

Wednesday 1/5/00
169. Tunnel Division closed to public pending alterations and repairs.

Thursday 1/5
170. Announcement where to inquire for skating at the various Boroughs.

Friday 1/8
171. Announcement of death of Caliph, hippopotamus at Central Park Zoo.

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172. Opening of additional section of Eiriksson Park on 1/14 - to be attended by Hon. R. V. Ingersoll.

Monday 1/16
173. Bids taken by N.Y.C. R.R. on City Structure #4 on West Side Express.

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174. Bronze Bust of W. Irving, formerly in Bryant Park removed to Washington Irving High School.

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175. Information on ice skating to be obtained at various Boroughs, and publication of phone numbers for convenience of public.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- Missing* 1/28/35 176. Opening of Chisholm Playground postponed on account of weather.
- " 1/31 177. Ground-Hog Day to be observed in City Hall Park.
- " 2/11 178. Contract of construction of the bridge carrying Saw Mill River Parkway extension over Broadway in Borough of Bronx.
- ✓ 2/1 179. Agreement between Heckscher Foundation for Children, the Department of Parks and Department of Health for a recreational and health clinic in Brooklyn, formerly operated by the Heckscher Foundation.
- Missing* 2/4 180. In cooperation with the Department of Sanitation, the Park Department will resume construction of Shore Drive in Brooklyn.
- 5 " 2/5 181. Care of birds in the various parks in New York City during the period when snow was on the ground.
- ✓ 2/5 182. Announcement of Plan for Randall's Island.
- ✓ 2/18 183. Announcement of redesign of City Hall Park, effective after the demolition of the old Post Office and the return of the land on which it stands to the City.
- Missing* 2/23 184. Released plan on redesign and development of Madison Square Park. *Missing*
- ✓ 2/19 185. Reconstruction of Joyce Kilmer Park.
- Missing* 2/14 186. Bids for contract for Randall's Island, Hell Gate and Harlem River Piers of the Triboro Bridge, opened. ✓
- ✓ 2/28 187. Opening of 3 playgrounds, located at East 28th Street, New York City, Chisholm Park, Queens and Union Avenue bet. 161st Street & 163rd Street, in Bronx.
- Missing* 3/5 188. Bids opened for construction of bridge carrying E. Hudson Parkway over Broadway.
- ✓ 2/28 189. Announcement of starting work on Westside Project.
- Missing* 3/5 190. Information as to Golf permits and fees.
- ✓ 3/7 191. Announcement of leasing of property owned by N. Y. Central R.R. four parcels, for development of temporary playgrounds.
- Missing* 3/8 192. Announcement of opening of eight playgrounds on Friday, March 8, 1935. *Missing*
- ✓ 3/15 193. Announcement of inauguration of Spring Street trees planting program by setting out 4000 trees.
- ✓ 3/14 194. Certain valueless plants in Kissena Park Nurseries have been removed - the mounting maintenance costs forced this act.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- ✓ 3/15/35 195. Interboro Roller Hockey Tournament to be held during week of 3-18-35.
- ✓ 3/17 196. Grand Army Plaza entrance to be entirely rebuilt by Park Department
- ✓ 3/21 197. Roller Skating Hockey Championship to be held at Madison Square Garden Saturday, March 23, 1935.
- ✓ 3/15 198. Extensive campaign to be carried on for comfort station renovations, by Park Department.
- March 19* 3/22 199. Joint announcement for the revised plans for the construction of new Health Center on the s.e. of 115th Street & Lexington Avenue.
- ✓ 3/24 200. Revised plans for the development of Heckscher Playground to include a memorial to Sophie Irene Loeb.
- ✓ 4/1 201. Three new areas; two playgrounds and one section of land developed for proper setting of Memorial Foundation to be opened April 1, 1935.
- ✓ 4/2 202. Sailboat contest and Basketball and Soccer Tournaments announced.
- ✓ 4/4 203. Soft Ball Tournament sponsored by Park Department during April and Summer.
- ✓ 4/5 204. Dramatic functions scheduled in Manhattan and Bronx Playgrounds, sponsored by Park Department for children.
- ✓ 4/6 205. Park Department will initiate a "Science Exhibit and Fair" on June 1, 1935, to be prepared by the children of the various playgrounds for public.
- ✓ 4/7 206. Dreamland Parking Space is to be developed as a recreation center.
- ✓ 4/7 207. Department of Parks announced the commencing Easter Sunday at the Conservatory in Prospect Park.
- ✓ 4/8 208. Department of Parks made arrangements with Sanitation Department to clean and fill Orchard Beach.
- ✓ 4/11 209. Opening of Baseball Diamonds on Sunday, April 14, 1935.
- ✓ 4/11 210. Program of opening of the Baseball Season at Victory Field 4/14/35.
- March 19* 4/12 211. Announcement of activities of the Baseball Season - Openings.
- ✓ 4/12 212. Planting of tree at Heckscher Playground in honor of Gen. S. Houston
- ✓ 4/13 213. Restoration of Terrace Bridge located at the Mall, nearing completion.
- March 19* 4/15 214. Central Park Zoo welcome arrival of several new animals donated by FELIX De MARCE.

- ✓ 4/15/35 215. Department of Parks issued a development plan of redesign and reconstruction of Highland Park.
- 4/16* 216. Inmates of the Old House of Refuge on Randall's Island moved to the New State Training Institution at Coxsackie in Green County.
- ✓ 4/14 217. Children plant gardens at Betsy Head Park, April 15, 1935, at 11 A.M.
- ✓ 4/16 218. Department of Parks will officially open Jay Hood Wright Playground at Fort Washington to Haven Avenue, Manhattan, on April 16, 1935.
- 4/17* 219. Easter Egg Hunt at St. Nicholas Playground held in co-operation with Harlem Aid Center.
- 4/21* 220. Opening of Golf Courses on April 28, 1935.
- ✓ 4/29 221. Announce receipt of permit to open playground for year at property at Sutphin Boulevard, 88th Avenue, 148th Street and 89th Avenue, Brooklyn.
- 5/35* 222. Announcement of concerts to be held this Summer in the various parks.
- ✓ 5/22 223. Marble Shooting Championship to be held in City Hall Park, 5/15/35.
- ✓ 5/7 224. Postponement of opening date of Forest Park Golf Course.
- ✓ 5/20 225. Last of patients on Randall's Island removed to Coxsackie, and work started on Island.
- ✓ 5/21 226. Announcement of bids for H. Hudson Parkway, and also plans for the construction of Parkway.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- Monday* 5/21/35 227. Announcement of Social Dancing to be held on the Central Park Mall every Tuesday and Thursday commencing June 11, 1935.
- ✓ 5/21 228. Dept. of Parks announces a baseball tournament bet. Manhattan College and the Bronx Elks at the Moshulu Baseball Field.
- ✓ 5/24 229. Announcement of reopening of Jacob Riis Park, Rookaway, L.I. 5/25/35.
- ✓ 5/26 230. Programs for concert to be held May 26, 1935. Victor Herbert Festival.
- ✓ 5/26 231. Decoration Day Concert on the Mall, May 30, 1935.
- ✓ 5/24 232. Manhattan Council of the Girls Scouts will conduct three day camps in coop. with the Park Dept. during the summer beginning July 8, ending Aug. 30, 1935.
- ✓ 5/27 233. Meeting held of prominent citizens at the Boro. Pres. Ingersoll, in the interest of obtaining specimens for the Prospect Park Zoo, which is nearing completion.
- ✓ 5/29 234. Dept. of Parks will sponsor a Science Exhibit and Fair for the public June 1, 1935 at Prospect Park Picnic House and McCombs Dam Park.
- Tuesday* 5/29 235. Announcement of Opening of parks and playgrounds during May, June and July.
- ✓ 6/1 236. Statement of Comm. Moses to the Press and letter to Comm. Hammond re. Orchard Beach.
- Wednesday* 5/30 237. Program of Summer concerts and Dance schedule.
- Thursday* 6/1 238. Announcement of concerts to be held at Central Park and Prospect Park.
- ✓ 4/12 239. Announcement of Easter Flower Show in the Park Dept. Greenhouses.
- ✓ 6/8 240. Opening of St. James Park to the public on Sunday 6/9/35, newly reconstructed.
- ✓ 6/6 241. Exhibition at the Rockefeller Center of photo. renderings, sketches and scale models from 6/10 to 6/29 of the past, present and future of New York Parks.
- ✓ 6/12 242. Listing of donors to the Prospect Park Zoo and the animals they donated.
- ✓ 6/14 243. Opening of the Henry Hudson Park Authority bids at the Arsenal Bldg., for the steel arch bridge over the Harlem River, connecting the boros. of Manhattan and Bronx.
- Friday* 6/20 244. Finals of amateur hour will be held at the Mall on June 22, 1935.
- Saturday* 6/25 245. Punchball tournament for girls under 16 yrs. of age conducted in five boroughs.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- 6/28/35 246. Bids on the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority at Arsenal Bldg. Central Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
Tel. Regent 4-1000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 28, 1935

The Henry Hudson Parkway Authority opened bids today at three o'clock at the headquarters of the City Park Department in the Arsenal, Central Park.

The structure will be a reenforced concrete arch bridge approximately 120 ft. in length with a 40 ft. clearance. It will carry four lanes of traffic. Alternate bids were taken. The N.Y. & N.J. Engineering Corporation, 60 East 42 Street, New York City, were the low bidders for Design "A" - a bridge with stone facing, with a figure of \$144,959. Chas. Schaefer & Son, Buffalo, New York, were the low bidders for Design "B", a bridge with concrete facing, with a figure of \$122,127.50.

Work on the structure is to be started immediately and must be completed by December 1, 1935.

Complete list of bidders is attached.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL CENTRAL PARK
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BID TABULATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DESIGN "B"</u>	<u>DESIGN "A"</u>
Chas. Schaefer & Son	Buffalo, New York	\$122,127.50	\$166,917.50
Poirier & McLane Corp.	33 West 42nd St, NY.	122,459.00	155,469.00
N.Y.& N.J.Eng. Corp.	60 East 42nd.St.N.Y.	133,650.00	144,959.00
Frank A.O'Hare Co.,Inc.	270 Madison Av. N.Y.	135,971.00	172,755.00
Woodcrest Constr. Co.	Grand Cen.TerminalNY	139,303.00	171,768.00
Anthony Construction Corp.	55 W.42nd St. N.Y.	151,430.00	181,900.00
Johnson, Drake & Piper	Freeport, L.I.NY	151,382.00	192,797.00
Cleveorock, Inc.	420 Lexington Ave,NY	155,573.00	196,028.00
Garofano Construc. Co.	700 S.Columbus Ave. Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	161,330.50	191,764.00

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 14, 1935

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The Henry Hudson Parkway Authority opened bids today at three o'clock at the headquarters of the City Park Department at the Arsenal in Central Park for the steel arch bridge over the Harlem River, connecting the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

Bids were taken on the bridge in two parts. The following is a list of bidders with the amounts of their proposals for the steel superstructure:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID</u>
American Bridge Co., Inc.	71 Broadway, NYC	\$ 865,208.59
McClintic Marshall Corp.	Cunard Building, NYC	882,302.49
Taylor-Fichter Steel Const. Co., Inc.	570 Seventh Avenue, NYC	917,480.00
Harris Structural Steel Co.	419 Fourth Ave., NYC	917,826.00
The Phoenix Bridge Co.	30 Church St., NYC	934,616.80

The following is a list of the bidders with the amounts of their proposals for the concrete foundations and approach walls:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID</u>
Thomas Crimmins Cont. Co.	734 Lexington Ave., NYC	\$ 272,668.50
J. Leopold & Co., Inc.	60 East 42 St., NYC	284,270.00
Rodgers & Hagerty, Inc.	500 Fifth Ave., NYC	288,188.00
Anthony Const. Corp.	55 West 42 St., NYC	289,686.50
Garofano Const. Co., Inc.	700 S. Columbus Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	293,971.75
P. T. Cox Cont. Co., Inc.	154 Nassau St., NYC	294,000.00
Poirier & McLane	33 West 42 St., NYC	317,720.00
Senior & Palmer, Inc.	50 Church St., NYC	323,005.00
Woodcrest Const. Co.	Grand Central Terminal NYC	335,475.00
Joseph Metzger, Inc.	295 Madison Ave., NYC	356,595.00
Joseph L. Sigretto & Sons, Inc.	405 Lexington Ave., NYC	461,300.00

Construction work on this bridge will start immediately.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 13, 1935.

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Although the response to the appeal of the Brooklyn Citizens' Committee for the Prospect Park Zoo, formed by the Honorable Raymond V. Ingersoll, Borough President of Brooklyn, and the Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks for the purpose of aiding in the stocking of the Prospect Park Zoo with good specimens is gratifying, opportunity still exists for those having the means and interest to contribute specimens or the funds with which to purchase them for the new zoo.

There is listed below the animals needed for the cages shown, and the approximate cost:

<u>House No. 2</u>	<u>Animals Needed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cage 4	2 Zebra	\$900.00 each
" 6	1 pair Gnus	900.00 "
" 10	2 Keraban Buffalos	400.00 "
<u>House No. 3</u>		
Cage 2	1 pair Hippos	5500.00 "
" 5	1 Giraffe	Price cannot be quoted
<u>House No. 5</u>		
Cage 1	1 pair Black Leopards	625.00 each
" 2	" " Bengal Tigers -2 yrs.	1400.00 "
" 2	" " " -4 "	1750.00 "
" 5	1 " Snow Leopards	1250.00 "
" 15	1 " Jaguar	625.00 "
" 15	1 " Siberian Tigers	2500.00 "
" 15	1 " SingSing Water Buck	1000.00 "
" 15	1 " Nilgai	400.00 "
" 15	1 " Eland	900.00 "

The specimens needed, as listed above, involve a total expenditure of approximately \$35,000. Those interested are invited to communicate with Mr. Louis C. Wills, president of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is serving as chairman of the Brooklyn Citizens' Committee for the Prospect Park Zoo or to the Honorable Alfred E. Smith, who is acting as "Renting Agent" for the zoo.

Each contributor will receive an appropriate certificate bearing the signatures of former Governor Smith and Commissioner Robert Moses. A bronze tablet of acknowledgment will be placed on the cages housing animals whose cost was borne entirely by a single individual.

Prospect Park Zoo is to open on July 3rd. It will be one of the finest zoos in the country for its size.

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LIST OF DONORS, PROSPECT PARK ZOO, JUNE 12, 1935.

<u>Donors</u>		<u>Animals</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>House No. 1</u>			
Cage 1.	(Park Dept.)	3 black bears	
" 2	"	3 brown bears	
" 3	S Klein	3 polar Bears	\$250.00 each
	(Col. J. Ruppert)	1 " "	250.00 "
<u>House No. 2</u>			
Cage 1	S. Klein	2 Genette Cats	60.00 "
" 2	S. "	1 Pr. Gazelles	300.00 "
3	" "	2 Civet cats	25.00 "
5	" "	2 Jaguarandi	90.00 "
6	I. J. Fox John R. Crews	Foxes "	
7	S. Klein	1 Pr. Spotted Hyenas	200.00 "
8	"	2 gray kangaroos	450.00 "
9	"	1 Pr. Hyena dogs	-
11	Kool Cigarettes	6 Penguins	
12	S. Klein	2 Chimpanzees	300.00 "
13	Brooklyn Zoo Committee	12 Toucans	35.00 "
		12 Toucanettes	14.00 "
14	Small Contributions	5 spider monkeys	30.00 "
15	Brooklyn Zoo Committee	12 Brazilians Tyrants	9.00 "
		12 cardinals	4.50 "
16	Brooklyn Civic Committee etc.		200.00 "
17	S. Klein	12 Asst. Bulbuls	15.00 "
17		12 Orioles	10.00 "
18	"	15 Monkeys-assorted (Capuchins, Woollys, Sapajous)	15.00-35.00 ea
19	"	12 Thrushes	14.00 each
		12 Orioles	14.00 "
		12 Starings	5.00 "
		12 S hrikes	15.00 "
20	"	15 Rhesus Monkeys	10.00 "

Prospect Park Zoo

<u>House No. 1</u>	<u>Animals Available</u>	<u>Animals Needed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cage 1	3 black bears		
" 2	3 brown "		
" 3		3 Polar bears	Cubs \$250.00 each
		Full	400.00 "
<u>House No. 2</u>			
Cage 1		2 Gennette Cats	60.00 "
" 2		1 pair Gazelles	300.00 "
" 3		2 Civet cats	25.00 "
" 4		2 Zebra	900.00 "
" 5		2 Jaguarandi	90.00 "
" 6		1 Pr. Gnu	900.00 "
" 7		1 Pr. Spotted Hyenas	200.00 "
" 8		2 Gray Kangaroos	450.00 "
" 9		1 Pr. Striped Hyenas	225.00 "
" 10		2 Karabau Buffalos	400.00 "
" 11		12 Tropicals	*6.00 "
" 12		12 Tangers	*6.00 "
		2 Chimpanzees	300.00 "
" 13		12 Toucans	*35.00 "
" 14		12 Toucanettes	*14.00 "
		5 spider monkeys	30.00 "
" 15		12 Brazilian Tyrants	*9.00 "
			*4.50 "
" 16		5 Gibbons	200.00 "
" 17		12 Orioles	*10.00 "
" 18		15 Monkeys-Assorted	15- 35.00 "
		(Capuchins, Woolys, & Sapajous)	
" 19		12 Thrushes	*14.00 "
		12 Orioles	*14.00 "
		12 Starlings	* 5.00 "
		12 Shrikes	*15.00 "
" 20		15 Rhesus Monkets	10.00 "

* To properly fill each cage would cost \$300.00 to 500.00 per cage. Birds range in price from \$5.00 to \$35.00 each.

LIST OF DONORS, PROSPECT PARK ZOO, JUNE 12, 1955

<u>House No.</u>	<u>Donors</u>	<u>Animals</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>House No. 3</u>			
Cage 1	(Park Dept.)	2 Elephants	
3	Gaumont-British Picture Corp.	1 Giraffe	
<u>House No. 4</u>			
Cage 1	Brooklyn Daily Eagle	4 Golden Eagles	\$50.00 each
2	Anheuser Busch Eagle Pencil Pencil Co.	4 Bald Eagles	50.00 " 50.00 "
<u>House No. 5.</u>			
Cage 4	S. Klein	1 Lioness	500.00 "
6	Metro-Goldwyn Mayer	1 pr. lions	
7	S. Klein	1 Pr Spotted Leopards	300.00 "
8	"	1 Lioness	500.00 "
9	"	1 Pr. Puma	125.00 "
11	"	1 Pr. Agouti	25.00 "
13	"	1 Pr. Ocelots	50.00 "
14	"	2 Fallow Deer	175.00 "
15	"	1 Pr. S iberian Badgers	40.00"
17	"	1 Pr. Binturongs	225.00 "
19	"	1 pr. Afr. Porcupine	50.00 "
20	"	4 elk	
	(Park Dept.)	4 "	
<u>House No. 6.</u>			
Cage 1	S. Klein	3 Tibetan Sunbears	275.00 "
2	Brooklyn Zoo Committee Barnum & Bailey	2 Russian Brown Bears 1 Brown bear	225.00 " 225.00 "
3	Abraham & Straus	3 Malayam bears	200.00 "
<u>House No. 7</u>			
	S. Klein	5 sea lions	135.00 "

Prospect Park Zoo

<u>House No.</u>	<u>Animals Available</u>	<u>Animals Needed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>House No. 3</u>			
Cage 1.	2 Elephants		
" 2.		1 pair Hippos	\$5500.00 each
" 3		1 " Giraffes	Price cannot be quoted
<u>House No. 4</u>			
Cage 1.		1 " Golden Eagles	\$ 50.00 net
" 2.		1 " Bald Eagles	50.00 "
<u>House No. 5</u>			
Cage 1	1 black leopard	1 pair black Leopards	625.00 "
" 2		1 " Bengal Tigers 2-yrs.	1400.00 "
		4-yrs.	1750.00 "
" 3		1 " Snow Leopards	1250.00 "
" 4		1 Lioness	500.00 "
" 5		1 pair jaguar	625.00 "
" 6		1 lion	1000.00 "
" 7		1 Pair Spotted Leopards	300.00 "
" 8		1 Lion	500.00 "
" 9		1 Pair puma	125.00 "
" 10		1 " Siberian Tigers	2500.00 "
" 11		1 " Agouti	25.00 "
" 12		1 " Sing Sing Water Buck	1000.00 "
" 13		1 " Ocelots	50.00 "
" 14		2 Fallow Deer	175.00 "
" 15		1 Pr. Siberian Badgers	40.00 "
" 16		1 " Nilgai	400.00 "
" 17		1 " Binturongs	225.00 "
" 18		1 " Binturongs Eland	900.00 "
" 19		1 " Pr. African Porcupine	50.00 "
" 20	4 Elk	4 Elk	

Prospect Park Zoo.

<u>Animals Available</u>	<u>Animals Needed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>House No. 6</u>		
Cage 1	3 Tibetan Sun Bears	\$275. each
2	3 Russian Brown bears	225.00 "
3	3 Maylayan Bears	200.00 "

House No. 7

5 sea lions	135.00 "
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Approximate cost excl. of Giraffe \$48,475.00

The prices above have been taken from lists submitted by Hagenbach & Louis Ruhe, Inc., Henry Trefflich and information from Bronx Zoological Society.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 8, 1935.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL CENTRAL PARK
Regent 4-1000.

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The Department of Parks is opening to the public on Sunday, ⁴⁴ June 9th, at three o'clock, the newly reconstructed St. James Park, situated at Jerome Avenue, north of Fordham Road, the Bronx.

This park is eleven and one half acres in area and was completely replanned and reconstructed during the past four months. A Central Mall, with wide bench line paths facing a centre turf panel, bisects the area taking the place of the former dusty extension of 192nd Street. South of the Mall is a large open lawn encircled by a promenade for park visitors. The northern section is devoted principally to recreation activities. Twelve new tennis courts have been provided and a completely equipped children's playground occupies the space along Jerome Avenue.

The work this spring has involved the construction of paths, the grading and top-soiling of the lawn areas and the setting out of 192 trees and 3863 shrubs. A recreational building, which will contain public rest rooms, will be erected later in the year at the Jerome Avenue entrance to the park.

George L. Quigley, Borough Director of the Department of Parks of the Bronx will be chairman of the dedicatory exercises. The speakers will be Commissioner Robert Moses, John W. O'Brien, Chairman of the Bronx Committee of the Park Association of New York, Alderman Joseph Kinsley and Borough President James J. Lyons. The flag raising ceremonies will be dignified by the presence of a Battery from the 258th Field Artillery and the Commanding Officer of this Regiment, Col. Paul Loeser, will attend. The 258th Field Artillery Band will supply the music. At the conclusion of the ceremonies Benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Arthur V. Litchfield, Rector of St. James Protestant-Episcopal Church.

Following the opening of the park three exhibition tennis matches will be played in which the best known amateur talent of the Bronx will participate. viz: Ernest Kosland, Bernard Freedman, Daniel Freedman and Allan Lovell members of the N.Y.U. Tennis Team, and Miss Millicent Hirsch of the Crotona Park Tennis Association and Miss Bertha Heppner of Van Cortlandt Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 6, 1935

The past, present and future of New York's parks will be mirrored in an exhibition of photographs, renderings, sketches and scale models to be held in the International Building of Rockefeller Center from June 10 to June 29. Sponsored by the Municipal Art Society to honor the work of Commissioner Robert Moses and the Park Department, the exhibition will show for the first time all of the city park projects financed under the direction of Commissioner Moses by municipal and relief funds, as well as the development of city parks since 1850 and proposed changes for the future.

The exhibition will fill half of the second floor of the International Building in Rockefeller Center. The exhibits contributed by the Department of Parks of New York City, the Long Island State Park Commission and the Triborough Bridge Authority, will be arranged in five sections corresponding respectively to each of the five boroughs of New York City.

In the exhibit depicting the development of the Central Park Zoo, a pair of live monkeys will swing from perches in a semi-circular cage. Special keepers will feed, water and care for the monkeys. Beside this cage panels of photographs will show the contrast between the old zoo and the zoo as it now exists, and also the new zoo developments in all the Boroughs. In the same exhibit will be shown the original plan of Central Park drawn by Olmstead and Vaux in the 1850's.

General park recreation areas proposed for the city will be represented by plans and models of Highbridge Swimming Pool, Jackson Heights Playground and Heckscher Playground Memorial.

The Triborough Bridge now under construction will be completely illustrated by drawings and photographs assembled by the Triborough Bridge Authority. Nearby a large relief map of Queens will show the proposed State Parkway extension to the bridge and Brooklyn.

The Henry Hudson Bridge will be illustrated by drawings of the new structure over the Harlem River and Randall's Island by a map showing the tennis courts, baseball diamonds and stadium.

Jones Beach State Park will be fully depicted in maps and photographs of the park, photographs of the pool in operation , and air views of the beaches, approaches and numerous recreational facilities.

Models will show the connection of the Interborough Parkway in Queens with Pennsylvania Avenue and grade separations at Highland Boulevard, and the grade separations and access drives at the junction of Grand Central Parkway, Interborough Parkway and Queens Boulevard at Kew Gardens.

During the exhibition puppet shows for children will be given daily.

The terrace adjoining the exhibition rooms will be set with trees and tables and the Park Orchestra will furnish music in the afternoons.

The exhibition will be open to the public without charge from 10:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. daily, including Sundays.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

April 12, 1935.

City Editor

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Easter Exhibit

Commissioner Moses announces that the Easter Show in the Park Department Greenhouses, Brooklyn, will surpass anything that has heretofore been done. It is anticipated that last year's attendance of over 150,000 people will be exceeded this year.

The Department will offer another masterpiece of horticultural display. The huge cross, measuring thirty feet high and fifteen feet wide, will be comprised of more than 3,000 of the finest Gigantium Lillies imported from Japan, the sides banked with beautiful yellow Genesters and pearl pink Rhododendrons, and the foundation laid out in a fine assortment of Azaleas in every color and shade. Appropriate groups of plants will be placed for side walls and the entrance.

As easter is a little late this year, the Exhibit may not last more than two weeks; therefore, the Park Department will have the Greenhouses open in the evenings, starting Easter Sunday, until 8 P.M. Flood lights have been installed to give the exhibit a beautiful blaze of color. The hours of attendance are from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. No children under sixteen years of age will be admitted in the evenings unless accompanied by a guardian.

The Greenhouses are located in Prospect Park, 9th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Department of Parks

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June 1st, 1935.

Hon. Thomas W. Hammond
Commissioner of Sanitation
Department of Sanitation
Municipal Building
New York City.

Dear Sir:

On May 22nd I discussed with you on the telephone and wrote you that it would be necessary to stop the Sanitation Department's dumping operations at Orchard Beach on July 1st next because these operations have been entirely unsatisfactory. Since our order as to July 1st was issued, your men have flagrantly violated our agreement and have littered the surrounding community with garbage and refuse.

The Sanitation Department has failed to perform the necessary work it agreed to do to confine its dumping operations within bulkheads established between Hunter Island and Orchard Beach. There have been many occasions where the Park Department forces have had to perform work which was an obligation to your Department.

The Park Department has made daily inspections of the New York City, Long Island and Westchester shores surrounding Orchard Beach. Inspections yesterday disclosed that garbage and other refuse has been permitted to float away from Orchard Beach.

I am writing to state that it will be necessary to stop the Sanitation Department's dumping operations at Orchard Beach not later than Saturday, June 8th. Your work must be so arranged as to vacate park property with all of your equipment and forces by noon of this day.

I also assume that you will clean all shores outside of park property which your Department has littered.

Yours very truly,

Robert Moses

Commissioner

Released on May 22, 1935.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal
Central Park

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

In answer to a number of inquiries as to filling at Orchard Beach for the new bathhouse, beach and parking areas, the public is informed that all dumping by the Sanitation Department will stop on July first.

It is necessary at this time to explain again the problem which faces the Park Department. Orchard Beach constitutes the best location and the only one publicly owned for a substantial bathing area on any of the boundary waters of New York City with the exception of Staten Island, Coney Island and the Rockaways. After an exhaustive study, the Park Department has started a program of construction of outdoor swimming pools to meet the present and future needs of other city neighborhoods where boundary waters can no longer be safely used for bathing.

At Orchard Beach we found a totally inadequate bathing area and bathhouses so badly constructed that they had to be torn down. It was necessary to plan the new beach on a proper scale for the use of large numbers of people. This necessitated a tremendous fill. I repeatedly asked for sufficient funds to start this work on an adequate scale, and stated that no impression could be made on it merely with relief work unless a much larger percentage was made available for material and equipment.

