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The second in this season's concerts by the Naumburg Orchestra will be heard on the Mall in Central Park on Friday evening, July 4, at 8:15 P.M. Dr. Alexander Leslie will conduct and Alvin Rudnitsky will appear as guest soloist.

These concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the band stand on the Mall to the people of the City of New York. Their father had made it a custom to contribute orchestral concerts in the cause of good music. His sons have continued this custom in his memory.

The program for the Fourth of July concert will be:

1. Overture - Oberon Weber
2. Symphony No. 5 in E. Minor - The New World
First Movement Dvorak
3. Concerto in E. Minor - Second and Third Movements . . . Mendelssohn
Alvin Rudnitsky
4. March Slav Tchaikovsky
5. Wedding March - The Golden Cockerel Suite Rimsky-Korsakoff
6. Waltz - Artist Life Strauss

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- 7. Scherzo Tarantelle Wieniawski
Alvin Rudnitsky
- 8. March - Stars and Stripes Forever Sousa

The remaining Naumburg Orchestra Concerts will be heard on
July 31 and September 1, both at 8:15 P.M. at the Mall.



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The Department of Parks announces a summer schedule of operation at the popular St. Mary's Recreation Center in St. Mary's Park at St. Ann's Avenue and East 144th Street, The Bronx.

As of the close of business on Saturday, June 28th, the rooms for manual training, music, domestic science and boxing instruction will close. They will reopen again in the fall.

The arts and crafts room, senior and junior games room, meeting rooms, gymnasium, locker and shower rooms, and the 40 feet by 75 feet indoor swimming pool, will remain open for summer usage.

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RICHMONDTOWN

Further progress toward the preservation and restoration of historic old Richmondtown on Staten Island was made on June 12th when the Board of Estimate amended the zoning regulations in the Richmondtown area and restricted its future development to residential and non-business uses.

The early colonial village of Richmond lies at the east end of the 2,800-acre Fresh Kills sanitation fill project and contains a remarkable number of historic sites and buildings such as the Voorlezer's House built in 1696, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church built in 1709, and the old County Clerk's Office of 1848, now the museum of the Staten Island Historical Society. Because of its proximity to the Fresh Kills project and to other existing and proposed public improvements in the Borough of Richmond, such as La Tourette Park, Richmond and Willowbrook Parkways and the future West Shore Expressway, the restoration of Richmondtown has enlisted the whole-hearted support and cooperation of many city officials and agencies, civic groups and other interested citizens.

The Staten Island Historical Society, which has already restored the Voorlezer's House and the County Clerk's Office and maintains them as museums, has envisioned the preservation and gradual restoration

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or rebuilding of the principal buildings which formerly composed the village of Richmond. Steady progress is being made in the acquisition of sites and in planning for the future. Unlike such widely known restorations as Williamsburg, Virginia, and Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts, Richmondtown is easily accessible to a great metropolitan population. The project presents a rare opportunity to preserve the last remaining, and comparatively unspoiled, example of the early Colonial and Federal village and county center from which the City of New York grew.

To permit the retention of the quiet narrow streets in the heart of the village the office of the Borough President of Richmond is preparing plans for street improvements which will divert heavy through-traffic from the area. Since many of the historic sites lie within the limits of La Tourette Park, the Park Department is actively cooperating in plans for their preservation and will assist the Department of Sanitation in the preparation of grading studies and the supervision of landfill operations in this section of the Fresh Kills project so that existing features of natural and historic interest may be retained wherever possible.

Recent efforts have been made to have Richmondtown designated a national historic site and placed under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. However, the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments after studying the project did not recommend such a designation and the National Park Service, without such recommendation is unable to designate Richmondtown as a national

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historic site or to accept title to land there for incorporation into the National Park System.

Mr. Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service has recently written to the Park Department:

"The Board recognized that the Community of Richmondtown has a rich historical and architectural heritage fully justifying the interest and care with which the citizens, the Borough officials and the City of New York are preserving that heritage for public use and enjoyment. While the Board did not recommend that Richmondtown be designated a national historic site, it wished to encourage it as being a work of conservation of widespread interest to people in the State of New York and the country as a whole."

"Under the authority of the Park, Parkway and Recreational-Area Study Act of June 23, 1936, we are prepared, however, to cooperate in any way we can to further the preservation of historic Richmondtown and to give advisory assistance."

"There are of course many historic shrines of national interest which can best be administered locally, such as Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. If, as this splendid work goes forward, the National Park Service professional staff can be of any further assistance, as indicated above, we shall of course be glad to extend such help in every way possible to us."

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All of the 576 Park Department playgrounds are ready to provide safe summer recreation for vacationing youngsters and teenagers who will be released from school this week. The great number and variety of recreational facilities in New York City parks will enable them to enjoy vacation fun at no cost, or at most, for a nominal fee.

A recreation staff of 1,476 employees will supervise and conduct daily activities and special events throughout the summer at park facilities.

Park neighborhood playgrounds are equipped with more than 12,000 pieces of playground apparatus, 4,000 handball, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, volleyball, basketball and Tennis courts, etc., and over 500 ball diamonds. These activities plus group games, athletics, ping pong, arts & crafts, and quiet games form the framework of the daily recreation program in the playgrounds.

The seven park beaches and seventeen outdoor swimming pools are supervised by a trained staff of lifeguards. At the beaches, children's lockers are 15 cents, adults' 25 cents. At the pools there is a free period from 10 A.M. to Noon, Monday through Saturday, for children 14 years of age and under. During this period, lifeguards will teach children how to swim as part of the Learn-to-Swim Program conducted annually in July and August. Afternoons and evenings children under 14 years pay 10 cents admission to the pools, and those over 14 and adults pay 25 cents.

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Toddlers can beat the heat at neighborhood playgrounds under saucer showers or in the wading pools.

There are 51 miles of bicycle paths and 56 miles of bridle paths in the parks and along parkways. A bicycle outing to a park picnic grove, of which there are 21, is a pleasant way for a young group to spend a summer's day. Fireplaces, tables and benches are available at park picnic groves.

Boys and girls may fish at any of the 42 fishing areas and those under 16 years of age may try their luck at special fishing areas set aside for their use at the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park and at Prospect Park and Van Cortlandt Park lakes.

Special areas in the parks are also set aside for kite and model airplane flying and there are 12 lakes where model yachts may be sailed.

Younger children will enjoy seeing a free performance of the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre's production of Jack and the Beanstalk when it visits one of the parks near their homes. This popular and elaborate show will be on tour through September 5.

Teenagers may spend pleasant evenings with their friends by attending free concerts and dances in the parks during their vacations. Dances to the music of famous dance orchestras are sponsored each evening, Monday through Friday at 8:30 P.M., by the Consolidated Edison Company. The Guggenheim Memorial Concerts by the Goldman Band are heard on the Mall on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, and at the Prospect Park Music Grove on Thursday and Saturday evenings, all at 8:30 P.M. through August 15. The remaining Naumburg Orchestral Concerts this season will be given July 4, July 31, and September 1 at 8:15 P.M.

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Competitive events for pre-teen and teen-age groups this summer will include city-wide tournaments in softball, tennis, golf, swimming, and the Junior Olympics early in September. Entries may still be filed for all of these, except tennis which is now under way, at neighborhood park playgrounds.

Park recreational activities, of course, are not confined to the younger generation. All our citizens, from the youngest to the oldest, will find opportunities for summer recreation in New York City's parks. A booklet listing the major recreation facilities available in parks and playgrounds will be sent to anyone sending a large self-addressed, stamped envelope with their request to the Department of Parks, Arsenal, Central Park, New York 21.

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MUSIC AND DANCING

IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8:50 P.M. - MALL, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive -
Guggenheim Memorial Concert by the Goldman Band
Grand Opera Program

MONDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 P.M. - MALL, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert by
the Goldman Band - Children's Program

8:30 P.M. - COLONIAL PARK - 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue,
Manhattan - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated
Edison Company - Buddy Morrow and his orchestra

TUESDAY, JULY 1

8:30 P.M. - JACKSON HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND, 84th Street and 25th Avenue,
Queens - Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated
Edison Company - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

8:30 P.M. - MALL, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert by the
Goldman Band - Bach Music

8:30 P.M. - POE PARK, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, -
Name Band sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company -
Hal McIntyre and his orchestra

8:00 P.M. - FOREST PARK Music Grove, Queens - Concert by the New
Choral Society of Long Island

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THURSDAY, JULY 3

8:30 P.M. - PROSPECT PARK MUSIC GROVE, Lincoln Road Entrance -
Guggenheim Memorial Concert by the Goldman Band -
American Music.

8:30 P. M. - WOLLMAN MEMORIAL, Central Park - Name Band Dance
sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company -
Hal McIntyre and his orchestra

FRIDAY, JULY 4

8:15 P. M. MALL, Central Park - Naumburg Orchestra Concert

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Buddy Morrow and Hal McIntyre will play for the Name Band Dances scheduled for the week of June 30. These dances under the stars are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 P.M. by the Department of Parks at major parks in the city.

On Monday, June 30, personable Buddy Morrow will be leading his great RCA Victor dance orchestra at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan. Buddy played with Paul Whiteman, Eddie Duchin, Artie Shaw, Vincent Lopez, and Tommy Dorsey before forming his own band. His listenable, danceable rhythms are popular with dancers and critics alike. Buddy features Frankie Lester and Barbara Nelson as vocalists.

Hal McIntyre takes over the baton for the rest of the week, playing Tuesday, July 1 at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th Avenue, Queens; Wednesday, July 2, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; and Thursday, July 3, at Wollman Memorial, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park. No dance will be held on the Fourth of July.

Hal McIntyre, protege of Glenn Miller who encouraged him to form his own band and with whom he played for four years, has known a phenomenal rise in the entertainment world. His popular hotel engagements, radio work, Hollywood musicals, and recordings for Victor,

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Cosmo, and MGM all prove the soundness of Glenn Miller's advice. Featured with McIntyre's band are Ernie Bernhart, Jeanne McManus, and the McIntots.

The Consolidated Edison Company and the Department of Parks cordially invite the public to attend these free dances, not only during the coming week but also during the entire summer.

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The XV Olympiad will be held at Helsinki, July 19 to August 3, 1952. This is a particularly significant event at this time, in view of the international situation, and a splendid challenge to every American to show the entire world what sportsmanship and the love of games means to a people brought up in a freedom-loving country.

The first fund raising event of the campaign for funds to send our athletes to the Olympics, will be the premiere of Elliot Murphy's Aquashow, Tuesday evening, June 24, at the Amphitheatre in Flushing Meadow Park. In addition to the regular aquashow, the Mayor's Committee has made arrangements for the appearance of world famous Olympic champs such as Dick Button, Buster Crabbe, Marshall Wayne, John Hayes, Ray Barbutti, Sam Mosberg, John David, Frank Cumisky, and the present competing Olympic Gymnastic Team.

Not only will patrons enjoy an excellent evening of entertainment but also will be contributing to a very worthy cause.

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On Sunday, June 22 at 1:00 P.M. at the Split Rook Golf Course in the Bronx, a crack team of five junior golfers representing the city of Atlanta, Georgia, will tee off against a selected team of junior golfers comprised of the most promising youngsters in the municipal area.

The invaders from the deep south present an impressive array of talent that includes 14 year old Bobby Lemming, former National Peewee Champion, Gene Hay, 19 years old, former semi-finalist, National Junior Amateur Championships, and 18 year old Lester Kelly, former quarter-finalist, National Junior Amateur Championships.

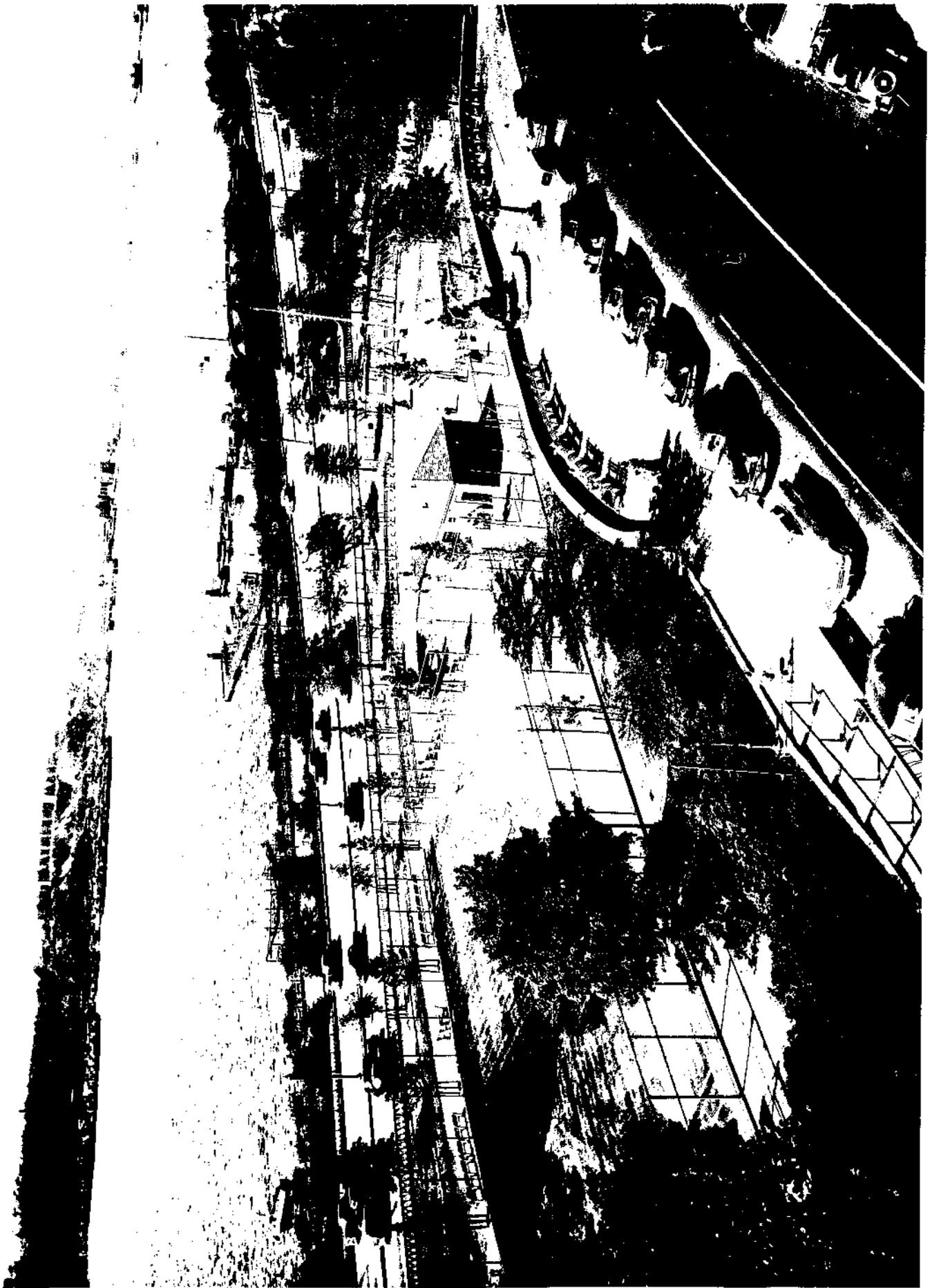
New York City is well represented with such able junior golfers as 19 year old Alan Cook, runner-up in the 1951 Department of Parks Junior City-Wide Championships, 16 year old Myron Meadow 1951 Junior Champion at the Mosholu Golf Course, Bronx, New York, and Bruce Staats, 16 years old, 1951 runner-up in the junior championships at the Kissena Golf Course, Queens, New York.

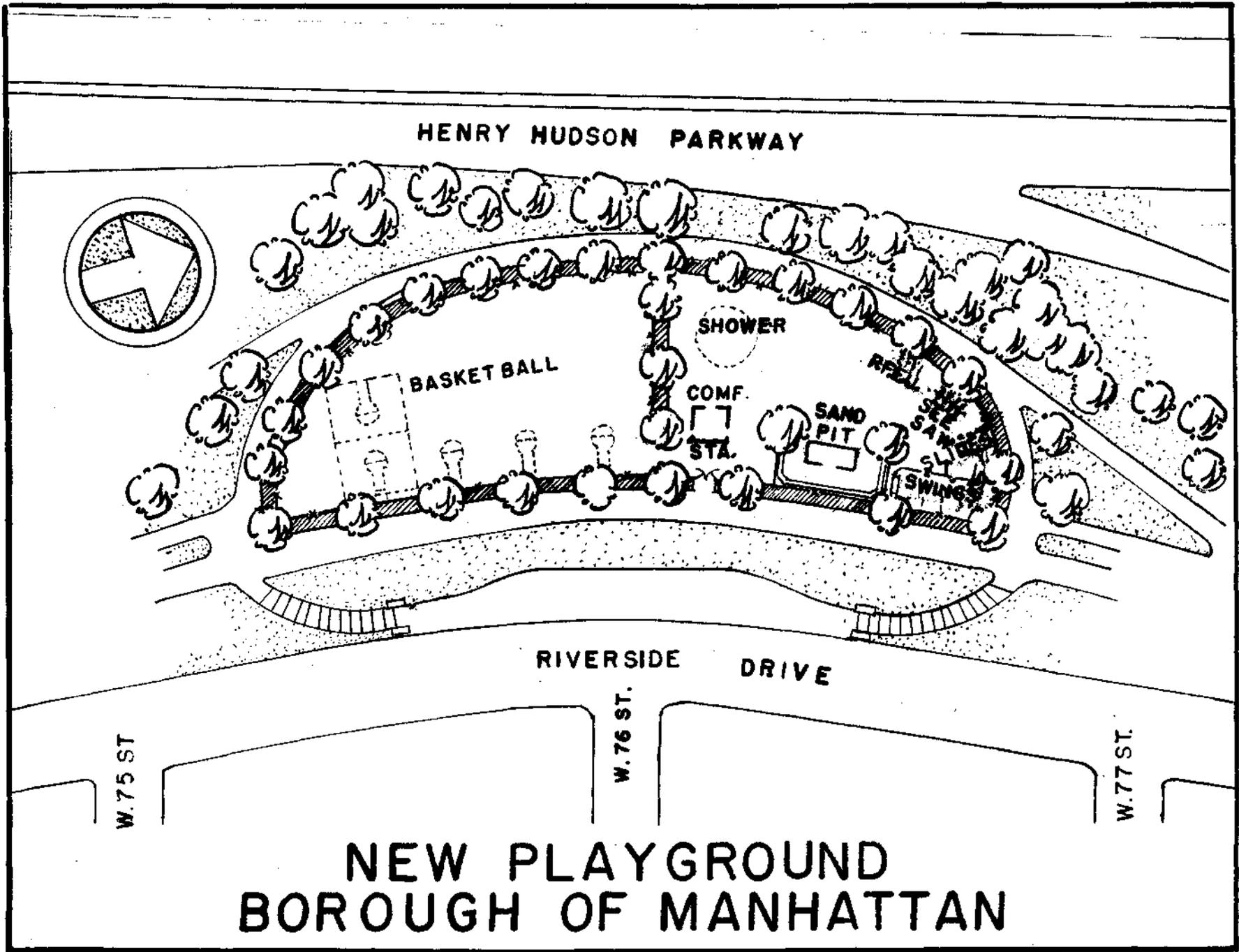
The winner will be determined on the basis of three out of five matches of match play competition.

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Results may be obtained by telephoning Split Rook Golf Course (City Island 8-1258) after 6:00 P.M. on Sunday.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and the opening for use by the public of a playground located in Riverside Park, opposite West 76th Street, between Henry Hudson Parkway and Riverside Drive, in the Borough of Manhattan.

The playground is .75 acres in area, is semi-circular in shape and is divided in half by a fence. The southerly half of the area is for basketball and the northerly section is for small children and contains a comfort station, sand pit, showers, see-saw boards, slides and swings, and adequate benches for the mothers or guardians of the children using this facility. The playground is enclosed with fencing and shade trees have been planted around the border and will provide a much needed recreational area for this heavily populated section of Manhattan.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 576 playgrounds in the expanded park system.



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CONCERTS AND MUSIC FOR DANCING
IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:30 P.M. MALL, CENTRAL PARK, 72ND STREET AND CENTER DRIVE - GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL CONCERT BY THE GOLDMAN BAND - MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAM
- 2:00 P.M. FOREST PARK MUSIC GROVE, MAIN DRIVE WEST OF WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD, QUEENS - CONCERT - QUEENSBORO INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

MONDAY, JUNE 23

- 8:30 P.M. MALL, CENTRAL PARK - GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL CONCERT BY THE GOLDMAN BAND - WAGNERIAN PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

- 8:30 P.M. VICTORY FIELD, WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD AND MYRTLE AVENUE - QUEENS - NAME BAND DANCE SPONSORED BY THE CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY - JOHNNY LONG AND HIS ORCHESTRA

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 25

- 8:30 P.M. MALL, CENTRAL PARK - GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL CONCERT BY THE GOLDMAN BAND - RUSSIAN MUSIC
- 8:30 P.M. POE PARK - 192ND STREET AND GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX - NAME BAND DANCE, SPONSORED BY THE CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY - JOHNNY LONG AND HIS ORCHESTRA
- 8:00 P.M. FOREST PARK MUSIC GROVE, QUEENS - CONCERT BY THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

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THURSDAY - JUNE 26

8:30 P. M. PROSPECT PARK MUSIC GROVE, LINCOLN ROAD
ENTRANCE - GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL CONCERT
BY THE GOLDMAN BAND - ORIGINAL BAND
MUSIC

8:30 P.M. WOLLMAN MEMORIAL, CENTRAL PARK - NAME
BAND DANCE SPONSORED BY THE CONSOLIDATED
EDISON COMPANY, JOHNNY LONG AND HIS
ORCHESTRA

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

8:30 P.M. MALL, CENTRAL PARK - GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL
CONCERT BY THE GOLDMAN BAND - ORIGINAL
BAND MUSIC

8:30 P.M. PROSPECT PARK DANCE AREA, PROSPECT PARK
WEST AND 11TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NAME
BAND DANCE SPONSORED BY THE CONSOLIDATED
EDISON COMPANY - BUDDY MORROW AND HIS
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Department of Parks announces that the Borough of Manhattan will present their 25th Annual Children's Dance Festival on the Sheep Meadow, 67th Street and West Drive in Central Park, on Saturday, June 21, at 2:30 P.M. More than 600 young girls will participate in the fete which will be witnessed by friends and relatives of the dancers.

This year's festival is a departure from precedent in that novelty dances will be featured instead of traditional folk dances as in former years.

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

- INDIAN SQUAW DANCE Annunciation, Hamilton Place, Carmansville, Colonial & 149th Street, Colonial & 152nd Street, and Harlem River Housing Playgrounds.
- MERRY BUFFOONS Heckscher, North Meadow, Riverside & 74th Street, Riverside & 83rd Street, Riverside & 103rd Street, and Morningside & 123rd Street Playgrounds.
- THE OLYMPIANS McCaffrey, West 45th Street, Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, St. Gabriels, and East 24th Street Playgrounds.
- WATER SERIES Jay Hood Wright, Ft. Tryon, Fayson Avenue, Dyckman Housing, Highbridge & 189th Street, and Highbridge & 167th Street Playgrounds
- BUTTONS AND BOWS Alfred E. Smith, Columbus, Roosevelt, Seward, Bernard Downing, and Cherry & Clinton Streets Playgrounds.

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- MINSTRETTES OF 1952 Murphy, Sauer, Tompkins Square,
East River Drive & 11th Street, Kelly
& Downing Street Playgrounds.
- SLEIGH RIDE York Avenue & 60th Street, St.
Catherine, John Jay, Carl Schurz,
Machine & Metal Trades, Park Avenue
& 108th Street, James Weldon Johnson,
Thomas Jefferson, and Louis Couvillier
Playgrounds.
- CACTUS CAPERS Mt. Morris East, Mt. Morris West,
McCray, and St. Nicholas and 133rd
Street Playgrounds

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

These festivals are highlights in the year-round recreation program of the Department of Parks. The festivals for the Queens and Bronx playgrounds were held earlier in June. The Richmond festival will be held on June 28 at Clove Lakes Park and Brooklyn's is scheduled on August 9 at the Long Meadow in Prospect Park.

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

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The 11th season of outdoor Name Band Dances in the parks, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks, will begin on Thursday evening, June 19, at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. Fifty-four dances held at 8:30 P.M. each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, are on the 1952 schedule. The series will continue through Friday, September 5.

Among the popular Name Bands scheduled to play early in the season are Art Mooney, Johnny Long, Hal McIntyre, Buddy Morrow, Al Lombardy, and Tony Pastor.

The dances are scheduled as follows:

MANHATTAN WOLLMAN MEMORIAL, CENTRAL PARK, 64TH STREET,
WEST OF FIFTH AVENUE
THURSDAYS, JUNE 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4

MALL, CENTRAL PARK, 72ND STREET AND CENTER DRIVE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

COLONIAL PARK, 146TH STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE
MONDAYS, JUNE 30, JULY 14, AUGUST 4, 18, and 25

BROOKLYN PROSPECT PARK DANCE AREA, PROSPECT PARK WEST AND
11TH STREET
FRIDAYS, JUNE 20 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5, except
JULY 4

KELLY MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND, AVENUE S AND EAST 14TH
STREET
MONDAY, JULY 21

PLAYGROUND, OCEAN PARKWAY AND AVENUE P
MONDAY, JULY 28

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BRONX POE PARK, 192ND STREET AND GRAND CONCOURSE
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 25 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

WILLIAMSBRIDGE OVAL, EAST 208TH STREET AND
BAINBRIDGE AVENUE
MONDAYS, JULY 7 AND AUGUST 11

QUEENS. VICTORY FIELD, WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD AND MYRTLE AVE
TUESDAYS, JUNE 24, JULY 8 AND 22, AUGUST 5 AND 19,
SEPTEMBER 2

JACKSON HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND, 84TH STREET AND 25TH
AVENUE
TUESDAYS, JULY 1, 15, AND 29, AUGUST 12 AND 26

Art Mooney, "That Genial Irish Gentleman", will bring his great entertaining band to the Wollman Memorial for the opening dance on June 19. Mooney is MGM's recording sensation and it will be recalled that his record of "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover" joined the all time hit recording class.

