

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- ✓ 1/18/34 1. REORGANIZATION OF PARK DEPARTMENT
(Released by Mr. Moses)
- ~~1/20/34~~ ~~2. Ice Skating in parks and playgrounds~~
(Released by Mr. Mulholland)
- 2/7/34 ~~2~~ Major Crane
- ~~2/8/34~~ ~~3. Ash Removal~~ *Missing*
- 2/8/34 3. PLAYGROUNDS - Policy for wider use of all recreational facilities.
- 2/8/34 4. Coney Island house-cleaning
- 2/10 5. MAGISTRATES COOPERATION ON PARK MAINTENANCE
- 2/10 6. GOLF LINKS *Missing*
- 2/14 7. BRYANT PARK
- 2/15 8. BOCCE COURTS
- 2/16 9. CENTRAL PARK CASINO *X*
- 2/21 10. Dog Races
- 2/23 11. PLAYGROUND SITES - transfer of abandoned school sites *Missing*
- 2/24 12. Golf and Tennis Permits - NEW SCHEDULE OF PRICES
- 2/27 13. SHEEPFOLD BUILDING, Central Park - *Missing*
- 2/28 14. PLAYGROUND from CANAL TO HOUSTON STREETS and between Chrystie and Forsythe Streets.
- 2/28 15. Grass plots and central safety islands on Broadway north of 59th Street.
- 3/6 16. Training school for 200 C.W.S. workers assigned to the playgrounds opened at the gymnasium at 342 East 54th St. Manhattan
- 3/6 17. NEW ZOO AT BARRETT PARK, STATEN ISLAND.
- 3/7 18. NEW CENTRAL PARK PICTURE-BOOK ZOO.
- 3/8 19. NEW ZOO IN PROSPECT PARK.
- 3/10 20. - - - - Illustrated article to appear in "The Architectural Forum". *Missing*
- 3/13 21. - - - - Story on Barrett Park Zoo, N.Y. Times, Educational Page, written by Mrs. Eunice Barnard. *Missing*

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- 3/13 / 34 22. MODEL NEWS STANDS, refreshment stands, bootblack stands, police booths, standardized housing for concessions in the city parks and playgrounds.
- 3/15 23. - - - - Copy of Model news stands, refreshment stands, etc. sent to Mrs. Lewis, 470-4th Ave. together with a set of six prints. *Missing*
- 3/5 24. - - - - Article sent to Miss Loula D. Lasker, Associate Editor, The Survey, 112 East 19th St. "Acres of Opportunity for Health and Happiness - A people's Estate of some 16,000 acres." *Missing*
- 3/1 25. - - - - Article in Current Events "Reclaiming People's Parks" with special reference to Chrystie Forsythe Streets tract, by Lillian R. Hayt, N.Y. City Editor revised and added to by Mrs. Dennen. *Missing*
- 3/15 26. - - - - Prospect Park Conservatory - ANNUAL EASTER FLOWER DISPLAY.
- 3/14 27. - - - - Letter to Samuel Levy, Boro. Pres. in re: Chrystie-Forsythe Playground development. (Released by Mr. Moses). *Missing*
- 3/22 28. - - - - Development of Kissena Park, Golf Course, etc.
- 3/23 29. - - - - FLOWER SHOW in the Greenhouses, Borough of Queens.
- 4/4 30. - - - - TRANSFER OF RESERVOIR ALONG HARLEM RIVER at the westerly end of Highbridge in Manhattan, and the reservoir at Williamsbridge in the Bronx from Dept. of Water Supply to the Park Department. *Missing*
- 4/5 31. - - - - DEVELOPMENT OF OLD RESERVOIR SITE IN CENTRAL PARK.
- 4/6 32. - - - - ADDITIONAL PARK AREA AND PLAYGROUNDS (60) ADDED SINCE THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE FIVE CITY PARK DEPARTMENTS. *Missing*
- 4/16 33. - - - - Construction of an extension of the WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT over park lands from 72nd Street to 79th Street between Riverside Drive and the Hudson River. *Missing*

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- 4/16/34 34. - - - - Standard PARK UNIFORMS, pictures and information. *MISSING*
- 4/16 35. - - - - Notification by Commissioner Moses to the COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB at 86th St. & the Hudson River Yacht Club at 90th Street to vacate city property.
- 4/26 36. - - - - Information as to permits to play golf in the various boroughs, also statement that the PUBLIC LINKS AT FOREST HILLS will open this Saturday.
- 4/28 37. - - - - Fifty-two shacks comprising the veteran's camp between 72nd and 79th Streets between Riverside Drive and the Hudson River will be torn down on May 1st.
- 4/9 38. - - - - PRUNING TREES IN THE VARIOUS BOROUGHES. *Missing*
- 4/24 39. - - - - RELEASED BY MR. MOSES. - Explanation of the arrest and fine of Mrs. Biro. *Missing*
- 5/2 40. - - - - Plans for the rehabilitation of CROTONA PARK.
- 5/9 41. - - - - Park Department announced initial plans for the accomodation of officers and enlisted men of the various units of the U. S. Fleet.
- 5/10 42. - - - - Effective Saturday, May 12th, The Department of Parks will make a CHARGE OF 25¢ FOR PARKING AN AUTOMOBILE AND 50¢ FOR PARKING A BUS AT PARKING SPACES DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT in the various boroughs.
- 5/11 43. - - - - Statue of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS to be placed in Columbus Park. *Missing*
- 5/14 44. - - - - Finals for MARBLE SHOOTING CONTEST to be played at CITY HALL PLAZA May 15th, at 4 P. M.
- 5/15 45. - - - - Construction resumed on the GOLF CLUB-HOUSE AT DYKER BEACH PARK IN BROOKLYN.
- 5/15 46. - - - - Development of ORCHARD BEACH section of PELHAM BAY PARK.
- 5/16 47. - - - - COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB against City of New York.
- 5/17 48. - - - - CONSTRUCTION OF FIFTEEN BASEBALL DIAMONDS IN CENTRAL PARK.
- 5/19 49. - - - - CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS OF THE ANNUAL MARBLE SHOOTING CONTEST.
- 5/21 50. - - - - MARITIME DAY CELEBRATION IN CORLEARS HOOK PARK, May 22nd. *Missing*

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- 5/23/34 51. - - - - Letter from Corporation Counsel to Dieppe Corporation. X
- 5/24 52. - - - - Opening of CLAREMONT INN on Tuesday, May 29th. missing
- 5/24 53. - - - - SAKURA OR CLAREMONT PARK, OPP. GRANT'S TOMB on Riverside Drive and 122nd St. to be taken over by the Park Department and opened as a public park on May 25th.
- 6/6 54. - - - - PUPPET SHOW to be held in the playgrounds of the different boroughs by the Drama Dept. of Public Welfare through the courtesy of the Department of Parks.
- 6/6 55. - - - - Park Dept. with the cooperation of the Municipal Art Commission has made a complete SURVEY OF THE CONDITION OF ALL STATUARY, MONUMENTS AND OTHER WORKS OF ART LOCATED IN THE PARKS OF GREATER NEW YORK. 11.35.19
- 6/8 56. - - - - SERIES OF GOLF TOURNAMENTS for the season of 1934 to be conducted under the auspices of the Park Dept. and those of the N.Y. Municipal Golf Association. missing
- 6/13 57. - - - - Enlisted men of U.S. Navy invited by the Park Dept. to engage in a ROW BOAT RACE TO BE HELD ON THE 72nd St. LAKE IN CENTRAL PARK, Friday afternoon, June 15th, at 3 p. m.
- 6/15 58. - - - - SEASON AND MONTHLY RATES FOR PARKING IN THE AREAS SET ASIDE FOR AUTOMOBILES IN CITY PARKS. missing
- 6/14 59. - - - - PHOTOGRAPHS OF WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT (5 to a set) together with their description by Madigan & Hyland. missing
- 6/15 60. - - - - LIONESS & CUBS IN PROSPECT PARK to be moved to a new location in Prospect Park Zoo.
- 6/21 61. - - - - DAY CAMPS to be opened July 9th in Pelham Bay, Van Cortlandt, Inwood Hill and Forest Parks.
- 6/21 62. - - - - JACOB RIIS PARK LIFE GUARDS will hold a swimming meet and give a series of life saving demonstrations in front of the Riis Park Pavilion, Sunday, June 24th.
- 6/26 63. - - - - THE GYPSY MOTH.
- 6/27 64. - - - - WAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS opened by the Dept. of Parks Sunday, July 15th, in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond and Bronx, with their respective names and locations. missing

- 7/5/34 65. "LEARN TO SWIM" week, July 9th to 14th, sponsored by the Dept. of Parks, Recreation Division.
- 7/5 66. Dept. of Parks has made arrangement for Mr. Montgomery Ogden to give FREE INSTRUCTIONS IN TENNIS PLAYING to boys and juniors holding park permits.
- 7/5 67. FIRST ANNUAL RIIS PARK OCEAN SAILING RACES to be held Wednesday, July 4th, beginning at 11.30 a.m. in front of the Jacob Riis pavilion.
- 7/5 68. Fourth of July celebrations in the parks and playgrounds of the five boroughs.
- 7/5 69. THE PLAYGROUND IN BROOKLYN (HECKSCHER) bounded by Grove and Linden Sts. and between Central and Wilson Aves. has been placed under the direction and supervision of the Recreation Division of the Dept. of Parks.
- 7/5 70. Stringent rules regarding undressing in cars were enforced at JACOB RIIS PARK and other Rockaway beaches over the week end.
- 7/6 71. Women's Swimming Association of N.Y. will inaugurate "LEARN TO SWIM WEEK" on Sunday, July 8th, at 2 p.m. in a series of competitive swimming exhibition events at JACOB RIIS PARK.
- 7/6 72. "LEARN TO SWIM WEEK" sponsored by the Dept. of Parks will officially open on Monday, July 9th.
- 7/12 73. "More than 5,000 children have registered for SWIMMING."
- 7/12 74. Mayor LaGuardia will open the NINE PLAYGROUNDS constructed by the Dept. of Parks from the WAR MEMORIAL FUND of the City Chamberlain on Sunday, July 15th, at 3 p.m. missing
- 7/13 75. A Singles One Wall Invitation A.A.U. HANDBALL TOURNAMENT is scheduled for JACOB RIIS PARK, Rockaway Beach, L.I., Sunday, July 15th, at 10 a.m.
- 7/14 76. The "LEARN TO SWIM" WEEK campaign conducted by the Park Dept. with the Board of Education and many private pools cooperating, during the week July 9th to 14th, will be extended through the month of July.

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Men and Play grounds — if
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- 7/16/34 77. Mayor LaGuardia DEDICATED and opened today, JULY 15th, AT 3 P.M. 9 WAR MEMORIAL PLAYGROUNDS which were acquired and erected by the War Memorial Fund, turned over to the Dept. of Parks for the development of this project.
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6/15 78. Bronze Statue of the "LIONESSE & CUBS" designed by Victor Peters and presented to the Dept. of Parks by Frederick W. MacMonnies, is to be moved from its present location in Prospect Park to the entrance from the park leading into the new Prospect Park Zoo. MISSING
- 7/20 79. Maria Theresa Adopted Daughter of the late Isadora Duncan will be seen in a program of Interpretive Dancing on the Mall, Central Park, July 21, at 8:30 P.M.
- 7/21 80. To facilitate the issuance of tickets for Free Swimming Instruction in the "LEARN TO SWIM CAMPAIGN", the Dept. of Parks asks that application be made to headquarters listed in the five boroughs.
- 7/21 81. PUBLIC SWIMMING FACILITIES IN NEW YORK CITY.
- 7/20 82. Members of the JACOB RIIS SWIMMING TEAM will leave on Tuesday, July 24th for Ocean City, N.J. to compete in the NATIONAL LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS beginning Thursday, July 26th, in Ocean City, N.J.
- 7/23 83. The Park Dept. announced arrangements covering the TRANSFER OF THE RIDGEWOOD SOUTH SIDE PUMPING STATION PROPERTY, located at Sunrise Highway and Atlantic Ave., Bklyn, by the City of New York, Dept. of Water Supply, to the Park Dept. for development as a playground.
- 7/23 84. The Dept. of Parks announced today its plan for the development of OWL'S HEAD PARK, located in Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn at Shore Road, Colonial Road and 68th St.
- 7/23 85. Starting as "LEARN TO SWIM WEEK" and ending as a city-wide "LEARN TO SWIM MONTH" the campaign conducted by the Dept. of Parks will close on Tuesday, July 31st.
- 7/25 86. FINAL PLANS ADOPTED FOR BRONX AND MANHATTAN APPROACHES, TRI-BOROUGH BRIDGE AUTHORITY, 111-8th Ave. (RELEASED BY MR. MOSES).

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- 7/25/34 87. NAUMBURG MEMORIAL CONCERT to be given on the MALL, CENTRAL PARK, Tuesday, July 31st, at 8:30 P.M.
- 7/26 88. THE PARK DEPT. WILL OPEN 14 PLAYGROUNDS ON SATURDAY, AUG. 11th, at 4 P.M.
- 7/16 89. Children visiting JACOB RIIS PLAYGROUND will be invited to see the show entitled "BLACK SAMBO" staged by the Dept. of Parks.
- 7/27 90. Under arrangements made by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks, the EASTERN LAWN TENNIS ASS'N. co-operating, Mr. Montgomery Ogden recognized authority on tennis, will continue his FREE INSTRUCTION for boys and juniors hold park permits.
- 7/27 91. Graduation tests for 5000 children who have taken advantage of the "LEARN TO SWIM CAMPAIGN" sponsored by the Dept. of Parks will be held Tuesday, July 31, at four of the large outdoor pools in the city.
- 7/27 92. Rendering of GATEWAY TO GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY AT TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE PLAZA near St. Michael's Cemetery at Astoria, Queens. *in picture file*
- 7/28 93. Statement to the Press as to PROGRESS OF WORK AT MARINE AND WOLFE'S POND PARKS.
- 7/31 94. WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT. Bids were taken today on the first section of City Structure No. 4 for the Express Highway north of 72nd St. in Riverside Park in accordance with the revised plans of the Park Dept.
- 8/1 95. The finals of the first Inter-borough CHECKER TOURNAMENT conducted by the Recreation Division of the Dept. of Parks will be held at the HECKSCHER PLAYGROUND, Central Park, on Thursday, August 2nd, at 2 p.m.
- 7/31 96. The Park Dept. announced today plans for the development of LEIV EIRIKSSON SQUARE, located in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, extending south seven-eighths of a mile from Fourth Ave. to Fort Hamilton Parkway, and west two hundred and two feet from 66th to 67th St. *missing*
- 7/31 97. CONTROLLING THE DUTCH ELM DISEASE.

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL
CENTRAL PARK

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July 27, 1934

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AS TO
PROGRESS OF WORK AT MARINE
AND WOLF'S POND PARKS

I have received from the Borough President of Richmond a petition, signed by a number of residents of Richmond, referring to alleged lack of progress in construction work at Marine and Wolf's Pond Parks. It is stated in this petition that because the bulkhead at Marine Park is not completed the dredging work will be retarded.

I do not know who is back of this petition or who solicited the signatures. I do not know whether the background of the petition is political, malicious or honest. No effort was made to communicate with the Park Department directly on this subject, and the facts are perfectly well known and have been repeatedly stated. Nevertheless, these facts are repeated below.

When the new park administration took charge on January 19, 1934, Marine Park was in a complete mess. The plan which the CWA workers were supposed to be following needed drastic revision. The materials and equipment were inadequate and a number of men were either standing around or attempting to do work which had no value. I am fully conversant with the Marine Park problem. I helped to

obtain the cooperation of the State in the transfer of land under water without which the park would have been impossible. I was chairman of the State Land Board when the principal action was taken and I drew the bill which made the transfer possible.

The new park administration reorganized the work at Marine Park. We cut out waste effort. We revised the plan and made it practical. We succeeded in obtaining through GWA and relief funds, \$50,000 for sheet piling without which no bulk-heading or filling was possible. The actual work of setting the sheet piling in place and dredging has been going on as fast as relief funds will permit. No other funds are available for this purpose. Arrangements have been made for the United States Government to begin dredging the channel in September. There is nothing the matter with the progress of work at Marine Park excepting that all progress with relief funds is bound to be slower than progress through contract work.

As to Wolf's Pond, when the new park administration took office the first thing we had to do was to get rid of a colony of shacks which had been allowed to accumulate. The better part of the park was rented to individuals and families at a nominal consideration. No intelligent development in the public interest had been attempted or was possible under such conditions. The first thing we did was to get rid of the shacks. We then prepared a plan for future development. These plans cannot be prepared in five minutes and especially not when we are dependent on relief funds to employ architects, engineers and field parties. We immediately proceeded to clear the park of dead timber, rubbish, etc., and began minor construction work. We built a simple bath house for

temporary use this Summer and it is now open. The major improvements in a park of this kind cannot be constructed overnight with relief funds, but they are going ahead as fast as possible.

People who have a real interest in these and other park and playground improvements have nothing to worry about under this administration. They are getting a lot more service than they ever got before, and the city is now working on a logical, comprehensive recreational program which will meet its needs.

ROBERT MOSKES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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July 30, 1934

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Graduation tests for 5000 children who have taken advantage of the "Learn to Swim" campaign sponsored by the Department of Parks will be held Tuesday, July 31, at four of the large outdoor pools in the city, viz.:

Manhattan	- Riverside Cascade	- 134th St. & Broadway	-2-4 p.m.
Bronx	- Jerome Cascade	- 167th St. & Jerome Ave.	-2-4 p.m.
Brooklyn	- Betsy Head Pool	- Hopkinson Ave. & Dumont St.	-9-11:30 am
Richmond	- Faber Park Pool	- Faber St. & Richmond Terrace	-9-11:30 am.

