

- Mall Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Original Band
Music

8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect
Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn -
*Name Dance Band - Charlie Peterson
and his orchestra

8:30 P.M.

- Riverside Park at 104th Street - Square
Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, July 7

8:30 P.M.

- Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Famous overtures

8:30 P.M.

- Mall, Central Park - Concert - New York
City Symphony Orchestra

* Name Band Dances are sponsored by The Consolidated Edison Company

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY JULY 8, 1956

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 8

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Famous Overtures

Monday, July 9

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Famous Overtures

Tuesday, July 10

8:30 P.M. - Playground - Victory Field - Woodhaven
Blvd & Myrtle Avenue, Bklyn
*Name Dance Band - Larry Sonn and his
orchestra

8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square
Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Wednesday, July 11

8:30 P.M. - Poe Park - 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bx
*Name Dance Band - Charlie Peterson and
his orchestra

8:30 P.M. - Cromwell Recreation Center - Murray Hulbert
Avenue & Hannah Street, Richmond
*Name Band - Jerry Mercer and his orchestra

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim - Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Miscellaneous

Thursday, July 12

8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Robert Russell Bennett

8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand St.
at East River Drive, New York
Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Julius
Caesar".

8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park
*Name Dance Band - Boyd Raeburn and his
orchestra

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Friday, July 13

- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre, Grand Street
At East River Drive, New York
Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Julius Ceasar"
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Robert Russell
Bennett
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park
West and 11th Street, Brooklyn
*Name Dance Band - Boyd Raeburn and his
orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Park at 104th Street - Square
Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, July 14

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - French
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Concert - New York
City Symphony Orchestra

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 1956

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B. Felix
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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 22

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - American Music

Monday, July 23

8:30 P.M. - Mall Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert Goldman Band - International Music

Tuesday, July 24

8:30 P.M. - Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd and Myrtle
Avenue, Queens. *Name Band Dance - Eddie
Grady and his orchestra

8:30 P.M. - Harlem Meer, South end of lake, 110th St.,
and Fifth Ave., Joe Valle and his orchestra
Latin-American Music

8:30 P.M. - East River Amphitheatre - East River Drive
and Grand Street, Manhattan - Lower East
Side Neighborhood Assn.
Symphony Orchestra Concert - Youth Night

8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square
Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Wednesday, July 25

8:30 P.M. - Poe Park - 192 Street and Grand Concourse,
Bronx *Name Band Dance - Russ Morgan and
his orchestra

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Original Band
Music

8:30 P.M. - Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert
Ave. and Hannah St., Richmond
*Name Band Dance - Eddie Grady and his
orchestra

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Thursday, July 26

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Music by Bach - Handel
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Name Band Dance - Russ Morgan and his orchestra

Friday, July 27

- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Edwin Franko Goldman Memorial Concert
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn
*Name Band Dance - Russ Morgan and his orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Park at 104th Street - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, July 28

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Johann Strauss Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Concert - New York City Symphony Orchestra

* Name Band Dances are sponsored by The Consolidated Edison Company

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

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY JULY 6, 1956

B. Felix
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1-X-1-30M-703834(55) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the third of a series of six concerts by the City Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Franz Bibo, will be held on Saturday July 7, 1956 at the Mall in Central Park at 8:30 P. M.

This third concert is made possible through the cooperation of C. B. S.-Columbia - Columbia Records, Inc.

The program for Saturday's concert will be:

Soloist: Aaron Rosand, Violinist

1. Overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor". . . O. Nicolai
2. Violin Concerto in D. opus 77.J. Brahms
Allergo non troppo
Adagio
Allegro giocoso ma non troppe vivace

Aaron Rosand, Violinist

INTERMISSION

3. Ballet Music from "Rosamunde".F. Schubert
4. L'Arlesienne Suite No 1 G. Bizet
Prelude - Menuetto
Adagietto - Carillon
5. Emperor Waltz.J. Strauss

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7-5-56



B. Felix

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

7/13/56
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FOR RELEASE

SATURDAY JULY 14, 1956

1-1-1-30M-703834(55) 114

The Department of Parks announces that the fourth of a series of six concerts by the City Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Franz Bibo, will be held Saturday, July 14, 1956, at the Mall in Central Park at 8:30 P.M.

This fourth concert is made possible through the co-operation and generosity of the Rodgers & Hammerstein Fund and is presented in honor of French Independence Day, July 14th.

The program for Saturday's concert will be excerpts, in concert form, from Carmen, with words by H. Meilhac and L. Halevy and music by Georges Bizet.

The cast is as follows:

Carmen	-	Madelyn Vose, Mezzo-Soprano
Don Jose	-	Thomas Lo Monaco, Tenor
Micaela	-	Barbara Meister, Soprano
Escamillo	-	Fred Jones, Baritone
Frasquita	-	Marie Lillo, Soprano
Mercedes	-	Elinor Sandlin, Mezzo-Soprano

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SUNDAY JULY 15, 1956

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 15

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - French Music

Monday, July 16

- 8:30 P.M. - Colonial Park - 146 Street and Bradhurst
Avenue, Manhattan
*Name Dance Band - Billy May and his or-
chestra

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Miscellaneous
Music

Tuesday, July 17

- 8:30 P.M. - Plgd - 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson
Hts, Queens
*Name Dance Band - Billy May and his or-
chestra

- 8:30 P.M. - East River Amphitheatre - East River Drive
and Grand Street, Manhattan - Lower East
Side Neighborhood Assn.
Symphony Orchestra Concert - Youth Night

- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square
Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Wednesday, July 18

- 8:30 P.M. - Poe Park - 192 Street and Grand Concourse,
Bronx
*Name Dance Band - Bernir Mann and his or-
chestra

- 8:30 P.M. - Forest Park Music Grove - Main Drive off
Woodhaven Blvd. - Concert - Popular Music

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Music by Bach &
Handel

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Thursday, July 19

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Italian Music
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York
Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Julius
Ceasar"
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park
*Name Dance Band - Buddy Morrow and his
orchestra

Friday, July 20

- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York
Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Julius
Ceasar"
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Italian Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park
West and 11th Street, Brooklyn
*Name Dance Band - Tony Pastor and his
orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Park at 104th Street - Square
Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, July 21

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - American Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Concert - New York
City Symphony Orchestra

* Name Dance Bands are sponsored by The Consolidated Edison Company

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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1956

*7/19- 3 PM -
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The Department of Parks announces that the ^{FIFTH}~~SIXTH~~ of a series of six concerts by the City Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Franz Bibo will be held Saturday, July 21st, 1956 at the Mall in Central Park at 8:30 P.M.

This fifth concert is made possible through the cooperation and generosity of the Board of Directors of the City Symphony Orchestra of New York, Inc.

The program for Saturday's concert will feature Soloist Betty Terrel, Soprano, in music by Rodgers and Hammerstein from the musicals, "Carousel", "The King and I", and "State Fair". Concluding the evening's program will be a Symphonic Scenario of "South Pacific" with arrangement by Robert Russell Bennett.

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FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces that the final concert of a series of six given by the City Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Franz Bibo, will be held Saturday, July 28, 1956 at the Mall in Central Park at 8:30 p.m.

This sixth concert is made possible through the cooperation and generosity of the Board of Directors of the City Symphony Orchestra of New York, Inc.

The program for Saturday's concert will feature Soloist Joyce Flissler, violinist, in the Violin Concerto in E. Minor, Opus 64 by Mendelssohn.

7-26-56

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8/21/56
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1956

The Department of Parks announces that a 50-piece band concert will be given in Crotona Park, at Crotona Park East and Wilkins Avenue in the Bronx on Thursday evening, August 23, 1956 at 8:30 P.M.

This concert is made possible by the Music Performance Trust Fund and will be conducted under the auspices of Local 802, American Federation of Musicians.

Admission to this concert is free.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces the first in a series of four concerts to be held at Forest Park Music Grove, Woodhaven Blvd. and Main Drive, Queens on Sunday, August 19, 1956 at 3 p.m.

This concert will feature an international group of "Youth Trumpeters", made up of boys and girls from Canada and the United States. Conducting will be the well-known band master George F. Seuffert, who on many occasions has appeared as guest conductor with the Goldman Band.

Sponsored by the Hamburg Savings Bank, the Jamaica Savings Bank, the Richmond Hill Savings Bank, the Ridgewood Savings Bank and the American Federation of Musicians Local 802, in cooperation with the Department of Parks, the concert series will be dedicated to "Favorite American Composers". The first concert will honor Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Subsequent programs will feature the Arion Singing Society of Brooklyn, a group of 140 male and female voices and the popular cornet soloist, Leona May Smith. Admission is free to the public.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1956

The Department of Parks announces the second in a series of four concerts to be held at Forest Park Music Grove, Woodhaven Blvd., and Main Drive, Queens on Sunday, August 26, 1956 at 3 p.m.

This concert will honor the memory of the late Edwin Franko Goldman. Conducting will be the well-known band master George F. Seuffert, who on many occasions has appeared as guest conductor with the Goldman Band.

Sponsored by the Hamburg Savings Bank, the Jamaica Savings Bank, the Richmond Hill Savings Bank, the Ridgewood Savings Bank and the American Federation of Musicians Local 802, in cooperation with the Department of Parks, the concert series will be dedicated to "Favorite American Composers". The host bank for this concert will be the Richmond Hill Savings Bank.

Subsequent programs will feature the Arion Singing Society of Brooklyn, a group of 140 male and female voices and the popular cornet soloist, Leona May Smith. Admission is free to the public.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1956

8/29/56 - Hand Delivery 2PM

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The Department of Parks announces that the Naumburg Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Ariel Rubstein, will give their fourth and final concert of the season at the Mall in Central Park on Labor Day evening, September 3, 1956 at 8:30 P.M. Eugene Brice, baritone will be the guest soloist.

The program will be:

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| 1. Overture - "L'Italiana in Algeri" | Rossini |
| 2. Ballet Suite No. 2 - "Rosamunde" | Schubert |
| 3. Aria - 'Ella Giammai M'Amo' - "Don Carlos"
Eugene Brice | Verdi |
| 4. Invitation to the Dance | von Weber |

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| 5. Overture - In Bohemia | Hadley |
| 6. Selections - 'Tales of Hoffman' | Offenbach |
| 7. Aria - 'Avant de quitter' - "Faust" | Gounod |
| Eugene Brice | |
| 8. Polonaise Militaire | Chopin |

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ELKAN NAUMBURG

Labor Day Concert

MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1956

EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK

CENTRAL PARK - :: - ON THE MALL

THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA. *Ariel Rubstein, Conductor*

THE MALL — CENTRAL PARK

1905-1956

MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1956, at 8:30 o'clock

LABOR DAY CONCERT

THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA

ARIEL RUBSTEIN, *Conductor*

EUGENE BRICE, *Baritone, Soloist*



Program

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

1. Overture — "L'Italiana in Algeri".....*Rossini*
2. Ballet Suite No. 2 — "Rosamunde"..... *Schubert*
3. Aria — 'Ella Giammai M'Amo' — "Don Carlos".....*Verdi*
Eugene Brice
4. Invitation to the Dance.....*von Weber*

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

5. Overture — In Bohemia.....*Hadley*
6. Selections — 'Tales of Hoffman'.....*Offenbach*
7. Aria — 'Avant de quitter' — "Faust".....*Gounod*
Eugene Brice
8. Polonaise Militaire*Chopin*

"AMERICA"

THIS CONCERT is contributed by MR. WALTER W. NAUMBURG and MR. GEORGE W. NAUMBURG, sons of MR. ELKAN NAUMBURG, who donated the bandstand on the Mall and lived to see it put to the purpose he had in mind of erecting a veritable Temple of Music.

MR. ELKAN NAUMBURG had been impressed with the need of an adequate bandstand in Central Park by reason of his custom, long years of practice, of contributing Orchestral Concerts of high quality, in the cause of good music for the people, on three holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. His sons, continuing this custom in his memory, have added a fourth concert to the NAUMBURG series by giving a similar concert on July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death.

THE NAUMBURG concerts for the season of 1956 are therefore set down for May 30th at 8:30 P.M., July 4th, at 8:30 P.M., July 31st, at 8:30 P.M., and Labor Day at 8:30 P.M. These dates are remembered by lovers of good music.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces the third in a series of four concerts to be held at Forest Park Music Grove, Woodhaven Blvd., and Main Drive, Queens, on Sunday, September 2, 1956 at 3 p.m.

The concert will honor the memory of the late "March King" John Philip Sousa. Conducting will be the well-known band master George F. Seuffert, who on many occasions has appeared as guest conductor with the Goldman Band.

Sponsored by the Hamburg Savings Bank, the Jamaica Savings Bank, the Richmond Hill Savings Bank, the Ridgewood Savings Bank and the American Federation of Musicians Local 802, in cooperation with the Department of Parks, the concert series will be dedicated to "Favorite American Composers". The host bank for this concert will be the Jamaica Savings Bank, and the program will feature the Band and Glee Club of the Queens Borough Lodge of Elks #878, and Leona May Smith, cornet soloist.

The final program on Sunday September 9th, 1956 will feature the Arion Singing Society of Brooklyn, a group of 140 male and female voices and the popular cornet soloist, Leona May Smith.

Admission is free to the public.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1956

The Department of Parks announces that a 50-piece band concert will be given at the Mall in Central Park on Tuesday evening, September 4, 1956 at 8:30 p.m.

This concert is made possible by the Music Performance Trust Fund and will be conducted under the auspices of Local 802, American Federation of Musicians.

Admission to this concert is free.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1956

The Department of Parks announces the final in a series of four concerts to be held at Forest Park Music Grove, Woodhaven Blvd. and Main Drive, Queens, on Sunday September 9, 1956 at 3 p.m.

This final concert will feature the Arion Singing Society of Brooklyn, a group of 140 male and female voices and the popular cornet soloist, Leona May Smith.

Sponsored by the Hamburg Savings Bank, the Jamaica Savings Bank, the Richmond Hill Savings Bank, the Ridgewood Savings Bank and the American Federation of Musicians Local 802, in cooperation with the Department of Parks, the host bank for this concert will be the Ridgewood Savings Bank. Conducting will be the well-known band master George F. Seuffert, who on many occasions has appeared as guest conductor with the Goldman Band.

Admission is free to the public.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1956

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The final three Name Band Dances under the stars conducted by the Department of Parks, under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company, will feature the music of Tony Pastor and his orchestra.

On Tuesday, September 4th at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens, on Wednesday, September 5th at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, and again on Thursday, September 6th at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, Name Band devotees will be delighted by the sweet, danceable music of Tony Pastor.

All dances are from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. and admission is free.

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 5

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Music of John
Philip Sousa

Monday, Aug. 6

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert Goldman Band - Original Band Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Colonial Park, 146th St. & Bradhurst Ave.,
Manhattan *Name Band Dance - Buddy Morrow
and Orchestra

Tuesday, Aug. 7

- 12 Noon - Battery Park - Manhattan. Noon Day Band
Concert
- 8:30 P.M. - Harlem Meer, south end of lake, 110th St.
and Fifth Ave., Johnny Segui and Orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Amphitheatre - East River Drive
and Grand Street, Manhattan - Lower East
Side Neighborhood Assn. Eileen Flissler,
Concert Pianist, "Rhapsody in Blue"
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance
Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands
- 8:30 P.M. - Victory Field - Woodhaven Blvd & Myrtle Ave.
Queens - *Name Band Dance - Charlie Petersen
and his orchestra

Wednesday, Aug. 8

- 8:00 P.M. - Highbridge - Jay Hood Wright Playground, 173 St.
& Ft. Washington Ave., - Pop Concert
- 8:30 P.M. - Poe Park - 192 Street and Grand Concourse,
Bronx *Name Band Dance - Eddie Grady and
Orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Morningside Park - Morningside Ave. & W. 110th
St., Morningside Citizen's Committee Concert

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Wednesday, Aug. 8 cont'd

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Concert -
Goldman Band - Request Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Cromwell Recreation Center - Murray Hulbert
Ave., & Hannah St., Richmond - Paul Neighbors
and Orchestra *Name Band Dance

Thursday, Aug. 9

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Light Opera
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York Outdoor
Shakespeare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Name Band
Dance - Paul Neighbors and Orchestra

Friday, Aug. 10

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Light Opera
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheater - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York Outdoor
Shakespeare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park
West and 11th Street, Brooklyn *Name Band
Dance - Eddie Grady and Orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Park & 104th Street - Square Dance
Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, Aug. 11

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - American Music

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1956

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 19

3 P.M.

- Forest Park Music Grove - Woodhaven Blvd & Main Drive - Forest Park, Queens - Band Concert

Monday, Aug. 20

8:30 P.M.

- Colonial Park - 146th St. & Bradhurst Ave.
*Name Band Dance - Milt Larkin & Orchestra

8:30 P.M.

- Washington Square Park - Waverly Place and West 4th St., - Chamber Music Concert

Tuesday, Aug. 21

12 Noon

- Battery Park - Manhattan. Noon Day Band Concert

8:30 P.M.

- East River Amphitheatre - East River Drive and Grand Street, Manhattan - Lower East Side Neighborhood Assn. Symphony Orchestra

8:30 P.M.

- Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

8:30 P.M.

- Victory Field - Woodhaven Blvd & Myrtle Ave.
*Name Band Dance - Bill Lawrence & Orchestra

Wednesday, Aug. 22

8:00 P.M.

- Jay Hood Wright Playground - 175th & Ft. Washington Avenue - Pop Concert

8:30 P.M.

- Poe Park - 192 St. & Grand Concourse, Bronx
*Name Band Dance - Tony Carter & Orchestra

8:30 P.M.

- Cromwell Recreation Center - Murray Hulbert Ave. & Hannah St. Name Band Dance - Tommy Tucker & Orchestra

Thursday, Aug. 23

8:30 P.M.

- East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"

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Thursday, Aug. 23 (contd)

8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Name Band
Dance - Bill Lawrence & Orchestra

Friday, Aug. 24 -

8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakes-
peare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"

8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West
& 11 Street, Brooklyn - *Name Band Dance -
Jimmy Palmer & Orchestra

8:30 P.M. - Riverside Park & 104th Street - Square Dance
Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1956

B. Felix
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The Department of Parks announces that a lecture and demonstration on Hindu Dances will be given at the East River Amphitheatre, located at Grand Street and the East River, Manhattan, on Tuesday, September 11, 1956 at 8:30 p.m.

This is the initial presentation of a program of this nature to be offered to the public in New York City.

Sponsored by Amun Ram in cooperation with the Department of Parks, the program will feature "Pilakam" as a guest artist.

Admission to the public is free.

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SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1956

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 29

2 P.M. - East River Drive Amphitheatre - East River Drive and Grand St., - Manhattan - Rissa Presents: Readings from George Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan".

2 P.M. - Forest Park Music Grove - Woodhaven Blvd. and Main Drive - Queens. Variety Show - The Empire Entertainers.

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Music of Johann Strauss.

Monday, July 30

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - English Music

Tuesday, July 31

8:30 P.M. - Playground - 34th Ave. & 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens *Name Band Dance - Larry Sonn & Orchestra

8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Naumburg Concert - Naumburg Orchestra - Salvatore Mario de Stefano, Harpist Soloist.

8:30 P.M. - Harlem Meer, south end of lake, 110th St. and Fifth Ave., Joe Loco & Orchestra

8:30 P.M. - East River Amphitheatre - East River Drive and Grand Street, Manhattan - Lower East Side Neighborhood Assn. Harold Sachs, guest soloist, Clarinetist.

8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Wednesday, August 1

8:30 P.M. - Poe Park - 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx *Name Band Dance - Tommy Tucker & Orchestra

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Wednesday, August 1 (cont'd)

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Music Memory Contest.
- 8 P.M. - Highbridge - 180th St. & Amsterdam Ave., Pop Concert.