Al Lombardy, a Brooklyn boy, is appropriately scheduled to play for the first dance at Prospect Park on June 20.

Johnny Long, young America's favorite, will appear at Victory Field on Tuesday, June 24, at Poe Park on Wednesday, June 25, and at the Wollman Memorial on Thursday, June 26.

Buddy Morrow, RCA Victor dance orchestra leader, will play for the Friday, June 27, dance at Prospect Park.

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

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The Department of Parks announces that roller skating at the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park will terminate for this season at the close of business on Wednesday, June ~~15~~¹⁴, 1952.

Starting, Thursday, June ~~20~~¹⁹th, this facility will operate daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except on Thursday evenings, as a free recreational facility, with shuffle board courts in operation. Cues and discs will be available without charge.

On Thursday evenings, free Name Band dances under the stars, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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



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Children from Department of Parks playgrounds in the Bronx will present their 8th Annual Children's Dance Festival on Saturday, June 14, at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue. The program, which begins at 2:30 P.M. will open with 600 gaily costumed dancers marching in procession to the green lawn of the park where the dances will be performed.

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

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

- FRENCH WALTZ LYONS SQUARE, CROTONA, ST. MARY'S EAST, AND BROOK AVENUE PLAYGROUNDS
- IRISH DANCE FLYNN PLAYGROUND
- HIAWATHA MULLALLY, CLAREMONT, MERRIAM AVENUE, AND GOBLE PLACE PLAYGROUNDS
- RIVER GALS WILLIAMSBRIDGE, MOSHOLU, AND CICCARONE PLAYGROUNDS
- MODERN BALLET ST. MARY'S PARK RECREATION CENTER
- DANISH HATTER. ZIDDERMAN, PELHAM HOUSES, PARKSIDE HOUSES, BRONX RIVER HOUSES, AND WATSON AVENUE PLAYGROUNDS

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AT THE MARDI GRAS ST. JAMES, FORT #4, DEVOS, AND
BAILEY AVENUE PLAYGROUNDS

PEASANT POLKA P.S. 21, FLEHAM BAY, LORETO, AND
WATERBURY AVENUE PLAYGROUNDS

This is the second of the borough dance festivals.
The festivals at Manhattan park playgrounds will be held on June 28 and
at Richmond on Saturday, June 21.



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The 18th Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, on Wednesday, June 11, at 8:30 P.M.

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

Among those judging the contest will be William C. Handy, the composer of the St. Louis Blues, Sigmund Spaeth and J. Bailey Harvey. In addition to the finals of the ballad contest, the program will include such stars as Ella Fitzgerald, The Chordettes, the Billy Williams Quartet, Harry Hershfield, Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney, the 60-member chorus of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America Inc., and the St. Mary's Horse-shoers. The Police Department will "set the scene" with old time and popular instrumental numbers.

The quartets competing and the songs they will sing are :

- THE SOUTH SHORE FOUR, RICHMOND "SUSIE BROWN"
..... "MISS MOON"
- THE GLENDALE FOUR, QUEENS "OLD AUNT DINAH"
..... "I LOVE THE WAY YOU ROLL
YOUR EYES"
- THE KEYMEN, MANHATTAN "NOTHING COULD BE FINER THAN
TO BE IN CAROLINA"
..... "OH, JOE"

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THE VANDERVEER FOUR, BROOKLYN "TELL ME WHY"
..... "MOOD INDIGO"

THE QUEENSBORO FOUR, QUEENS "RED ROSE RAG"
..... "MEDLEY - "SENTIMENTAL
JOURNEY" and
..... "HOME AGAIN BLUES"

THE HIGHLIGHTS, BRONX "MEDLEY - "I CAN NOT FOR THE
STARS THAT SHINE"
..... "JUST A DREAM and
"HARBOR LIGHTS"

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

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SUNDAY - JUNE 8, 1952

The annual spring and summer tour of the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will begin on Monday, June 9, and run through Friday, September 5. Eighty-eight performances of Jack and the Beanstalk will be given at seventy park playgrounds centrally located in the various sections of the city. A special performance will be given for the children at Bellevue Hospital on August 26.

The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre performances have been acclaimed by educators, parent-teacher groups, and others as the best in entertainment for children. Story adaptation, staging, lighting, costuming, in fact, all the details have been planned as carefully as those for a Broadway production. It is no wonder then that children look forward to seeing each annual production.

Last winter thousands of children were unable to see Jack and the Beanstalk because of the limited seating at indoor facilities, but these summer shows are given on a specially constructed stage built on a truck chassis. The stage has built in lighting and sound systems and extra amplifiers allow the dialogue and music to be heard clearly by every one in the audience.

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The schedule for the performance in the boroughs will be: Brooklyn - June 9 to June 27; Richmond - June 30 to July 9; Queens - July 10 to July 29; Bronx - July 30 to August 15; Manhattan - August 18 to September 5.

There is no charge for admission and no reservations need be made for any of the performances:

The Brooklyn performances will be given as follows:

B R O O K L Y N

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| MONDAY | JUNE 9 | 3:30 P.M. | LINCOLN TERRACE, BUFFALO AND EAST NEW YORK AVENUES. |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 10 | 3:30 P.M. | NEW LOTS PLAYGROUND, SACKMAN STREET AND RIVERDALE AVENUE |
| WEDNESDAY | JUNE 11 | 3:30 P.M. | PLAYGROUND AT ATLANTIC AVENUE AND LINWOOD STREET |
| THURSDAY | JUNE 12 | 3:30 P.M. | PLAYGROUND AT HOWARD, PACIFIC, AND DEAN STREETS |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 13 | 3:30 P.M. | MARCY HOUSES PLAYGROUND, MARCY AND NOSTRAND AVENUES. |
| SATURDAY | JUNE 14 | 11:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. | PROSPECT PARK PROSPECT PARK WEST AND 11TH STREET |
| MONDAY | JUNE 16 | 3:30 P.M. | BUSHWICK PARK, KNICKERBOCKER AVENUE AND STARR STREET |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 17 | 3:30 P.M. | BUSHWICK PLAYGROUND, KNICKERBOCKER AND PUTNAM AVES. |
| WEDNESDAY | JUNE 18 | 3:30 P.M. | GLENWOOD HOUSES PLAYGROUND, CENTER MALL, RALPH AVENUE AND FARRAGUT ROAD |
| THURSDAY | JUNE 19 | 3:30 P.M. | MCCARREN PARK, DRIGGS AVENUE AND LORIMER STREET |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 20 | 3:30 P.M. | GRAVESEND PLAYGROUND, 56TH STREET AND 18TH AVENUE |
| SATURDAY | JUNE 21 | 11:00 A.M. | GERRITSEN AVENUE AND AVENUE X |

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| MONDAY | JUNE 23 | 3:30 P.M. | SETH LOW PLAYGROUND BAY PARKWAY AND AVENUE P |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 24 | 3:30 P.M. | RED HOOK PLAYGROUND, STADIUM, BAY AND COLUMBIA STREETS |
| WEDNESDAY | JUNE 25 | 3:30 P.M. | NEPTUNE PLAYGROUND, WEST 28TH STREET AND NEPTUNE AVENUE |
| THURSDAY | JUNE 26 | 3:30 P.M. | MARINE PARK, FILLMORE AVENUE AND STUART STREET |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 27 | 3:30 P.M. | SUNSET PLAYGROUND 44TH STREET AND 6TH AVENUE |



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600 young dancers from Department of Parks playgrounds in Queens, will present their 9th Annual Children's Dance Festival on the King Park Lawn, 150th Street and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, on Saturday, June 7, at 2:30 P.M.

Twelve individual dances are on the program which will have as a finale, a square dance in which all of the dancers will participate.

The youngsters spend many diverting and instructive weeks in preparing for their spring festival. Under the direction of the recreation staff of the Park Department, they help to make their costumes and pass sociable hours with their friends in perfecting their dance routines. They learn the many details that make up the presentation of a dance and the production of a festival. This knowledge heightens their appreciation and enjoyment of professional performances which they attend later in life.

The dances on Saturday's program and the playgrounds participating in them are:

- Waltz of the Flowers Liberty Park
- Barbarian Polka Von Dohlen and Jamaica & 179th Street Playgrounds
- Spanish Fantasy St. Albans and Union Hall Playgrounds

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| Sunflower Dance | | Dry Harbor and Jackson Pond Playgrounds |
| Syncopated Clock | | O'Connell and Laurelton Playgrounds |
| Little Red Shoes | | Jackson Heights Playground |
| Shrimp Boats | | Flushing Memorial, P.S. 20, Raymond O'Connor, and Kissena Playgrounds |
| Scottish Sword Dance | | P.S. 162, 165, 173, and Cunningham Playgrounds |
| Swedish Schottische | | Linden Park, Newtown, P.S. 175, and Corona & 102nd Street Playgrounds. |
| Mexican Shuffle | | Grover Cleveland, Farmers Oval, Central & 70th Street, and Broadway & 78th Street Playgrounds |
| Kalvelis | | Thomson Hill, Highland Park, and P.S. 174 Playgrounds |
| Honored | | P.S. 104, P.S. 133, and Braddock Playgrounds |

Dance festivals by park playground children of Bronx, Manhattan, and Richmond will be held June 14, 21, and 28 respectively. Brooklyn's festival will follow on August 9.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these festivals. There is no charge for admission.



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FOR RELEASE

Wednesday, May 28, 1952

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the new bathhouse at Great Kills Park in Richmond on May 30, 1952, at 9:00 A.M.

Great Kills Park and Beach, a major project in New York City's great waterfront development and reclamation program, is patterned after Jones Beach in Long Island and Orchard Beach in the Bronx. The 1,300 acre park, when completed, will include, in addition to the existing beach, bathhouse and parking area; a 10,000 foot boardwalk, boat house, athletic fields, playgrounds, walks, bicycle paths, 5,000 car parking field, picnic areas and a pitch putt golf course.

The new 6,600 locker bathhouse is constructed of gray brick and limestone and designed to quickly and efficiently serve a maximum number of people. The planned sequence of operation from entrance to beach exit with parallel facilities for men and women, starts at the cashiers booths at the north end of the building. Along the passage to the locker areas are the key issue counter, suit and towel rental section and valuables checking counters. Within the brick walled locker areas are individual roofed sections branching off from the main circulation. Each section includes dressing areas, lockers, and showers. Comfort stations are located at the end of the main circulation. Additional areas in

the bathhouse include lost children, police, first-aid and employees' rooms. Immediately to the north, foundations have been built for a large concession building. Pending completion, temporary food and refreshment facilities have been built in the bathhouse.

Park employees and equipment, at present, are grading an area adjacent to the existing parking field, where an additional 900 cars may be parked. This work will be completed the early part of June and this temporary parking field will be used on peak days to take care of the increase in attendance expected with the opening of the new bathhouse.

Great Kills Park has had a long and complicated history. Arrangements were made in 1928 for transfers of lands to the Park Department and in 1932, 1934 and 1940, various areas were acquired to complete the park area as it is today. Largely underwater or swampy, the site required extensive bulkheading before development could begin. With Federal relief funds and with Federal River and Harbor funds, supplemented with matching City money, Great Kills Harbor was dredged, bulkheading completed and hydraulic fill pumped in to substantially complete the beach.

As a part of the large scale Department of Sanitation, Department of Parks cooperative City-wide land fill program, 15,000,000 cubic yards were placed in the area between the beach and Hylan Boulevard to form the major portion of the park area. Starting in 1948, surface development contracts have been let for construction of basic utilities, an entrance road, a thousand car portion of the ultimate parking field, walks and two comfort stations.

The main entrance road is the southerly terminal of Willowbrook Parkway which will eventually be extended to Bayonne Bridge

at the north and interconnect with proposed Richmond Parkway and Clove Lakes Expressway. Present access is by Hylan Boulevard with direct bus shuttle service to the beach.

Open to the public on a limited basis on July 1, 1949, Great Kills Park has become a popular recreational facility. The opening of the bathhouse marks the second major step in surface development. The completion of the park area will be undertaken as funds become available.

To maintain and operate the beach and new bathhouse, additional personnel including lifeguards, attendants, ticket agents and first-aid workers will be added to the regular forces.

The following is a schedule of the rates to be charged:
Parking 25¢; lockers - children up to and including 14 years of age 15¢, adults 25¢, with a lost key charge of 25¢; towel rental 15¢ with a deposit of 50¢; bathing suit rental 50¢ with a deposit of \$1.00; beach chairs and umbrellas 50¢ with a deposit of \$2.00.

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The old refrains will ring out in New York City parks next week when borough competitions in the 18th Annual American Ballad Contest are conducted by the Department of Parks each weekday evening, Monday through Friday.

Some of the singers competing in the Manhattan contest are truly representative of the Gay Nineties when barber shop harmony was new. The ages of one of the quartets total to 318 years!

Each of the borough events will feature special musical attractions in addition to the competitive numbers. Enjoyable spring evenings of song and entertainment have been planned for the public. The borough contests will be held each evening at 8:30 P.M. as follows:

- Monday June 2 Manhattan - Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and West Drive
- Tuesday June 3 Queens - Music Grove, Forest Park, west of Woodhaven Boulevard
- Wednesday June 4 Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard
- Thursday June 5 Bronx - Mullaly Recreation Center, Jerome Avenue and 164th Street
- Friday June 6 Brooklyn - Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance

The winning quartet from each borough will be eligible to compete in the city-wide finals to be held on the Mall in Central Park on Wednesday evening, June 11 at 8:30 P.M.

No tickets are necessary for any of these events and the public is cordially invited to attend them as guests of the Park Department.

May 27, 1952



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, May 25, 1952

Mall Central Park

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This season's concert program in New York City parks will open with the first of four concerts by the Naumburg Orchestra on Friday evening, May 30, at 8:15 P.M. The Naumburg Orchestra will be under the direction of Walter Ducloux and Christine Sokolowska will appear as guest soloist.

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

The program for the Memorial Day concert will be:

1. Overture to Tannhauser Wagner
2. Legend from Indian Suite McDowell
3. Aria from Halka Moniuszko
- Dich, Teure Halle from Tannhauser Wagner
- Christine Sokolowska
4. First Movement of Symphony # 3 from Eroica Beethoven
5. Overture to L'Italiana in Algeri Rossini
6. Second Movement from L'Arlesienne Bizet
7. Ritorna Vincitor from Aida Verdi
- Christine Sokolowska
8. 3 Slavonic Dances Dvorak



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The Department of Parks announces that the bathing and swimming season at the 16.2 miles of municipally operated beach will open May 24, and seventeen outdoor swimming pools will officially open on Decoration Day - May 30th.

The swimming pools are located as follows:

MANHATTAN

Hamilton Fish Pool
Colonial Pool

Highbridge Pool
Thomas Jefferson Pool
23rd Street Pool
Carmine Street Pool
60th Street Pool

John Jay Pool

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

BROOKLYN

Sunset Pool
McCarren Pool
Red Hook Pool
Betsy Head Pool

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

BRONX

Crotona Pool

173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

QUEENS

Astoria Pool
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre

19th Street and 23rd Drive
Flushing Meadow Park

RICHMOND

Faber Pool
Tompkinsville Pool

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

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From May 30th to June 15th, the pools will be open for weekends only, and from June 21st, until the end of the season, they will be open daily with the following operating schedule:

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

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

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

Orchard Beach, located in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx; Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens; Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn; and South Beach, and Wolfe's Pond Park on Staten Island will also open for bathers on May 24th. Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park, Great Kills and Orchard Beach will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., until the end of the season.

At Great Kills Park a parking space for 1,000 cars has been provided. At Orchard Beach, there is a total of 9,145 lockers for bathhouse patrons and parking space is provided for 7,500 cars.

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At Jacob Riis Park, the bathhouse accomodates 11,400 people and the parking space is provided for 14,000 cars.

Parking at these three beaches will be 25¢ per car; bathhouse fees - 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers. Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational areas at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach, providing shuffleboard, paddle tennis and handball are available to the public at 10¢ per person per half hour.

At Jacob Riis, there is also an eighteen hole pitch putt golf course at which a charge of 50¢ is made for each round of golf, which includes clubs. A 50¢ deposit is required on each ball. The pitch putt golf course will operate on a full time basis starting May 24th.

Beach chairs and umbrellas may be rented at Orchard Beach Jacob Riis at a nominal charge, and beach shops are provided where bathing accessories can be purchased.

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

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The Department of Parks, celebrates the opening of the Jacob Riis Park Beach, Neponsit, Borough of Queens for the 1952 Season with its Annual Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps Competition, on Saturday, May 24th at 2:00 P.M. (Rain date - May 25th).

The Competing Corps are as follows:

St. Francis DeSales Cadet Corps, Belle Harbor
St. Catherine of Sienna's Corps, Juniors, St. Albans
St. Pancras Fife and Drum Corps, Glendale
St. Brigid's Cadet Corps, Brooklyn
St. Mary's Cadet Corps, Winifield
All Saints Fife Drum and Bugle Corps, Brooklyn
St. Catherine of Sienna' Novice Drum Corps, St. Albans
Miccie Center, P.A.L. Cadet Corps, Manhattan
Polish National Alliance Drum and Bugle Corps, Maspeth
St. Bernadette's Cadet Corps, Brooklyn

Judges for the competition will be:

Mr. George Drumm - member of A.S.C.A.P. and internationally famous composer and conductor.
Lieut. Rodney C. Benson: Staff Officer, 92nd Anti-aircraft Artillery attached to Fort Tilden
Mr. Atillio Marchete-Band-Master, Queens Institute of Music.
Mr. William Klein-Head of Music Department, Bayside, H.S.
Mr. George Petitpas-former leader Queens College Choir
Mr. Walter Mueller - of Penzel & Mueller and Co. Inc.
Miss Helen Huther-Twirling Instructor, Immaculate Conception in Jamaica

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SUNDAY - MAY 18, 1952

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Borough eliminations for the 18th Annual American Ballad Contest, to be held on Wednesday evening, June 11, 1952, will be conducted by the Department of Parks as follows:

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| MONDAY | JUNE 2 | MANHATTAN - MALL, CENTRAL PARK, 72nd STREET AND CENTER DRIVE |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 3 | QUEENS -- MUSIC GROVE, FOREST PARK, WEST OF WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD |
| WEDNESDAY | JUNE 4 | RICHMOND - CLOVES LAKE PARK, CLOVE ROAD AND VICTORY BOULEVARD |
| THURSDAY | JUNE 5 | BRONX - MULLALLY RECREATION CENTER, JEROME AVENUE AND 164TH STREET |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 6 | BROOKLYN - MUSIC GROVE, PROSPECT PARK, LINCOLN ROAD ENTRANCE |

All contests begin at 8:30 P.M.

Entry blanks may be secured and filed now at Park Department borough offices listed in the telephone book, or at neighborhood park playgrounds.

The contest is open to amateur male quartets whose members do not earn their livelihood as a singing group. Quartets must choose songs of the American ballad or barber shop variety. They may sing two numbers, two medleys, or a combination of one number and one medley. However, no quartet may sing longer than six minutes.

Judging will be based on musical technique, originality, expression, presentation, and stage presence. Prizes will be awarded to winning quartets in the borough contests, and to quartets finishing first, second and third in the city-wide competition.

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MORE THAN 2,000 ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR
FISHING CONTEST THIS WEEK-END
AT STEEPLECHASE PIER, CONEY ISLAND

Contest Conducted by N.Y.C. Depart-
ment of Parks, Sponsored by -
Nathan's Famous of Coney Island

More than 2,000 entries have been received for the Second Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest to be conducted this week-end by the Department of Parks at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island, and sponsored by Nathan's Famous Restaurant of Coney Island.

Winners in the four divisions of the contest (to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18) will divide \$1,000. worth of fishing equipment. Boys and girls under 16 will compete tomorrow (Saturday, May 17) and men and women over 16 will compete on Sunday (May 18).

Five prizes will be awarded in the Junior division tomorrow, first prize for the boy and girl catching the heaviest edible fish, consists of rods and reels, waders, waterproof jackets, squid lines, tackle boxes, hooks and other items making up complete salt-water fishing kits. Second-heaviest edible fish caught by boy and girl will earn second-prize honors, consisting of full salt-water outfits without the waders and jackets. In addition, a special prize of a rod and reel will be awarded to the youngster who catches the heaviest scavenger fish. Consolation prizes of bait-boxes will be distributed to the first 500 youngsters registering for the contest on Saturday morning.

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Similar prizes, not including the scavenger award and consolation gifts, will be awarded on Sunday to the first and second-place man and woman. Prizes for all divisions are now on display at Nathan's Famous, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.

Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. on both days of the contest and continues until 3:00 p.m. Fish will be weighed on the pier by authorized Park Department personnel. Entries have been accepted for the past four weeks at all Park Department facilities and at Nathan's Famous, and will continue to be accepted until the opening of competition on Steeplechase Pier .

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The Department of Parks announces that "LIL-SHEBA", the only surviving tigress cub of the three which were born in the Central Park Zoo on January 22, 1952, will be on display in the Lion House on Saturday, May 17, 1952.

This tigress cub was hand fed by the Zoo personnel since it was one week old, and it now weighs 20 lbs.

Its diet consisted of a milk formula for the first two months, then a quarter of a pound of meat was added; the meat diet was incremented so that the cub now is fed one and one-half pounds of meat each day.

The mother "Mary" - 7 years old, was born in Bangkok, Siam and was purchased in 1949. The father "Jack" is 6 years old and was purchased from the North Miami Zoo in 1948.

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Pictures may be taken Saturday morning
May 17, 1952 at 9:00 a.m.

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PARK DEPARTMENT PLAYGROUNDS ACCEPTING
ENTRIES IN CONEY ISLAND FISHING
CONTEST - MAY 17 - 18

All Park Department playgrounds throughout the city are now accepting registration for the Second Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest to be staged at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island, May 17 and 18, it was announced today by the Department of Parks. Entries are also being accepted at Nathan's Famous, Inc., Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island, sponsor of the contest.

Prizes valued at more than \$1,000 will be awarded winners in the boys' and girls' divisions Saturday, May 17, and the men's and women's divisions - Sunday, May 18. The prizes, which include rods and reels, waders and waterproof jackets, squid lines, tackle boxes, hooks and other items, are now on display at Nathan's Famous sea-food bar.

Preliminary registration indicates that a greater interest is expected in this contest than in the first Coney Island Contest held October 27 and 28, 1951, when more than 1,200 youngsters and adults vied for awards. The date of the contest has been changed this year to May, the height of the Coney Island fishing season, to insure better competition.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion and the opening for public usage of a playground located at Madison Street between Catherine and Oliver Streets, adjacent to P. S. #1, in the Borough of Manhattan.

This .5 acre playground is located in the vicinity of the Governor Alfred E. Smith Housing Project. It is the second area of three, which was part and plan of this project, to provide recreational facilities for residents of both the Housing Project and the surrounding neighborhood.

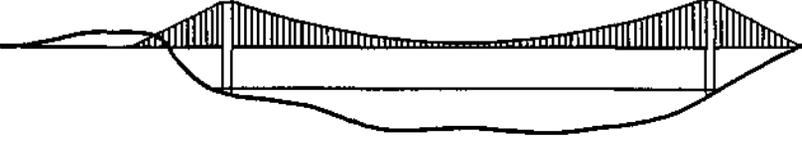
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With the addition of this playground, there are now 573 playgrounds in the park system.