The tests have been arranged for three classes, boys and girls:

Midgets	- Height limit 4 ft.	to show ability to swim 15 yds.
Junior	- " " 4 ft. 8 in.	" " " " " 20 "
Intermediates	- " " 5 ft. 4 in.	" " " " " 30 "

free style and 40 yards breast stroke.

Exhibitions in diving and swimming are to be given by some of our foremost Olympic champions. Swimming records will be attempted at several of the pools by the Spence brothers, Walter and Leonard, of the New York Athletic Club. Exhibitions also will be given by girls from the Women's Swimming Association,

The success of the "Learn to Swim" campaign is due to the enthusiastic response of those desiring to learn to swim and of the cooperation of the public spirited citizens who opened the following swimming pools for free instructions to children and adults:

BRONX:-	Jerome Cascades Pool
	Starlight Park "
	Metropolitan "
	Castle Hill "
	Bronx Union Y.M.C.A.
MANHATTAN:-	Riverside Cascades Pool
	Miramar
	Y.M.C.A. West Side Branch
	Y.M.C.A. 23rd St. "
	Y.M.C.A. 135th St. "
	Y.W.C.A. West Side "
	Y.W.C.A. Harlem "
	London Terrace Pool
	Park Central "
	Lido "
BROOKLYN:-	Betsy Head Pool
	Farragut "
QUEENS:-	Jamaica Pool
RICHMOND:-	Faber Park Pool
	Wolfe's Pond

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Under arrangements made by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks, the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association cooperating, Mr. Montgomery Ogden, recognized authority on tennis, will continue his free instruction for boys and juniors holding park permits.

Those wishing to avail themselves of this instruction must be on the tennis courts at 9 a.m. sharp, on the dates indicated:

Mondays, July 30, August 6, 13 and 20, Mr. Ogden will be in Central Park, Manhattan.

Tuesdays, July 31 and August 14, he will be in McKinley Park and on the alternate Tuesdays, August 7 and 21, at Gravesend Park, Brooklyn.

Wednesdays, August 1, 8, 15 and 22, he will be at the Crotona Park Courts, Bronx.

Thursdays, August 2, 9, 16 and 23, he will be at Forest Park, Queens.

Fridays, August 3, 10, 17 and 24, he will be at the Livingston Park Courts, Richmond.

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Department of Parks
The Arsenal, Central Park
New York City

(Jacob Riis Park,
Rockaway, N. Y.)

FOR RELEASE TO NEWSPAPERS BOTH WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (July 18-19)

All children who visit Jacob Riis Park Playground on Thursday afternoon (July 19th) at 3:30 P.M. will be invited to see the Marionette Show - entitled "Black Sambo," staged by the Department of Parks. So successful was the "Puppet Show" staged last week at Jacob Riis Park - when 3,000 people attended from the Rockaways, that Jacob Riis Park has managed to grant the many requests from mothers and children who would like to see the "Marionette Show."

Olive Hatch
Miss Olive Hatch
Park Department
Jacob Riis Park, Rockaway, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
Tel. Regent 4-1000

FOR RELEASE
FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1934.

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The Park Department will open fourteen playgrounds on Saturday, August 11th, at 11 o'clock in the morning. Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia will be present at the Model Playground located on West 17th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, and deliver the opening address, which will be relayed by public address systems to all of the other thirteen playgrounds and broadcast over the Municipal Broadcasting System.

This is the second group of new playgrounds to be opened by the Park Department this year. Nine playgrounds which were acquired and developed with the War Memorial Fund, which was turned over to the Department of Parks for this purpose, were dedicated and opened by Mayor LaGuardia on July 15th.

The fourteen playgrounds to be opened August 11th are as follows:

MANHATTAN:

MODEL PLAYGROUND, WEST 17th STREET between EIGHTH and NINTH AVENUES. 125 ft. x 107 ft. Facilities: Recreation building, a wading pool which can be used out of season for two basketball courts, and one handball court.

PLAYGROUND at 83 ROOSEVELT STREET. 116 ft. x 127 ft. Site of the old Public School No. 122 and one of the abandoned school sites turned over to the Department of Parks by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for development as a playground. Facilities: Recreation building. An existing wall on the south side has been utilized as a handball court for younger children, an innovation.

PLAYGROUND at 99 THOMPSON STREET. 75 ft. x 95 ft. Located within the block. Facilities: Recreation building, a wading pool in the center of the play area, and the usual apparatus for small children including sand tables, soo-saws and slides. This is distinctly a playground for small children.

INWOOD HILL PLAYGROUND, PAYSON and DYCKMAN STREETS. 375 ft. x 175 ft. Facilities: Field house, comfort station, play area, basketball courts and the usual playground equipment for children.

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ST. NICHOLAS PLAYGROUND, at ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE and WEST 141st STREET. 200 ft. x 60 ft. Facilities: Open pavilion, a comfort station and a wading pool which can be converted into a basketball court, and slides, jungle gyms, etc.

CENTRAL PARK, LOWER RESERVOIR SITE, northwest corner. Approximately $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres. A large recreation building having the usual facilities is to be erected. A chlorinated foot bath is being added to the existing large oval-shaped wading pool. The center of the playground area consists of a large turfed section, surrounded by three distinct play fields, viz.: one for very small children with ample seating capacity for mothers. This area will contain such small type apparatus as play houses, sand tables, garden swings, see-saws and jungle gyms. An open shelter has been provided in this area to give further immediate shade. The second area contains apparatus for children between the ages of 8 and 14 years, and areas set aside for games such as punchball and paddle tennis. The third area contains gymnasium apparatus, including horizontal ladders, horizontal bars and a giant stride.

CORLEARS HOOK PLAYGROUND, CORLEARS and WATER STREETS. 340 ft. x 100 ft. Facilities: An open shelter is to be erected. There are four handball, four horse-shoe pitching, one volley ball, two basketball and shuffle board courts. This area, which adjoins a lodging house with accommodation for 1800 men, has been planned to provide recreation for the unusually large number of men residing in this particular district.

PLAYGROUND at RIVINGTON and LEWIS STREETS. 125 ft. x 150 ft. Site of the old Public School No. 88 and one of the abandoned school sites turned over to the Department of Parks by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for development as a playground. Facilities: Recreation building, and an octagonal wading pool, which also can be used for round games. An area has been set aside for the exclusive use of small children, with the usual apparatus and seats for mothers.

BROOKLYN:

MODEL PLAYGROUND at 3d and 4th STREETS at FOURTH AVENUE (GOWANUS HOUSE). 695 ft. x 230 ft. Facilities: The recreation building is an adaptation of the old Cortelyou house which formerly stood on this site. It is being built in part from the stone salvaged from the old house at Gowanus, the foundations of which were uncovered by Park Department Emergency Relief Workers last summer. The play room is designed in a manner to represent typical Early Dutch Colonial Interior Architecture. The playground has a bank of seven handball courts along the Fifth Avenue boundary; two bocce courts, a large area for small children with the regulation apparatus, and a wading pool.

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MODEL PLAYGROUND at 3d and 4th STREETS (continued). The Fourth Avenue area has been reserved for a baseball diamond and sports for older boys. Sidewalks along 3d and 4th Streets have been laid out in a park-like manner. Ample shade is being provided.

RIDGEWOOD SCUFF SIDE PUMPING STATION SITE, SUNRISE HIGHWAY and ATLANTIC AVENUE. 695 ft. x 190 ft. This area has been developed into a baseball diamond and field.

PLAYGROUND at 95th STREET between AVENUES K and L. 140 ft. x 100 ft. Facilities: Comfort station and shelter, and playground apparatus.

BRONX:

PLAYGROUND at 141st STREET between BROOK and ST. ANN'S AVENUES. 387 ft. x 175 ft. Facilities: Recreation building, wading pool, handball and basketball courts and playground and gymnasium apparatus.

QUEENS:

MODEL PLAYGROUND at 25th and 50th AVENUES and 84th and 85th STREETS, JACKSON HEIGHTS. 600 ft. x 200 ft. Facilities: Recreation building containing a large play room, lavatories, mothers' room, directors' room and storage space. The rear wall of the recreation building will be used for 4 handball courts. The play area contains a wading pool which also can be used for two basketball courts; and a large game field, so graded that it can be flooded in the winter for ice skating. Around the game field is a double track; a cinder track on the inside is separated by a strip of planting from an outer concrete track 18 ft. wide for roller skating, with the banked curves. There is the usual apparatus for small children and a large seating area.

RICHMOND:

MODEL PLAYGROUND at JEWETT and CASTLETON AVENUES. 122 ft. x 194 ft. Facilities: Recreation building and the usual playground apparatus. There is an octagonal wading pool. The smaller children will be separated from the larger children by a planting of trees and shrubs.

Many of these playgrounds will be equipped with flood lights to extend the closing hours during the summer months. All playgrounds will be under the supervision of a director assigned by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks.

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With the exception of the areas which are devoted exclusively to one sport, such as the baseball diamond on the site of the Ridgewood South Side Pumping Station, each playground has a recreation building having a playroom, lavatories, and a modern heating system, a 40 foot flagpole, adequate plantings of shade trees and shrubbery, a chlorinated foot bath through which children must pass before entering the wading pool; equipment for younger children, consisting of swings, slides, see-saws and jungle gyms; and handball and basketball courts for older children. The playgrounds will be equipped with adequate drinking fountains of the type required by the Federal Government for army camps.

A number of the sites on which these additional playground facilities have been constructed were acquired by the Park Department several years ago, but have not been developed or utilized by it heretofore. The Jackson Heights Playground property was acquired May 11, 1931; 141st Street and Brook Avenue has been held by the Department of Parks since March 5, 1930; of the three parcels comprising the 99 Thompson Street Playground, one was acquired in December 7, 1929 and the other two were obtained April 23, 1930, while the site of the old house at Gowanus was acquired July 26, 1926, and the property at 95th Street between Avenues K and L passed into the hands of the Department April 3, 1924.

The labor and materials for the construction of these additional playground areas are being supplied thru work Relief funds.

After the opening exercises, which will include an address by Mayor LaGuardia and the raising of the colors at each of the new playgrounds, the facilities will be turned over to the children of this city. Special entertainment and games are being arranged for each playground for the opening day.

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TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AUTHORITY

111 EIGHTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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FOR RELEASE, THURSDAY, JULY 26th. 1934

FINAL PLANS ADOPTED FOR
BRONX AND MANHATTAN APPROACHES

The plans for the Bronx and Manhattan Triborough Bridge approaches and connections to be constructed by the Triborough Bridge Authority have been definitely decided on.

The Bronx route to the Triborough Bridge will include Southern Boulevard, Whitlock Avenue and Eastern Boulevard from the bridge head to Pelham Bay Park. No substantial changes will be made in Southern Boulevard. Whitlock Avenue, between Liggett and Hunts Point Avenues, which has been widened to 170 ft. will be developed as a parkway with two 20 ft. sidewalks and two 40 ft. roadways separated by a 50 ft. grass plot panel which will be designed by the Triborough Bridge Authority in cooperation with the City Park Department. Eastern Boulevard, which is 100 ft. wide, will be paved 60 ft. with two 20 ft. sidewalks. Two bridges will be reconstructed. The bridge over Bronx River will be reconstructed so as to provide a 60 ft. roadway and two sidewalks each 20 ft. wide. The bridge over Westchester Creek will be entirely rebuilt so as to provide a central roadway of 60 ft. and sidewalks 20 ft. wide. The existing bridge over the N. Y. N. H. & H. R.R. will not require reconstruction.

In Manhattan no change will be made in the original plans affecting the Harlem arm of the bridge, excepting that a new approach route will be provided along the East River from York Avenue at 92nd Street to the bridge at 125th Street and First Avenue. Additional ramps will be constructed from the bridge to the East River at 123rd Street. The route along the East River will follow the lines of a marginal boulevard reserved by the City many years ago. This boulevard will be widened to a minimum of 100 ft. York Avenue now dead-ends at 92nd Street. The new approach will carry it to 125th Street.

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Enclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 23, 1934.

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Starting as "Learn to Swim Week" and ending as a city-wide "Learn to Swim Month" the campaign being conducted by the Dept. of Parks will close on Tuesday, July 31st. More than 5000 children in New York City have registered for the free swimming lessons.

At the end of the "Learn to Swim" campaign a swimming meet under the auspices of the Division of Recreation will be held in one swimming pool from each of the five boroughs. Boys and girls who have received free tickets from any of the Department of Parks playgrounds are eligible to take the tests. All children who pass the tests will receive an award of merit.

Applications for entries may be made with the directors of all Department of Park playgrounds where swimming tickets have been available during the campaign. The final tests are open to those children who did not know how to swim before July 1st, 1934.

The following events will be held at these swimming pools July 31st, 1934:

Manhattan....Riverside Cascades..134th St.& Broadway.2:00 to 4.
Bronx.....Jerome Cascades.....168th St.& Jerome Av..3:00 to 5.
Richmond...Faber Park Pool...Richmond Terrace S.I....9:00 to
11:30
Brooklyn & Queens..Betsy Head Pool..Hopkinson Ave.& Dumont St.
9:00 to 11:30.

The following are the events to be held:

Events for Boys:

Midgets...Height Limit...4'15 yard free style
Juniors...Height Limit...4'8".....20 yard free style
Intermediates.Height Limit 5'4".....30 yard free style; 40 yard
breaststroke

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FOR RELEASE
JULY 24, 1934

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The park is bounded on two sides by Brooklyn Shore Drive and on the other two by Colonial Road and 68th Street. The main entrance is at Colonial Road and 67th Street.

The park is a network of winding paths so arranged as to take full advantage of the natural beauty and fine old shade trees. One of the finest specimens of the American Beech tree in the vicinity is situated within the park.

All paths lead to the Overlook, the only formal area within the park, paved with bluestone, and having a semi-circular background of Pin Oaks. The path leading through this background opens into a picturesque concession building of fieldstone through which there is an entrance into the Overlook. This walk is especially engaging for it emerges almost instantly from a path through the woods to a commanding view of the Bay, Staten Island, the Statue of Liberty and the Harbor of New York. The building at the entrance to the Overlook as well as the retaining wall along its harbor side is constructed with the stone salvaged from the Old Bliss homestead. The labor and materials are being supplied by the Department of Public Welfare.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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The Park Department announced today the arrangements covering the transfer of the Ridgewood South Side Pumping Station property, located at Sunrise Highway and Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, by the City of New York Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, to the Park Department for development as a playground.

A temporary permit has been granted to the Department of Parks by the City of New York Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to facilitate the immediate improvement of this site as a playground, which permit will apply until formal transfer of the property to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for assignment to the Park Department can be accomplished.

The Department of Parks will construct immediately a baseball diamond on this tract.

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY
July 23, 1934

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Members of the Jacob Riis Park Swimming Team will leave on Tuesday, July 24th for Ocean City, N. J., to compete in the National Lifeguard Championships beginning Thursday, July 26th in Ocean City, N. J.

Two inter-collegiate swimming champions, Julius Dolges and Jack Mulcahy, and George Rowland, Captain Columbia Swimming Team 1931; Ray Donigan, George Shienberg, Robert Miller (a member of the Columbia Championship Water Polo Team), are among the entrants for Jacob Riis Park in the events of the National Championships.

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FOR RELEASE
July 21, 1934.

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To facilitate the issuance of tickets for free swimming instruction and the handling of telephone calls requesting information concerning its "Learn to Swim" campaign, the Department of Parks asks that application be made as follows:

BRONX - Zbrowski Mansion, East 173rd Street and Claremont Parkway, Claremont Park, Bronx, N. Y.
Telephone - Foundation 8-3000

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

MANHATTAN - The Arsenal, Central Park, 64th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City.
Telephone - Regent 4-1000

QUEENS - The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, L. I. N. Y.
Telephone - Cleveland 3-4600

RICHMOND - Clove Lake Field House, West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York.
Telephone - Gibraltar 2-2261.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.
July 20, 1934.

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Maria Theresa, adopted daughter of the late Isadora Duncan and one of the famous six original Isadora Duncan Dancers, will be seen in a program of Interpretative Dancing on the Mall, Central Park, this evening, (July 21st) at 8:30 p.m.

The Municipal Symphony Orchestra of 75 pieces furnished by the Works Division of the Department of Public Welfare under Guest Conductor Paul Stassevitch, will play a program of classical numbers which will be interpreted by this distinguished dancer. Maria Theresa does not translate the music into set steps, but captures its mood and intent by simple, natural grace of motion.

The program has been arranged by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks. The concert is under the management of Mr. G.A. Baldini, Director of the Concert Division.

Although Maria Theresa has made sensational successes in all the capitals of Europe in out-of-door dancing, Saturday will mark her first appearance in this country except in auditorium programs. She has danced in New York before distinguished audiences at Carnegie and Town Halls and in various American cities.

The famous dancer says that the average individual has lost touch with the artistic and aesthetic because of the peculiar economic and industrial conditions which obtain at the present time, and that programs such as the one to be given by the Municipal Orchestra and herself on Saturday afford an opportunity for recovery of contact with the simple and beautiful in natural surroundings.