As an alternative, and as part of the pressing problem of disposing of city ashes, I agreed to have such ashes dumped at Orchard Beach and several other areas. The assurances given us that clean ashes would be dumped have unfortunately not materialized. A certain amount of garbage and refuse, in addition to ashes, have been dumped. At one time the boom which held back the dumped material, broke, and a good deal of this material floated out on adjacent territory. This was the responsibility of the Sanitation Department, and was cleaned up by them. Subsequently, a number of other precautions were taken which have not been wholly satisfactory, and while the Sanitation material has helped to solve our problem, we have decided that this dumping must stop because of incidental nuisances.

I wish to make it entirely clear, however, that although subsequent dredging and filling operations will be entirely free from the

present dumping nuisances, there is bound to be all the appearance of confusion, disturbance of natural scenery and barring of the public, which go with all major construction work of this character. I have lived through a good deal of this kind of thing at Jones Beach and other places, and I suppose that along with my associates, we shall have to go through with it again here. There is no use in attempting to develop Orchard Beach on anything but a large scale. In the end, our present plans will be justified. In the meantime, we are doing piecemeal work on a tremendous undertaking. We believe that this work will go faster under the revised and expanded work program beginning July 1st. This applies also to the road and parkway system at Pelham Bay Park, the reconstruction of the Rice Stadium and other scheduled improvements in this area.

ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 29, 1935.

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The Department of Parks announced today it will sponsor a Science Exhibit and Fair for the general public June 1, 1935, at the Prospect Park Picnic House and McCombs Dam Park Recreation Building, 165 Street & Jerome Avenue in the Bronx.

This Science Fair is one of the functions developed by the Park Department to utilize children's summer leisure. Children of all playgrounds are invited to attend this exhibit, which has been prepared by the regular members of the Playground Clubs, supervised by the Playground Directors.

The Fair will consist of two general divisions - Nature Study and Mechanics. The Nature Study Division will include exhibits of biological collections, insect and plant life, leaves and seeds, aquatic life and bird life. The Mechanics Division will include model airplanes, home-made radios, receiving and transmitting, model yachts, sailboats and other handicraft activities. The exhibits will be judged according to age groups - that is, the juniors and seniors will be classified and suitable awards given in each class. There will be group exhibits from each playground, and the children will also exhibit scientific collections developed during the school term, such as biological collections, manual training exhibits, etc.

There will be no charge to attend the Fair or enter an Exhibit.

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A meeting of prominent citizens was held this afternoon in the office of Borough President Ingersoll, at his invitation, in the interest of obtaining specimens for the Prospect Park Zoo, which is nearing completion.

Borough President Ingersoll opened the meeting and told of raising funds for the old zoo when he was park commissioner some years ago. He then introduced Mr. Moses, who pointed out the background of relief labor and said that instead of putting the men to work on the streets and around in the parks they wanted to undertake some projects of considerable magnitude. He said that when he first took office he put the 69,000 men out on maintenance and then they worked up the zoo project. He explained that a zoo project is very intricate and very complex. He also pointed out the difference between the Brooklyn zoo and the Central Park Zoo. In Central Park we had to build around a lot of old buildings and in Brooklyn they started off with a clean slate. The main handicap is lack of exhibits. When he first took office a lot of old decrepit animals were weeded out. He then tried to get various balances together which were accrued to the Park Department to purchase animals and submitted it to the Director of the Budget but several objections were raised due to hard times and the buying and feeding of animals against the people who were starving for want of food. He then talked to Governor Smith and pointed out that there were plenty of people in Brooklyn of means to provide animals. He also mentioned the fact that it was too far for Brooklynites to go to the Bronx Zoo. He said the zoo would open July 4.

Borough President Ingersoll then introduced Mr. Wills, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and it was voted to make him chairman of the committee to raise funds. He is chairman of the Brooklyn Citizens Committee to raise funds for the zoo and he had the power to appoint a secretary

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and treasurer. He is turning his office over to the handling of any details that come up. W. K. Schwartz was made treasurer and he thanked the Governor for coming to Brooklyn. He thought it was a neighborly gesture. The Governor was introduced and he spoke about being night superintendent in Central Park Zoo; told how he can sit in his window and look out on the zoo. Said that as many as 122,000 visited the zoo in one day and in no case would the entire majority go to the Bronx Zoo. He also pointed out the old conditions in Central Park - of the keeper having to sit with a rifle in case of fire and in contrast he pointed out the new arrangement in Brooklyn where bears and elephants and elks can be viewed without looking through bars. He recognized there has been some opposition to the zoo in Brooklyn but stressed the point that it was ideal thing for the kids. He told of donating the chimpanzee to the new Central Park Zoo. He mentioned that Mr. S. Klein, of 14th Street, had given a certified check for \$5,000 for the purchase of animals for the Brooklyn Zoo. These are some of the animals:

5 sea lions	2 lioness
2 gazelles	1 pair puma
2 gennette cats	1 " agouti
2 civet cats	1 " fallow deer
2 jaguarendi	1 " ocelots
1 pair of spotted hyenas	1 " Siberian badgers
1 " " striped "	1 " binturongs
2 kangaroos	1 " African porcupines
2 chimpanzees	4 Elks
2 cages of tropical birds	3 Polar Bears
15 rhesus monkeys	3 Tibetan sun bears
1 pair spotted leopards	

Governor Smith added as a point of interest that he would like to see 50,000 donations of \$1 each rather than two or three people give all the money so it would be of more popular interest.

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SUMMER PROGRAM IN CITY FOR 1935

The Manhattan Council of Girl Scouts will conduct three day camps in cooperation with the Park Department during the coming summer, beginning July 8 and closing August 30.

The day camps will be at Inwood Park, which is near the 207th Street Station of the Eighth Avenue Subway (Washington Heights Train), and East Side of Van Cortlandt Park, which is near the Woodlawn Station of the Lexington Avenue Subway (Woodlawn-Jerome Avenue Train), and West Side of Van Cortlandt Park, which is near the Van Cortlandt Station of the Seventh Avenue Subway (Van Cortlandt Park Train).

There will be accommodations for 150 children in each center each day for four days a week. Centers will open at ten o'clock in the morning and close about three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

The program will include Scout craft, games, athletics, outdoor luncheon, singing, interest groups, such as nature, handcraft, dramatics, folk dancing and art. They will be open to all girls, including non-Scouts, between the ages of eight and sixteen, in Manhattan. The children will be assembled at about fifty-five playgrounds chosen as centers in various sections of Manhattan and will be chaperoned to the parks by members of the playground staffs.

There will be no cost for transportation to the children. Any social welfare agencies, such as settlements, institutions, church organizations, etc., may send children to the designated playgrounds provided one leader is furnished for each twenty children, and this arrangement has been made in advance.

Manhattan has been divided into districts and rotating group schedules will be arranged. It is probable that the same group can only visit the parks once a week with free transportation. Any child wishing to attend more frequently may do so provided she can pay her own carfare.

Three members of the supervising staff will be selected by the Manhattan Council and under the direction of one of their field executives. Besides these leaders there will be others furnished by the Park Department. The Park Department has put comfort conveniences, with water, etc., at the disposal of these groups. The Board of Education has made it possible for these children to take advantage of the eight cent lunch provided for their day camps for any children desiring it. Any child who was receiving a free lunch at a public school may receive lunch free of cost. Any child wishing to bring her own lunch may do so and may also learn fire-building and out-door cooking.

LIST OF PLAYGROUNDS

To be used as Meeting Centers for Day Camps.

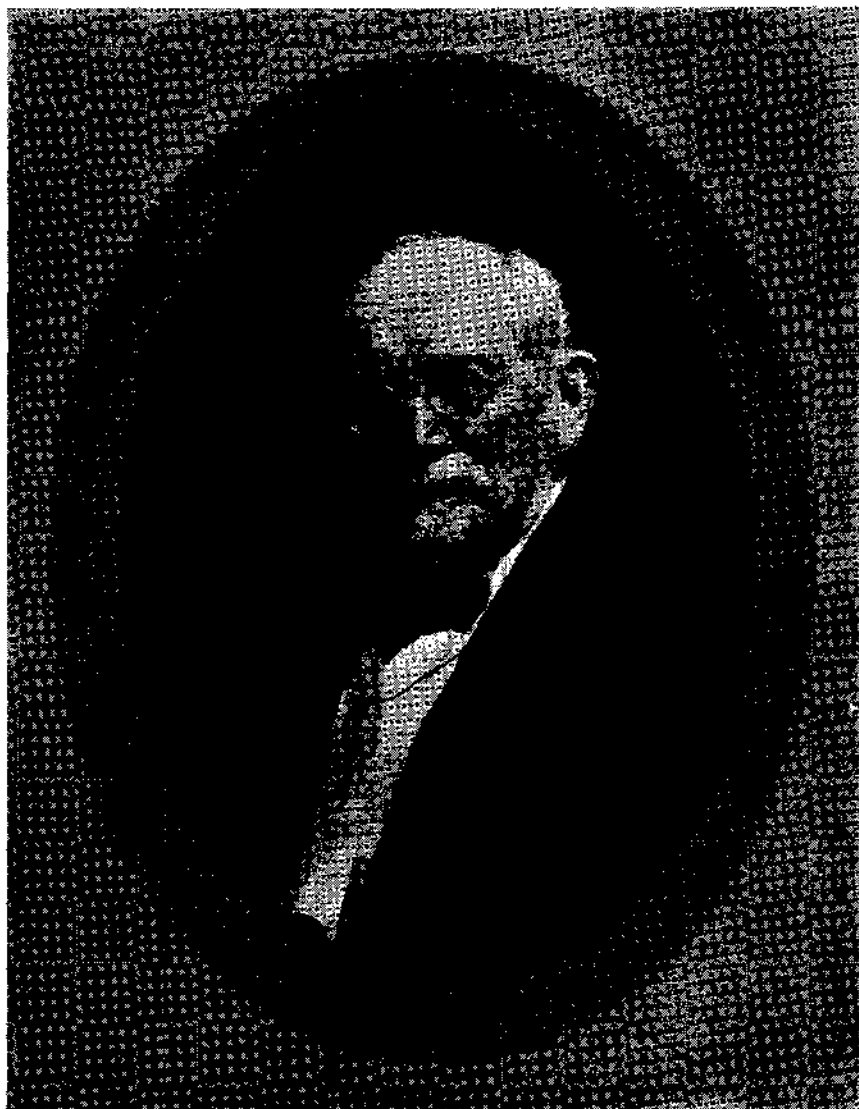
West Side

Battery Park
Hudson & Clarkson Streets
Columbus, Baxter, Mulberry and Bayard Streets
Downing Street near Bleecker

Model Playground, West 17th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues
95 Thompson Street
West Side Washington Street between Horatio and West 13th Street
Sixth Avenue, Macdougall Street, Houston Street
West Houston between Thompson and Sullivan Streets
Chelsea, 27th Street, Ninth Avenue
DeWitt Clinton, 52nd Street, 11th and 12th Avenues
West 59th Street between Amsterdam and 11th Avenue
West 67th Street and 11th Avenue
Central Park, Sutro, 93rd Street
Riverside, 96th Street and Riverside Drive.
Morningside Park, 123rd Street and Morningside Drive
St. Nicholas Extension, 129th Street and St. Nicholas Terrace
William McCray, 138th Street, 5th and Lenox Avenue
St. Nicholas, 140th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue
Hamilton Park, 140th Street
J. Hood Wright Park, Ft. Washington Avenue, West 173rd Street
150th Street West of Seventh Avenue
150th Street Brachurst (Colonial)
Carmansville, 151st Street and Amsterdam Avenue
High Bridge, 169th Street
High Bridge, 176th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street
189th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Isham, Seamen Street
Fort Tryon, 198th Street

East Side

Corleers Hook, South Jackson and Cherry Street
Corleers Hook Extension, Corleers and Cherry Street
Coleman; Cherry and Market Streets
Cherry, Monroe and Gouverneur Streets
Gulick; Broome, Delancey and Sheriff Street
Sophie; Irene Loeb, Market and Henry Street
Rutgers Slip, Rutgers and South Street
Lewis and Rivington Streets
John J. Murphy, 17th Street and East River
Tompkins Square, 10th Street and Avenue A
William H. Seward, Canal and Jefferson Street
83 Roosevelt Street
Joseph C. Sauer, East 12th Street near Avenue B
Houston, Essex and Norfolk Streets
Houston, First Avenue and Ludlow Streets
Roosevelt Playground, Canal, Houston and Chrystie Streets
Northeast Corner of Rutgers and Henry Streets
Southside, 28th Street between Second and Third Avenues
St. Gabriel, 35th Street and Second Avenue
St. Catherine, 62nd and First Avenue
John Jay, 77th Street and East River
Carl Schurz, 84th Street and East River
Yorkville, 101st and Second Avenue



ELKAN NAUMBURG

DECORATION DAY CONCERT

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 30th, 1935

EIGHT O'CLOCK

CENTRAL PARK :: ON THE MALL

THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA, Leon Barzin, *Conductor*

THE MALL — CENTRAL PARK
THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 30TH, AT 8 O'CLOCK
DECORATION DAY
THE NAUMBURG ORCHESTRA
LEON BARZIN, *Conductor*

Program



"The Star Spangled Banner"

1. Overture "Der Freishutz" *von Weber*
2. Symphony in C Major *Schubert*
Andante—Allegro ma non Troppo
Andante—Con moto
Allegro vivace
3. Symphonie Espagnolle *Lalo*
Allegro non Troppo
Andante rondo
- JOHN CORIGLIANO
4. Les Preludes *Liszt*
5. Waltz "The Blue Danube" *Strauss*

"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 in practice, of contributing Orchestral Concerts of high quality, in the cause of good music for the people, on three holidays, Decoration 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 1935 are therefore set down for May 30th, at 8:00 P. M., July 4th, at 8:00 P. M., July 31st, at 8:00 P. M., and September 2nd, at 8:00 P. M. These dates to be remembered by lovers of good music.

CITY OF NEW YORK

HON. FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA, *Mayor*

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VICTOR HERBERT FESTIVAL
of the
Gaelic Musical Society of America
BRANDON TYNAN, *Chairman*

Central Park Mall

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 26th, 1935
At Eight-Thirty

NEW YORK STATE SYMPHONIC BAND
GUISEPPE CREATORE, *Conductor*

PROGRAM

1. March—Baltimore Centennial *Herbert*
2. GREETINGS MR. JAMES MCGURRIN
President, General American Irish Historical Society
3. Selection from WONDERLAND *Herbert*
4. BADINAGE *Herbert*
5. GEMS OF VICTOR HERBERT
Compiled and Arranged by Creatore

INCLUDING

Babes in Toyland
Red Mill
Mademoiselle Modiste
Naughty Marietta
The Serenade
The Fortune Teller

INTERMISSION

6. PANAMERICANA *Herbert*
7. Tribute to Victor Herbert . . . HON. DANIEL F. COHALAN
8. Vocal Solo—A KISS IN THE DARK *Herbert*
BEATRICE EATON
9. Selections from EILEEN *Herbert*
10. AMERICAN FANTASY *Herbert*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 24, 1935.

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The Department of Parks announced today that Jacob Riis Park, Rockaway, L.I., will reopen for the summer season Saturday, May 25. Locker facilities will accommodate 8200. Prices will not be increased week-ends or holidays. Parking space will accommodate 3500 cars.

A food bar will dispense lunch and soft drinks. The Empire dining room and adjoining terrace will serve luncheon and dinner, with dancing throughout the evening.

Trained directors will supervise the playground, arranging games for the children. A story telling hour at 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. will entertain the younger children. Special events are planned for children and grownups on the beach, playground and in the ocean.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 21, 1935.

The Department of Parks announced today that Manhattan College, whose season record includes two victories over New York University, and The Bronx Elks, one of the strongest amateur teams in the borough, will vie for honors at the Moshulu Baseball Field, 201 Street and Webster Avenue, The Bronx, Sunday, May 26, at 2:30 P.M. Bert Daniels, Manhattan's coach, has promised to have his first string men in the game.

This field, recently reconstructed by relief workers assigned to the Park Department, is one of the finest baseball plants in the entire park system, with seating accommodations for 3500 plus 1000 park benches. The diamond has been constructed according to big league specifications and a very fast game can be expected.

The Park Department band will furnish music and the teams will march across the field, forming the guard of honor for a flag raising ceremony before the game. Another feature will be an exhibition by the 40 man drill team of the Bronx Elks.

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The Department of Parks announced today the beginning of advertising of bids for the Henry Hudson Bridge across the Hudson River Ship Canal from Inwood Hill Park to Spuyten Duyvil. Bids will be opened June 14.

The bridge will be built by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority, of which Commissioner Moses is sole member, as part of an express highway linking Riverside Drive with the Saw Mill River Parkway. Last month the Authority sold three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) worth of bonds to a banking syndicate to finance the project.

The structure will be a high level single arch bridge, with an 800 foot span, flanked by two steel viaducts each 300 feet long and by two 450 foot reinforced concrete approach structures. It will carry a four lane concrete roadway and have a clearance above mean high water of 145 feet.

The contract, to be let next month by sealed bids, is for the construction of the substructure and superstructure of the bridge. The estimated cost of the work is one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Work will begin immediately after the award of the contract and the structure will be completed in 1937.

The Henry Hudson Parkway is designed to eliminate the traffic bottle neck at the drawbridge at 220th Street and Broadway. Eventually it will be a link in a through parkway and express highway system extending from the Battery in Manhattan to the Saw Mill River Parkway in Westchester.

The rest of the bond issue will be used for the construction of two sections of the parkway and grade elimination bridges from the end of Riverside Drive through Inwood Hill Park south of the bridge, and from the northerly bridge head through Spuyten Duyvil. At Riverdale Avenue, section three of the new parkway, known as the Saw Mill River Parkway Extension is already under construction by the State Public Works Department on plans approved by the City Park Department with the use of federal highway aid funds.

FOR RELEASE MONDAY, MAY 20, 1935.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Arsenal - Central Park

The last of the patients occupying the buildings of the House of Refuge on Randall's Island were removed yesterday to Coxsackie.

Pursuant to Chapter 144 of the Laws of 1933, the title to the land and buildings formerly occupied by the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents known as the House of Refuge, reverts to the City of New York and become established as a City park.

The buildings will be torn down immediately for the Department of Parks by the Commissioner of Buildings, Manhattan, and construction of this portion of Randall's Island will start immediately after the buildings are demolished. Establishment of this new park area adds 50 acres to the City Park System.

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The me ting with the Brooklyn and Long Is. Municipal Golf Association was constructive and I will dictate a summary for you.

One of the things they requested was that Forest Park remain closed until all of the courses could be opened. I asked them if the congestion at Clearview would be relieved if we opened 9 temporary holes at Forest and they all agreed that it would not make a bit of difference. The dry weather in April did us a lot of damage, more at Forest than anywhere else and I suggest a press release be issued that due to weather conditions the opening date for Forest Park be postponed until the grass can stand the play.

John R. Van Kleeck
Golf Architect.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 6, 1935.

The Department of Parks announces that its City-Wide Marble Shooting Contest for boys and girls which has been conducted in all of the various park playgrounds throughout the city is nearing completion. The championship will be determined on May 15, 1935, on the Plaza in front of City Hall.

This annual marble shooting Contest has become an event which is looked forward to with great interest by the children of the city and the attachees of the Park Department have been hard put to it to take care of the numerous entries. Boys and girls under 14 years of age have been competing since the first part of April in this tournament in order to qualify for the championship games at City Hall. Separate contests have been held for the boys and girls, neither having met each other during the course of the tournament. When the City Hall games take place the public is assured of seeing the pick of the boroughs, since only the winners of the respective boroughs will be chosen to play that day. Three boys from each borough will meet three boys from each other borough and the same will be true of the girls.

In addition to these contests it is planned to have the winning boy meet the girl champion at a time and place to be fixed later, in order to determine the question of whether the boys or girls excel in marbles.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 29, 1935.

The Department of Parks announced today the receipt of a permit from the owners of the property bounded by Sutphin Boulevard, 88th Avenue, 148th Street and 89th Avenue, for the use of this area for playground purposes for a period of one year at no cost to the city.

The property belongs to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and this permission was granted by the Right Reverend Thomas E. Malloy, D.C., Bishop of Brooklyn. The property comprises one complete block, a little over two acres. Plans for the playground include handball and basketball courts and an area set aside for small children equipped with apparatus.

The development of this playground and of many others throughout the city is entirely dependent upon relief funds. These funds have been steadily reduced so far as the Park Department is concerned. We now have approximately half the amount for material which we had last summer and fall. There are further threatened cuts in both men and materials. Under these circumstances, scores of new playgrounds cannot be equipped and opened this year. A complete statement on this subject giving the list of the playgrounds which cannot be opened and their location in every borough of the city will be furnished to the press next week in answer to hundreds of communications as to why the promised new playgrounds are not being developed and opened faster.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 16, 1935.

April 17, at 3:30 P.M., the Department of Parks will officially open Jay Hood Wright Playground at Fort Washington Avenue to Haven Avenue, north of 173rd Street, Manhattan. Approximately 250 children will participate in the ceremonies by singing and dancing. Addresses will be made by Borough Director John W. Heaslip, Jr; Miss Ellen A. G. Phillips, District Superintendent of the Board of Education; Forest L. Boyles, President of the Washington Heights Chamber of Commerce. Alderman Elias H. Jacobs will make the presentation and Gloria Woods and Paul Aronin, representing the Spirit of the Park, will accept the playground. # 99 *

Facilities will consist of slides, swings, jungle gym, see-saws, horizontal ladders and bars, soft ball diamond, wading pool and two handball courts. The recreation building will include a playroom and two loggias. Floodlights will be installed for night use. Ten playground directors will supervise this three-acre playground.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE THROUGH THE
NEW YORK CITY NEWS ASSOCIATION
April 12, 1935.

CHILDREN PLANT GARDENS AT BETSY HEALD PARK
HOPKINSON AND BLAKE AVENUES, BROOKLYN, N.Y.
Monday, April 15, 1935, at 11 A.M.

The first group of 300 children will begin planting their first crop of Scallions, Lettuce, White and Red Radishes Monday, April 15 at 11 A.M.

The children will be taken into the garden in groups of 40 and given a demonstration planting on one of the little gardens, by a garden instructor.

Tags bearing their names and the number of their little 4 X 8 ft. gardens are given to the children before planting. This tag entitles ownership unless rules or regulations are broken.

An important lesson in responsibility is here given as every tag bears upon it, the potent warning "if you lose your tag, you lose your plot."

Seeds and little garden tools are furnished by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks.

The resultant harvest of their quick growing spring vegetables will be garnered in a "as ye sow, so shall ye reap," spirit and proudly taken home by the little farmers.

The garden plots are planted intensively, several times during the growing season, so that groups of different children in these congested areas may learn some of the workings of nature and have a good time in doing so.

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The Department of Parks issued a development plan today for the redesign and reconstruction of Highland Park, Interborough Parkway, Jamaica Avenue, Warwick Street and Highland Boulevard, Queens.

The main play center will be between Highland Boulevard and Jamaica Avenue, Tennis courts will be resurfaced. Fruit trees will surround the children's gardens. The athletic field, separated from the tennis courts by a large lawn, will contain three baseball diamonds. A field house will contain men's and women's locker facilities and a children's playroom. A wading pool eight inches deep and 160' by 90' will be located in front of the house. A walk will circulate the athletic field and connect with a new stairway in the northwest section leading to Highland Boulevard.

The Ridgewood Reservoirs will be surrounded by a shaded walk. Shade trees, bushes and shrubs will be planted throughout. A playground equipped with complete apparatus will be located west of the reservoirs between Highland Boulevard and Interborough Parkway. A shelter house will separate this section from the small children's play area and picnic ground.

The old bandstand is to be altered and painted.

A fish pool, stocked with gold fish, will form part of the redesigned flower garden, around which will be bluestone walks.

All vehicular drives, except the one connecting Highland Boulevard and the Parkway, will be superseded by walks. Parking space will be provided southwest of the reservoirs.

The area of Highland Park is 96.08 acres, part of which is in Queens and part in Brooklyn. The land was acquired by purchase gift and surrender by the Department of Water Supply, Gas & Electricity. The land purchased cost \$501,370.60.

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The restoration of Terrace Bridge, located at the extreme northerly end of the Mall, is rapidly nearing completion. The restoration, as far as present conditions permit, follows the original design of Messrs. Olmstead and Vaux.

A medium priced garden restaurant is being constructed under the Bridge, with auxiliary facilities on the terrace, consisting of colorful tables, chairs and umbrellas.

The restaurant is being provided primarily to serve light refreshments to those attending concerts, dances and other activities on the Mall.

The restaurant proper will be located under the Bridge with the kitchen in the southeast corner and adjoining a bar where beverages and sandwiches will be sold at popular prices. The terrace floor, which is done in red brick, will serve those who prefer the garden type restaurant of the "Gay Nineties", or who wish to rest in the seats around the edge of the fountain. The Bethesda Fountain, designed by Emma Stebbins and erected by the City in 1873, serves as an appropriate background as does the lake just north of it.

The restaurant will be operated under a concession agreement with the Department of Parks and will open about the 15th of May.

The restoration of Terrace Bridge includes the removal of the comfort facilities which formerly existed on the west end of the enclosed terrace. New and modern facilities have been erected on either side of the stairs midway between the lower terrace and the Mall on the upper level.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
THROUGH THE NEW YORK CITY
NEWS ASSOCIATION.
April 12, 1935.

The Department of Parks announces that a tree will be dedicated to the memory of General Sam Houston, first governor of the Republic of Texas, by the Historic Nut Tree Planting Association in Heckscher Playground, Central Park, at 2:00 P.M. April 14. Lt.-Col. Lake, President of the Association, will make the presentation. The tree, which will be transplanted from General Houston's old home at Huntsville, Texas, will be marked by a bronze plaque denoting its historic nature.

Allyn R. Jennings, Landscape Architect, will represent the Park Department.

Margaret Bell Houston, granddaughter of Sam Houston, will read "Song from Traffic", an original poem. Addresses will be made by Prof. Dudley F. McCollum, New York University; Borough Director John W. Heaslip, Jr.; Mrs. Horace L. Hotchkiss and Colonel Martin L. Crimmins.

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MEMO TO: E P KING

April 11, 1935.

FROM: J.F. MURRAY

SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR OPENING OF THE BASEBALL SEASON AT
VICTORY FIELD, SUNDAY APRIL 14, L(#%).

- 2 P.M. Band selections and maneuvers by Grover Cleveland High school band, under the direction of Professor Seifert.
- 2:30 PM Players of the Ravens Baseball Team and the Aztecs Baseball team will line up on the field and led by the band will parade to the flagpole and raise the flag.
- 2:40 PM Each team will have ten minutes practice on the field.
- 3: PM Matthew Napear will throw out the first ball starting the game.

John F. Murray
Supervisor Recreation
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NOTE: THE Ravens and the Aztecs are rival teams of Glendale and played a 1-0 game at the end of last season. Both are unformed teams.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 11, 1935

OFFICIAL OPENING OF PARK BASEBALL DIAMONDS

The Department of Parks announces the formal opening of 159 baseball diamonds Sunday afternoon, April 14. Mayor LaGuardia and the five Borough Presidents have been invited to throw out the first ball in their respective boroughs.

Teams have been picked from those regularly using Park diamonds. Each Borough Supervisor of Recreation issues permits for alternate Saturdays and Sundays, for a period of two hours from 10:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M., upon written application. Thus more teams can be taken care of and consideration given to neighborhood teams.

The Schedule of openings is as follows:

In the Bronx the Raleigh Baseball Club will play the Bainbridge Baseball Club at Van Cortlandt Park on Diamond 1 at 1:30 P. M. The Manhattan Concert Band will furnish music.

In Brooklyn the Acme Arrows will vie against the Beverley Baseball Club for the honor of winning the first game, to be played at 2:00 P. M. The New York State Symphonic Band will play incidental music.

In Manhattan the Holy Name Church team, under the direction of Rev. A. W. Meyer, will contest the first game against the Lamport Manufacturing Co. team, managed by Miss Teddye Wolf, on Diamond 8, North Meadow, Central Park, at 2:00 P. M. Music will be furnished by the Park Department Band.

In Queens the Grover Cleveland High School Boys' and Girls' Band will lend color at the game between the Raven Baseball Club and the Aztec A. C. at Victory Field, Forest Park, 2:30 P. M. The Old Timers' Association of Queens are invited as guests of honor.

In Richmond the Pleasant Plain Bears and West Brighton Cardinals will play at Willow Brook Park at 2:00 P. M.

Fair warning is given the big leaguers, because Park Department employees are going to keep those diamonds in the best possible condition.

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The Department of Parks has made arrangements with the Department of Sanitation to cover with clean sand the fill which the Sanitation Department recently deposited in Orchard Beach at Pelham Bay Park.

The dredge "Empire State", which is owned and operated by W. H. Gahagan, Inc., has been engaged by the Department of Sanitation for this work and will proceed this week to Orchard Beach to start operation. The dredge has a capacity of about 8,000 cubic yards a day.