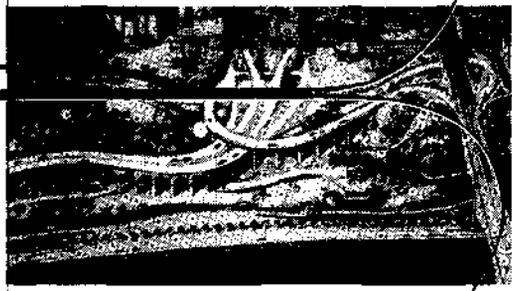
May 12, 1952

Reconstructed Playground #174

CITY OF NEW YORK MAY 5, 1952



**GEORGE
WASHINGTON
BRIDGE APPROACH**



**HIGHBRIDGE
EXPRESSWAY
INTERCHANGE**

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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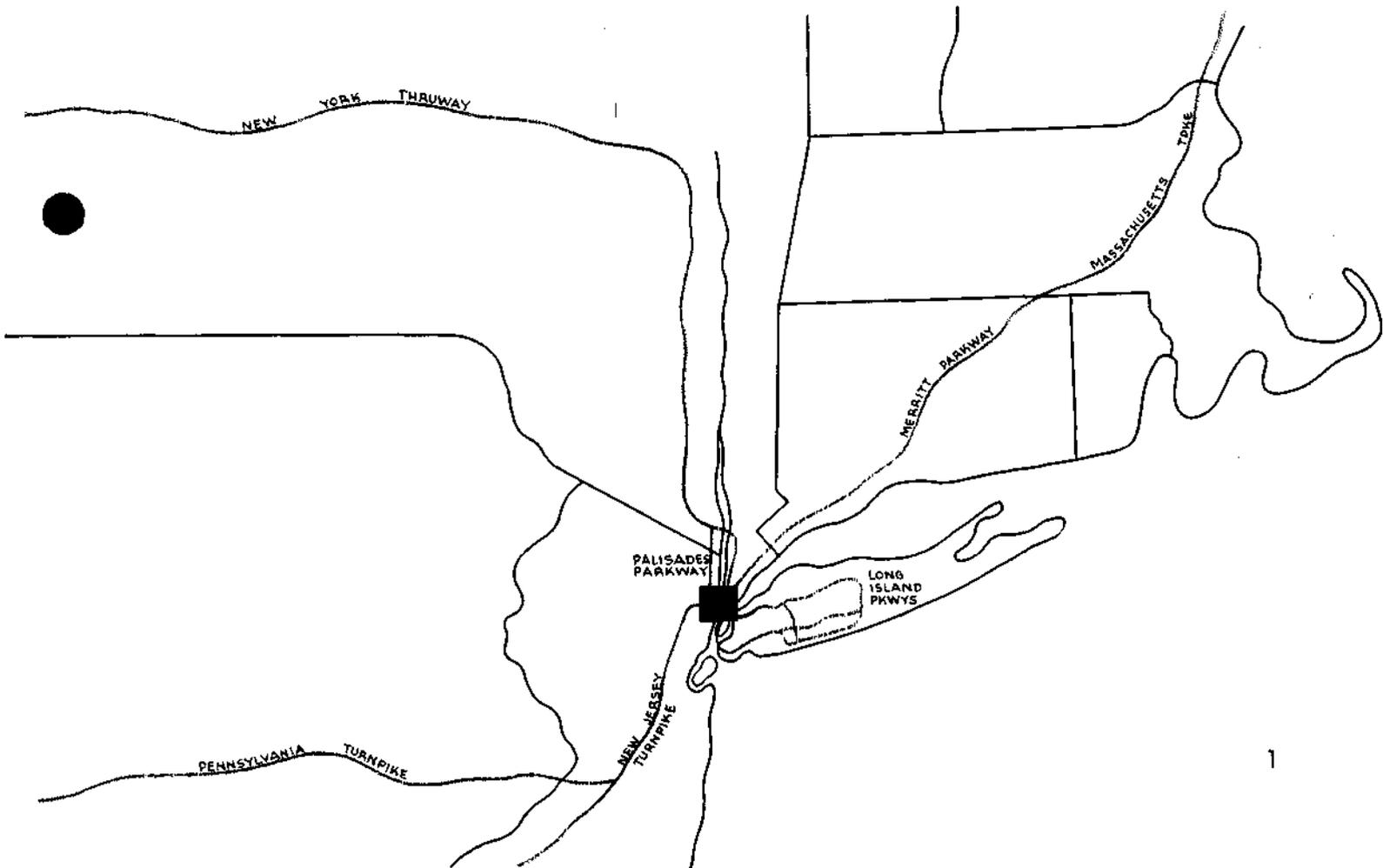
Little by little and without stultifying compromises our new metropolitan arterial system is being built to agreed plans which represent the combined efforts of many public agencies, federal, regional, state and municipal. The parkways, expressways, thruways and turnpikes financed by a dozen different appropriations, aid and toll devices, make the metropolis accessible and aim belatedly to catch up with the miracles of assembly line motor production. We have in most instances successfully overcome the multiple threats of federal domination, states' rights, municipal home rule and authority independence.

The system comprises belts or concentric circles, spokes and laterals. The watercrossings, vital components of first importance, include the interstate toll bridges and tunnels between New York and New Jersey under The Port of New York Authority, those wholly within the city of New York under the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority and the free bridges within the city under the City Department of Public Works. The arterials include the Palisades Parkway in New York and New Jersey under the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, the New Jersey highway approaches governed by the State Highway Department of New Jersey, the

New Jersey Turnpike constructed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the State and Federal Arterial Highway Systems, the New York Thruway under the New York State Thruway Authority, the state and county parkway systems in Westchester, the parkways of New York and Long Island, and pieces or sections of the system in New York City under construction by the offices of the Borough Presidents and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

From administrative, planning, engineering and financial aspects, these projects probably have no parallel in complexity and extensiveness here or in any other country. The cordial relations which have been established by the many agencies involved in the integration of the program have made relatively smooth and steady progress possible. The public seldom hears about the day by day construction of huge coordinated programs, built in a businesslike way and without fanfare or waste. To the normal headaches of land acquisition, clearance, demolition and construction have been added in recent years the problems of inflation, material controls and tenant relocation which is complicated by the housing shortage.

The new tunnel under West 179th Street, paral-



telling the existing one under West 178th Street, leads to the George Washington Bridge and the Traffic Interchange in Highbridge Park which in turn provides connections with the Harlem River Drive and the Deegan and Cross-Bronx Expressways. The Port of New York Authority constructed this new tunnel at a cost of \$9,000,000. The State Department of Public Works with Federal Highway Aid, supervised the construction of the Traffic Interchange, at a cost of \$5,300,000. The Traffic Interchange required the relocation and rebuilding of the Highbridge Pumping Station, the cost of which was divided between the State and the City of New York. It also required the reconstruction of a portion of Highbridge Park.

The State Department of Public Works is currently constructing Cross-Bronx Expressway, leading from this Interchange across The Bronx to Bruckner Boulevard in the vicinity of the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge approach. Cross-Bronx Expressway, including the \$5,300,000 Highbridge Interchange, will cost \$58,000,000. Land amounting to \$20,000,000 is being acquired by the City and State. Included in the Cross-Bronx Expressway is the magnificent old Washington Bridge across the Harlem River. This bridge was widened, repaved and a center divider was installed. It will before long have to be doubled in capacity by virtually adding another bridge next to it.

The Harlem River Drive, leading from the Highbridge Interchange to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive at the approach to the Triborough Bridge, is under construction by the Borough President of Manhattan. This project, estimated to cost \$31,000,000, is being paid for out of New York City funds as an assessable improvement.

Another cooperative enterprise is the joint project being constructed by The Port of New York Authority and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority as the first stage in a new traffic interchange between the George Washington Bridge and the Henry Hudson Parkway. This project, costing \$1,328,000 will eliminate the only remaining grade crossing and traffic lights on the parkway.

The Commissioners of The Port of New York Authority in March 1952 agreed to spend \$628,000 in further improvements of connections to the George Washington Bridge in Manhattan. The main feature of the improvement will be the widening of West 178th Street by two additional traffic

lanes for the block immediately east of the bridge plaza between Fort Washington Avenue and Broadway, and provision of off-street bus loading and unloading with a pedestrian underpass connection to the 175th Street station of the Independent Subway. The bus platforms will provide space for sixteen buses to unload simultaneously in the morning rush hour when approximately 8,000 passengers alight from interstate buses and seek the subway. There will also be a loading platform with six bus positions for picking up passengers to board New Jersey-bound buses at the George Washington Bridge plaza.

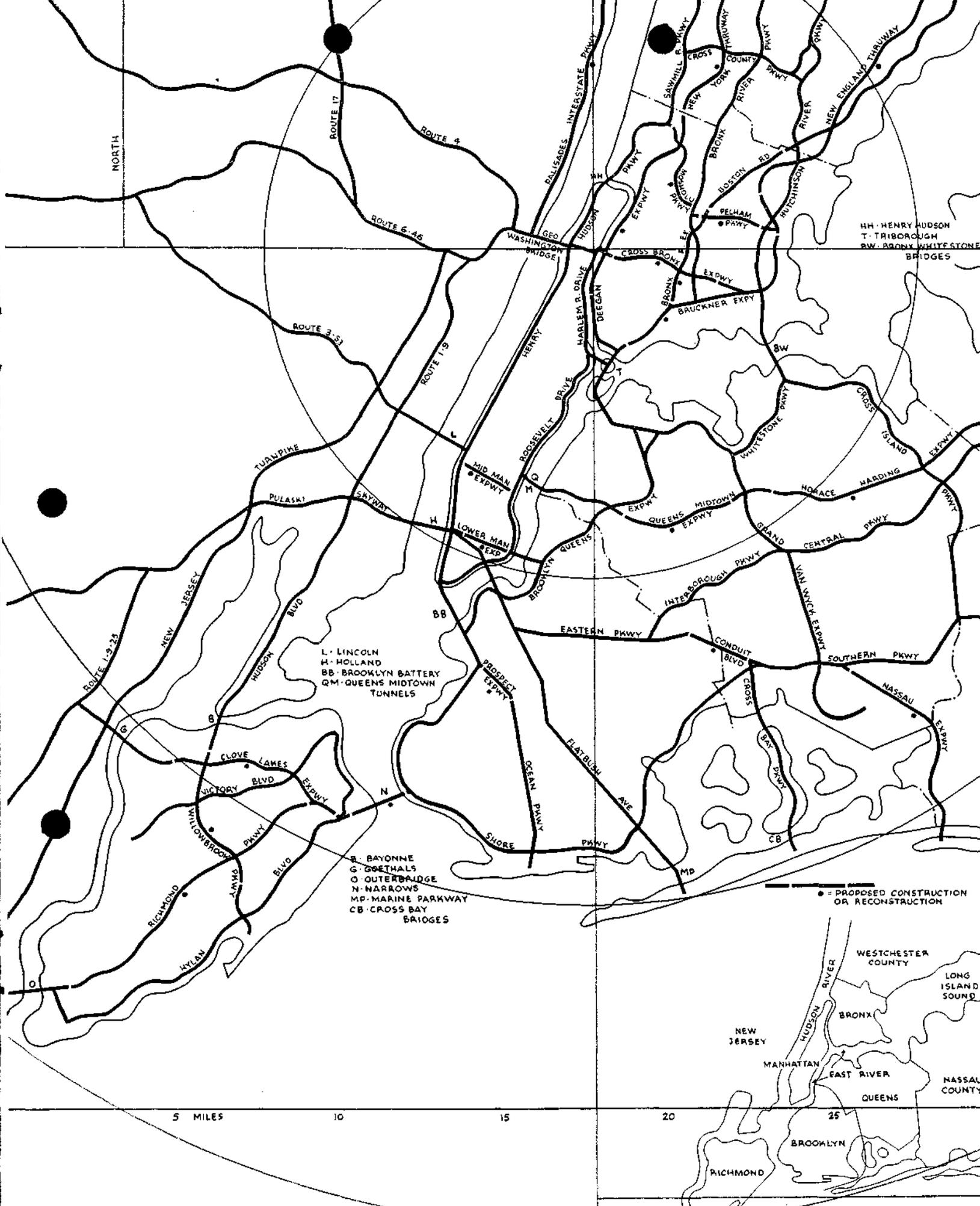
Studies are being made for a traffic interchange between the Cross-Bronx Expressway and Major Deegan Expressway. The State, with Federal Aid, is pushing the construction of Major Deegan Expressway, running from the Triborough Bridge to the beginning of the New York State Thruway at the Westchester line.

Under the supervision of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and on land dedicated or otherwise acquired by the Commission, the Palisades Parkway is being constructed by the State Highway Department of the State of New Jersey and the State Department of Public Works of the State of New York. This parkway leads directly from Bear Mountain Park, with connections to the Catskill Mountains area, to the George Washington Bridge, where The Port of New York Authority proposes to spend \$3,735,000 for a new traffic interchange to relieve overburdened local New Jersey highways.

The New Jersey State highway program is closely linked to that of The Port of New York Authority. The Garden State Parkway, eventually to run from one end of the State of New Jersey to the other, will terminate a few miles west of the George Washington Bridge. The New Jersey Turnpike Authority has completed and opened to traffic the 130-mile Turnpike, leading from the approaches to the George Washington Bridge to the new Delaware Memorial Bridge.

Another important artery which will feed traffic into the Highbridge Interchange and the new tunnel to the George Washington Bridge is the New England Thruway, which will tap the entire New England area. This traffic will reach New York by way of the easterly branch of the New York State Thruway and other links including the Bronx River Expressway which is financed as part of the current

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NORTH

HH - HENRY HUDSON
 T - TRIBOROUGH
 BW - BRONX WHITESTONE
 BRIDGES

L - LINCOLN
 H - HOLLAND
 BB - BROOKLYN BATTERY
 QM - QUEENS MIDTOWN
 TUNNELS

B - BAYONNE
 G - GOETHALS
 O - OUTERBOROUGH
 N - NARROWS
 MP - MARINE PARKWAY
 CB - CROSS BAY
 BRIDGES

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 OR RECONSTRUCTION

5 MILES

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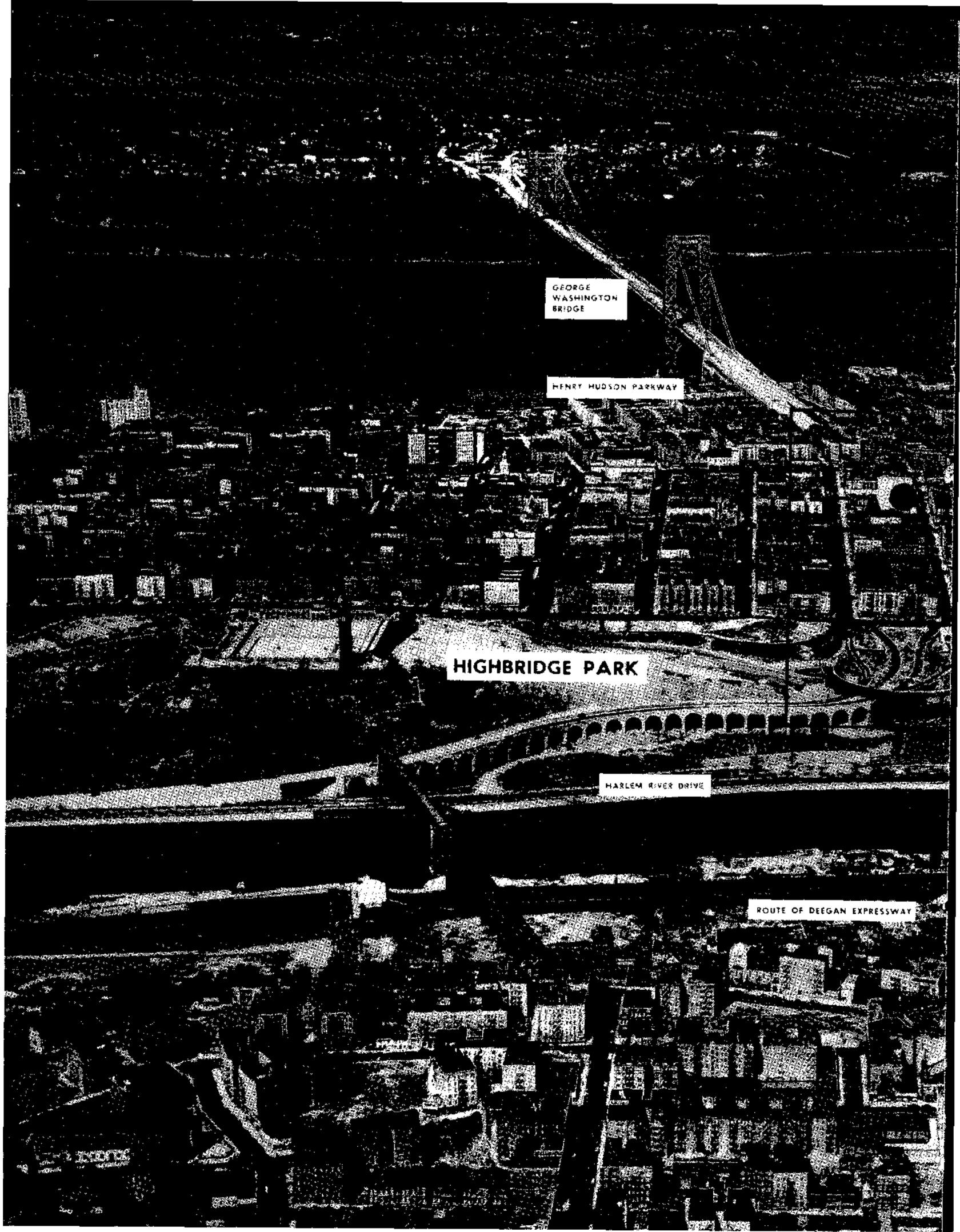
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THE ARTERIAL SYSTEM

ATLANTIC OCEAN

An aerial, high-contrast black and white photograph of New York City, showing a dense urban landscape. The image is overlaid with several white rectangular labels pointing to specific transportation features. The labels are: 'GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE' at the top, 'HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY' in the upper middle, 'HIGHBRIDGE PARK' in the center, 'HARLEM RIVER DRIVE' in the lower middle, and 'ROUTE OF DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY' at the bottom right. The city's grid pattern and various buildings are visible throughout the scene.

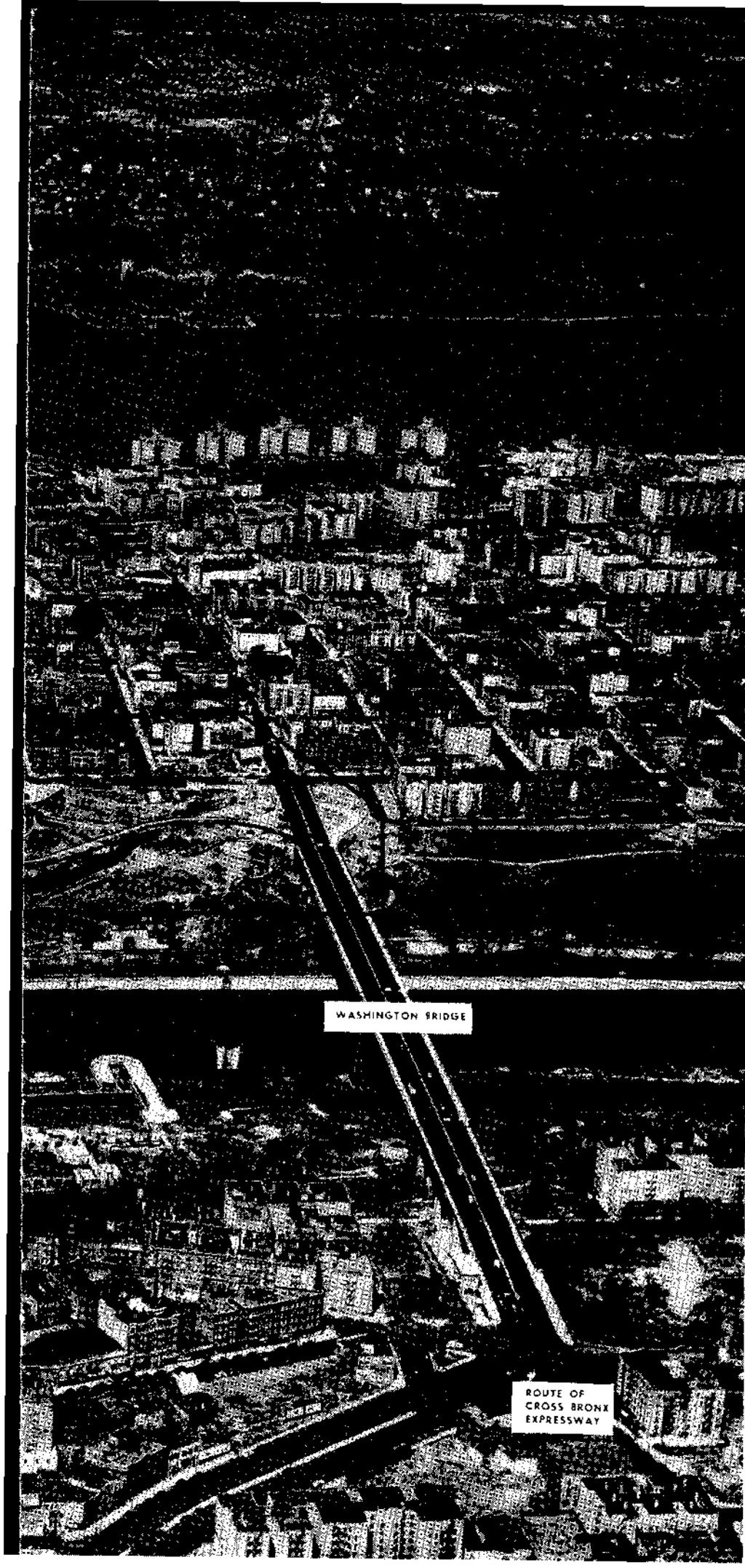
GEORGE
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HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY

HIGHBRIDGE PARK

HARLEM RIVER DRIVE

ROUTE OF DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY

An aerial, black and white photograph of New Jersey and Manhattan. The image shows a dense urban landscape with a grid of streets and numerous buildings. A prominent feature is a large, multi-lane highway that runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right. Two white rectangular labels with black text are overlaid on the image: one near the top of the highway reads "WASHINGTON BRIDGE" and another near the bottom reads "ROUTE OF CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY".

NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE

NEW JERSEY ROUTE 6

GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY

HUDSON RIVER

GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

LINCOLN TUNNEL

HOLLAND TUNNEL

MANHATTAN

MILLER HIGHWAY

HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY

HARLEM RIVER DRIVE

ROOSEVELT DRIVE

HARLEM RIVER

TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE

WASHINGTON BRIDGE

HENRY HUDSON BRIDGE

THE BRONX

CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY

MAJOR DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY

NEW YORK THRUWAY

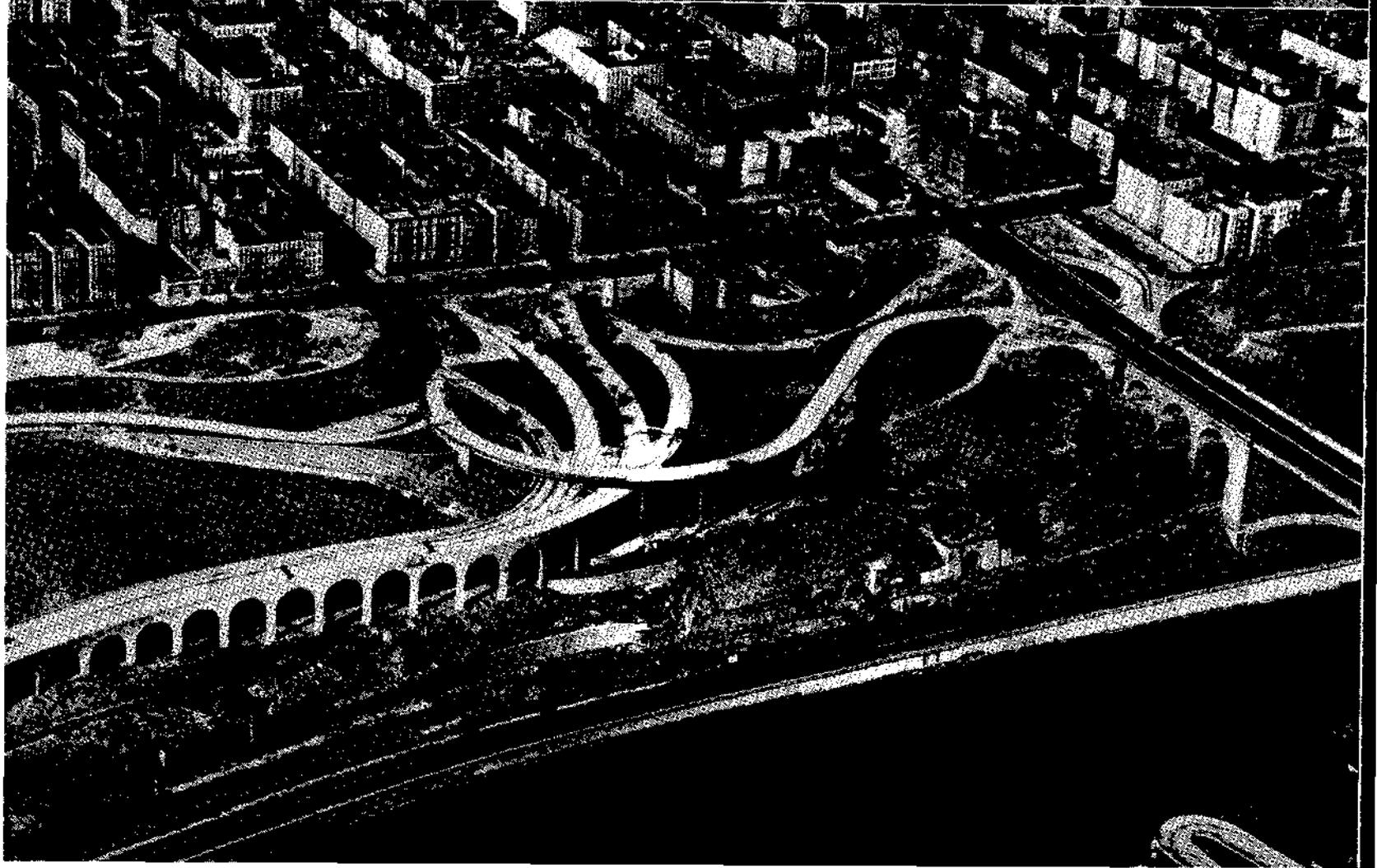
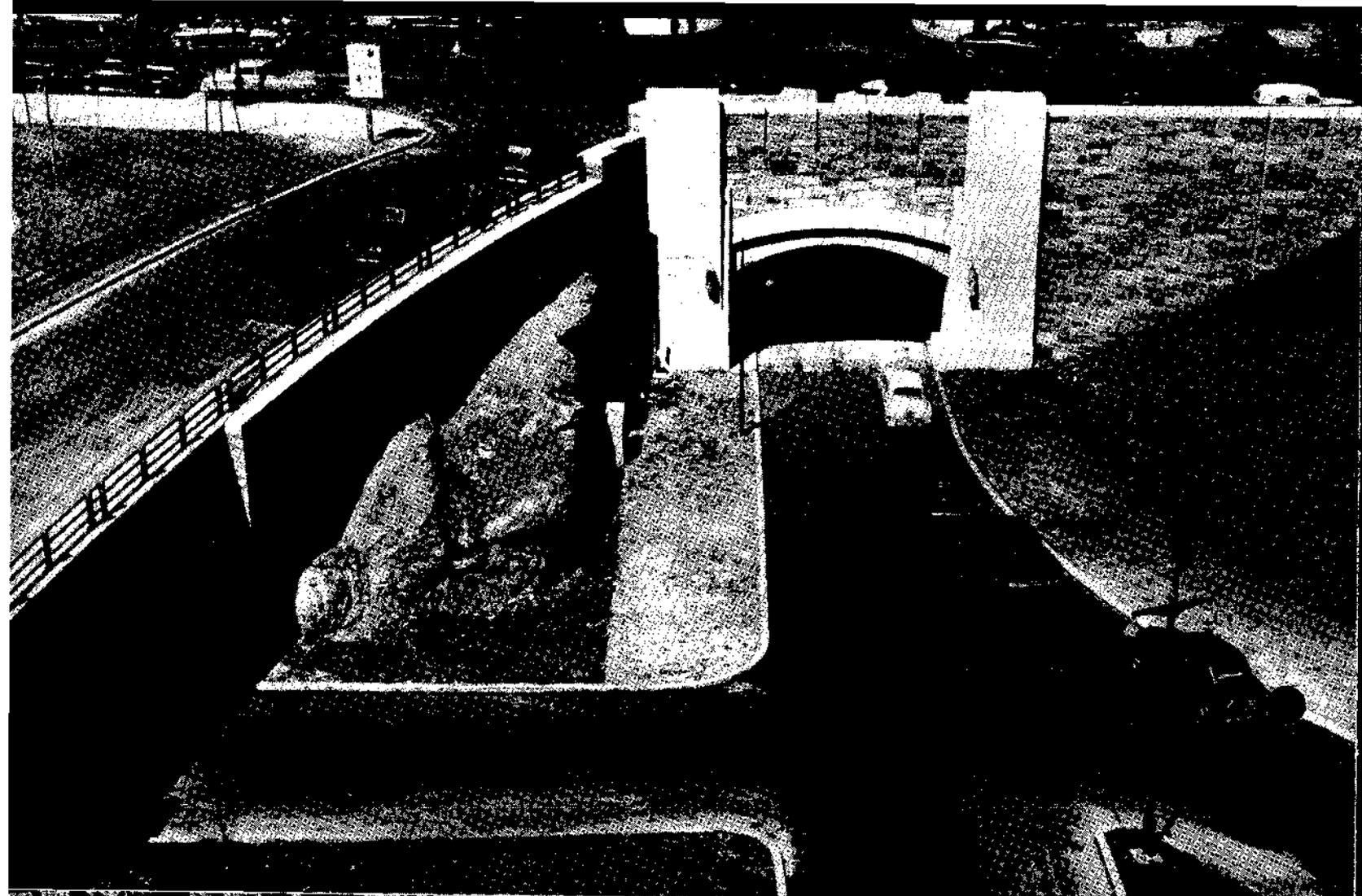
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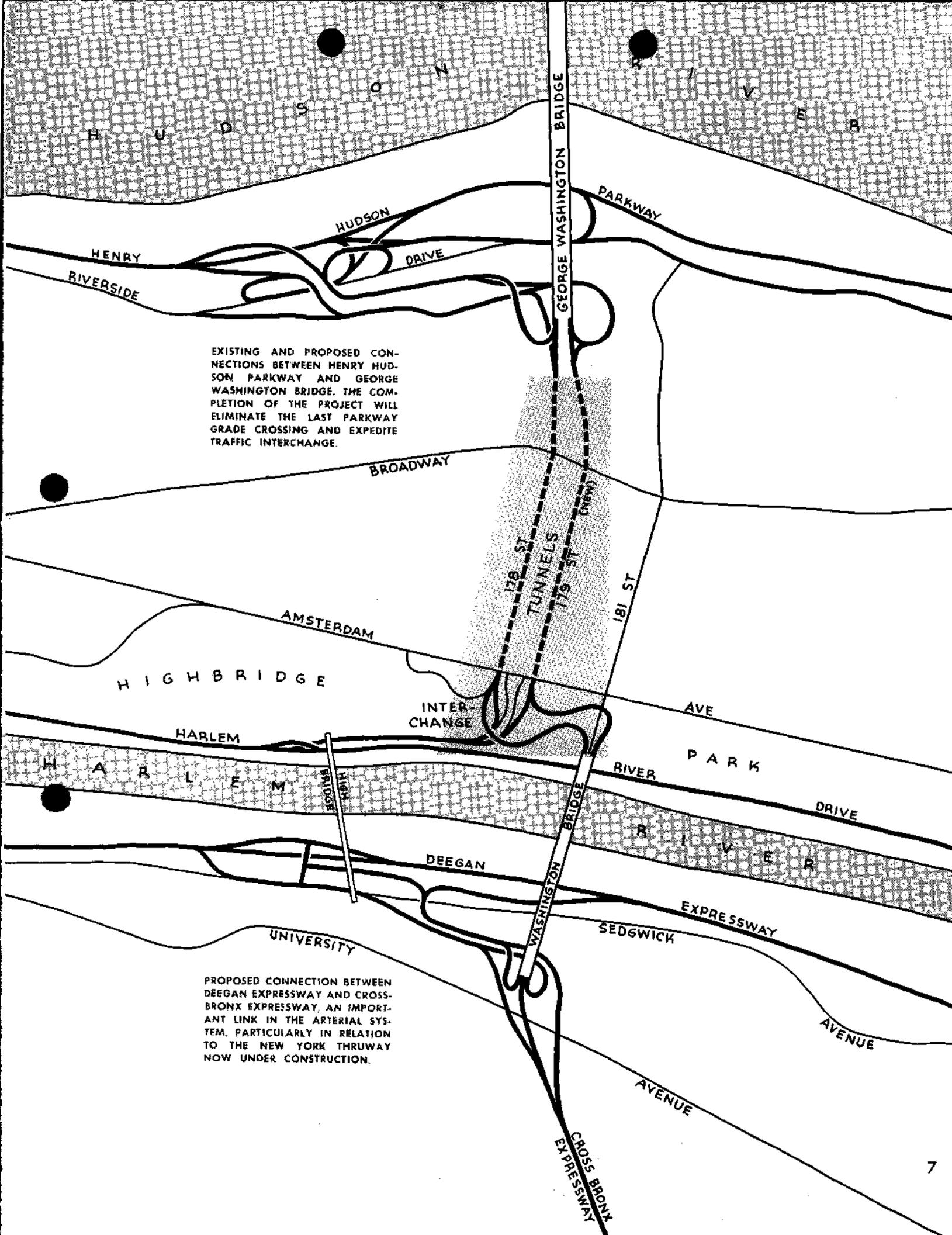
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WHITSTONE BRIDGE

HUTCHINSON RIVER PARKWAY

NEW ENGLAND THRUWAY



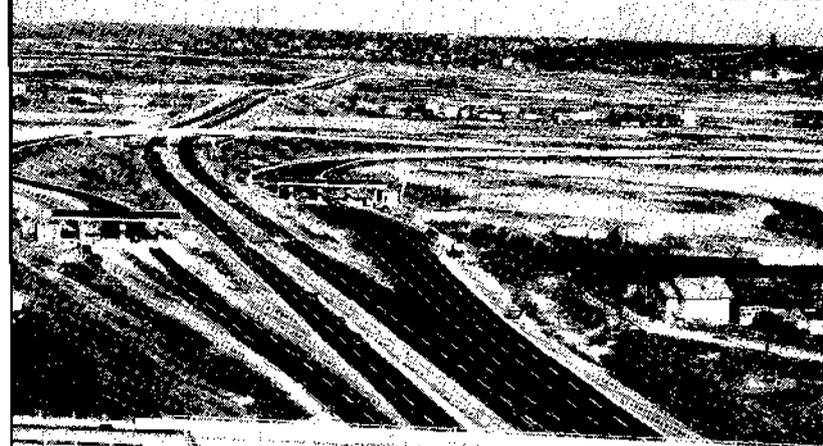


EXISTING AND PROPOSED CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY AND GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE. THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WILL ELIMINATE THE LAST PARKWAY GRADE CROSSING AND EXPEDITE TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE.

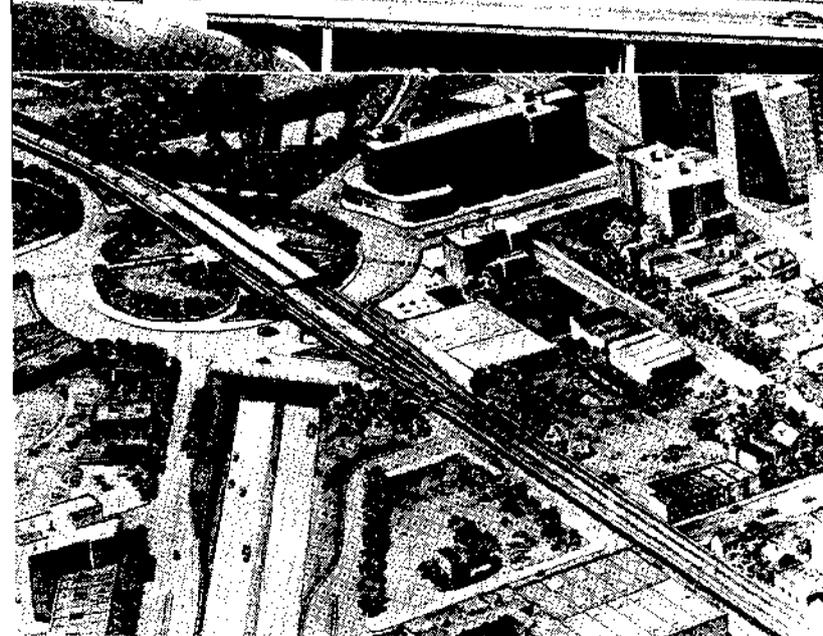
PROPOSED CONNECTION BETWEEN DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY AND CROSS-BRONX EXPRESSWAY, AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE ARTERIAL SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE NEW YORK THRUWAY NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.



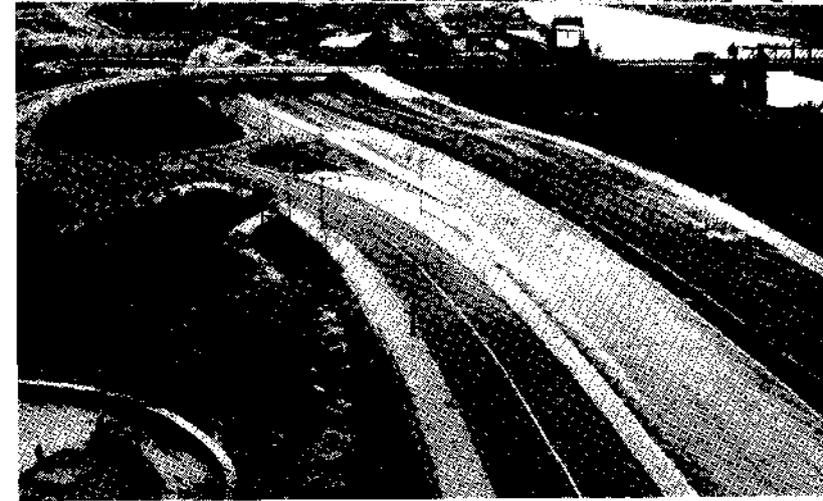
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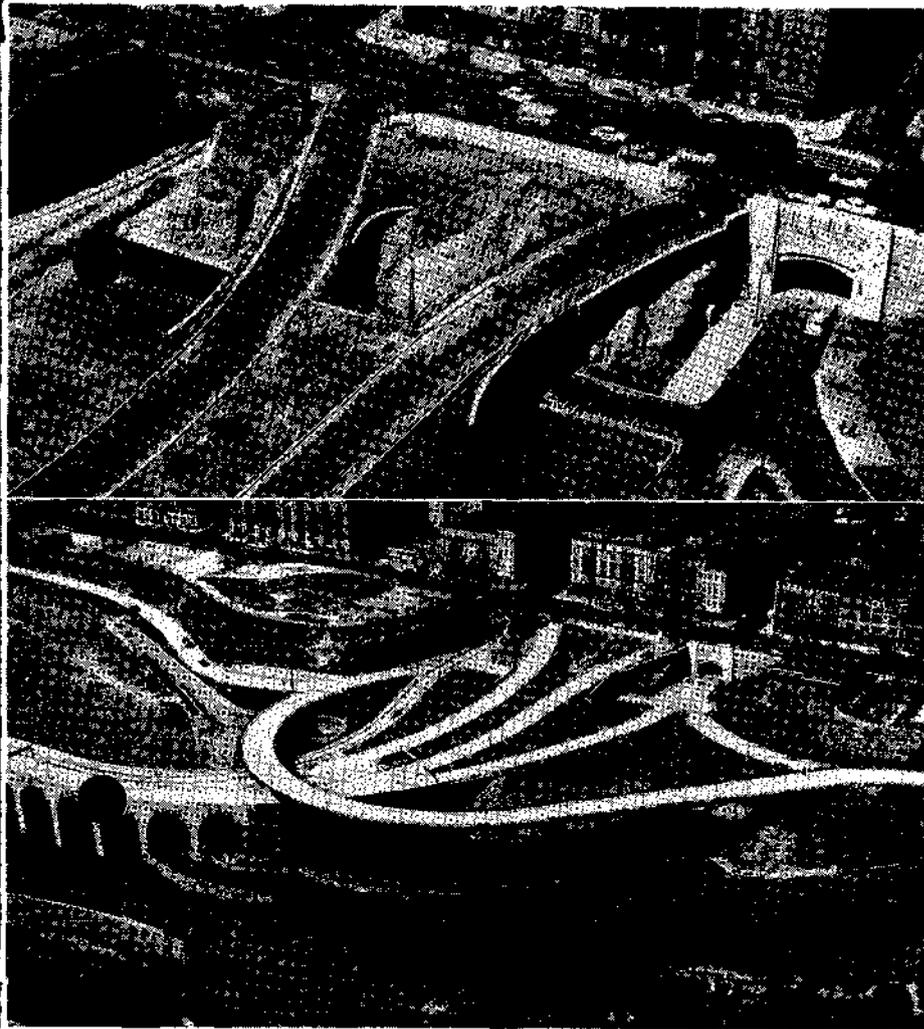
MAJOR DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY

\$80,000,000 Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority approach program.

Every arterial improvement necessitates changes in local veins, feeders and streets and an entirely new pattern of vehicular and pedestrian movement.

The 300-mile restricted parkway system in New York City, on Long Island and in Westchester, connects with virtually all of the important river crossings in New York City and is being constantly extended and improved. We aim to provide as comprehensive a system for mixed traffic.

All of the administrative agencies which combine to realize this program depend upon the understanding support of numerous elected officials who are the direct representatives of the people and to whom the appointed officials are immediately responsible. The openings here today give ample evidence that such support has been generously given.

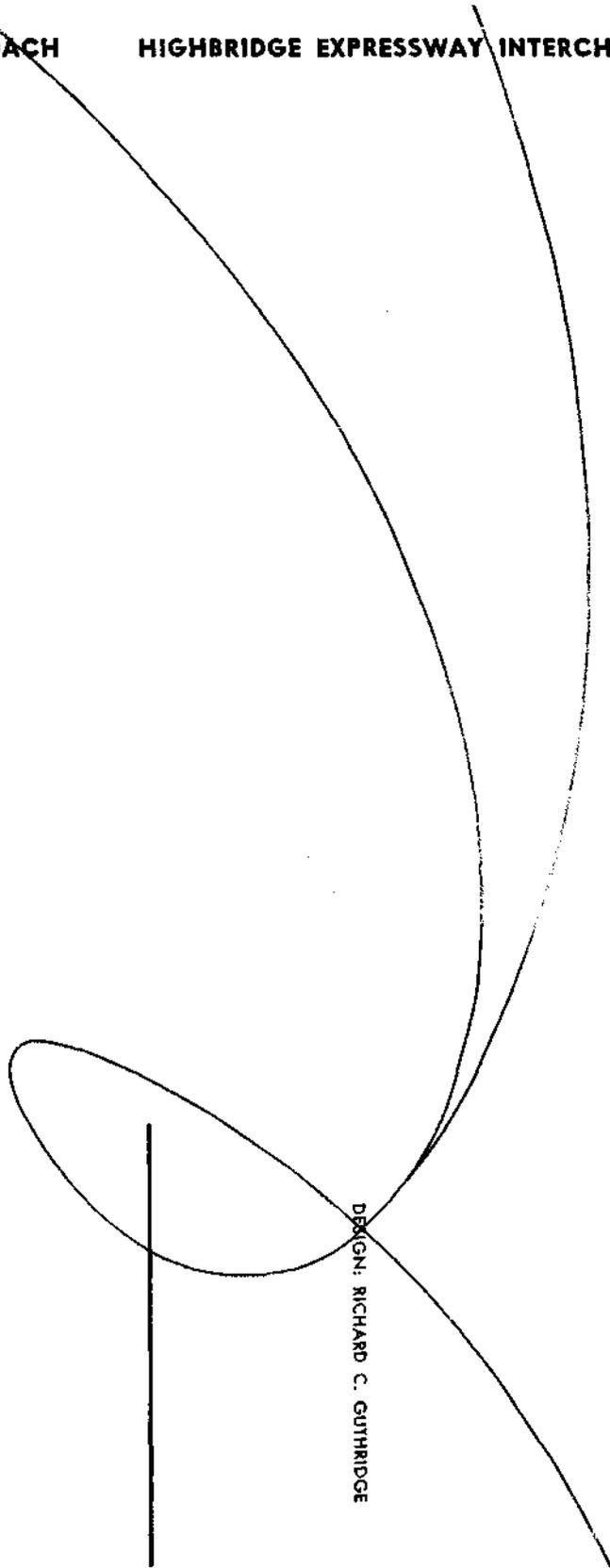


The 179th Street Tunnel, built by The Port of New York Authority at a cost of \$9,000,000, provides a two-lane, sub-surface westbound connection between the Harlem River Drive, the 181st Street Bridge, the Cross Bronx Expressway and the George Washington Bridge. The two-lane 178th Street Tunnel, which the Port Authority built and opened in 1940, will be used for eastbound traffic from the bridge. The new tunnel is 2,400 feet long. Construction was begun March 17, 1949, and the tunnel's reinforced concrete shell was completed on June 21, 1951.

The 179th Street Tunnel is part of a \$40,000,000 long-range approach-improvement program to expedite George Washington Bridge traffic, which on Sunday, April 20, hit a new single-day high of 114,000 vehicles. Altogether, approaches to Port Authority bridges and tunnels have cost almost \$110,000,000.

The \$5,300,000 Highbridge Interchange, the connecting link between the George Washington Bridge, via the approach tunnels, and the Cross-Bronx Expressway and Harlem River Drive features a soaring 2 lane viaduct supported on a single row of long slender columns. The construction of the interchange required extensive reconstruction in Highbridge Park including promenades and walks and construction of a new pumping station and playground. As the westerly terminus of the Cross-Bronx Expressway, the old Washington Bridge over the Harlem River has been widened and provisions have been made for future additional capacity.

The Interchange, part of the \$750,000,000 city arterial program is essential in linking the north and Long Island via Major Deegan Expressway, Cross-Bronx Expressway, Bronx River Expressway and the Triborough Crossings to the New Jersey Turnpike, New Jersey State highways and the west.

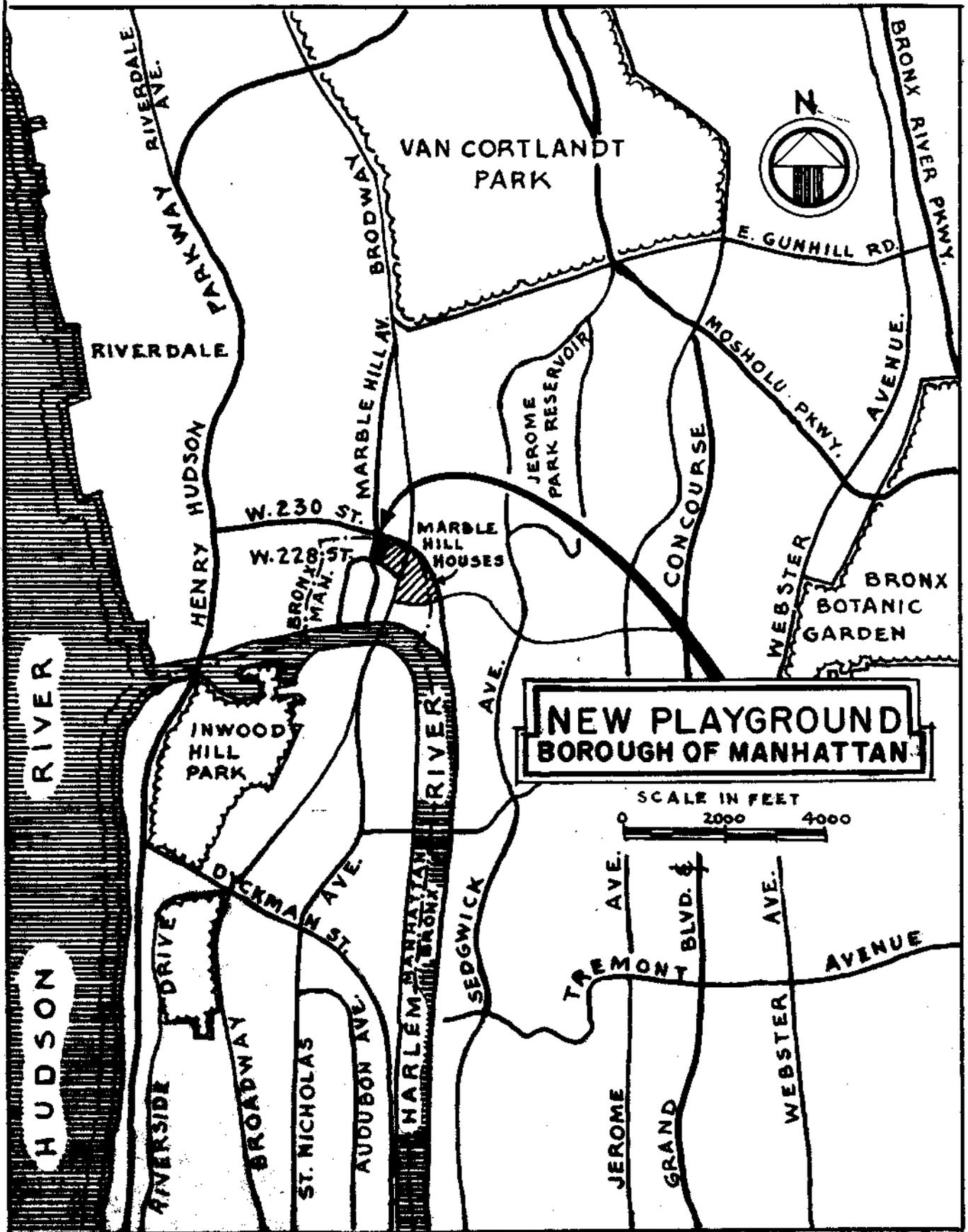


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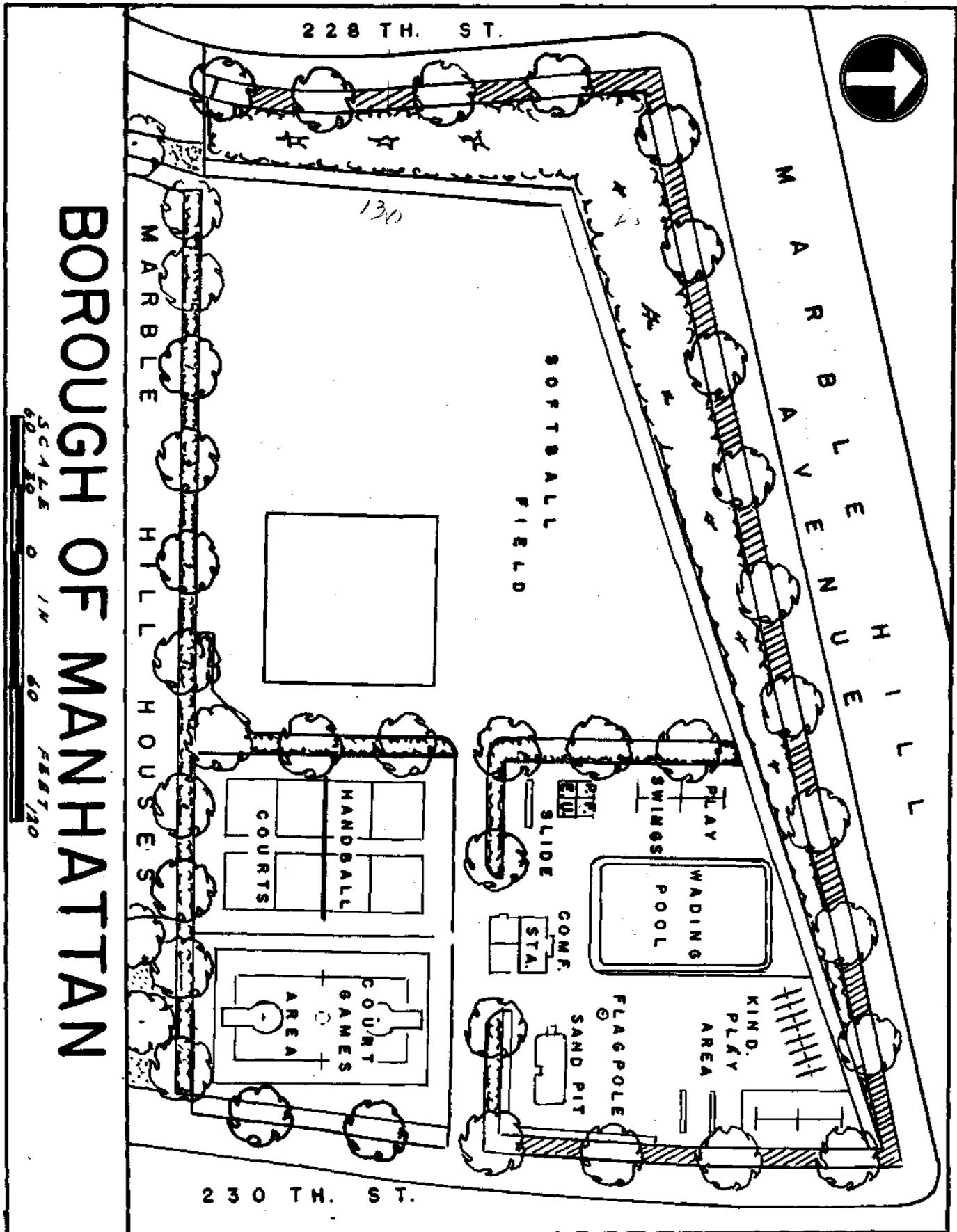
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NEW YORK THRUWAY AUTHORITY
NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