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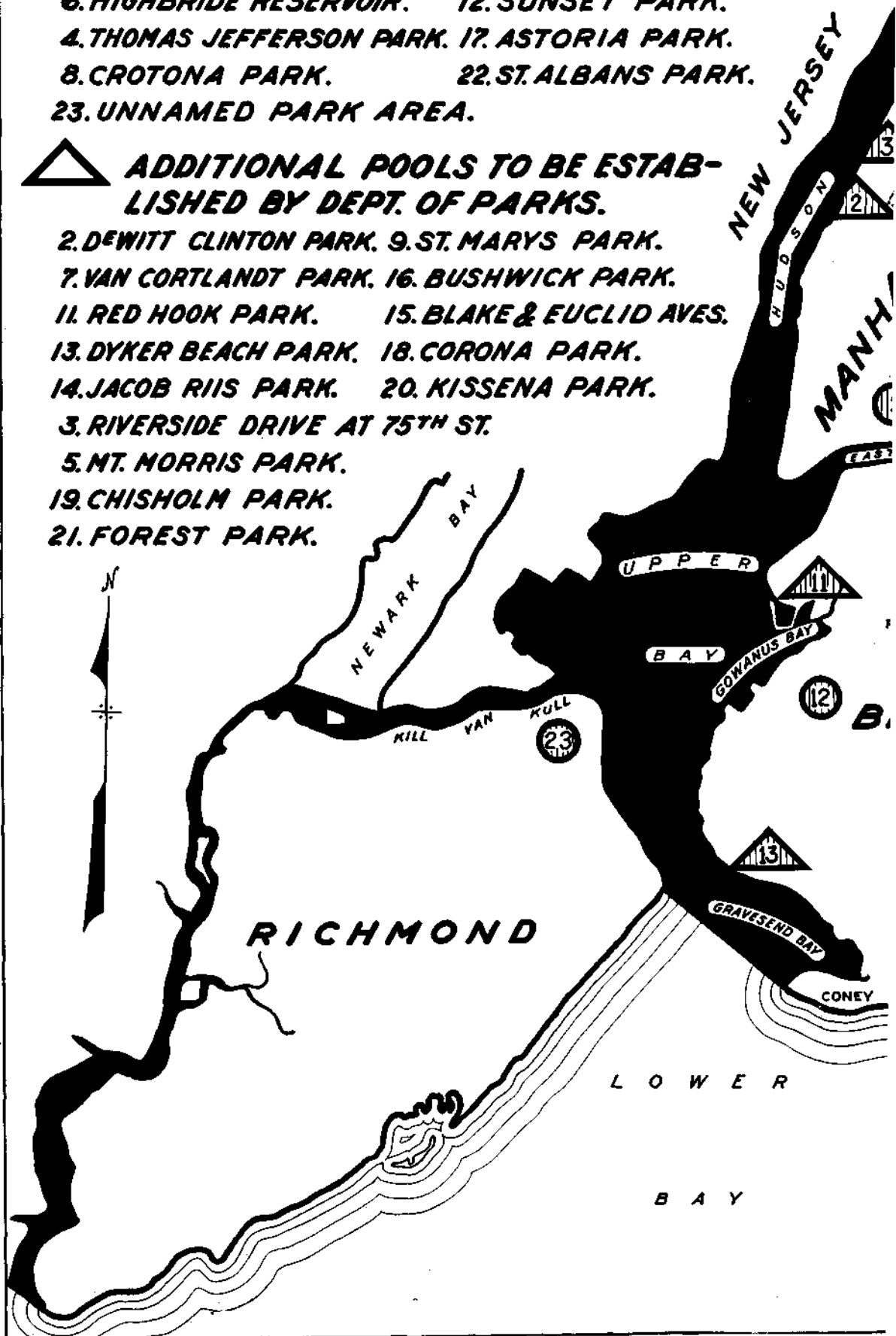
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 SWIMMING POOLS TO BE BUILT IMMEDIATELY BY DEPT. OF PARKS.

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| 1. HAMILTON FISH PARK. | 10. MCCARREN PARK. |
| 6. HIGHBRIDE RESERVOIR. | 12. SUNSET PARK. |
| 4. THOMAS JEFFERSON PARK. | 17. ASTORIA PARK. |
| 8. CROTONA PARK. | 22. ST. ALBANS PARK. |
| 23. UNNAMED PARK AREA. | |

 ADDITIONAL POOLS TO BE ESTABLISHED BY DEPT. OF PARKS.

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| 2. DEWITT CLINTON PARK. | 9. ST. MARYS PARK. |
| 7. VAN CORTLANDT PARK. | 16. BUSHWICK PARK. |
| 11. RED HOOK PARK. | 15. BLAKE & EUCLID AVES. |
| 13. DYKER BEACH PARK. | 18. CORONA PARK. |
| 14. JACOB RIIS PARK. | 20. KISSENA PARK. |
| 3. RIVERSIDE DRIVE AT 75TH ST. | |
| 5. MT. MORRIS PARK. | |
| 19. CHISHOLM PARK. | |
| 21. FOREST PARK. | |





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PUBLIC SWIMMING FACILITIES
IN NEW YORK CITY.

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The Park Department has for several weeks been studying intensively the perennial problem of outdoor summer bathing facilities for the public in New York City and its boundary waters. We have consulted the heads of the Health and Sanitation Departments and have had their cooperation. As a result, we have come to certain conclusions and have developed a practical program to meet present and future conditions.

It is an undeniable fact that adequate opportunities for summer bathing constitute a vital recreational need of the city. It is no exaggeration to say that the health, happiness, efficiency and orderliness of a large number of the city's residents, especially in the summer months, are tremendously affected by the presence or absence of adequate swimming and bathing facilities. We are providing additional wading pools for children as fast as we can by supplementing those already furnished by the park and other city departments. This, however, does not meet the problem of any but small children, and does not help the larger children and adults at all.

It is one of the tragedies of New York life, and a monument to past indifference, waste, selfishness and stupid planning that the magnificent natural boundary waters of the city have been in a large measure destroyed for recreational purposes by haphazard industrial and commercial developments, and by pollution through sewage, trade and other waste.

All citizens past middle age can remember the time when there was good swimming and even fishing in most of our boundary waters. That time, however, is past, and, as to most of our shore line, at least for many years to come, beyond recall. We must frankly recognize the conditions as they are and make our plans accordingly.

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As to summer bathing and swimming facilities in our boundary waters, we have prepared a map which indicates not only presently polluted waters, but those which are in all likelihood bound to be polluted for many years to come. While these waters may be useful and even attractive for other purposes, we must dismiss them from consideration in connection with the study of bathing. On this map we have indicated in black the waters which must be considered as totally unfit for bathing, and by cross-hatching those where bathing may continue or which can be made safe for bathing by various remedial measures and precautions against pollution.

The net result, eliminating areas not primarily devoted to industrial or shipping use and those where serious pollution is likely to continue, is that only the following waters may be considered for future bathing:

In the Bronx, along the Long Island Sound shore from Throggs Neck to the Westchester County line.

In Queens, the westerly and southerly shores of Little Neck Bay, southerly shore of Rockaway Inlet, and all of the ocean front from Rockaway Point to Nassau County line.

In Brooklyn, the northerly shore of Rockaway Inlet, and westerly along the ocean shore as far as Seagate.

In Richmond, the ocean shore from Fort Wadsworth southerly to the southerly tip of Staten Island.

The problem therefore resolves itself into one of providing open-air swimming pools properly located in the more congested sections. The only existing publicly operated open-air pools in the city are at Betsy Head Park, Brooklyn, and Faber Park, Staten Island. The pool at the Rice Stadium in the Bronx is not usable. For purposes of mass bathing in summer the present small indoor city pools are of little value.

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After careful consideration, we have concluded that such pools should be established in the following areas in the several boroughs:

MANHATTAN:

Highbridge Reservoir at 173d St. & Amsterdam Ave.

Hamilton Fish Park, Willett St. & East Houston St.

Riverside Drive at 75th St.

Mt. Morris Park at 5th Ave. & 122nd St.

DeWitt Clinton Park at 11th ave. & 53d St.

Thos. Jefferson Park at 1st Ave. & 122th St.

BRONX:

Crotona Park at Fulton Ave. & 173d St.

St. Mary's Park at St. Ann's Ave. & East 149th St.

Van Cortlandt Park

BROOKLYN:

McCarren Park at Berry St. & Lorimer St.

Sunset Park at 5th Ave. & 43d St.

Red Hook Park at Hicks St. & Lorraine St.

Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker Ave. & Willoughby Ave.

Dyker Beach Park, 86th St. & 14th Ave.

Unnamed area, Blake & Euclid Aves.

QUEENS:

Astoria Park, Shore Boulevard & 23d Ave.

St. Albans Park, Merrick Road & Linden Boulevard.

Flushing Meadows on the Grand Central Parkway Extension.

Kissena Park at Kissena Boulevard and North Hempstead Turnpike.

Chisholm Park at College Point.

Jacob Riis Park.

Forest Park, Myrtle Ave. & Woodhaven Boulevard.

RICHMOND:

Unnamed area, New Brighton.

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The only resources at our command for constructing these pools are relief funds. These resources are inadequate to begin work on all of the pools at the same time. We have, therefore, concluded to begin work immediately on the following pools:

Manhattan:

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Hamilton Fish Park, Willett St. & East Houston St.
Thos. Jefferson Park at 1st Ave. & 112th St.

Bronx:

Crotona Park at Fulton Ave. & 173d St.

Brooklyn:

McCarron Park at Berry St. & Lorimer St.
Sunset Park at 5th Ave. & 43d St.

Queens:

Astoria Park, Shore Boulevard & 23d Ave.
St. Albans Park, Merrick Road & Linden Boulevard

Richmond:

Unnamed area, New Brighton.

We have started designing these pools. Typical cross-sections will be used wherever possible so as to simplify this work and take advantage of standard plans. We expect to commence the actual work of excavation in about a month.

The pools begun at this time will be ready for use next summer. The others will be designed during the late fall and winter, and actual construction can be started on them in the spring if relief or other funds are made available.

In the meantime, so far as Pelham Bay and other boundary waters are concerned, where swimming is to be provided next summer, we shall work in close cooperation with the Health and Sanitation authorities to eliminate present pollution.

We believe that when these plans are carried out, the public summer bathing facilities of the city will be reasonably adequate.

ROBERT MOSES,
Commissioner.

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W. Release
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Mayor La Guardia dedicated and opened simultaneously today (July 15th) at 3 P.M., nine War Memorial Playgrounds which were acquired and erected by the War Memorial Fund, turned over to the Department of Parks for the development of this project. This fund was increased through investment by the City Chamberlain from approximately \$250,000 in 1921 to \$350,000. Released by a court decree, these funds have been used in purchasing the property for the new children's playgrounds in the five boroughs, two of which are located in Manhattan, one in Brooklyn, two in Queens, two in Richmond and two in the Bronx.

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The playgrounds vary in size from one-third of an acre to three acres. Further improvements of the playgrounds outside of the play area in landscaping and tree planting have been made possible by the Works Division of the Department of Public Welfare. These are the first completely equipped units to be added to the park system of the City by the present administration and are the only modern playgrounds in the City.

Names of those to whom the memorial playgrounds are dedicated were chosen by World War Veterans Organizations and the various Divisional Associations. These men who gave up their lives for their country, were all enlisted men killed in action, who had either lived near the playgrounds bearing their names or within the boroughs. Each man was well thought of in his community.

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In addition to the above considerations, the men were selected in the main from the three distinctive New York City Divisions, namely; the 42nd or Rainbow Division, the 27th-New York National Guard and the 77th-National Army Division.

Location of the various playgrounds and the man in whose memory each is dedicated follow:

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Playground at 528 East 12th Street - in memory of -

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Wounded in action in the Argonne, October 2, 1918.
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Playground at 47 West 138th Street -in memory of -

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BROOKLYN

Playground at 80-100 Grand Street and South First Street, Williamsburg, - in memory of -

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Playground at 113th and 114th Avenues, between 196th and 197th Streets, Hollis Forest, St. Albans, - in memory of-

DANIEL M. O'CONNELL

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River, St. Supplet, France.

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Playground at 113th and 114th Avenues, between 196th and 197th Streets, Hollis Forest, St. Albans, - in memory of -

DANIEL M. O'CONNELL

Private, Company A, 165th Infantry, 42nd Division, killed in action at the River Ouroq, France, on July 29, 1918, awarded the Croix de Guerre.

RICHMOND

Playground at Forest and Myrtle Avenues, West Brighton - in memory of -

AUSTIN J. McDONALD

Corporal, Company E, 107th Infantry, 27th Division, killed in action on the Hindenburg Line, St. Quentin Canal, France, September 29, 1918.

Playground at Tompkins Avenue and Chestnut Street - in memory of -

NICHOLAS DE MATTI

Private, 1st Cl. Company K, 310th Infantry, 78th Division, killed in action on the St. Mihiel Sector, North Thiaucourt, France, September 5, 1918.

BRONX

Playground at Barker Avenue, Olinville Avenue and Britton Street - in memory of -

LOUIS ZIMMERMAN

Corporal, Headquarters Company, 305th Infantry, 77th Division, killed in action on November 5, 1918 in the Argonne Meuse Offensive.

Playground at 188th Street and Hughes Avenue - in memory of -

VINCENT CICCABONE

Private, Company B, 305th Infantry, 77th Division, wounded in action on September 27, 1918 at Argonne Forest, died as a result of wounds, January 10, 1920, U.S.A. General Hospital #2, Fort McHenry, Maryland.

The dedication ceremonies at the William E. Sheridan Playground, 80 Grand Street, Brooklyn, were broadcast to each of the other playgrounds and amplified by separate public address systems. The ceremonies included the unveiling of tablets commemorating the World War Veterans in memory of whom the playgrounds are named, the dedication of the colors on the memorial flagpole at each playground, and appropriate simple military services.

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NEAREST RELATIVES

MANHATTAN

✓ JOSEPH C. SAUER PLAYGROUND - 528 East 12th Street (Mother)

Mrs. Antoinette Lindner, 136 E. 7th Street, New York City

✓ WILLIAM McCRAY PLAYGROUND - 47 West 138th Street

Matthew McCray (father) 460 West 147th Street
Julia McCray (mother)

BROOKLYN

WILLIAM E. SHERIDAN PLAYGROUND - 80-100 Grand Street

Mrs. Vellas Brobst (sister) 102 -- 74th Street, Brooklyn

QUEENS

✓ HOWARD A. VON DOHLEN PLAYGROUND - 138th Place, 91st Avenue and
Archer Avenue, Jamaica

Martin J. Von Dohlen (father) 89-07 -- 87th Street, Woodhaven, L.I.

✓ DANIEL M. O'CONNELL PLAYGROUND - 113-114th Avenues, Hollis Forest,
St. Albans

Mrs. Mary O'Connell (mother) 87-28 Bruce Place, Rockaway Beach, N.Y.

RICHMOND

✓ AUSTIN J. McDONALD PLAYGROUND - Forest and Myrtle Avenues, West
Brighton

Austin McDonald (father) 215 Hart Boulevard - West New Brighton,
S. I.

✓ NICHOLAS DeMATTI PLAYGROUND - Tompkins Avenue and Chestnut Street

Mrs. Lucy Marino (sister) 34 Ormond Place, Rosebank, S. I.

BRONX

✓ VINCENT CICCARONE PLAYGROUND - 188th Street and Hughes Avenue

Adam Ciccarone (brother) 2659 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx

LOUIS ZIMMERMAN PLAYGROUND - Barker Avenue, Olinville Avenue
and Britton Street

Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman (mother) 1136 Clay Avenue, Bronx.

SAUER PLAYGROUND-
528 East 14th Street, New York, N. Y.

HISTORY OF

JOSEPH C. SAUER

Joseph C. Sauer was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 8, 1896. He was the only child. His family moved to New York in the neighborhood of the park when he was one year old. He was graduated from the Redemptorist Parochial School on East Fourth Street, between Avenues A and B, at the age of 14.

He was a member of the Boys Club for ten years, and one of the most prominent athletes ever produced by that organization. He was a member of the Boys Club Basket Ball Team and Soccer Team. He was also prominent in Track events, being a consistent point winner in Inter-Club Meets.

After graduating from school, Sauer started to work for the Western Electric Company. From there he obtained a position with a Silk House as a Silk Examiner. At the death of his grandfather, Sauer and his mother took over his grandfather's business, namely; basket manufacturing. This business he continued in until he entered the army on September 28, 1917, at which time he was the only support of a widowed mother. He was sent to Camp Upton. He was appointed a Bugler and assigned to Company F, 308th Infantry, 77th Division.

On April 6, 1918, his unit sailed for France and first saw action in the Baccarat Sector in May, 1918. Private Sauer went through the fighting on the Vesle, the St. Mihiel offensive and started the Meuse Argonne.

On October 7, 1918, a detachment of his company was cut off in the Forest of the Argonne and it became necessary to get word to them through the terrific enemy barrage. One man after the other was sent with a message and failed to return. Finally, Sauer volunteered to carry the message through. On his way he was shot in one leg but managed to get to the company and get back to his commanding officer. Just before he got back he was shot in the other leg and fell. Although severely wounded he managed to crawl forward and was able to deliver his message before he fell unconscious. He died a few days later in the hospital from wounds.

For this act of bravery, Private Joseph C. Sauer was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing for extraordinary heroism in action.

After the war his body was brought back from France.

McCRA Y PLAYGROUND -
47 West 138th Street, New York, N. Y.

HISTORY OF
WILLIAM McCRAY

William McCray, son of Matthew and Julia McCray, was born in New York City, February 7, 1898. He was graduated from the New York Public School. He enlisted at New York City, June 4, 1917, in the 15th Infantry N.Y.N.G., now known as the 369th Infantry.

His regiment sailed for France on December 12, 1917 and shortly after its arrival in that country became part of the 161st Division of France under the command of General Levauc.

Corporal McCray was killed in action in a local Infantry attack in the Champagne Sector on September 12, 1918.

SHERIDAN PLAYGROUND -
80-100 Grand Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

HISTORY OF

WILLIAM E. SHERIDAN

William E. Sheridan was born at Hawley, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1893. He was the son of James and Mary Sheridan. He was educated in the local schools and left for New York City in 1911, where he was employed. He was appointed to the New York City Police Department on October 22, 1917. His police officer's shield was No. 6871 and he was attached to the 82nd Precinct in the Borough of Brooklyn. While a member of the Police Department he was awarded commendation by the Police Honor Legion for an act of conspicuous bravery, from which he received serious injuries requiring hospitalization.