Thursday, August 2

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Symphonic Music.
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Name Band Dance - Tommy Tucker & Orchestra

Friday, August 3

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Symphonic Music
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheater - Grand Street at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn *Name Band Dance - Larry Sonn & Orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Park & 104th Street - Square Dance - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, August 4

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Scandinavian Music

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 12

- 2:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand St. at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakespeare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - American Music

Monday, Aug. 13

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Miscellaneous Music
- 8:30 P.M. - Washington Square Park - Waverly Place and West 4th St., - Chamber Music Concert

Tuesday, Aug. 14

- 12 Noon - Battery Park - Manhattan. Noon Day Band Concert
- 8:30 P.M. - Harlem Meer, south end of lake, 110th St. and Fifth Ave., Dioris Valladares and Orchestra (final concert)
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Amphitheatre - East River Drive and Grand Street, Manhattan - Lower East Side Neighborhood Assn. Concert - "Youth Night"
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - Square Dance Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands
- 8:30 P.M. - Playground - 34th Ave. & 77th St. Jackson Heights - Queens. Ernie Rudy and his Orchestra

Wednesday, Aug. 15

- 7:30 P.M. - Morningside Park - Morningside Ave. & 121 St. Manhattan. Chamber Music Concert
- 8:00 P.M. - Highbridge Park, 180th St. & Amsterdam Ave., Pop Concert

Wednesday, Aug. 15 (contd)

- 8:30 P.M. - Poe Park - 192 Street and Grand Concourse,
Bronx *Name Band Dance - Ernie Rudy and
Orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Concert -
Goldman Band. Miscellaneous Music

Thursday, Aug. 16

- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road
Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman - Final concert Request Music
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakes-
peare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 P.M. - Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Name Band
Dance - Ernie Rudy and Orchestra

Friday, Aug. 17

- 8:30 P.M. - Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial
Concert - Goldman Band - Final concert
Request Music
- 8:30 P.M. - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakes-
peare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park
West and 11th Street, Brooklyn *Name Band
Dance - Bill Lawrence and Orchestra
- 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Park & 104th Street - Square Dance
Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1956

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MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, Aug. 26 - Forest Park Music Grove - Woodhaven Blvd &
3 P.M. Main Drive - Forest Park, Queens-Band Concert
- Monday, Aug. 27 - Colonial Park - 146 St., & Bradhurst Ave.
8:30 PM *Name Band Dance - Fess Finley
- 8:30 PM - Washington Square Park - Waverly Place and
West 4th St., Chamber Music Concert
- Tuesday, Aug. 28
12 Noon - Battery Park - Manhattan. Noon Day Band Concert
- 8:30 PM - Playground - 34 Avenue & 77 Street, Jackson
Heights, Queens - Name Band Dance - Art Mooney
and Orchestra
- Wednesday, Aug. 29
8:00 PM - Highbridge Park - 180th Street & Amsterdam
Avenue, Manhattan - Pop Concert
- 8:30 PM - Poe Park - 192nd St. & Grand Concourse, Bronx
*Name Band Dance - Art Mooney and Orchestra
- Thursday, Aug. 30
8:30 PM - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakes-
peare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 PM - Mall, Central Park - 72 Street, *Name Band Dance
Ralph Flanagan and Orchestra
- Friday, Aug. 31
8:30 PM - East River Park Amphitheatre - Grand Street
at East River Drive, New York Outdoor Shakes-
peare Festival "Taming of the Shrew"
- 8:30 PM - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West &
11 Street, Brooklyn - *Name Band Dance -
Ralph Flanagan and Orchestra

*Name Band Dances are sponsored by The Consolidated Edison Company

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ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

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

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DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

August 8, 1956

8/8/56 - 4PM -

*These letters sent by
mail to Publishers-
Editors (Star) per
request of H.M.H.*

Mr. Harry Brandt
Brandt Theatres
1555 Broadway
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brandt:

Thank you very much for your
letter of August 3rd.

Cordially,

/s/ Robert Moses

Commissioner

*7/18/58 - HR
(Only copy of
this release)*

BRANDT THEATRES

1555 Broadway, New York 36, N. Y.

C O P Y

August 3, 1956

Honorable Robert Moses
Department of Parks
Arsenal Central Park
64th Street and 5th Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

My dear Commissioner:

On my return from Europe today I received a copy of your correspondence with Mr. T. J. McInerney of the Broadway Association and Mr. Walter J. Salmon, Jr. and hastened first to thank you for sending me the correspondence and second to tell you that as an owner of 14 theatres in the Times Square area controlled by myself or the Trans-Lux Company, of which I am the principal stock holder, and of which theatres we are fee holders and tenants, that I go all the way with you on your thoughts in relation to Duffy Square.

I operate the Mayfair and Globe Theatres, both of which are on the Square, and applaud you for your effort to beautify this spot. While I do not agree that all electric signs should be restricted in the area, I do go along with you entirely on the basis that you state that this area is a blighted area filled with honky tonks, and for this city that we live in and love to have its main thoroughfare clogged with shooting galleries and poker-ino parlors does not show the right type of pride by the Broadway Association, of which I am a member and to whom I am sending a copy of this letter.

I want to help you in this matter and if I can be of any service, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Mr. McInerney must have known that I accepted a membership on the committee set-up for the George M. Cohan Memorial and most certainly he should have contacted me to let me know what the views were that he was expressing to you.

Thank you very much for sending me these letters and the photos and I hope you are successful in this endeavor.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harry Brandt

HARRY BRANDT



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

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FOR RELEASE

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Attached is correspondence between
Commissioner Moses and Mr. T. J. McInerney of the
Broadway Association, Inc., and Mr. Walter J.
Salmon, Jr. of the Atlantic Leasing Company, Inc.



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July 27, 1956

Mr. T. J. McInerney
Managing Director
Broadway Association, Inc.
Fisk Building
Broadway at 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McInerney:

I have your letter of July 18 in which you question the advisability of the improvement we propose to make in Duffy Square.

The improvement consists of planting trees and erection of a memorial to George M. Cohan. I don't see how anyone can object to the erection of the Cohan memorial at this location. Consequently, I imagine your objection is to the planting of the trees which may obscure some of the advertising signs in the area.

The tree planting will in time obscure some parts of some of the signs from certain locations. However, there is no question whatever in my mind that planting trees in Duffy Square is in the public interest and that it will do far more to improve the appearance and usefulness of the area than any spectacular advertising sign ever erected in the area has done.

I attach copy of my letter to the Atlantic Leasing Company on this subject.

Cordially,

/s/ Robert Moses

Commissioner

Attachment

BROADWAY ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Fisk Building, Broadway at 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

C O P Y

July 18, 1956

Hon. Robert Moses
Commissioner of Parks
The Arsenal
64th Street and Fifth Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Commissioner:

Since the announcement a couple of weeks ago that Duffy Square will be converted into a tree-planted area, with a statue of George M. Cohan on the south end, there has arisen in the minds of merchants and property owners in the immediate area some doubts as to the advisability of the proposed improvement. These doubts are not predicated solely on the fact that the trees will obscure advertising displays.

Personally, I was intrigued by the news stories of June 27, announcing plans for this project because it was the first indication we have had that Mr. Hammerstein and his fellow-committee members gave a hoot-in-you-know-where about Broadway civic matters. Although cordially invited to participate in our efforts to get a rezoning of the midtown amusement area that would ban the "carnival" type of enterprises they were conspicuous by their absence and silence during the period from September, 1947 until January, 1954, when we were finally successful. And I cannot help but wonder why their interest in converting the area into a park had to wait until they were ready to erect a statue to George M. Cohan. Poor Father Duffy has had to stand there for a long time without benefit of trees and with naught but the pigeons to console him. Our thoughts in this regard are in no way disparaging to the memory of Mr. Cohan, but merely relate to the sudden awakening of his theatrical-friends-among-the-living in the need for an upgrading of Broadway.

All of which is preliminary to a request: May we have the opportunity of bringing a representative small group of property owners and merchants in the area to a little conference at any place convenient for you? Our experience has always been that you are agreeable to getting the other fellow's viewpoint on such matters.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ T. J. McInerney,

T. J. McINERNEY,
Managing Director



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July 27, 1956

Mr. Walter J. Salmon, Jr.
Vice President
Atlantic Leasing Co., Inc.
11 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Salmon:

I have your letter of July 19. We intend to plant trees in Duffy Square whether or not the memorial to George M. Cohan is placed there. We have been studying this location for several years and have determined that the underground comfort station in back of the Duffy statue is no longer required. By abandoning and filling in this comfort station we will be able to plant trees in back of the Duffy statue as well as along the streets on both sides of Duffy Square.

Planting of trees which in time will grow to a height of forty or fifty feet is the only effective way of improving the appearance and usefulness of small park areas in Manhattan such as Duffy Square. I enclose photographs of the little park at 66th Street and Broadway and one at 70th Street and Broadway. The park at 66th Street improved with trees and benches is a handsome and useful area. The other, which has only one small tree, a sunbaked island in the middle of the street. The only useful purpose it serves is that of a safety island for pedestrian crossing.

I think you are unduly alarmed concerning the effect the tree planting in Duffy Square may have on your spectacular sign. However, I believe the advantages to the people of the city in having a tree shaded area in the Times Square area far outweigh any possible advantage which may accrue to them because of the existence of your sign or for that matter of any spectacular sign in this section of town.

Mr. Walter J. Salmon, Jr.

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July 27, 1956

It is my opinion that the Times Square area would be better off if all flashing spectacular signs were prohibited. These garish monstrosities together with the type of business which has been permitted to occupy the area have had a serious adverse effect upon real estate values in this neighborhood in the past thirty years and have done a great deal, I believe, to make the area the cheap, disgraceful honky-tonk district which it now is. A few trees can't do any harm and are likely to give the area a much needed lift.

Cordially,

/s/ Robert Moses

Commissioner

Enclosures

ATLANTIC LEASING CO , Inc.

11 West 42nd Street
New York

C O P Y

July 19, 1956

Hon. Robert Moses
Commissioner of Parks
The Arsenal
64th Street and Fifth Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Commissioner Moses:

The undersigned is the long-term lessee of the land and building known as and situate at 1572-76 Broadway, 201 West 47th Street and 702-8 Seventh Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, the 47th Street side of which building directly faces Duffy Square. The southerly wall of this building on 47th Street, while unoccupied at the present time, is ordinarily sub-leased as a site for an electrical spectacular sign, commencing at a point 10½ feet above ground level, and has an annual rental value in the high five figures. For many years, it was occupied by Coca-Cola Company and Pepsi-Cola Company, respectively.

The real estate taxes on this land and building, which are payable by us, are substantial.

We understand from the article appearing in the New York Herald-Tribune of June 27, 1956, and the conversations had between your Mr. Rampino and Mr. Moskovitz and Mr. Kleinberger of this office, that you plan to plant nineteen 15 foot trees at Duffy Square after January 1, 1957.

The planting of these large trees, which will of course increase in height with the passage of time, will obscure a substantial portion of the sign location formerly occupied by Coca-Cola Company and Pepsi-Cola Company, respectively, and completely obscure the large store on West 47th Street in said building, now occupied by Castro Decorators, Inc.

The planting of these trees will constitute a destruction of real estate values in very substantial amounts with relatively little benefit to the public and the City of New York; all this when the City of New York is in urgent need of additional real estate taxes rather than less.

Hon. Robert Moses

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July 19, 1956

In our opinion, there are many ways of beautifying Duffy Square without injuring us, and we feel that where the injury to us is very great and the benefits to the public slight, we should be given consideration in the matter.

These trees will also increase the hazards of vehicular traffic, and the park, of course, enclosed by tall trees, will require additional police protection.

We trust that you will give the writer an opportunity to meet with you personally in the near future to discuss the matter in greater detail.

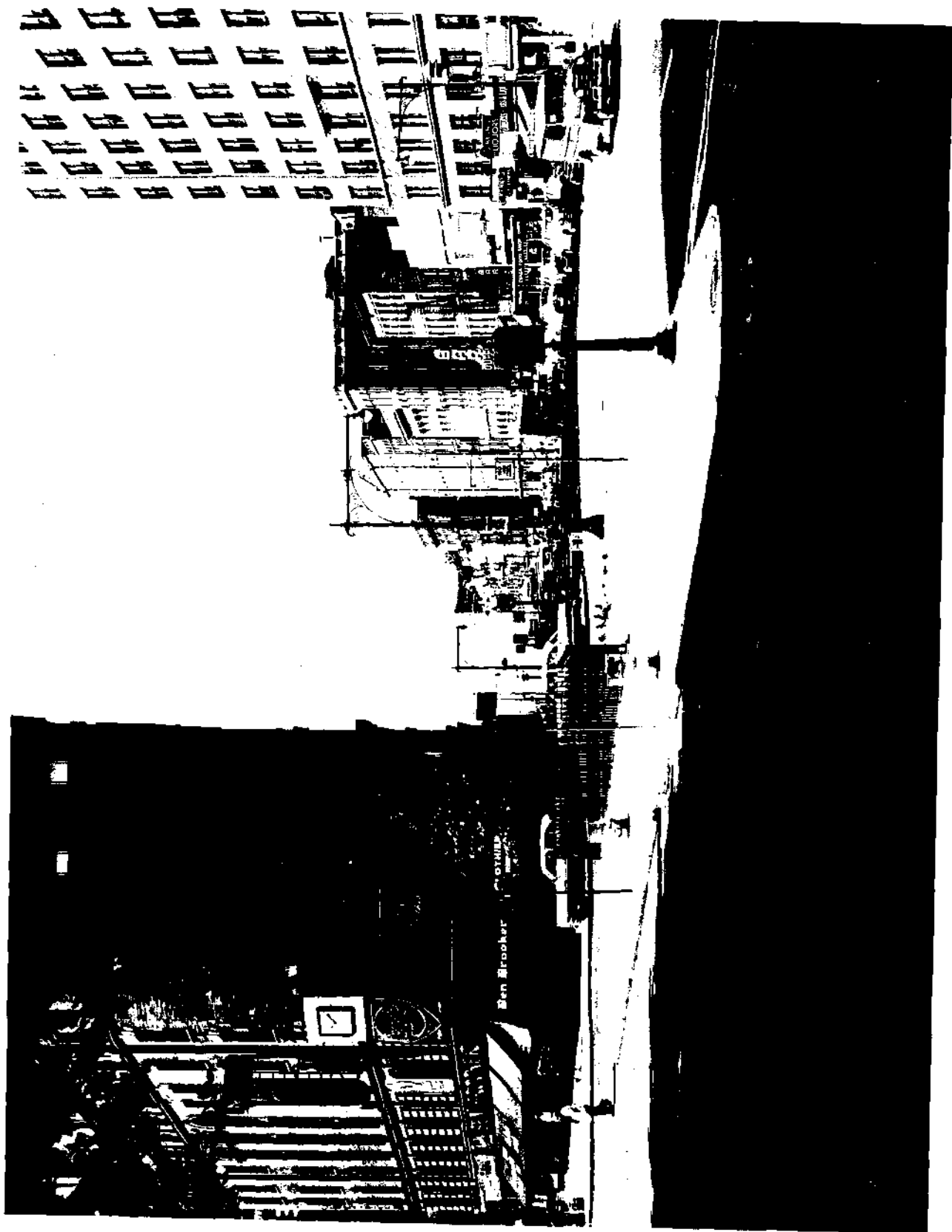
Waiting to hear from you, we are

Respectfully yours,

ATLANTIC LEASING CO., INC.

/s/ Walter J. Salmon, Jr.

Walter J. Salmon, Jr.
Vice President







B. Felix

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1956

9/21 Hand Delivery 2 PM
Mail Delivery 3 PM

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While visiting New York recently with her parents, an eight year old girl from Joliet, Illinois, spent a day at the Central Park Zoo. Fascinated by a baby elephant, her enthusiasm led her to write a letter to the Central Park Zoo, enclosing four one dollar bills for the purchase of the baby elephant, with instructions to send the animal through the U.S. mail to Joliet, Illinois.

Efforts to locate the writer of the letter, which was written on Hotel Commodore stationery, were without result. A copy of the letter was then sent to the Postmaster at Joliet, Illinois, who enlisted the aid of the press.

Through the latter's efforts the writer of the letter was identified as Jean Ann Timm of Cherry Hill and the money was returned to her.

The little girl's father, Kenneth E. Timm, an attorney, informed the Park Department that the contemplated purchase of the elephant was unknown until the family was flying home. Jeanie's mother discovered that she had spent all of her allowance, and when questioned, informed her parents that she had used it to buy an elephant.

Jeanie, when informed that the money would be returned, was very disturbed and remarked "If that is not enough, I'll shovel sidewalks this winter to make up the balance".

While Park Department policy does not permit the selling of animals, a photo of a baby elephant will be sent to Jeanie.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

8/10/56 REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1956

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New York City's biggest fishing rodeo for boys and girls will be held on Wednesday, August 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the Department of Parks conducts the 7th Annual Junior Fishing Contest at 5 salt water and 5 fresh water fishing locations. Entry blanks are available at Department of Parks borough offices, playgrounds and fishing areas.

The contest is part of the National Better Fishing Program for boys and girls 10 to 16 years of age, sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc., a non-profit, non-commercial organization engaged in encouraging sports fishing among youngsters.

The contestants must reside in New York City and supply their own bait and equipment. They may enter at only one location. No casting will be permitted and all fishing must be from shores or piers of the fishing locations.

The sites selected for the competition are:

	<u>FRESH WATER</u>	<u>FISHING LOCATIONS</u>	<u>SALT WATER</u>
Manhattan	- Central Park, 72 St. Lake		Hudson River & 83 Street
Brooklyn	- Prospect Park Lake W. of Lincoln Road Entrance		Coney Island, Steeplechase Pier, West 16 Street
Bronx	- Van Cortlandt Lake, E. of 242 St. & Broadway		Pelham Bay Park, Stonebridge Northeast of Orchard Beach
Queens	- Kissena Park Lake, Rose Ave. & 160 Street		Jacob Riis Park, north side east of Marine Park Bridge
Richmond	- Willowbrook Park Lake, Victory Blvd & Richmond Ave		Great Kills Beach, Hylan Blvd. south of Guion Ave.

Prizes will be presented to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish at each location. A special Better Fishing Grand Award will go to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the fresh and salt water divisions. Judging for the Grand Awards will take place at 3 p.m. at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park on the day of the contest.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1956

Mr. Felix
8/14/56 REGENT 4-1000
Hand Delivery 1230 PM
Mail " 430 PM

Entries will be accepted through Monday, August 20th for the 7th Annual Junior Fishing Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks, in collaboration with the National Better Fishing Program for Boys and Girls on Wednesday, August 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5 salt water and 5 fresh water fishing locations.

The contest is open to boys and girls 10 to 16 years of age who reside in New York City. They may enter at only one location and must supply their own bait and equipment. No casting will be permitted. Entries may be filed at Department of Parks borough offices, playgrounds and fishing areas.

The National Better Fishing Program is sponsored by Better Fishing Inc., a non-profit, non-commercial organization formed to foster sports fishing and ideals of conservation among youngsters. They believe the sport develops appreciation of nature and good sportsmanship and results in a hobby that can be enjoyed throughout life.

The contest will be conducted at the following locations:

FRESH WATER

Manhattan - Central Park, 72 St. Lake
Brooklyn - Prospect Park Lake, W. of Lincoln Rd. Entrance
Bronx - Van Cortlandt Lake, E. of 242 St. & Broadway
Queens - Kissena Park Lake, Rose Ave. & 160 St.

SALT WATER

Hudson River & 83 Street
Coney Island, Steeplechase Pier, West 16th Street
Pelham Bay Park, Stonebridge, northeast of Orchard Beach
Jacob Riis Park, north side, east of Marine Park Bridge

Richmond - Willowbrook Park Lake,
Victory Blvd & Richmond
Avenue

Great Kills Beach, Hylan Blvd
south of Guion Avenue

Prizes will be presented to the boy or girl catching the heaviest fish at each location. A special Better Fishing Grand Award will go to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the fresh and salt water divisions. Judging for the Grand Awards will take place at 3 p.m. at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park on the day of the contest.

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

FOR RELEASE

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MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1956

8/16/56 REGENT 4-1000

*B. L. L.*  
*Hand Delivery 11:30 AM*  
*Mail 12 N*

Thousands of urban counterparts of Tom Sawyer and Betty Thatcher, ranging from 10 to 16 years of age, will compete in the 7th Annual Junior Fishing Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks on Wednesday, August 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5 salt water and 5 fresh water fishing locations.

At 3 p.m. the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish at each location will meet at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park where the judging for the Grand Awards will take place. The boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the salt and fresh water divisions will be presented special prizes.

Prizes will also be awarded to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day at each location.