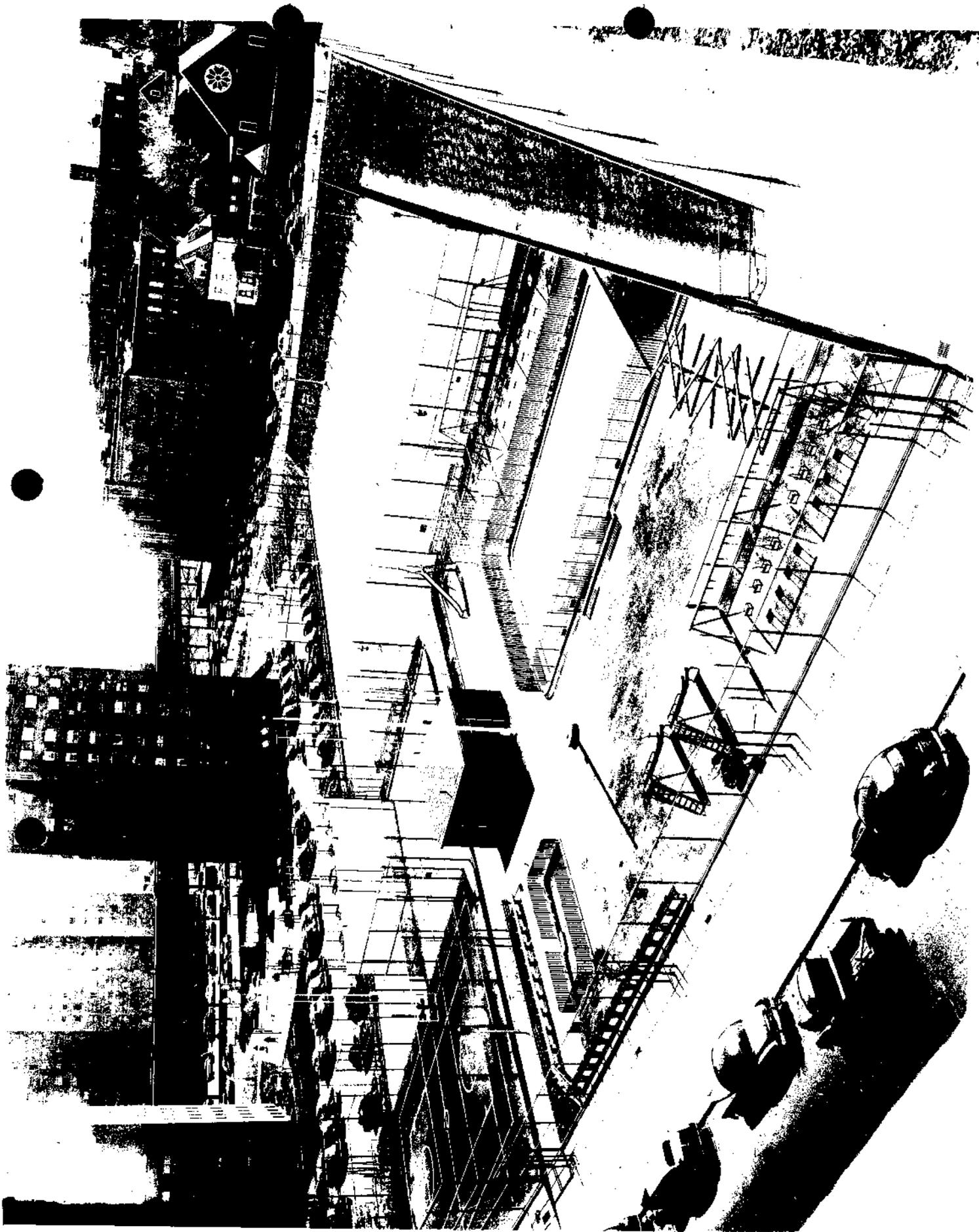
**NEW PLAYGROUND
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN**

SCALE IN FEET
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CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND
 ADJACENT MARBLE HILL HOUSES AT MARBLE HILL AT
 228TH ST. & 230TH ST. BORO. OF MANHATTAN. 4/24/52
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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening to the general public of a new playground at Marble Hill Avenue between West 228th Street and West 230th Street in the Borough of Manhattan.

The construction of this 2.5 acre playground was part of the plan and project of the "Marble Hill Houses" and was constructed and paid for by the New York City Housing Authority. It will provide recreation for all age groups residing both in the housing project and in the surrounding community.

The new recreational area is located at the west side of the housing project and is built in three sections for control purposes. One of the northerly sections contains a basketball court and two handball courts, and the other section contains an area for small fry, with slides, swings, see-saws, jungle gym, wading pool, sand pit and a comfort station. Benches for guardians of children are also provided for in this area. A softball field has been constructed on the southerly section.

The perimeter of the area has been enclosed with a chain link fence and is landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 573 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

April 30, 1952

Letter 297M

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FOR RELEASE

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The City-wide Championships of the Annual Department of Parks Boxing Tournament, sponsored by Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld, will be conducted at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, on Friday evening, April 25, at 8:00 P.M. Four junior, five intermediate, and four senior division matches are on the program which is sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Association.

The boys participating in the championships are the best of more than 600 boys registered at the 17 Department of Parks boxing centers located throughout the city. These centers opened for the season last October and instruction and training classes have been conducted daily by specially trained instructors of the park recreation division.

Elimination contests were held throughout April, beginning with borough championships. The winners of these bouts were matched in the city-wide semi-finals held April 14 and 18.

Friday evening's contenders for the city-wide championships will be matched as follows:

Junior Division - 14, 15 years of age

105 Pound Class

Louis Webbervs.....Ramus Parrea
(Flushing Meadow) (West 134th St. Gym)

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Junior Division - 14, 15 years of age
(Continued)

112 Pound Class

Richard Mannig vs John Devaney
(Astoria Play Center) (East 54th St. Gym)

119 Pound Class

Victor Sanchez vs Eugene Roseberry
(Rutgers St. Gym.) (St. Mary's Rec. Cent)

125 Pound Class

Frank Mangiapone vs Leroy Young
(Flushing Meadow) (West 134th St. Gym.)

Intermediate Division

119 Pound Class

Harry Smith vs Thomas McKeon
(West 134th St. Gym) (O'Connell Play Cent.)

125 Pound Class

David Orange vs John Loughlin
(St. Mary's Rec. Center) (West 28th St. Gym)

132 Pound Class

John Murphy vs Walter Brown
(Astoria Play Center) (East 54th St. Gym)

139 Pound Class

Al Antignolo vs Robert Pfister
(O'Connell Play Center) (East 54th St. Gym)

147 Pound Class

Hugh Mason vs Kevin Griffin
(O'Connell Play Center) (St. Mary's Rec. Center)

Senior Division

132 Pound Class

Edward Brower vs Anthony Lotito
(O'Connell Play Center) (Rutgers St. Gym.)

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Senior Division (Continued)

139 Pound Class

Jesus HernandezvsLloyd Eure
(Crotona Play Center) (Rutgers St. Gym.)

147 Pound Class

Santo DeAngelovsJohn Hodges
(Flushing Meadow) (East 54th St. Gym.)

156 Pound Class

James MaylorvsCharles Thompkins
(Flushing Meadow) (Rutgers St. Gym.)

Mr. Maurice Rosenfeld has donated all prizes for this tournament. Medals were presented to the winners and runners-up in the borough competitions. City-wide Champions and runners-up will be awarded Benrus wrist watches.

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April 21, 1952

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Mr. Keaslip

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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SECOND ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST
TO BE HELD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 17, 18

Conducted by New York City Park Department,
Sponsored by Nathan's Famous Restaurant of
Coney Island

The second annual Coney Island fishing contest for men, women, boys and girls will be held on the weekend of May 17-18 at Steeplechase Pier, under the sponsorship of Nathan's Famous, Coney Island restaurant, it was announced today by the Department of Parks, who will conduct the contest. Prizes of fishing equipment valued at approximately \$1,000. and donated by the sponsor, will be awarded to the winners.

In announcing the date of the second annual contest, the Park Department stated that more than 1200 small fry and adults of both sexes competed in the 1951 event, held on October 27 and 28. With the date of the contest switched to May, the height of the Coney Island fishing season, the Park Department announced that an even greater amount of interest is anticipated.

Applications for the contest are now available at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's Famous, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island. The contest will be divided into four parts: pier fishing for boys and girls to age 16 on Saturday, May 17, and pier and surf casting for men and women over 16, on Sunday, May 18. Only conventional fishing will be permitted.

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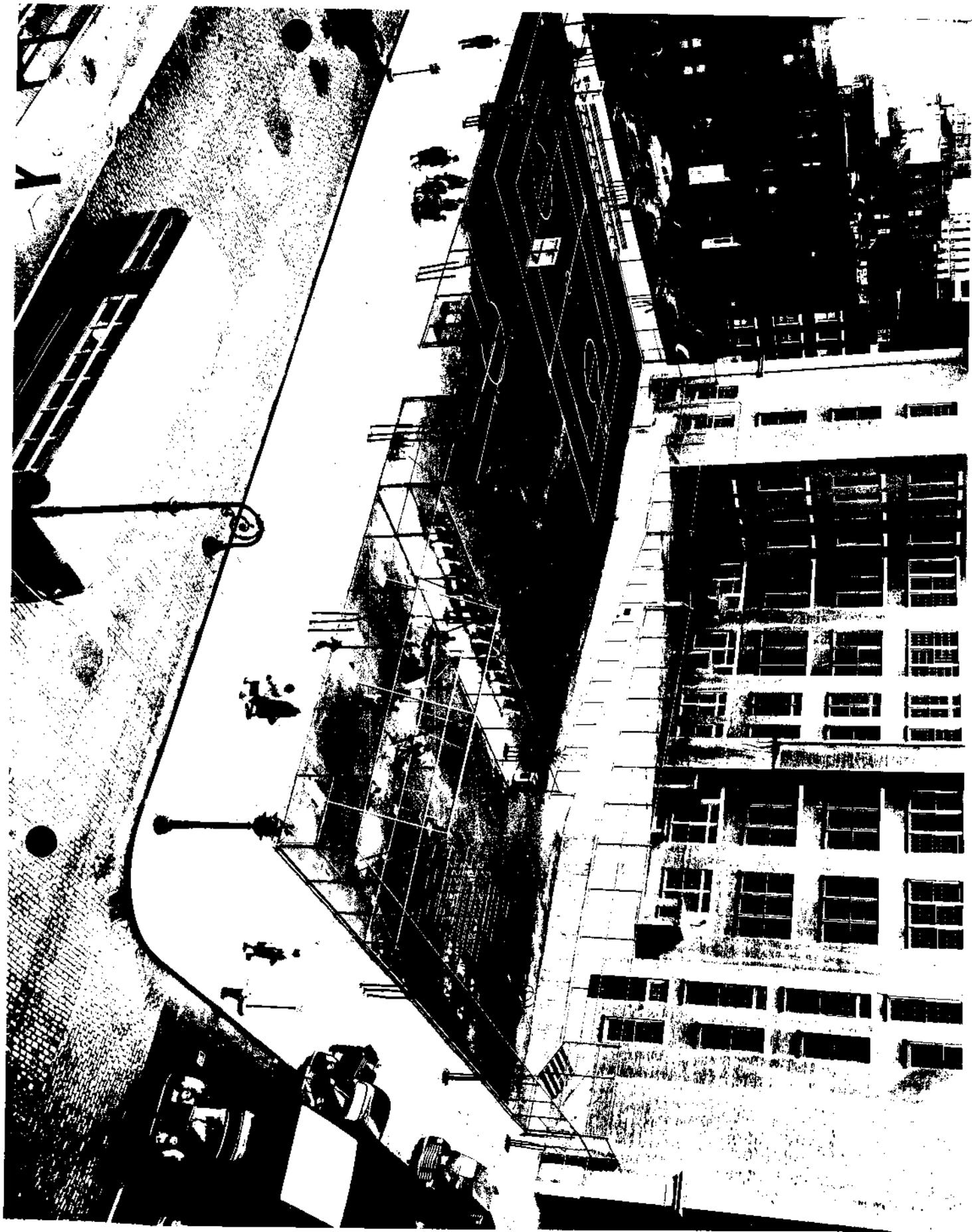
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Prizes will be awarded at the end of each day's fishing to the boys and girls catching the biggest and second-biggest fish on Saturday, and to the men and women catching the biggest and second-biggest fish on Sunday. In addition, a special prize will be awarded in the junior division to the young fisherman catching the largest scavenger fish. Prizes will be on display at the sea-food bar of Nathan's Famous.

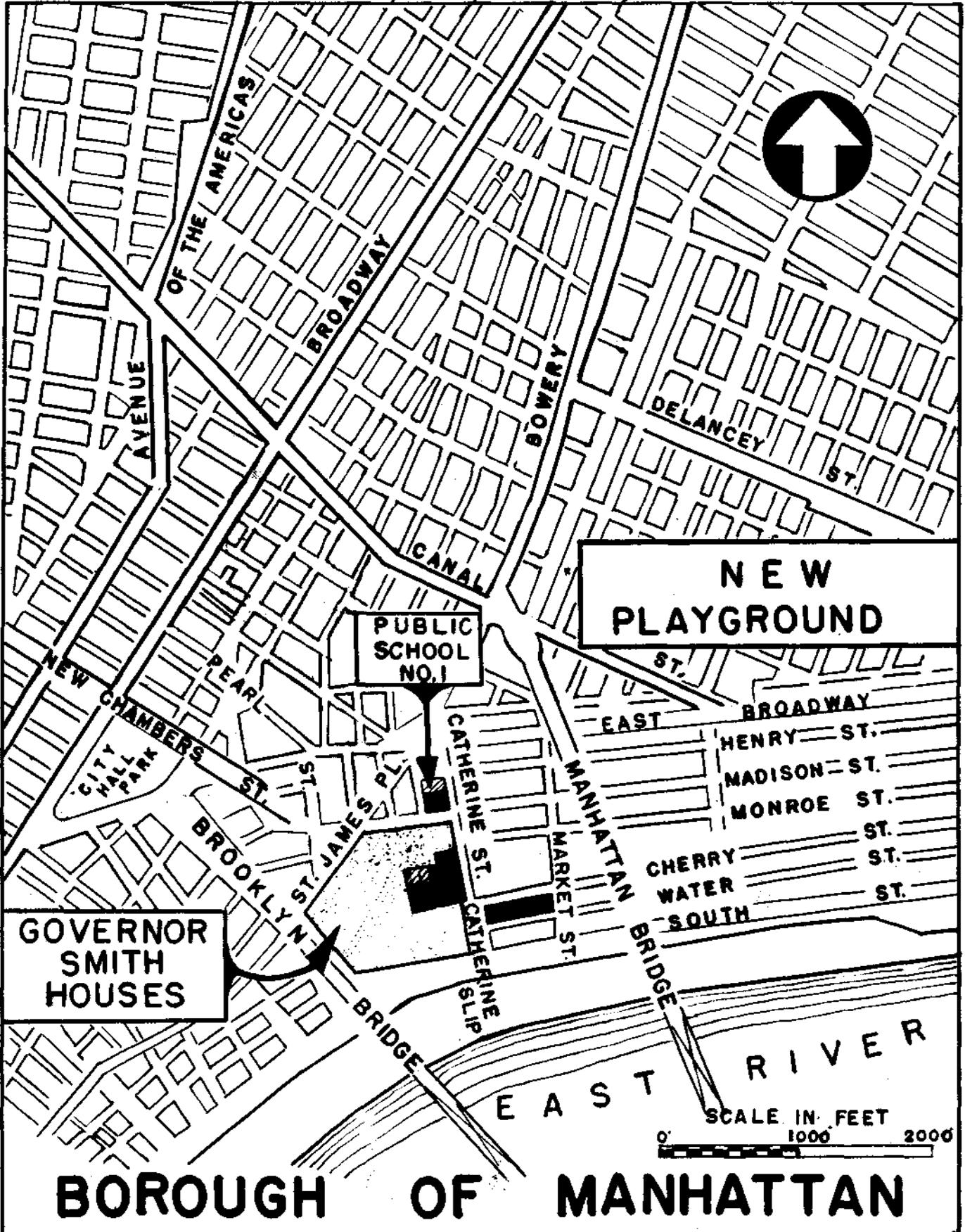


April 21, 1952

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Press Release*



**GOVERNOR
SMITH
HOUSES**

**PUBLIC
SCHOOL
NO. 1**

**NEW
PLAYGROUND**

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO GOV SMITH HOUSES
AT P.S. #1

MANHATTAN 4-71 92

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CATHERINE

ST.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 1



RAMP

PLAY SLIDES

PLAY AREA

PLAY SWING

BASKETBALL

VOLLEYBALL

ST

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



MADISON

OLIVER

ST.

PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO "PS #1
FROM OLIVER ST TO CATHERINE ST
NORTH OF MADISON ST
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN



Mr. Keating

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

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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening for public usage of a playground at Little Neck Parkway between 42nd and 43rd Avenues, adjacent to Public School 94, in the Borough of Queens.

This 1. acre playground is another one of those agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks. It is located on the outskirts of Queens and provides recreational facilities previously lacking in this area.

The improvement contains basketball courts, paddle tennis courts, shuffleboard area, handball court, jungle gym, showers, sand-pit, swings, slides and see-saws. A comfort station is also provided.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 572 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

April 18, 1952. *Sent 11 AM*
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
REGENT 4-1000

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The Department of Parks announces the abandonment of the playground at Hygeia Place and Grove Street, Stapleton, Staten Island.

This small playground was developed some twenty-five years ago. At that time, the local neighborhood was without recreational facilities and there was a heavy popular demand for the establishment of a playground. The site at Hygeia Place and Grove Street was vacant, no taxes had been paid since 1898, ownership was ambiguous and the former Park Commissioner, John J. O'Rourke, took possession of the property and developed it with play apparatus for the neighborhood children. The playground served the neighborhood well over the years until in March 1951, when the new playground was developed and opened adjacent to P.S. 14, only four short blocks away. This playground, being constructed on modern standards, has attracted the neighborhood children to the point where usage of the Hygeia Place area has dwindled to practically zero. Further maintenance of the old site is not worthwhile.

This is the first time in eighteen years that the department has announced a reduction in the number of playgrounds in the park system. In 1934, there were 119 playgrounds. The roster is now reduced by one from 572 to 571, but the loss will be recouped tomorrow with the opening of a new playground at Little Neck Parkway between 42nd and 43rd Avenue, Queens.

April 16, 1952

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Tuesday - April 15, 1952

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The Park Department announces that the Michael Friedsam Foundation through John Burke, President of B. Altman & Company has generously donated \$100,000 for a new carousel and building in Prospect Park to replace the old merry-go-round which burned down. The new building will be erected on a site located between the new Zoo Area and the Willinck Entrance near Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard, and will be known as the Michael Friedsam Memorial, after Michael F. Friedsam, widely known philanthropist, former president of B. Altman & Company, and president of the Fifth Avenue Association from 1925 to the time of his death in 1931. A bronze commemorative plaque will be placed on the structure.

The structure will be brick, with a slate roof, cupola, octagonal in shape and approximately seventy-eight feet in diameter. It will harmonize with the adjacent structures in Prospect Park, and a duplicate of the Michael Friedsam Memorial carousel building in Central Park which was built last year and donated to the children of New York City by the Michael Friedsam Foundation.

It will be recalled that the old Central Park carousel burned down on November 8, 1950. Many nostalgic citizens and civic-minded organizations wanted to help replace the old merry-go-round so dear to the youngsters of New York City since 1871.

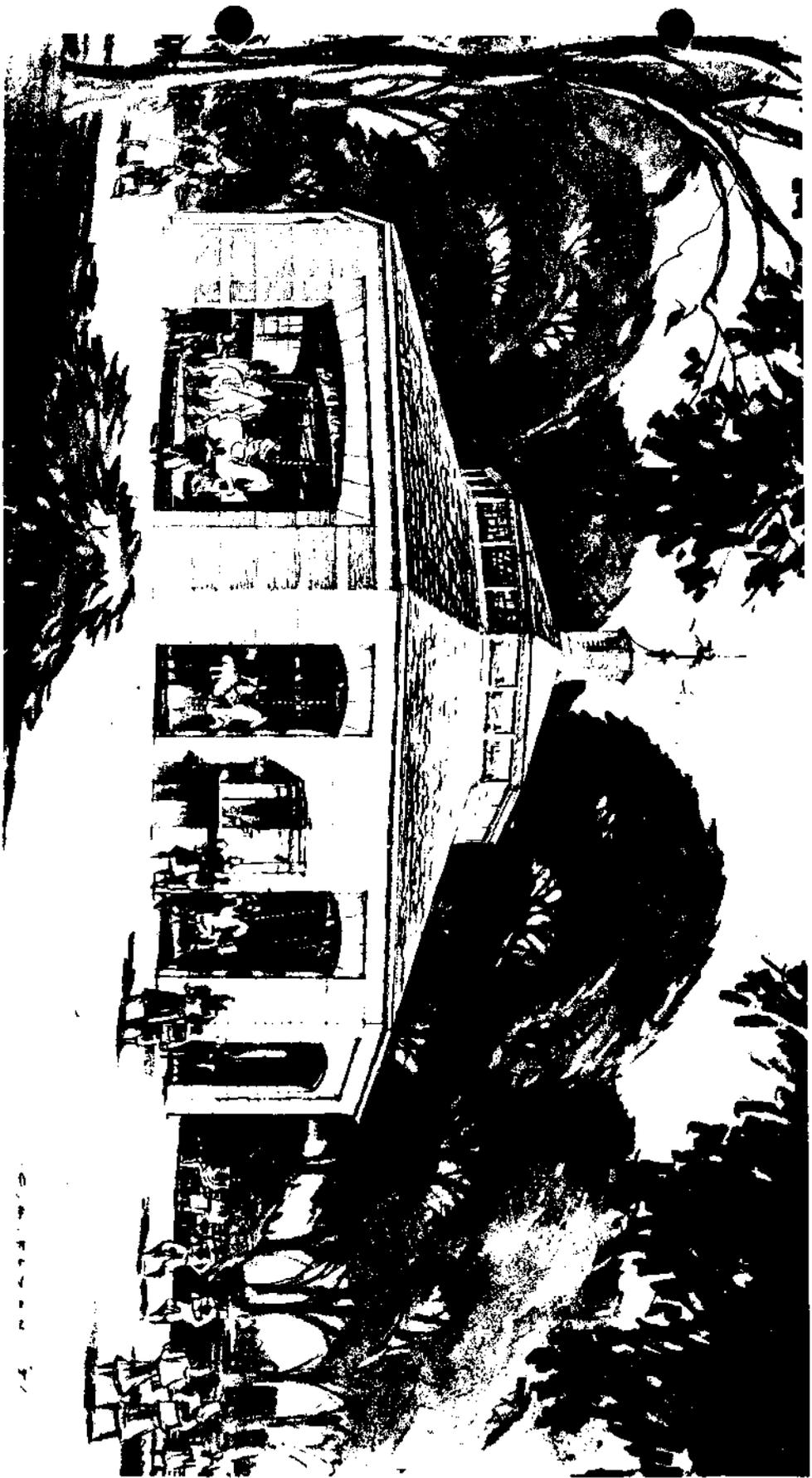
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The Park Department received a carousel organ and mechanism as a gift from the Board of Transportation which acquired it when the city took over the BMT Trolley Terminal, Surf Avenue and West 5th Street, Coney Island, where the carousel was located at the time of transit unification. It was taken apart and transferred to the Park Department shops where craftsmen repaired the handsome handcarved wooden horses, animals, and chariots. The new carousel was dedicated and opened to the public on July 2, 1951.

Now Brooklyn's thousands of youngsters will again have their own merry-go-round in the park in the heart of their borough thanks to the generosity of Mr. Burke and his associates.

Sent 10 AM April 14, 1954
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IN CITY PARKS

"The parent, guardian or other person having custody of a child under the age of sixteen years, who omits to exercise reasonable diligence in the control of such child to prevent such child from becoming guilty of juvenile delinquency as defined by statute, where such delinquency constitutes the wilful destruction of property of the City of New York, may be fined an amount commensurate with the damage done, but in no case to exceed the sum of \$25.00."

draft of proposed local law

**THE PARK ASSOCIATION
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK**



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APRIL, 1952



ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL
64TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE
CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

JAMES A. SHERRY
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
WILLIAM H. LATHAM
DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

PARK DEPARTMENT

The New York Community Trust
c/o Mr. Ralph Hayes, Director
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Ralph:

Following your suggestion that the New York Community Trust might be able to help in some way to combat vandalism in City Parks, I discussed this question with magistrates concerned with the children's courts, school officials and others. It was the general opinion that the most effective single remedy is to pass a local law making parents of children committing vandalism in parks and playgrounds subject to a small fine.

One of our toughest problems in operating the New York City park and playground system and protecting the people who use it is that of vandalism by children. By this, I do not mean merely normal wear and tear of equipment and landscaping, but deliberate and wilful acts of destruction. Vandalism in our city has reached alarming proportions. The damage is not only to City property, but lack of control over a minority of troublemakers makes many areas unsafe for the great majority of well behaved children and respectable parents.