The covering of this fill with clean sand, pumped over it by the dredge, will remove every objection which can be raised from a health standpoint.

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FOR RELEASE
SUNDAY, April 7, 1935.

The Department of Parks announced today that commencing Easter Sunday the Conservatory in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, will be open to the public daily from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. Easter is a little late, so the exhibit may not last more than two weeks.

The masterpiece in this Easter horticultural display will be a huge cross, thirty feet high and fifteen feet wide, planted with more than three thousand of the finest Gigantum Lilies imported from Japan. The sides will be banked with beautiful Genista and pearl pink Rhododendrons. Azaleas in every color and shade will form the foundation. Floodlights have been installed to bathe the display in a blaze of color.

Children under sixteen years of age will not be admitted in the evenings unless accompanied by a guardian.

It is expected this year's attendance will far surpass the 150,000 people which visited the exhibit in 1934.

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The area adjoining Coney Island known as the Dreamland Parking Space is to be developed as a recreation center, according to plans announced today by the Department of Parks. It is bounded on the north by a pedestrian way, on the west by West 8th Street, on the south by the Boardwalk and on the east by West 5th Street.

The section immediately adjacent to the Boardwalk will be regraded and resurfaced. It will contain ten handball courts, twenty-eight paddle tennis courts and ten shuffleboard courts, to be separated equally by a lawn. The remaining area will be developed principally as a great lawn for archery and games. It will be enclosed and shaded by Sycamore trees, and benches will be provided.

An underpass will connect the area east of the Municipal Bath House. Heretofore this has been nothing more than a barren sand lot. This section will be developed as sand play areas.

More than six hundred trees are to be planted in these two main areas to provide needed shade.

The Boardwalk will be ten feet above the park. A four foot bulkhead is to be erected under the Boardwalk. The space between the top of the bulkhead and the boardwalk will be completely enclosed to separate the beach and park areas and to regulate ingress and egress between the two.

Seaside Park, northeast of this development, is to be rehabilitated by the Department of Parks, following the existing design. The plan, however, anticipates the eventual connection of Seaside Park and the Boardwalk by a mall 150 feet wide.

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"Dreamland Parking Space" was acquired by purchase March 14, 1912, at a cost of \$2,552,436. It has an area of 11.56 acres and was purchased at the same time the city bought Jacob Riis Park, an area of 258.58 acres. Although "Dreamland Parking Space" is less than 5% of the area of Jacob Riis Park it cost approximately twice as much. It was purchased as an addition to Seaside Park but was never developed as intended, and the decision as to its use has long been in controversy. In 1923 the Department of Parks of the Borough of Brooklyn paved the area and operated it as a parking space. This was subsequently leased in 1926 to a private corporation for the parking of automobiles. Last spring the Department of Parks cancelled the lease and operated the parking area with its own employees. In 1927 a resolution was introduced in the Board of Aldermen to transfer the land back to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as a protest against the non-development of the area as a park or playground and to release it for other use. Now the area is to be developed by the Department of Parks along the lines which induced its purchase by the city.

The new facilities will meet the need of a recreation center in this section, separate and distinct from the beach at Coney Island. Borough President Ingersoll's approval has been given.

These improvements will be made as soon as sufficient work relief funds are available.

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The Department of Parks will initiate a new activity with the inauguration of a "Science Exhibit and Fair" for the general public on June 1st, 1935. The fair will be held at two locations simultaneously--The Prospect Park Picnic House in Brooklyn, and the Macombs Dam Recreation Building, at 165th Street and Jerome Avenue in the Bronx. It is in line with the policy of the Department to encourage this form of activity because of its aid to the proper use of the new leisure time.

This exhibit will be prepared by the children of the various playgrounds throughout the city under the supervision and guidance of the Borough Supervisors of Recreation. It will consist of a showing of the many articles of handicraft made by the children during the year, and an exhibition of the various hobbies indulged in by them with the cooperation of the playground directors.

The exhibit will be partitioned into two main divisions--nature study and mechanics. There will be exhibits of home-made radios, both receiving and transmitting sets; model yachts and sailboats; model motorboats, basketry, mats, cabinet work, soap carving, knitting, bookbinding, hooked rugs, entomological collections, collections of the flora and fauna of the region, and many other interesting exhibits. All exhibits will be prepared by the children and will demonstrate the variety of handicraft work done in the parks and playgrounds. The children will also exhibit the various scientific collections developed by them during the school term, such as biological collections, manual training exhibits, etc. Every park and playground in the city will be represented by one or more exhibits. Arrangements are being made to present prizes for the best exhibits, among the different age groups. There will be no charge for entering an exhibit in the fair, neither will there be any charge for admission.

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FOR RELEASE
FRIDAY, April 5, 1935.
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Under the direction and guidance of playground directors, children who attend the Department of Parks playgrounds are making great strides in the amateur theatrical field. Their activities, which embrace all phases of amateur dramatic work, provide excellent training as well as aiding to develop hobbies. The boys and girls who take part in the shows engage in all details of the work. They design and make costumes in the playground sewing classes; the boys design and construct scenery and attend to the lighting and properties. The children range from six to sixteen years of age. Most of them have had no experience in this field, but despite this handicap some remarkably fine plays have been presented.

Many fine shows are scheduled for April. In Manhattan the plays will be given Saturday afternoons at Carmine Street, Gymnasium, Clarkson and Varick Streets. Three or four plays will be given each afternoon, beginning at 2:00 P.M. During intermissions while scenes are being changed the Dance Group of the Gymnasium will present a series of modern and interpretative dances.

Several dramatic functions are scheduled for the Bronx in April. April 13 an "amateur hour" of thirty-six acts, which will include representation from every Bronx playground, will be staged at Macomb's Dam Recreation Building, 165th Street and Jerome Avenue. At 2:00 P.M., April 23, children from Lyons Square Playground will present "Princess Chrysanthemum", an operetta; April 24 children of St. Mary's West Playground will give "The Queens Cross-Patch."

In Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond, where facilities are available, plays will be given at various playgrounds. Information as to the time and place of presentation may be secured from each Borough Director.

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FOR RELEASE
THURSDAY, April 4, 1935.
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The Department of Parks will sponsor an extensive Soft Ball Tournament in the city Playgrounds during the spring and summer months. This game is comparatively new in New York City, but has been played for years in the other cities of the country. The Park Department has sponsored Soft Ball Tournaments in previous years, but not on the scale contemplated this year.

The game differs from the regular hard baseball in that it is played on a smaller diamond, either grass or concrete, and a much larger and softer ball is used. No other equipment than bats and balls are necessary for the game, making it cheaper to play.

The tournament will start on April 20th, and will have five classes:

- a. Boys under sixteen years.
- b. Boys between sixteen and nineteen years.
- c. Boys and men over nineteen years.
- d. Married men
- e. Girls and women over eighteen years.

The tournament will be conducted in all boroughs simultaneously. It will be an elimination tournament, to determine the winners in the respective playgrounds. These winners will meet the teams from the other playgrounds, beginning on or about May 20th. The tournament will continue throughout the summer, with the semi-finals taking place between August 25th and September 9th. Medals to the city champions in each class will be awarded by the Department.

Teams and players who wish to enter this tournament are requested to communicate with the nearest playground, or with the Park Director of their respective borough.

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The Department of Parks announces the following activities:

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FINALS: Finals will take place at Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie-Forsyth Streets, April 13th. The portable bleachers will be erected for the contest.

SAILBOAT CONTEST, APRIL 13: This contest will take place on Conservatory Lake, Manhattan. Discussed this with the Supervisor of Recreation of Manhattan.

SOCCKER TOURNAMENT: Finals of the soccer tournament will take place April 6th at North Meadow, Central Park.

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FOR RELEASE,
Monday, April 1st, 1935

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Three Areas, constructed with Work Relief Funds, are to be opened by the Department of Parks on Monday (April 1). Two are playgrounds, located at Vandervoort Avenue and Cherry Street, Brooklyn, and at 32nd Avenue and 106th Street, Queens, and brings the total of playgrounds opened during the past year to forty-nine. Another is the section of the William H. Seward Park which has been developed as a formal setting for the Jacob H. Schiff fountain.

The playground at Vandervoort Avenue and Cherry Street has an area of nearly an acre. The land was acquired by the Sinking Fund Commission by purchase at a cost of \$22,500 and it was turned over to the Department of Parks on April 3, 1924, for development as a playground, but the land lay dormant and undeveloped until the present program of playground construction was undertaken. It will contain a wading pool, a basketball court, eight kindergarten swings, six large swings, two handball courts, two playground slides, two kindergarten slides, eight see-saws, a horizontal bar, a set of parallel bars, a climbing ladder and a jungle gym. The area will also have a shelter house containing a playroom and conveniences. The exterior of the building has been completed.

The playground at 32nd Avenue and 106th Street consists of about a quarter of an acre. It has been leased to the Department of Parks by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The lease runs until December 31, 1936. The play area will contain a bank of swings, four see-saws, a giant stride and two slides. It will be opened at 3:30 P.M.

The section of the William H. Seward Park bounded by Hester, Essex and Canal Streets has been developed along formal lines as an appropriate setting for the Jacob H. Schiff Fountain, designed by the late Arnold W. Brunner, architect, which is now being repaired and which will be the central figure in the design. The work on the fountain itself has not yet been completed and it will be put in place at a later date.

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FOR RELEASE
Sunday, March 24, 1935.

The Heckscher Playground in Central Park was officially opened on June 21, 1926.

The one person who did the most to overcome the opposition to the establishment of a children's playground in Central Park was Sophie Irene Loeb, a prominent social worker who was instrumental in obtaining much social legislation in the State of New York.

The funds for the development of the playground were donated by Mr. August Heckscher.

Through Mr. Heckscher's generosity, it has now become possible to erect a memorial to Sophie Irene Loeb. This memorial will be erected as the central feature in the area occupied by the Heckscher Playground under a new plan recently prepared by the Department of Parks, calling for the complete renovation and redevelopment of this area. The memorial itself will consist of a carved stone group of statuary, which will also provide drinking fountains for children, surrounded by a circular paved area, all enclosed by heavy landscape planting.

The new plan for this development, recognizes the original intent of Miss Loeb and Mr. Heckscher, that this playground should be used primarily by the younger children. The feature of most interest to the small children is a wading pool approximately 60' x 250'. In past years this pool has been used simply as an open saucer of water, with no attempt at regulation or prevention of contamination. The new plan calls for revising the construction of this pool, so that it will fit more appropriately into its natural rock location, and provides for restricted entrance and egress through a sterilizing, chlorinated foot bath.

The ball field, which occupies about one half of the area of the playground, has always been a bare expanse of dust and cinders with no orderly layout. For days after every heavy rainstorm in the Summer this

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field is nothing but a mud hole. It will now be regraded, properly drained, and seeded. There will be four soft ball diamonds and two hard ball diamonds, which will be permanently and properly located for the most efficient use of the area for ball playing. This field will be laid out in such a way that it can be used for football by the smaller boys and for field hockey by the girls, during the seasons when baseball is not played.

The present recreation building, which served primarily as a comfort station, will be remodeled to provide recreation rooms for cold and inclement weather, and a heating plant will be installed so that it can be used throughout the year. The present equipment of swings, see-saws, playhouses, etc. will be increased and placed in an orderly arrangement, which will make the playground usable for at least twice as many children as have been able to take advantage of it under the present layout. In addition to the present facilities, there will be added a few small grass areas on which children can play croquet and other group games.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 22, 1935

A joint announcement of the Department of Parks and the Department of Health today made public the revised plans for the construction of the new health center on the south side of 115th Street just east of Lexington Avenue. The site, acquired through private purchase for the sum of \$103,120, is to be improved with a four-story brick building for use as a District Health Center by the Department of Health. The original plans prepared by the Department of Health have been modified so that the roof of the new building is to be made into a playground by the Department of Parks. The East Harlem Health Center is one of seven similar buildings for which the P.W.A. has allotted funds. These buildings have been designed to suit the needs of the district in which they are to be built, and wherever practicable similar playgrounds provided by the Department of Parks will be made part of the health center.

"I am delighted", said Commissioner Rice, "at the very effective cooperation which Commissioner Moses has given the Department of Health. The addition of the roof playground adds immeasurably to the influence of the Health centers. After all, the primary function of the centers is health education and clean, safe and attractive playgrounds will help us in our efforts."

The new building for the East Harlem Health Center will be basement and two stories in height, of fireproof steel skeleton type construction. Access to the roof playground will be through direct outside stairways and by elevator. The first floor will contain certain facilities for general entrance and circulation, and the rooms required for the various clinic and diagnosis services. The second floor will provide space for the administrative staff and voluntary charity agencies connected with this work.

The plans for this building are being prepared by Henry C. Pelton, architects, and will be ready for construction about the first of July. The building will be ready for occupancy about March, 1936. The estimated cost is approximately \$239,660.

While the roof playground is not entirely new, the Department of Parks will spare nothing in the way of ingenuity in developing this area into the city's most modern recreational center above street level. It will be so designed and landscaped as to conceal from those using its facilities that they are located on a roof and high above the street where the air is better and competing influences are entirely removed. In addition to a wading pool, the playground will be equipped with see-saws, swings, slides and small playhouses.

Shaded areas will be set aside for quiet games. A roof loggia will contain a directors' room and all facilities, from which will extend a shaded promenade and rest area which can be enclosed during the winter months. The joint use and development of this property by the Department of Health and Department of Parks was decided on at a conference between officials representing the interests of those two departments. The roof area was made available for playground purposes by certain minor revisions in the original plans for the health center. The East Harlem neighborhood, in which this health center is located, is in great need of intensive health service, recreation and education.

The depression has caused a gradual return into this area of those who, in more prosperous times, had better homes elsewhere in the city. The establishment of the East Harlem Health Center as one of the first units in the city-wide plan of health centers, is essential to meet the health needs of the local community, which is a tenement section, in which are some of the most difficult social and economic conditions in New York City.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MARCH 14, 1935.

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The Department of Parks is carrying on an extensive campaign of comfort station renovation. Seventy-five per cent of these buildings were in poor condition and in need of repair at the advent of the new administration. It will be necessary, in many cases, to erect entirely new buildings to replace the antiquated and temporary types of shelter in various parks. Many of these buildings were erected in the late nineties and are still in use. They are constructed of wood. The original fixtures, by now totally inadequate and very unsanitary, are still in operation.

During the year 1934 construction of forty-five new playgrounds and recreational buildings in which modern comfort facilities are located, was begun. These are located as follows;

- Manhattan - Inwood Hill; Central Park Zoo; Cherry, Monroe & Gouverneur Sts.; Gulick Playground; 17th St. Playground; Thompson St. Playground; Roosevelt Park, where four are located; Wm. McCray Playground; Lewis & Rivington Sts.; Jos. C. Sauer Playground; 83 Roosevelt St.; Essex & Houston Sts.; Hamilton Fish Park; High-bridge Park; J. Hood Wright Playground and Columbus Park.
- Brooklyn - Three at Leiv Eiriksson; Unnamed Playgrounds #4, 5, 10 and 13; Gowanus House and Drier O'ferman Playground; Dyker Beach Golf House; Prospect Park Zoo, and Wm. E. Sheridan Playground.
- Bronx - Louis Zimmerman Playground; Vincent Ciccarone Playground; 141st St. & Brook Ave.; and Pelham Bay Golf house.
- Queens - Flushing Memorial Playground; Corona Playground; Jackson Heights Model Playground; Van Dohlen Playground; Daniel M. O'Connell Playground; and Chisholm Park.
- Richmond - Jewett & Castleton Sts.; Austin J. McDonald Playground; Nicholas DiMatti Playground; Barrett Park Zoo; and Silver Lake Golf House.

Plans are in progress to renovate the comfort stations in the following parks in the near future.

- Manhattan - Seward Park; Bryant Park; Columbus Park; Carl Schurz Park; Morningside Park; Washington Square Park; Corlears Hook; McLaughlin Park; Chelsea Park; John Jay Park; Hamilton Pl.; Hechscher Playground; Yorkville Playground; Hudson Park; St. Catherines Park; St. Gabriels Park; and in Central Park, North Meadow, The Rambles, The Ball House and the Tennis House.
- Brooklyn - Cooper Park; Bushwick Park; Irving Square Park; Ft. Greene Park; Winthrop Park; Sunset Park; McLaughlin Park; Fulton Park; Betsy Head Bath House; Carroll Park; McKibben Playground; Red Hook Playground; Tompkins Park; and City Park; and Saratoga Park.
- Queens - Astoria Park; Tennis House in Forest Park; Highland Park - Lower Level.
- Bronx - Van Cortlandt Park - two; and St. Marys Park.

The comfort stations in the following parks will be demolished and replaced by modern structures.

Manhattan - Battery Park; Mt. Morris Park; Stuyvesant Park; John J. Murphy Park; and in Central Park, the Dairy Comfort Station; one located at Conservatory Lake; one at 110th St. & Lenox Ave.; and one near the tavern.

Brooklyn - Red Hook Park; Bowne Park; Tompkins Square Park; Seaside Park; Lincoln Terrace Park; and in Prospect Park, the Boat House; Comfort station at Park Circle; The Flower House; Croquet House; and the comfort station at the Main entrance.

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Uniformed attendants in charge of these comfort stations see that they are properly maintained.

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MARCH 21, 1935.

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The final game of the city-wide Roller Skating Hockey Tournament sponsored by the Recreation Department of the Department of Parks will take place at Roosevelt Park, Chrystie and Forsyth Streets, on Saturday March 23rd, 1935, at 1. P.M. This tournament has engaged the attention and interest of the youth of the city to a great extent and a large attendance is expected at the game.

Boys under eighteen years of age who are the pick of the city's roller skate hockey players will participate in the game, to which many of the professional hockey players of the International Hockey League have been invited. The play-offs for the right to participate in Saturday's game have been taking place during the past week at the various playgrounds of the Department of Parks, and the winners in each borough are being chosen.

In order to accomodate the large number of visitors who are expected to attend the final game, arrangements are being made to have benches installed, so that every spectator will be assured of a comfortable seat in which to watch the game. The Park Department Band of sixty pieces will furnish music for the occasion.

Through the courtesy of the Ice Club atop Madison Square Garden, the Hockey goals used for this game will be those used by the professional and amateur players in the ice hockey games which have proved so popular at Madison Square Garden during the past winter.

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During the tournament over one hundred teams from all parts of the city have taken part in the tournament which had its inception during the first week of February. All of the teams were strictly amateur and were coached to a large extent by the playground directors in charge at the various playgrounds and recreational areas throughout the city.

Among the guests invited to be present at the game are: Miss Ida Oppenheimer, of the Lower East Side Community Council; Miss Mary A. Kennedy, Principal of Public School 91; Rev. Brother Amedy, Director of La Salle Academy; Dr. William Kottman, Principal of Public School 65; Jack Filman, of Madison Square Garden; Mr. George S. Kirke, Principal of Public School 20; Mr. Robert Brodie, Principal of Seward High School; Mr. Gustavus Kirby of the Amateur Athletic Union; Harry Schlact, Esq., of the East Side Chamber of Commerce, and a host of other figures in the world of sports and recreation.

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FOR RELEASE
SUNDAY, March 17, 1935.

The Grand Army Plaza, constituting the main entrance to Prospect Park, Brooklyn, is to be completely rebuilt by the Department of Parks.

The general design will remain unchanged but the promenade around the Bailey Memorial Fountain has been redesigned and the north entrances have been relocated away from the existing subway grating which is to be completely shielded by ground covering. The path around the oval is to be relocated somewhat nearer to the street to increase the planting area. This path will be shaded on either side by adequate plane trees. The promenade surrounding the fountain will be constructed of Belgian blocks with a flagstone border and will be enclosed by a low hedge. A decorative curbing about 6 inches higher than the promenade, will enclose the fountain and add to its setting.

The northern end of the oval is to be developed as a lawn banked on both sides with planting.

The dividing street panels east and west of the oval are to be regraded and planted with adequate trees. New street trees along the sidewalks, east and west, will provide additional shade where needed.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Arch at the northern entrance to the park was proposed by Mayor Seth Low. The cornerstone was laid on October 30, 1889. The monument was completed in October, 1892, and was the objective point of those taking part in the parade in memory of the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. John H. Duncan was the architect.

Mr. Frederick William MacMonnies was the sculptor for the naval and military groups flanking the archway and for the equestrian group symbolizing Victory, which surmounts the arch. The equestrian figures in high relief of Abraham Lincoln and General Ulysses Simpson Grant, were done by W. R. O'Donovan and Thomas Eakins.

This area was the scene of some of the fierce fighting which took place in "The Battle of Long Island". It was on "Prospect Hill" that more than 1,200 Americans lost their lives in the cause of liberty, and 1,000 were taken prisoner.

On April 17, 1860, the legislature enacted a law creating Prospect Park. The park was designed by Messrs. Olmstead & Vaux, and is one of the city's largest and most beautiful parks.

ROLLER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

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The Department of Parks announces an interborough Roller Hockey Tournament to take place during the week of March 18, 1935. The teams to participate in this tournament are those who have already won the championships of their respective boroughs. Each borough is very anxious to garner the championship of the city and the rivalry is already exceedingly keen.

During the tournaments in the various boroughs the attendance at every game was considerable, showing that the game of hockey as played on roller skates has won a firm place in the hearts of the children of the City of New York. Every game was well attended not only by the children, but also by many grown-ups as well.

In Richmond, the team representing the Model Playground at Jewett and Castleton Avenues annexed the championship of that borough, while the Brooklyn crown was placed on the team of Bushwick Park Playground. The boys from College Point Playground in Queens took the title in that Borough. In both the Bronx and Manhattan the rivalry is so keen that the champions have yet to be decided - the leading contenders in the Bronx being the teams from the Playground at 141st Street and Brook Avenue, and from McCombs Dam Park; in Manhattan the team from West 59th Street Playground is fighting it out with the team from Roosevelt Playground.

All eyes will be upon the interborough tournament next week when the respective champions meet each other to decide who will be the victor at the final game to be played at Roosevelt Playground on March 23, 1935. Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Mayor of the City of New York, has been invited to act as honorary referee of this final game, at which prizes will be awarded to the winners. The Park Department band will play and accommodations will be made to take care of the numerous spectators who are expected to be present. The players of the National Hockey League, including both the Americans and the Rangers, have been invited to be present.

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As a routine maintenance procedure, certain valueless plants in the Kissena Park Nurseries have been removed by the Department of Parks. This housecleaning has been reluctantly delayed for over a year, but the mounting maintenance costs have finally forced the Department to take this action. The present value of the stock which has been removed is nil. If this same quantity of stock were in first class condition it would cost about \$8,000.00 if purchased in the open market today. None of the material destroyed was in anything approaching first class condition. If the destroyed material had been kept to be nursed back to health, which might have been possible for a negligible proportion of the stock removed, the ultimate cost per plant would have been far in excess of the cost of purchasing new material. This housecleaning is a common commercial nursery practice and no commercial nursery could or would afford to maintain stock of this nature. All of this stock had been in this nursery for a number of years. Not a single tree or plant of those destroyed was purchased during the past year.

The trees and plants destroyed suffered from one or more of the following defects:

1. Plants either dead or dying.
2. Plants deformed by scars caused by fire or mechanical injury due to careless cultivation, causing them to be unhealthily deformed and in many cases resulting in partially decayed trunks.
3. Trees with low branches and crooked trunks which will never, in the opinion of experts, make satisfactory mature trees for park or street planting.
4. Trees with branches so high from the ground that they could not be trained to produce satisfactory trees for any park use. These trees were weak-stemmed and many required stakes to hold them up. They had been removed from nursery rows where they had been grown too close together for too many years.

5. Trees with mal-formed heads having bad branch formation which showed that they should never have been purchased by the City in the first instance, and which, if allowed to grow, would have become dangerous to the public for the following reasons:
- (a) Trees with bad crotches which could have been easily split open by a storm.
 - (b) Trees that had had their central leaders cut, allowing serious decay in the trunks, resulting in deformed side branches which could easily be blown off by heavy wind.
 - (c) Trees damaged and seriously weakened by infestation of borers.

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PARK DEPARTMENT TO PLANT STREET TREES

The Department of Parks is inaugurating the spring street tree planting program by setting out four thousand trees. These trees will be allocated among the five boroughs, 500 for Queens, 900 for the Bronx, 1,000 for Brooklyn, 1,200 for Manhattan and 400 for Richmond. They will be planted mainly on parkways, streets bordering parks and main thoroughfares such as Northern Boulevard in Queens, Jerome Avenue in the Bronx, Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn, Convent Avenue in Manhattan, and Richmond Terrace in Richmond. Much of the planting will consist of replacements of dead trees which have been taken down.

The work of removing dead, diseased, dangerous and nuisance trees has been carried on throughout the winter, together with pruning and shaping of those street trees most in need of such treatment. The poplar, especially, has been campaigned against where its well-known propensity to uproot pavements, obstruct and damage sewers with its roots, and break off or blow over in wind storms, is in evidence.

No poplars or other inferior street trees such as the silver maple, will be planted or be permitted to be planted. The majority of the projected street planting will consist of plane trees, Norway maples, pin oaks, scarlet oaks and lindens in sizes between 3" and 4" caliper. The average price is \$10.00, bringing the total to approximately \$40,000.00 for street trees. Because of the presence of Dutch Elm Disease in the region, no elms will be set out at present.

The policy of the Park Department in regard to the planting of street trees by private initiative remains the same as announced last fall, with the exception that no deposit is required with the application for a permit.

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Permits for planting by individuals or organizations on city streets will be issued by the Department except where conditions of soil, usage and other factors indicate trees will not survive. Permits must be secured before work is started, and the species, size and location of the tree will be specified. Preparation of the soil, as well as the planting and any placing of guards or gratings, must be done according to specifications of the Park Department. The cost of the work, except supervision, must be borne entirely by the individual or organization requesting permit.

Permits may be secured by applying by mail or in person to the local borough office of the Park Department.

MANHATTAN: Swedish Cottage, 79th Street and West Drive, Central Park.

BRONX: Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.

BROOKLYN: Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 5th Street.

QUEENS: The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Kew Gardens, L. I.

RICHMOND: Clove Lakes Field House, West New Brighton, S. I.

All street plantings by the Department or by individuals will be maintained by the City.

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The Park Department recently leased from the New York Central Railroad four parcels of property which will be developed as temporary playgrounds.

These properties, leased to the City for the sum of One Dollar per year, are all located on Washington Street. One lies between Morton and Le Roy Streets, and is approximately 200 x 50 feet; one between Perry and Eleventh Streets, irregular, approximately 206 x 70 feet; one between West 12th and Jane Streets, approximately 160 x 64 feet; and the fourth between Jane and Horatio Streets, approximately 170 x 70 feet.

The playgrounds will be fully equipped with children's play apparatus. Handball courts and shuffle boards will be constructed for the adults. Construction work will be started shortly and the play areas will be available in early summer. The work will be done by Work Relief forces.

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The Park Department announced today the starting of work on the extension of Riverside Park along the west side of the New York Central Railroad tracks. Dirt and rock fill is being brought into the area north of 72nd Street at the rate of 500 truck loads a day.

This addition to the park is part of the West Side Improvement project. Permission has been obtained from the War Department to extend the bulkhead line out fifty feet into the Hudson River from 72nd to 129th Streets. South of 83rd Street the fill will slope gradually up to a level with the express highway extension over the tracks. North of 83rd Street the express highway will be brought down on the fill at the water's edge.

The areas not occupied by the highway will be landscaped and utilized for various park activities. At 73th Street, which will be carried down to the waterfront by means of a grade crossing elimination, there will be a boat basin, and just to the south a large swimming bowl is planned. At 96th Street there will be a second grade crossing elimination.

A total of 1,000,000 cubic yards of fill is required to reclaim the entire area. Of this amount 800,000 cubic yards will come from the railroad cut under construction by the New York Central from 42nd to 64th Streets. Two contracts already have been let calling for delivery of 400,000 cubic yards during the next four months at the rate of 4,000 cubic yards a day.

All the stone taken from the cut will be used to construct a rip-rap wall along the park waterfront. Work on this wall is expected to begin shortly. Relief labor will be used entirely. A squad of relief

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workers aided by several cranes and "bull dozers" (grading machines) already are at work on the dirt now coming in.

The first contract on the West Side Improvement providing for retaining walls and foundations from 72nd to 77th Streets is expected to be completed in thirty days. Poirer & McLane Corporation were recently awarded a contract for \$1,171,628.80 which includes approximately 8,000 tons of steel for the highway over the tracks and which is now being fabricated. A contract for the 79th Street grade crossing elimination will be let in the near future.

The entire cost of the improvement up to 82nd Street is estimated at \$3,500,000. The fill for the park area is being supplied by the railroad as part of its \$18,000,000 project for taking the tracks off Eleventh Avenue and placing them in the new cut, which is being opened up between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues.