This event is part of a nationwide Better Fishing Program for boys and girls. It is sponsored by the Better Fishing Inc., a non-profit, non-commercial organization formed by a group of sportsmen for the purpose of fostering fishing as a hobby among youngsters. Over five million boys and girls throughout America will benefit from participation in this program during the present year.

The contest will be conducted at the following locations:

FRESH WATER

SALT WATER

Manhattan - Central Park, 72 St. Lake

Hudson River & 83 Street

Brooklyn - Prospect Park Lake, W.  
of Lincoln Rd. Entrance

Coney Island, Steeplechase  
Pier, West 16th Street

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| Bronx     | - Van Cortlandt Lake, E.<br>of 242 St. & Broadway          | Pelham Bay Park, Stonebridge,<br>northeast of Orchard Beach |
| Queens    | - Kissena Park Lake<br>Rose Ave. & 160 St.                 | Jacob Riis Park, north side<br>east of Marine Park Bridge   |
| Richmond- | Willowbrook Park Lake<br>Victory Blvd & Richmond<br>Avenue | Great Kills Beach, Hylan Blvd<br>south of Guion Avenue      |

Prizes will be presented to the boy or girl catching the heaviest fish at each location. A special Better Fishing Grand Award will go to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the fresh and salt water divisions. Judging for the Grand Awards will take place at 3 p.m. at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park on the day of the contest.

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8-15-56

*B. Felix*  
*8/21/56*  
*Sent to picture*  
*editors only - 3 N'P'm*

MEMO TO PHOTO ASSIGNMENT DESK

The winning fishermen, boy and girl, from each of the 10 locations in New York City will be brought into the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park at 3:00 P.M., Wednesday August 22nd:

The judges will weigh each winning catch and determine the New York City boy and girl fishing champions. Better Fishing Awards will be given to each location winner, and the Grand Awards to the New York City champions.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1956

*B. Felix*  
8/29/56 REGENT 4-1000  
*Hand Delivery 1 P.M.*  
*Mail " 4 P.M.*

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Our aspiring junior city farmers will have their day when the Department of Parks will hold the Annual Garden Harvests at the various children's park farm gardens throughout the city.

An excellent growing season was enjoyed and the vegetables have grown in abundance more so, this season, than in many previous seasons.

Harvests will take place at the following locations and medals will be awarded to the outstanding "Green Thumbers" who nurtured the most abundant of the plants.

| <u>DATE</u>   | <u>TIME</u> | <u>GARDEN</u>                                                                |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. Sept 1   | 10:30 A.M.  | De Matti Playground, Tompkins & Chestnut Avenues & Shaughnessy Lane Richmond |
| Tues. Sept 4  | 2:00 P.M.   | Thomas Jefferson Playground, 114 St. & First Ave., Manhattan                 |
| Wed. Sept 5   | 10:30 A.M.  | Betsy Head Playground, Hopkinson & Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn                  |
| Wed. Sept 5   | 2:00 P.M.   | Seward Park, Canal St. & East Broadway, Manhattan                            |
| Fri. Sept 7   | 10:30 A.M.  | Ft. Greene Park, Myrtle Avenue & St. Edward's St., Brooklyn                  |
| Tues. Sept 11 | 3:30 P.M.   | Highbridge Playground, 189th St. & Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan               |
| Tues. Sept 18 | 3:30 P.M.   | Crotona Park South, Fulton Avenue, Bronx                                     |
| Sat. Sept 29  | 10:30 A.M.  | Highland Park, Lower, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street, Queens                |

*Barney Felix*



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1956

1-1-1-30M-703834(55) 114

New York City's public links medal play titlists, representing the ten Department of Parks Golf Courses, will vie for match play championship honors on the Split Rock Golf Course located at Shore Road, north of Bartow Circle in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, beginning Saturday, July 28, 1956 at 12 noon.

All contestants will play one round on July 28th. On Sunday, July 29th, the 16 surviving players will participate in a morning round, with the surviving eight players competing in the quarter-final round in the afternoon. The four players left in the semi-final round will meet in competition on Saturday, August 4th at 9 a.m. in a 36 hole match play elimination. The two finalists are scheduled to meet on Sunday, August 5th at 9 a.m., the winner to be presented with the award emblematic of the public links championship of New York City.

The participants are:

| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>COURSE</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| James Manzone     | Mosholu       |
| Anthony Dionna    | Forest Park   |
| Saywood Wood      | Clearview     |
| Alan King         | Mosholu       |
| Louis Cerbone     | Pelham        |
| John Di Pierro    | Split Rock    |
| James Haverty     | LaTourette    |
| Anthony Tartaglia | Dyker Beach   |
| Sid Rothenberg    | Pelham        |
| Robert Joyce      | Clearview     |
| Joseph Roccisiano | Split Rock    |

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| <u>NAME</u>        | <u>COURSE</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Jack Feltman       | Dyker Beach   |
| Eddie Sears        | LaTourette    |
| Anthony Horecky    | Pelham        |
| Bernard Kane       | Split Rock    |
| Walter Wutkiewicz  | Kissena       |
| Vince Sullivan     | Silver Lake   |
| Sid Taras          | Dyker Beach   |
| Ephrem Messier     | Forest Park   |
| Bernie Wishner     | Split Rock    |
| Charles Amandoles  | LaTourette    |
| Edward Majka       | Dyker Beach   |
| Richard Carroll    | Split Rock    |
| Dr. Anthony Marone | Pelham        |
| George Baskiel     | Forest Park   |
| William McIntyre   | Split Rock    |
| Gil Smith          | Silver Lake   |
| William J. Lee     | LaTourette    |
| Herbert Friedrich  | Silver Lake   |
| Arthur Carns       | Kissena       |
| Julius Vogt        | Forest Park   |
| John Colby         | Clearview     |

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1956

NEW YORK PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIPS

7/17 - Hand Deliv 3PM  
Regular Mail  
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New York City's public link golfers, representing the ten Department of Parks Golf Courses, will compete for team honors on the Pelham Golf Course located at Shore Road, north of Bartow Circle in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, on Sunday, July 22, 1956.

Each course will be represented by a team of six men who qualified for this competition in local tournaments, held on all municipal courses.

The first tee has been reserved for tournament play on Sunday, ~~June~~ <sup>July</sup> 22, from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. Regular play will be permitted after the tournament players have been sent off.

The thirty-two low gross scorers from the team play competition will be eligible to participate in a match play tournament for a New York City's public links champion. The first round will start on the Split Rock Golf Course on Saturday, July 28.

The winners of the local golf tournaments in the women's and junior boys divisions will compete in the city championships, consisting of eighteen holes of medal play on the Kissena Golf Course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadows Road in Queens, on Sunday August 12.

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7-17-56



*B. Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

*8/8/56*  
*Home Delivery 11AM*  
*Mail " 11AM.*

FOR RELEASE

1-3-3-30M-915094(54) 114

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1956

New York City's public links golfers, women and junior boys, representing the ten Department of Parks golf courses, will compete for medal play honors on the Kissena Golf Course, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road, Queens, on Sunday, August 12, 1956.

Each of the ten courses will be represented by a team of two women and two junior golfers who qualified for this competition in local tournaments which were held on all municipal golf courses. The lowest scorer in each competing division will receive an award emblematic of the public link championship of New York City.

The first tee has been reserved for tournament play on August 12th from 9 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. Regular play will be permitted after the tournament players have been sent off.

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8-8-56





*10 Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

1 57  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1956

*8/8/56 - 1 P.M.  
Hand Delivered  
Regular Mail*

1-1-1-30M-915094 (54) 114

Entries are now being accepted for the <sup>1</sup>6th Annual Blind Bogey Golf Tournament and Mixed Twosome Championship to be conducted under the auspices of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company and the Department of Parks at the 10 municipal golf courses beginning Sunday, August 26. Registration is limited to 400 at each course. Entries must be filed on or before Monday, August <sup>19</sup>20 at the course at which the contestant will play.

The Blind Bogey competition, consisting of 18 holes of medal play on August 26, offers the public links golfer two unique opportunities - first, the "country club" privilege of reserved time for teeing off and second, the duffer competes on an equal footing with the low scoring golfer.

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

The low gross winners, one man and one woman from each course, will compete in the Mixed Twosome Championships on Sunday, September 9 at Pelham Golf Course in the Bronx. In this competition of 18 holes of medal play, the man will drive from odd-numbered tees, the woman from even-numbered tees, or vice versa, and from tee to green partners play every other shot.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1956

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The Department of Parks in cooperation with the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company will conduct the 6th Annual Mixed Twosome Championships for municipal course golfers at Pelham Golf Course, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 9th.

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

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

| <u>MEN</u>                                                   | <u>COURSE</u> | <u>WOMEN</u>                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| James Oleska<br>8891 15th Ave.<br>Brooklyn 28, N.Y.          | Dyker         | Josephino San Filippo<br>188 Bay 19th Street<br>Brooklyn 14, N.Y. |
| John Colby<br>26-20 Bowne St.<br>Flushing 54, N.Y.           | Clearview     | Frances Levy<br>34-20 79th Street<br>Jackson Heights 72, N.Y.     |
| Anthony Dionna<br>105-39 133rd St.<br>Richmond Hill 19, N.Y. | Forest Park   | Violet Fetz<br>87-16 Park Lane South<br>Woodhaven 21, N.Y.        |
| Gilbert Zizek<br>59-21 155th St.<br>Flushing 55, N.Y.        | Kissena       | Mrs. Rita Armstrong<br>87-84 165th Street<br>Jamaica 3, N.Y.      |
| Ray Ontl<br>360 84th St.<br>Brooklyn 9, N.Y.                 | LaTourette    | Helen Rappa<br>11 Queen Street<br>Staten Island 14, N.Y.          |

| <u>MEN</u>                                                  | <u>COURSE</u> | <u>WOMEN</u>                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| James Iacovelle<br>52 Stecher St.<br>Staten Island 12, N.Y. | Silver Lake   | Lucy Larson<br>628 Castleton Road<br>Staten Island 1, N. Y.  |
| John J. Amanna<br>19 East 213 Street<br>Bronx 67, N.Y.      | Van Cortlandt | Nancy Dalby<br>305 W. 105th Street<br>New York 25, N. Y.     |
| Lou Cerbone<br>504 Carpenter Ave.<br>Bronx 66, N. Y.        | Pelham        | Mollie Newman<br>103 Townsend Ave.<br>Bronx 52, N.Y.         |
| Al Leono<br>109 W. Sidney Ave.<br>Mt. Vernon, N.Y.          | Split Rock    | Rio Casella<br>1517 Commonwealth Ave.<br>Bronx 60, N.Y.      |
| Lem Little<br>1727 Walton Ave.<br>Bronx 53, N.Y.            | Mosholu       | Myrtle Patterson<br>863 Riverside Drive<br>New York 32, N.Y. |

Prizes donated by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company will be presented to the members of the winning twosome and runner-up twosome. A new handsome team trophy will go to the golf course represented by the winning team. This Schaefer Trophy will remain in competition until one golf course secures permanent possession by winning it three times. The Split Rock golfers retired the previous trophy, having won three legs within the five year period.

Results of the competition may be obtained, or photographs taken, after 3 p.m. when competition will have been completed, at Split Rock Golf Course, City Island 8-1258.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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Preliminary contests to select competitors for the 15th

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

- |           |             |             |                                                                               |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| QUEENS    | - Tuesday   | - August 7  | - Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Ave., Glendale                    |
| BRONX     | - Wednesday | - August 8  | - Poe Park, 192nd St. and Grand Concourse                                     |
| RICHMOND  | - Wednesday | - August 8  | - Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave. & Hannah St., Tompkinsville |
| MANHATTAN | - Thursday  | - August 9  | - Wollman Memorial, Central Park, opposite 64th St. & Fifth Avenue            |
| BROOKLYN  | - Friday    | - August 10 | - Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street                           |

All contests begin at 8:30 P.M.

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

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

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

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**ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK**

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1956

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HARVEST DANCE CONTEST

The Department of Parks will conduct the 15th Annual Harvest Dance Contest at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, August 30 at 8:30 P.M.

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

Ralph Flanagan and his recording orchestra will provide the music for the dancers and will entertain the spectators during intermission.

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

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

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MEMO TO ALL PHOTO ASSIGNMENT DESKS

The finals of the Park Department city-wide Harvest Dance Contest in the waltz, cha-cha-cha, fox-trot and jitterbug are scheduled for the Mall in Central Park, Thursday, August 30th at 8:30 P.M.

All'Round Champions should be crowned around 9:30 P.M.  
Suitable awards will be given to the winning contestants.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1956

The Department of Parks announces that the baby hippopotamus which was born August 21, 1956 at the Central Park Zoo will be placed on exhibition starting 10 A.M. Friday, September 7, 1956.

The baby hippo is the offspring of Rose II and Falstaff and weighed 50 lbs. at birth. At the present time its sex is undetermined because Mother Rose will not permit a close approach to her offspring.

Since 1905, this is the first baby hippo which has survived after being born in the Central Park Zoo. The mother was imported to the zoo on July 12, 1954 at the age of 14 years from East Africa. The father arrived on October 3, 1951 from the same place and was 5 years of age at the time. They are now 16 and 10 years of age respectively.

N.B.---- Press photos may be taken starting at 9 A.M.

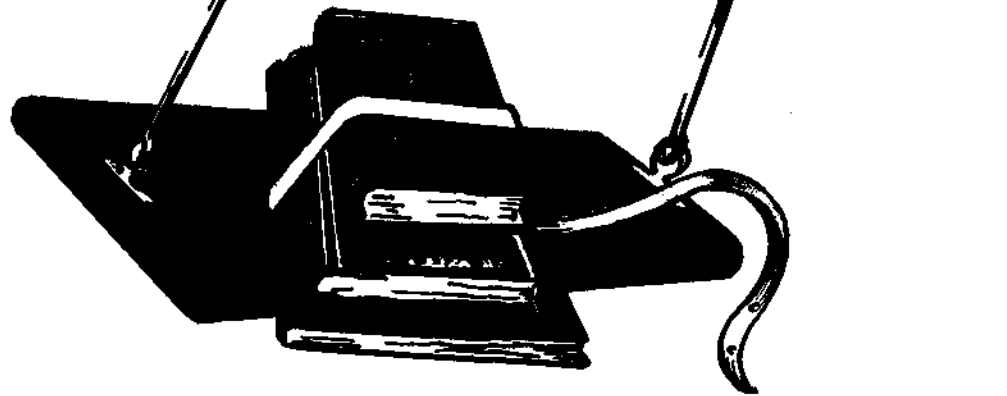
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JOINTLY  
OPERATED  
PLAYGROUNDS



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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CITY OF NEW YORK  
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This report by the Commissioner of Parks is a graphic, factual account of an outstanding accomplishment by two City departments working cooperatively under far-sighted leadership for the public good. It is also an assurance that this coordinated effort in the related fields of education and recreation will continue and will increase in effectiveness and scope.

The Department of Parks and the Board of Education have succeeded in creating a practical, workable program for the creation and joint operation of playgrounds adjacent to public schools. The economic benefits to the City of New York from this program are considerable. The recreational and educational benefits to school children and general public of the community are incalculable.

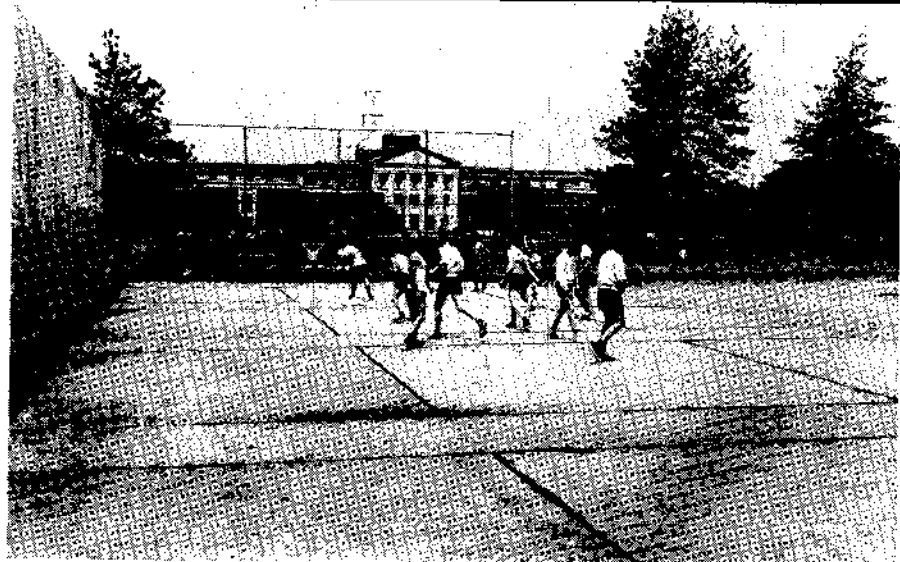
I congratulate the Parks Department and the Board of Education on their successful program for jointly operated playgrounds and pledge the support of my administration for its continuance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert T. Wagner".

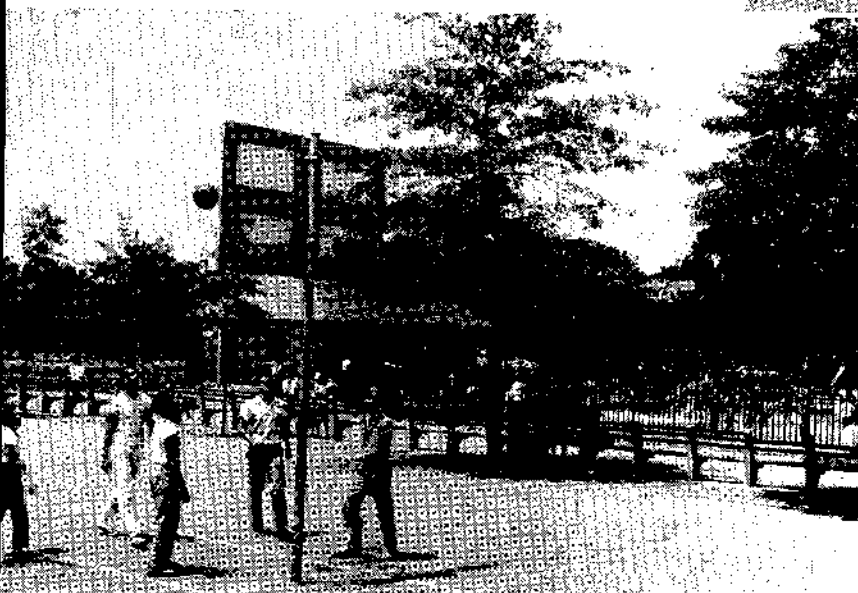
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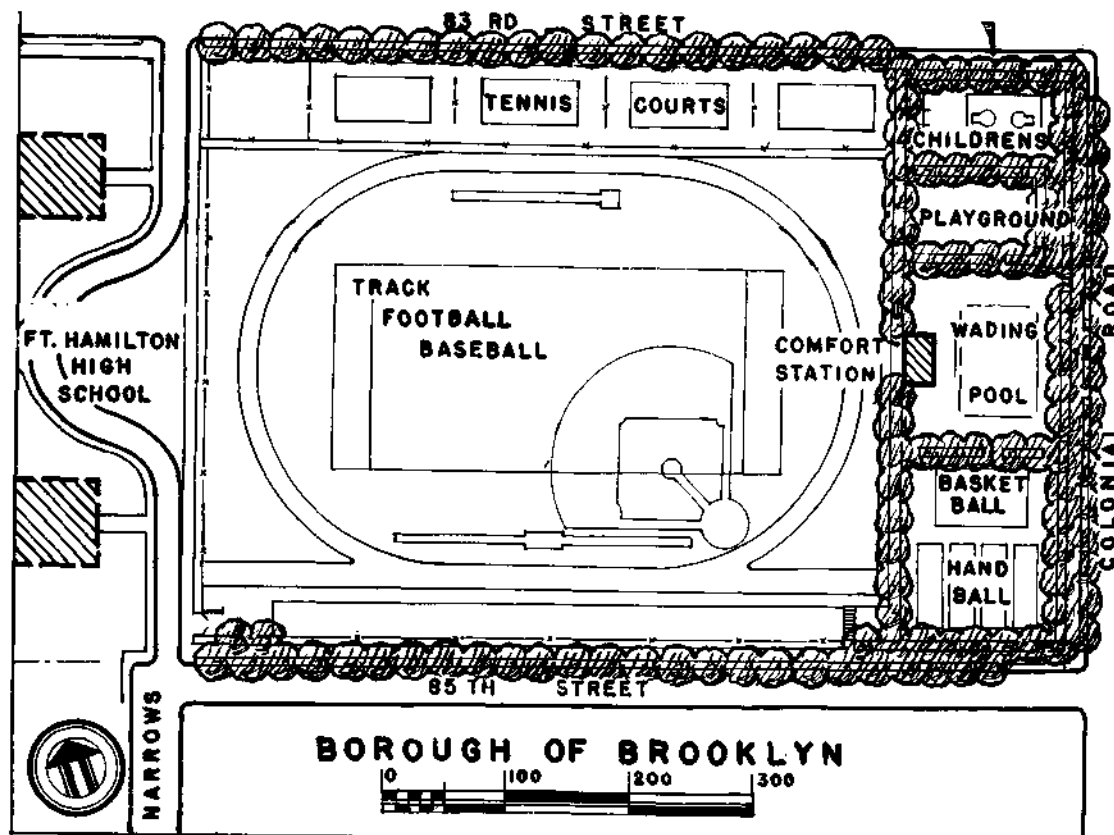


HANDBALL, BASKETBALL COURTS  
AND ATHLETIC FIELD



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHOWING  
FT. HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL,  
ATHLETIC FIELD AND PLAYGROUND



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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CHARLES H. SILVER  
PRESIDENT

July 23, 1956.