At my request, the Park Association of New York City retained Henry Epstein, former State Solicitor General, to draft the law which is presented now with the opinion that such an act is constitutional.

I asked representatives of the clergy to comment on this effort and their replies are printed in this booklet.

I shall ask that this local law be enacted by the Council.

I wish to thank the Park Association for sponsoring this law and doing much of the work in connection with it. Henry Epstein contributed exhaustive search into the legality of this act and his work was complete, as might be expected from this distinguished lawyer. It is, of course, understood that the Community Trust confined itself to furnishing aid without assuming responsibility for the form or formulation of this resulting plan. Nothing would have been possible, however, without your realization that something must be done about vandalism and arranging for the Community Trust to furnish funds to pay for this essential preparatory work.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MOSES
Commissioner

PARK ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.

Hon. Robert Moses
Commissioner of Parks
Arsenal, Central Park
New York 21, New York

Dear Commissioner Moses:

The Park Association received through the New York Community Trust funds from the late Mildred Anna Williams and the late Lucy Wortham James to help combat vandalism in City parks and playgrounds.

At your suggestion, we retained former State Solicitor General Henry Epstein to draft a local law to make parents of children wilfully destroying City property subject to a fine. Mr. Epstein has completed his work, which included painstaking search into the constitutionality of such an act. The draft of a local law is now given to you along with an opinion as to its constitutionality. This opinion is backed up by a sustaining memorandum too complete to reproduce in this report.

The statistics and pictures in this pamphlet speak louder than any words for the need of such a law. The proposed law is not drastic and will not antagonize the overwhelming proportion of good citizens who have respect for public property. The maximum fine of \$25 will not pay for the parks and replacement of facilities destroyed by all acts of mischief. Application of this law will not by itself stop all vandalism, but it is the one single thing which will be most effective. In addition, there must be constant watchfulness by all citizens so that the wilful destruction of virtually irreplaceable recreation facilities is stopped.

The Park Association sponsors this proposed local law because we know of no other effective attack on an increasingly serious problem.

Sincerely,

VANDALISM COMMITTEE

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Chairman of the Board

HAYS, WOLF, SCHWABACHER, SKLAR & EPSTEIN

The Park Association of New York
119 East Nineteenth Street
New York 3, New York

Gentlemen:

As agreed, I transmit draft of the proposed anti-vandalism law:

"THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OF A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS, WHO OMITTS TO EXERCISE REASONABLE DILIGENCE IN THE CONTROL OF SUCH CHILD TO PREVENT SUCH CHILD FROM BECOMING GUILTY OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AS DEFINED BY STATUTE, WHERE SUCH DELINQUENCY CONSTITUTES THE WILFUL DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, MAY BE FINED AN AMOUNT COMMENSURATE WITH THE DAMAGE DONE, BUT IN NO CASE TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$25.00."

The memorandum of law submitted with the proposed draft substantiates my opinion that such a law would be constitutional.

It is also my view that prompt enactment of this measure will do much to protect public property.

Sincerely,

HENRY EPSTEIN

LETTERS TO

Hon. Robert Moses
Commissioner of Parks
Arsenal, Central Park
New York 21, New York

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Office of the Bishop
CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS
NEW YORK 25, NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Moses:

I have recently learned of the proposed legislation to prevent vandalism in our City parks. I am writing to say that in my opinion this measure would help a great deal in the preservation of public property and be a deterrent to vandalism in the parks and elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

HORACE W. B. DONEGAN
Bishop of New York

MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

FIFTH AVENUE AT 29th STREET, WEST
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

Dear Commissioner Moses:

I am very sympathetic to the solution for vandalism by children outlined in your letter of October 16. Basically the parents are responsible, and the assessment of a fine ought to have a salutary effect and make them more aware of their responsibility.

You may be certain that you have my support in this objective, and I shall be very glad to help you in any way possible.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

NORMAN V. PEALE

THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PARK AVENUE AND 91st STREET
NEW YORK 28, NEW YORK

My dear Commissioner:

Last fall you asked me to talk with Earle Andrews regarding vandalism in the parks of New York City.

I was very much impressed with the suggestion of Mr. Andrews that something be done to make parents responsible for controlling their children. It seems to me that you are on the right path. We should have a law so that when children destroy public property it will be possible to hold parents responsible.

It seems to me that such a law would be a step forward in strengthening the moral fiber of our community. We must depend upon homes and families for moral upbringing. Anything that brings home to parents that they have a responsibility for the right conduct of their children and must bear some of the blame when children's conduct is not right, will be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL WOLFE
Minister
The Brick Presbyterian Church

ENDORSEMENTS

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE

452 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

Dear Bob:

I have your note of October 5th in regard to recommendations for additional legislation to curb vandalism. I shall, of course, be pleased to have our educational and recreational organizations endorse your proposal.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

F. CARDINAL SPELLMAN
Archbishop of New York

CHRIST CHURCH

METHODIST

PARK AVENUE at 60th STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Moses:

I appreciate the point you have raised regarding vandalism, and I should like to give you my strongest support in your efforts to curb it.

My time is so heavily mortgaged that I cannot give personal attention, but if I can be of any service over the radio or otherwise, please command me.

Very sincerely yours,

RALPH W. SOCKMAN

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

FIFTH AVENUE AT SIXTY-FIFTH STREET

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR RABBI
REV. DR. JULIUS MARK
1 EAST 65TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Moses:

I have your letter of October 16th in which you advise me of the plan to make parents responsible for vandalism perpetrated in the city parks.

It is my belief that the idea is an excellent one and I express the hope that a local law will soon be passed to effect it.

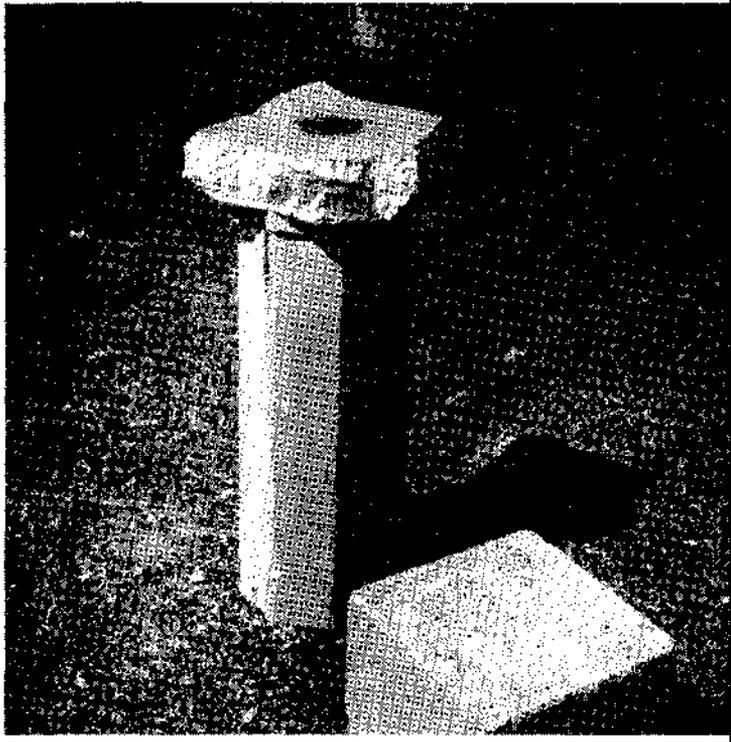
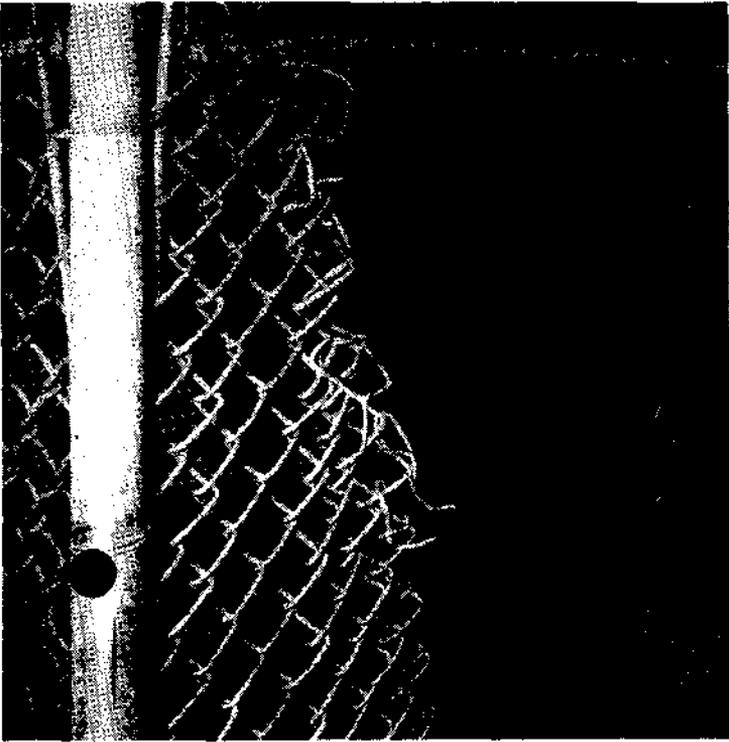
With best wishes, I remain

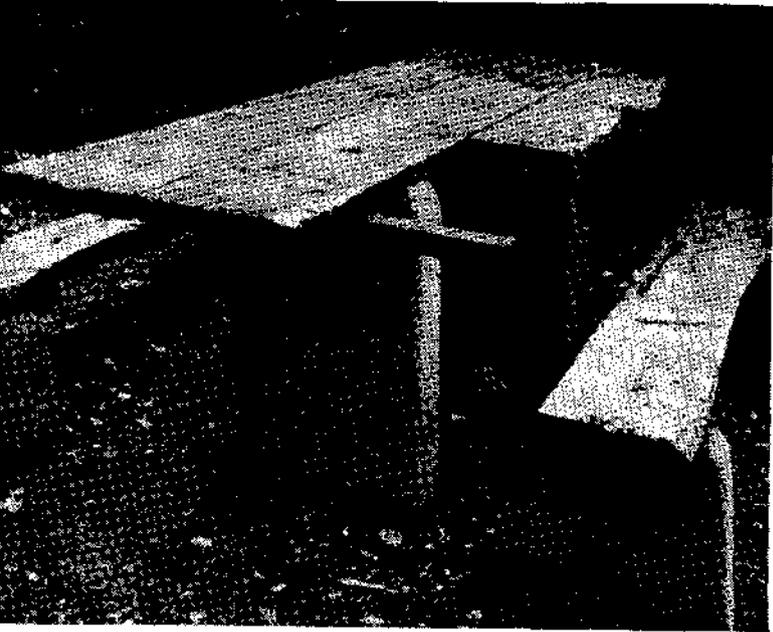
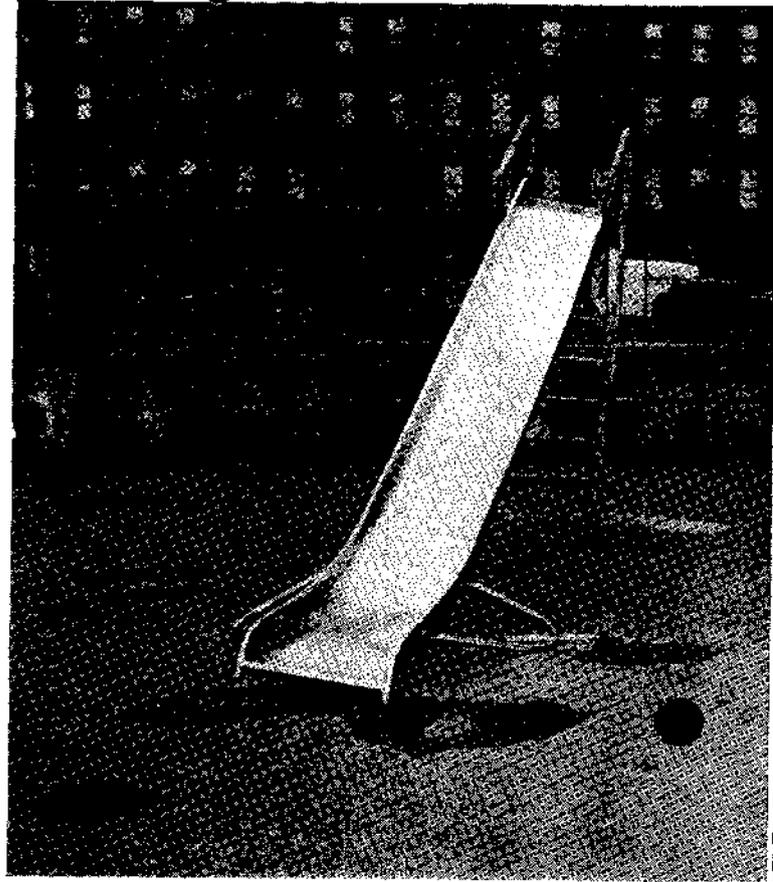
Yours sincerely,

JULIUS MARK

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| FENCES | 9,593 | 4.7 |
| FIRE | 50,343 | 24.6 |
| FLAGPOLES | 1,714 | .8 |
| FOUNTAINS | 7,795 | 3.8 |
| HARDWARE | 3,192 | 1.6 |
| LIGHTING | 8,495 | 4.2 |
| MASONRY & PAVING . . . | 2,846 | 1.4 |
| PLAY EQUIPMENT | 11,802 | 5.8 |
| PLANTING | 40,293 | 19.7 |
| PLUMBING | 1,097 | .5 |
| SIGNS | 4,458 | 2.2 |
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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Immediately

The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 490 Tennis Courts, at 52 various locations in the five boroughs, on Saturday, April 12, 1952.

Two types of season tennis permits are issued: a \$3.00 permit, good for play Mondays through Fridays, (excepting holidays) and a \$5.00 permit, good for play every day.

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

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April 11, 1952

Sent 12:30 PM 4/11/52



Mr. Heasley

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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The Department of Parks announces the birth of three baby aoudads in the Central Park Zoo.

Aoudads which were first introduced to the Central Park Zoo in 1939, are Barbary sheep found along the Barbary coast of North Africa; however, the parents of these offspring all saw light of day here. Ironically, "Rocky", the sire of these offspring, passed away a short time ago and will not be around to hand out cigars.

Lilly's baby was born on April 4, 1952; Osa's baby was born on April 5, 1952; and Carolyn's baby was born on April 7, 1952, each weighing 10 lbs. and doing nicely.

Pictures may be taken after 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, 1952.

April 10, 1952

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FOR RELEASE

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The 6th Annual Egg Rolling Contest, in which over 1000 boys and girls will participate, will be conducted by the Department of Parks under the auspices of Arnold Constable, on Saturday, April 12, at 2:00 P.M. on the Great Lawn, 80th to 84th Streets, in Central Park.

The youngsters, ranging from 5 to 13 years of age, will use spoons to push their eggs along a course for a distance suited to their age group. Six events are on the program:

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

Children finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the finals of each event will receive prizes donated by Arnold Constable. Group I prizes will be a bicycle, scooter, or roller skates for the boys, and a doll carriage, doll, or roller skates for the girls. Group II and III winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, or \$15.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend this event. The Great Lawn is located in the center of the park, north of Belvedere Lake.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Monday - April 7 1952

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The 18 running tracks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks will open officially for the season on Saturday, April 12th.

The tracks are located at: East River Park; Riverside Drive and West 74 Street and Triborough Stadium in Manhattan;- Betsy Head; Ft. Hamilton H.S. Playground; McCarren Park; Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street and Red Hook Stadium in Brooklyn;- Macombs Dam Park; Pelham Bay Park; Van Cortlandt Park Stadium and Williamsbridge Oval in Bronx;- Astoria Athletic Field; Astoria Park; Forest Park; Jackson Heights Playground; John Adams Field and Liberty Park in Queens.

Fifteen of these tracks are standard 440 yards. The tracks at Riverside Drive and 74th Street and Jackson Heights Playground are 220 yards and the John Adams track is 352 yards.

Hundreds of club, high school and college athletes will be making use of the Park Department tracks for training purposes.

Permits have been issued to various organizations to hold 88 track meets during April, May and June. The following are some of the most important meets that have been scheduled:

April

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| 20 | Clove Lakes Park | 15 Mile Club Walk - Staten Island Harriers |
| 23 | Red Hook Stadium | Polytechnic Institute |
| 26 | Riverside Park | Boy Scouts of America, Riverside District |

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April (Cont'd)

27 East River Park Boys Club of New York

May

11 Clove Lakes Park Met. 10,000 meter Walk - Staten Island Harriers

6 McCarren Park Brooklyn High School of Auto. Trades

10 East River Park Boys Athletic League

17 Van Cortlandt Stadium Private High School A.A. Championships

17 Victory Field Queens A.A.U. & P.S.A.L.

18 Van Cortlandt Stadium CYO (Man) Senior Championships

20 Van Cortlandt Stadium Manhattan High School Championships

22 Van Cortlandt Stadium Bronx-Westchester Championships

24 Van Cortlandt Stadium Catholic High School A.A. League

25 Riverside Park National Committee of Young Israel

(30 Randall's Island Stadium Intercollegiate Championships

(31 Randall's Island Stadium Intercollegiate Championships

June

1 Van Cortlandt Stadium 92nd Street Young Men's Hebrew Association.

4 Randalls Island Stadium P.S.A.D. Championships

8 Red Hook Stadium Jr. Met. A.A.U. Championships

14 Randalls Island Stadium Sr. Met. Association A.A.U. Outdoor Championship

21 Randalls Island Stadium P.A.L. Championships



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The Department of Parks announces the opening of the ten municipal golf courses on Saturday morning, April 5, 1952, at 6:00 a.m. The club houses, with food facilities, locker and shower accommodations and other facilities, will be opened at the same time for the use of the public.

The locations of these ten courses are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest Park-
way, Forest Park.

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

LaTourette Golf Course, Forest Hill Road and London Road.

(There is no change in the rates from last year. Fees for permits will be \$10.00 for a season permit. An additional daily fee of

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25 cents entitles the permit holder to play on weekdays at any of the ten courses and an additional charge of 50 cents is made on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays per round.

For non-permit holders, the daily fee from Monday through Friday will be \$1.00, and \$1.25 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, per round.

The Department has been experimenting for the past three years with several strains of newly developed grasses that are tougher than those previously in use. During the past season, in order to maintain a surface more able to stand the heavy useage, some of these grasses have been introduced into the new tees on a few courses. This work will be continued as more material becomes available.

The construction of the Major Deegan Highway through Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course by the New York City Department of Public Works, has not yet been completed, but the completion of four new holes guarantees 18-hole play at all times during the coming season. The remodeled course in its final form will not be in full use until certain strips of the new highway are paved and Gun Hill Road can be shut off to permit the completion of construction on the golf course.

April 2, 1952

Sent 3:30 P.M. 4/2/52



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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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FOR RELEASE

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The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouses in Prospect Park, located at Prospect Park West and Seventh Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. on Palm Sunday, April 6, 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

The exhibition will be open to the public every day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for at least three (3) weeks.



Press photographs may be taken.

April 3, 1952

sent 4/3/52 - 3 P.M.



Mr. Kearney

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

FOR RELEASE

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Sunday - April 6, 1952

The Department of Parks announces that its 156 baseball and 375 softball diamonds will be ready for play on Saturday, April 12.

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

Permits are issued for a minimum of two hours and a maximum of two and a half hours. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, permits are issued for the following periods: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Twilight games will be scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Sent 4/3/52. 3 P.M.



Mr. Headlip

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-830082(51) 114 Monday - April 7, 1952

A Trout Fishing Tournament will be conducted on Oakland Lake, Springfield Boulevard and 47th Avenue, Queens, beginning Saturday, April 12th, and continuing through Sunday, September 7th. Competition is open to any person who may legally take trout in New York State.

The tournament was conceived by Harry Wall, a staunch Conservationist and Sportsman of Flushing. Mr. Wall not only sold his idea to the State Department of Conservation, but is largely responsible for the contribution of the numerous valuable prizes.

Oakland Lake has always been a popular fishing spot. In 1947, it was stocked experimentally with brook trout, and while some of these original immigrants are reputed to be still in the lake, the number actually taken by fishermen were so small that the State Conservation Department considered it an uneconomical venture.

In preparation for the forthcoming tournament, the Conservation Department during October, 1951, placed 550 brown trout from Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery in Oakland Lake. Most of these fish were in the 8-9" class but there were several running up to 16", which should stimulate the interest of the angler.

In order to obtain accurate information on their survival and growth, all fish in this planting were marked with tags or by

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clipping fins. 385 were marked with numbered metal tags on the jaw; 100 with celluloid disks attached under the dorsal fin; and on 64 fish the small adipose fin just back of the dorsal fin was removed. All fish were weighed and measured for the record. To allow these "tame" fish a chance to acquire the wariness of wild trout, no fishing has been permitted at Oakland Lake since the stocking because trout, once hooked, are often fatally injured even though quickly returned to the water.

It is expected that the prizes offered in the tournament will encourage anglers to have their fish weighed and recorded, which will permit the development of an accurate record on the survival and rate of growth of the fish in Oakland Lake. This record will provide the State Conservation Department with data which will determine whether or not future stocking of this type may be worthwhile.

The tournament will be conducted in three stages and prizes will be awarded as follows:

OPENING WEEKEND: Prizes to be awarded Sunday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m.

- a) Prize for largest tagged trout
- b) Prize for largest untagged trout (It is believed that a number of brook trout are occupants of the lake)
- c) Prize to youngest boy angler catching a trout
- d) Prize to youngest girl angler catching a trout

MID-SEASON: Prizes awarded June 9 at 4:00 p.m. by drawings from all tags returned to date.

CLOSING WEEKEND: Prizes awarded September 7th, as follows:

- a) Prize for largest trout - tagged or untagged
- b) Prize based on drawings, if desirable

The Bayside Sports Shop, 39-29 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, Queens, run by Cy Phillips, will be the weighing-in station. They will weigh and measure fish and collect tags as well as keep records of the season's catch. On Sundays during the contest, someone will be at the shop solely for this purpose. Prizes donated for the contest will eventually be on display at the shop. Lucky anglers will receive prizes ranging from various types of rods, reels, leaders, lines, lures, flies and fly tying kits, gift certificates, fishing boots, books, and jackets.

Attached is a list of prizes and donors. They deserve the utmost credit for their generosity, since it is only through their gifts that this tournament is possible.

Attachments

PRIZES FOR OAKLAND LAKE FISHING CONTEST.

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| Mitchel Spinning Reel | Chas. Garcia & Co. |
| " " Rod | Barclay Street |
| 200 Yds. Platyl Spring Line | |
| Assortment Plucky " Lures | |
| Tapered Fly Leaders | |
| Fly Tying Kit | Anglers Roost |
| S.O.S. Emergenoy Kit | Chrysler Building |
| Pairs "fly" earrings | |
| Ushan Fly Rod Kit | Anglers Service |
| Assortment Spinning Lures | Bardonia, N. Y. |
| Two Assortments Wet Flys | Harry C. Miller & Co. |
| Assortment Bass Flys | |
| Tapered Fly Line | |
| Three Assortments Spinning Lures | Wyman Swenson |
| | Mahopac Falls |
| \$10.00 Gift Certificate | Sportsworld - Flushing |
| Pflueger Fly Rod Reel | Haupt Hardware Co. Astoria |
| Hoagman Fishing Jacket | T.R. Herman |
| Johnson Silver Minnow Kit | Jamaica |
| Book - "Taking Larger Trout" | Harry Keller |
| Pair Fishing Boots | Becker Sports Shop |
| | Astoria |
| Assortment Wobble Rite Lures | Seneca Tackle Co. |
| Assortment Lures | William Mills & Co. |
| Assortment Tapered Leaders | |
| Bait Casting Rod | Bols Tackle Shop |
| | Forest Hills |
| Fly Rod | Tony D. Philips-Bayside |
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Immediately

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Entries are now being accepted for the 2nd Annual Ice Carnival to be held at the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park, on Wednesday, April 16, at 1:30 P.M. Entry blanks are available at the rink. Entries close Monday, April 7.

Figure skating contests, speed skating events, and exhibition numbers are on the program. Figure skating events are open to girls up to and including 14 years of age. Speed skating events are open to boys and girls up to and including 17 years of age.

Prizes donated by Miss Kate Wollman, whose generous contribution made possible the construction of the rink, will be awarded to those placing first, second, and third in each event.

A number of solo and group exhibitions will be given by well-known figure skaters and will include a square dance on ice skates.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend this carnival. There is no charge for admission.

March 25, 1952

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, March 23, 1952

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Entries are being accepted for the 6th Annual Egg Rolling Contest to be held on Saturday, April 12, at 2 P.M. on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets, under the sponsorship of the Department of Parks and Arnold Constable.

Boys and girls 5 through 13 years of age may file their entries at any Park Department playground or at the Contest Booth located in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue. Entries close Thursday, April 10. There is no fee for filing.

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

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

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, The Bronx, will hold an Open House Week from March 31 to April 6 inclusive, to celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the center.

This modern brick structure houses an indoor swimming pool, a gymnasium, locker and shower facilities, and rooms for games, boxing, wrestling and exercise, music, meetings, arts and crafts, manual training, and domestic science.

Since the opening of the center, more than 360,000 visits have been made by boys and girls and adults using its facilities. The center has a registration of over 35,000 members.

Special events, demonstrations, and exhibitions, typifying the year round activities at the center, will be conducted throughout Open House Week. A partial listing of these events follows.

Monday, March 31:

8:00 P.M. - Finals - Senior Basketball - A & B Leagues

Tuesday, April 1:

4:00 P.M. - Demonstration - Junior Girls Activities

8:00 P.M. - Demonstration - Senior Girls and Womens Activities

7:30 P.M. - Borough-wide Swimming Meet - Boys and Girls 14 years of age and Over - Water Ballet, Synchronized Swimming, and Diving Exhibitions by members of the Brooklyn Central YWCA

Wednesday, April 2:

8:00 P.M. - Boxing Show - 10 Weight Classes - Bronx vs Manhattan

Thursday, April 3:

4:00 P.M. - Borough-wide Swimming Meet - Boys and Girls under 14 years of age.