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February 28, 1935

The Department of Parks announces the opening on Friday, March 1st, of three playgrounds and the improvement of a small park at Gouverneurs Slip and Front Street.

The playgrounds to open are located on East 28th Street, east of Third Avenue, Manhattan; in Chisholm Park in College Point, Queens; and Union Avenue to Tinton Avenue between 161st and 163rd Streets in the Bronx. 9 11 11 2 7

The playgrounds are all completely equipped with gymnastic and play apparatus. Handball courts are provided in the large playground in the Bronx. A modern shelter building now under construction in this playground will be opened in the near future.

The park at Gouverneurs Slip and Front Street provides a needed breathing space in a congested area. The park is beautifully landscaped with trees and shrubs and is amply provided with benches.

Appropriate opening ceremonies will be held in all these areas.

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February 19, 1935.

The Department of Parks announces the plan for the reconstruction of Joyce Kilmer Park, north of the Bronx County Court House between Walton Avenue and the Grand Concourse and extending from 161st Street to 164th Street. The plan was prepared with the cooperation of the Borough President of the Bronx and the work will be done jointly by the Park Department and the Borough President.

Joyce Kilmer Park now consists of an area roughly rectangular in shape between 162nd Street and 164th Street and three smaller triangles separated from the large rectangular area by streets. The Grand Concourse is narrowed down at about 162nd Street by these triangles and the existence of the streets through the Park constitutes a disorderly arrangement of traffic.

The new plan calls for the continuation of the Grand Concourse through these small triangles. The panels planted with Linden trees will be also carried through to 161st Street. The diagonal street through the south end of the Park will be closed and the open well on 161st Street in front of the Court House will be covered over.

All of the area remaining between 161st Street and 164th Street and between Walton Avenue and the widened Grand Boulevard and Concourse is included in the new Park layout. This new layout will afford a dignified setting to the County Court House.

It will be built around a grass panel 900' long centering on the Court House. The panel will be surrounded by tree shaded promenades. The memorial fountain to Heinrich Heine, which is now located in one of the small triangles to be eliminated, will be located at the north end of this grass panel. An informal walk will be carried along the west edge of the Park under shaded trees. The statue of Louis J. Heintz, which is in another of the small triangles, will be relocated on the west side of the Park overlooking a grass panel opposite 162nd Street.

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THE MONUMENT TO HEINRICH HEINE

1799 - 1856

The memorial is in the form of a decorative fountain in white marble, the center of which is occupied by a figure of "Die Lorelei" on a high pedestal. On one side is the portrait bust of Heine in low relief. The base of the shaft is ornamented with mermaids on each side of shell like basins into which water flows from the mouth of a dolphin.

The memorial is the work of Ernest Herter and bears the following inscription:

HEINRICH HEINE

TO THE MEMORY OF THEIR GREAT POET THE GERMANS IN AMERICA

THE MONUMENT TO LOUIS J. HEINTZ

This monument was presented to the City in 1909 by a Committee of Bronx citizens who sought to pay tribute to a former Street Improvement Commissioner for his work in making possible the construction of the Grand Concourse. It was the work of Pierre Feitu.

The monument consists of a granite pedestal which bears the following inscription:

LOUIS J. HEINTZ

TO COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDING OF THE
PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE BRONX

A bronze portrait figure of Heintz is placed on the pedestal and a bronze figure picturing Fame as a draped female figure, is placed at the base of the pedestal.

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The Department of Parks announces its redesign of City Hall Park, to be made effective after the demolition of the old Post Office and the return of the land on which it stands to the city.

This plot, irregular in shape, will be completely redesigned. The new plan includes a broad promenade on the axis of City Hall and St. Paul's Chapel. The statue of Civic Virtue is to be removed. A new fountain, more in keeping with existing surroundings, will be placed at the intersection of Broadway and Park Row.

The entire park will be encircled by plane trees and hedges. The shaded walks throughout the park will contain ample benches.

* The bronze statue of Nathan Hale, presented to the city in 1893 and designed by F. W. MacMonnies, and the one of Horace Greeley, designed by John Quincy Adams Ward and given to the city in 1916, will flank the main facade of City Hall, with the statue of Nathan Hale on the west and the one of Horace Greeley on the east side of the area.

The automobile entrance and parking space now directly in front of City Hall will be removed to the rear of the building in the new plan. This new design will open a beautiful vista of City Hall and the park to those approaching the area from the south.

The Department of Plant and Structures has already announced plans for a new elevated terminal to replace the unsightly structure located on Centre Street, opposite City Hall Park.

The reconstruction work will be started this spring. With the completion of the contract for the new Post Office on May 1, 1936, the present Post Office will be demolished and the property returned to the Park Department. When the Post Office is removed the Park Department will come back and complete the new construction of this area of the Park on the Post Office site. The present plan includes the future landscaping of this area.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CITY HALL PARK

The City of New York acquired title to the land comprising City Hall Park in the year 1686, under the terms of the Dongan Charter, viz.:

"I do by these presents give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of New York all the waste vacant unpatented and unappropriated lands lying and being within the said City of New York and on Manhattan Island aforesaid extending and reaching to the low water mark," etc.

At that time the area was uncultivated. The Park took its form as the result of gradual evolution rather than by careful planning. The first building to be erected within the area of City Hall Park is shown on the map of 1728, just opposite what is now Murray Street, and this or another small building is shown on this site until the building of the prison, then known as the Bridewell, in 1776.

The first public building, an almshouse, was erected on the site in 1736. Two small outhouses were later erected adjacent to the almshouse, and in 1757 a small area, east of the workhouse fence, was enclosed as a burial place for the poor of that institution. In 1797, a new almshouse was erected in the rear of the first one, which was then demolished.

In 1745 the citizens erected a palisade and six block-houses as a protecting barrier against possible invasion by France, which country had declared war on England the previous year. A powder magazine was also erected a short distance southeast of the almshouse.

The Common Council named a committee in 1757 to build a new gaol to cope with the growth of crime. This building stood 135 feet east of the present City Hall and it is said to have cost less than \$12,000. It was the oldest Municipal building in the City at the time of its demolition in 1903, and was known at various periods as the New Gaol, the Debtors' Prison, the Provost, the Register's Office and finally as the Hall of Records.

The Common Council authorized the Committee on the New Gaol to erect a public whipping post, stocks, cage and pillory opposite the gaol, which was used as a city prison until 1830. Then the City required improved facilities for caring for its records and the gaol was selected by

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a committee of the Common Council for this purpose, and the building was remodeled into what has been termed an "architectural nondescript". On completion it housed the municipal offices and the depository of the city's records. One by one the city officials were obliged to vacate to accommodate the ever increasing volume of public records until in 1869 the building was occupied exclusively by the City Register, and was known as the Register's Office and also as the Hall of Records.

It was in 1897 that the City erected a new Hall of Records on the north side of Chambers Street and the Board of Aldermen voted to place the old building under the supervision of the Natural Historical Museum for use as a public museum but the building had to give way shortly thereafter to the construction of a subway station at Brooklyn Bridge. The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society and other civic bodies vigorously opposed the demolition of this old landmark but it was eventually condemned as "unsafe" and "dangerous to life" and demolished in 1903.

Plans for a new prison were approved on March 17th, 1775, by the Common Council, and this building was erected on the site between the first almshouse and Broadway. During the Revolution it was used as a prison for American Soldiers. This structure furnished some of the materials used in the Tomb's Prison in Centre Street when it was demolished in 1838.

It is interesting to note that the new prison was erected with funds partially supplied from a lottery, and that the City treasurer was authorized to take 1,000 tickets "on and for the risque of the Corporation". The lottery plan was also advanced as a means of financing in part the second almshouse.

The second almshouse was built in 1797 and the old one was removed. This building stood until 1857, a year of great financial distress, when it was demolished, partly for the purpose of giving work to the unemployed.

The present City Hall, designed by Macomb and Mangin, was erected in 1803 on the site of the first almshouse. It cost \$532,733, and is recognized as one of the best examples of the period from an architectural

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standpoint. The first City Hall was located at 73 Pearl Street and the second stood on the site of the United States Sub-Treasury at Nassau and Wall Streets.

Other buildings located within the boundaries of City Hall Park included the Rotunda, a circular dome-like structure erected in 1818 by John Vanderlyn to be used as an art gallery. After the great fire in 1835 the Rotunda served as a post office. In 1845 it was converted into offices and was torn down in 1870 to allow for the development plan of the Department of Parks.

The City Court House was built in 1852, west of the Rotunda, and it has been known periodically as the Marine Court, the Court of Sessions and the City Court.

The County Court House which fronted on Chambers Street in the rear of the City Hall was begun in 1861. Its cost was estimated at \$16,000,000.

In 1867 the southern end of City Hall Park, having an area of 65,259 feet, was sold for \$500,000 to the Federal Government for a post office and Courthouse, which was ready for occupancy in 1875.

The "Common", as the park was termed under the early regime of the Dutch, dating from 1626, was used as a parade ground for the Soldiers marching up from Fort Amsterdam.

During the Revolutionary War, American Soldiers were quartered and drilled in the Fields, and the area fortified. It was here in March 1776, that Alexander Hamilton became captain of Artillery and started on his distinguished career; here that the Declaration of Independence was read on its receipt on July 9th, 1876, to an eager and waiting populace.

In the early days the park was the focal point of official receptions, among which were the gala reception to Lafayette on August 16, 1824; the celebration of the opening of the Erie Canal on November 24th, 1825; Croton water celebration on October 14th, 1842; and the ceremonies incidental to the laying of the Atlantic cable in August, 1858.

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The Department of Parks announces the plan of development of Randall's Island. This plan calls for the removal of eighty-seven hospital buildings and other structures. The four hundred patients in the House of Refuge are being moved to the state institution at Cossackie. These patients will vacate the Island before the end of the winter, at which time the buildings they now occupy will be torn down. Fifteen buildings are now being demolished under contract by the Triborough Bridge Authority. Patients from the City Hospital for the Feeble Minded and Tubercular are being distributed in other city institutions. All of the buildings, except five needed for Park development, will be vacated by spring and entirely demolished by either the Triborough Bridge Authority or the Department of Parks.

The Park Department's plan utilizes one hundred of the one hundred and fifty acres on the Island for active recreation. Thirty-two acres are occupied by roads, paths, buildings and landscaped areas. Eighteen acres are used for a tree-shaded promenade around the Island. A landing dock for motor boats has been provided on this esplanade.

A ramp is provided from the Triborough Bridge to the Island at the meeting point of the three arms of the bridge to the Boroughs of Queens, Manhattan and the Bronx. This ramp is arranged to accommodate vehicles to and from each of the three boroughs without cross traffic. A vehicular road is planned from the ramp around the south shore of the Island where a low level bridge is to be built to connect Randall's Island with Ward's Island to the south.

Twenty-four acres of parking space have been laid out under the bridge. A bus station has been provided. Comfort facilities, a gasoline station and a lunch counter are planned under the Triborough Bridge to serve both the bridge traffic and the Randall's Island Park. Four of the existing hospital buildings will be re-conditioned for park usage. One building will be converted into a restaurant, another into a recreational building and another into an administration building. An existing warehouse will be

utilized as a park service building. A fifth building in the park will be moved and converted into a field house.

Eight acres of the park area are laid out for tennis courts. They are built on each side of the New York Connecting Railway Viaduct. Twenty-three acres on the north tip of the Island will be used as an athletic field and it is large enough to accommodate three football fields or three full sized baseball diamonds. Twenty acres are set aside on the south side of the Island for another athletic field large enough to provide four baseball diamonds or three football fields. Two open play areas for adults take up seventeen acres. A children's playground adjacent to the central recreation building requires two acres. One acre has been set aside for old people to play quiet games.

The athletic fields and playgrounds have been laid out around a stadium on the westerly shore of the Island. This stadium occupies five acres of ground, and will be built around a quarter mile cinder running track. A full sized baseball diamond and football field have been laid out within the stadium. The stands will be approximately three-quarters of an ellipse in plan and while they will be constructed to seat 10,000 people they have been designed so that the capacity can be greatly increased if necessary. The stands look out over the East River and the new East River Parkway approach to the Triborough Bridge in Manhattan.

All of the recreational facilities on the Island will be fitted into the general landscaped area. Trees and shrubs will be planted to provide shade.

The Park will be operated by the Department of Parks for organized games and as a city-wide sports area. Athletic teams will use the area under permit from the Department.

The Park Department is now operating one hundred and sixty baseball diamonds, three hundred and seventy-four tennis courts, fifty-four soccer fields, forty-eight football fields and seventeen running tracks throughout the City. Additional facilities planned in other City parks will include one hundred and forty-six baseball diamonds, three hundred and ninety-one tennis courts, ninety-four football and soccer fields and thirteen running tracks. They include a new running track in Central Park, a new stadium in Van Cortlandt Park, a stadium in Marine Park in Brooklyn, an athletic field

in Flushing Meadows in Queens, an athletic field in Alley Pond Park on the Grand Central Parkway and the athletic area in the Red Hook district of Brooklyn. Many of the larger playgrounds have running tracks and facilities for field sports. These athletic fields are scattered all over the City and serve largely the local communities.

The Park Department will develop athletic teams in the local playgrounds in each of the boroughs and organize borough championships for the several sports. The new sport center in Randall's Island will provide a place for interborough competition.

The plan of Randall's Island has been developed jointly by the City Park Department and the Triborough Bridge Authority, with a view to opening the new Park to public use when the Triborough Bridge is opened to traffic on July 1, 1936.

The Department of Parks has sent to Arthur S. Tuttle, State Engineer of the Federal Public Works Administration the attached letter in relation to the development of Randall's Island.

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February 5, 1935.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL
CENTRAL PARK

February 5th, 1935.

Mr. Arthur S. Tuttle
State Engineer
Public Works Administration
2 Lafayette Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

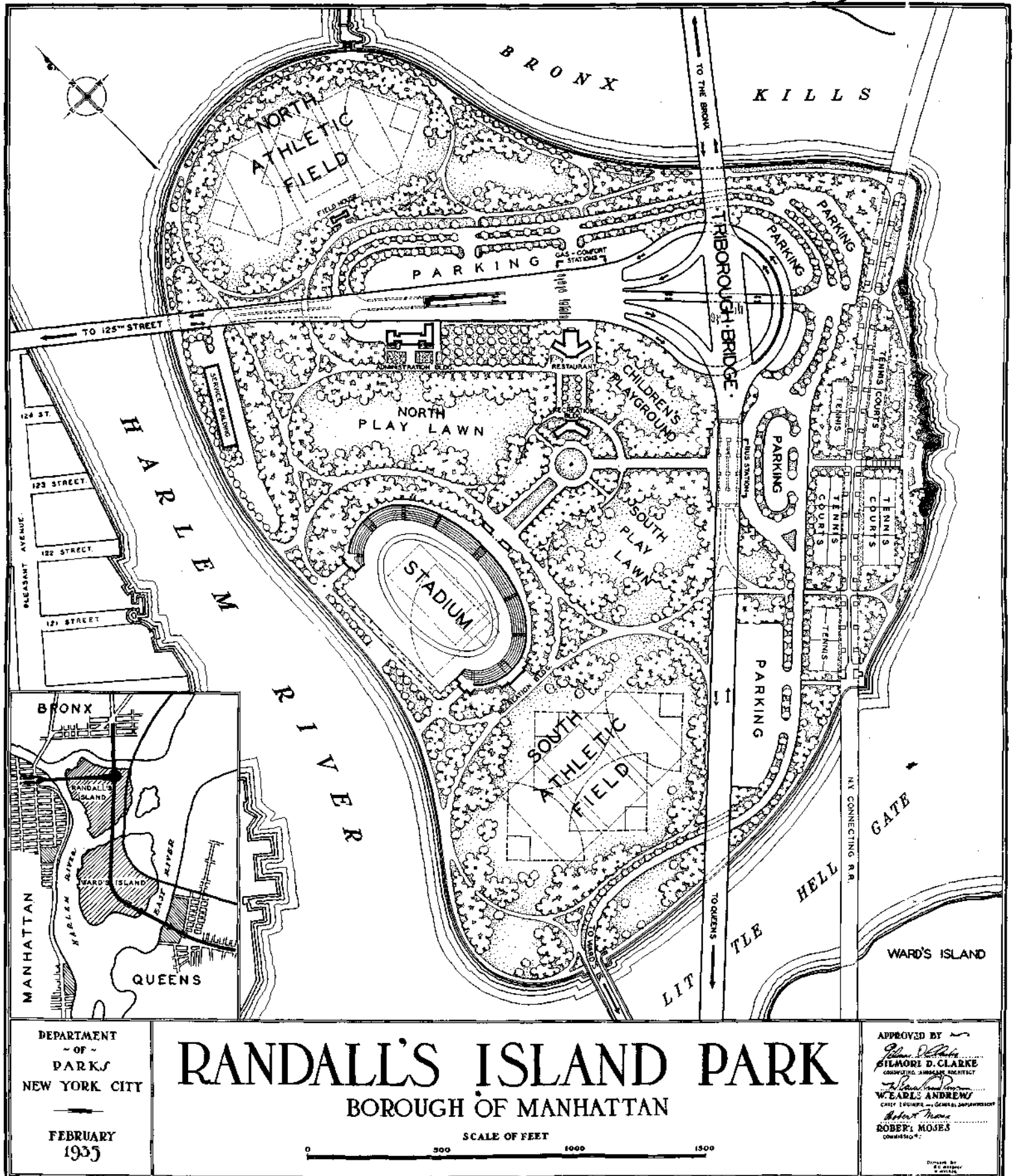
In accordance with the terms of the Triborough loan agreement, there was apparently submitted to you by the Triborough Bridge Authority, shortly before January 1st, 1934, a plan for the development of park and recreational facilities on Randall's Island. This plan was submitted before the Triborough Bridge Authority was reorganized. I do not know who was responsible for its preparation. Apparently it did not originate in any of the existing city park departments or in the old park board, although the park authorities were and still are wholly responsible for this development. This plan was merely a rough sketch by draftsmen obviously not familiar with proper park and playground planning. It does not represent the facilities required by the public, nor those which will attract visitors on foot, by car or by bus, to Randall's Island, thus producing an important part of the revenues required to make the Triborough project self-supporting. The original plan was also made in the absence of information as to the ramps on Randall's Island and the low level bridge to Ward's Island.

As a matter of information I am attaching the revised plan for park and recreational developments on Randall's Island, on which work will shortly be started by the Park Department in co-operation with the Triborough Bridge Authority.

The fixing of toll charges to Randall's Island, so as not to discourage public use and at the same time to produce revenue, is a matter which will have to be worked out with great care.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) ROBERT MOSES
Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL CENTRAL PARK
REGENT 4-1000
Philip J. Cruise

For Immediate Release
February 1, 1935

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The Department of Parks announces an agreement between the Heckscher Foundation for Children, the Department of Health and the Department of Parks for the acquisition of the recreational and health clinic in Brooklyn, formerly operated by the Heckscher Foundation.

This development lies in the block bounded by Central Avenue, Grove Street, Wilson Avenue and Linden Street in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn.

The Board of Estimate recently approved the acquisition of this property and instructed the Health Department, Park Department and Comptroller to negotiate for its acquisition. The property was purchased in 1928 by the Heckscher Foundation at a cost of \$112,925.00 and the Park Department announces that by the payment of a first mortgage, amounting to \$43,000.00, the Heckscher Foundation is willing to transfer title to the City. The Comptroller approved the purchase and all that remains is the formal execution of the necessary deeds and instruments of transfer. The Heckscher Foundation has spent \$64,000.00 in the development of the property in addition to the original purchase price of \$112,925.00.

The Department of Health will undertake immediately the operation of a full health clinic in the existing building. The building was formerly run as a dental clinic with two fully equipped dental rooms. The clinical area will be rearranged to afford free services for an entire health center. The Park Department will utilize part of the building for a recreational area in conjunction with the playground. The area outside of the building is ideally arranged for a 1½ acre playground. The playground will be modernized and rebuilt and opened to the public in the spring of this year. The portion which is already equipped will be put into immediate operation under the supervision of the Department of Parks.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 11, 1935
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The Department of Parks will open an additional section of Leiv Eiriksson Park, Brooklyn, on Monday, January 14, 1935, at 2:30 p.m. This area is bounded by 66th and 67th Streets and Eighth Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway. It contains a wading pool, complete playground apparatus and a recreation building between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, and a formal park extending to Fort Hamilton Parkway. 52 B

Selections by the Park Department Band will open the program. The Honorable Raymond V. Ingersoll, President of the Borough of Brooklyn will be the principal speaker and preside during the exercises which include addresses by the Honorable Rolf A. Christensen, Consul General of Norway; Major Sigurd J. Arnesen, representing the Norwegian Societies; and Dr. C. O. Pedersen Rector of the Norwegian Hospital; and selections by the Norwegian Men's Chorus.

The color ceremony consisting of a call to colors and the playing of the National Anthem and the Norwegian Anthem will conclude the program. The official party will then inspect the area.

The play facilities between Fourth and Sixth Avenues were officially opened October 12, 1934. After the opening on Monday only the section between Sixth to Eighth Avenues remains to be completed. This area, which will be opened later in the year, will have a formal park between Sixth and Seventh Avenues and ten tennis courts between Seventh and Eighth Avenues. 52A

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NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- THURSDAY* 7/29/35 268. There will be free dancing on the Mall at Jacob Riis Park at 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. every Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the remainder of the season.
- " 7/30 269. Checker finals will be held at 2 P.M. Thursday August 1st at the Heckscher Playground.
- " 7/31 270. New series of plays will be given at Macombs Dam Recreation Bldg. every Friday evening at 8:45 P.M. commencing August 2nd by Little Theatre Group.
- " 8/1 271. Monthly program recreation department of August, 1935.
- " 8/6 272. Tennis Tournament championship final games to be held at Central Park Tennis Courts Saturday, August 10th at 2 P.M.
- " 8/6 273. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament to be held Saturday, Aug. 10 at 2 P.M. in the Heckscher Playground, Gravesend Playground, Highland Park and Cloves Lake Park.
- ✓ 8/7 274. Opening of Kissena Park Golf Course on Friday August 9 at 2 P.M.
- 8/7 275. Amateur Ballad Contests on Tuesday September 10, 1935.
- ✓ 8/9 276. Development plan and print of recreational centre in Harlem.
- ✓ 8/12 277. Dept. of Parks is erecting in the five boroughs a graphic index of progress in developing its program of playground construction.
- THURSDAY* 8/13 278. Swimming meet at Betsy Head Swimming Pool, Bklyn, 8/14/35.
- " 8/21 279. Announce winner of Life Saving Contest - Joe Kirschenbaum.
- ✓ 8/22 280. Choral and Dance Recital by Polish Singers All. on Mall 8/25.
- ✓ 8/22 281. Concert attendance in Parks and schedule for month of September.
- THURSDAY* 8/22 282. Finals of Horseshoe Pitching Contest on Heckscher Playground 8/24/.
- " 8/22 283. Caddies on Municipal Golf Links will have a tournament
- " 8/23 284. Playground children in all boroughs will have children's festivals.
- " 8/23 285. Dept. of Parks presents Little Theatre Group in the "Wicked World" to be given on the Mall August 26th.
- ✓ 8/26 286. Henry Hudson Parkway Authority bids opened at 3 o'clock.
- THURSDAY* 8/28 287. Changes in concert schedule announced.
- " 8/28 288. Final baseball game for N.Y.C. Park Playground championship to be held on the North Meadow in Central Park 8/30 at 2 P.M.
- " 8/29 289. Finals of Golf Tournament of the caddies on August 30 at 2:30 P.M.
- " 8/29 290. Announcement of winners of Jacks Contest.
- " 8/29 291. Last concert of the Naumburg Concerts to be held on Labor Day.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- ✓ 8/30/35 292. Opening of 6 new playgrounds on Labor Day and announcement of ceremonies.
- Missing* 9/4 293. Tournament on Golf Links of members of fair sex.
- " 9/4 294. Final baseball game to be held in Central Park September 6, at 2 P. M.
- " 9/5 295. Semi-finals of soft ball tournament begins on Saturday Sept. 7th
- ✓ 9/6 296. Progress made in Shore Road extension.
- Missing* 9/9 297. Social dancing in parks continued to October 15th.
- " 9/9 298. Final game of Baseball League in North Meadow Central, Park, 9/14 at 10:30.
- " 9/10 299. Finals of American Balled contest on Mall at 8 o'clock 9/10.
- " 9/13 300. Golf Tournament for men of Municipal Golf courses.
- ✓ 9/11 301. Nature Trail at Alley Pond Park opened on September 14th.
- ✓ 9/11 302. Telegram by Comm. Moses to H. S. Johnson regarding work relief.
- 9/12 303. Venetian Water Carnival on 72nd Street Lake Friday evening Sept. 13.
- ✓ 9/13 304. Start construction of 19 playgrounds in Central Park. (*Marginal Playground*)
- ✓ 9/13 305. Opening of Alley Pond Park - description of trail and picture.
- 9/16 306. Announcement of play "The Wicked World" to be given on Mall on September 18th at 8:30 P.M.
- Missing* 9/19 307. Finals of Soft Ball League, September 21 at 3 P.M. on the Parade Grounds Brooklyn.
- " 9/19 308. Announcement of concert by Catholic War Veteran's National Band at Prospect Park Sunday September 22, at 8:15 P.M.
- " 9/19 309. Announcement of concert by Gaelic Musical Soc. on the Mall Friday September 20 at 8:30 P.M.
- " 9/25 310. Harvest Festival at Seward Park by the Education All. 9/26 at 3:30 PM.
- " 9/25 311. Inter-city horseshoe pitching match at Meckscher Playground on September 28 at 2:30 P.M. bet. Paterson, New Jersey and N.Y. City.
- ✓ 9/20 312. Opening of five playgrounds located in various boroughs. Mayor and Moses will officiate at openings.
- Missing* 9/26 313. Semi-finals of bocci tournament on 9/28 at Houston Street Playground.
- 9/27 314. Mr. Mulholland will represent Park Dept. at National Recreation conference to be held at Chicago from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4th.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

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315. Postponement of Horseshoe pitching contest from 9/28 to 10/5 on account of weather.

316. Harvest festival at Crotona Park children's gardens.

317. Bids in Albany by the Dept. of Public Works for the construction of a bridge for the Henry Hudson Parkway.

318. Recreation division will conduct one-act plays contest for children on the Mall October 5th and 12th at 2 P.M.

319. Harvest Festival at Fort Greene Park on October 5th at 2 P.M.

320. Monthly program of Recreation Department.

321. Harvest Festival on the Mall in Central Park, October 8 at 8 P.M.

322. Roller skating carnival to be held in Model Playground Jackson Heights 10/11 at 8 P.M.

323. Roller skating contest in park playgrounds during week of October 7 to 12th.

324. Series of indoor concerts to be held in Prospect Park and McCombs Dam Park.

325. Opening of Fort Tryon Park - Speakers: Mayor La Guardia, Moses, Johnson, Rockefeller Jr.

326. Opening of 12 new playgrounds in various boroughs.

327. One-act play contest at McCombs Dam Park on Saturday October 12, 1935.

328. Social dancing during winter at McCombs Extension Building and Picnic House.

329. At request of Park Dept. and Marine Parkway Authority a public hearing will be held at the War Department for the construction of a bridge over Rockaway inlet.