Sheridan enlisted in New York City on May 29, 1918 and was assigned to the 19th Company, 152nd Depot Brigade and was transferred on June 22nd, to Company B, 313th Infantry, 79th Division. He left the United States in this Division for overseas duty on July 8, 1918. He died of wounds from machine gun bullets in the field in the Battle of the Argonne on October 1, 1918. He was buried in the Province of Avocourt, France and his body was shipped to his home in Hawley, Pennsylvania and reinterred on July 17, 1920. He was buried in this country with full military honors, in charge of the Honor Legion, for having lived up to that Division's slogan, "Until Death".

American Legion Post No. 1059, composed of members of the New York City Police Department, is known as the William E. Sheridan Police Post and is named after this man who gave his life for his country. This playground purchased and built with funds for the erection of the war memorial is dedicated to his memory.

VON DOHLEN BURYGROUND-
138th Place, 91st Avenue and Archer Avenue, Queens

HISTORY OF

HOWARD A. VON DOHLEN

CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION
(SILVER STAR)
(POSTHUMOUS AWARD)

HOWARD AMES VON DOHLEN (Army Serial No. 1209372), sergeant, Company B, 105th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. For gallantry in action at Lempire Post, France, September 27, 1918. On three separate occasions Sergeant Von Dohlen volunteered and carried wounded men to the dressing station, having to pass through a heavy counterbarrage of enemy artillery and machine-gun fire.

Sergeant Howard A. Von Dohlen, son of Martin James and Mary Elizabeth Von Dohlen, was born April 15, 1895 in New York City. After graduating from the Public School he entered the employ of the Stock Exchange Firm of V. C. Brown and Company, New York City, in whose employ he stayed until he enlisted in Troop D, Squadron A, Cavalry, N.Y.N.G. in June 1917. This unit later became known as the 105th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Division.

At the time of Sergeant Von Dohlen's enlistment his residence was 1540 Clinton Avenue, Ozone Park, L.I. He was a member of the Men's Club Epiphany Church of Ozone Park and Superintendent of the Sunday School Epiphany P.E. Church.

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Von Dohlen was appointed Corporal while his unit was in Spartanburg, S. C. during the winter of 1917-18 and by his efficiency was promoted to Sergeant shortly before his unit sailed for France in May 1918.

Sergeant Von Dohlen was in every engagement and battle in which the 27th Division took part up to the date of his death, which occurred on October 17, 1918, while commanding a Machine Gun Section in the Battle of La Selle River, St. Supplet, France.

He will always be remembered by those who knew him as a gallant soldier and a man of splendid character.

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O'CONNELL PLAYGROUND-
113 & 114 Aves., Hollis Forest, St. Albans, Queens

HISTORY OF

DANIEL M. O'CONNELL

Daniel M. O'Connell was born in New York City on May 8th, 1900. His family moved to Rockaway Beach when he was seven years old. He attended Public School 44 and served as altar boy at St. Rose of Lima's Church.

He enlisted June 27, 1918 at the age of 18 years, in the 23rd Regiment and went to the Mexican border where he saw considerable service. He returned in the summer of 1917 and was transferred to the old 69th Regiment which later became the 165th and sailed for France with the Rainbow Division in October of that year.

He was killed in action July 29, 1918 during the Ourcq Offensive and word of his death was first contained in a Government report to his mother, Mrs. Mary O'Connell of Beach 88th Street, Rockaway Beach, N.Y., late September.

He was cited for bravery and decorated with the Croix de Guerre and is said to have been the youngest soldier so decorated. He was only 18 years of age when he gave up his life.

The remains of the heroic young soldier were brought to this country at the request of his family and arrived July 19, 1921.

McDONALD PLAYGROUND-
Forest and Myrtle Avenues, Richmond

HISTORY OF

AUSTIN J. McDONALD

Austin J. McDonald, son of Austin and Ellen (deceased) McDonald, was born October 26, 1892 in New York City. He was graduated from Curtis High School, Staten Island in 1909 and from City College of New York with an A. B. in 1913. He then studied Accountancy at New York University and was employed as Auditor for the Penn Coal and Coke Company until War was declared. On April 6, 1917 he enlisted in Company E, 107th Infantry, 27th Division and was killed in action at St. Quentin Canal, Hindenburg Line, France, on September 29, 1918.

His body was brought back to the United States and interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

ZIMMERMAN PLAYGROUND -
Barker Avenue, Olinville Avenue and Britton Street, Bronx

HISTORY OF

LOUIS ZIMMERMAN

Corporal Louis Zimmerman, son of Joseph and Julia Zimmerman, was one of a family of eight. He was born on April 20, 1895 in the neighborhood of 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue, Manhattan. He attended Public School #27 and later graduated from Morris High School. Before entering the Army he was employed as a Motorcycle Mechanic.

At the time of his entering service his home was at 1352 Webster Avenue, Bronx.

Corporal Zimmerman was a member of Headquarters Company 305th Infantry, 77th Division and was in numerous engagements and battles in which his regiment took part, until November 5, 1918 when he was killed in action in the Argonne Meuse Offensive.

CICCARONE PLAYGROUND -
188th Street and Hughes Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

HISTORY OF
VINCENT CICCARONE

Vincent Ciccarone, the youngest son and the last of the children of Domenico and Cleunice Ciccarone, first saw the light of day on the early morning of November 26th, 1886, in Tufillo, Province of Chieta, Abbruzzi, Italy (Adriatic Sea).

His early days were spent in companionship with his older brothers and sisters who were six in number, namely, Henry, Paul, Flora, Nicholas, Adam (the only member at present residing in the United States) and Giaconda.

From the age of six years to the age of twelve years, Vincent was tutored in the elementary schools of the township and there received his early training. After completion of his elementary career, he decided to attend the Gymnasium, in this country better known as "high school". At the age of eighteen years his high school education was successfully completed and during this period Vincent's interest manifested itself in music and spent much time in the study of musical topics. His musical studies were abruptly put aside by the call to military service, which was compulsory when young men reached the age of twenty years. He remained under military discipline for three years, whereby he also progressed mentally by studying courses prescribed by military council and developed physically by routine calisthenics. During the time of his military career he received a medal of honor as a "sharp shooter" and upon the completion of his military duty, he was awarded the rank of "Corporal" in the Infantry.

Vincent again returned to his native province and decided to venture into business. He remained there until the age of twenty-five years, when the urge of leaving this province became strong and after much cogitation, resolved to embark for America, the land of opportunities. Upon arriving in New York City, he was greeted by his brother Adam, and resided with him for two years. It was at this time that he made known his intentions to become a citizen of the United States and prepared himself to obtain this privilege.

Again he desired to migrate, and his next choice of residence was Norfolk, N.Y. There in this small city, he opened a general store and continued his pursuit of music. He remained in Norfolk until he was called to military duty by the United States Government in November, 1917.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
Tel. Regent 4-1000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 14, 1934

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The "Learn to Swim" week campaign conducted by the Park Department with the Board of Education and many private pools cooperating, during the present week, (July 9th to 14th) has drawn such a large number of registrants each day that the Park Department has agreed to extend the campaign through the month of July.

A swimming meet for those who "graduate" from this course will be held at one of the pools in each of the five boroughs at the end of the month at which time a final list of those who have learned to swim will be available. These meets will have special features and attractions including the presence of noted swimmers who will give demonstrations and exhibitions.

The success of the "Learn to Swim" drive is due in a large measure to the splendid cooperation accorded by the Municipal Departments and the commercial swimming pools. No charge has been made for children by the private pools between the hours of 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

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The following have signified their willingness to join with the Park Department in extending its "Learn to Swim" program:

MANHATTAN: Riverside Cascades, 134th Street and Broadway
YMCA, 23rd Street and 8th Avenue
YMCA, (colored) 135th Street branch
YMCA, " 137th Street branch
Lido Pool, " 146th Street and Lenox Avenue

BRONX: Jerome Cascades, 168th Street and Jerome Avenue
Bronx Union YMCA, 470 East 161st Street and
Washington Avenue
Metropolitan Pool, Westchester and Whitlock
Avenues.

BROOKLYN: Betsey Head Park Pool, Hopkinson Avenue and
Dumont Street
Farragut Pool, 1525 Albany Avenue at Farragut
Road

RICHMOND: Faber Park Pool, Faber Street, Richmond Terrace
Wolfe's Pond, Holston Street to Cornelia Avenue-
Johnson Terrace

QUEENS: Jamaica Pool, Venwyck Boulevard

The following pools are open to adults:

MANHATTAN: Riverside Cascades, 134th Street and Broadway

BRONX: Jerome Cascades, 168th Street and Jerome Avenue
Metropolitan Pool, Westchester and Whitlock
Avenues

QUEENS: Jamaica Pool, Venwyck Boulevard.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL BLDG. CENTRAL PARK
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JULY 13, 1934.

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A Singles One Wall Invitation A. A. U. Handball Tournament is scheduled for Jacob Riis Park, Rockaway Beach. Long Island, Sunday, July 15, beginning at 10 A.M.

There will be no charge for admission, although some of the greatest handball players in the country will participate in the Tournament, among them Jack Seaman, Cy Alexander, Ben Yedlin, Goldman and Goldstein - the latter national A. A.U. Champion.

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"Learn to Swim Campaign"
Dept. of Parks,
Arsenal,
Regent 4- 1000

For Release Thursday, July 12th, 1934

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More than 5000 children in New York City, unable to swim, have registered with the park playground directors and are receiving free admission and instruction at all of the public and some of the private swimming pools in the City. The "learn to swim" campaign, which is being conducted by the Park Department, although scheduled to end Saturday, in all probability will be extended through the entire month of July as many children who registered late, missed the early lessons.

Cooperating with the Department of Parks in this movement to teach more children to swim are the City pools, Faber at Richmond, and Betsy Head in Brooklyn, the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. pools, the Board of Education pools and members of the Outdoor Pool Owners Association, headed by the two Cascades Pools, the Miramar, Starlight Park, the Metropolitan and Lido Pools. At the Riverside Cascades 220 children were given free instruction yesterday.

Following is a list of the playgrounds where children may apply for tickets and registration to take advantage of the "learn to swim" course of instruction if they have not already done so:--

M A N H A T T A N

(Playgrounds) - Colonial - Bradhurst Ave. - St. Nicholas - 150th St.
Carmansville - 152nd Street - Amsterdam Avenue
Annunciation - 134th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Jasper Oval - 136th Street - Convent Avenue
St. Nicholas - St. Nicholas Avenue - 128th Street
Morningside - 123rd Street and Morningside Avenue
Mt. Morris - 120th Street and Madison Avenue

West 59th St. - Between 10th and 11th Avenue
Heckscher - Central Park - 7th Avenue - 62nd Street
DeWitt Clinton Park - 11th Avenue - 52nd to 54th Street
Chelsea - 9th and 10th Avenue - West 28th Street
67th and West End Avenue Playground

Queensboro - 59th Street - York Avenue
John Jay - 77th Street East River
St. Catherine's - 67th Street - 1st Avenue
St. Gabriel's Park - 36th Street - 1st and 2nd Avenue

Dyckman - Dyckman and Payson Avenue
Isham Park - Seaman Avenue 214th Street
Highbridge - 188th Street - Amsterdam Avenue

B R O N X

Lyons Sq. Playground - Whitlock & Bryant Avenues
Fulton Playground - 169th Street near Fulton Avenue

Crotona - West Pl. Gr. 174 - Fulton Avenue
Crotona - East - Near Charlotte Street
Echo Playground - 178th Street Ryer Avenue

St. James Recreation Building - Claremont Park

St. Mary's Playground West-148th St. - St. Ann's Avenue
St. Mary's East - Trinity Avenue - East 146th Street
Palaski Playground - 133rd Street - Willis Avenue
Melrose - 161st Street - Cortlandt Avenue

B R O O K L Y N

Betsy Head - DuFont and Hopkins St.
Riverdale Avenue - Sackman Street
(New Lots) Lincoln Terrace - Rochester Ave., E. New York Ave.
Avenue L - East 95th Street Playground
Bushwick Playground - Putnam Avenue - Bet. Knickerbocker & Irving St.
Tompkins Park - Lafayette Avenue & Tompkins St.
McKibben Playground - White & Siegel Street
Lindsay Playground - Boerum & Leonard Streets

Flatbush Playground - Wa. E. Kelly Playground, Ave. S - E. 14th St.
Bay Parkway & Avenue P Playground
Sunset Park - 44th Street - 6th Avenue
Gravesend Playground - 18th Avenue - 56th Street

McKinley Park - 75th St. - Fort Hamilton Parkway

Children may apply for free admission directly at the Faber pool in
Richmond and at Wolfe's Pond where free instruction is being given during the entire
campaign.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 7, 1934

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"Learn to Swim" week, sponsored by the Department of Parks, will officially open on Monday, July 9th and as many as 5,000 people will be able to receive free swimming lessons in various public and private pools. Simultaneously with the organizations which have united in furthering the "Learn to Swim" week campaign in response to a call issued by the Department of Parks, the Board of Education has brought more than 35 swimming pools under its own jurisdiction into the city wide movement.

Twenty-two individual public and privately owned swimming pools will open on July 9th with free admission and free instruction for children. No admission charge will be made at any of the pools except at the three Y.W.C.A. pools, where a charge of 10¢ for each child will be made to cover the required medical examinations.

Among the twenty-two pools are those which are operated by the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., City College of New York, Department of Parks and a majority of the pools which are members of the Pool Owners Association of New York.

A call to all playground supervisors has been issued by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks to enlist every available volunteer swimming instructor and attendant who is willing to donate his services to the success of this cause.

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5,000 cards of admission will be distributed at the playgrounds located near the pools which have joined the "Learn to Swim" campaign.

Following is a schedule of swimming pools at which all beginners may receive free swimming lessons during the entire week, if they will apply for cards at the playgrounds nearest the pools named below.

Many of the pools who have joined the campaign have sent representatives to the headquarters at the Arsenal, Central Park, asking that "Learn to Swim" week be extended until the end of July. With the cooperation of instructors and volunteers the extension of time may be possible.

MANHATTAN

Riverside Cascade	- 134th St. and Broadway - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Miramar Pool	410 W. 207th St. - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
C.C.N.Y. Pool	Hygiene Building, C.C.N.Y. - 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.
Y.M.C.A.'s Pools	West Side Branch - 10:00 A.M. to 12 noon.
Y.M.C.A. Pool	23rd Street Branch - 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon.
Y.M.C.A. Pool	135th Street
Y.W.C.A.'s Pools	Central Branch - 1:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Y.W.C.A. Pool	West Side Branch - 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Y.W.C.A. Pool	137th Street Branch
London Terrace Pool	West 23rd Street - free instructions to residents only.

BRONX

Jerome Cascades	168th St. and Jerome Ave. - 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
Starlight Park Pool	177th St. and Bronx River - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Bronxdale Pool	Bronxdale Avenue - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Metropolitan Pool	Westchester Ave. - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Castle Hill Park	Castle Hill Ave. - 9:45 to 11:45 A.M.
Lido Pool	146th St. and Lenox Ave. - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Bronx Union Y.M.C.A.	161st Street

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BROOKLYN AND QUEENS

Betsey Head Pool	Hopkinson Ave. - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Faber Pool	Richmond Terrace - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Farragut Pool	Farragut Road - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Jamaica Pool	Venwyck Boulevard - 7:30 P.M.

The Lido Pool, the 135th Street Branch of the Y.M.C.A., and the 137th Street Branch of the Y.W.C.A. will be reserved for colored children.

Adults may receive free instruction at the Metropolitan Pool every evening at 7 P.M. by applying for cards.

Adults may receive free instruction at the following pools for a small admission charge:

Jerome Cascades	-- 168th Street and Jerome Ave.
Starlight Park	-- 177th Street and Bronx River
Miramar Pool	-- 410 West 207th Street

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ARSENAL BUILDING
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FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE

JUL 6 1934

SWIMMING MEET-SUNDAY , JULY 8th, 1934 at JACOB RIIS PARK.

Thirty Five (35) Members of the Womens' Swimming Association of New York, will inaugurate "Learn to Swim Week", on Sunday, July 8th, 1934 at 2 P.M. in a series of competitive ocean swimming exhibition events at Jacob Riis Park.

Under the supervision of the Department of Parks, thirty five (35) women swimmers will appear in four (4) ocean swimming events. The events will include half-mile, quarter-mile and 250 yd. races around life buoys, with a novelty event in which the swimmers will swim into the surf and carry objects to the finish line.

The Meet is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union and officials will include the Womens' Swimming Chairman in the Metropolitan District A.A.U., Miss Charlotte Epstein - who will act as Timekeeper. Other officials include Mr. L. deB. Handley, Coach of the Womens' Swimming Association, who will act as referee; Miss Alice Lord Landon, Former Amateur Diving Champion, Mr. Fred F. Delany, Mr. Paul Lockwood, Father Murray, Chris. Dalton, Mr. M. E. Aubell, and Miss Elsie Viets, who will act as Judges and Timers.

Trophies will be awarded to winners of first, second and third places in each of the events.

Following is a list of those who have already entered the swim:

Marie Berger	Adeline Buschow	Dorothea Dickinson
Evelyn Fogler	Elizabeth Harrison	Helen Hendry
Doris Henley	Florence Hughes	Natalie Irvine
Margaret Kirschhoff	Erna Kompa	Elizabeth Kompa
Catherine Mattern	Louise Murphy	Marie Pechette
Ottlie Schachtsiek	Catherine Goetz	Mary Flanagan
Dorothy Jung	Dorothy Lubin	Jean McAuley
Value Phillips	Grace Morgenweck	

The other entries are expected to swell the total to more than 35.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 3, 1934

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Stringent rules regarding undressing in cars were enforced at Jacob Riis Park and other Rockaway Beaches over the week-end.