8:00 P.M. - A.A.U. Open and Novice Gymnastic Meet - Prizes donated by the N.Y. Postal Clerks Association - Exhibitions by Olympic Stars.

Friday, April 4:

7:00 P.M. - A.A.U. Open and Novice Weight Lifting Contest - Prizes donated by the Metropolitan Association, A.A.U. Weight Lifting Committee.

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8:00 P.M. - Water Polo Contest - N.Y. State Tech vs West
Point, U. S. Military Academy

8:30 P.M. - Senior Club Dance

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to
the public to attend any or all of these events and to inspect the
center's facilities during this anniversary week.

March 18, 1952

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Mr. Kealey

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction and the opening for public use of a new playground at Riverside Park, just north of Grant's Tomb.

This one-acre playground occupies the site of the old Claremont Inn. Four years ago, the Claremont had deteriorated to such a degree that the City was faced with the choice of spending close to a quarter of a million dollars for restoration to permit its continued use as a restaurant, or with demolishing it and developing the site for other use. The latter course was adopted by the Board of Estimate and this new playground is the result.

The need for additional active play facilities has been felt in this neighborhood for many years. The only other area available has been Sakura Park across the Drive between International House and Riverside Church, but this park was designed only for passive use and because it made no provision for the active children of the neighborhood, both it and adjacent areas of Riverside Park suffered considerably through misuse. The new playground is designed primarily for active use by youngsters, with sand pits, swings, see-saws, a jungle gym, etc. It also provides additional benches located to provide a view of the magnificent vista of the Palisades up the Hudson.

With this addition, the City's park system now has 572 playgrounds in operation.

March 18, 1952

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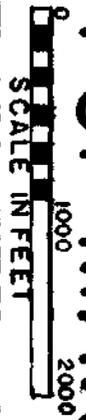
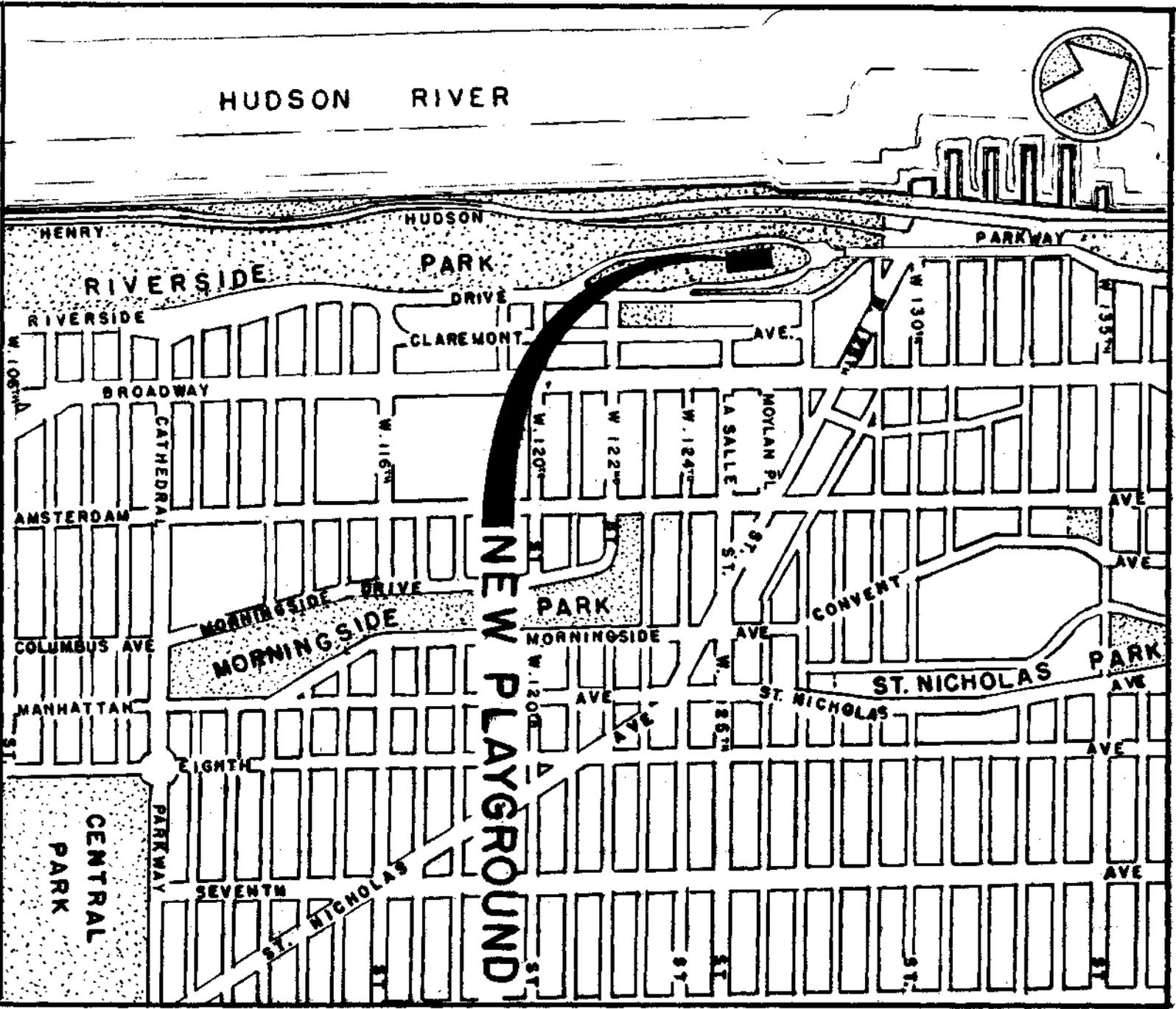
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NEW PLAYGROUND

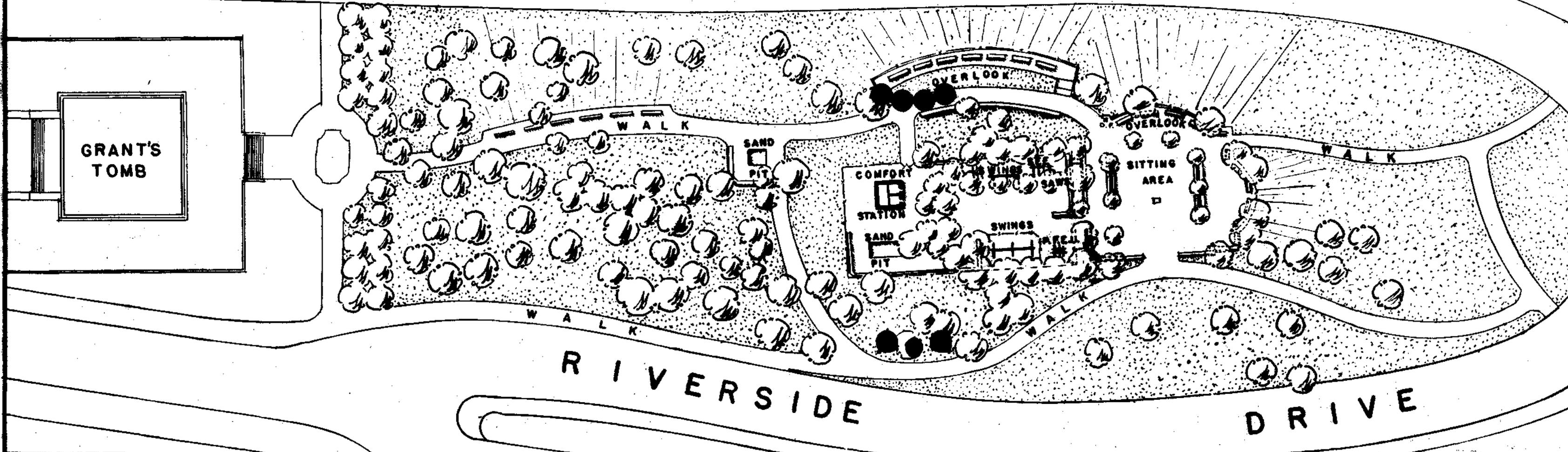


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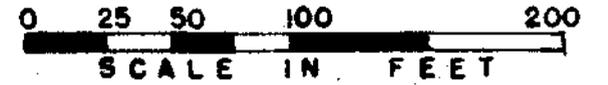


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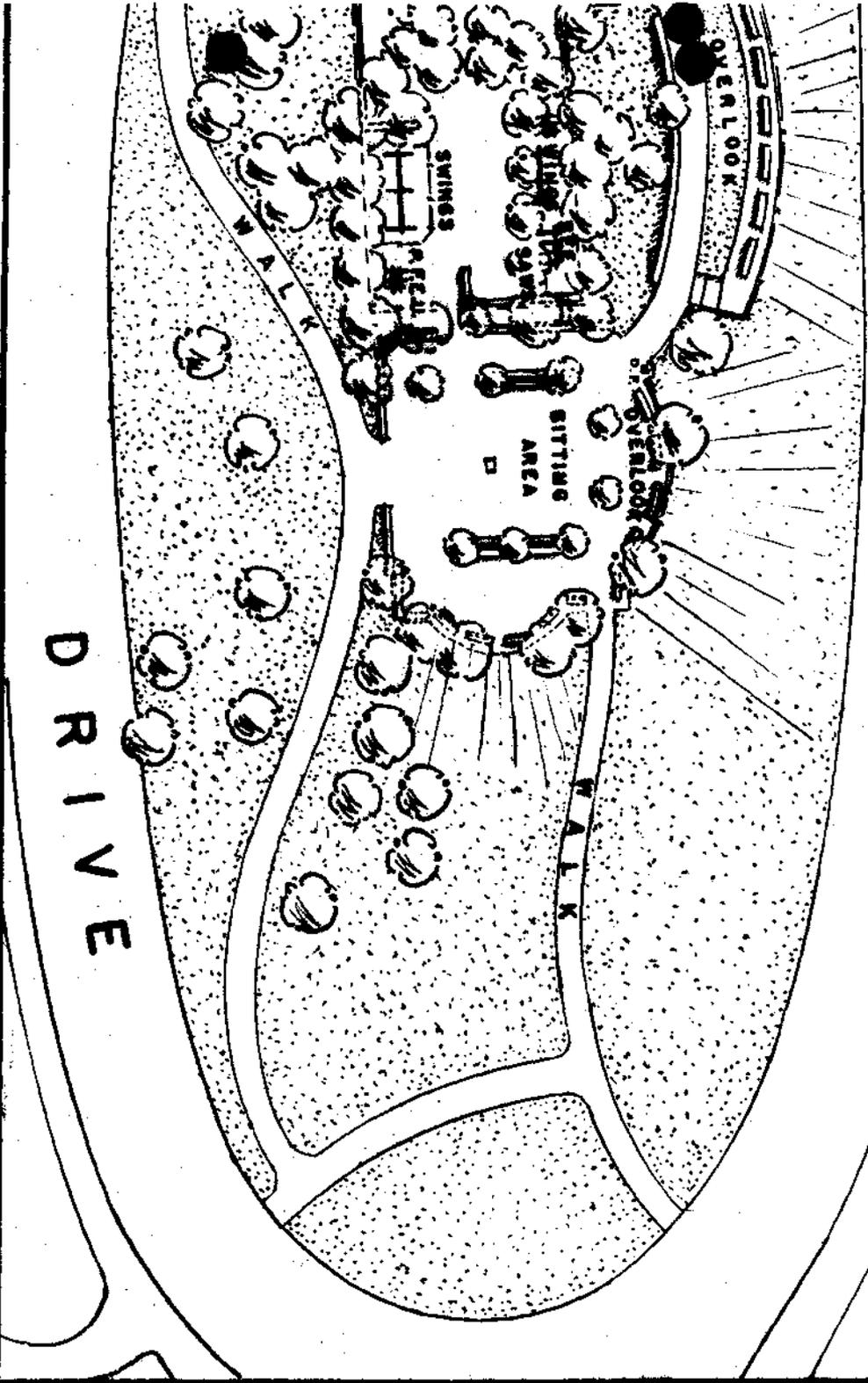
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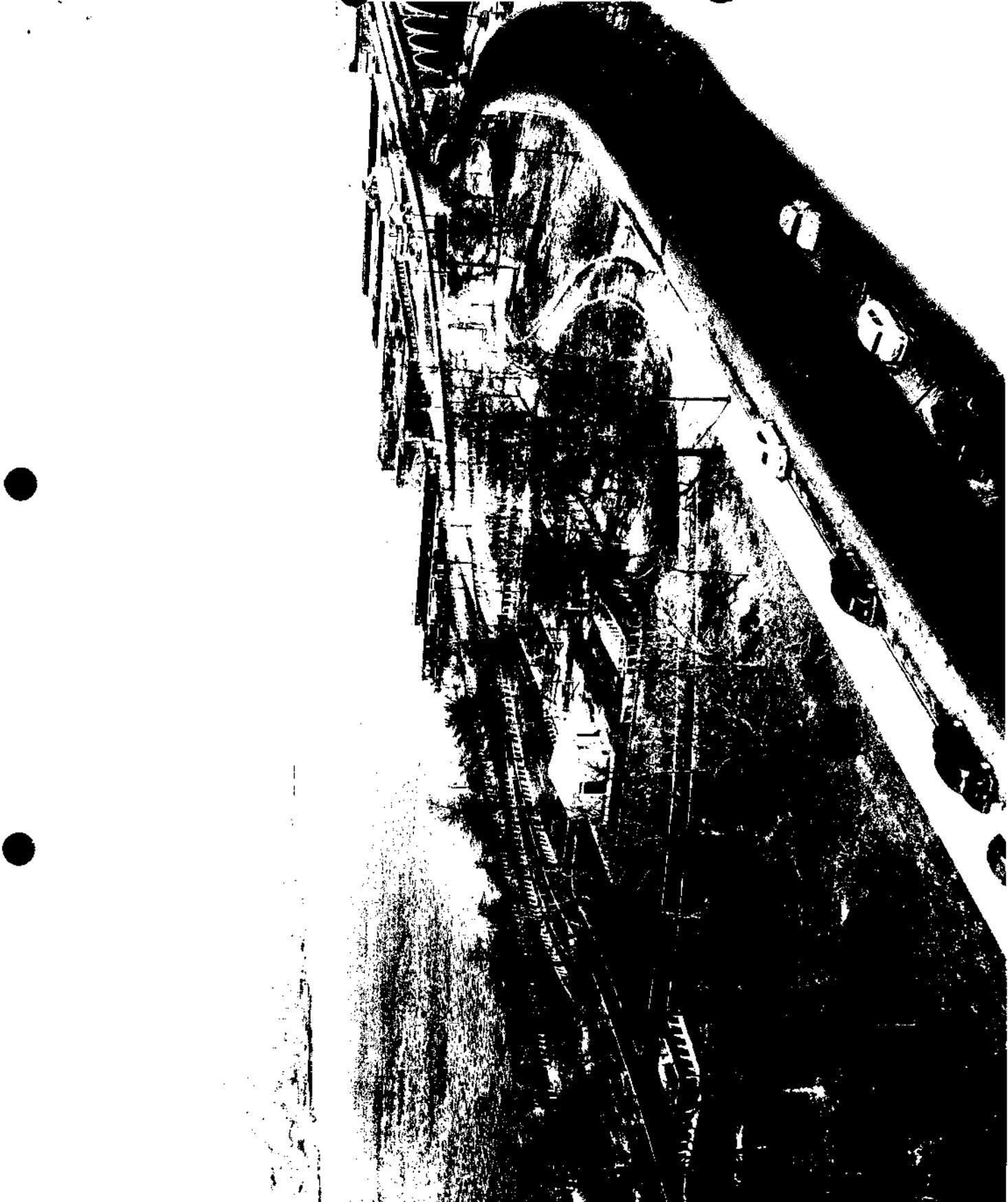
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, March 9, 1952

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The 6th Annual Egg Rolling Contest for boys and girls 5 through 13 years of age, will be conducted under the auspices of the Department of Parks and Arnold Constable, on Saturday, April 12, at 2 P.M. on the Great Lawn, 80th to 84th Streets in Central Park.

Thousands of youngsters participate in this pre-Easter event each year. They roll gaily painted wooden eggs along courses ranging from 20 to 30 yards, depending upon the age group. Arnold Constable provides eggs and spoons.

Six events are on the program:

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| Group I | - Boys, 5-6-7 years | - | 20 yard course |
| Group I | - Girls, 5-6-7 years | - | 20 yard course |
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Handsome prizes will be presented to the children finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each event. Group I prizes, in order of finish will be a velocipede, scooter, and roller skates for the boys, and a doll, carriage, large doll, and roller skates for the girls. Group II and III prizes will be merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15 respectively.

Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Park Department playgrounds and at the Contest Booth located in the Boys and Girls Department, 2nd floor, at Arnold Constable, Fifth Avenue at 40th Street. No entry fee is required. Sent. 3/4/52 - 11 A.M.



**LONG ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION
BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK
BABYLON, L. I., N. Y.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL C. R. BLAKELOCK AT BABYLON 1000

February 25, 1952

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Long Island State Park Commission and American Red Cross jointly will hold free classes in lifeguard instructions at the Adelphi College swimming pool each Monday and Thursday between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. starting Monday, March 10. These classes will be open to all boys 15 years of age and older.

Training will be given in methods of water technique necessary in lifeguard work. All boys 17 years of age and older who qualify will receive intensive training to fit them for a position as lifeguard this summer.

Beginning April 5 classes will be held each Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Jones Beach State Park in resuscitator and inhalator operation and care, first aid, beach and pool control, use and care of lifesaving equipment, surf technique and handling of surf boats.

Further information may be obtained from the Long Island State Park Commission, Babylon, L. I., or H. Hartmann, American Red Cross, Mineola, N. Y.



Mr. Keaslip

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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PARK GOLF LOCKER APPLICATIONS

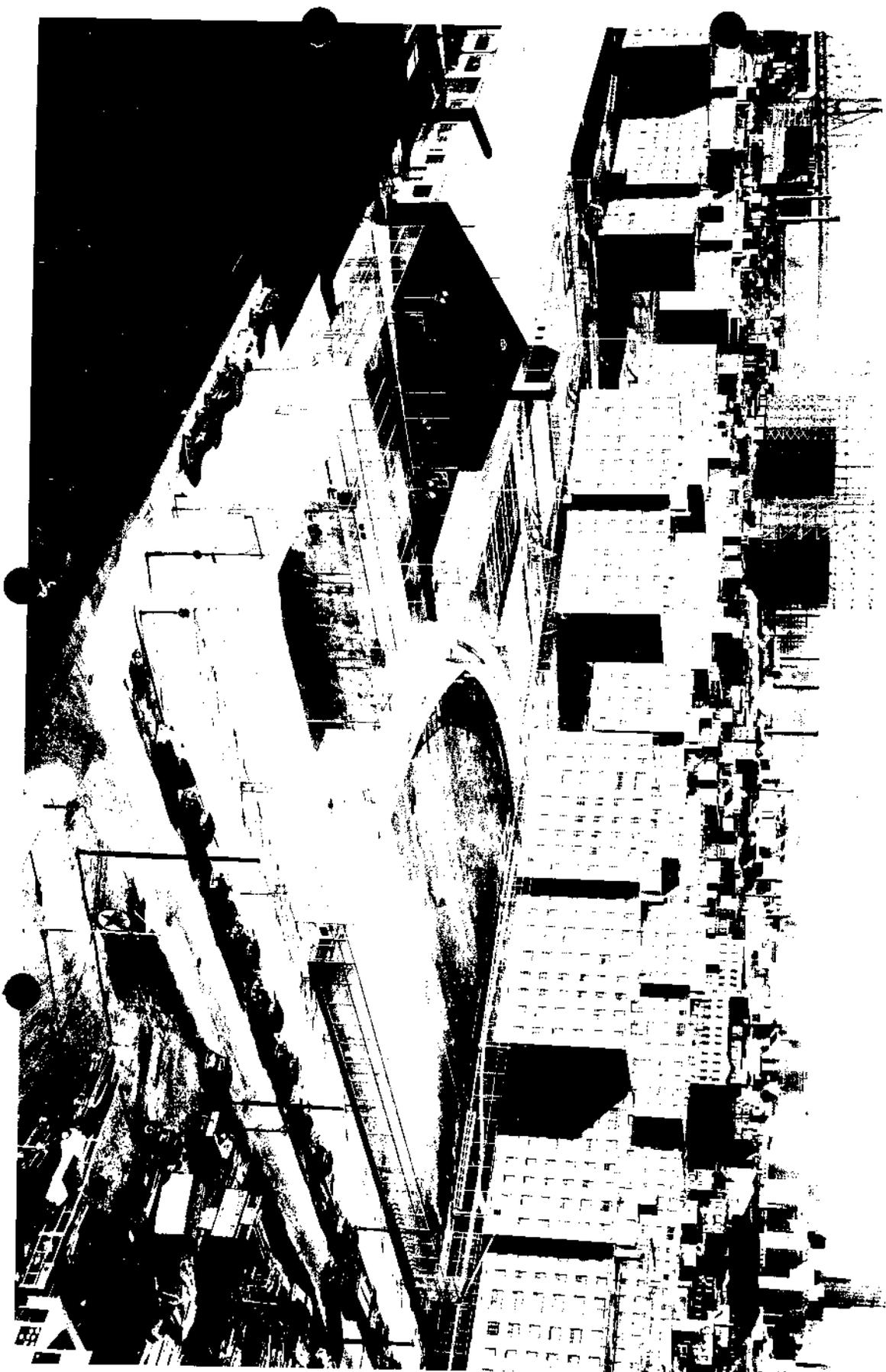
The Department of Parks announces a modification of its procedure in scheduling of applications for season golf lockers.

Applications for golf lockers for the 1952 season will be accepted at all borough offices, from season golf permit holders only, from February 25th until the close of business March 15th.

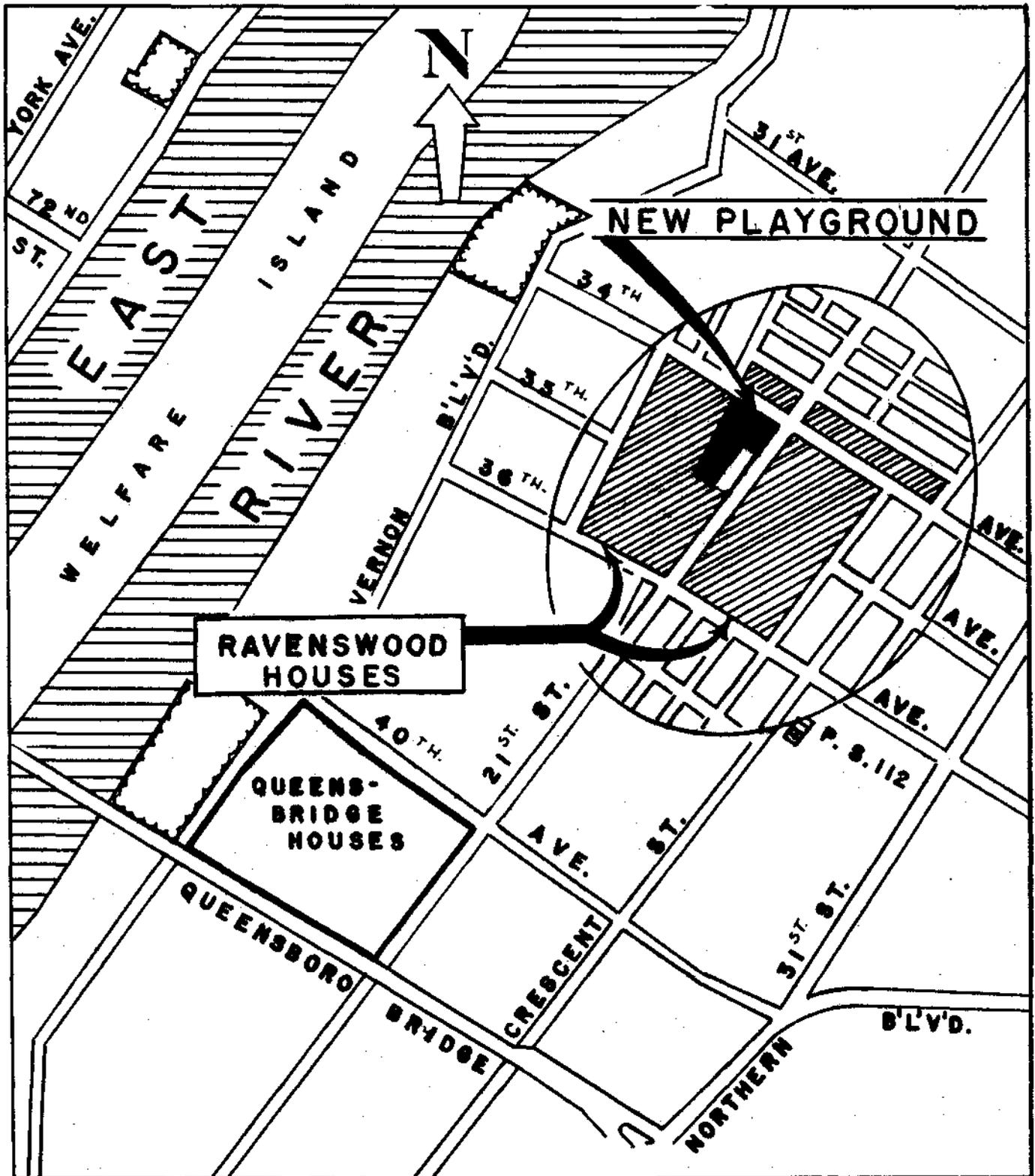
The present system of conducting a public drawing for season golf lockers at Dyker, Moshulu, Clearview and Silver Lake courses will be continued, because the demand exceeds the supply, and the drawing for these locations will be conducted March 20th at 10 A.M. at the Park Department Office of the borough in which each respective course is located.