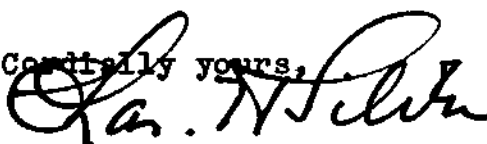
Dear Bob:

This story of the cooperative efforts of the Department of Parks and the Board of Education in joint operation of playgrounds should assure the residents of the City of New York of this city's concern for their leisure-time activities.

The recognition by two of this city's agencies of the continuing education through recreation should prove most heartening.

The Board of Education is most happy to be a partner in a venture for the public good.

Cordially yours,



CHARLES H. SILVER  
President.

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Hon. Robert Moses  
Commissioner of Parks  
Arsenal Building  
64th Street & Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, NY

## NEW YORK CITY'S JOINTLY OPERATED PLAYGROUNDS

The cooperative efforts of the Board of Education and the Department of Parks in planning, developing and operating playgrounds adjacent to public schools have proved so outstanding a success that many people in New York City have forgotten that less than twenty years ago no such coordinated recreation program existed. These two major agencies concerned with training the City's youth for healthier, happier, more useful adult lives each went its own overlapping, but seldom touching way.

As far back as 1914, when park playgrounds were administered by four independent Park Commissioners, one for each separate borough park department, the need was felt for genuine cooperation and coordination between the public agencies responsible for the City's various recreational facilities. The Commissioners discussed the problem at some length but due to political inertia and public indifference little was accomplished.

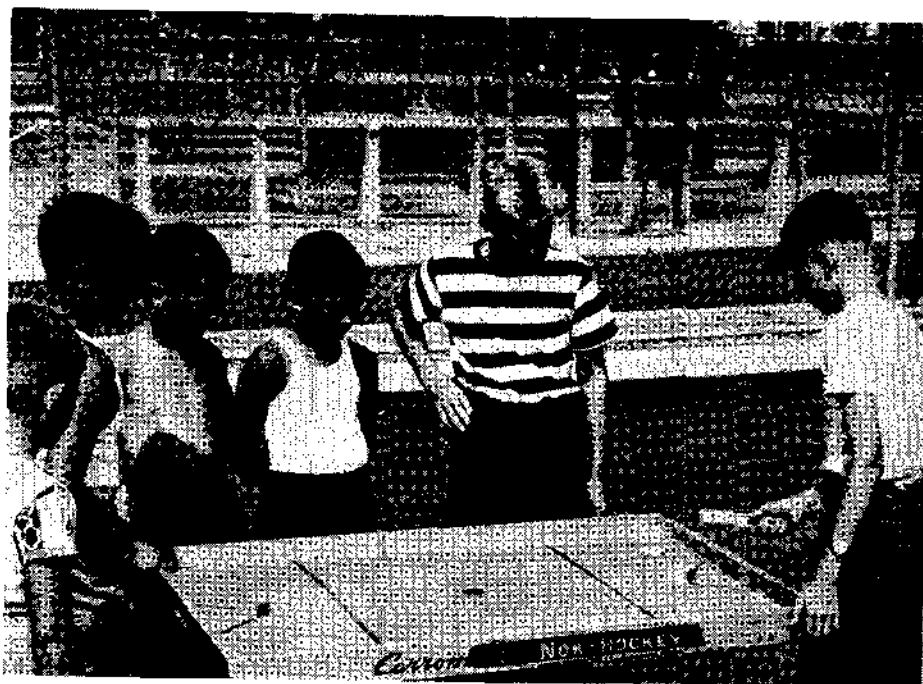
About the same time, the Board of Education was experimenting with the Gary Plan in Education, first developed by William Wirt, superintendent of schools in Gary, Indiana. This plan divided the school day into periods for vocational work, textbook study and play with special teachers for the various activities. One of its objectives was to make greater use of the school plant. Later, the Ettinger Plan stressed the use of schools adjacent to public libraries for carrying out a cooperative program supplementing the school curriculum. These innovations, however admirable in intent, had little effect in improving the year-round outdoor recreational facilities available to the City as a whole.

In 1933, the election of Mayor LaGuardia brought new approaches under new leadership to the problems of the City's government. The new mayor sponsored a law, Chapter 2 of the Laws of 1934, which established a unified Department of Parks under one Commissioner, with a staff of trained park executives, replacing the four politically-appointed borough commissioners and their equally politically-minded deputies and assistants. This consolidation and reorganization of the Park Department was accomplished without delay, and with the tremendous aid of the Works Progress Administration, New York City's parks and playgrounds expanded, multiplied and were developed rapidly.

In 1933, most school playgrounds were little more than barren yards; many of them were dark, dismal courts, handicapping even the best of instructors and the most intelligently planned programs. Permanent outdoor equipment was inadequate or non-existent. Use was usually restricted to the pupils attending the particular school and the facilities were seldom available during vacations or other times when the school was not in session.

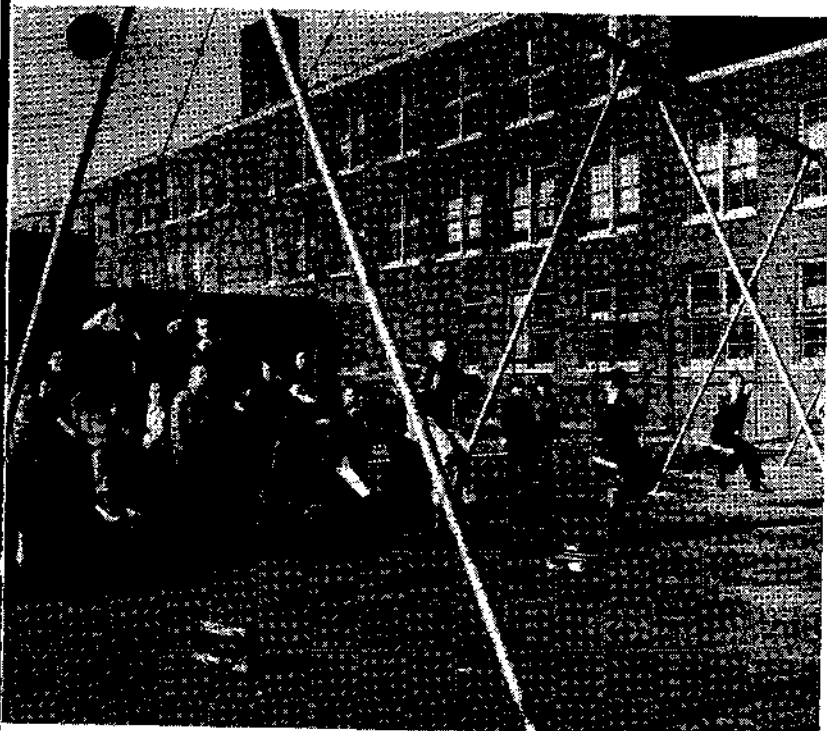
At the same time, the Park Department's playgrounds were woefully inadequate, especially in congested districts where they were most needed and where the cost of property acquisition ranged from expensive to prohibitive. It was evident that additional playgrounds were a necessity in these sections of the City as well as in the less crowded areas where future congestion had to be anticipated, and that these facilities should be available daily throughout the year to the general public from children of pre-school age to young adults. It

## EDUCATION THROUGH PLAY



PUBLIC SCHOOL 21, BRONX

## "AWAITING THE SCHOOL BELL"



PUBLIC SCHOOL 269, BROOKLYN

was also obvious that the City could not afford to pay for two pieces of property and duplicate recreational facilities in a locality where one well-equipped and staffed playground would suffice. Coordinated planning, development and operation were imperative if Park Department and Board of Education playgrounds were to be fully utilized and costly, inefficient duplication avoided.

In planning the orderly and realistic expansion of the Park Department's recreational system we were aided by the fact that, as a member of the City Planning Commission, I was able to enlist the support of the other members of the Commission in a plan to construct and develop, adjacent to public schools and high schools, playgrounds especially designed for coordinated operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. The plan was fully supported by the President of the Board of Education, James Marshall and the Superintendent of Schools, Harry G. Campbell.

The first of the jointly-operated recreation areas was opened to the public June 11, 1938, when the Park Department completed an athletic field adjacent to Fort Hamilton High School, Brooklyn. The Board of Education had exclusive use and control of the field while the school was in session and the Park Department operated it all other times for the benefit of the general public of the community.

To gain public support for this type of venture which was threatened with passing into history with the completion of its first example, we found it necessary to issue a statement to the press pointing out that the historic lack of cooperation between the two City agencies still existed despite the opening of the Fort Hamilton High School Athletic Field. With public interest aroused at last, the Park Department and the Board of Education embarked on an extensive, long-range, cooperative program of land acquisition, design, construction and operation of new playgrounds adjacent to new and existing public schools.

In general, under this program the Board of Education acquires the necessary property for the school and the recreational area. Sites selected must be of adequate size to serve as a jointly-operated playground and agreement on the sites must be reached by the City Planning Commission, Budget Director and Director of Real Estate before the acquisition is presented to the Board of Estimate for approval.

The Park Department designs and constructs the playgrounds after a thorough study of school and neighborhood requirements which leads to a development plan mutually satisfactory to the two agencies. To eliminate duplication of facilities, personnel and effort, the entire playground, with the exception of a small area designed for pre-school age children accompanied by their mothers, is controlled and supervised during school hours by the school staff for their own educational and recreational programs. The play area for very young children is operated by the Park Department throughout the day even though the school is in session. The remainder of the playground is also operated by the Park Department staff after school is closed for the day, and on weekends, holidays and during vacations from 8 a.m. to dark.

The typical jointly-operated playground consists of school kindergarten and farm garden areas under the sole jurisdiction of the Board of Education, the pre-school age area under Park Department jurisdiction, and the general playground area which is jointly operated. Areas under the sole jurisdiction of either agency are supervised, maintained and operated by the staff of the agency having control.

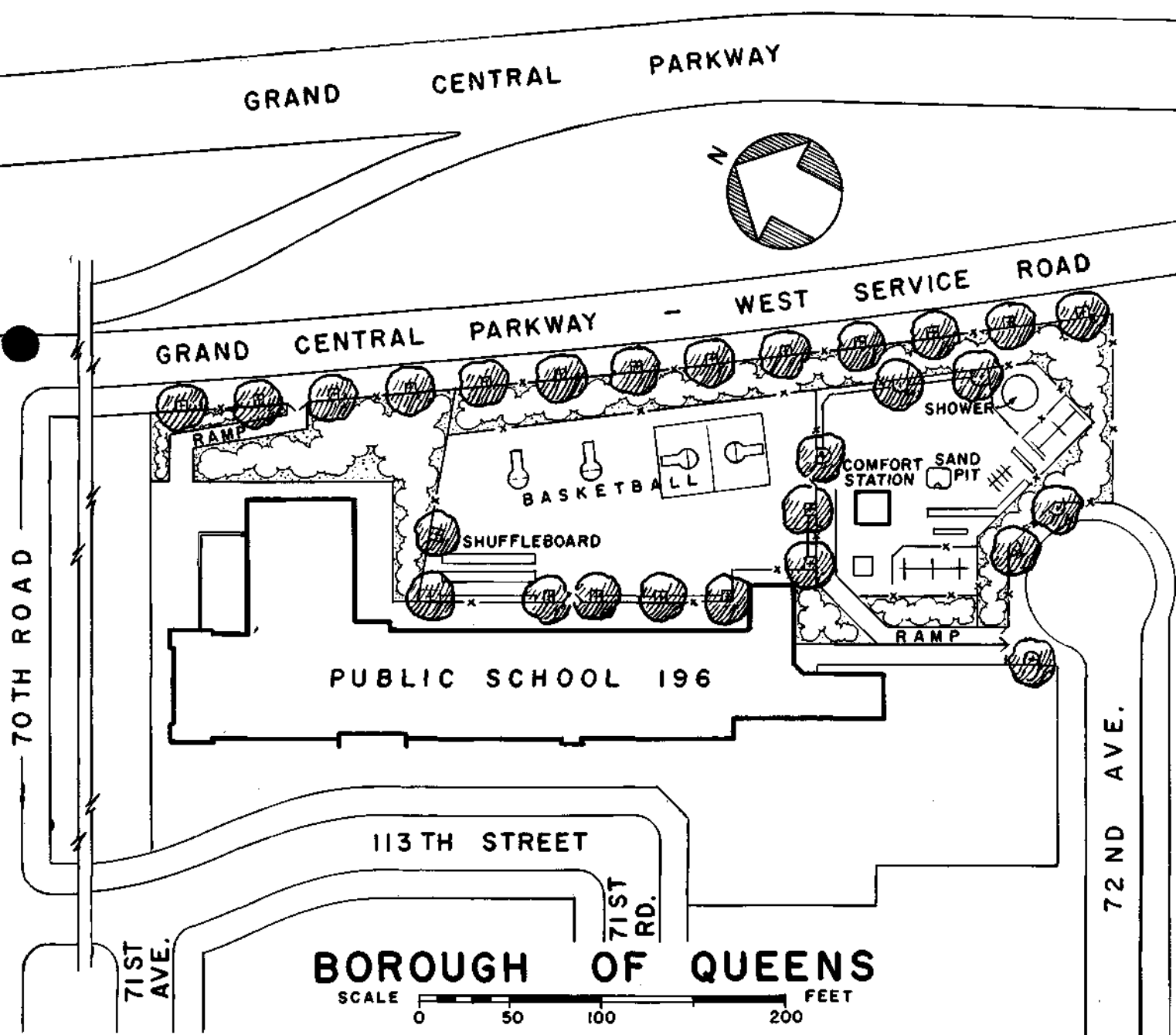
The Department of Parks is responsible for maintaining all jointly-operated areas. This maintenance includes cleaning, repairs to structures, surfacing, fencing and fixed recreation equipment and normal care of lawns, shrubs and trees. The Park Department is also responsible for removing snow from the jointly-operated playgrounds and the adjacent sidewalks.



Playground P.S. 196 between 70th Road and 72nd Ave., west of Grand Central Parkway, Queens. This tree bounded playground terraced to meet the hillside conditions on which it is built serves the school and community. It enhances the beauty of the contemporary school which it serves.

The old time school yard, with its limited space and restrictive traditions has become obsolete. Our modern concept of education, with the realization that the playground is almost as important as the classroom, has brought forth larger play areas with abundant facilities. On the following page are shown some of those in use.

### DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUND



The joint operation of playgrounds has resulted in great economies for the City. Unnecessary duplication of facilities in any given neighborhood is avoided. There is not only a saving in land acquisition costs but also taxable properties, which would otherwise have been acquired, are retained on the assessment roll. Furthermore, the cost of maintenance and supervisory personnel is reduced to a minimum.

At present there are 92 jointly-operated playgrounds, 5 under construction, 46 scheduled for construction in 1956-57 and 10 proposed for future development.

The joint operation of school playgrounds for daily use by the community is a practical, workable relationship between two important city departments which share many responsibilities in

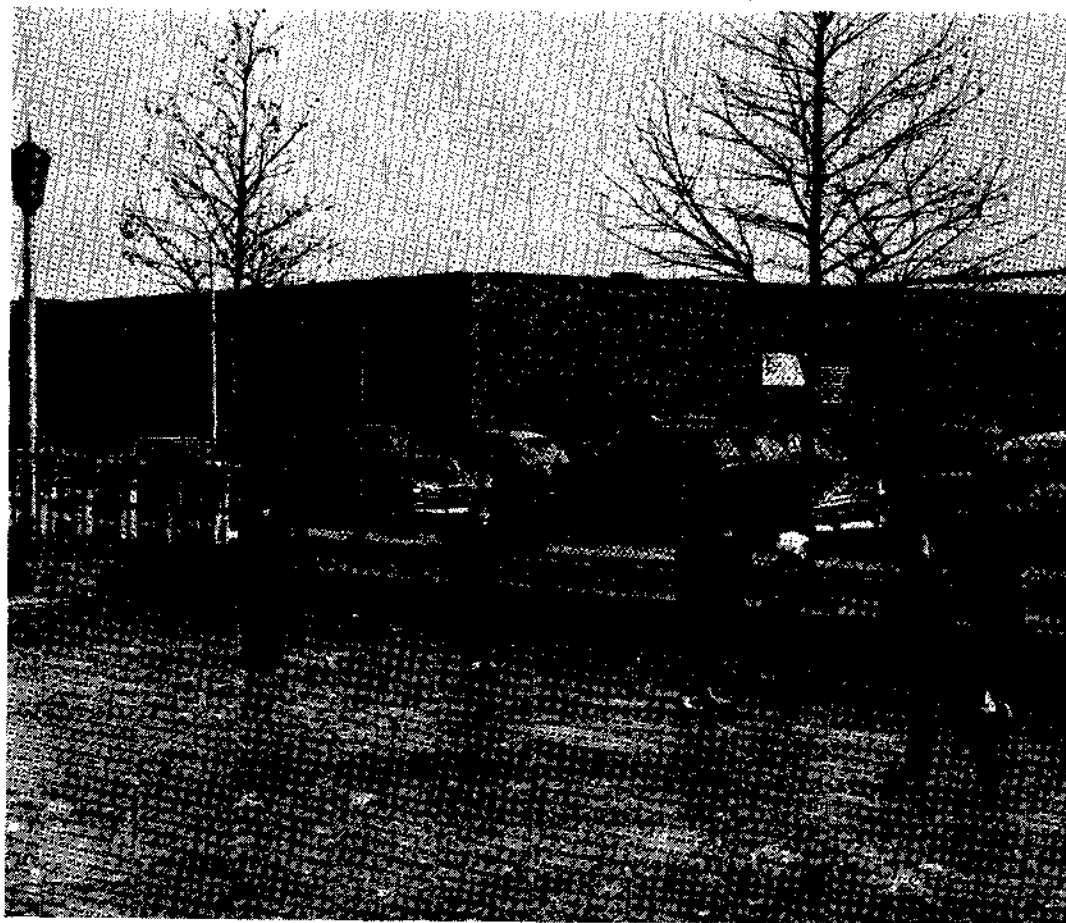
common. Play, under proper auspices in wholesome surroundings, whether in the form of organized games or not, is an essential factor in youth's training for adult life. The value of cooperation between the Board of Education and the Department of Parks in administering neighborhood recreational areas is now so evident in the results obtained over a comparatively short span of years, and the teamwork that has evolved seems so natural and inevitable, that it is difficult to conceive how it failed of accomplishment back in 1914 or how much persistent effort was necessary in both agencies to bring it to fruition.