Several summonses were issued in the Rockaway District, and in the Riis Park Auto Parking Fields.

Notice was given yesterday through the Department of Parks - that bathers who drive their cars into Parking Stations, and make a complete change of clothing after swimming, will receive summonses which will result in fines.

Notice was also given that owners are forbidden to park their cars on the highways.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 3, 1934

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At the request of Mr. August Heckscher, the playground in Brooklyn, bounded by Grove and Linden Streets and between Central and Wilson Avenues, which he founded in 1930, has been placed under the direction and supervision of the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks, beginning today.

This property, which is improved with a recreation building, containing a dental clinic and indoor play facilities, is valued at \$100,000. The summer schedule for this playground includes Kindergarten activities, song plays, puppet shows, story telling, instruction in handicraft and other activities which appeal to younger children.

This is the second playground which Mr. Heckscher has requested the Department of Parks to operate. The playground in Central Park, which also bears his name and which likewise was made possible by Mr. Heckscher's generosity, is one of the most popular playgrounds for small children.

The Heckscher Playground in Brooklyn heretofore has been under the direction of the Heckscher Foundation, but effective today, its operation will be taken over by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks.

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7/3/68

New York parks and playgrounds in all the five boroughs have planned celebrations for tomorrow, every program to be opened by "Salute to the Flag" and several to be featured by flag drills. Playlets, concerts of patriotic music and songs, drills, marches, games, pageants and athletic events will mark the day's activities.

Programs in the playgrounds will open at 10 A.M. and continue, in a few cases, through early afternoon.

All festivals and plays will open at 2 P.M.

In Manhattan - at Chelsea, Corlear's Hook, Hamilton Fish, Queensboro, Thomas Jefferson, Hudson, DeWitt Clinton, Playground Lawn, North Meadow, Jasper Oval, Reservoir Oval, Inwood Hill and Coleman Park playgrounds, baseball games will start at 10 A.M. and continue until 6 P.M.

There will be special programs, including patriotic numbers during the forenoon at Heckscher, Gulick, John Jay, Sutro and Saint Gabriel's Playgrounds in Manhattan. The afternoon's program for Manhattan includes festivals and Athletic meets at the following points:

Annunciation, Battery, Carl Schurz, Coleman, Colonial, Columbus, Corlears Hook; DeLancey and Eldridge Streets; DeWitt Clinton; Downing Street; Gulick; Hamilton Fish; Hamilton Place, Heckscher; Highbridge, 169th, 177th and 189th; Hudson; Seaman Ave., and Isham Street; Jasper Oval; John Jay; John J. Murphy; Morningside 123rd; Payson Avenue & Dyckman Street; Riverside, (6th; St. Catherine's; St. Gabriel's; St. Nicholas Terrace; Steward; Sutro; Thomas Jefferson; Thompkins Square; West 59th Street; Yorkville; Barrow Street, Pier; Third Street Pier; 129th Street Pier and Market Street Pier.

A typical program is that announced for Market Street Pier, which follows: 1, Salute to the flag; 2, Singing of the Patriotic Songs; 3, Playground Songs; 4, Patriotic Recitations by Children; 5, 40 yard dash; 6, Potato Race; 7, Broad Jump; 8 Sack Race; 9, Distribution of prizes, 10, Star-Spangled Banner.

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BRONX

Color Guard Drill will open the exercises for Independence Day at Wosholu Playground; the Music Club will sing Star Spangled Banner; there will be recitations by children and a dancing special-Military Tap.

Girls' Events in the Athletic Program include a 30 yard dash, potato race for the 4 ft 8 inch class; boys' events will be 40 yard dash, obstacle race for the 4ft.8 in. class and a 220 relay broadjump for the 5ft 3 in.class. Girls will contest with boys in the Punch Ball Game.

Crotona Park will have athletic activities including a punch ball game; a volley ball game and races. These events will be preceded by the Reading of the Declaration; a talk on the meaning of July 4th and a program of patriotic songs and poems.

Macomb's Recreation Centre will start the day with patriotic exercises; singing of the Star Spangled Banner and a short talk on the purpose of the celebration. Girls' Athletic Events and games will be: Jump the Shot; Going to Jerusalem; Over and Under relay; Broom Dance; Long Distance Basket Ball throw and, for the little girls: Magic Carpet, Potato Race; Hopping Race; Cracker and Whistle Contest and Rope Jumping Contest.

The Senior Boys' events will include Scrambled Potatoes; Jump the Shot; Ping Pong Blowing Contest; Finger Twirl and Broom Dance, while the Junior boys will have Cracker and Whistle; Potato Race; Obstacle race; Snatch club and three legged race. The directors' Events are All Up Relay; travelling forward relay and directors vs Playground Baseball Game.

Lyons Square has a patriotic program which includes the production of a one-act play "The Spirit of '76" by L.C. Van derVeer, a military drill by the dancing class and a community choral.

Croton Park, West, after the flag salute, will start the day with a patriotic march and story and have the song plays "Tin Soldiers; Let your feet go tramp, tramp, tramp; and Did you ever see a Lassie? The older children will sing patriotic songs and play songs will be sung by the little ones. There will be exciting tournaments for boys and girls in ping pong, checkers and shu-quois.

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The forenoon program will end with a colorful march.

There will be baseball, soft ball and punch ball, with dashes, relays and potato races among the track events.

St. Mary's East, has an ambitious program which includes a talk on the meaning of Independence Day; singing of patriotic songs and junior and senior athletic games and track events, including squad hopping; sprint and walk races; jumping sidewalk races; running jumps; bear races; walking backward races; sack races, back to back races and rope jumping races.

Claremont Park announces a fire cracker race after the patriotic concert; a flag relay for big girls, Crossing the Delaware for small girls and among the athletic events; 2 thirty yard races and one forty yard race as well as a pursuit race.

RICHMOND

Richmond will celebrate Independence Day with a Members Tournament at the Golf course of the Silver Lake Golfers' Club. There will be a water Carnival at Faber Park Pool; small childrens' festivals and games at Faber Park Playground; athletic games for boys and girls, large and small at Mariners' Harbor as well as at Richmond and Rosebank Playgrounds. At Stapleton Playground there will be a small childrens' festival, with story telling and elocution. At Westerleigh there will be a band concert at 2 P.M. and dancing at night, in cooperation with the Westerleigh Improvement Society. At Wolfe's Pond Park and at Clove Park, model yacht regattas are announced. There will be a baseball game at Cloves Park, also.

QUEENS

John Andrews Playground, at Queens, will begin its Independence Day exercises at 2 P.M. There will be flag salute, patriotic songs and music. The Declaration will be read at College Point, Waterfront; there will be flag salute, music and flag relay races, as well as other novel races. A patriotic rally and field events will mark the day's exercises, beginning at 2:30 in Newtown Playground.

Field Meet Activities, as well as patriotic songs and recitations and stirring music, will feature July 4th at Jackson Pond: 3 P.M. At 1 o'clock Brookville Park's Independence Program will open and will include athletic events, track meet and baseball.

Kissena Park announces simply a celebrations. At one o'clock; and no details are given of the arrangements for the continued cele-

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brations scheduled for the same hour at College Point Waterfront. There will be boat races in the afternoon, after the patriotic program at Bowne Park.

A flag drill, obstacles races, games and patriotic songs will be included in the Astoria Park program, beginning 10:30 A.M.

At Rainey Park, relay races, and unspecified athletic contests will follow the salute to the flag, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, recitations and flag drill. Program begins at 3 P.M.

At noon, in Bridge Plaza Playground, the Declaration will be read after the singing of the National Anthem. There will be a flag drill, recitations and racing. St. Albans Memorial Park will celebrate with patriotic exercises and races, 11 A.M.

A patriotic rally will be the chief event of the observance of the day at Dry Harbor Playground, 2 P.M.

Alley Pond Park will introduce Hare and Hounds, a baseball game and a basket ball game at 3 o'clock exercises which will begin with patriotic songs and talks.

Crocheron Park's program will start at 1:30 p.m. and will include singing of the national anthem, dances, games and athletic events.

At Anawanda Park, girls will participate in a basket ball throw.

There will be a band concert, and tap dancing, all to follow a program of song and story dealing with the day and its meaning.

Overlook will have an all day celebration including games music, dancing and patriotic observances, There will be a celebration in the afternoon at 2 in the Greenhouse.

The program at Victory Field will be informal and patriotic - a safe and sane celebration from 1 to 6 p.m.

Checker Tennis and Punch Ball will be attractions at Howard Beach, and there will be tournaments of boys vs girls from 3 to 5.

Highland Park's Independence Day Celebration will last from 10 to 5 P.M.

BROOKLYN

Aside from the scheduled playground program in Brooklyn, Independence Day will be celebrated at the bandstand, at 10 A.M.

Prospect Park, by an Independence day Program under auspices of the 4th degree, Knights of Columbus. At the same hour on 4th Avenue

and Third Street the Public Forum of Brooklyn Heights, Inc., will have its 12th annual celebration, commemorating the 158th anniversary

of the Battle of Long Island on this historic block site and
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calling attention to the recent uncovering of the old Gowanus House near there. At Bensonhurst the Civic Association of the 16th Assembly District will hold its annual celebration-at the same hour while at 1 P.M. the brownsville Post of the American Legion will conduct patriotic services in Zion Park.

At Betsy Head, there will be an address by a World War Hero Veteran after a Local Civic Welfare Worker reads the Declaration of Independence. There will be a pledge to the Flag: exhibition of horizontal bar and apparatus feats by club gymnasts; exhibition tennis match by leading public courts players; exhibition horse-shoe pitching contests; a baseball game; presentation of prizes and, as the finale, singing of "The Star Spangled banner."

There will be a flag drill at New Lots, reading of the Declaration; medal presentation to winners of the June Track events. Athletic events including Dodge ball, forty rod dashes, potato races for girls and Boys' track and field events; tumbling exhibition; handball exhibition with Harry Goldstein, National A.A.U. Champion featured; punch ball game, weight lifting contest and other important athletic numbers. There will be music and song to start it all.

"Betsy Ross", and "Washington's Farewell Address", one act plays will be produced at the Red Hook Playground, together with patriotic musical program, group singing and a varied athletic card.

Events in the Independence Day Track and Field Championship will be judged by Park and Playground Officials at Bushwick Playground, during a program beginning at 2 P.M. The Athletic events will follow the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Frank Joseph will direct the meet. Mr. John J. Downing will be referee.

At Seaside Park, Coney Island, an ambitious program of singing, dancing and reading will follow the Salute to the Flag and reading of the Declaration of Independence. A playlet, "The Ringing of the Liberty Bell" will be produced; kindergarten children will do pantomime songs; boy scouts will put on a drill and there will be an assorted athletic event program.

Vanderbilt Playground's celebration embraces races for boys and girls. Recitations by boys and girls, choral singing, re-ading of the Declaration and singing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

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Prizes will be awarded to winners of the races. Winners of all the track and field events scheduled for Independence Day at McLaughlin Playground, will be awarded medals. After the patriotic program with sports will be put on, for girls and boys in both junior and senior classes.

Dyker Beach Playground will have a spirited sports' carnival following the program of national music and songs. One feature announced is a tether ball contest. There will be horse-show pitching contests, as well as track and field sports events.

The City Park Playground will have a Paddle Tennis Tournament to celebrate Independence Day. To be decided are Boys' single championship of City Park; Girls' single championship and mixed doubles championship. There will be track events for different classes of boys and girls, with regard to height.

At Cooper Park, track meet events will, follow the reading of the Declaration and singing of the Star Spangled Banner. One of the events will be a novelty race, hands on head run. A track and field athletic meet will be included in the McKinley Playground celebration of July 4. There will be individual and group games, including a LaCrosse demonstration. Checker and Chess tournaments, a Volley Ball Game, Basketball Contest, Soccer Game, Indoor baseball game and punch ball game are among the numbers on the card.

Lincoln Terrace playground celebrants, after hearing the Declaration read and assisting in the singing of the national anthem, will enjoy a program of sports embracing a hopple race, basket ball throw, Honeymoon relay, sack race, potato race, dashes and monkey races. The finale of the program will be a patriotic drill. Boys events for July 4 at Lincoln Terrace Park will follow the program of national music and song. Running broad jump, ring swinging contest dashes and club relay will be numbers.

Lindsay Park's patriotic celebration will be followed by folk dancing, tap dancing and fancy dancing, as well as track events for boys and girls.

At Gravesend, a one act play will follow the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and reading of the Declaration; as well as other patriotic expressions. An indoor baseball game, a basket ball game, dashes, running broad jumps, standing broad jumps and horse shoe pitching are among the events announced.

Girls and boys of Kelly Memorial Playground, after participating in a full patriotic program, will contest in various field and track events in their separate classes. These will include, as a novelty, a jack s contests. The program will end in a Flag Relay Drill.

A festival, with a full program of music, recitations, singing and drills will follow the exercises to begin with the singing of the national anthem at the 56th and 2nd Avenue playground.

A Boxing bout will be a feature of the celebration at Bushwick after the young Americans gather to sing the national songs and hear the national Declaration read. There will be songs by the Bushwick Park Quartette.

Recitations, races and team games will follow the musical program at McKibben Park Playground.

Cooper Park Program includes many track and field events for boys and girls. Boys and girls at McCarron Park will have games, track and field events on their program.

Bay Parkway Playground events, after choral singing and band music and drills, are track and field numbers for boys and girls.

Song and athletic exercises for both boys and girls.

Community Singing at Fort Green Park, will follow flag exercises and recitations and be followed in turn by a big card of track and field events, winding up with a boxing exhibition Rao vs Ceres. There will be a treasure hunt and a gymnast drill.

Bushwick Playground has a good athletic program, as well as one of patriotic exercises. At McKibben Playgrounds, track meet events will be interspersed by other sports, following the exercises in celebration of the day.

Marching, indoor baseball, flag drill fancy dancing, tug of war, tilting song and Volley Ball game will be part of the exercises at Carroll Park.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Twenty Five (25) Sailing canoes have already entered the First Annual Riis Park Ocean Sailing Races to be held Wednesday, July 4th, 1934, beginning at 11.30 A.M. in front of the Jacob Riis Park Pavilion, under the sanction of the Associated Canoe Clubs of Sheepshead Bay.

Five Canoe Clubs, including the Miramar and Mic-mac, Sheepshead Bay and Thall Canoe Clubs are represented.

The open sailing races will include 3 classes of Boats:

The Class A-which is 20 ft. long, and carries 135 sq. ft. of sail;

The Class B-Racing Canoe, which is 18 ft. long, and carries 105 ft. of sail;

The Class B-Cruiser, which is 18 ft. long, and carries sail with mast not over 14 ft. high.

All members of Canoe Clubs are invited to participate in the events Wednesday morning, and Trophies will be awarded to crews of the first three winning sail boats in each class.

It was announced yesterday by the Department of Parks that flat trucks would transport all sailing canoes to Jacob Riis Park Beach. All Canoes coming from Sheepshead Bay are to land on shore near Riis Park Dock, in Jamaica Bay, east of the Ferry Slip, from 8 to 10.30 A.M.

All entries must be received at the Administration office at Jacob Riis Park by Tuesday, July 3rd.

The course will be 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ miles around markers, set with flags.

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Entries received to date are as follows:

A-CLASS, 20 ft. 135 sq. ft. Sail:

"Wanderlust
Saw-See
Water Wagon
Ride Away
Phantom
Black Cat
Debonair
Taboo II
Spindrift
Voy Ageur
Audacious"

B-CLASS, Racing, 18 ft. - 135 sq. ft. sail:

"Loons
Knee Deep
Sea Wing
Owls
Clipper"

B-CLASS Cruiser: 18 ft. 135 sq.ft. sail:

"Hi-Tac
Peek-aboo
Seven Seas
Frager
Bunny II
Viking
Flow
Silhouette
Private Peer"

An additional novelty event to be held the same afternoon will be flat bottom Row Boat Race. The course will be marked off by buoys. Cash prizes will be given for this race. Entries are open only to expert swimmers. Ample protection will be given to entrants by motor boats and life boats stationed along the course.

Free calsthenic classes will be held on the beach under the direction of recreational department supervisors at 11:00 a.m 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. (end)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Department of Parks has made arrangements for Mr. Montgomery Ogden, one of the recognized authorities on tennis, to give free instruction to boys and juniors holding park permits. The Eastern Lawn Tennis Association is co-operating with the Department of Parks in the movement.

The schedule of Mr. Ogden is as follows:

- Monday July 2 - Central Park, 93rd St. & Central Park West
- Tuesday " 3 - McKinley Park, Brooklyn, Bay Ridge and Ft. Hamilton Parkway.
- Thursday " 5 - Crotona Park, Bronx.
- Friday " 6 - Forest Park, Woodhaven-Park Lane, South and 90th Street.
- Saturday " 7 - Livingston Park, Staten Island, Davis Ave. Bard and Delafield Place.

- Monday " 9 - Central Park
- Tuesday " 10 - McKinley Park
- Wednesday " 11 - Crotona Park
- Thursday " 12 - Forest Park
- Friday " 13 - Gravesend Park, Brooklyn, 56th St. & 18th Ave.

- Monday " 16 - Central Park
- Tuesday " 17 - Kelly Memorial Park, Brooklyn, Ave. S and East 14th Street.
- Wednesday " 18 - Macombs Dam Ext. Bronx, 161st St. & Jerome Ave
- Thursday " 19 - Kissena Park, Flushing, Rose St. & Oak Ave.
- Friday " 20 - Silver Lake Park, Staten Island, Victory Blvd. and Forest Avenue.

- Monday " 23 - Central Park
- Tuesday " 24 - Gravesend Park, Brooklyn.
- Wednesday " 25 - Crotona Park
- Thursday " 26 - Forest Park
- Friday " 27 - Riverside Park, N.Y.C., 172nd St. and Riverside Drive.