330. Halloween Show and Roller skating carnival on Mall-October 31st at 8:30 P.M.

331. Park Dept. will develop a substitute for natural animal manure.

332. The Belvedere in Central Park is to be marked by a bronze tablet.

333. Horseshoe pitching contest between Westchester and N.Y. on October 26th at 2 P.M.

334. Rededicate Washington Irving Statue at Irving Place on October 29, at 2:30 P.M.

335. Halloween to be celebrated by Park Dept. in the various boroughs on October 31st, 1935.

336. Chrysanthemum show at Prospect Park, Greenhouse on Sunday, November 3rd at 10 A.M.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- ✓10/31/35 337. Dept. of Parks has planned a new playground with kindergarten equipment.
- ✓11/1 338. Roller hockey is being featured by the Park Dept. in the various playgrounds.
- ✓10/28 339. Park Dept. with the Dock Dept. and Boro Pres. office arranged for the redevelopment of Marie Curie Avenue from East 63rd Street to East 70th Street, N Y City.
- missing* 11/30 340. Monthly program of Recreation Department of November 1935.
- " 11/4 341. Dept. of Parks traveling troupe, featuring Jiggs and Anne, Chimps and two Clowns and a Magician will tour the playgrounds.
- " 11/6 342. Indoor dancing beginning November 8th at Carmine Street Gym. from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M.
- " 11/7 343. Annual Roller Skating contest at 2 P.M. November 9th Center Drive, Central Park.
- " 11/15 344. Opening of bids in Albamy by Dept. of P. W. for the construction of a bridge carrying Henry Hudson Parkway under the east roadway of Riverdale Avenue.
- ✓11/21 345. Opening of 7 new playgrounds Friday - 11/22 at 3:30 P.M. H.L.Hopkins W.P.A. Administrator will speak at the opening of O'Connor Playground.
- ✓11/22 346. Transit Commission took bids for the elimination of the West 79th St. grade crossing, which is being built as part of the Westside Highway. *picture only*
- missing* 11/22 347. Roller Skating Hockey tournaments, will close Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at 2:30 P.M. at the Roosevelt Playground, where City Championship is determined.
- " 12/4 348. Snow sculpture contest will be a feature of the winter sports program of the Park Department this year. Contest will be held from December 15th to February 1st, 1936.
- " 12/4 349. Monthly recreation program.
- " 12/11 350. 1000 posters are being placed in all borough and construction offices of the Parks Department. *No poster*
- " 12/13 351. Announcement of location of ice skating rinks for the winter.
- " 12/13 352. Announcement that 23 Christmas Trees are being erected throughout the five boroughs, will be lighted at 5:30 Thursday evening, December 19, 1935.
- ✓12/18 353. Announcement of opening of Jeanette Park Oyster Bar at Coenties Slip and South Street, will be opened Thursday, December 19th, 1935.
- ✓12/18 354. Announcement of opening of 13 new playgrounds Thursday, December 19th at 3:30 P.M. bringing the total to 116 new playgrounds since January 19, 1934.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- Thurs* 12/18/35 355. Announcement that 23 Christmas Trees are being erected throughout the five boroughs.
- " 12/19 356. Jackson Heights Harmonica Band will give a concert at their playground.
- Thurs* 12/23 358. Completed plans for a playground at the Casino in Central Park, released.
- " 12/26 361. Dept. of Parks released areas designated for coasting.
- " 12/26 360. Park Dept. will conduct Winter Sports Carnivals through the five boroughs.
- " 12/23 359. Park Dept. submitted plans for a new Dyker Beach Clubhouse.
- " 12/19 357. Queens Park Dept. is staging a Christmas Play called "Snickerty Nick."
- " 12/27 362. Bids taken by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority for the construction of a bridge carrying the Henry Hudson Parkway under West 232nd Street.
- " 12/27 363. Park Dept. arranged for Christmas parties in the playgrounds during Christmas week.
- " 12/30 364. Park Dept. will stage a monster winter sports carnival on conservatory lake, Sunday afternoon at 2 P. M.
- " 12/30 365. Park Dept. will sponsor a Snow sculpture contest in all the playgrounds in New York.
- " 12/31 366. Park Dept. announces that Metropolitan skating championship has been awarded to N. Y. City.



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247. Opening of first farm garden at the DeMatti Playfield, Staten Island
7/3/35 1:30 P.M.
248. July 4th Celebrations to be held in all boroughs.
249. Opening of Prospect Park Zoo.
250. Announcement of program for the Portable Theatre in the various parks.
251. Social dancing at Colonial Park every Tuesday and Thursday with colored band.
252. Gilbert & Sullivan to be presented by the Portable Theatre in the parks. *Same as 250*
253. Scale model showing development of Orchard Beach on exhibition in Bronx Co. Court House. *Missing*
254. Actual construction started at the bridge spanning the Harlem Ship Canal.
255. Social dancing installed in the Boro. of Richmond at the A. McDonald Playground 7/10.
256. Symphonic concerts will be given on Mall, Sunday afternoons throughout the summer.
257. Municipal baseball League - sponsored by Mayor - Listing of the scores of the various contestants.
258. Development plan of Randalls Island - Map only.
259. Sunday afternoon concert series on the Mall transferred to Prospect Park on 7/21.
260. Monster horseshoe pitching tournament organized in the 55 playgrounds in the five Boroughs.
261. Announcement that work on superstructure is well under way on West-side Highway also that plans for the structure beyond 76th Street is being rushed.
262. Opening of Forest Park Golf Course, Thursday, July 18, at 8 P.M.
263. Portable farmyard transferred from Jackson Pond to Anawanda on 8/6 to 8/9/35.
264. Statement by W. Earle Andrews, that permits of all caddies, refusing to abide by rules and regulations of Park Dept. will be revoked Friday, July 19, 1935.
265. Locations of social dancing in city parks announced and also that Miss Florence Richardson will be guest conductor on the Mall July 25th.
266. Opening of Alley Pond Athletic Field, - speakers - Robert Moses, A. E. Howland, Babe Ruth and Mayor F. H. LaGuardia
267. Due to unfavorable weather conditions the opening of Kissena Park Golf Course will be postponed to August 9. Official opening at 2 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1935

The Department of Parks has completed plans for the development of a playground for small children at the site of the Casino in Central Park.

The development will occupy one and one-quarter acres of land, which is approximately the area now occupied by the Casino restaurant building and the parking space that is set aside for the convenience of the Casino patrons on the knoll in the rear of the bandstand at the Mall.

The playground will include a large wading pool and will be equipped with kindergarten swings, sand boxes and other small apparatus for young children. Benches will be installed for mothers and nurses. The whole area will be surrounded by an arbor and new paths and landscaping will connect the playground to the surrounding park features.

The construction of the playground will require eight weeks of work and the building and shelter can be finished a month later. The Park Department is ready to start construction on this development as soon as the Casino is vacated.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 18, 1935

The Department of Parks announces the opening of thirteen new playgrounds Thursday, December 19, at 3:30 P M - bringing the total to 116 new playgrounds since January 19, 1934.

The playgrounds to be opened in Manhattan are:

12 of West Houston Street between Sullivan and MacDougal Streets
7 119 A Essex, Broome and Delancey Streets D Market Public
East Houston, Mott and Elizabeth Streets

In the Bronx two playgrounds are at:

111 Cedar Avenue between 178 Street and Sedgwick Avenue
98 A Fort Schuyler Park, Pennyfield Avenue and Shore Drive.

Four playgrounds are located in Brooklyn:

130 Prospect and Greenwood Avenues
139 Heckscher - Grove to Linden Streets near Wilson Avenue
93 Howard and Atlantic Avenues, and
144 Hopkins Avenue and Dean Street.

In Queens two playgrounds will be opened:

6 A Bowne Park Playground, 32 Avenue between 158 and 159
Streets and S.W. Corner Astoria Boulevard and 90 Street.

116 In Richmond two playgrounds will be opened:

5 A Clove Lakes Park (small children's playground) at Clove Road
5 B Clove Lakes Park (junior playground area) at Victory Boulevard.

Some of the funds used in the construction of the Bowne Playground were obtained through a bequest of the late Theodore Foulk of Flushing, who was particularly interested in playground development.

Facilities and Equipment include: 88 small swings; 72 large swings; 36 seesaws; 14 playhouses; 12 large slides; 11 sand tables; 10 garden swings; 7 small slides; 7 small tables; 6 handball courts; 6 jungle gyms; 5 shuffleboard courts; 5 wading pools; 4 parallel bars; 3 horizontal bars; 3 horizontal ladders; 3 horseshoe pitching, etc.; 2 basketball courts; 1 shower.

The Heckscher Playground in Brooklyn was purchased from the Heckscher Foundation; the playgrounds at West Houston and Essex Streets, Manhattan, and Prospect Avenue, Brooklyn, were acquired from the Board of Transportation.

Simple ceremonies will mark the opening of all these playgrounds.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 18, 1935

The Department of Parks announced today that the Jeannette Park Oyster Bar at Coenties Slip and South Street will be opened Thursday, December 19.

This bar replaces one of the oldest oyster establishments along the waterfront, the original having been in operation since 1849. It will be operated by Patrick J. O'Connor, who succeeded his father in the old bar's management in 1905.

The new structure, which is recessed into the wall of the park is of brick construction. The walls and floors are of terrazzo and the equipment is modern throughout. The new building faces South Street and the East River.

The concession will serve clams and oysters on the half shell, clam broth, oyster, clam and fish stews and chowders and fried clams and oysters.

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JEANETTE PARK
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The Department of Parks will open seven new playgrounds Friday, November 22 at 3:30 P. M.

Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Works Progress Administrator, Mayor La Guardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Victor Ridder and George U. Harvey, Borough President of Queens, will speak at the opening of Raymond O'Connor Park Playground, 32nd Avenue and 209th Street, Queens. Including these, 105 playgrounds will have been opened since January 1934.

Three playgrounds are located in Manhattan: Morningside Avenue and 114th Street (Morningside Park); Sixth Avenue and Minetta Lane; and Thomas Jefferson Park (south portion) at First Avenue and 111th Street.

Two playgrounds in Brooklyn are at Aberdeen Street near Bushwick Avenue and at Third Avenue, Douglas and Degraw Streets.

In the Bronx: Devoe Park (east playground) at University Avenue and West 188th Street.

In Queens: Raymond O'Connor Park at 32nd Avenue and 209th Street.

Facilities and equipment in these playgrounds include: 2 basketball diamonds, 1 basketball court, 4 bocci courts, 4 handball courts, 2 horizontal bars, 2 horizontal ladders and 3 horse shoe pitching courts for adults; for the youngsters, 6 jungle gyms, 96 kindergarten swings, 9 large slides, 72 large swings, 1 paddle tennis court, 4 parallel bars, 14 playhouses, 6 sand tables, 36 see-saws, 6 shuffle board courts, 4 small slides and 3 wading pools.

The playgrounds at Minetta Lane, Manhattan, and Aberdeen Street, Brooklyn, were acquired from the Board of Transportation. The playground at Third Avenue and Degraw Street, Brooklyn, is being developed on private property acquired on a permit basis.

PROGRAM

OPENING CEREMONIES

DEVON PARK

183rd Street and University Ave.

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1935
at 5:30 P.M.**

**EVERETT C. MAGGLOM
BOROUGH DIRECTOR, PRESIDING**

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Musical Selections

**Everett C. Magglo, Borough Director
Introductory Remarks**

**Address: Rev. H. J. Faiser,
Rector, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church**

**Address: Hon. John S. McKinley,
Alderman - 32nd District.**

Dance: Irish Reel

Dance: Soft Sho Tap

Ladder of Progress

**Call to Colors
Raising of Flag
National Anthem**

PROGRAM

OPENING CEREMONIES

THOMAS JEFFERSON PARK - SOUTH PLAYGROUND
First Avenue - 111th Street

MANHATTAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1935
AT 3:30 P.M.

WILLIAM J. ALLAN
ASSISTANT BOROUGH DIRECTOR, PRESIDING

William J. Allan, Assistant Borough Director,
Introductory Remarks

Address: Abraham Weiner, Principal, P. S. 85

Address: Miss Mary L. Herbert, Principal, P.S. 102

Horseshoe Pitching Games - By Playground Children
and Young Men

Shuffle Board Games - By Playground Children
and Young Men

Boccie Games - By Playground Children
and Young Men

Group Games - By Playground Children
and Young Men

Ladder of Progress

Call to Colors
Raising of Flag
National Anthem

Cutting of Ribbon - By Carmine Cangro

Boy to accept Playground - John Massaro

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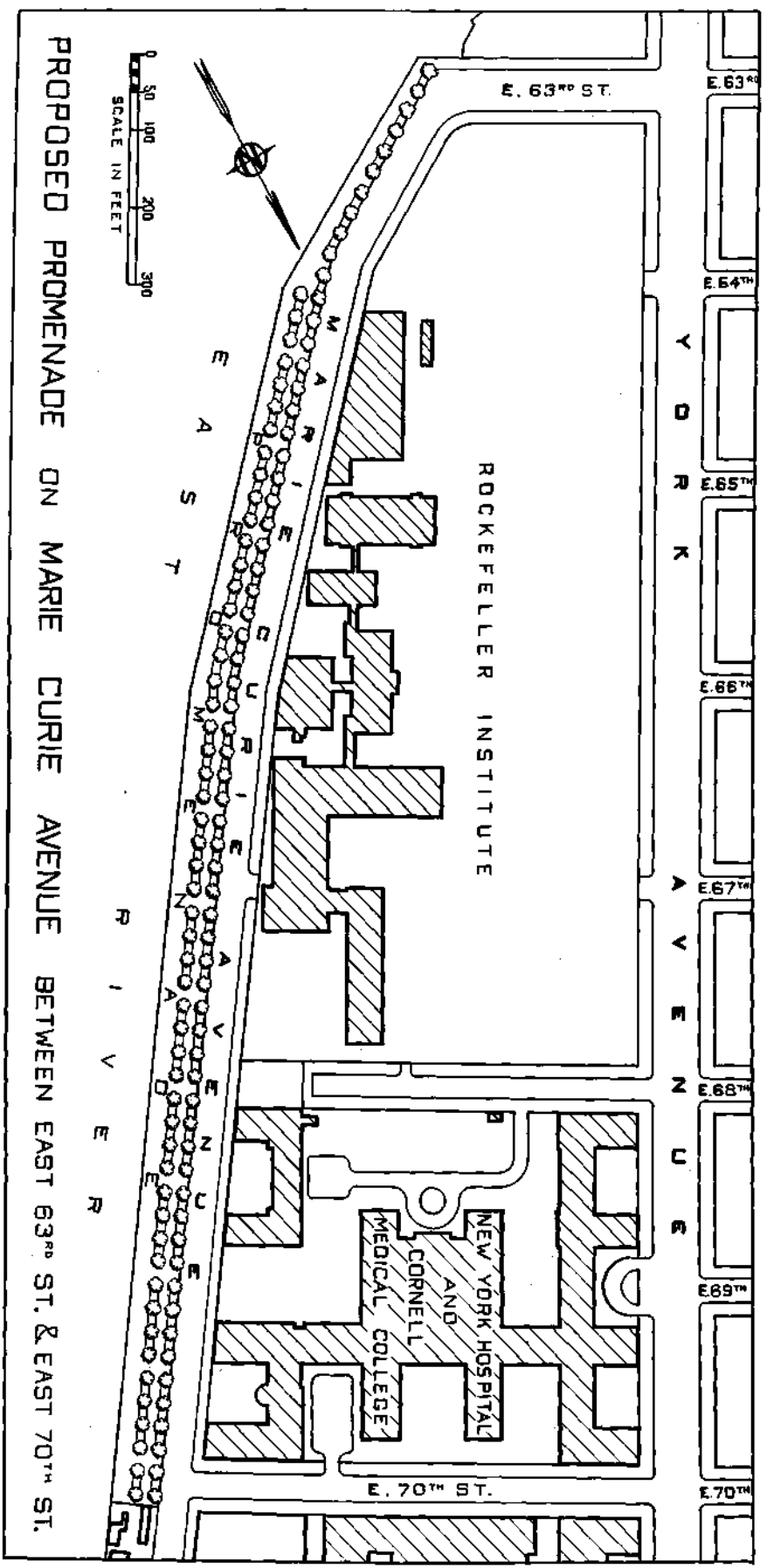
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FOR RELEASE
Monday October 28, 1955

The Park Department has arranged with the Dock Department and the Borough President's office for the redevelopment of Marie Curie Avenue from East 63rd Street to East 70th Street.

The present street, 108 feet wide, from the wall of Rockefeller Institute and Cornell Medical Center to the East River bulkhead line will be re-constructed with an 18-foot sidewalk along the west side, a 40-foot driveway and a 50-foot promenade along the river. A double row of trees will be planted in the promenade and the walk between the trees and along the bulkhead wall will be lined with comfortable benches, facing the river.

This development will furnish an attractive rest spot and promenade in what is now a drab dirty loading place for refuse scows.

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Roller hockey, the newest sport activity featured by the Department of Parks on its November athletic program, is occupying the youth of New York City.

Playground teams, coached and trained by recreation leaders, are competing in a sectional elimination tournament which is scheduled to be concluded Saturday, November 9, Borough winners will then clash in a round-robin series for the city roller hockey title.

The game is an exhibition of speed and skill on roller skates. Players, carrying wooden bladed sticks, bat a rubber or wooden puck toward enemy goal cages. Six players compose a team. The rink is usually an asphalt stretch with a playing surface of at least 150 feet x 50 feet. The teams play three fifteen minute periods with ten minute intermission spells between periods.

Sixteen roller hockey sixes started in the race for the Manhattan play-off position. Eight determined teams swung into action in each of the other boroughs. The Bronx final will be decided on the rink located at 164th Street between River and Jerome Avenues.

As the embryo Bill Cooks, Ching Johnsons and Frank Bouchers skate up and down seeking goals interest runs high. The team usually bring with them regiments of youthful supporters from home playgrounds. The action is fast every minute of play. Clean play prevails throughout. The tournament is expected to be an annual feature of the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
OCTOBER 30, 1935.

The Department of Parks has planned a new playground with kindergarten equipment one of the most important factors.

Children between the ages of three and six may register. Attendance is not compulsory but every effort is made to arouse the children's interest so they want to attend daily. Activities are held outdoors when possible.

Programs set up by Playground Directors have contributed in a large measure to such popularity. Educational work and play are divided into periods psychologically and physically best for the children. Quiet sessions with blocks, beads and peg-boards may be followed by various forms of ball games. Story telling and dramatization build the imagination and tend toward self-expression. Hand-work of paper cutouts, pasting and coloring broadens the child's constructive power. Playground Kindergarten equipment is used under careful supervision. Rest periods are intermittently well placed.

Mothers are aware of the many advantages of these projects. Educational, moral, physical and social values alone guarantee their popularity. Too, parents have well founded security during the hours the children are supervised and taught. In

several Centres, Mothers partake in the activities and willingly help the teachers.

Some of the Kindergartens for pre-school children are located at the following places.
Hours from 10 to 12 Noon daily, except Sunday.
Attendance varies from 30 to 100 daily.

Manhattan

McCray	Carmansville
Morningside	123rd Sutro
Hudson	West 17th St.
Sauer	West 134th St. Gym.
Highbridge	189th Carmine St. Gym.

Brooklyn

Betsy Head	Heckscher	McKinley
New Lots	Drier Offerman	Gravesend
Bushwick	Kelly Memorial	Lincoln Terrace 2:-3:P.M.
Lindsay	Bay Parkway	Sheridan
3rd St.& 4th Ave.	Schermerhorn	Red Hook
McLaughlin		

Bronx

141st St. Brook Ave.	Crotona East	163rd St. & Tinton Ave.
St. Mary's East	Crotona West	Cauldwell
Lyons Square	Ciccarono	Echo
St. James	Zimmerman	Mosholu
Macombs Ext.	Fort #4	

Queens

Jackson Heights	John Andrews
Von Dohlen	Kissena
Anawanda	O'Connell
Dry Harbor	

Richmond

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Model	Richmond
Stapleton	

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FOR RELEASE
NOVEMBER 2nd.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to view its annual fall chrysanthemum show at the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Prospect Park West and 9th Street. Beginning Sunday, November 3, the exhibit will be open every day from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P.M.

More than 4,000 pots of chrysanthemums are included in this display, which is one of the most magnificent exhibited.

The ground bed is laid out in groups of various formations, with the popular large bloom varieties in all shades of pink, yellow, red and bronze. Some of the attractive plants are of the Pockets, Turners, Johns S. Bush, Rise of Day and the Melba. 75 varieties in small size chrysanthemums, such as the Pompons and Anemone, are banked on the sides of the show house.

Some of the outstanding chrysanthemums to be exhibited are the Titan Tangerine Bronze, Norman Pink and Bronze, Mrs. Harrison Craig-Orange and Crimson, Betty Rose Pink and Yellow, Crimson Glow and Crimson Red.

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For Immediate Release
October 29, 1935

Thursday, October 31, 1935 the Department of Parks will celebrate Hallowe'en in an elaborate fashion. Parties, shows, carnivals and festivals will be held in various playgrounds and recreation areas throughout all boroughs from morning until night. Children and adults will caper in the merriment of these events.

An afternoon program will be presented by playground directors. A mystery play, magic shows and thrilling games will comprise the afternoon entertainment. Witches, cats and owls will create the proper atmosphere for the audience. All children are invited to come and enjoy a happy hallowe'en at parties in the following playgrounds:

Manhattan

Highbridge	180 Street	2:00 P.M.
Riverside	96 Street	1:30
Payson Avenue		3:00
Isham and Seaman		3:00
Roosevelt	Chrystie & Forsythe Sts.	4:00

Bronx

Tinton Ave.	E. 161 Street	11:00 A.M.
Crotona West	Fulton Ave. E 174 St.	4:00 P.M.

Brooklyn

Drier Offerman	27 Ave. & Bay 46 St.	3:30 P.M.
Kelly	Ave. S. - E. 14 St.	3:30
Gravesend & Dyker	57 St. - 18 Ave.	3:30

Queens and Richmond

All Playgrounds	4:00 P.M.
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An evening performance will take place on the Mall in Central Park from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. with an exciting Hallowe'en show and roller skating carnival. This affair will include all the usual settings appropriate to this Festival, rattling skeletons, shivering goblins, grinning pumpkins and hooting owls. A one-act play, "The Canterville Ghost", by Oscar Wilde, performed by the Little Theatre Group will open the program, followed by a good American Folk Dance. Various comedy acts of clowns, magicians and acrobats will be furnished by the Circus Unit of the Works Progress Administration. A large group of playground directors will do a rustic dance called the "Lancers". Music will be furnished by the Colonial Dance Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Arthur Thompson.

The public is invited to take part in the procession of costumed skaters. Prizes will be awarded to those in most novel costumes. Skating acts will be exhibited by several popular city rinks. The remainder of the evening will be devoted to roller skating for the general public.

All are invited to come to these festivities and enjoy a gala Hallowe'en.

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY
OCTOBER 28, 1935.

The Department of Parks will formally rededicate the Washington Irving Statue at Irving Place between 16th and 17th Streets, New York City, at 2:30 P.M. October 29.

Washington Irving High School students, accompanied by the Park Department Band, will open the ceremony with "America The Beautiful". Miss Aileen L. Bowdoin, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Temple Bowdoin, grandson of George Sullivan Bowdoin, husband of Julia Irving Grinnell, who was a great niece of Washington Irving, will unveil the monument. Speakers include Edward C. Zabriskie, Principal of the Washington Irving High School; Dr. John H. Finley of the New York Times; Paul C. Jennewein, representative of the National Sculpture Society and member of the National Fine Arts Commission, and Allyn R. Jennings, Landscape Architect of the Department of Parks. In conclusion the band and students will render "America".

Dr. Joseph Wiener presented the bust to the city in 1885. In 1888 M. C. D. Borden, president of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, recommended that the statue be placed in Bryant Park, where it stood until 1932. When the Federal Hall replica was erected in Bryant Park, the monument was stored under the Brooklyn approach to the Williamsburg Bridge. Friedrich Beer, who died, 1859, was the sculptor.

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SINGLES HORSESHOE PITCHING MATCH BETWEEN WESTCHESTER AND NEW YORK

The Park Department announces that final arrangements have been made for an inter-city singles horseshoe pitching match between Westchester and the City of New York at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, October 26, at 2:00 P.M.

The match will consist of three games Fifty points constituting each game. The contestant winning two out of three games will be declared the winner. A gold medal will be awarded the winner and silver to the loser.

A return match has been arranged for November 2nd at New Rochelle.

The following players will represent the respective teams at both matches:

NEW YORK: Vito Felleccia
John Wilkinson (alternate)

WESTCHESTER: Dominick Sharkey
Charles Seacord (Alternate)

Following are the officials for the match at Heckscher Playground October 26th:

DIRECTOR: Thomas P. O'Gara

REFEREE: James McCafferey

Judges: Charles Harris
Lou Ziegler
William S. Newman

SCORERS: Oscar T. Stewart
John Myles
Bernard Healy
Joseph Murphy
Thomas F. Walsh

Portable bleacher seats will be erected for this match to take care of the large number of spectators expected to attend. Kenn competition is anticipated because the contestants are the champions of their respective cities.

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For Immediate Release
October 23, 1935

THE BELVEDERE - CENTRAL PARK

The Belvedere in Central Park is to be appropriately marked by The Department of Parks with a bronze tablet to be placed on the southwest corner of the building. It will contain a likeness of the founder and first director of the Municipal Weather Bureau, Dr. Daniel Draper, and the following inscription:

BELVEDERE TOWER

Erected in 1869 as a lookout tower now housing the New York Meteorological Observatory, founded in 1868 by Dr. Daniel Draper who was director of this Observatory until 1912 the work then taken over and continued by the United States Weather Bureau.

A towerlike structure on the knoll at 79th Street was contemplated in the original design for Central Park by Olmstead and Vaux, to afford facilities for the gathering and shelter of visitors at this picturesque and attractive point. Work on the Belvedere was commenced during June, 1867. The Belvedere, built of granite in the form of an old Victorian Castle, was constructed in 1867.

The Weather Bureau, which now has its headquarters and instruments in the Belvedere, was originally established in the Arsenal in 1869, when the Commissioner of Parks was directed to maintain a meteorological observatory within the park. Dr. Daniel Draper, whose family enjoyed a high reputation in the field of science, was placed in charge and directed its activities until his retirement in 1912.

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October 23, 1935.

PRESERVING LEAVES FOR COMPOST

The advent of mechanized equipment, with the consequent decrease in live stock throughout the eastern section of the country surrounding New York City, has made it necessary for the Park Department to develop a proper substitute for natural animal manure. The cost of supplying the proper quantity of manure, moreover, on projects under construction is prohibitive.

The Park Department, therefore, has been preserving leaves gathered from the various parks and building compost piles near greenhouses, nurseries and other work areas of the Department in the five boroughs.

The piles are usually made 6 feet wide and 6 feet high, the length depending on the location. A two foot layer of loose leaves is first laid down and a four inch layer of top soil with chopped sod spread over it. Hydrated lime or ground limestone is distributed over this layer at the rate of one half pound per square yard. Another two foot layer of loose leaves and a three inch layer of manure are added. Each layer is soaked with water as it is added. This layering process continues until the pile, when compacted, is five to six feet high.

The pile is left intact for 6 months, watered from time to time so that it will not dry out, then it is turned over by forking three times a year,

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The compost can be used after 18 months but for fine work it usually requires three years to thoroughly decompose.

Animal manure is added for the development of bacteria to hasten the decay of the leaves and for each cubic yard of manure added twelve yards of leaf compost is produced after shrinkage has taken place. The material is used for mulching flower beds, deciduous plant areas, and most important, broad-leaved evergreens, such as Rhododendrons, Laurel and Azaleas, planted throughout the Park System.

The Department favors allowing the leaves to remain where they fall in the shrub plantings on informal areas but removing them from lawn areas. Observation has shown that lawn areas "go through" the winter best without any protective covering. When leaves are left on the lawn the grass underneath the covering "sweats" and becomes susceptible to fungus, mold and general physiological breakdown.

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October 22, 1935

The Department of Parks will hold a Halloween Show and Roller Skating Carnival, on the Mall in Central Park, Thursday, October 31, at 8:30 P.M.

The usual eerie settings peculiar to this ancient festival - a huge cauldron, fancy witches, bright eyed cats and hooting owls - will decorate the scene.

The Canterville Ghost by Oscar Wilde, performed by the Little Theatre Group will open the program, followed by an American Folk dance, to the tune of "Turkey-in-the-Straw", by the Playground directors. Varied comedy acts, including clowns, magicians and acrobats, will be furnished by the Circus Unit of the Works Progress Administration. A large group will dance The Lancers. Music will be furnished by the Colonial Dance Orchestra under direction of Mr. Arthur Thompson.

The public is invited to take part in a procession of costume skaters. Prizes will be awarded for the most novel costumes.

Skating acts will be exhibited by several popular city rinks.

The remainder of the evening will be devoted to roller skating for the general public.

All are invited to come and enjoy a gala Halloween.