February 21, 1952

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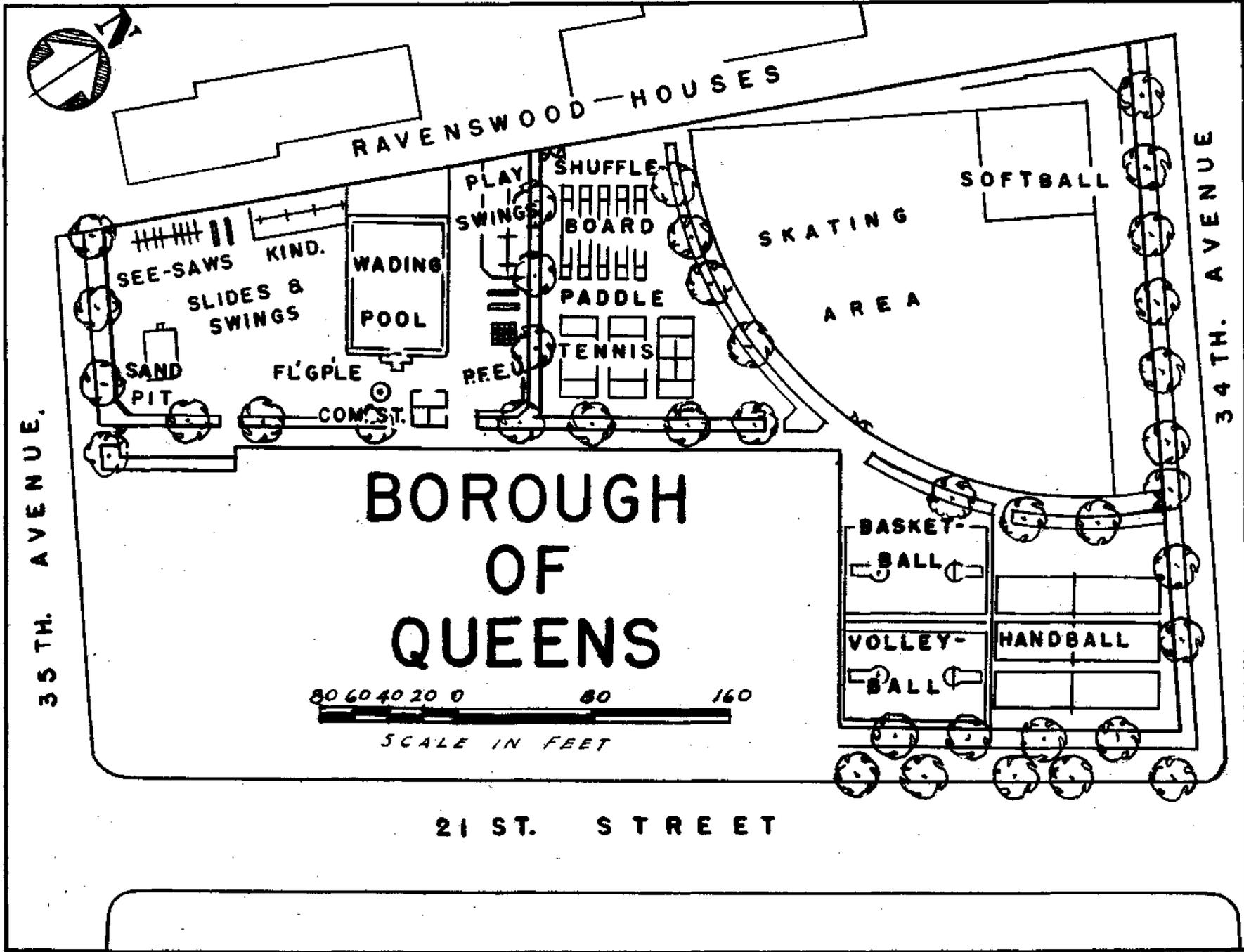


CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND AT
RAVENSWOOD HOUSING 34TH & 35TH AVES. & 21ST ST.
BORO. OF QUEENS. 2/5/52 SCALE 1" = 1000' O. M. BERKE.



BOROUGH OF QUEENS





CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND AT
 RAVENSWOOD HOUSING 34TH, 35TH AVENUES, 21ST ST
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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Immediate Release

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction of and the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to the Ravenswood Houses, at 34th Avenue and 21st Street in the Borough of Queens.

The construction of this 2.75 acre playground was part of the plan and project of the Ravenswood Housing Project, and it provides recreation for both the tenants of the housing project and for the residents of the adjacent community.

This playground provides facilities for softball, roller skating, shuffle board, paddle tennis, basket ball, volley ball and hand ball. There is a separate area for kindergarten children which provides for see saws, swings, slides, sand pit and a wading pool. The perimeter of the development has been landscaped with shade trees. A Comfort station is also provided.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 570 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

February 15, 1952

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-830082(51) 114 Immediately

Starting Friday, February 15th, golf and tennis permits can be secured at any of the five borough offices listed below, either by personal application or by mail, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed; a face photograph of passport size, taken not more than thirty days previous to date of application, is required. Postal unit number is to be included in address.

Golf permits for the season cost \$10.00. An additional charge of 25¢ per round will be made to permit holders on week-days, and an additional charge of 50¢ per round on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. *9/28/52 changed 1953*
Daily golf fees for non-permit holders: \$1.00 on week-days, Monday through Friday, and \$1.25 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Season tennis permits for weekdays, Monday to Friday, inclusive, cost \$3.00, and for every day including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, *1953* the cost is \$5.00. The permits are good for use on all the City's 490 public tennis courts.

Application for golf lockers for the 1952 season are not being accepted at this time. They will be accepted at each borough office from season golf permit holders only from March 1st until the close of business March 15th.

Applications for golf permits will only be received at the following offices of this Department:

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

BROOKLYN: Litchfield Mansion, Telephone: SOuth 8-2300
Prospect Park West and Fifth Street
Brooklyn 15, New York

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

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

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

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February 7, 1952



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEW YORK 7, N.Y.

FREDERICK H. ZURMUHLEN P.E., R.A.
COMMISSIONER

FROM: Ernest Neufeld
Executive Assistant
to the Commissioner
Whitehall 3-3600
Ext. 2220

January 30, 1952

FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1952

Pollution along the City's beaches, including Coney Island, the North Shore of Queens and Jamaica Bay will be eliminated in time for the summer bathing season by putting into operation three new sewage treatment works, it was announced last night by Public Works Commissioner Frederick H. Zurmuhlen.

The three plants, costing a total of \$48,000,000 are expected to be completed and in service by June 15, he said. They are the \$19,000,000 Owls Head project in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, the \$23,000,000 Hunts Point Works in the Bronx and the \$6,000,000 Rockaway plant in Rockaway Park.

The three pollution control works will intercept and treat 242,000,000 gallons of raw sewage now discharged into the upper East River, the west shore of Brooklyn and Jamaica Bay.

"The total sewage from New York City is about a billion gallons a day," Zurmuhlen said.

"By putting these new plants into operation we'll be able to pick up one-fourth of this daily flow and render it harmless.

"Only one-third of the daily sewage flow will be untreated when the three plants go into service," he added.

At present 450,000,000 gallons are treated at 13 plants. Two small ones, at Hammels and Neponsit in the Rockaways, will be discontinued when the new Rockaway works goes into action.

The \$2,400,000 Port Richmond plant on the North Shore of Staten Island now under construction, is expected to be finished this fall. The Oakwood Beach plant on the Staten Island east shore and the expansion of the Bowery Bay plant in Astoria, Queens to triple its capacity, are slated for completion late next year.

Contracts for the interceptor to serve the Bowery Bay extension may be let "in a couple of months," Zurmuhlen reported, and the whole plant addition is to be under contract about July. The estimated cost of the structure and sewers is \$20,520,000. The project will expand treatment capacity from 40,000,000 gallons to 120,000,000 gallons a day.

The Oakwood Beach plant is in the design stage with 11 percent of the plans finished. One section of the interceptor sewer for this treatment works is under construction by Borough President Cornelius A. Hall in connection with installation of the tide gate at Mill Creek Basin. This project will have a capacity of 15,000,000 gallons daily.

"When these additional facilities are in operation," Zurmuhlen stated, "pollution will be ended in all Class 'A' waters around the City."

Class "A" waters are those used for bathing and recreation. Their restoration from pollution is embraced in the first stage of the City's sewage treatment program.

The second stage, designed for completion by the end of 1959, involves treatment of sewage entering all other waters around the City.

Pollution at Coney Island, which has been near the critical mark in recent years, will be stopped by ^{the} Owls Head plant. It will treat daily 120,000,000 gallons of sewage now pouring through huge sewer outfalls into the waters along the Brooklyn shore at 49th Street, 64th Street, Bay Ridge Avenue, 71st and 92nd Streets. The plant has a capacity of 160,000,000 gallons daily and will ultimately serve a population of 1,200,000 in the territory bounded by the shore line from Coney Island Creek to Gowanus Canal and inland as far as Eastern Parkway, Holy Cross Cemetery and Ocean Avenue, an area of 12,765 acres, including Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Boro Park, Prospect Park and Flatbush.

At present the sewage dumped into the waters along the west shore of Brooklyn is swept over by the currents and tides to the westerly end of the Coney Island Beaches.

A considerable portion of the sewage is carried to the Staten Island shore and it is expected that treatment at the Owls Head Plant will greatly improve conditions of the island's east shore beaches.

Zurmuhlen pointed out that \$4,500,000 of the ~~\$25,000,000~~ ^{\$19,000,000} involved in the Owls Head project was spent on construction of two interceptor sewers and a new sludge boat.

The interceptors cost \$3,151,000. They pick up the flow from the six outfall sewers now discharging into the bay. The sludge vessel cost \$1,300,000. Using the dock at the Owls Head plant, it will carry the sludge residue out to sea. Part of the sludge will be used by the Park Department for building top soil in parks now under development.

Interceptor sewers in connection with the Hunts Point improvement will eliminate large outfall sewers at Throggs Neck and 177th Street on Eastchester Bay and several smaller ones west of Throggs Neck. Two interceptors and a siphon under the Bronx River are responsible for \$5,000,000 of the expenditure for the Hunts Point plant.

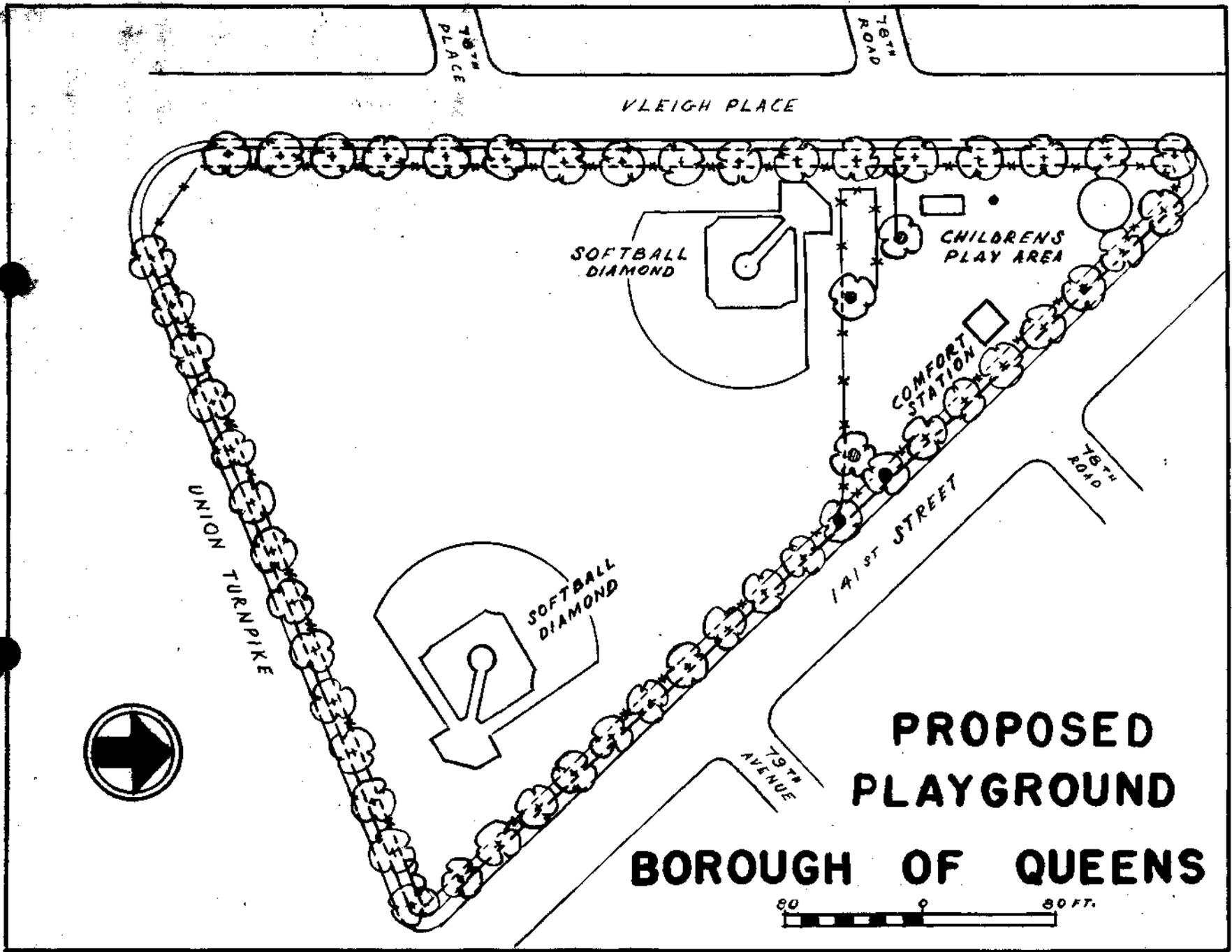
The interceptor to pick up the flow from existing sewers in the Rockaways runs four and one-quarter miles from Fort Tilden to the existing screening plant in Hammels. At that point it will pick up a trunk sewer extending from the Nassau County Line now serving the eastern half of the Rockaways, thus carrying all sewage from the peninsula to the new plant at 108th Street and Beach Channel Drive. The cost of the interceptor is \$2,000,000.

The Owls Head plant will serve a predominantly residential area. It is located north of the 69th Street ferry and adjoins the Long Island Railroad yard.

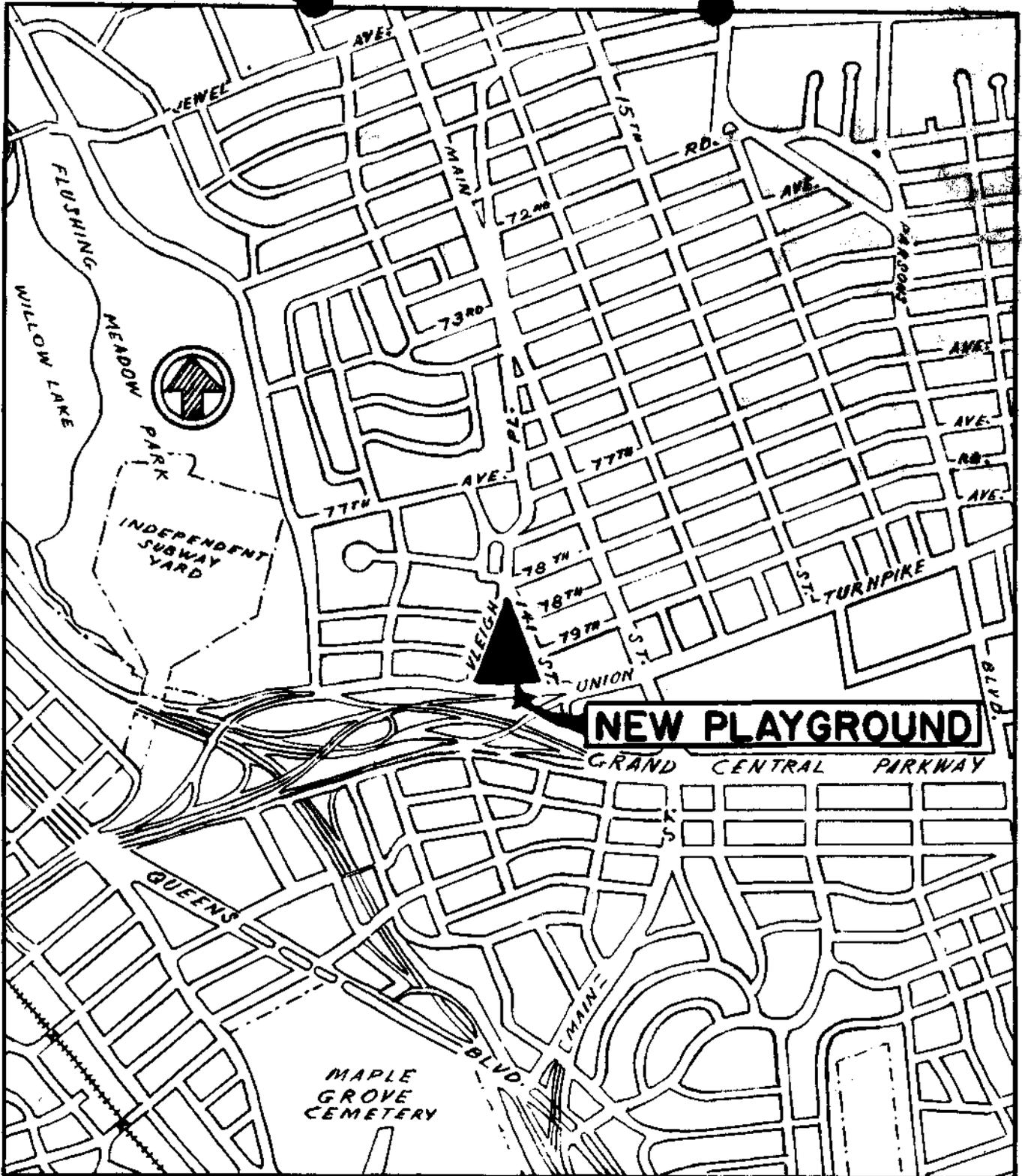
The Hunts Point plant, located at Ryawa and Hunts Point Avenues, will have an ultimate capacity of 150,000,000 gallons daily.

The Rockaway plant has been so designed that its capacity can be doubled to 30,000,000 gallons a day to accommodate increase in the population. This new works will complete the disposal plants designed to eliminate pollution in Jamaica Bay and make possible its revival for shell fishing and recreation. The Bay area with its islands, humocks and hassocks is under the jurisdiction of Park Commissioner Robert Moses, who plans to develop it into the biggest recreation area in the City.





PROPOSED PLAYGROUND
 UNION TURNPIKE 141ST STREET AND VLEIGH PLACE.
 BOROUGH OF QUEENS G.M. 1/9/52



NEW PLAYGROUND

**PROPOSED PLAYGROUND
BOROUGH OF QUEENS**



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

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Misc.-20M-830082(51) 114

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground to the public at Union Turnpike, Vleigh Place and 141st Street in the Borough of Queens.

This 3.5 acre playground will provide recreational facilities previously lacking for the children and residents of the nearby, newly developed private homes of the surrounding community.

The improvement contains a comfort station, horseshoe pitching area, jungle gym, slides, a separate play area for smaller children with a sand pit and shower basin. There are also two softball diamonds which will be seeded in the spring and opened later in the season. Benches have been provided for guardians of children and others using the facility. The perimeter of the area has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 569 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Misc.-20M-830082(51) 114

The Department of Parks announces the birth of a baby female llama at the Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn on Saturday, January 12, 1952.

The new born llama is approximately 65 pounds and is up and around, and doing nicely. The young llama was sired by "Peter" and it's mother's name is "Wendy".

Press photographs may be taken starting 10:00 a.m., January 17, 1952.

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



FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Misc.-10M-731060(50) 114

The final session in a series of free basketball clinics conducted by the Madison Square Garden Corporation and the Department of Parks this season, will be held at the Betsy Head Recreation Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn, on Thursday, January 17, at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the New York Knickerbocker Basketball Team will be on hand to explain how youngsters can perfect skills and utilize plays for better individual and team performance.

Motion pictures of actual Knickerbocker games, lectures, and floor plays are the media used by the Knicks to demonstrate their basketball tactics.

Those wishing to attend this clinic are asked to be at the Center by 7:45 P.M.

1/15/52

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, January 13, 1952

Misc.-10M-731060(50) 114

More than 137 million visits to parks and playgrounds were made by people who participated in organized and supervised recreational activities conducted by the New York City Department of Parks during 1951. This figure does not include additional millions who used the parks for rest and relaxation, walking, nature study, reading, and similar pastimes or the millions who made use of park roads and parkways for motoring.

A large portion of the above figure represents participation in the recreation program at local playgrounds. There are now 568 of these neighborhood playgrounds in New York City's park system. Thirty of these are new playgrounds opened to the public in 1951 bringing urgently needed recreational facilities to congested neighborhoods. Neighborhood recreation areas have become an essential part of City life, and they reflect safe and healthful recreational opportunities not only for children but also for adults who, in varied hours of daily leisure, look to nearby Park Department facilities for recreation.

On weekends and during summer months with longer periods of daylight and more time for travel, the public makes use of the larger parks and other areas with special recreational facilities. In 1951, beaches, picnic grounds, bridle paths, golf courses, tennis courts and swimming pools attracted 53,000,000 patrons.

Throughout 1951, city-wide tournaments and contests drew 90,000 contestants who competed in basketball, swimming, tennis, golf, marbles, boxing, track and field, handball, horseshoe pitching, speed and figure skating, egg rolling, barber shop harmony, dancing, and fishing. In the summer months over 800,000 people attended concerts and social and square dances held in the major parks.

Since the opening of the Wollman Memorial outdoor artificial ice skating rink on December 21, 1950, it has been used by almost 300,000 skaters, about 15,000 of these were children under 14 years of age admitted to the free sessions on Saturday mornings and on Easter and Christmas school vacation mornings. Revenue from admission fees during this period amounted to \$86,500.

During the spring and fall seasons about 25,000 people used the facility for roller skating and during the summer when shuffleboard games and social and square dances were conducted, over 100,000 people were attracted to the outdoor recreation center.

St. Mary's Park Indoor Recreation Center in the Bronx, opened to the public on March 30, has a registration to date of 34,000 members. The center, with its indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, and dressing and shower facilities, and rooms for games, boxing, wrestling and exercise, music, meetings, arts and crafts, manual training, and domestic science, accommodate hundreds of children and adults daily. Special clubs and classes have been arranged and these activities include dancing, boxing, tumbling, apparatus work, pre-school children's groups, puppetry, photography, cooking classes, music, a Mother's Club, and a Social Club to plan special events for the center.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY

Misc.-10M-731060(50) 114

The Department of Parks announces the opening to the public of a new playground adjacent to P. S. 165, at 150th Street between 70th Road and 71st Avenue, Queens.

This 2.8 acre playground is another one of those agreed upon for joint operation by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks, and will provide recreational facilities previously lacking for both the school children and the residents of the surrounding established community.

The improvement contains a comfort station, two handball courts, a completely equipped play area for older children, as well as a separate play area for smaller children, with a sand pit and a wading pool. There is a large permanent surfaced area containing a softball diamond which will be used for roller skating and also for ice skating during sub-freezing temperatures. Numerous benches have been provided throughout the improvement for guardians of children and others using the facility. The perimeter of the development has been landscaped with shade trees.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 568 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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**LONG ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION
BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK
BABYLON, L. I., N. Y.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL C. R. BLAKELOCK AT BABYLON 1000

January 7, 1952

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New regulations, directed at cutting down speeding and dangerous driving on the State parkways, have been adopted by the Long Island State Park Commission. These regulations, in the form of two additions to the Commission ordinances, will be effective immediately upon publication.

One regulation provides for a minimum fine of not less than \$10 for all violations of the 40-mile-an-hour speed limit on the State parkways in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Higher fines or imprisonment may be imposed for serious violations. The other regulation defines dangerous driving, an offense which may result in immediate suspension of an operator's license. Such suspension is in addition to mandatory suspensions now provided by law for third conviction on speeding charge, driving while intoxicated and other causes.

The new parkway ordinance provides:

"Dangerous driving is forbidden. Dangerous driving shall mean driving, using or operating any vehicle

in a manner or at a rate of speed which (1) unreasonably interferes with the free and proper use of a park road, drive or parkway or (2) unreasonably endangers the users thereof, or the driver himself, or any occupant of the vehicle he operates, or any property. Dangerous driving shall include, but is not limited to, weaving in and out of traffic so as to unreasonably interfere with the right of way of drivers on the right or left or cutting from one lane of travel to another so as to unreasonably interfere with the right of way of any driver affected by such change in lanes, or slackening the pace of a vehicle abruptly or swerving into any parallel lane or near or against any curb or other object in the center or on the side of such road or parkway in such manner or at such speed as to unreasonably interfere with or endanger the use of a park road, drive or parkway, except in an emergency; or driving or backing a vehicle on a lane of a parkway in a direction opposite to that of the movement of traffic on such lane."

The new regulations are the result of a conference of the District Judges of Nassau County, the Justices of Peace from the four westerly towns in Suffolk County and the Long Island State Park Commission, at which speeding and other enforcement problems were discussed. Parkway police patrol activities will be increased to insure enforcement of these and all other regulations.

The Northern State Parkway and the Southern State Parkway each carry over seventeen million cars a year with average week-day traffic now as heavy as peak Sunday traffic used to be five years ago. The Long Island parkway fatality rate is only one-sixth of the national highway average with its annual toll of 35,000 lives throughout the country, and only a fraction of the rate of many high-speed express routes in other parts of the nation. The Long Island State Park Commission is determined to do everything possible to improve this record so that the parkways under its jurisdiction will be known as the safest in the country.