Those wishing to avail themselves of this instruction must be on the tennis courts at 9 a.m. sharp.

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The Recreation Division of the Department of Parks will sponsor a "Learn to Swim" week, July 9 to 14, at all public and many of the private swimming pools in New York City.

Representatives of the following agencies attended a meeting today to discuss plans for holding the classes of instruction:

Department of Parks, New York City
Board of Education, New York City
Park Central Swimming Pool
Castle Hill Swimming Pool
St. George Swimming Pool
London Terrace Swimming Pool
Community Councils

Crime Prevention Bureau
Van Cortlandt Park Swimming Pool
Parc Vendome Swimming Pool
Cascades Swimming Pool
Y.M.C.A.
Y.W.C.A.
Red Cross

It was the consensus of opinion of those attending the meeting that there would be a large number of people, adults as well as children, in New York who do not know how to swim and who might be induced to learn if the campaign were inaugurated.

It was stated by one of the authorities that the loss of life by children through drowning could be decreased by at least 6% if all agencies would cooperate in furthering the success of the "Learn to Swim" drive.

The Board of Education will have 31 swimming pools in operation during the summer. Non-swimmers will be given free instructions at these pools during the week of July 9 to 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Most if not all of the private swimming pools will offer special rates to non-swimmers during that week at certain hours.

The Women's Swimming Association is arranging for champions to give exhibitions at a number of swimming pools every day of "Learn to Swim" week. Other exhibitions will be arranged for the public pools.

It was the sense of those attending the meeting that a genuine need existed in New York City for more outdoor swimming pools.

Those agencies which are willing to cooperate in the movement are urged to communicate immediately with the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks.

It was pointed out during the meeting that children who learn to swim and who participate in wholesome recreational activities are less apt to become juvenile delinquents during the vacation period.

The Board of Education has included swimming among the requisites for graduation from high schools where swimming facilities are available.

Further details will be announced shortly.

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The Gypsy Moth, one of nature's most deadly enemies, has made its first appearance of the season in the vicinity of East 180th Street and Morris Park Avenue in the Bronx, according to a statement issued by the Park Department through its Forestry Division.

Last week a family living in this area noticed a small detachment of caterpillars feeding on the lower leaves of an oak tree which had been the treasure of their garden for many years. In the belief that they were just ordinary worms, the family dealt with the first contingent in the approved manner for exterminating pests of this kind, but the Gypsy Moth is not exterminated so easily, and the species strikes almost without warning. The following day more caterpillars appeared than had been present the previous day and they set to work devouring the leaves of the large oak tree. The owners of the property scraped the worms off by the pailful, applied kerosene to the trunk and branches of the tree and buried the caterpillars in the garden soil but the pest only increased greatly in number and the Park Department was called upon for advice.

While the Park Department does not inspect the trees and plantings on private property, it seemed advisable to check this report as a precautionary measure. An inspection disclosed an infestation of the Gypsy Moth. The situation was also reported to the Division of Forester Pest Control of the Conservation Department of the State of New York. Representatives from the State Division conferred with the officials of the Park Department and assured them that while the matter was in the hands of the State they would welcome full cooperation on the part of the Park Department and the general public.

Anyone finding an area which seems to be infested with the Gypsy Moth is urged to report the circumstances to the office of the Chief Forester of the Park Department, Arsenal, Central Park, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Telephone - Regent 4-1000, Extension 130. In this way citizens will aid the proper agencies in

the spread of this pest. In order to avoid possible infestation of other areas by possible loss in transit of specimens, it is requested that no specimen be removed from the locations in which they are present. The Park Department will have an inspection made of all localities so reported and will advise the State and Federal authorities of additional area where the Gypsy Moth exists so that proper action can be taken by these agencies without delay.

The Gypsy Moth caterpillar is about two inches long and is covered with dark stiff hairs. Pairs of spots are arranged along its length; 12 spots are red and 10 are dark blue. The head of the pest is fairly large, yellow in color with black markings. There are no other larvae in this section of the country bearing these red and blue markings.

After the insect in the caterpillar stage has ceased to feed on growing plants (generally about this date in this latitude) it becomes more or less dormant and is encased in a cocoon as a moth on the bark of a tree. It emerges later as a moth about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. The eggs generally are deposited on the bark of trees in yellowish masses and these later hatch out into voracious feeding caterpillars.

There is no intention on the part of officials of the various agencies to alarm the residents of any of the boroughs unduly, but in view of the destruction which the Gypsy Moth can accomplish in the absence of precautionary measures, it is advisable to acquaint the public with the facts and to ask cooperation by reporting areas believed to be infested to the Park Department.

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The Jacob Riis Park life guards will hold a swimming meet and give a series of life saving demonstrations in front of the Riis Park Pavilion this Sunday at noon, according to an announcement issued by the Department of Parks today. Thirty of the guards will participate.

Among the events to be held, the launching of boats through the surf will be one of the most difficult. Ability of the guards to successfully launch their boats through the waves without accident; their skill as oarsmen, and proficiency in bringing the drowning victim ashore will be carefully judged.

Other tests include a 200 yard swim with a life buoy, speed swimming races and life saving demonstrations by the Schaefer method. The latter method, developed by Sir Edward Shartey Schaefer of Edinburgh University, is commonly known as the prone pressure system now used by the Police, the emergency crews of all gas and electric companies and by well trained life guards. An oxygen inhalator forms part of the equipment.

The Schaefer method may be described briefly as follows: The patient is placed face downward and one hand is placed under the face to facilitate breathing. The attendant then straddles the legs of the patient and places his fingers four inches apart, following the course of the lower ribs. He throws his weight forward to a point reaching the vertical position of the body and then releases his weight from the ribs with a quick snap and returns to the first position.

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This operation is repeated 12 to 15 times a minute.

Supplementary treatment is given by other guards as the above measures are in progress. This includes massaging the body toward the heart and the use of hot pads under the armpits, around the limbs and under the heart. All tight clothing of the patient should be loosened and the body covered with a blanket.

Parking space at Jacob Riis Park is provided almost directly adjacent to the shore line where the contests will take place. The parking fee is 25¢ per car. The existing parking area is sufficient to accommodate 4,000 cars, but these facilities are being increased to take care of 7,500 cars by July 1st. Swimming lockers are available at 35¢ for adults and 15¢ for children, bath houses at 75¢, and suits for men or women may be rented for 50¢. None of these prices are increased on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 21, 1934

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The Park Department announced today, through its Division of Recreation, that for the first time in the history of the Department, day camps will be opened July ~~15~~ 9th in the following parks:

Pelham Bay Park- at the site known as the Mothers' Pavilion and Shelter, where two wading pools, two large pavilions, first aid room, lunch room and game room are available.

Van Cortlandt Park- two locations have been designated, one near the picnic grounds at Mosholu Avenue, and another about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of the Mosholu Golf Course, and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Woodlawn (I.R.T. Jerome Ave. Line) Station.

Inwood Hill Park- at a site approximately 200 feet from the old House of Mercy where 500 children can be accommodated.

Forest Park- at the site between Freedom Drive and Myrtle Avenue.

The programs for the recreation to be featured at these day camps will be arranged and supervised by the Department of Parks, and will include group games (dramatized), nature study, geology, arts and crafts, story telling, assembly, lessons in first aid, community singing, marionette shows, drama and mass games.

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The educational features of the program will be arranged and conducted by the Board of Education, which is cooperating with the Department of Parks in the movement. The Board of Education also will make the necessary provisions for the transportation of the children to and from the day camps, as well as for lunch, all of which will be supplied to the children without charge. The Park Department is making arrangements for water supply, toilets and shelter tents. It is expected that a/ ^{daily} average of 2,500 children will avail themselves of these facilities.

Preliminary arrangements, including the method of selecting the various daily groups, are in charge of the Board of Education. A large number of the children selected will be drawn from the list of those who have registered with the play schools of the Board of Education. The other children will be selected from the park playgrounds for one day each week and the arrangements for these outings will be made by the Department of Parks.

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

June 15th, 1934.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Lioness and Cubs in Prospect Park, recently fenced in, are to be placed in an appropriate and conspicuous place in the new prospect Park Zoo and on a low pedestal of the kind originally recommended by the sculptor, Mr. Frederick MacMonnies, who was consulted on this subject.

ROBERT MOSES?

Commissioner

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 13th, 1934.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
Butterfield 8-9310.

The enlisted men of the United States Navy have been invited by the Park Department to engage in a row boat race to be held on the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park, Friday afternoon, June 15th, starting at 3 P.M. Prizes will be awarded to the successful contestants, and will consist of two silver cups, a gold watch and official medals of the Park Department.

Two entries will be allowed from each ship. The event will be run in heats, semi-finals and finals over a distance of approximately 600 yards. It will be optional on the part of the sailors whether they desire a lady of their choice to serve as coxswain, but not more than one coxswain to a craft will be allowed.

Only park row boats may be used and these will be supplied gratis by Mr. Peter Pappas, who has the concession for row boats in Central Park.

Mr. W. Earle Andrews, General Superintendent, Major Theodore Crane, Assistant to the Commissioner, and Mr. Allyn R. Jennings, Landscape Architect in charge of Operations, of the Park Department, will serve as honorary judges. Members of the staff of the Division of Recreation of the Department of Parks will act as referees.

A good view of the races may be had from points along the West Drive of Central Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
Butterfield, 8-9310.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 6, 1934

The Department of Parks announced today a series of performances by "Playground Puppeteers" to be given under the direction of the Drama Department by the Works Division of the Department of Public Welfare and sponsored by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks. The Drama Department, under Mr. George Junkin, will supply the puppeteers for the shows, which will be given under the direction of Miss Grace Wilder.

"Jack and the Bean Stalk" will be shown as follows at Playgrounds in Manhattan:

June	6	'34	-Annunciation Playground-134th St. & Amsterdam Ave.
"	7	"	-Carmansville Playground-Amsterdam Ave. & 152nd St.
"	8	"	-Colonial Playground-Bradhurst Ave. & 150th Street.
"	11	"	-Hamilton Place Playground-140th St. & Hamilton Place
"	12	"	-Highbridge Playground-189th Street.

The puppets will be loaned by Miss Sue Hastings.

"Shoemaker and the Elves" will be shown as follows at Playgrounds in Brooklyn:

June	6	'34	-Dyker Beach Playground-86th St. & 14th Avenue
"	7	"	-McKinley Playground-7th Ave. & 75th Street
"	8	"	-56th St. & 2nd Avenue Playground.
"	11	"	-Sunset Playground-5th Ave. & 44th St.
"	12	"	-Carroll Playground-Carroll & Smith Sts.

The puppets will be loaned by Miss Gale Adams.

The "Frog Prince" will be shown as follows at Playgrounds in Queens:

June	6	'34	-Astoria Park-Hoyt Ave. & East River, Astoria
"	7	"	-John Andrews-5th St. near Vernon Ave. & L.I. City.
"	8	"	-Sunnyside Playground-63rd St. & 50th Ave., Laurel Hill, Sunnyside.
"	11	"	-Rainey Park-Vernon & Graham Aves. & L.I. City.
"	12	"	-Bridge Plaza Playground-Under the Queensboro Bridge Ramp.

The puppets will be loaned by Remo Buffano.

All performances will start promptly at 4 P.M. In case of rain the bookings will be advanced one day. It is hoped that the shows can be changed on an average of every two weeks and that performances will extend throughout the entire summer.

Bookings for the Bronx and Richmond will be announced shortly.

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PARK DEPARTMENT
Arsenal, Central Park
Butterfield 8-9310.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 24, 1934.

On Friday, May 25th, the new city park opposite Grant's Tomb on Riverside Drive and 122nd Street, known as Sakura or Claremont Park, will be formally taken over and opened to the public by the Park Department. The redesign and reconstruction of this park were made possible through the generosity of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The cost of these improvements was \$315,000.

The area was redesigned by Olmsted Brothers, Landscape Architects, of Brookline, Mass. The plan is simple. A wide central turf panel centers on the International House at the north end, and on Riverside Church on the south. The panel is edged with geometrically clipped privet hedges, surrounded by European Linden trees. Flowering Japanese cherry trees are grouped in the north plots and are included in the general mixed plantings. These trees were among those presented to the city by the Japanese government to replace those which were sent to commemorate the Hudson-Fulton Centennial but were lost in transit. Bounding the park on three sides is a wide, paved promenade shaded by European Linden trees.

The monument to General Daniel Butterfield, by Gutzon Borglum, which occupied a position in this area before construction started, has been placed on the same site.

An interesting feature of the park is the wall along Claremont Avenue side. Allen & Collens, Architects, of Boston, Mass., collaborated with Olmsted Brothers in reproducing here a typical section of the wall around the historic Kenilworth Abbey in England.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
Tel. Butterfield 8-9310

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 23, 1934

The following letter drafted by the Corporation Counsel has been served on the Dieppe Corporation (Central Park Casino.)

May 21, 1934.

Dieppe Corporation
Central Park Casino
Central Park
Borough of Manhattan
New York City

Sirs:

On or about February 13, 1934, you were served with a notice stating that the conduct of and the style and manner of the operation of the Central Park Casino Restaurant by you, under the privilege granted you by The City of New York under date of February 6, 1929, were unsatisfactory to the City and the Commissioner of Parks, in violation of the intent and purposes of the agreement for said privilege and in violation of the law relating to public parks. In said notice demand was made upon you to conduct and operate this privilege in a manner satisfactory to the City and the Commissioner of Parks and in accordance with the restrictions, rules and requirements of the Commissioner of the Department of Parks so as to carry out the intent and purposes of the agreement and among other things, to establish a moderate and reasonable schedule of prices for the refreshments and facilities furnished by you under said privilege and to make the restaurant a public restaurant available to and within the reach of the general public using Central Park.

You were informed by said notice and at the conferences had with your counsel upon this matter that the conduct of this privilege as an exclusive night club and cabaret charging exorbitant prices and catering principally to an exclusive class of persons entering Central Park solely for the purpose of using such facilities, was entirely unsatisfactory to the Commissioner, and that the only type of restaurant satisfactory to the Commissioner would be a popular priced public restaurant charging reasonable prices and operated so that it would be available to and serve the needs and convenience of the general public using Central Park.

Every reasonable opportunity has been given you to conform the conduct and manner of operation of this privilege to these requirements. However, you have continued and still continue to conduct and operate the privilege in a style and manner substantially unchanged. The restaurant is still conducted in a manner of an exclusive and high priced night club and cabaret and not as a popular priced public restaurant in a public park. You have failed and

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refused to establish and charge moderate and reasonable prices for the refreshments and facilities furnished by you within the reach of the general public using the park, and to conduct the privilege as a popular priced public restaurant. The style and manner of the operation and conduct of this privilege has continued to be and still continues to be unsatisfactory to the Department of Parks and its Commissioner in violation of the intent and terms of the agreement, and constitutes an improper and illegal use of the premises in a public park.

The City of New York and its Commissioner of Parks require these premises for the reasonable park purpose of there being maintained thereon a popular priced public restaurant at which the general public using the park may be accommodated, and its needs and convenience served.

The privilege heretofore granted to you under date of February 6, 1929 of selling refreshments on the premises of the building known as the Casino Restaurant and providing entertainment for the guests, is hereby revoked, cancelled and annulled by the Commissioner of Parks, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the agreement for said privilege and in accordance with the powers vested in the Commissioner by law.

According to paragraph 21 of said agreement you may be required within five (5) days after notice of cancellation thereof to cease to exercise the privilege granted and to remove all property belonging to you from the premises.

However, in order to give you ample time to make arrangements to vacate the premises and remove your property therefrom, you are hereby notified to cease all operation of said privilege and to remove all property belonging to you from said premises on or before midnight of June 15, 1934. In default of such removal on or before said date you will be forthwith ejected from said premises and all property belonging to you found thereon will be deemed abandoned.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT MOSES
Commissioner of Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
Tel. Butterfield 8-9310.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

May 19, 1934

The championship finals of the annual Marble Shooting Contest held under the auspices of the Park Department, open to boys and girls under sixteen years of age, for the Boys' Championship and Girls' Championship of Greater New York, were played at City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, May 16th. Master Howard Roettger, 14 years, of 368 Eighth Avenue, New York City, representing Chelsea Park, won the Boys' Championship and Miss Patty Smyth, 15 years, of 147-53 Elm Avenue, Flushing, was the successful contestant for the Girls' Championship.

Each of the winners challenged the other and they were so insistent that they be allowed to play off what seemed to them to be a tie, that the Park Department has announced that these two winners would play a series of games for the Boys' and Girls' Championship on Thursday next, May 24th, at 4 p.m. on the Mall, Central Park, in front of the bandstand. If inclement weather prevents the holding of the contest on that day, the event will be held on the following day at the same time and place.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 17, 1934.

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The Park Department's new plan for the construction of fifteen baseball diamonds in Central Park was announced today. These fifteen baseball diamonds have been laid out in the North Meadow opposite 100th Street in Central Park. Up to now the playing of baseball has been permitted in this area but no formal diamonds were provided and conditions have been disorderly and unsatisfactory. Thirteen of the new diamonds will be usable now, but two will not be available for immediate play, due to rock which must be blasted away to level off the surface. Base lines have been marked out with lime as on major league baseball diamonds. Regular rubber home plates are being installed and major league canvas bags will be secured in place to mark the bases. Temporary heavy wire backstops are being installed. Permanent backstops would necessitate a delay in the immediate use of these areas. These diamonds are laid out to provide safe play for all teams using the grounds. Adequate space is provided for spectators.

Football and soccer will be provided for after the baseball season.