  
Commissioner

| Borough            | Operating | Under<br>Construction | SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION |           |           | Total      |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                    |           |                       | 1956                       | 1957      | 1958      |            |
| Manhattan .....    | 12        | 0                     | 4                          | 4         | 1         | 21         |
| Brooklyn .....     | 19        | 5                     | 4                          | 5         | 5         | 38         |
| Bronx .....        | 13        | 0                     | 4                          | 8         | 1         | 26         |
| Queens .....       | 43        | 0                     | 11                         | 2         | 3         | 59         |
| Richmond .....     | 5         | 0                     | 1                          | 3         | 0         | 9          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> ..... | <b>92</b> | <b>5</b>              | <b>24</b>                  | <b>22</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>153</b> |



**USAGES OF THE WADING POOL**



### **MACHINE AND METAL TRADES HIGH SCHOOL, MANHATTAN**

Machine and Metal Trades High School, east of Second Avenue, between 96 and 97 Streets, Manhattan. This playground provides essential recreational facilities for the 1,200 students and also for the children of P.S. 150.



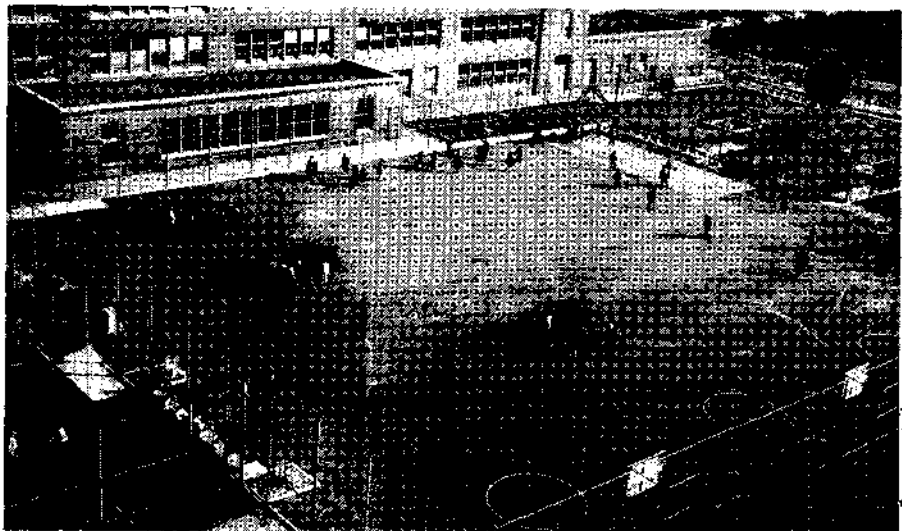
### **PUBLIC SCHOOL 18, BRONX**

Located at Morris Avenue and East 148 Street, Bronx. This 3 acre playground is an example of the close cooperation between the N.Y.C. Housing Authority, the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. It will serve this heavily populated neighborhood as well as the Patterson Housing Project and school.



### **PUBLIC SCHOOL 200, QUEENS**

This Playground bounded by Jewel Avenue, 71st Avenue and 164 Street, Queens. The major area of the playground includes an open running space, basketball, shuffleboard and handball courts, as well as an area for pre-school children.



### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 66, BROOKLYN**

On the southerly side of Sutter Avenue between Osborne Street and Stone Avenue, Brooklyn. Divided in two sections this playground serves the school children as well as the Brownsville Housing Project which surrounds it.

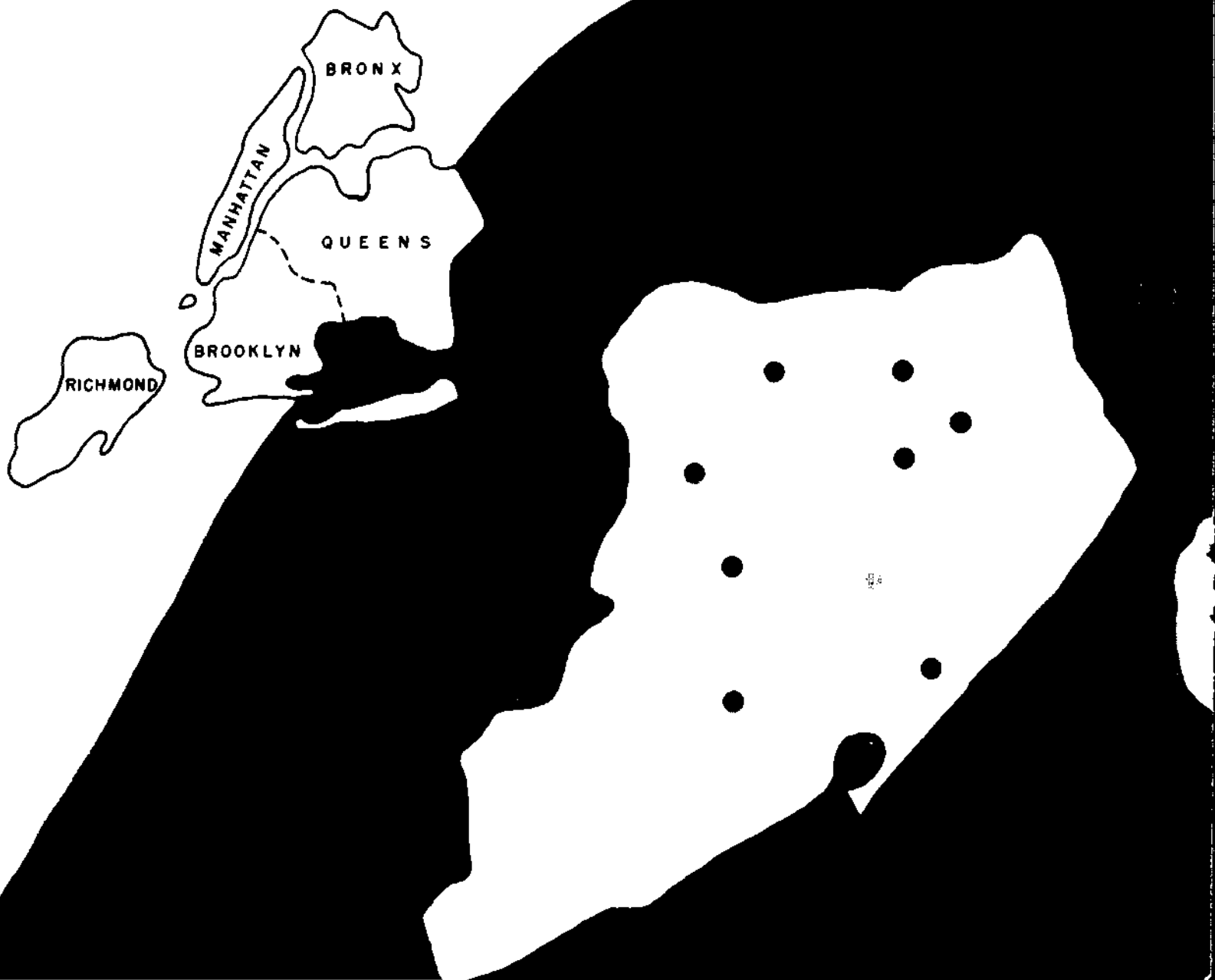


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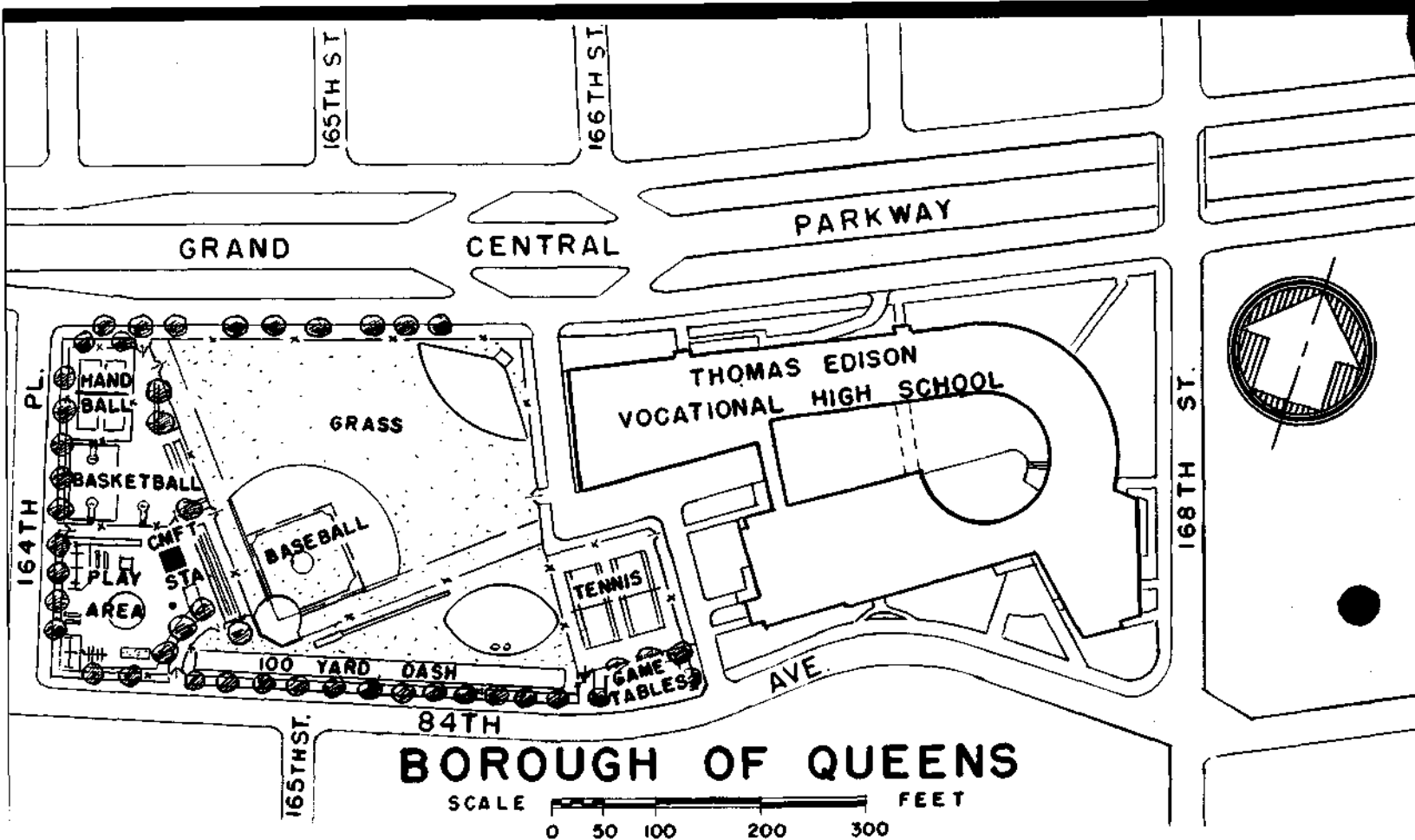
| BOROUGH   | OPERATING                                                      | UNDER CONSTRUCTION | SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION       |                       |            | TOTAL |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|
|           |                                                                |                    | 1956                             | 1957                  | 1958       |       |
| MANHATTAN | 12<br>●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●                                         | 0                  | 4<br>●●●●                        | 4<br>●●●●             | 1<br>●     | 21    |
| BROOKLYN  | 19<br>●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●                               | 5<br>●●●●●         | 4<br>●●●●                        | 5<br>●●●●●            | 5<br>●●●●● | 38    |
| BRONX     | 13<br>●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●                                         | 0                  | 4<br>●●●●                        | 8<br>●●●●●●<br>●●●●●● | 1<br>●     | 26    |
| QUEENS    | 43<br>●●●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●●● | 0                  | 11<br>●●●●●●<br>●●●●●●<br>●●●●●● | 2<br>●●               | 3<br>●●●   | 59    |
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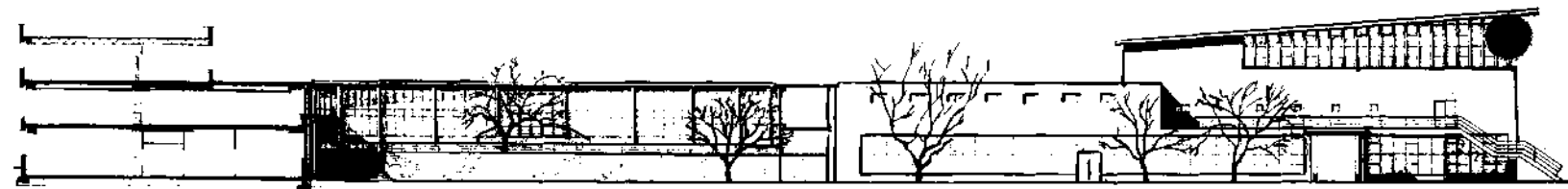
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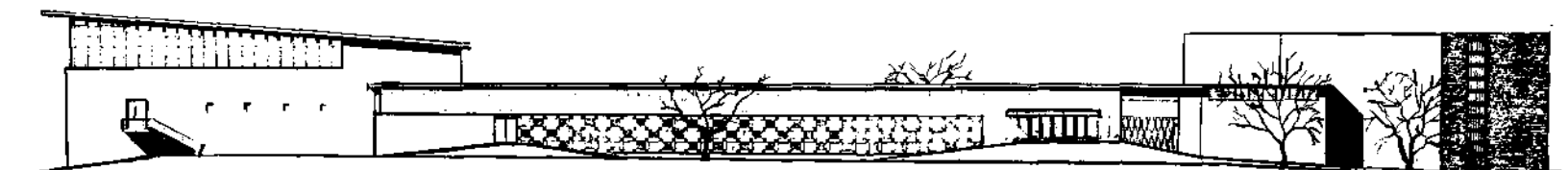




## FUTURE



SECTION THROUGH COURTYARD, LOOKING SOUTH



SOUTH ELEVATION

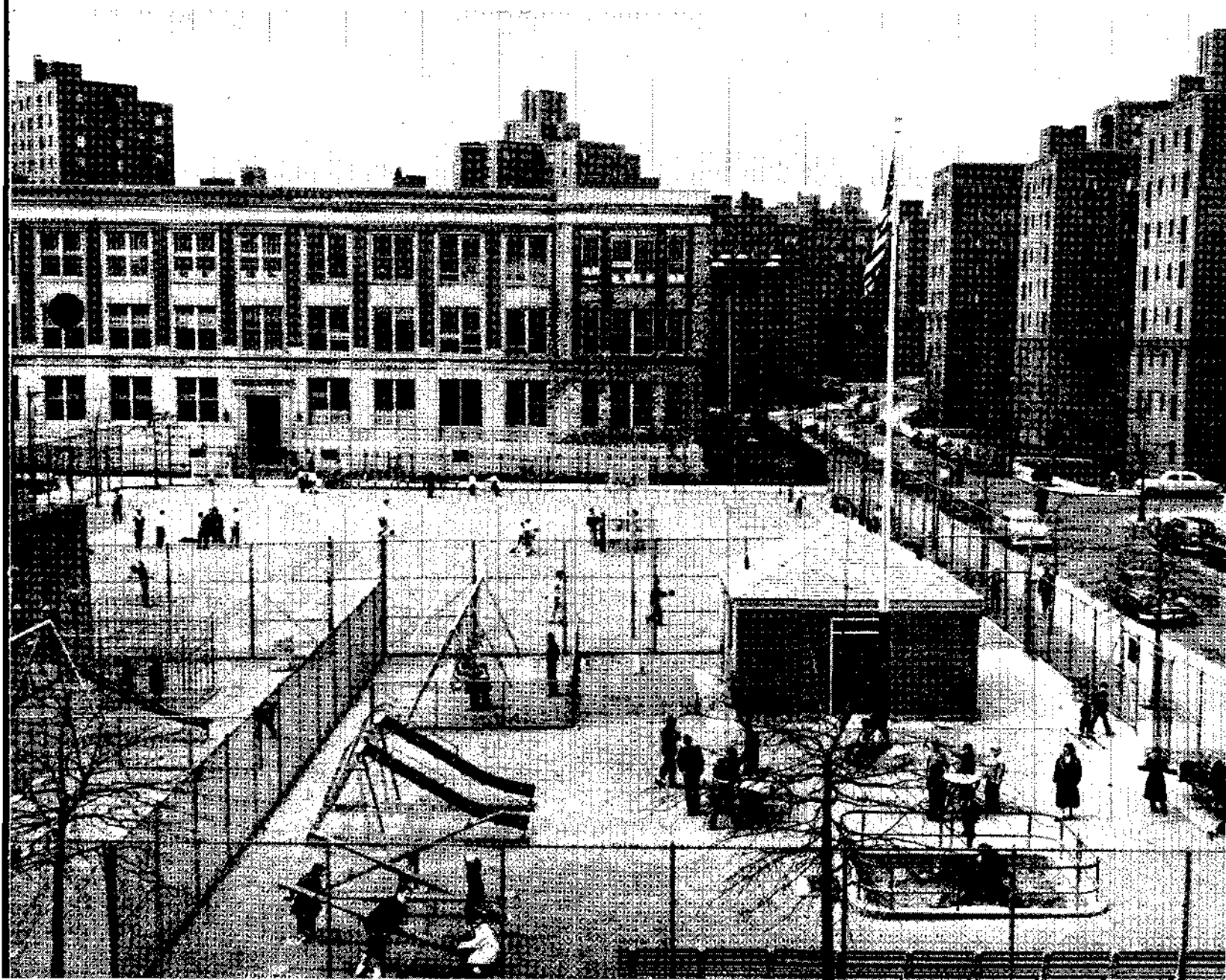
THOMAS A. EDISON VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS

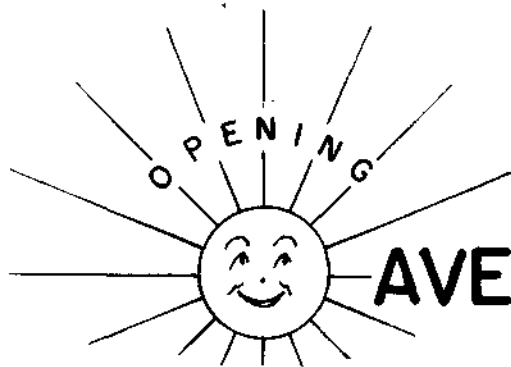


J.H.S. 190, 68 Avenue between Booth and Austin Streets, Queens. Divided into two sections for control purposes, it provides a fine selection of games for older children, at the southerly sections of the playground. Small tots and their guardians are accommodated in the northerly section.