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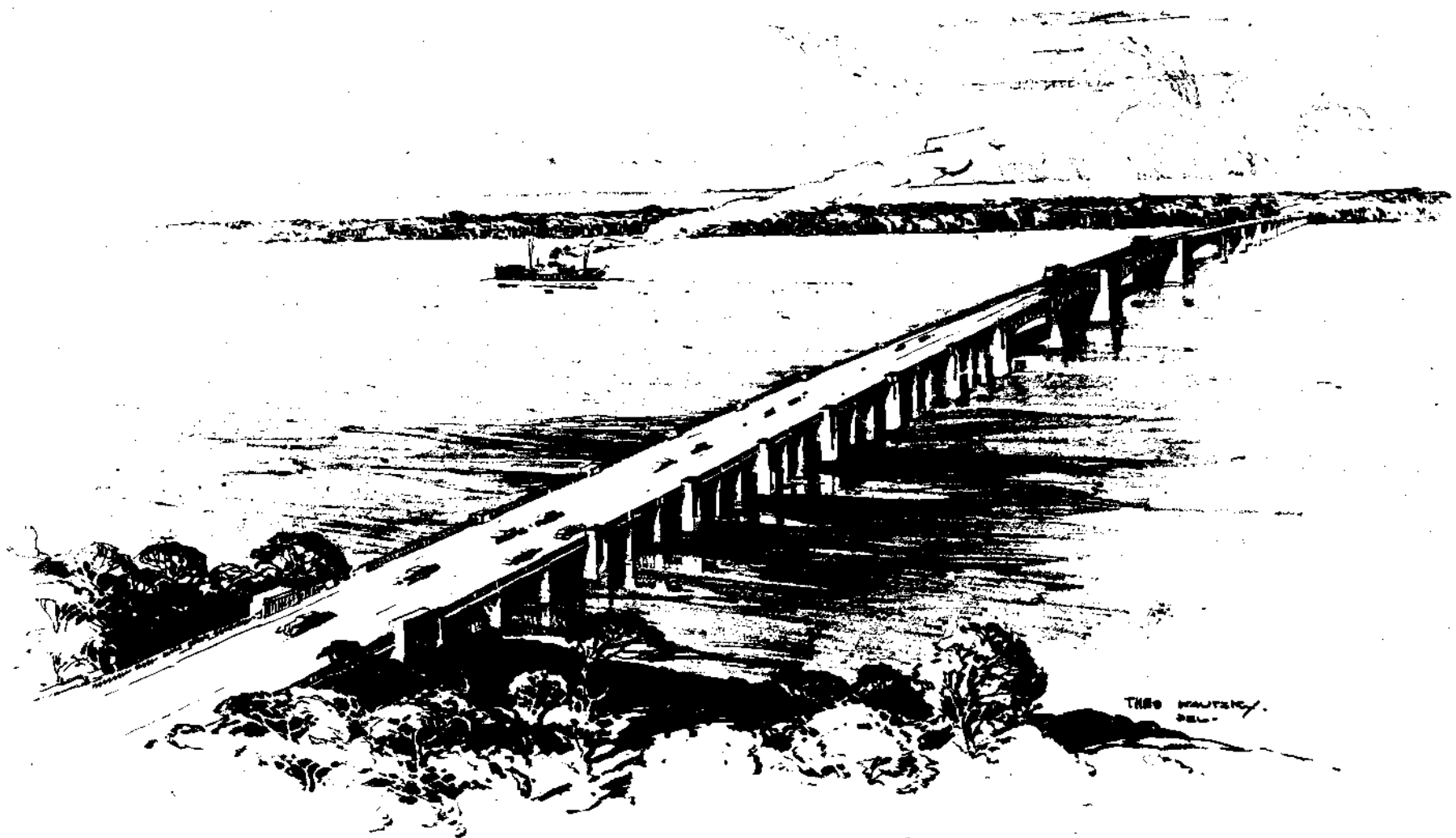
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At the request of the City Park Department and the Marine Parkway Authority, a public hearing was held today at the War Department in the Army Building for the construction of a bridge over the Rockaway Inlet, to be known as the Marine Parkway Bridge, which will be a double leaf bascule type with a series of approach spans totaling 3600 feet in length. The clearance will be 50 feet when the bridge is closed, which is sufficient to accommodate all present water traffic without lifting the bridge. The bridge tower will not interfere with aviation and will be flood-lighted. This bridge is to be part of the Marine Parkway extending from Marine Park and Flatbush Avenue to Jacob Riis Park on the Rockaway Peninsula.

The Marine Parkway Authority which is set up as a municipal corporation within the Park Department is authorized to issue bonds for Marine and Jacob Riis Parks and their connection by the means of a parkway across Rockaway Inlet. The cost of this project will be approximately \$5,000,000.00 and will be amortized by toll. The ferry which, at the present, is the only means of access to the Rockaway Peninsula from Flatbush Avenue and surrounding territory affords a poor facility for motorists due to limited service and long delays. The bridge is an urgent public necessity since present traffic routes on Long Island leading to the Rockaway Peninsula are overburdened with traffic and weekend peak-loads, cause traffic tie-ups and confusion. The bridge will not only shorten the traveling time to the Rockaway Peninsula for many thousands of motorists but will serve to relieve congestion that now exists on other arteries.

The financing of the bridge and park and parkway facilities is being negotiated with a group of bankers. It is impossible to finance any bridge but a bascule or jack-knife bridge. A high level bridge or tunnel cannot be financed.



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PROPOSED MARINE PARKWAY BRIDGE OVER THE ROCKAWAY INLET



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October 19, 1935

The Department of Parks will hold indoor social dancing through the winter months, commencing October 21st at the following locations:

Monday and Wednesday - McComb's Dam Extension,
Recreation Building,
165th Street & Jerome Avenue,
Bronx.

Tuesday and Thursday - Prospect Park Picnic House
Prospect Park West -
Fifth Street Entrance,
Brooklyn.

Dancing will start at 8:30 P.M. and last until 11:00 P.M.

The Knickerbocker Dance Orchestra conducted by Mr. Myron Koman and the Gotham Dance Orchestra conducted by Mr. Harry Raderman will alternate weekly. The bands are furnished by the Music Division of the Works Progress Administration.

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October 10, 1935

PRESS RELEASE - CHILDREN'S ONE-ACT PLAYS

The Department of Parks announces that the one-act play contests for children will be held on Saturday, October 12, at 2 p.m. at the Macomb's Dam Extension Building, 165th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx, instead of at the Mall in Central Park.

The winners will receive a pennant in addition to a gold-plated city seal medal for each member of the cast.



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FOR RELEASE
MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 1935

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The Department of Parks will open twelve new playgrounds throughout the city on Monday, October 14th at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor La Guardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, General Hugh S. Johnson, Victor Riader, Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons will speak at the opening of the Macomb's Dam Playground at Jerome and Sedgwick Avenues in the Bronx. Their speeches will be rebroadcast to the other playgrounds. Including these, 98 playgrounds will have been opened since January, 1934.

Five playgrounds are located in Manhattan at West Houston Street between Sullivan and Thompson Streets; Essex Street between Rivington and Delancey Streets; Sixth Avenue between West Third Street and Minetta Lane; the Southeast corner on Minetta Lane and Sixth Avenue; and York Avenue and 68th Street. The latter property was developed for adult and child recreation by the Park Department on a two year permit from the Rockefeller Foundation. Besides the usual play apparatus it is equipped with handball and basketball courts.

Two playgrounds in Brooklyn are between East Third Street, Ocean Parkway and Avenue P, and at Bedford Avenue to Mansfield Place, Avenues X and Y.

In the Bronx they are at Hunts Point and Spoffard Avenues and Faile Street; East 164th Street to Teasdale Place East of Boston Road; Reservoir Avenue between University and Webb Avenues (Fort No.4) and at Jerome and Sedgwick Avenues.

The two playgrounds in Queens are at Bridge Plaza and 22nd Street and Bridge Plaza at Crescent Avenue and 27th Street.

Three playgrounds have wading pools, six have handball courts, four have basketball courts and eight have jungle gyms, swings, slides, seesaws, and other outdoor gymnasium equipment.

FORT TRYON PARK

Fort Tryon Park, an area of seventy acres of natural terraces, rocky cliffs and wooded slopes, at the end of Washington Heights in Manhattan, will be opened by the Department of Parks on Columbus Day, October 12, at noon. The speakers will include Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, General Hugh S. Johnson and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The main entrance to the park where the exercises will be held is at the northerly end of Fort Washington Avenue. The park area extends northerly to Dyckman Street, including the playground at the corner of Dyckman Street and Broadway, which has been in use for several months.

This new park was formerly the estate of C. K. G. Billings and was acquired by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., some years ago. The design of the park is by Olmsted Brothers who have supervised its construction for Mr. Rockefeller. The Department of Parks has installed conduits, paving and other utilities. It is understood that the total cost to Mr. Rockefeller in acquiring and improving the property, now deeded to the city, was \$7,000,000. The Department of Parks has spent more than \$800,000 on roads, paths, waterlines and drainage.

A concession building is located about 500 feet north of the entrance, occupying the site of the old Billings stables. Like most of the walls and buildings of the park, it is constructed of natural stone taken from a fifty foot cut carved through a hill in the middle of the park to provide access from Riverside Drive. One of the most interesting features is the series of terraces constructed on the site of the Old Billings castle, which was destroyed by fire in March 1925. These terraces rise forty feet supported by walls of native stone and resemble somewhat the original Fort Tryon which at one time occupied the site.

Fort Tryon was the northerly outpost of old Fort Washington and was so named by the British after its capture on November 16, 1776. It played an important part in the defense of Manhattan Island. Three small six-pounder cannon supplementing a battalion of Virginia and Maryland soldiers about 800 in number essayed to check 4,600 Hessians armed with a battery of howitzers. Two attacks were repulsed but the final charge resulted in a butchery of the garrison witnessed by Washington himself.

The heroism of Margaret Corbin, the first American woman who took an active part in actual warfare in defense of American liberties, forms a chapter in the story of the defense of Fort Tryon. She accompanied her husband and shared with him his life as an artilleryman. On the occasion of the assault she was aiding him in loading and cleaning one of the guns when, at the most critical moment, he was killed. She immediately took charge of the cannon and loaded and fired it herself with "skill and vigor" until she herself was wounded.

A fine granite and bronze monument dedicated at the time of the Hudson-Fulton celebration in 1909 commemorates the defense of Fort Tryon and bears the following inscription:

On this Hilltop Stood
Fort Tryon
The Northern Out-work of Fort
Washington
Its Gallant Defence Against
The Hessian Troops by
The Maryland and Virginia Regiment
16 November 1776
was shared by
Margaret Corbin
The first American woman
To take a Soldier's Part
In the War for Liberty
Erected under the Auspices of
The American Scenic and Historic
Preservation Society

This park area is situated on one of the highest points in Manhattan and commands an impressive view across the Hudson River to the Palisades and northerly up the Hudson far into Westchester and Rockland Counties. Despite its very rugged terrain, the park contains more than a mile of motor drives

connecting both Riverside Drive and Fort Washington Avenue, eight miles of walks and ten acres of broad lawns.

It is a spot of natural beauty and abounds in fine trees, including hundreds of good specimens of elms, oaks, hickories, maples, beeches, sycamores, sassafras and large quantities of dogwood. An alpine rock garden has been laid out on the easterly slope of the park. A profusion of trees, shrubs, plants and flowers have been planted and the slopes have been cultivated and improved with rock flowers, shrubs and vines.

"The Cloisters", a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and containing a museum of medieval art and architecture, is being constructed within the park with funds also supplied by Mr. Rockefeller at a cost of approximately \$2,500,000. This structure is expected to be completed in about two years.

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October 12, 1935

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The Department of Parks is initiating a new series of indoor concerts commencing October 15th, as follows:

McComb's Dam Extension Building - 8:30 to 10 P.M. - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Prospect Park, Picnic House - 8:30 to 10 P.M. Wednesdays and Fridays

The Park Department band is furnished by the Music Division, Works Progress Administration. Mr. G. Iaselli is conductor of the 36 piece band.

A series of musical selections is planned at these locations during the winter months.

The inauguration of the first indoor concert series is in keeping with the policy of this Department to furnish as many recreational programs for adults as possible.

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October 11, 1935

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The annual Roller Skating Contest will be conducted in every park playground throughout the five Boroughs during week of October 7 to 12th.

Boys and girls 16 years of age and under are eligible. This age group is divided into two classes according to height viz; 5 ft. 3 inches and 4 ft. 8 inches.

Eliminations will be held in all the playgrounds to determine the playground representatives. These representatives will compete in Borough finals for the purpose of selecting those boys and girls who will represent their respective boroughs in the interborough contests at which the City Championship will be decided.

The program of the various contests is as follows:

Eliminations in all playgrounds, all boroughs during week of October 7 to 12th.

Brooklyn - Borough Finals - October 19th -
2:00 P.M. at City Park Playground.

Queens - Borough Finals - November 2nd -
2:00 P.M. at Jackson Heights Playground.

Manhattan - Borough Finals - November 2nd - 2:00 P.M.
at Centre Drive, Central Park.

Bronx - Borough Finals - October 26 - 2:00 P.M.
at 164th St. and Jerome Avenue. & River Ave.

Richmond - Borough Finals - October 26 - 2:00 P.M.
at Martlings Road, Clove Lakes Park.

Inter-Borough finals will take place on November 9 at 2:00 P.M. at Centre Drive, Central Park, Manhattan.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 8, 1935

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A Costume Roller Skating Carnival will be staged by the Department of Parks at the Model Playground, 84th Street and 50th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Friday October 11th, at 8 P.M.

Roller skating enthusiasts are invited. Participants must be costumed. There will be general skating and exhibitions of fancy skating.

The prettiest and funniest costumes will receive prizes.

Awards will be made for the following:

Prettiest Lady
Handsome Man
Prettiest Couple

Funniest Lady
Funniest Man
Funniest Couple

Prettiest Girl under 15 years

Funniest Boy under 15 years

Most Novel.

Forward entries to Recreation Bureau, Department of Parks, Kew Gardens, L.I.

The Department of Parks Band will play. The area will be suitably decorated. Admission is free.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
OCTOBER 7, 1935.

The Department of Parks will conduct a large outdoor Harvest Festival on the Mall in Central Park, Tuesday, October 8 at 8 P.M.

The stage will be decorated to depict a typical harvest scene. The bounty of harvest, corn stalks and autumn leaves will form a setting for the folk dances of many lands which will be performed by adult groups from the Park Department and the Folk Festival Council in national costumes representative of the leading nations.

75 trained singers from the Music Division of the Works Progress Administration will sing Harvest songs and hymns. The Manhattan Concert Band will be furnished by the Concert Division of the Works Progress Administration.

Cooperation has been received by the following organizations:

The Folk Festival Council
The American Folk Group
Swedish Folk Dance Society
Frinds of Swedish Folk Dance
Finnish Folk Dance Society of Imatra
Ukrainian Dancers' Club
Don Avlon's Greek Dancing Group
The Music and Concert Division of the
Works Progress Administration
National Recreation Association

Program is attached.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Mall, Central Park, New York
 October 8, 1935 8:00 P.M.

PROGRAM

Presented by the Department of Parks in conjunction with
 The Folk Festival Council
 and
 The Music and Concert Division of the Works Progress Administration
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Overture - "Finlandia" Sibelius Manhattan Concert Band

Prologue - Growth of Crops, The Elements, The Reapers - Playground Group

Processional "Come Ye Thankful People Come"

"Turkey in the Straw" American Folk Dance Playground Group

Russian Harvest Hymn Chorus

Don Avlon's Greek Dancing Group
 a- The Kalamatiano
 b- The Hasapika

Corn Shuckin' Song Chorus

Alice Higney a- Irish Hornpipe
 b- Irish Jig

"Down South" - Myddelton Manhattan Concert Band

Finnish Folk Dance Society of Imatra
 a- Sappo
 b- Uhtuankatrill

Song of the Reapers Chorus

Ukrainian Dancers' Club
 a- Kolomeyka
 b- Dance of the Wind

"Songs of Old Folks" - Lake Manhattan Concert Band

Alice Higney Irish Reel

Home on the Range Chorus

Swedish Folk Dance Society and Friends of Swedish Folk Dance
 a- Fjallnaspolska
 b- Schottis i turer

"Yankee Rhythm" - Lake Manhattan Concert Band

American Folk Group The Lancers Parts 1 & 5

Recessional "Alleluia"

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 3, 1935

The Department of Parks announces that the recreation Division will conduct for the first time a One-Act Play Contest for children, which will be held on the Mall in Central Park, October 5th at 2 P.M., and October 12th at 2 P.M.

Five plays will be presented each Saturday. Casts will comprise playground children from all boroughs and the plays will be rated as follows:

1. Type of Play (suitable for children)
2. Plot
3. Acting
4. Phonetics
5. Scenery
6. Costumes

The following are the plays to be presented:

	<u>October 5th</u>	<u>October 12th</u>
Manhattan:	Doll Pageant	The Three Bears
Brooklyn	Betty Behave	The Snow Witch
Bronx	The Pot Boiler	Tea in Algebra
Queens	Mistress Mary	The Knave of Hearts
Richmond	This-a-Way and That-a-Way	The Prayer of the Forest Spirit

The following have been invited to act as judges:

Commissioner Paul Moss	Department of Licenses
Miss Madeline Stevens	National Recreation Assoc.
Miss Joy Higgins	Little Theatre Group
Miss Sue Ann Wilson	Savage School for Phy.Ed.
Mrs. Lionel Sutro	Womens International League for Peace and Freedom

For the past year the field of dramatics has been stressed as a part of the recreational program. Several excellent children's plays have been produced by the Playground Directors to bring out the children's inherent ability.

Elimination contests have been held in all boroughs for the past few months. The above dates mark the final contest to determine the best children's performance from the city playgrounds. It is to be hoped that this contest will serve as an incentive for better and increased children's plays.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 1, 1935

The Department of Parks announced today the opening of bids in Albany by the Department of Public Works for the construction of a bridge carrying the Henry Hudson Parkway under a park road in Van Cortlandt Park.

The low bid submitted for the Park road bridge was by Maclerio Construction Company, Inc. with a bid of \$328,925.80.

This bridge will be 170 feet long and have a clearance of 15 feet. The contract also includes approximately a mile of grading.

The State, in conjunction with the Department of Parks of the City and the Henry Hudson Parkway authority, is constructing the parkway from the city line to the intersection of Spuyten Duyvil Parkway and Riverdale Avenue. From this point to Riverside Drive the project will be built and financed from funds supplied by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority, of which Commissioner Moses is sole member. The plan of the parkway includes service roads, parkway landscaping, and the elimination of street intersections. With the letting of the present bridge contract a total of four have been designed and advertised by the State. The bridges at Fieldston Road, Broadway and Yonkers Division of the New York Central Railroad, are already under construction.

Contracts have been let by the Authority for the \$1,200,000 single arch bridge across the Harlem River at Spuyten Duyvil and the grade elimination bridges at Dyckman and Kappock Streets. Construction is moving on schedule and the Henry Hudson Parkway should be opened in 1937.

The parkway will by-pass the bottle-neck at the Broadway drawbridge, where there is much congestion, and will connect the Bronx and Westchester directly with Riverside Drive, the George Washington Bridge and West Side Express Highway. When completed the parkway will be the most direct route to upper New York State and New England.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1935.

Mr. James V. Mulholland, Director of Recreation and Maintenance in the Department of Parks, has been designated by Commissioner Moses to represent the Department at the National Recreation Conference which will take place in Chicago, Illinois, from September 30 to October 4, inclusive.

Mr. Mulholland has had considerable experience, not only in the Department of Parks but in the Department of Education in New York City and has held every position in the Extension Division of the Department of Education from Junior Assistant Teacher to Supervisor of Playgrounds and Community Centers. During the course of his experience in recreational work, he has also been a teacher in the elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools under the Department of Education and has acted, at different times, as examiner of candidates for playground licenses in the Board of Education.

A strong advocate of wading pools for playgrounds, he installed the first wading pool in Manhattan in 1923. He believes in all-year playgrounds and the widest possible use of all recreational facilities in the City of New York. He is the founder of the New York City Recreation Conference which will be held this year under the auspices of New York University.

Mr. Mulholland has recommended to Commissioner Moses a broad recreational program for the public parks and many of his recommendations have been accepted. He also acts as a consultant to the Division of Design of the Department of Parks in laying out recreational facilities under its jurisdiction.

Mr. Mulholland will speak at the National Recreation Congress on the subject: "To What Extent Has the Emergency Program Developed the Wider Use of Facilities Which Were Never Before Operated for Recreation? To What Extent Will This Emergency Use Contribute Toward Their Permanent Availability?" He has also been invited to speak before The Woman's City Club of Chicago on the major recreational facilities in New York City, and how they are conducted.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SEPTEMBER 20, 1935

The Department of Parks announced today that five playgrounds located in the various boroughs throughout the City will be opened with appropriate ceremonies September 23 at 3:30 P. M. Mayor LaGuardia and Commissioner Moses will participate in the opening of the north playground at Thomas Jefferson Park, 111th Street and First Avenue. This is an area of about three and one-half acres, equipped with a wading pool, two soft ball diamonds, a roller skating track, play houses, seesaws, jungle gyms, etc. In Brooklyn, the Sunset Park Playground at Fifth Avenue and 44th Street, a little over an acre in size will be equipped with the usual apparatus for small children. In the Bronx a playground at Cauldwell Avenue between East 161st and 163rd Streets will be equipped with a wading pool, shuffle board court, handball courts, swings, slides, seesaws, etc. Two playgrounds will be opened in Queens: the Jackson Pond Playground in Forest Park, located at Myrtle Avenue and 108th Street, where facilities will consist of a wading pool and the usual small children's play apparatus and the Middle Village Playground, 68th Road and 79th Street, where there will be two handball courts and the usual children's play facilities.

Four of these properties always have been under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks but were never developed. The Middle Village Playground was obtained on a permit basis from private owners.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 13, 1935

The Department of Parks announces that the new nature trail at Alley Pond Park, Queens, will be opened with appropriate ceremonies Saturday, September 14 at 3 P.M.

Exercises will be held at the playground north of the Grand Central Parkway, off Springfield Boulevard. Addresses will be made by several speakers interested in the construction and operation of nature trails. Princess Yellow Rose Yellow Robe will talk on Indian life along the trails and tell Indian stories. Girl Scouts, under the direction of Miss E. Ford and members of Boy Scout Troop #89, accompanied by Mr. J. E. Britton, Asst. Scout Executive of Queens, will take part in the exercises.

Park employees have been developing the nature trail during the past few months to have it ready for inspection tomorrow. The trail is about one mile long. A walk approximately four feet wide has been cleared so that students may view the specimens without difficulty. 250 labels have been placed on the specimens giving the names of trees, shrubs and other items of interest. The main part of the trail is devoted to plants, birds, and geology and is laid out about two of the kettle hole ponds which are frequent in this section on Harbor Hill Moraine. Another section including a deep kettle hole, though mostly dry, has been marked specially as a geology trail. New specimens will be added from time to time. During the coming Fall and winter, typical plants from different sections of Long Island will be planted so that when this work is finished there will be a cross section of all plants found on Long Island.

At the conclusion of the exercises Saturday a tour of the trail will be made under the direction of two Park Department guides, who have been assigned to this work.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 18th, 1936

The Department of Parks will start construction today with relief forces on nineteen new childrens' playgrounds in Central Park. They have been located around the edges of the park at pedestrian entrances. These marginal playgrounds will provide recreation in areas designed for play for thousands of small children who can get exercise, air and sunshine only in Central Park. This new program will not interfere with the maintenance and use of the rest of the park substantially as it was planned in the middle of the last century.

The use of Central Park has been the subject of controversy for over a generation. It is one of the finest examples of park design in the world, and a model of intelligent planning for the advent of the huge population which Olmstead and Vaux and their sponsors anticipated in uptown Manhattan.

The great lawns and groves were not laid out for active recreation in the plan of 1858. They were laid out to create the effect of rural scenery cut off from the view of urban surroundings. When they were built there was plenty of open space around the park for children to play in, and active recreation areas within the park were not necessary. In recent times the skyscraper and the automobile have to some extent necessitated a reconsideration of the original conception, and the urgent need of active play areas has become an even more important factor in the revision of plans. It is an acknowledged fact that

Miss Sullivan

SEPTEMBER 11th, 1935

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COPY OF
TELEGRAM TO
GENERAL HUGH S JOHNSON
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
111 EIGHTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

DEAR HUGH

THE PARK DEPARTMENT HAS REQUISITIONED AND ITS EXECUTIVES HAVE
REPEATEDLY REQUESTED YOU AND YOUR SUBORDINATES IN THE WORKS PROGRESS
ADMINISTRATION TO FURNISH SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT FOREMEN GENERAL
FOREMEN AND MINOR FIELD EXECUTIVES TO BOSS ELEVEN THOUSAND ADDITIONAL
MEN RECENTLY SUPPLIED TO THE PARK DEPARTMENT STOP PLEASE REFER TO
CORRESPONDENCE WITH YOU AND TO YOUR OWN MEMORY OF OUR CONVERSATIONS STOP
ALSO TO CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MAYOR AND EARLE ANDREWS ON THIS SUBJECT
STOP ALSO ASK MRS ROSENBERG WHETHER OR NOT SHE REMEMBERS THAT SHE AGREED
TO REMIND YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING FOREMEN IN ADVANCE OF THE
ARRIVAL OF THE NEW MEN STOP ALSO RECOLLECT THAT I HAVE REPEATEDLY
ASKED YOU TO INSPECT AND DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH ME IN THE FIELD AND
THAT YOU HAVE EITHER REFUSED TO GO DEFERRED APPOINTMENTS OR BROKEN THEM
STOP

IN THE FACE OF THESE FACTS ONLY TWENTY EIGHT FOREMEN HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED AND YOUR ASSISTANTS SAY THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO GET ANY
MORE STOP THE PARK DEPARTMENT CAN GET THESE MEN IN LESS THAN FORTY EIGHT
HOURS FROM CONTRACTING AND ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS IF YOU CANNOT FIND
THEM ON RELIEF OR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES REEMPLOYMENT SERVICE STOP
ARE WE AUTHORIZED TO GO OUT AND HIRE THESE MEN OR CAN YOU FIND SOME
EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO GET THEM STOP

PLEASE DO NOT LET ANY ONE CONFUSE YOU AS TO THE RERATING OF

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TEMPORARY FOREMEN FOR RELIEF MEN BEFORE YOU CAME TO TOWN OR AS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT QUESTION WHICH YOU AGREED TO SETTLE ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK OR AS TO TECHNICAL MEN STOP I AM TALKING ABOUT PLAIN ORDINARY ADDITIONAL FOREMEN AND MINOR EXECUTIVES FOR THE NEW MEN YOU SENT US AND WE NEED SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT OF THEM STOP

AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE REFERRED BACK TO YOU ALL ADDITIONAL MEN SENT US SINCE LAST FRIDAY AND BEGINNING ON MONDAY OF NEXT WEEK WE SHALL HAVE TO BEGIN SENDING BACK A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THE OTHER TEN THOUSAND MEN FURNISHED BY YOU WITHOUT SUPERVISION UNLESS THIS MATTER IS SETTLED IMMEDIATELY STOP

MAY I ADD THAT I STILL THINK YOU ARE A GRAND FELLOW PERSONALLY AND THAT I HAVE NO DOUBT OF YOUR INTENT TO MAKE WORK RELIEF ACTUALLY WORK BUT SOMEHOW YOUR DECISIONS AND AGREEMENTS DO NOT FIND THEIR WAY THROUGH YOUR ORGANIZATION AND GET INTO EFFECT

ROBERT MOSES

COMMISSIONER

September 10, 1935.

In answer to your questions as to labor conditions on park relief projects, the following are the facts:

1. There is an immense amount of loafing on park jobs due primarily to the fact that in the last few weeks almost 11,000 new men have been assigned to us by General Johnson without supervision. The total number of new supervisors provided for these men is twelve. On any reasonable theory, some 700 supervisors would be required. This is to be considered in the light of the fact that an enormous amount of paper work had to be gone through in setting up the projects indicating exactly the number of supervisors required, material, etc. Most of the work on these forms was done many weeks ago.

I have repeatedly called the attention of General Johnson to the need of providing supervisors, particularly foremen, with the new men, and this has been the subject of innumerable conferences and memoranda from the General Superintendent and the Park Department staff to General Johnson's staff. I have repeatedly warned the Works Progress Administration that we would positively stop taking men unless foremen were provided with them. All this has had absolutely no effect, excepting that General Johnson has told me several times it would be taken care of. This matter, among others, was taken up by the Mayor personally with General Johnson. In spite of all of these efforts on our part, men have been furnished without supervision, and we therefore, after repeated warnings, notified the Works Progress Administration on September 5th that we would take no more men. I wish particularly to emphasize the fact that I am not referring here to superintendents in charge of large numbers of men and large projects. I am referring simply to the foremen and minor supervisors who must be present to hold men together to produce work and what is also important, to protect the public. In spite of the refusal of the Park Department to take additional men, and after it had been repeatedly pointed out to the Works Progress Administration that it would be criminal to turn relief workers loose in parks without supervision, hundreds of additional men were sent to the parks without any notification to the Park Department. When these men were rejected by the Park executives, the payroll clerks and other employees of the Works Progress Administration staff, over whom the Park Department has no control, ordered the men to stay in the parks and told them they would be paid even though they did not work. As a result, hundreds of men have been lying around in the parks, doing absolutely nothing excepting jeering at workers, shooting crap, drinking and generally creating a nuisance and a menace to the public. Let me also emphasize that we already have 10,000 new men previously assigned to us whom we are attempting to put to work at all sorts of chores without supervision and who are today practically uncontrolled.

As indicating the lack of a sense of responsibility on the part of the Works Progress Administration, Colonel Mehaffey, the chief assistant to General Johnson within the last twenty-four hours asked the General Superintendent of Parks, when the latter called his attention to existing conditions and asked for the removal of the idle men, "What are you getting so excited about?"