The old stable and storage yard, which has been in use since the Civil War, is being converted into a modern field house. The Park Department's horses quartered in these stables will be moved out of the park. Showers and locker rooms will be installed in this building. The structure is of good design and is readily adaptable to the plan. The storage yard in the rear of the old stable, which has been used for

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Fifty years as a dumping ground for refuse and discarded equipment, will be turned over to recreation. Handball courts will be built on the site of the old yard. The wall surrounding the old storage yard will be demolished.

Access to the new field house for recreation in Central Park will be provided from the 97th Street Transverse Road and from the Park path system which encircles this area.

The connecting drive between the east and west park roads, opposite 102nd Street, has been closed to vehicular traffic and this area has been turned over to roller skating. The circular overlook on the west side of the park, opposite 105th Street, has been converted into a roller skating rink. The Area in the center of the roller skating rink has been set aside for lawn croquet and roque, while the area around the rink has been reserved for other lawn sports.

A new playground for small children is also being built adjacent to the roller skating circle.

The new facilities being added to Central Park are adjacent to the tennis courts across the Transverse Road in the South Meadow.

The Park Department also has set aside twenty-three restricted small plots, adjacent to all of the pedestrian entrances to Central Park, for children under five years of age, in which to dig with their shovels and pails. Sand boxes are provided for this purpose.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 16, 1934

COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB against CITY OF NEW YORK

In view of the decision of the Appellate Division setting this case down for immediate trial and following Judge Wasservogel's decision in the Orchard Beach case, the Columbia Yacht Club has decided not to contest Park Commissioner Moses' right to order the club to vacate property in Riverside Park which it has occupied for some years.

Counsel for the club has entered into a stipulation with the Corporation Counsel discontinuing the action and agreeing to vacate the club-house on or before June 17th, 1934 and to remove property belonging to the club from the premises on or before July 1st, 1934. The City has consented that the club may remove the club-house, if it cares to do so, providing it is removed before July 1st.

The removal of this obstacle in the way of the West Side Improvement will enable the Park Commissioner to continue the improvement of Riverside Park unobstructed by clubs, squatters, or other private interests.

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The Department of Parks announced today the detailed plan of development of the Orchard Beach section of Pelham Bay Park, in the Borough of The Bronx, on which the technical staff has been working for several months. A general outline of the plan was announced previously when the bath houses and seawall around Pelham Bay were demolished and the campers who held permits to maintain tent platforms were served notice to vacate the property by June the first.

The development requires a parkway to be constructed through the peninsula to reach the privately owned development on City Island. This parkway will be laid out as the backbone of the vehicular traffic system in this area. Secondary parkway drives will provide access to the recreational units in the park.

The whole stretch of shore northerly from the City Island Road along Pelham Bay, over a half mile in length, will be rebuilt by cutting into the bank of the beach and adding additional hydraulic fill to widen the usable sand beach area to approximately 200 feet in width. A boardwalk the entire length of the beach will be constructed behind a masonry parapet wall.

On the bank overlooking the middle section of the beach and the boardwalk, a brick bath house, to accommodate 5,400 bathers at one time, will be constructed. This bath house will follow the general scheme of development which has proven satisfactory at Jones Beach State Park. The dressing rooms and lockers will be built in open court areas to let in a maximum of light and air. A refreshment stand and open air self-service restaurant will be built in connection with the bath house.

Adequate parking fields will be provided in the rear of the bath house in the area up to now occupied by the tent colony. It will be necessary to eliminate entirely the present road as well as the tent platforms. Thirty tennis courts and a large picnic area will be built adjacent to the parking field. A children's play area will also be constructed adjacent to both the beach and the parking field. Overlook parking spaces will be provided along the secondary park drives.

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South of the main parkway to City Island a forty acre athletic field will be constructed to provide baseball, football and soccer fields. Fifteen additional tennis courts will be built adjacent to this athletic field.

At the southerly tip of the peninsula, between Pelham and Eastchester Bays, two boat harbors will be built. These marine basins are designed to accommodate motor boats, sail boats, canoes and other small craft that use these sheltered waters at the westerly end of Long Island Sound. The construction of these marine basins will provide publicly owned and operated storage spaces and landing docks for the many boats for which there are no adequate facilities either publicly or privately owned. ^{make-shift} The/boat and yacht clubs along the shore of this section of the city can find here all the facilities needed to own and operate a boat. A refreshment stand will be constructed between the two boat harbors to serve the needs of the patrons of these marine basins.

Work has already been started following this detailed plan. The road to City Island is well under way. The old bath house, which will be replaced with a modern structure, has been torn down. These buildings which were demolished, were very badly designed, improperly located and badly built. The seawall which was built of cobblestones has been demolished to make way for the new boardwalk. The tortuous,, inadequately located roadway along the shore, squeezed in between the old bath house and the camps, will be torn up to allow the execution of the plan. Work on the building of the parking field will be started on June the first, the date on which all of the campers are to remove all of their personal property.

All of the work will be done, for the present, with labor and material provided by the Works Division of the Department of Public Welfare. Additional funds must be provided later. By commencing work on June 1, and working through the remainder of the year and next spring, the new recreational area can be open to public use next summer.

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The plan takes the fullest advantage of the natural rocky hillside and wooded areas. No attempt will be made to salvage any part of the previous development of Orchard Beach. The original plan, built around the poorly planned existing structures, would have necessitated unwarranted destruction of the natural topography and woodland of this area, and would have produced nothing of permanent value to the public.

Up to now one-third of the whole area of Orchard Beach has been preempted as a special privilege for a few hundred campers. The new plan provides facilities which will be open without exception to the general public.

No swimming will be permitted at Orchard Beach this summer. Investigation has disclosed the water to be unfit for bathing. The source of pollution is in a large measure local and the Park Department will see that the contamination is eliminated by the summer of 1935 to restore this bathing area to public usage.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.
May 15, 1934.

W. L. ...

The Park Department announced today that construction will be resumed immediately on the golf clubhouse at Dyker Beach Park in Brooklyn. This work was stopped two weeks ago pending a complete investigation of previous construction. The Building is 60% completed. It has been under construction for about a year and a half. The work was financed through the old City Work Committee and the former Civil Works Administration. Plans were prepared and construction supervised under the former Commissioner of Parks, Brooklyn.

Mr. Aymar Embury, II, Consulting Architect, Major Gilmore D. Clarke, Consulting Landscape Architect, and Mr. Emil H. Praeger, Consulting Civil Engineer, of the Park Department, made a complete investigation of the structure and found that there were many features which require correction before the building can be occupied with safety. There is hardly any part of the building entirely free from minor structural faults. It is the opinion of the engineering experts, however, that the building can be made structurally safe by redesign of the work still to be done and reconstruction of certain parts of the existing building.

The building is not ideally located in relation to the rest of the layout of the park. Instead of being designed as an incident in the plan of the municipal golf course and made an inconspicuous part of the topography, it was put up in the most prominent part of the park, overlooking the harbor, and requires sacrifices in design of the golf course that should not have been made. It is too large and elaborate for its purpose, and reflects the bad taste and lack of planning experience of those who were originally responsible for it.

The exterior architecture of the building is fairly satisfactory. There is a great deal of waste space in the building which can be corrected by reallocation, and the tearing out of some partitions, and construction of others.

The Commissioner of Parks announces that while the present staff of the department would not have designed this structure in the way it was done, it would be a waste of public funds, to tear down the building and start anew. Work therefore, will be resumed immediately and the structure will be completed by fall. It will cost approximately \$75,000. in materials to complete the structure.

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The finals of the annual marble shooting contest, which was open to all boys and girls under sixteen years, will be played separately for the Boys Championship and Girls Championship of Greater New York at City Hall Plaza on Tuesday, May 15th, at 4 p.m. under the auspices of the Park Department.

The successful contestants in the preliminary games held in the playgrounds of all five boroughs, who are to represent their respective boroughs in the championship finals, are as follows:

BOYS -- MANHATTAN	--	Howard Roettger,	369 -8th Ave.	Age 14 years	
		Billy Anthony	311 West 55th St.	-12	"
		Edward Roettger,	369 - 8th Ave.	12	"
		James McPartland,	284- 10th Ave.	9	"
GIRLS --	"	Ruth Richardson,	62 West 56th St.	14	"
		Dorothy Jones,	114 West 63d St.	16	"
		Dora Richardson,	62 W. 56th St.	12	"
BRONX --- GIRLS	--	Betty Gallagher	1703 Fulton Ave.	15	"
		Evelyn Plotnick	1699 " "	11	"
		Marlyn Pearson	25 E. 193d St.	12	"
		Phoebe Folke	995 Summit Ave.	13	"
"	-- BOYS	Warren Kamains	3 W. 192nd St.	13	"
		Herbert Schalz,	2601 Jerôme Ave.	15	"
		Joseph DiUbaldo	3933 3d Ave.	14	"
		George Schwager,	3935 3d "	14	"
RICHMOND --- BOYS only.		James Burns	14 Faber St.		
		Tony Lucci	11 " "		
		Fred Lafrado	19 Simonson Ave.		
QUEENS --- BOYS		John Atkinson	119-15 Sutphin Blvd.	15 years	
		Charles John	22-33 30th Drive, Astoria-	12	
		Alex Toninek	45-43 - 161st St. Flushing,	14	
		Robert Lenihan,	240-10 142nd Ave. Rosedale	14	
	GIRLS	Patty Smyth	147-33 Elm Ave. Flushing,	12	
		Betty Bergman	214-17 - 36th Ave. Bayside,	13	
		Edith Peragine	35-23 215 St. Bayside	11	
		Florence Buckholz	148-12- 133d Ave. South Ozone Park,	13	
BROOKLYN --- BOYS		Arthur Yacenda,	2502 "S" Bklyn.	13	
		Munzio Aquilina	326 Stockholm St. Bklyn.	15	
		James Freola	123 First Place, Bklyn.	13	
		Vito Migliore	2057 E. 14th St.	12	
BROOKLYN --- GIRLS		Vivian Kart	1817 55th Street, Bklyn.	10	
		Shirley Pomerante	1722 58th St., Bklyn.	10	
		Evelyn Smith	1953 54th St., Bklyn.	13	

The following rules will govern the contest:

1. All games shall be for fair, marbles must be returned to owners after each game.
2. Players shall provide their own shooters and marbles for the games.
3. Shooters shall not be less than $5/8$ inch nor more than $7/8$ inches in diameter.
4. Marbles shall not be less than $1/2$ nor more than $3/4$ inches in diameter.
5. Players shall knuckle down on all shots.
6. Hunching and histing shall not be permitted on any shots, and where called by the referee the shot shall be played for.
7. Players will first lag for a line marked from the ground from a distance of ten feet for the order of their turns in each game.
8. Player tossing or shooting shooter nearest the line shoots first, next shoots first, next shoots second, &c.
9. The ring shall be ten feet in diameter, with a cross scratched in the center. In all games 13 ducks shall be used, one at the intersection of the cross lines and the others placed three inches apart on each cross line.
10. Starting the game, each player in his turn, according to the lagging outcome knuckles down on the ring line and shoots-- by lofting is possible to knock one or more of the ducks out of the ring, or to hit the shooter of the preceding player. A player when shooting from the outside of the ring must knuckle down from the ring line.
11. Ducks knocked out of the ring are held by the player knocking them out. Ducks knocked only part way out of the ring will be left where they come to rest and the player following will be permitted to shoot at them. A player whose shooter goes outside the ring, at the time he has been successful in shooting a duck out, will continue shooting from the ring line and is permitted to take roundsters.
12. The referee's decision shall govern in all cases of disagreement and shall be final.

A gold medal bearing the seal of the City and the figure of Victory will be presented by the Park Department to the winners of the Boys Championship and to the winner of the Girls Championship. Silver medals for second place and bronze medals for third place will be presented to the boys and girls finishing in these positions.

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The Department of Parks announced today that, effective Saturday, May 12th, a charge of 25 ¢ will be made for parking an automobile and 50¢ for the parking of a bus at the parking spaces listed below:

MANHATTAN

Speedway north of 155th Street
Isham Park, near ballfield.

BRONX

Pelham Bay Park - Rice Stadium
Split Lock
Hunter Island
1st tee - Golf Course.

Van Courtlandt - Mosholu Club House
1st Tee- Van Courtlandt Golf Course
Parade Grounds
Picnic Grounds.

QUEENS

Alley Pond, adjacent to Grand Central Parkway
Hillside, " " " " "
Jacob Riis
Kissena
Forest - Band Stand and Victory Field
Clearview

BROOKLYN

Dreamland parking field, Coney Island
Dyker Beach
Prospect Park- Concourse at the Lake
Picnic House
Lookout Hill

RICHMOND

LaTourette Club House
Silver Lake Club House
Willowbrook

These are the large formal parking areas in the City park system.

Where free parking is permitted in overlooks or along the park drives, a one hour parking limit will be established.

There are inadequate parking facilities in all of the City parks and the charge of 25¢ for the exclusive use of part of the park by the owner of an automobile is necessary. In addition to providing revenue for the City for the maintenance and operation of the park system, it provides a means for controlling the disorderly procedure in storing automobiles which existed in the past. In order to line up the cars properly so that the owner of an automobile can leave the area freely, attendants must be provided to control the spacing of the cars.

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The City cannot afford to pay these attendants unless a charge is made for this particular service. In connection with the new parking fields at Alley and Hillside Parks along the Grand Central Parkway, picnic areas, fireplaces for outdoor cooking, tables and playgrounds have been provided, and these will be enlarged according to the demand.

Where charges are made for parking at golf courses or tennis courts, holders of season permits or daily receipts will not be required to pay an additional charge for parking their cars.

Dreamland Parking Field at Coney Island, operated by a concession agreement, which was recently cancelled by the Commissioner of Parks, will be operated on a 25¢ charge every day of the week, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Formerly, under the old agreement, the concessionaire was allowed to raise his price to 50¢ on Sundays.

A similar arrangement existed at Jacob Riis Park where 50¢ was charged on Sunday because the concessionaire could exact this fee. This fee will also be reduced to 25¢ every day of the week.

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The Park Department announced initial plans today for the accommodation of the officers and enlisted men of the various units of the United States Fleet which will be anchored opposite Riverside Park and Drive between 79th and 97th Streets during the visit of the fleet to New York, commencing May 31st.

This section is now being provided with temporary facilities by the department. Two landing stages are being provided at 79th and 96th Streets. Everything possible will be done to provide for the comfort of the officers and enlisted men and their guests.

A large plaza, approximately 100 x 300 feet, is to be provided at 79th Street between the New York Central tracks and the North River. On this will be erected a large temporary concession stand and a comfort station. In the space between these two buildings, 50 x 100 feet, an ample number of benches will be placed for the use of those waiting for launches to take them to the ships, and in the center, an information booth is to be built with a flagpole. These three temporary buildings will be of appropriate design and will be painted in attractive colors.

North of the plaza a large space will be fenced off for the use of taxis and buses, and to the south of the plaza another area will be reserved as a parking space for private vehicles.

A list of the ships anchored at this point will be posted on a large bulletin board.

The landing stage at 96th Street will be treated in a somewhat similar manner. A large plaza with temporary information booth and concession stand, comfort stations and parking areas for public and private vehicles will be provided. Portions of this section are to be resurfaced with smooth blocks

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to replace the present cobble-stones.

The Flag Ship of the Fleet, the Battleship Pennsylvania, will be anchored off 97th Street.

A special temporary building conforming to plans of the Navy Department is being erected at the 96th Street pier. This is to be used as a receiving depot for all meats, vegetables and other food supplies for the fleet. All supplies must pass government inspection at this point before being transported to the ships.

There are to be sign posts bearing the names of the various ships which may be visited from each one of the three landing stages to help visitors reach the ship desired and to minimize traffic congestion. These will be erected at 79th Street, 97th Street and 122nd Street and Riverside Drive.

These arrangements are being made by the Park Department after consultation with representatives of the Navy and of the Dock Department.

Portions of the piers to be used are being repaired by the Dock Department, which department also is building gangways to the several floats which are to be anchored to either side of the piers.

Additional launches in excess of those provided and operated by the Navy will be available for the use of visitors. These extra boats will be under the direct supervision of the Dock Department.

The Dock Department will provide independently all facilities required above 97th Street.

The entire fleet will number about 100 ships of various types and the personnel will total around 36,000 men.

It is expected that twelve to fifteen thousand people will visit the ships on Sundays and that the fleet will receive about five to six thousand visitors on week days.

The fleet is scheduled to leave New York the 17th of June.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 2, 1934.

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Plans for the rehabilitation of Crotona Park were announced by the Park Department today. The territory to be improved lies along the westerly side of the park from Claremont Parkway to East 175th Street. The narrow flagstone walk now in place will be removed and an attractive broad walk will be constructed. The new type of park benches recently adopted by the Park Department will be placed along the entire walk. This part of the improvement is designed for the particular use of mothers and children.

To meet the great demand which has existed for many years for baseball facilities in the neighborhood of Crotona Park East, the park road at East 173d Street and Crotona Park will be closed and a baseball diamond and backstop constructed. Additional baseball diamonds will be constructed on the west side of the park where an appropriate location will be obtained by the removal of a small quantity of rock. A playground and handball courts will be constructed in the southwest corner of the park.

The mounds located in the vicinity of East 175th Street will be improved with attractive plantations of trees and shrubbery.

The lawns located at Arthur Avenue north of East 175th Street, Crotona Park East between Prospect and Wilkins Avenue, Charlotte Street and Suburban Place and also those between Wilkins Avenue and Charlotte Street will be restored.

An additional improvement in this neighborhood will be the construction of ten new tennis courts and it is expected that a new tennis house will be opened this season for the use of the players. When the new courts are completed, this park will have thirty courts and a modern locker house with showers.

The rehabilitation of Crotona Park will get under way within the next two weeks.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.
April 27, 1934.

Sarah S. Demmen, Secretary.