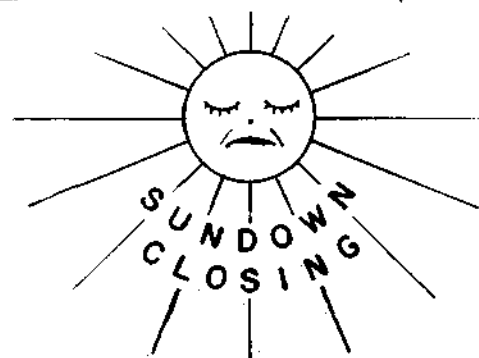
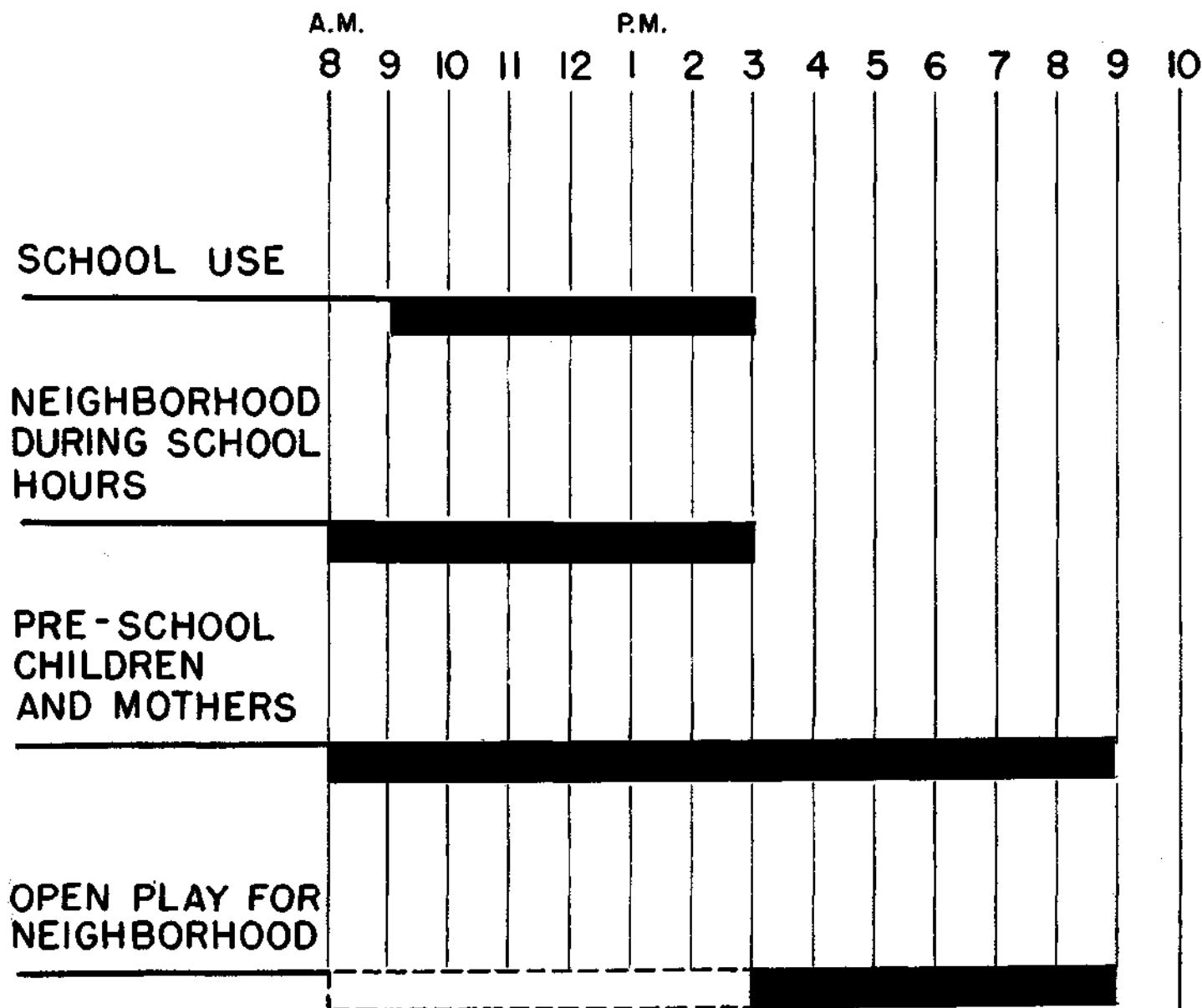
P.S. 106, from Odell Street to Purdy Street, south of St. Raymond Avenue, Bronx. This playground was built in connection with the enlargement of the school to provide recreation for the increased school population. It also serves the residents of the adjacent, densely populated community.

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL 106, BRONX**





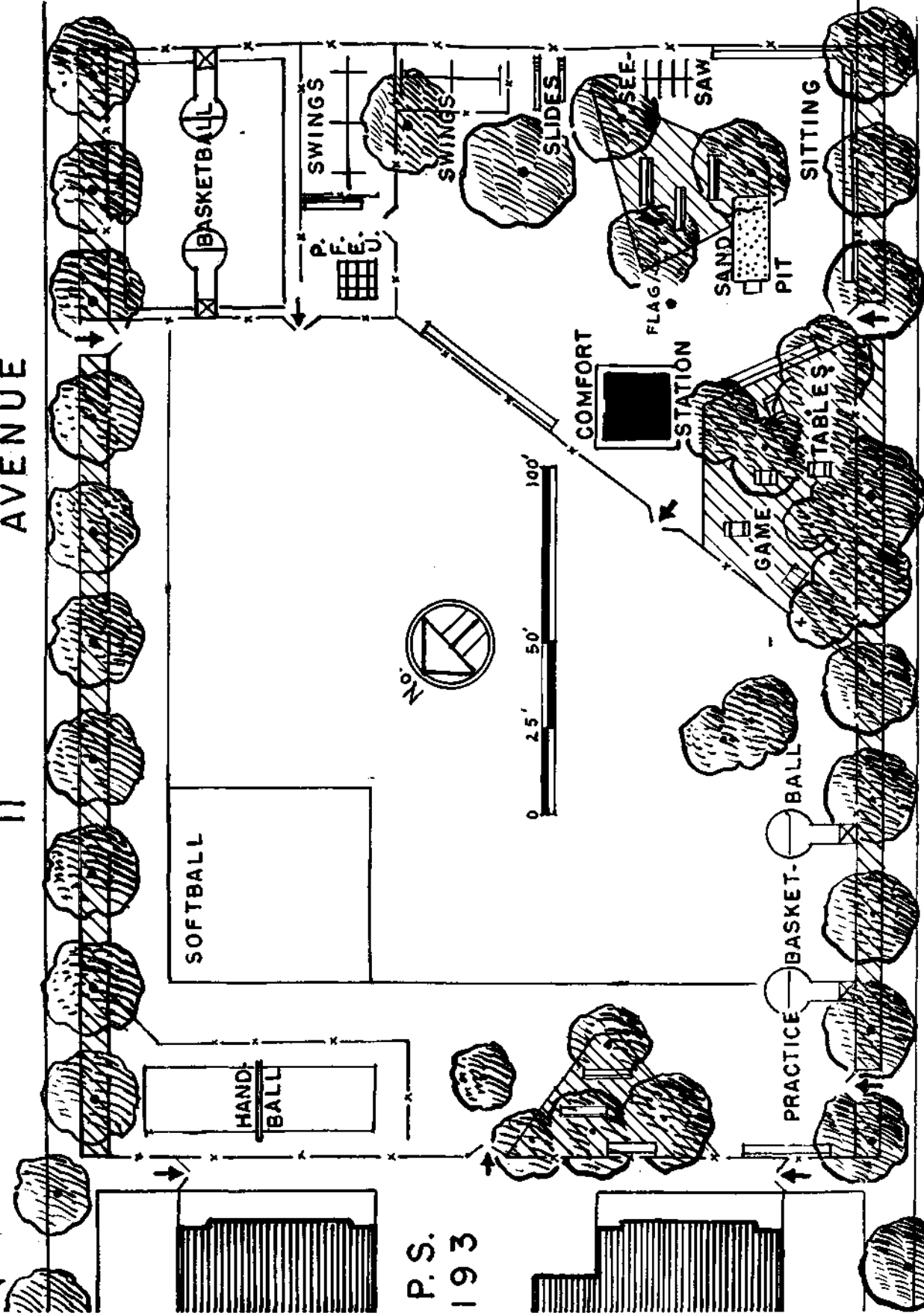
# AVERAGE HOURLY USE OF JOINTLY OPERATED PLAYGROUNDS



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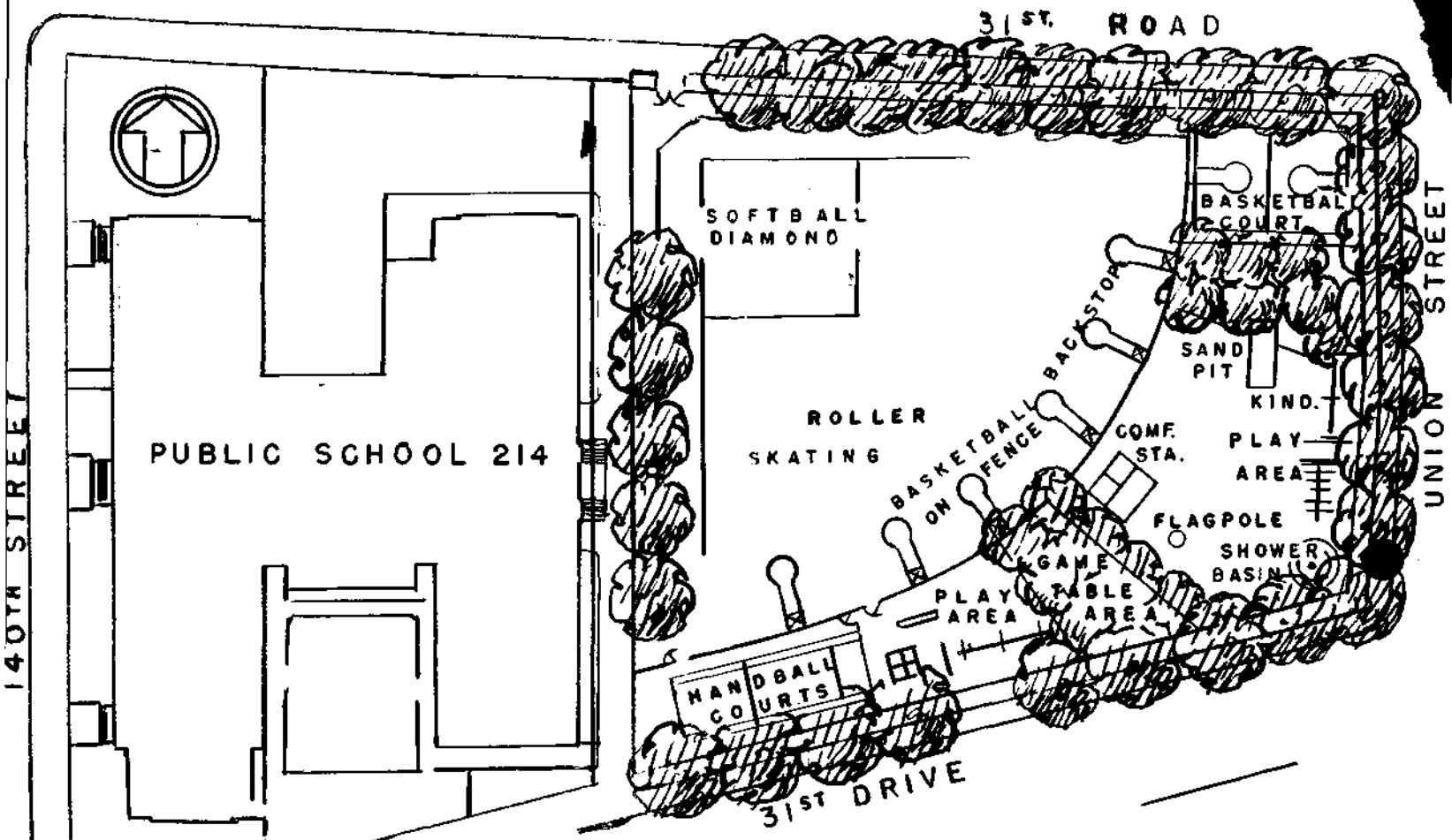


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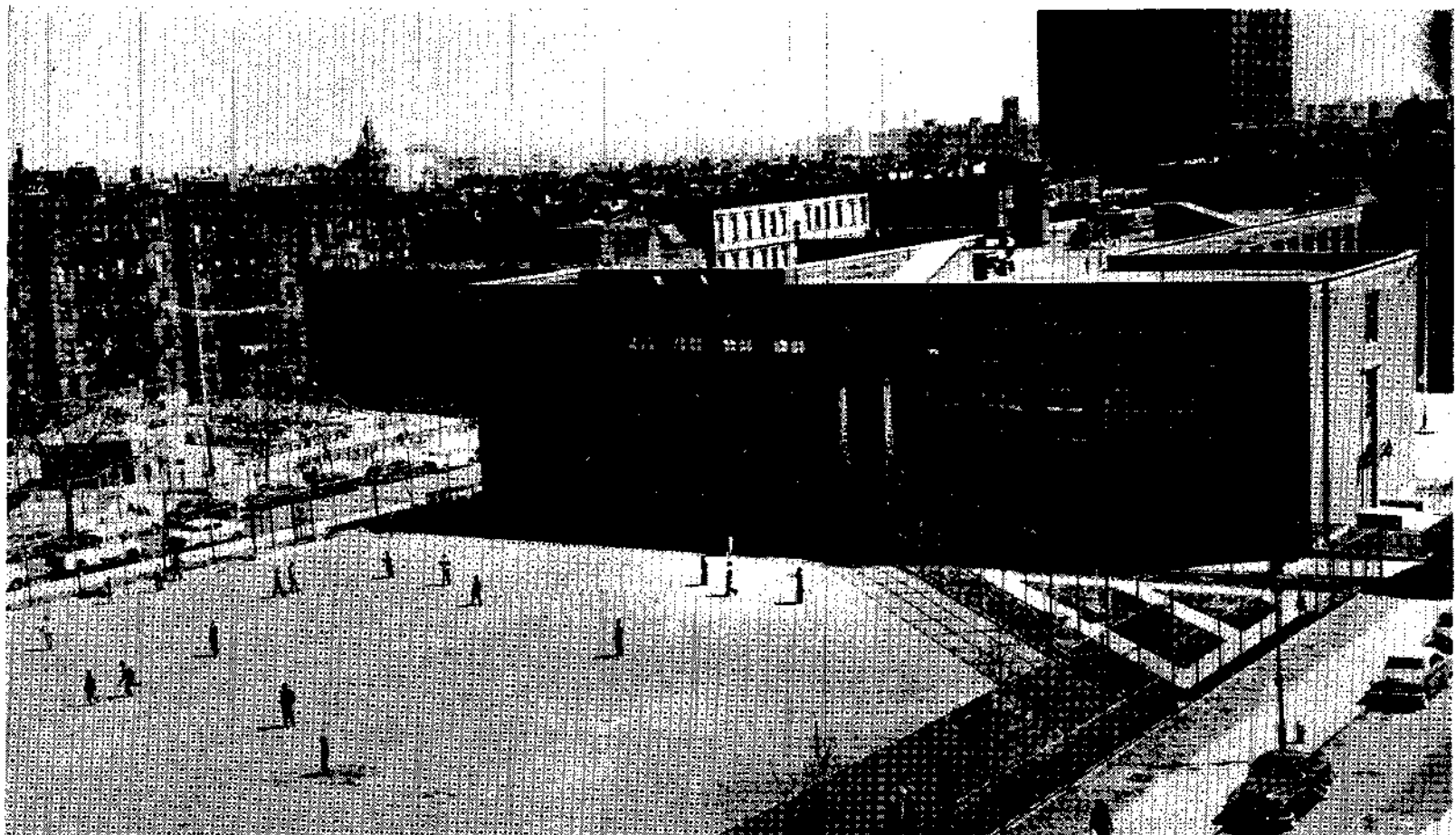
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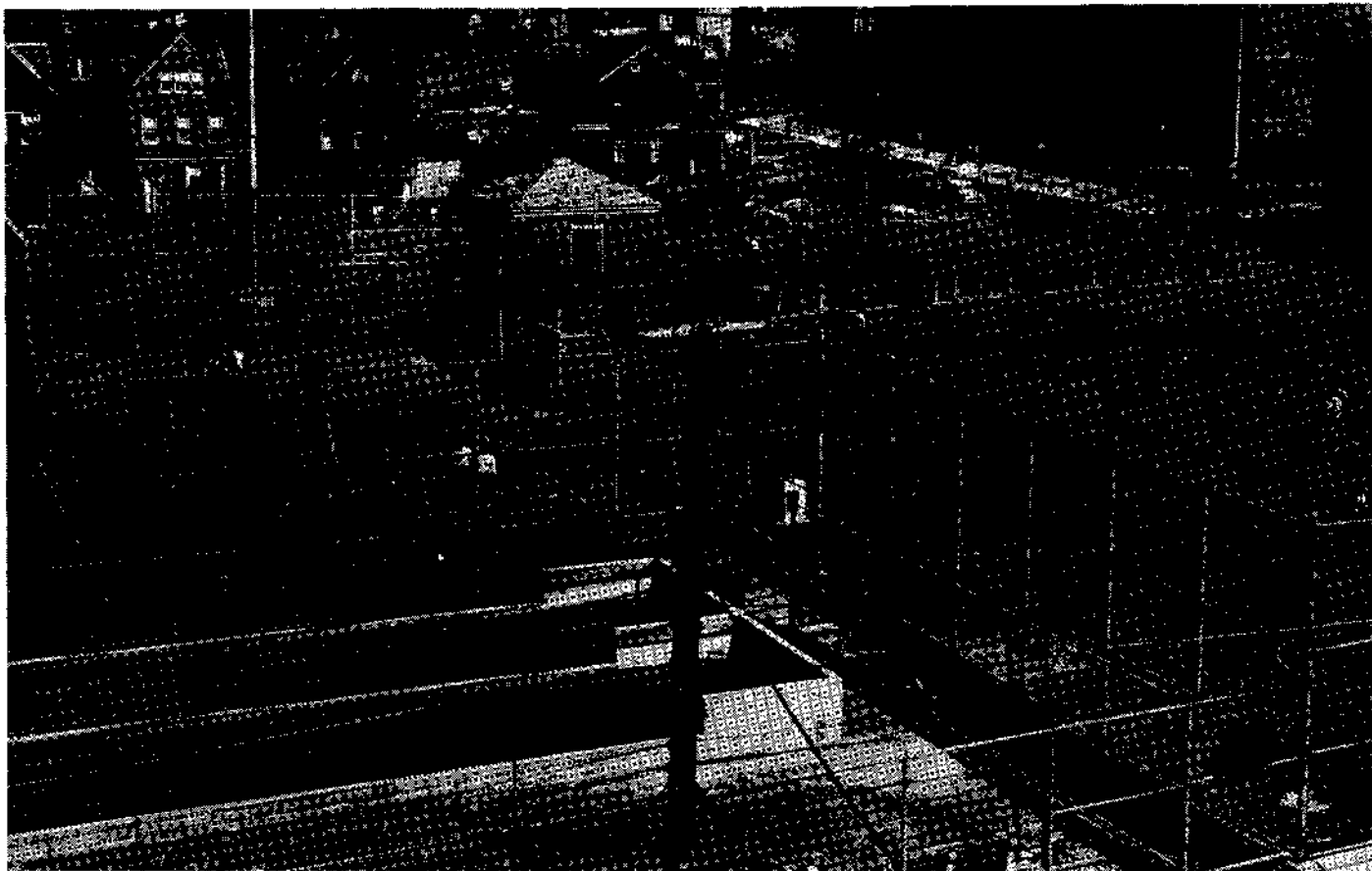
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PLAN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL 214 PLAYGROUND, QUEENS



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 54 PLAYGROUND, MANHATTAN



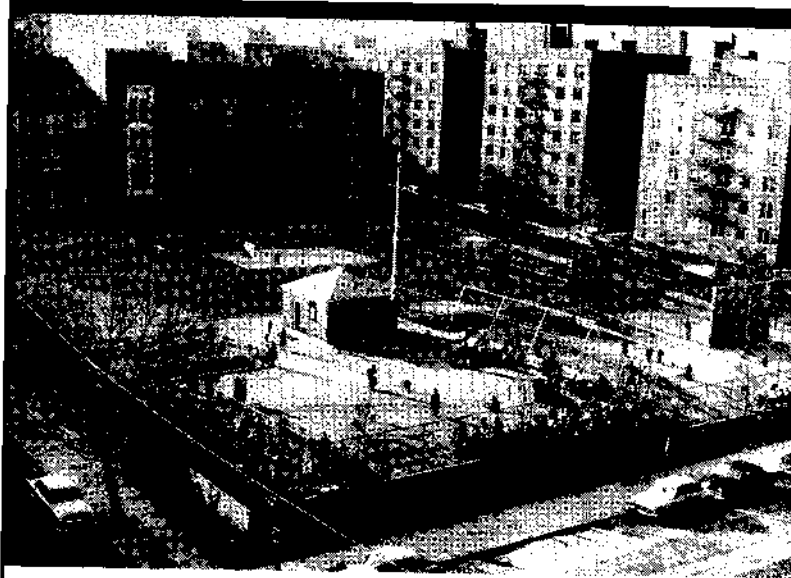
**PUBLIC SCHOOL 113, BRONX**

P.S. 113, at Barnes Avenue between East 215 Street and East 216 Street, Bronx. New York's playgrounds may be considered in five general classifications: neighborhood, marginal, school, housing, and arterial. This school playground was the 600th built in our expanding program.