2. I stated yesterday in answer to questions which I could not ignore, and I repeat, that numerous vagrants have been sent to the Park Department as relief workers. These are men whose addresses are those of municipal and other lodging houses. A number of them have been positively identified by park officials as persons who have previously been evicted from the parks. I have no objection whatever to taking care of as many of the Works Progress Administration's problems as we can reasonably assume consistently with our other responsibilities under the charter and to the public. We cannot, however, have people unsuited for the work dumped by the Works Progress Administration into the middle of Central Park and into our playgrounds without the slightest warning and without even the courtesy of an explanation. I have nothing against these men and neither have any of the other park executives. There doubtless are ways in which this problem can be met, but this has got to be done by intelligent cooperation and a common understanding of the problem and not by stupid, arbitrary and arrogant action on the part of assistants to General Johnson who do not make the slightest pretense of consulting local officials, who do not know that they are playing with dynamite, and who, quite incidentally seem to ignore the fact that the Park Department must produce some results to justify the \$84,000,000 of taxpayers' money allotted to it for these very relief projects.

ROBERT MOSES

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 11, 1935

The Department of Parks announces that the Nature Trail at Alley Pond Park will be formally opened at 2:30 S aturday Afternoon, September 14.

The Trail is located a short distance from the parking field, north of the Grand Central Parkway and winds for three quarters of a mile through the densely wooded slopes down to and around the Turtle Pond, following a different route to the point of its beginning.

A four foot path has been cleared through the wooded area to form the Trail and over two hundred signs describing the plant and animal life to be found in the vicinity have been attached to the trees along the Trail.

The plant and animal life inhabiting this area have been classified, and a liesurely hour can be spent along the Trail.

Native varieties of trees range from the stately White Oak down to a sapling of Chestnut growing out of an old Chestnut stump killed by the dreaded chestnut blight.

The smaller plants range from Solomons Seal and Jack-in-the-Pulpit to the Cinnamon Fern and hosts of others.

The trees and plants are labeled with common and Latin names, with interesting information and anecdotes giving the uses of the trees and woodland plants by the Indians and pioneers.

An hour's ramble over the Nature Trail, reading the pages of Nature's open book, will leave, among many other impressions, one of greater love and respect for our ever silent and useful friends, the trees.

Representatives of various clubs interested in these Nature Trails have been invited to speak.

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For Immediate Release
September 6, 1935

SHORE PARKWAY EXTENSION

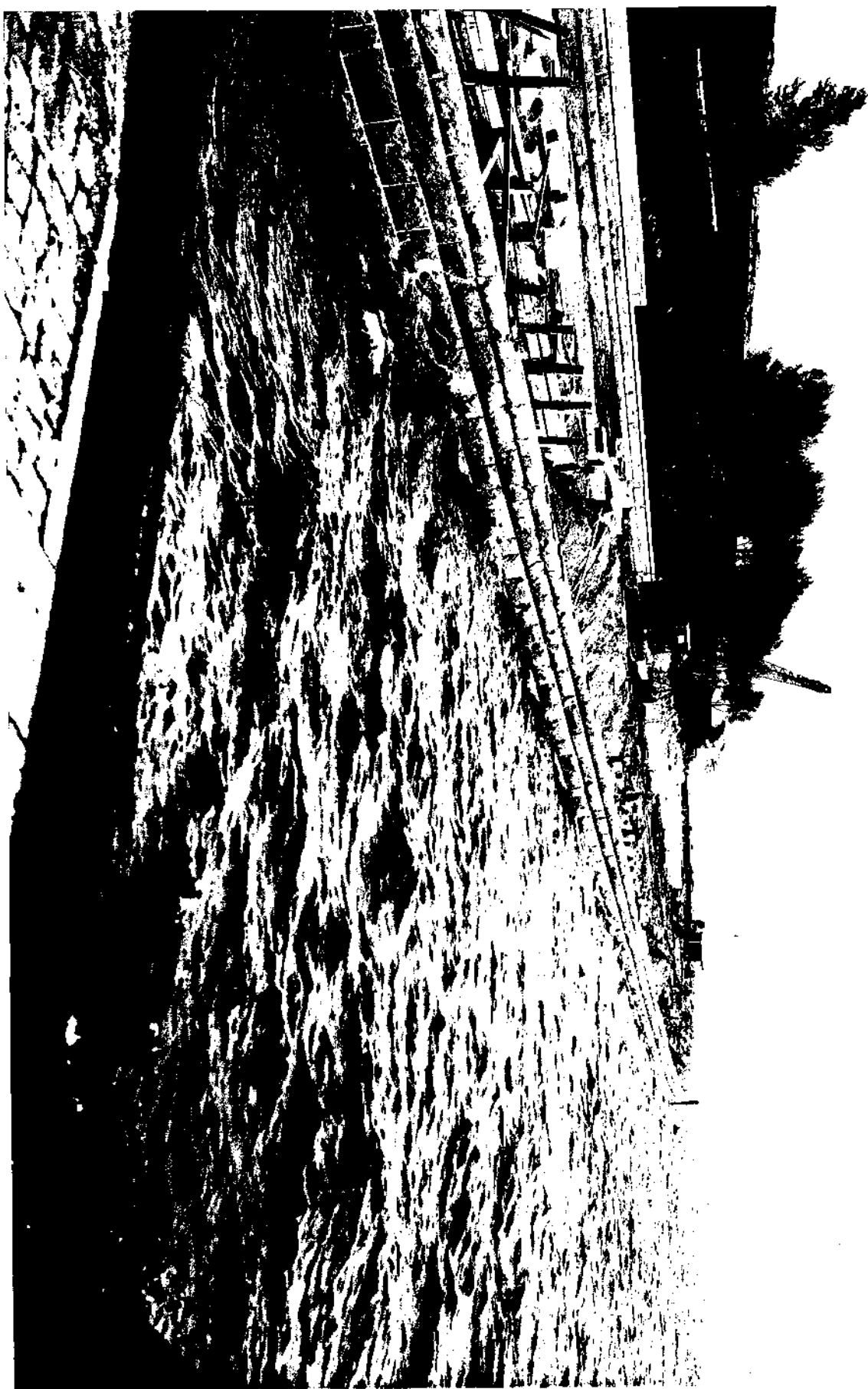
Rapid progress is being made by the contractor on the Shore Parkway Extension along the Narrows at Fort Hamilton. The Long Island Dredging Company recently completed the work of placing 100,000 cubic yards of sand fill along the proposed parkway. This material was obtained by hydraulic dredging from the bottom of the Narrows and pumped in place behind the sea wall which is now under construction. The contractors building the 3500-foot long granite faced sea wall have been progressing this work as fast as the filling operations permit. Today the new wall was connected with the old sea wall which runs along Shore Road. The connection was made at a point several hundred feet west of the U. S. Reservation Dock. This operation completed the setting of the large granite blocks used for the wall face.

The next contract to be let will consist of placing about a half million yards of hydraulic fill for the parkway foundation. This contract will be advertised for bids this fall.

The Shore Parkway Extension will extend from the existing dead end at Shore Road and 4th Avenue to Cropsey Avenue at Bay 8th Street. Between these points the alignment of the parkway will follow the shore line of Fort Hamilton and through Dyker Beach Park. This section of the Shore Parkway, when completed, will provide two 3-lane roadways, separated by a grass panel.

Shore Parkway eventually will be a part of a circumferential boulevard which will connect the existing Shore Road with Marine Park, Brooklyn, by way of Cropsey and Emmons Avenues.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 30, 1935

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The Department of Parks announced today the opening of six playgrounds Labor Day. Three are located in Brooklyn, two in Queens and one in the Bronx. The Brooklyn playgrounds are located at Snediker and Riverdale Avenues; Stillwell Avenue and Avenue U and a large play area in McCarren Park. The Riverdale and Snediker playground has an area of about one acre. Facilities will include a wading pool, apparatus, etc. The playground at Stillwell Avenue and Avenue U, about three and one-quarter acres, will have a wading pool and the usual play apparatus. McCarren Park has been reconstructed to provide play facilities for large and small children. In Queens the Laurelton playground, about one-half acre, transferred from the Board of Education, will be developed as a small children's play area. The playground in Highland Park will be equipped with small children's play apparatus. In the Bronx an area of about one acre has been developed as a modern children's playground and will include a wading pool.

The playgrounds will be open at 10:30 A.M. Appropriate ceremonies will be conducted in all the boroughs, including the exhibition of playground games, flag raising, band concerts, etc. The Mayor and Commissioner Moses will tour of inspection.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 26th, 1935

The Henry Hudson Parkway Authority opened bids today at three o'clock at the headquarters of the City Park Department in the Arsenal, Central Park.

The structure will be a reinforced concrete rigid frame bridge approximately 100 feet in length with a 16 foot clearance carrying the Henry Hudson Parkway over Kappock Street. It will carry six lanes of traffic. Doyle and Doyle, Inc., 72 Carman Road, Scarsdale, New York, were the low bidders with a figure of \$59,485.00.

Work on the structure is to be started immediately and must be completed by January 2nd, 1936.

Complete list of bidders is attached.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 26th, 1935

BID TABULATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BID</u>
Doyle and Doyle, Inc.	72 Carman Road, Scarsdale, N.Y.	\$59,485.00
Walter Kidde, Constructors, Inc.	140 Cedar Street, N.Y.C.	59,809.50
Garofano Construction Co., Inc.	700 S. Columbus Ave. Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	64,157.00
Frank A. O'Hare Company, Inc.	270 Madison Avenue, N. Y. C.	67,400.00
Poirer and McLane	33 West 42nd Street, N. Y. C.	73,665.50
Rusciano and Son Corp.	728 East 212th Street, N.Y.C.	73,878.00
Chas Shaffer & Son, Inc.	40 West 72nd Street, N.Y.C.	78,277.50
Clevorock, Inc.	420 Lexington Avenue, N.Y.C.	83,493.50
Thos. Crimmins Contracting Co., Inc.	734 Lexington Avenue, N.Y.C.	84,997.50

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 22, 1935

Since the opening of the concert season throughout the City Parks, on June 11th, an average attendance of from 3 to 25 thousand persons has been recorded. It has been estimated that attendance this summer has been the largest of any concert series to date.

The public's regular attendance at these symphonic and band concerts is an indication of the intense interest and appreciation of an eager audience to hear so-called "good music."

In addition to the works of the well known composers, increased interest has been evinced in the scores of more recent American compositions. This is in part due to the policy of the Concert Unit of the Works Progress Administration to give a prominent place to the music of American composers in all programs.

The Goldman Band series has just concluded the 18th season of summer concerts on the "Mall", and it has been arranged to fill them with concerts by: New York Civic, Brooklyn Symphony, Bronx Symphony, Greenwich Sinfonietta Orchestras, and New York State Symphonic, Manhattan Concert, and Park Department Bands.

A schedule of concerts for September is attached.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 22, 1935

The Department of Parks announces that a Choral and Dance Recital will be given by the Polish Singers Alliance of America on the Mall in Central Park Sunday, August 25 at 8:00 P.M.

Under the direction of Mr. Henry Zimnoch, over 200 well trained adult singers will take part in several choral numbers which include male and mixed choruses. Also, there will be several solo and quartet selections.

Z. Salacyinski, a young violinist of exceptional talent, will be the soloist for the evening.

The program will be varied by two folk dances in national costume, Krakowiak and Mazur, to the accompaniment of typical lively Polish music.

This is the first Park Department presentation of an outdoor musical festival and a large attendance is expected.

A program is attached.

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The Department of Parks is erecting at the Arsenal in Central Park in Manhattan, at the Litchfield Mansion in Prospect Park in Brooklyn, at Zbrowski Mansion in Claremont Park in the Bronx, at the Overlook in Forest Park in Queens, and at the Field House in Clove Lakes Park in Staten Island graphic indexes of progress in developing its program of playground construction. At each of these park borough headquarters a "playground progress thermometer" is being built as shown on the attached sketch. A ladder with a rung to indicate each playground in the program will be erected for each of the five boroughs. Playgrounds built and opened since the consolidation of the former five separate park departments into the city-wide Department of Parks will be shown by buff rungs, those under construction by red, those being designed by blue, and those where areas have been acquired and are scheduled for construction by white. Actual progress of work will be shown.

The schedule of 160 new playgrounds announced by the Park Department on January 1st of this year has been increased by forty-three new areas, making a total to be completed by next summer of 203 new recreational units. Seventy-three of these play areas have already been opened to the public. Seventy of these were constructed with city, state and federal relief funds by the Park Department and three of them were developed by the Long Island State Park Commission and the New York State Department of Public Works in conjunction with the construction of the Grand Central Parkway through Alley Pond and Hillside Parks in the Borough of Queens. The following is a list with the dates on which these facilities were opened:

<u>July 15</u>	A B	Manhattan	Wm. McCray. 138th Street bet. 5th Ave. & Lex.Ave. (War Memorial)
	A B	"	Jos. C. Sauer. E. 12th St. bet. Ave. A & B (War Memorial)
	A B C	Bronx	Louis Zimmerman. S. side Britton bet. Barker and Olinville. (War Memorial)
	A B	"	Vincent Cicccarone. S.W. cor. E. 188th St. & Hughes Ave. (War Memorial)
	A B C	Brooklyn	Wm. D. Sheridan, 80-100 Grand St. (War Memorial)
	A B C	Queens	Daniel M. O'Connell. 196 to 197 Sts., 113 to 114 Aves. St. Albans. (War Memorial)
	A B C	"	Howard A. Van Dohlen. 138 St. to 138 Place. Archer to 91st Ave. Jamaica (War Memorial)
	A B C	Richmond	Austin J. McDonald. Bet. Forest & Myrtle Aves., E. of Broadway, Port Richmond (War Memorial)
	A B C	"	Nicholas DeMatti. W. side Tompkins St. bet. Chestnut Ave. & Shaughnessy Lane (War Mem.)

<u>August 11</u>	A B	Manhattan	95 Thompson Street.
	A B	"	N. W. Cor. of Lewis & Rivington Streets.
	A B	"	83 Roosevelt Street.
	C	"	S. E. cor. Corlears & Cherry Streets
	A B C	"	S. side of W. 17th St. bet. 8th and 9th Aves.
	A B	"	Central Park - Great Lawn, N. W. cor. opp. 85th Street.
	A B	"	N. W. cor. Payson Ave. & Dyckman St. S. E. cor. Inwood Park.
	A B	"	S. W. cor. 141st St. & St. Nicholas Ave. N.E. cor. St. Nicholas Park.
	A B C	Bronx	N. E. cor. Brook Avenue & 141st Street.
	A B	Brooklyn	W. side 95th Street bet. Avenues K and L.
	A B C	"	3rd to 4th Sts., 4th to 5th Aves. Site of Old Gowanus House.
	C	"	S. Side Atlantic Ave. bet. Fountain Ave. & Sunrise Highway,
	A B C	"	39th Street and Second Avenue
	A B C	Queens	25th to 30th Aves. 84th to 85th Sts., Jackson Heights
	A B C	"	Alley Pond Park, adj. to Parking Field.
	A B C	"	Hillside Park, adj. to Parking Field.
	A B	Richmond	N. E. cor. Jewett & Castleton Avenues.
<u>Sept. 5</u>	A B	Manhattan	S. W. cor. Riverside Dr. & B'way. N.E. cor. Fort Tryon Park
<u>Sept. 14</u>	A B C	Manhattan	Chrystie & Forsythe Sts. bet. E. Houston & Canal Sts. (Sara D. Roosevelt Parkway)
<u>Sept. 28</u>	A B C	Manhattan	N. E. cor. 6th Ave. & W. Houston Street.
	A B	"	E. Side 1st Ave. bet. Houston & 1st Streets.
<u>Oct. 5</u>	A B	"	S. Side E. Houston St. bet. Essex & Norfolk Streets.
<u>Oct. 12</u>	A B	"	Baxter, Mulberry, Baird & Park Sts. N. sec. Columbus Park
	A B	Bronx	Reservoir Ave. bet. Sedgwick & Webb Ave. N. end of Old Fort #4 Park.
	A B C	Brooklyn	Bet. 4th Ave. & 6th Ave. 66th to 67th Sts.
	A B	Queens	N. W. end Leiv Eiriksson Park (2 blocks)
			N. E. corner Corona Ave. & 102nd Street
<u>Oct. 19</u>	A B C	Manhattan	S. W. cor. Monroe and Gouverneur Streets.
	A B	"	S. side Delancey St. bet. Columbia & Sheriff Sts.
<u>Oct. 28</u>	A B C	Brooklyn	S. W. cor. Fulton & Classon Streets.
	A B C	"	S. W. cor. Park & Taaffe Place
<u>Nov. 5</u>	A	Manhattan	N. side of 150th St. bet. 7th and Macomb's Pl.
<u>Nov. 9</u>	A B	Brooklyn	Dreier-Offerman Playground. W. side Cropsey Ave., S. Bay 46th Street.
	A B C	Queens	S. E. cor. 149th St. & 25th Avenue, Flushing.
<u>Dec. 10</u>	A B	Richmond	W. Side Harbor Road. S. of Richmond Terrace
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<u>Jan. 15</u>	A B C	Brooklyn	Bet. 8th Ave. & Ft. Hamilton Pkwy., 66th to 67th Sts. (2 blocks) Leiv Eiriksson Park)
<u>Feb. 1</u>	B	Queens	243rd Road and 43rd Avenue
<u>March 8</u>	A B C	"	Poppenhausen Ave. 119th St., College Point.
	A B	Manhattan	S. Side 28th St. bet. 2nd and 3rd Avenues.
	A B C	Bronx	Tinton to Union Avenues, bet. 161st & 163rd Sts.
	A B	"	W. side Reservoir Ave. bet. Strong & 197th St. Fort #4
	A B C	Brooklyn	S. E. cor. Nostrand Ave. & Montgomery St.
<u>March 15</u>	A B	Bronx	Park Ave. bet. 150th and 151st Street.

<u>April 1</u>	A B C	Brooklyn	N. E. cor. Vandervoort & Anthony Streets
	A B	Queens	32nd Ave. bet. 106th & 107th Streets
<u>April 17</u>	A B C	Manhattan	Fort Washington Ave. & 173rd St. J. Hood Wright Park
<u>May 1</u>	A B C	Manhattan	E. Houston bet. 1st & 2nd Ave.
	A B C	Brooklyn	Union, Hamilton & Van Brunt Street
<u>May 15</u>	B C	Brooklyn	S. E. cor. Remsen Avenue, Rutland Road
	B C	"	E. N.Y. Ave., Remsen & Utica Avenue
	A B	"	W. S. Remsen, E. 52nd St. to Winthrop Street
	A B	"	W. S. Remsen, Winthrop to Clarkson Streets.
<u>May 16</u>	A B	Manhattan	N. E. cor. of Rutgers & Henry Streets
<u>May 24</u>	A B C	Brooklyn	New Utrecht Ave. & 71st Street
<u>May 29</u>	A	Manhattan	Downing & Carmine Streets
<u>June 5</u>	A B	Manhattan	180th St. & Amsterdam Ave. W. Central part of High- bridge Park
	B C	"	W.S. Washington bet. Horatio & W. 13th St.
	B	"	W.S. Washington - 12th to Leroy St. (3 parcels)
	A B C	Brooklyn	S. side Schermerhorn St.
<u>June 8</u>	B C	Manhattan	100th Street - North Meadow, Central Park
<u>June 9</u>	A B	Bronx	S. E. cor. Jerome Avenue & 193rd St. N.W. cor. St. James Park
<u>June 20</u>	A B	Manhattan	N. E. cor. East End Avenue & 84th St. Carl Schurz Pk.
<u>July 26</u>	B C	Queens	Alley Pond Park Recreational Field
<u>August 9</u>	A	"	Newtown Playground, 56th Avenue & 92nd Street

The Park Department has planned 110 playgrounds with relief funds furnished by the Temporary Emergency Relief Administration and they will be constructed with relief forces supplied by the Works Progress Administration. Thirty-seven of these to be built with relief funds replace old makeshift and inadequate playground areas in centers of congested population with modern, fully equipped recreational centers and 73 are on new areas added to the system.

The following is the program of the Department of Parks for the opening of these one hundred and ten playgrounds in the five boroughs:

<u>August 23</u>	A B C	Queens	Highland Park Playground.
	A B	"	Laurelton Playground. Brookville Blvd., S. of 136th Ave.
	A B	Brooklyn	Riverdale, Van Sinderen and Snediker Aves.
	A B C	Bronx	Crotona Park Playground. W.S. 173rd St. & Fulton Ave.
<u>August 27</u>	A B C	Brooklyn	Avenue U and Stillwell Avenue

<u>Sept. 6</u>	A B C *	Brooklyn	McCarren Park Playground. Driggs Ave. & Lorimer Street
	A B	Bronx	Cauldwell Ave. bet. E. 161st & 163rd Sts.
<u>Sept. 14</u>	A B C *	Manhattan	Thos. Jefferson Playground. 1st Ave. to E. River & E. 111 to E. 114th Street.
	A B C *	Brooklyn	Sunset Park Playground. 5th Avenue & 44th Street
<u>Sept. 20</u>	A B *	Queens	Jackson Pond (Forest Park) Myrtle Ave., 109th St.
	A B C	"	Corona Golf Playground. 47th Ave. & 111th St.
<u>Sept. 27</u>	A B	Brooklyn	Bet. E. 3rd St., Ocean Parkway and Avenue P
<u>Sept. 28</u>	A B C	Bronx	Hunts Point & Spoffard Avenues, Faile Street

<u>Oct. 4</u>	A B C A B	Brooklyn Bronx	Bedford Ave. to Mansfield Place, Aves. X and Y E. 164th Street to Teasdale Pl., E. of Boston Rd.
<u>Oct. 10</u>	A B * A B	Bronx Queens	Reservoir Ave. bet. University & Webb Aves. Fort #4 68th Road, 79th Street and 69th Avenue
<u>Oct. 12</u>	A B C A B C A B A B A B	Manhattan " " " " "	67th & 68th Streets, York and 1st Avenue E. Houston St. bet. Mott and Elizabeth Streets E. Houston St. bet. Elizabeth St. & Bowery W. Houston St. bet. Sullivan & Thompson Sts. W. Houston St. bet. Sullivan & McDougal Sts. McDougal and Houston Streets
<u>Oct. 15</u>	B	"	Avenue A and 3rd Street
<u>Nov. 15</u>	A A	Manhattan "	Essex St. bet. Rivington & Delancey Sts. Essex St. bet. Delancey & Broome Streets
<u>Nov. 21</u>	B C A B *	Manhattan Richmond	Circle Lawn. 106th St. & Central Park West Rosebank Playground. Virginia to Clifton Ave. off Bay St.
<u>Nov. 29</u>	A B A B * A B * A	Manhattan " " Bronx	S. E. Corner Minetta Lane and Sixth Avenue Sixth Avenue bet. W. 3rd Street and Minetta Lane Sixth Avenue bet. 3rd Street and W. 4th Street. DeVoe Park, University Avenue & W. Fordham Road
<u>DECEMBER</u>	A B A B * A B C * A B C B C A A B A B A B	Manhattan " " " Brooklyn " " Bronx Queens " "	Edgecombe Avenue and West 169th Street Morningside Park Playground. Morningside Ave. & 114th St. Hamilton Fish Playground. E. Houston, Stanton, Sheriff & Pitt St. Central Park Great Lawn - opp. 35th St. N.E. cor. Smith, Carroll and First Place 10th Street, 2nd to 3rd Avenues Smith Street, Luqueer to Huntington Streets S. W. cor. 176th Street, Bryant Avenue 127th & 128th Streets, bet. 14th and 15th Aves. 35th Avenue bet. 33rd and 34th Streets. S. W. cor. Astoria Blvd. and 90th Street.
<u>JANUARY</u> 1936	A B C * C * A * A B C B C A B * A B C A B C A B C	Manhattan " " Brooklyn " Queens - " Richmond "	Highbridge Park Playground. Amsterdam Ave. & W. 189th St. North Meadow, Central Park. 97th St. & Transvers. Road Inwood Hill Park Playground. Payson Ave. & Dyckman St. 23rd Street between 4th and 5th Avenues Howard and Atlantic Avenues Forest Park. 79th Street, Myrtle Avenue O'Connor Park Playground, 32nd to 33rd Ave.- 210th St. Clove Lakes Park Recreational Area. Victory Blvd., Clove Rd. Clove Road and Clove Lake Park
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	A B C A B C * A B C A B C A B C	Brooklyn " Bronx Queens Richmond	Aberdeen Street near Bushwick Avenue. Heckscher Playground. Grove & Linden Sts., Central & Wilson Aves. 233rd Street and Jerome Avenue Flushing Playground. 46th Avenue bet. 164th & 165th St. Mill Road, Weed Avenue
<u>MARCH</u>	A B C * A B C *	Manhattan "	Chelsea Park Playground. 10th Ave. W. 27th & W. 28th Sts. Isham Park Playground. Seaman Avenue & Isham St

A B C		Brooklyn	Kent Avenue and Broadway
A B	*	"	McLoughlin Park Plgd. Bridge, Tillary, Jay St. & Cathed-
A B C	*	"	Tompkins Park Plgd. Tompkins & Lafayette Aves. (ral Pl.
A B C		"	Prospect Ave. bet. Greenwood & Ft. Hamilton Parkway
A	C	"	White, McKibben & Bogart Streets
A B C		"	Sullivan Place west of Nostrand Avenue
A B C		"	Newtown Barge Ter. Plgd. Commercial & Dupont Sts.
A B C		"	Williamsburg Housing Development-Scholes St.,
	C *	Bronx	Manhattan Ave. & Graham Ave.
			Parade Ground, 242nd Street to City Line
A B		"	E. 146th St., Grand Concourse, Walton Avenue
A B C		Queens	Springfield Blvd. bet. Sheffield & 147th Ave.

<u>APRIL</u>	A B C	*	Manhattan	Seward Park Plgd. Canal, Hester, Essex & Jefferson Sts.
	A B C	*	"	S. half Tompkins Sq. Plgd. 10th St. bet. Ave A & B.
	A B C	*	"	Heckscher Plgd. 62nd St. & W. Drive, Central Park
	A B C	*	Brooklyn	Bushwick Park Plgd. Knickerbocker & Irving Avenues
		C	"	2nd Avenue from 36th to 38th Streets (& Starr St.
	A B C		"	Blake and Euclid Avenues
	B C		"	Ave. V to Y, West 10th to W. 11th Sts.
	A B C		Bronx	Bronx Park Playground, Boston Road
	A B C		"	W. 178th St., Sedgwick & Cedar Avenue
	A B	*	Queens	Bowne Park Plgd. 32nd Ave. bet. 158 & 159th Sts.
	A B	*	"	Bridge Plaza 1. Crescent & 27th Sts. bet. 42 & 43 Sts.
		C *	"	Bridge Plaza 2. 22nd & 23rd Sts. Bridge Plaza South
	A B C	*	"	Astoria Park Plgd. Astoria Blvd. off 23rd Avenue
	A B C		"	N. Conduit Avenue and 149th Avenue

<u>M A Y</u>	A B C	*	Manhattan	St. Gabriel's Plgd. 1st Ave., 35th to 36th Sts.
	A B C	*	"	Mt. Morris Park, 120th to 121st St., Madison Avenue
	B C	*	Brooklyn	Seaside Park W. 8th St. W. 5th St., Sea Breeze Ave.
				Ocean Parkway to Beach Front.
	A B C	*	"	Dyker Beach Playground. Two Units -1 86th St. & 7 Ave.
				2 86th St. & 14 Av.
	A B C		"	Bayview, Neptune Aves. W. 25th to W. 31st St.
	A B C		Queens	Crocheron Park Plgd. 35th Ave. & 214th Place
	A B C		"	N. Conduit Ave. bet. 80th & 88th Sts.

<u>JUNE</u>	A B C	*	Manhattan	Corlears Hook Plgd. Corlears, South, Jackson & Cherry
	A B C		Brooklyn	Canarsie Park Plgd. E. 93rd St. & Seaview Ave. (Sts.
	B C		"	Bergen Beach Plgd. Bergen Ave., Aves. X & Y
	A B C	*	"	Betsy Head Plgd. Dumont-Livonia-Douglas & Robinson
				and Blake Avenues.
	A B C	*	"	Bay Parkway, Avenue P, West 12th Street
		C	Bronx	Williamsbridge Res. Plgd. E. 208th St. & Bainbridge
	A B C		Queens	N. Conduit Avenue bet. 117th & 121st Sts. (Ave.