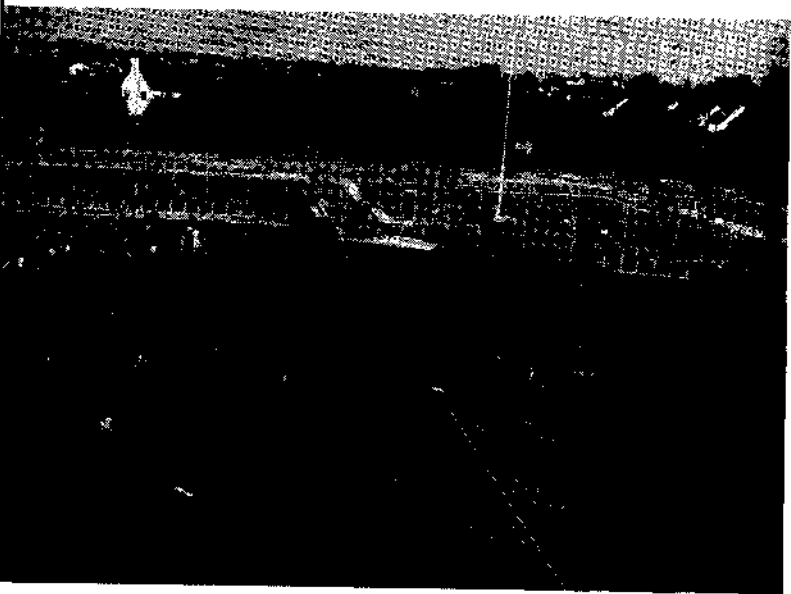
P.S. 20, from Barclay to Sanford Avenues, between Bowne and Union Streets, Queens. This playground provides much needed recreational facilities for both the school children and the residents of this old congested section of Flushing.



**PUBLIC SCHOOL 20, QUEENS**

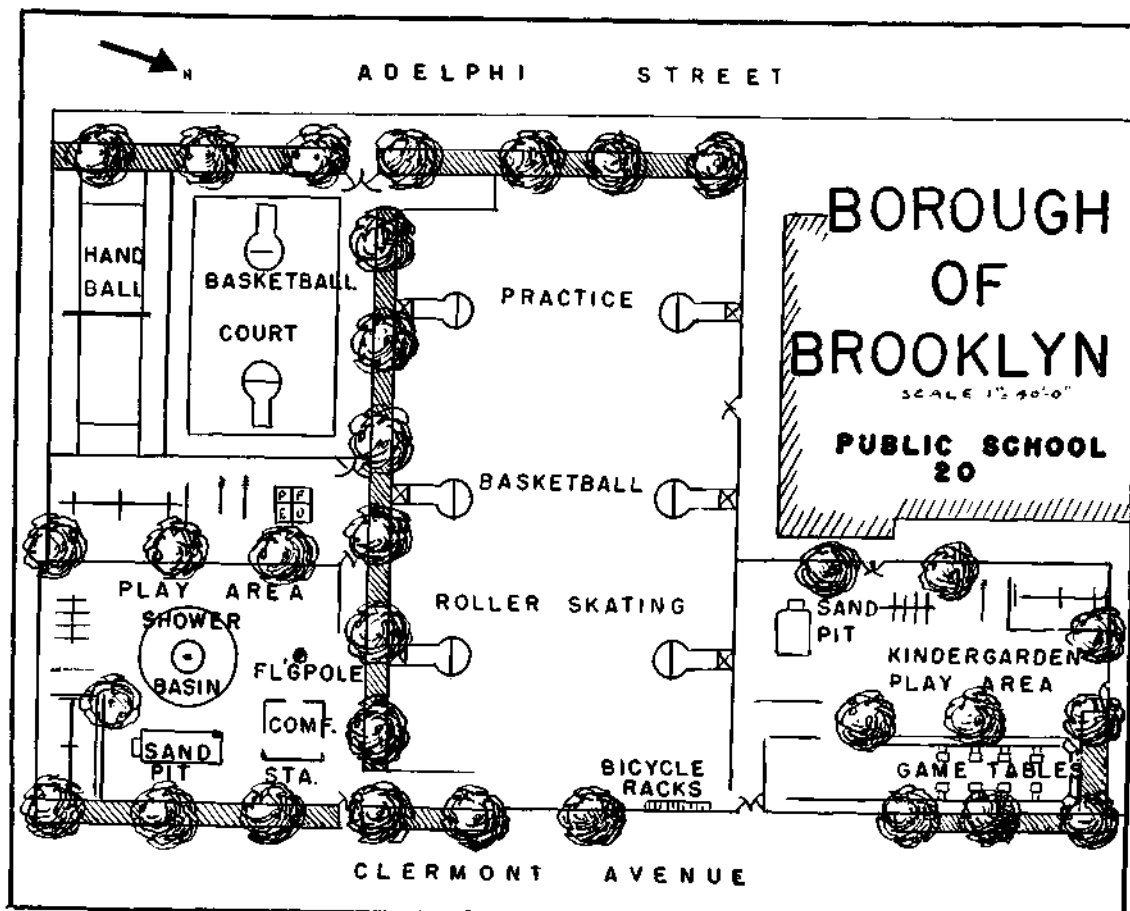


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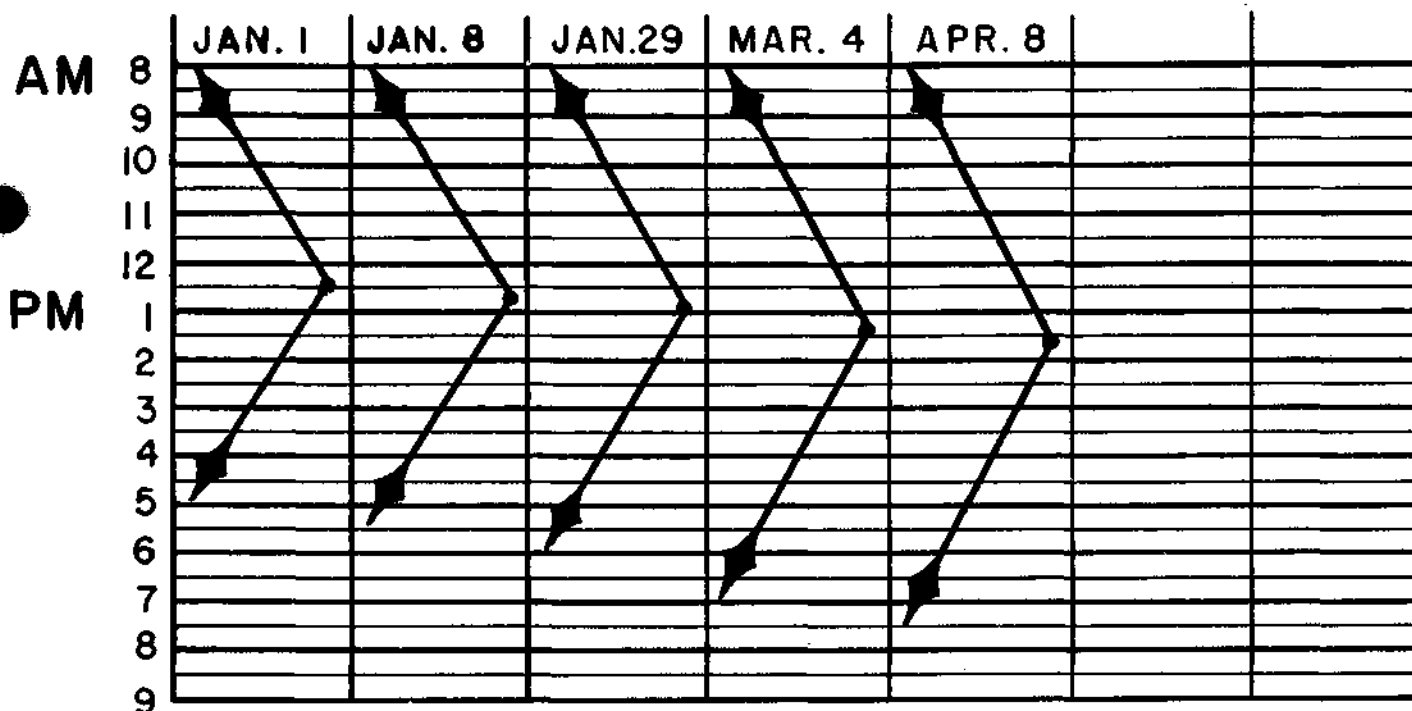


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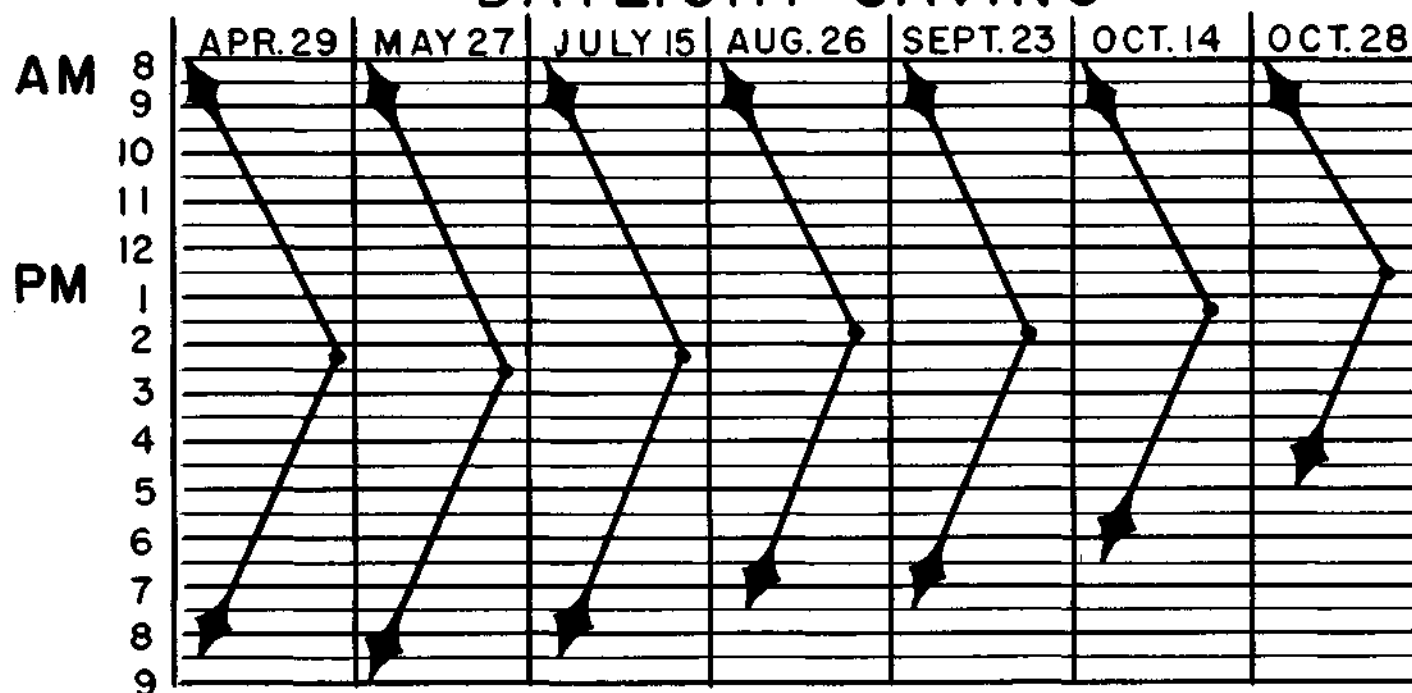
PUBLIC SCHOOL 46, QUEENS



# SEASONAL~HOURLY USE OF JOINTLY OPERATED PLAYGROUNDS PARK DEPARTMENT SUPERVISION



## DAYLIGHT SAVING





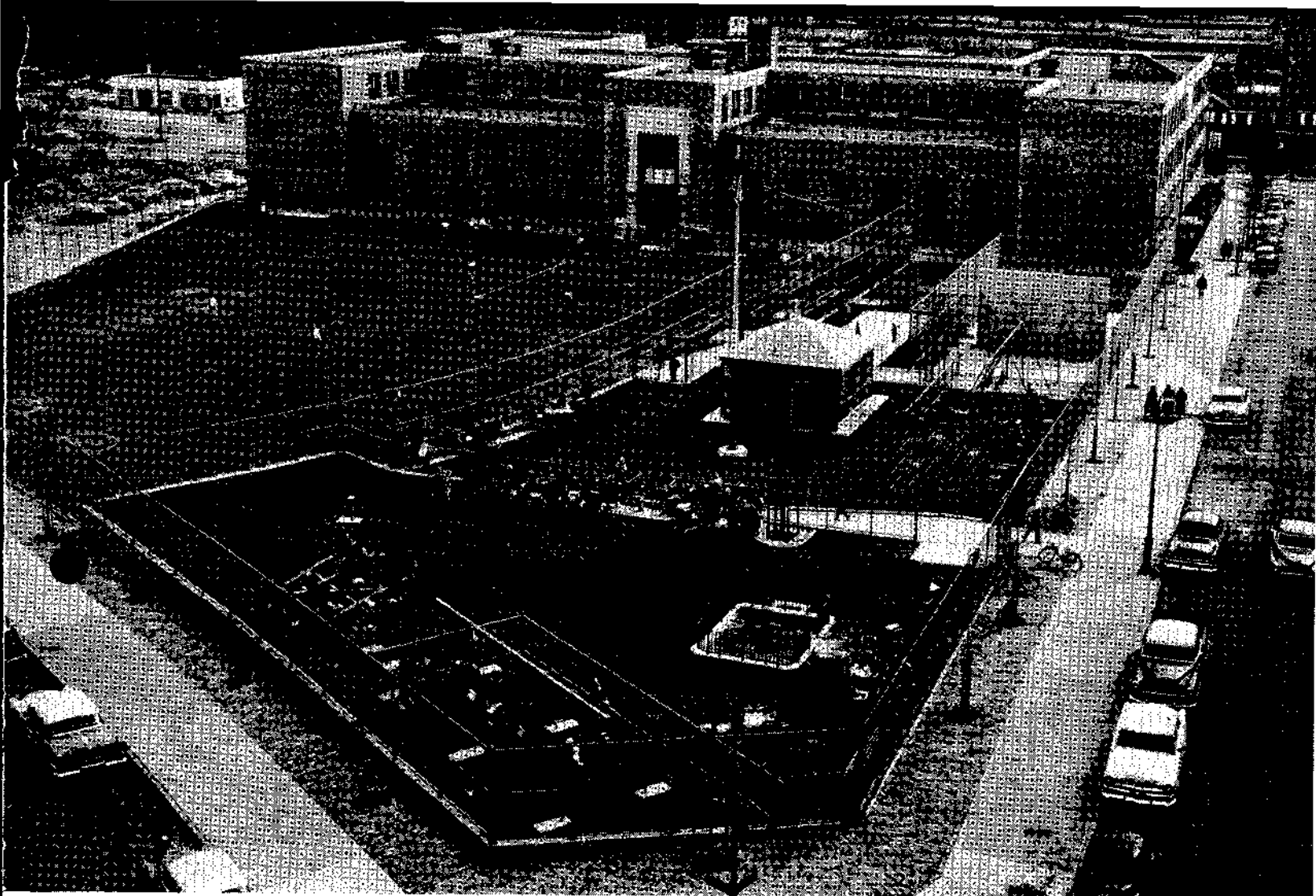
P.S. 33, between 27 and 28 Streets, west of Ninth Avenue, Manhattan, known as Chelsea Park. This heavily used playground located in an area of apartment buildings is host to the annual Park Dept. Roller Skating competitions. It is also the center of activity for the neighborhood softball and hockey leagues.

P.S. 175 — Yellowstone Blvd. between 64 Road and 65 Avenue, Queens. This playground is located in an area which in a few short years has changed from a sparsely populated neighborhood to one of six-story apartment houses. The playground offers a garden area for use to the school children.

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL 33, MANHATTAN - CHELSEA HOUSES**







**PUBLIC SCHOOL 190, QUEENS**



**PUBLIC SCHOOL 21, BRONX**



**PUBLIC SCHOOL 112, BRONX**

P.S. 21, Bronx, one of our earliest jointly operated playgrounds, is still in active use, serving the recreational needs of the school and community. Construction was begun by the W.P.A. and completed by the Department of Parks when that agency was unable to complete the project.



## PLAYGROUND FACILITIES





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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces that the Tenth Annual Junior Olympic Sports Festival will be held at the John J. Downing Memorial Stadium, Randall's Island on Saturday, September 8, 1956, at 1:30 p.m.

The program will include track and field events for playground boys and girls 17 years of age and under, who have not competed in Amateur Athletic Union events. Boys' events include 50 yard dash, 60 yard dash and 120 yard dash in limited weight classes. Unlimited classes will include 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, 1/2 mile run, 1 mile run, running broad jump, running high jump, and 12 lb. shot put. Girls' events include 40 yard dash, 50 yard dash and 60 yard dash in a limited weight class and a potato race and 60 yard dash in the unlimited weight class.

A special program of A.A.U. events has been arranged featuring such Olympic representatives as Horace Ashenfelter, 1952 Olympic Steeplechase Champion; Gordon McKenzie, Lou Jones, Andy Stanfield, George Shaw, Ken Bantram and Bruce McDonald.

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

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

The public is cordially invited and admission is free.

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# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

## ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1956

*B. Felix*  
7/17/56- 3 P.M.  
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NY-302M-703834(55) 114

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will begin a tour of Queens parks and park playgrounds on Monday, July 23, 1956. Eighteen performances of "Happy the Humbug" will be performed according to the following schedule:

|        |         |                         |                                                                            |
|--------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon.   | July 23 | 2:30 P.M.               | Grover Cleveland Playground,<br>Grandview Ave. & Stanhope St.<br>Ridgewood |
| Tues.  | July 24 | 2:30 P.M.               | Jackson Heights Playground, 34 Ave<br>& 77 St., Jackson Heights            |
| Wed.   | July 25 | 2:30 P.M.               | Chisholm Playground, 115 St. &<br>Poppenhausen Ave., College Point         |
| Thurs. | July 26 | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | Forest Park, Main Drive off Wood-<br>haven Boulevard, Glendale             |
| Fri.   | July 27 | 2:30 P.M.               | Van Wyck Playground, 111 Ave. &<br>134 St., South Ozone Park               |
| Mon.   | July 30 | 2:30 P.M.               | Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike<br>& 192nd St., Hollis                     |
| Tues.  | July 31 | 2:30 P.M.               | King Park, 153rd St & Jamaica Ave.<br>Jamaica                              |
| Wed.   | Aug. 1  | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | Kissena Park, 164 Street bet. Rosc<br>& Oak Avenues, Flushing              |
| Thurs. | Aug. 2  | 2:30 P.M.               | Astoria Park, 21st Street &<br>Hoyt Ave., Astoria                          |
| Fri.   | Aug. 3  | 2:30 P.M.               | Jacob Riis Park, Softball Area -<br>Neponsit, Queens                       |
| Mon.   | Aug. 6  | 2:30 P.M.               | St. Albans Playground, Merrick Rd.<br>& Linden Blvd., St. Albans           |

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|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues.  | Aug. 7 | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | Alley Park, Springfield Area,<br>Queens Village           |
| Wed.   | Aug. 8 | 2:30 P.M.               | Linden Park, 104th St. & 41 Ave.<br>Corona                |
| Thurs. | Aug. 9 | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | Brookville Park, Brookville Blvd.<br>& 143rd St. Rosedale |

Miss Pink Elephant, the Ballerina heroine of "Happy the Humbug" has a remarkable talent - crying strawberry tears from which delicious ice cream sodas can be concocted. Children secretly sympathize with the villains, Cock and Bull, who kidnap her in order to profit by her unusual gift. However, as the plot unfolds, they understand why Happy must rescue her and want to see the villains outwitted.

Performances of this puppet drama run for about one hour.  
Admission is free.

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7-17-56



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1956

REGENT 4-1000

*8/14/56 Hand Delivery 11:30 P.M.  
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The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will begin a tour of Brooklyn parks and park playgrounds on Monday, August 20, 1956. Fourteen performances of "Happy the Humbug" will be performed according to the following schedule:

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|--------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon.   | Aug. 20 | 2:30 P.M.               | Lincoln Terrace, Buffalo & Rochester Aves.                            |
| Tues.  | Aug. 21 | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | St. John's Playground, Schenectady Ave. & Prospect Place              |
| Wed.   | Aug. 22 | 2:30 P.M.               | Brownsville Recreation Center Plgd. Linden Blvd. & Christopher Avenue |
| Thurs. | Aug. 23 | 2:30 P.M.               | New Lots Plgd. Sackman St. & Riverdale Avenue                         |
| Fri.   | Aug. 24 | 2:30 P.M.               | McCarren Park, Driggs Ave & Lorimer St.                               |
| Mon.   | Aug. 27 | 2:30 P.M.               | Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker Ave & Starr Street                       |
| Tues.  | Aug. 28 | 2:30 P.M.               | Bushwick Plgd. Knickerbocker & Putnam Avenues                         |
| Wed.   | Aug. 29 | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | Prospect Park, Prospect Park W. & 11 St.                              |
| Thurs. | Aug. 30 | 2:30 P.M.               | Marcy Houses Plgd, Nostrand, Marcy & Myrtle Avenues                   |
| Fri.   | Aug. 31 | 2:30 P.M.               | Brooklyn War Memorial, Cadman Plaza, Fulton & Orange Streets          |
| Tues.  | Sept. 4 | 2:30 P.M.               | Seth Low Plgd, Bay Parkway & Avenue P                                 |
| Wed.   | Sept. 5 | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | Marine Park, Fillmore Ave. & Stuart St                                |

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| Thurs. Sept. 6 | 11:00 A.M.<br>2:30 P.M. | Sunset Park, 42nd St. & 7th Avenue                |
| Fri. Sept. 7   | 2:30 P.M.               | Brooklyn Houses, Flatlands &<br>Louisiana Avenues |

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8-14-56



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1956

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On Thursday, August 16, 1956 at 2 p.m., Jacob Riis Park will play host to approximately 500 boys and girls from 6 to 14 years of age who will participate in the second annual Play Day festivities conducted by the Department of Parks.

The theme of the program will be based on the birthday celebration of the famous pioneer and scout Davy Crockett. A "Davy Crockett" for the day will be crowned and he will be the honored guest of this "Small Fry Olympics".

Events will include a 100 ft. race, a marathon crawl, the hammer (inflated balloon) throw, discus (paper pie plate) throw and several other unique contests for the small fry.

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

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

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8-13-56



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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TUESDAY JULY 3, 1956

7/2/56 REGENT 4-1000

Hand Delivery 1 P.M.  
Mail " 3:30 P.M.

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the general public of a playground located in Soundview Park at Metcalf Avenue to Bronx River Parkway between Randall Avenue and Lafayette Avenue in the Bronx.

The southerly section of the new 2.08 acre playground provides for a kindergarten area with slides, swings, seesaws, sand-pit and wading pool, and an area for older children with slides, swings, seesaws, jungle gym and comfort station. The northerly section provides for handball courts, basketball courts and a sitting area.

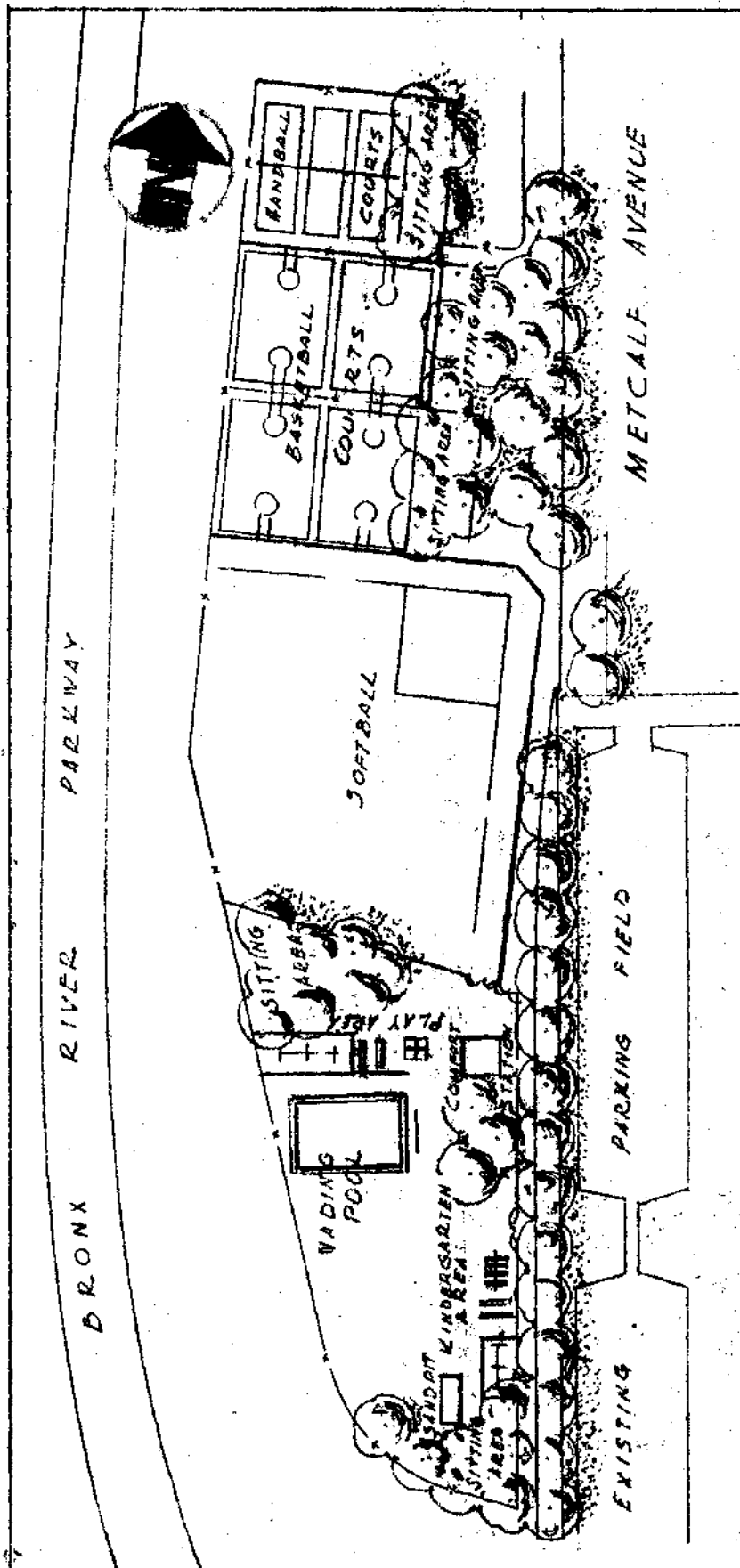
In plans for the development of this facility, provision was made to preserve many of the existing trees throughout the area. Under these trees many benches have been provided for use by patrons seeking passive recreation.

With the addition of this playground there are now 661 playgrounds in the park system.

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to Ben Cohen

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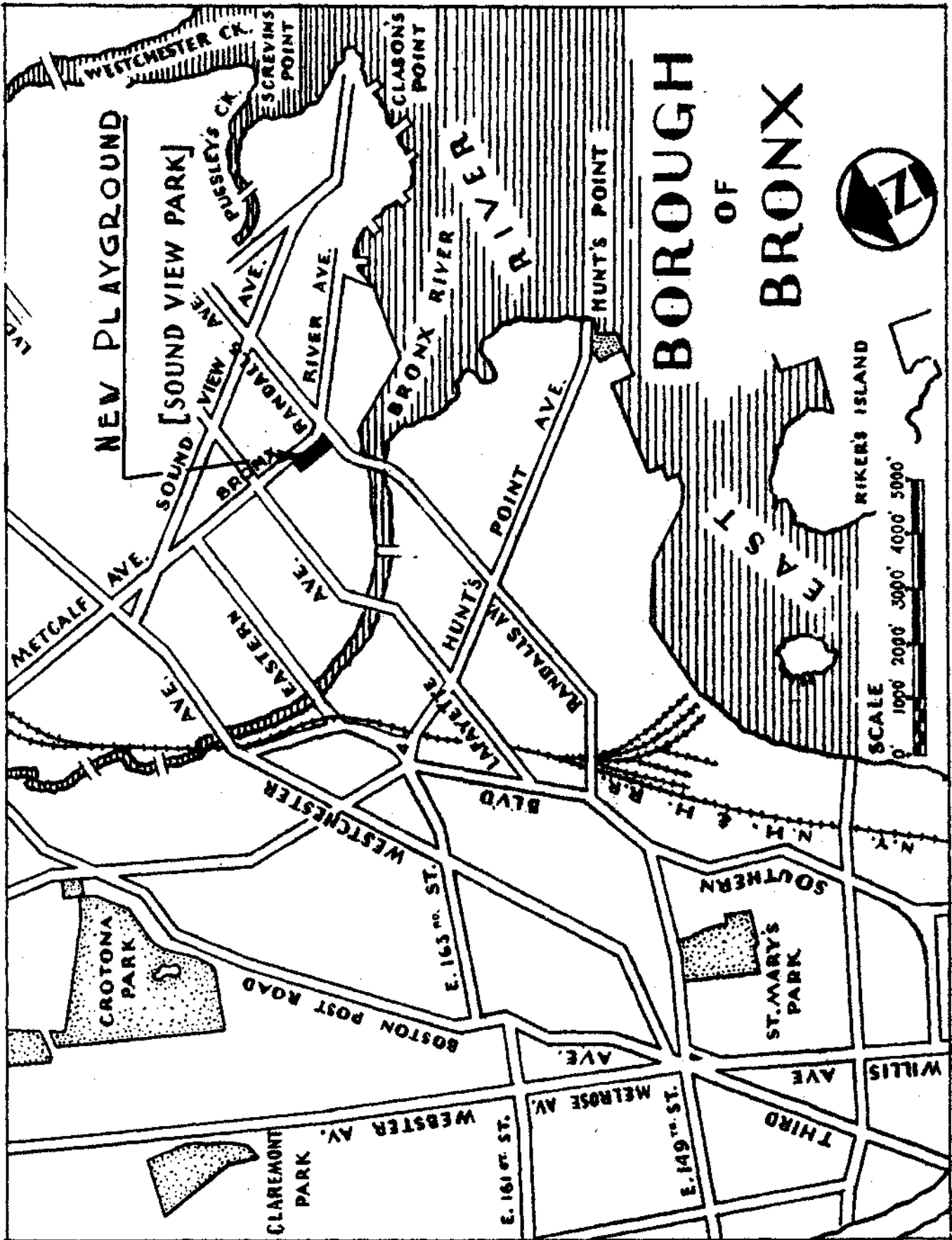


# BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

SCALE: 1" = 80'



PLAYGROUND IN SONDVEN PARK  
FROM METCALF AVENUE TO BRONX RIVER  
BETWEEN RANDALL AVENUE & BRUNETTE AVENUE  
BORG OF THE BRONX - 6-2-1966 J.H.



SOUND VIEW PARK  
BORO. OF THE BRONX  
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*Mr. Felix*

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

REGENT 4-1000

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FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY JULY 6, 1956

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the general public of a playground located south of Willoughby Avenue between Kent and Franklin Avenues, adjacent to Jr. H. S. 117 in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in a neighborhood of private homes this 1.102 acre playground is divided into three sections for control purposes. The northerly section contains a softball field, practice basketball courts and roller skating area. The southerly section provides for a quiet games area, comfort station, sandpit, jungle gym, slides, swings, shower basin and seesaws. The southwesterly section contains basketball and handball courts.

In accordance with the policy of joint operation of the area for older children will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and by the Park Department at all other times. The area for pre-school age children will be operated by the Park Department at all times.

Benches are provided for guardians of children, and shade trees are provided within the area and also around the perimeter.

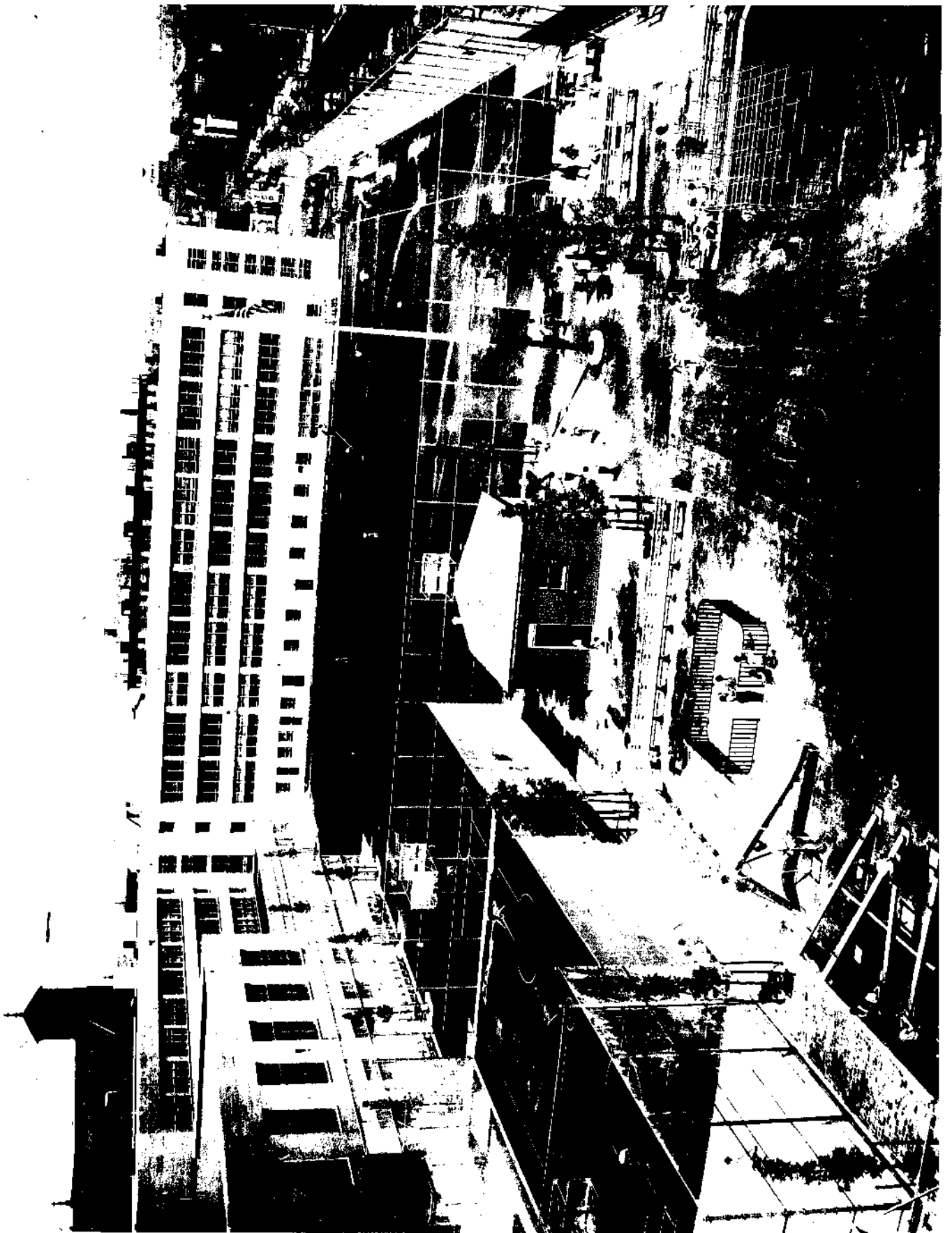
Within the addition of this playground there are 662 playgrounds in the expanded Park system.

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*Plans BL 118-7701*

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FRANKLIN AVENUE

SOFTBALL

ROLLER SKATING

PRACTICE BASKETBALL

COMFORT TABLES

PLAY

SAFETY

STATION

BASKETBALL COURT

SCHOOL GARDEN

HAND BALL

# ROLLED SKATING

# PRACTICE BASKETBALL

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 117

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

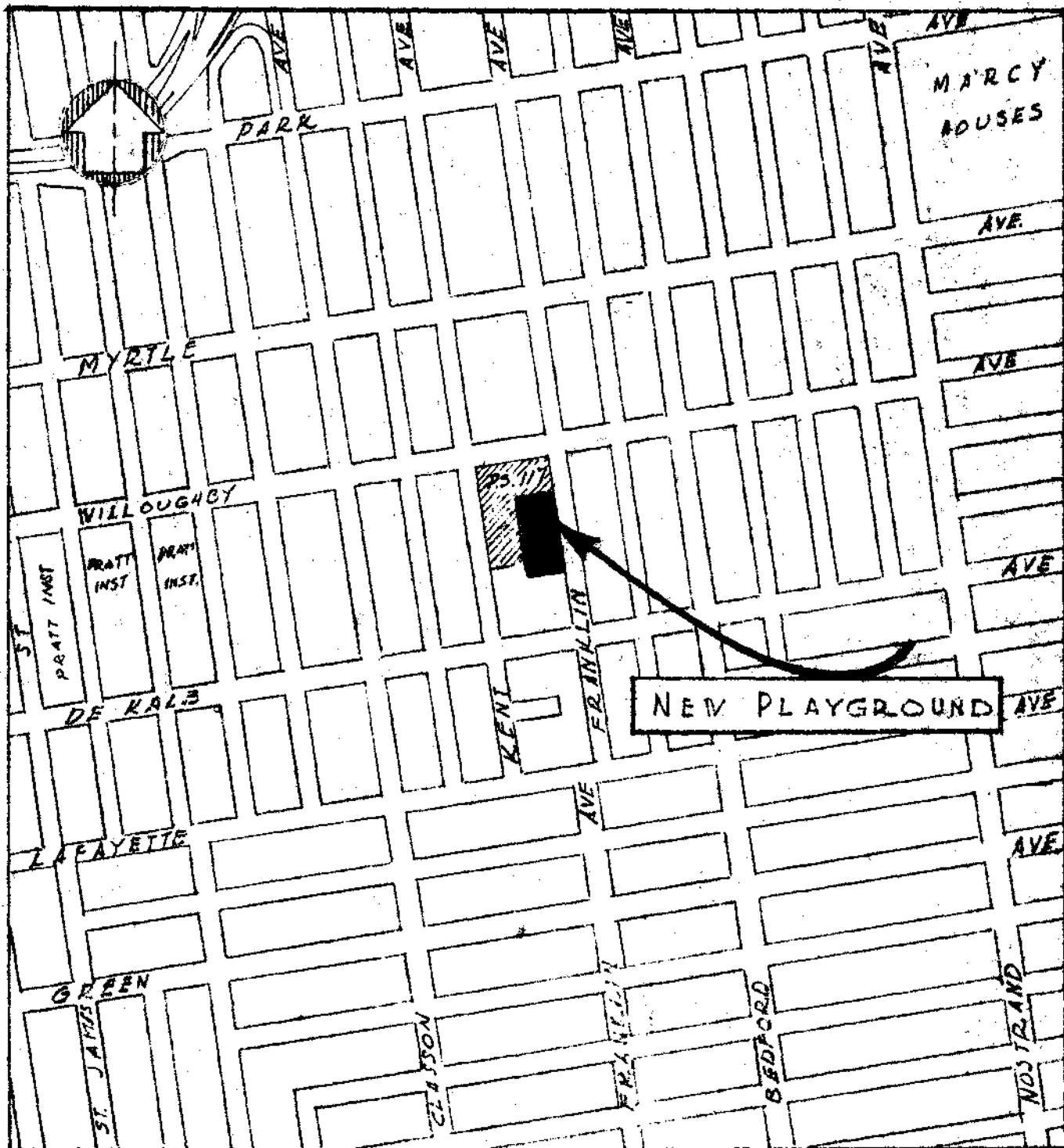
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PLAYGROUND ADJ TO J.N.S. 117  
SOUTH OF WILLOUGHBY AVE  
BETWEEN 14TH & FRANKLYN AVE  
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# BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

SCALE: 1" = 600'



PLAYGROUND ADJ TO PS 117  
SOUTH OF WILLOUGHBY AVE  
BETWEEN KENT & FRANKLIN AVE.  
BRO OF BROOKLYN 2-266-101 6-27-56

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

SATURDAY JULY 7, 1956

REGENT 4-1000

*B. J. Lee*  
*7/6 Hand Delivery 3PM*  
*Mail " 4PM*

1-1-1-30M-703834(55) 114

The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and opening to the general public of a playground located at Winthrop Street between Bedford and Rogers Avenues, adjacent to P. S. 92, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Located in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn this new 1.407 acre playground is divided into two sections for control purposes. The westerly section provides for basketball, comfort station, and an area for small fry with slides, swings, seesaws, shower basin, and a sandpit. The easterly section provides a roller skating area, practice basketball and a handball court.

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

With the addition of this playground there are now 663 playgrounds in the Park system.

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*Plans BL 267-101-2*

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# BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

SCALE: 1" = 60'



PLAYGROUND ADJ. TO P.S. 92  
SOUTH OF WINTHROP ST. BET DEDFORD & ROGERS AVES  
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