<u>JULY</u>	A B		Manhattan	Harlem Housing Plgd. W. 151st St. 7th Ave.-Harlem Riv.
	A B C	*	"	Colonial Park, Bradhurst & Edgcombe Aves. W. 145 to
				(155th Sts
	A B C		"	Randalls Island Park, East and Harlem Rivers
	A B C		Brooklyn	Red Hook Recreation Center. Foot Henry St. on
				(Gowanus Bay
		C	Bronx	Fort Schuyler, Throggs Neck, Ft. of Penfield Avenue
	A B C	*	"	Macomb's Dam Park - Entire Park
	A B C		"	Rodmans Neck - Pelham Bay Park
	A B		Queens	Beach 73rd St. & Rockaway Beach-S. of R.B. Blvd.
	A B C		"	Juniper Valley Park & Plgd. N.Y.C.R.R. to Dry Harbor
				Road, 62nd to 63rd Avenues.
	A B C		Brooklyn	Marine Park North of Avenue U
	B C		"	Prospect Park Parade Ground

In addition to the playgrounds listed above, the following 14 areas will be developed by the City Park Department and the Long Island State Park Commission on excess land acquired for the Triborough Bridge project and will be opened by July of next year.

GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY EXTENSION

B C	Queens	135th Street and Union Turnpike
A B	"	58th Avenue and Marginal Street
B C	"	55th Avenue and Marginal Street
A B	"	52nd Avenue and Marginal Street
B C	"	49th Avenue and Marginal Street
A B	"	46th Avenue bet. 111th Street and Marginal Street
A B	"	Poll Avenue and 37th Avenue
A B	"	97th Street and Ditmars Boulevard

EAST RIVER DRIVE

A B	Manhattan	119th and 120th Streets
A B	"	104th and 105th Streets
A	"	93rd Street and Pleasant Avenue
B C	"	103rd and 104th Streets
A B C	"	123rd, 124th and 125th Streets and 1st Ave. (under bridge)
A B C	"	107th Street Pier

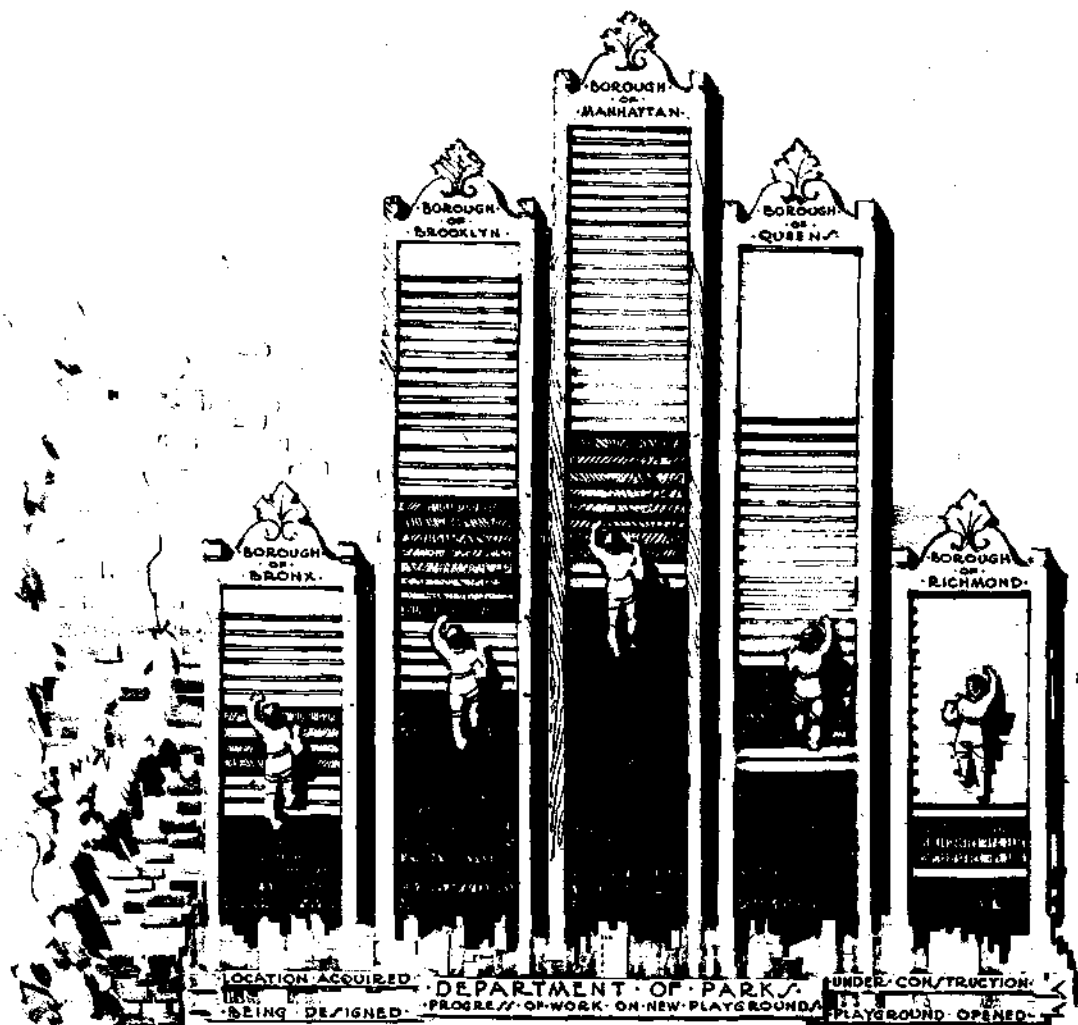
The following six playgrounds will be constructed on or adjacent to Health Center buildings by the Department of Parks and the Department of Health and will be operated by the Park Department:

A B	Manhattan	115th Street bet. Lexington & 3rd Aves. (Roof)
A B	"	Chelsea Park, 9th Ave. 27th to 28th Sts. (Roof)
A B	Bronx	East of Alexander Ave. 140th to 141st Sts.
A B	"	North side of Westchester Avenue. Commonwealth and St. Lawrence Avenues.
A B	Queens	31st Street and 14th Avenue
A	Brooklyn	Baltic & Court Streets (Roof)

The character of development of each playground has been carefully studied to satisfy the recreational needs of the neighborhood in which it is located. Some of these playgrounds are designed exclusively for infants and mothers, some for children of kindergarten age, some for adults and adolescents and some for combinations of these groups.

The general type of use for which the play areas are planned is indicated by letters opposite each unit on the above lists. "A" indicates a park for mothers and infants, "B" for older children, and "C" for adolescents and adults. The dilapidated areas to be relocated and rebuilt are marked by asterisks. (*) All of the play areas constructed for adolescent or adult recreation will be flood-lighted and constructed so that they may be open at night until bedtime. All are designed for use the full year. They will be planted with as many trees and shrubs as possible.

In addition to the new playgrounds above described, all new outdoor swimming pools will be so designed that they can be used in the Fall, Summer and Spring for play purposes, and so far as possible Winter play facilities will be provided in connection with construction of bathhouses.



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FOR RELEASE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1935

The Department of Parks has determined the location and completed the development plan of a major recreational center in Harlem. For over a year the Department has been searching this section of the city for an area large enough to provide space for the active play and recreation which it is providing in other neighborhoods, and which Harlem lacks. No area large enough to accommodate all the units required and at a price the city could pay could be assembled. It was decided to convert Colonial Park from its present informal plan into a park for active play.

Its location, between 145th and 155th Streets and between Edgecombe and Bradhurst Avenues, is ideal.

The topography of the park is well suited to the various units to be built. Edgecombe Avenue is supported above the park by a high stone retaining-wall built on an escarpment along the west side of the area. The rocky slope occupies less than half of the park area and the east side along Bradhurst Avenue is level with the boundary street. The wooded steep slopes will not be disturbed and a ten-block long promenade will be reconstructed at the foot of the wall on the ledge. The whole lower section will be rebuilt into active recreational units.

An outdoor swimming pool and gymnasium will be built between 145th and 147th Streets. The pool will be 100 meters long and will be equal to any other pool in the city. The roof of the modern bathhouse will be utilized for the deck of the pool and spectator seats will be terraced against the rock ledge. The area used for a swimming pool in the summer can be converted into an outdoor gymnasium during seasons of no swimming. The south wing of the building will be built as a year-round athletic hall, modern gymnasium and general recreation center for

Harlem.

A music shell will be built into the north wing of the bathhouse and will center on a tree shaded concert and dance plaza which terminates a mall from 147th to 150th Streets.

The existing comfort station at 149th Street will be renovated and enlarged into a play house and flanked by playgrounds for small children.

The largest meadow in the park which extends from 150th to 152nd Streets will be devoted to field sports and other adult recreation. A third playground for larger children, which will include a wading pool, is located between 152nd and 153rd Streets.

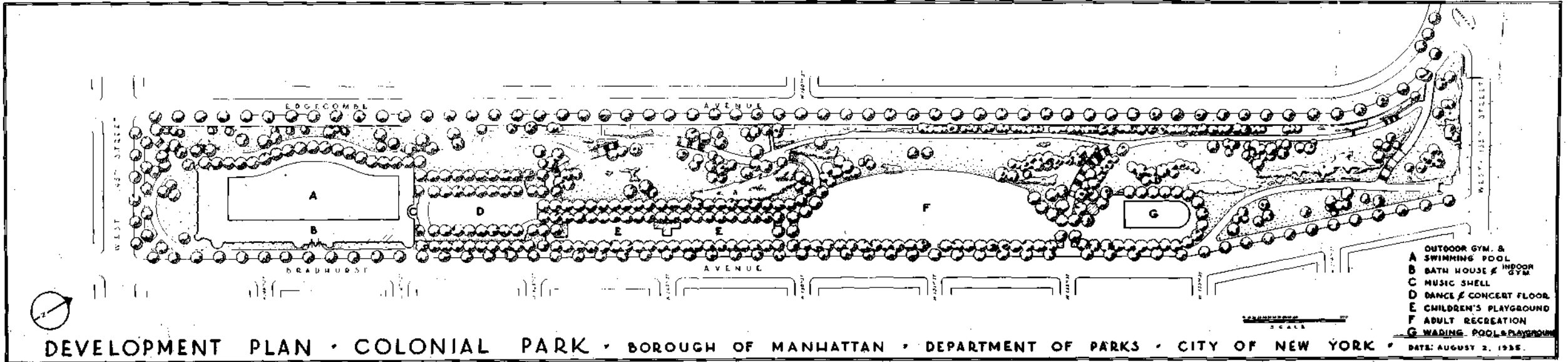
The entire area will be landscaped and liberally equipped with benches.

Harlem will have a complete athletic center equal to any planned for any neighborhood in the city.

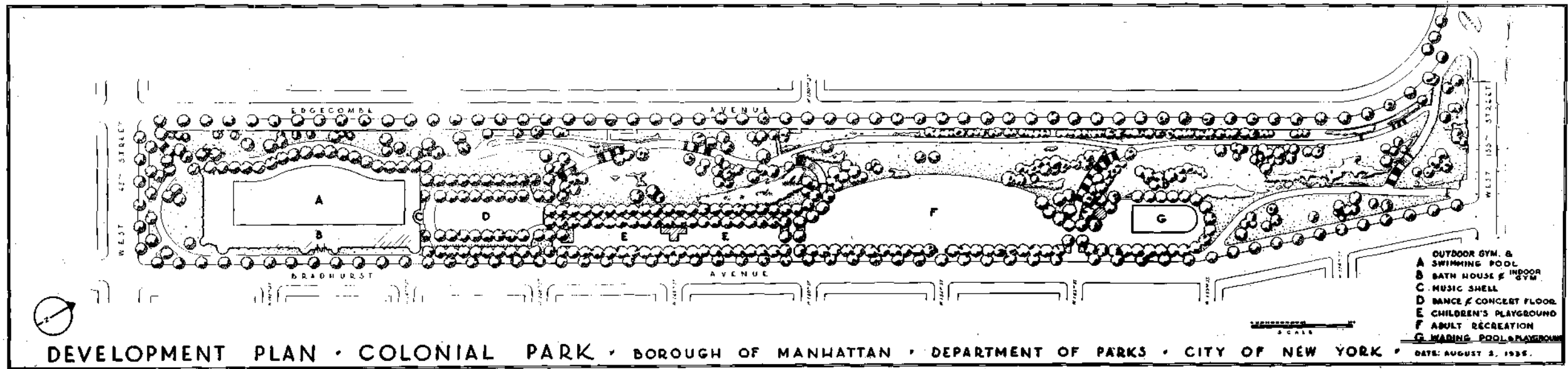
Construction will be started this summer with relief forces. The park will not be closed to the public during reconstruction.

A development plan of the reconstructed area is attached.

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- OUTDOOR GYM. & SWIMMING POOL
- A SWIMMING POOL
- B BATH HOUSE & INDOOR GYM
- C MUSIC SHELL
- D DANCE & CONCERT FLOOR
- E CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND
- F ADULT RECREATION
- G WADING POOL & PLAYGROUND



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 7, 1935.

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The Department of Parks announced today the opening of the new Kissena Park Golf Course in Flushing, located at the junction of the North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Lane.

At the official opening ceremonies, Friday, August 9 at 2:00 P.M., Mr. Ira Strong, President, will represent the Broadway Chamber of Commerce of Flushing; Mr. Harry Lewis, President, will represent the Kissena Park Improvement Association; Mr. Charles L. Wise, Vice President, will represent the Flushing United and Mr. Harry Sweeny, Jr., Borough Director of Parks in Queens and John R. Van Kleeck, golf architect, will represent the Park Department.

The first foursome to play the course will be made up of representatives of various civic organizations. A foursome representing the various city golf courses, including Pelham, Clearview, Forest Park and Dyker Beach will follow the official foursome. Permit holders are invited to play on the opening day, and will be started according to the system in force at all city golf courses.

Reservations will not be made for August 10 and 11, but can be made for August 17 and 18 by telephone to the Borough Park Department office at the Overlook in New Gardens.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JULY 16, 1958

The Park Department announced today the opening of the Forest Park Golf Course, Queens, Thursday, July 18, at 2:00 P.M. The Old Forest Park course has been entirely rebuilt with new greens and tees in line with the most modern golf architecture.

Appropriate ceremonies, which includes a bugle call to colors and raising of the flag, have been arranged.

Borough Director Harry Sweeney, representing the Park Department, will direct the opening ceremonies.

Borough President Harvey will tee off the first ball.

A foursome representing the Queens Golf Club, The Clearview Golf Club, Dyker Beach Park Golf Club and Shore View Golf Club will play the first round.

Four professional golfers from the following municipal golf courses will represent the Park Department:

Pat Doyle	-	Kissena
Tony Grego	-	Clearview
George Jolinay		Kissena
Joe McElahan		Forest Park

After the official foursomes have teed off, the course will be opened to all permit holders for play or inspection.

No reservations will be accepted for Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, but beginning Monday, July 22, playing time may be reserved for the following Saturday and Sunday by telephone or otherwise at the Park office, Overlook, Forest Park.

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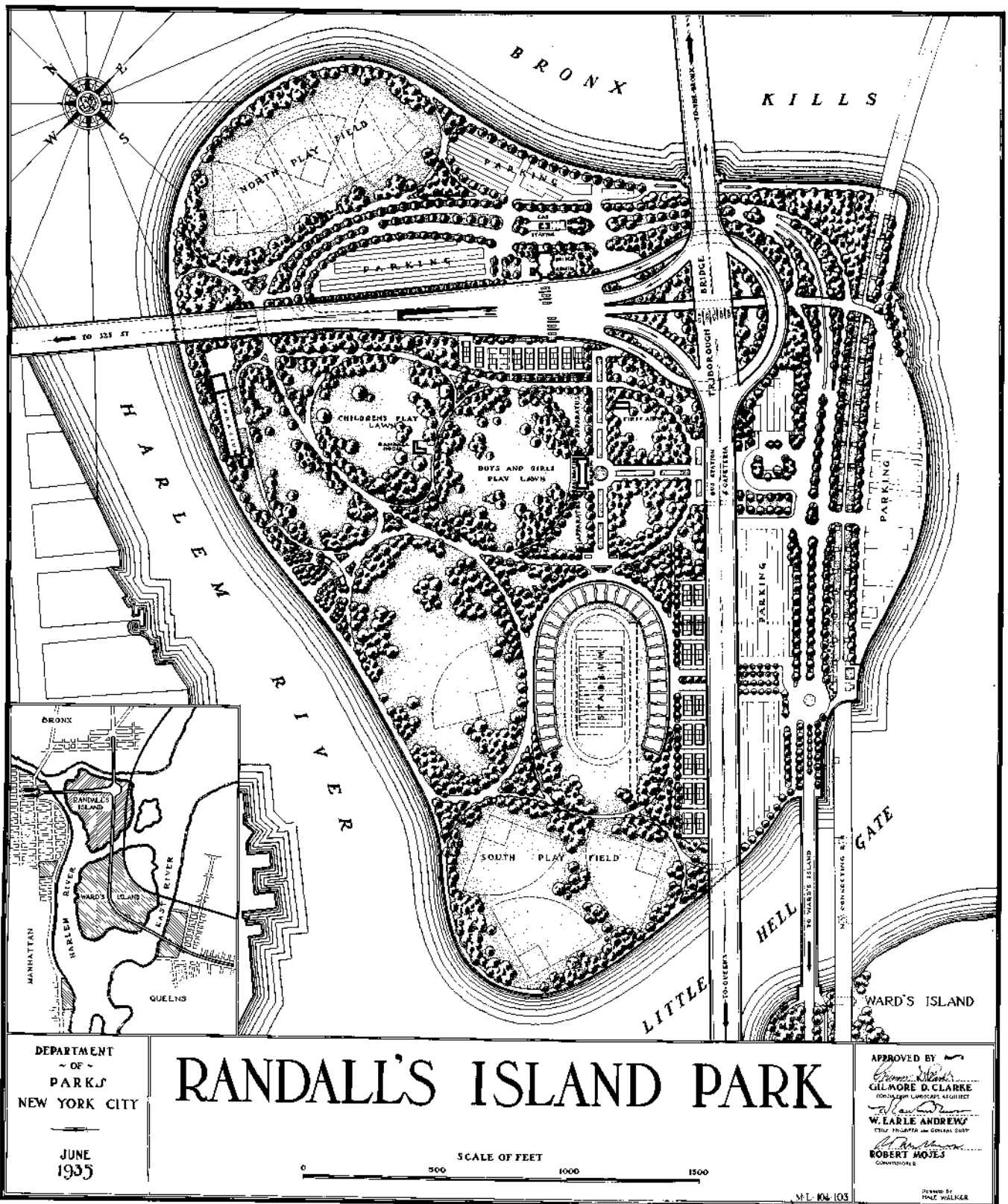
The Department of Parks announced today that work on the superstructure of the West Side Highway from 72nd to 76th Streets is well under way. The foundations for this section were completed several months ago.

An interesting feature of the contract which has just been completed is the connection of the steel for the new structure to that of the existing structure south of 72nd Street. The location of the steel of the temporary ramp at 72nd Street is such that a section had to be removed in order to make the connection of the new steel to the existing framework. In order to accomplish this with a minimum disturbance of traffic, the work was done at night and was accomplished without inconvenience to motorists using Riverside Drive and the existing section of the Express Highway.

The work under this contract is being performed by Poirier and McLane, at a cost of approximately \$1,172,000. The American Bridge Company and the Harris Structural Steel Company have a joint contract for the steel work. The foundations were installed by the Atwell Company.

Transition between the construction south of 72nd Street, which consists of long span steel girders and that north of 73rd Street in Riverside Park, which consists of informal field stone walls, is being accomplished by structural steel arches. These arches intersect at an angle rather than being continuous, as is usual in this type of construction. Most of the arches have been placed and steel is arriving at an encouraging rate, so that in a comparatively short time the superstructure up to 76th Street should be completed.

Plans for the structure beyond 76th Street are now being rushed to completion.

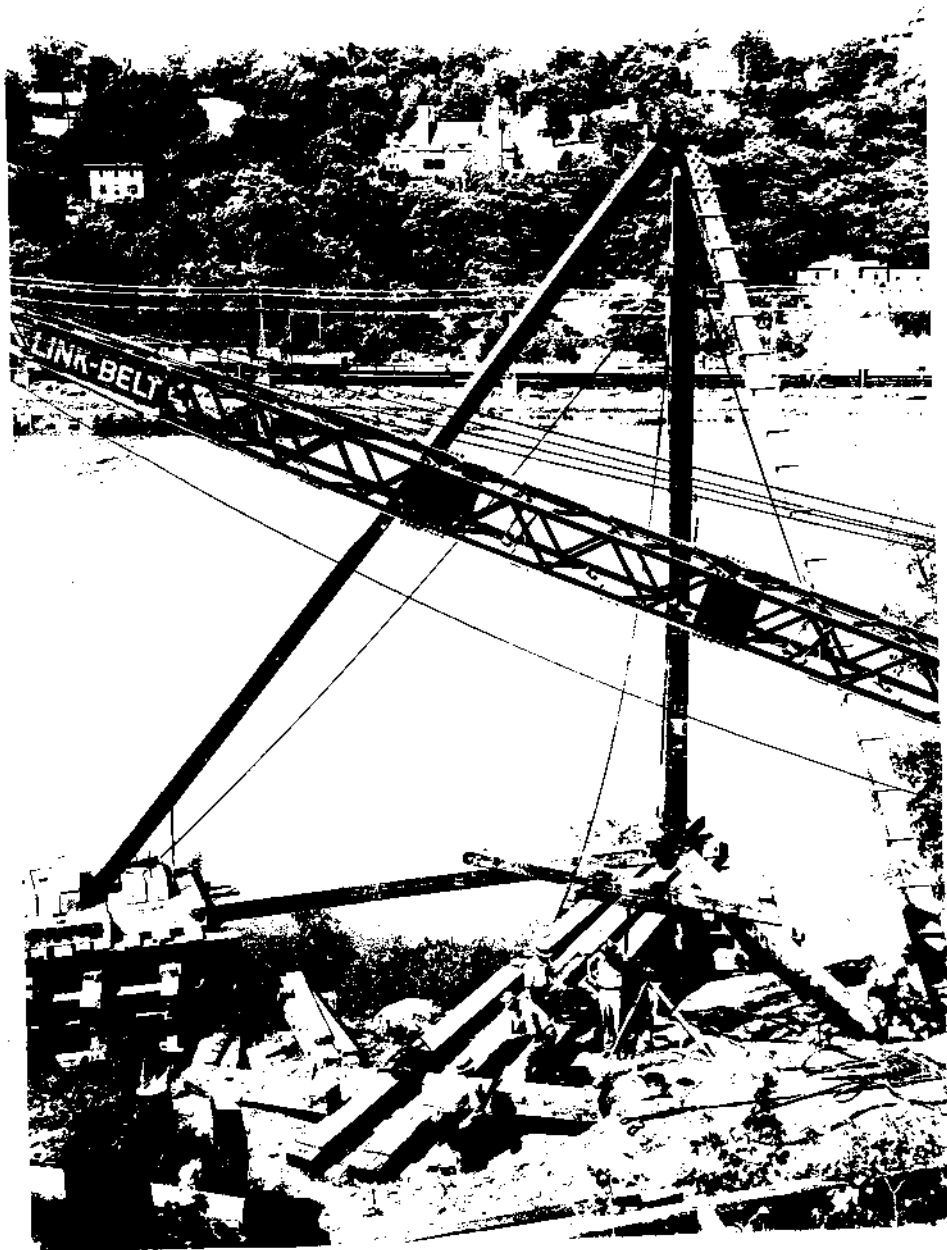


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 8, 1935

The Department of Parks announced today that the bridge spanning the Harlem Ship Canal, which was recently advertised and awarded by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority, is actually under construction. The Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company, with a low bid of \$272,678.50 on the substructure, is busily engaged in the construction of the south pier of the bridge. The entire contract, including the superstructure which was awarded the American Bridge Company, whose low bid was \$365,208.59, will be finished by January 1937.



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July 5th, 1935.

Mayor LaGuardia's efforts to secure for the public well produced plays that could be given outdoors, resulted in the experiment of the Portable Theatre Drama presentations in the Park last year. These were provided by the Drama Division of the Department of Public Welfare. The experiment proved to be so successful that several new productions have been added to the repertory, among these two Gilbert and Sullivan shows. Last year as many as 12,000 persons were recorded as witnessing one of the performances. With a larger cast prepared to give several operettas this summer, it is expected that the attendance record will be increased.

The shows are scheduled to begin in all Boroughs on Monday, July 8th at 8:15 P.M., with the exception of the Mall which will commence on July 15th. These plays will continue daily, except Sunday, throughout the summer.

Attached hereto is a complete list of park sites in the five Boroughs and the days on which the Portable Theatre will be seen at each.

The following are the plays that will be shown in each Borough this week:

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| BROOKLYN | - | "Pirates of Penzance" |
| QUEENS | - | "The Fall Guy" |
| BRONX | - | "The Rivals" |
| MANHATTAN | - | "Button, Button" |
| RICHMOND | - | Vaudeville Unit #2 |

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July 5th, 1935.

PORTABLE THEATERS

Locations and Playing Days -- 1935

BROOKLYN

Mondays	Fort Green Park	DeKalb Ave. & Cumberland St.
Tuesdays	Owl's Head Park	Shore & Colonial Rds. 67 St.
Wednesdays	Gravesent Park	18th Ave. & 56th St.
Thursdays	Wm. B. Kelly Mem.	Ave. S. & 14th St.
Fridays	Prospect Park	Gate #3 Ocean Ave. Lincoln Rd
Saturdays	Lincoln Terrace	Eastern Pkwy. Rochester Ave.

QUEENS

Mondays	Forest Park	Park Lane So. & 89th St.
Tuesdays	Anawanda	Grandview Ave. Stanhope St.
Wednesdays	Jacob Riis Park	Rockaway Beach Blvd.
Thursdays	King	Jamaica Ave. 150th St.
Fridays	Jackson Hts.	84 - 85 St. 30th Ave.
Saturdays	Astoria Park	Hoyt Ave. & East River

BRONX

Mondays	Franz Siegel	153rd St. Mott Ave.
Tuesdays	Crotona Park	175 St. Fulton & Arthur Ave.
Wednesdays	Bronx Pk. East	Union Port Rd. & Sagamore St.
Thursdays	Pelham, Rice Stadium	Eastern Blvd. opp. Westchester Ave.
Fridays	De Voe Park	University Ave. Fordham Rd.
Saturdays	St. Mary's Park	Trinity Ave. opp. 147th St.

MANHATTAN

Mondays	Mall, C.P. (7/15)	72nd St. Central Park
Tuesdays	Wash. Square	Waverly Place & 5th Ave.
Wednesdays	Colonial Park	145th St. & Bradhurst Ave.
Thursdays	Chelsea Park	27th St. & 10th Ave.
Fridays	Corlears Hook	South & Cherry Sts.
Saturdays	Roosevelt Park	Rivington & Forsyth Sts.

RICHMOND

Mondays	Clove Lake Park	Slosson Ave. Victory Blvd.
Tuesdays	Silver Lake Park	Eddy St. Forest Ave.
Wednesdays	Cardinal Bowl	Rosebank
Thursdays	Semlars Park	Grant City
Fridays	Fitzgeralds Fields	Nelson Avenue
Saturdays	Wolfes Pond Park	Cornelia Ave. Holston St.
		Johnson Terrace

The new Prospect Park Zoo, located on what was the Duck Pond, is one of the most modern and beautiful menageries in the country. The main entrance is on Flatbush Avenue, about 440 feet from the Lefferts Mansion. A stone stairway leads from the street to the lower level where the six brick buildings comprising the zoo are situated. In the center of the building group is a seal pool, from which walks radiate, giving the landscape the shape of an open fan.

The buildings house lions, horned animals, monkeys and birds. The hippopotami and elephants reside in a large domed building in the center of the group. Two huge decorative cages display a hawk and eagle. A restaurant occupies a corner of the garden. Along the street level are two shelters for visitors.

The bears' dens, of huge boulders simulating a mountain side, are built into the slope which rises toward Flatbush Avenue. To the spectator, nothing seems to stand between them and the animals. However, an 18 foot deep moat filled with water prevents the bears escaping. This is known as the Hagenbeck method of display, adopted by zoos in St. Louis, Washington and Chicago.

Plans were prepared by work relief architects and engineers and the cost of construction and labor was covered by work relief funds.

The response to the appeal of the Brooklyn Citizens' Committee for the Prospect Park Zoo, formed by the Hon. Raymond V. Ingersoll, Borough President of Brooklyn, and the Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, for the purpose of stocking the empty cages has been most generous. More specimens are needed and those interested are invited to communicate with Mr. Louis C. Wills, President of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Hon. Alfred E. Smith is acting as "Renting Agent" for the zoo. A bronze tablet of acknowledgment will be placed on the cages of animals whose cost was borne entirely by an individual.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JULY 1, 1935.

The Department of Parks announces the opening of its first children's farm garden at the DeWatti Playfield, Staten Island, July 3 at 1:30 P.M.

This garden is artistically laid out with a stone garden house in the center and two plots on either side for little vegetable gardens. Shrubbbery and trees surround the garden.

Implements and insect mounts and other instructive and interesting garden reuisites have been supplied by the Prk Department, as well as a garden teacher well versed in the ways of children and cut worms.

Facilities for 100 individual gardens have been provided.

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