Pub. Job #37

The fifty-two shacks comprising the veterans' camp between 72nd Street and 79th Street, between Riverside Drive and the Hudson River will be torn down on May the first. Provision has been made for the Department of Public Welfare to transfer these men to a farm at Greycourt. There are eighty-three other shacks along Riverside Drive on the Hudson River, housing over one hundred men, which will be torn down at the same time that the Hudson River Yacht Club and the Columbia Yacht Club will be demolished.

A reinforced concrete coal hopper at the foot of 96th Street, on the River, will be wrecked immediately. This coal hopper on Park land has for years been an improper usage of Park property. It interferes with the West Side Improvement Plan and the area it occupies will be restored to recreational usage in accordance with the Plan. The ground floor of this structure houses miscellaneous equipment which is being stored by private corporations with no permit from the City. Another frame coal hopper is now leased by a firm of retail coal dealers. The City has been receiving a yearly rental for this structure but it occupies park land and is another example of improper use of a recreational area. Agitation for removal of these obstructions and eyesores has been going on for years without action on the part of the responsible public officials.

Most of the old docks in the vicinity of 96th Street will be torn down. All will be left, however, for the use of the Navy during the visit of the Pacific and Atlantic fleets in June.

A dilapidated lunch wagon on the waterfront at 96th Street will also be torn down, and a temporary food stand will be provided for the sailors during the stay of the fleet. When the fleet leaves, this temporary building will be demolished.

There is another group of eleven shacks built around the piling under the dock at 96th Street. These wharf dwellers are literally clinging to the underpinnings of the rotting dock structure. They will, of course, be torn down immediately.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 26, 1934.

Chas. J. ... #36.

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

The public links at Forest Hills, nine holes, will open this Saturday. The popularity of the newly reduced fee for permits this year is recorded in the number of permits issued to date. Some 2745 permits, a considerable number over the Park Department's record last year, have already been issued. Another factor accountable for the increased registration is that permits are good on the golf courses in all boroughs.

The Department announces that holders of 1934 brass tags must immediately comply with the new regulations by surrendering their brass tags at any of the following offices:

- Bronx: Zbrowski Mansion, East 173d Street and Claremont Parkway,
- Brooklyn: Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West & 5th St.
- Manhattan: The Arsenal, 5th Ave. & 64th St., Central Park
- Queens: The Overlook, Union Turnpike & Park Lane, Forest Park, Kew Gardens
- Richmond: Borough Hall, St. George, Staten Island, N.Y.

At the same time, it is necessary for each applicant to furnish a small snap-shot photo, $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ to be pasted on each permit. The brass tags were issued prior to the installation of the present system only as an emergency measure, and these tags will not be honored any longer as a permit to play on the city links.

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FOR RELEASE
Friday Evening Papers
April 20, 1934

Part #35

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

Commissioner Moses of the Department of Parks has notified the Columbia Yacht Club, at 86th Street and the Hudson River, and the Hudson River Yacht Club, at 90th Street and the Hudson River, to vacate the city property occupied by them, by the following letter:

April 17, 1934.

Dear Sirs:

This is to notify you that you are occupying property belonging to the City of New York under the supervision of the Department of Parks without a permit.

This property is needed immediately for construction work. Please vacate the property and remove all personal property belonging to you from the premises by May 1, 1934. If your property is not removed by that date it will be treated as abandoned property.

Very truly yours,

Robert Moses,
Commissioner.

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Riverside Park. Among other things, the plan includes a series of boat basins, athletic fields, walks, under and over passes, grade eliminations, and other improvements. The adoption of this plan involved the cooperation of numerous agencies, including the Legislature and Governor of the State, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the New York Central Railroad, the Board of Transportation, the Transit Commission, the Port of New York Authority, and numerous other agencies of the city.

I found that the City had a credit of Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,200,000.) with the New York Central Railroad available for construction between Seventy-second and Eighty-sixth Streets in Riverside Park, and that there was also available a considerable sum of relief money to pay for labor and materials which could be used by me as park commissioner to supplement the funds to be expended by the New York Central Railroad. All of the work above described is under the direction and control of the park commissioner, subject to the terms of the West Side agreement and by resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Part of this work has already been done. For example, the railroad has expended approximately One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.) on retaining walls which extend from Seventy-second to Seventy-ninth Street, and the City has expended from time to time large sums for bulkheading and filling.

I found that there were a number of encroachments in the way of this important plan. The encroachments which most seriously interfered with the resumption of work on this project were shacks of various squatters, the Columbia Yacht Club, and another yacht club. I immediately took steps to have these encroachments removed. There were discussions with the officers of the Columbia Yacht Club with reference to the abandonment of the club.

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Further attention is called to the fact that all encroachments on Riverside Drive are being removed, including coal pockets, garages, and other structures north of Ninety-sixth Street, and that absolutely no exceptions are being made.

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March 23, 1934.

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

These are busy days in the Greenhouses facing Woodhaven Boulevard just south of Myrtle Avenue in Forest Park, Borough of Queens. Workmen are tenderly carrying pots of lilies and armfuls of bright tulips from the pits, while others are busy constructing frames and stands around the large cross which will be the feature of the exhibit, for the Park Department is preparing the Easter Show which will gladden the hearts of thousands during the Easter season.

The show will be opened to the public on Palm Sunday and continue daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. during Easter week. There will be 700 gleaming Easter lilies massed in the form of a cross and banks of bright tulips, hyacinths and daffodils harmoniously arranged to surround its grassy base with color. In the foreground there will be over 200 pots of daisies bordered by cuphea and glowing double yellow tulips. Clusters of hydrangeas and tall Darwins, hyacinths in all shades of pink, lavender and blue, yellow genestra and many other colorful blooms will be arranged and massed against a background of palms and fern to produce a magnificent spectacle of color climaxing in the gleaming whiteness of the lilies.

It is estimated that no less than three or four thousand visitors will gaze on this inspiring array of beauty daily and many will take away with them a more hopeful outlook and be the richer for the short time spent with spring's promise of another bright season.

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March 22, 1934.

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The plan for the development of Kissena Park in the Borough of Queens has been finally determined by the Department of Parks. The greater part of this 217 acre area is to be developed into an informal park, but is to include recreational facilities for adults as well as children.

The features to be provided for adult recreation will include a large outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, handball courts, baseball, hockey, and football fields and archery ranges.

An 18 hole pitch and putt golf course, requiring less than 50 acres of land, will start from the central club house. This golf course will have regulation greens and tees but the fairways will only be long enough to provide for an approach shot. The holes will vary from 60 yards to 125 yards in length. It was decided to establish this type of golf course in preference to a nine hole course because the pitch and putt course requires no expensive outlay of equipment for the player. Players can play the course after work in the evening as it requires only one hour to make the rounds.

Boating facilities will be provided on the Kissena Lake and a system of trails and paths through the 150 acres not required for the recreational plant, will be built.

Playgrounds for children will be built around the margin of the park.

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Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

Spring is here!

Her coming will be celebrated by the yearly pilgrimage to Prospect Park Conservatory where the annual Easter Flower Display will open on Holy Saturday and continue for three weeks. Assisting Mlle. Printemps will be 10,000 floral beauties in 300 groups, all en jardiniere with a background of ferns and palms - the Easter Flower Show in full bloom and loveliness.

This annual display has so grown in grace and popularity as to have become a fixture in the social calendar of thousands. Every year has found the show more beautiful and notable than its predecessor. Last year's event drew 165,983 visitors and this number did not include school children.

Pilgrims came by private and public motor car, trolley, subway, "L", afoot and horseback. Last year, on Easter Sunday, the crowd began arriving at 7:30 a.m. and from then until dark, 33,876 individuals passed through the conservatory. Of parked cars on that day, there were 4,271 from New York; 36 from Pennsylvania; 43 from Connecticut; eight from Massachusetts; five from Rhode Island and 751 from New Jersey.

How - the thoughtful visitor may marvel - does it come to pass that the flowers all open on time, in spite of variable weather and fluctuating thermometer? How does it happen that the plants are in full bloom for the Easter show, the gardner achieving a timeliness arrived at by the modiste in decking a debutante for the Easter Parade? The answer is it just does not happen. It is planned.

Should anyone harbor the idea that there is much new in current theories of planned living, let him consider existence in a conservatory nursery.

He will learn, on investigation, that the Easter Flower Show, petal, sepal, bud, calyx, stem and leaf - is reared through long months, with skill, patience and watchfulness. The uninitiated can have little idea, when inhaling fragrance or gazing at beauty in the Springtime show, of the care and detailed method employed to bring the plants to their timely and perfect assumption of blossoms. Each plant has its formula for care, diet and temperature.

This month a year ago, the propagating and growing of the plants for exhibition in the greenhouses during Eastertide, were started. In the meantime each plant has been plucked, sheared, repotted, cultivated, watered, sprayed, washed and fed in turn.

Some of the plants are lilies, used in their several varieties in the show. Easter lilies form the gigantic cross which is an annual feature of the exhibit, a symbol of arresting beauty and significance. The Japanese Easter Lily requires five months to mature, and the growing period of the others is variable. A full year is needed for the burgeoning of others, - cinerarias, calceolarias, schizanthus, camellias, gardenias, acacias, genesters and azaleas.

The flowering plum, cherry, peach, crab apple - these are for the most part three to four years old. They were dug up a month ago, earth bagged around their roots and removed from their winter rest to warm greenhouses and there brought to the blossoming point. They were then moved to a cool, dark place to be kept until the eve of the display.

At Prospect park Greenhouses, the gardeners do notable things in the way of arranging landscapes. A potted wisteria, which has rested all winter is lifted out, stimulated to bloom, and placed where it forms a bower of beauty.

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Visitors to the Easter Show will find much to intrigue their interest in various greenhouses - the cacti exhibit for instance, the fine collection of Bromeliaceas among the tropical foliage and flowers, not to mention the rare palms and ferns assembled in this Brooklyn Institution.

The Easter Show is one of three big events each year at the Greenhouses. One is the Chrysanthemum show, for which the gardeners are getting ready even now and the other is the winter display of Poinsettias. Each attracts a large attendance. The Greenhouses are under the direct care of James J. Gleason, who has a personnel of 12 gardeners and five firemen, for the 17 greenhouses which shelter the flora of the park.

Visitors may reach the Easter show by subway to Grand Army Plaza and by Vanderbilt Avenue car to Vanderbilt entrance. When they arrive at the Easter Show they will have a preview of the park in its summer robes - two months ahead of time!

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park

FOR RELEASE TO AFTERNOON PAPERS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14th, 1934.

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Sarah S. Dennen

Model news stands, refreshment stands, bootblack stands, and police booths, standardized housing for concessions in the city parks and playgrounds, designed by the CWA staff of architects, engineers and landscaped architects working at the Arsenal, are made public today.

In accordance with these plans, each of the several kinds of stands will be uniform in appearance, designed to fit into a park or playground. When these are installed the miscellaneous structures which now clutter city squares and the entrances to city parks will be eliminated.

The plan for the police booths was arrived at after a conference between the Park and Police Department. These booths, built entirely of metal, will be supplied with telephone, lights and a writing shelf. The glass windows extending completely around the booth afford an unobstructed view in all directions.

The model refreshment stand is in reality a complete kichonette. Water, gas and electricity connections will be installed, also electrical connections for refrigeration and ventilating fan. The serving counters and working parts will be constructed of monel metal, the walls and booths of wood and formica.

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New stands in three model types, are designed to be constructed of monel metal, wood and formica. One of these, octagonal in shape, for use in the open, is accessible from all sides. The other type is oblong, to fit against a wall of fence. Both these stands are for permanent installation, soundly constructed of metal, wood and formica, with steel shutters which pull down protecting the merchandise when not in use.

Another temporary news stand has been designed, folding up when not in use, something in the manner of a wardrobe trunk. All of the news stands will be painted a neutral shade depending on the colorful display of magazines for decoration.

The new model bootblack stand will also be temporary in character, inasmuch as it can be folded, padlocked and transported from place to place. Each stand will be equipped with two chairs, two drawers, installed under each chair for brushes and the necessary supplies. The backs of the stands extend up and over the top of the chairs, affording protection to the occupant both from sun and rain.

These designs were made by A. G. Lorimer, A. Martini, and George Levy, CWA workers, under the direction of Aymer Embury, 2nd, architect.

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For Immediate Release
March 7, 1934

The new Central Park picture-book Zoo is under construction. The work has started and will be completed by early summer. The work of design has been done by C.W.A. architects, landscape men and engineers in the employ of the Park Department.

The present Zoo, built in 1868, was considered at that time the best of its kind, but measured by modern standards it is now inadequate and presents dangerous fire hazards.

The plan shows a hollow square, with the Arsenal on the east and a restaurant with an open terrace on the west. The enclosed court measures 267' from east to west and 290' from north to south. The various animal houses will be connected by arcades on the north and south sides. In the center of the square will be a large seal tank and in each of the four corners, small cages of very active animals, whose constant motion will add to the interest of the setting. The entire court area will be well shaded, with an ample supply of benches.

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Plans for the new zoo in Prospect Park have been completed. The preliminary work of digging test pits has already been started. The new zoo will be located on the area which was once the Duck Pond. The main entrance to the zoo appears on the plans opening immediately off Flatbush Avenue, at a point about 440 feet from the Lefferts Mansion, towards Eastern Parkway. A stone stairway will be built leading down from the street to the lower level on which six brick buildings comprising the zoo will be constructed around a seal pond in the center, with walks radiating from this, giving the plan in the bird's-eye-view the general shape of a fan.

These six buildings will house the lions, the horned animals, monkeys and birds. The home of the hippopotamus and elephants will be in a large domed central building. In one corner of the zoological garden there will be a restaurant where light refreshments will be served, and two shelters will be constructed along the street level. Two huge decorative cages will exhibit a hawk and an eagle.

The most spectacular feature of the new Brooklyn Zoo will be the bears' dens, built back into the slope which rises towards Flatbush Avenue. These dens will be constructed of huge boulders, simulating a mountain side. To the spectator viewing the animals, nothing seems to stand between them as a protection. Closer observation, however, discloses a moat 18 feet deep, filled with water. This moat will be constructed with perpendicular sides, and even should one of the bears attempt to charge the spectators by swimming the moat, these steep sides will afford ample protection and will prevent the bear from gaining his freedom. This is known as the Haggensbach method of display and has been adopted by the zoos in St. Louis, Chicago and Washington. The lawn area around the zoo will be planted with large shade trees and attractive landscape features incorporated in the design will be laid out. Paths have been plotted to make the zoo accessible from all points in the park. The plans were prepared by C.W.A. architects and engineers and the zoo will be completed, and the animals moved into their new home, by early summer.

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March 6, 1934.

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The new zoo at Barrett Park, Staten Island, will not only be a zoo but it will be the headquarters of a unique educational demonstration under the direction of the Staten Island Zoological Society. The zoo will be a small one, judged by the number of specimens, which will include small mammals, birds and reptiles only. There are, in addition, extensive facilities planned for the enjoyment and understanding of the animals exhibited there. A biological laboratory, a lecture hall with sound movie installation will give both to adults and youngsters an unusual opportunity for nature-study work. Bird clubs, aquarium clubs, reptile clubs and wild flower clubs, etc., will have an opportunity of establishing headquarters with the added advantage of securing expert guidance in the study of their hobbies. A close cooperation with the natural history departments of the public schools and high schools will be maintained.

This zoo will be built on land given to the city for a public park by the will of Julia Oliver Hardin, to be known as the Clarence T. Barrett Park.

The center building, containing the curator's offices, will be two stories high, constructed of stone with a slate roof. The animals will be quartered in three one-story wings, one on either side of the center building, and one immediately in the rear.

This zoo will cost \$150,000 and will give employment to 150 men. Both the cost of construction and the payroll will be met by C.W.A. funds. Work will begin immediately and the Zoo will be finished and ready for occupancy by early summer.

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MARCH 6, 1934.

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

In order to provide a trained personnel to assist in directing the recreation in the new playgrounds under construction by the Park Department, a Training School for the 200 C.W.S. workers assigned to the playgrounds has been opened at the gymnasium at 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan.

Among the C.W.S. workers, men and women, are kindergarten teachers, settlement and playground workers. Daily sessions will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. after which the workers will return to their individual posts in the various playgrounds. This school will continue in session until April 1st.

The subjects covered in the curriculum include General Duties and Regulations, Organization and Administration, Group Games, First Aid, Dramatics and Handicrafts. The lectures will be given by the supervisors, assistant supervisors and the field staff of the Bureau of Recreation of the Department of Parks, assisted by a number of guest lecturers, among whom are, Richard A. Larned, Executive Secretary of the Society for Instruction in First Aid to the Injured; Charles Cranford, School of Health Education, New York University; Augustus D. Danzig, Musical Director, and John Martin, Handicraft Specialist, both of the National Recreation Association.

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Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.
February 28, 1934.

An agreement has been made between the Borough President of Manhattan and the Park Department under which the Borough President will reconstruct and improve the grass plots and central safety islands on Broadway, north of 59th Street. These areas are under jurisdiction of the Park Department, but owing to the fact that all plans have been made by the Borough President for their improvement, it was decided that the greatest progress could be made by having the work done under his direction. This work will be completed by the use of C.W.A. men and materials.

February 28, 1934

SARAH S. DENNEN, SECRETARY

The C.W.A. forces under the supervision of the Park Department have started building the 7-block-long playground from Canal to Houston Streets and between Chrystie and Forsythe Streets. This property has just been turned over to the Park Department by the Sinking Fund Commission, to be developed and operated as playgrounds. The land was acquired for the widening of Chrystie and Forsythe Streets, and for low-cost housing, but it has been decided that playgrounds and resting places for mothers and small children are more needed than model tenements. The clearing away of the slums from the end of the Manhattan Bridge to Canal Street has opened up a breathing space through this slum area, and the plan of the Park Department guarantees that it will be kept open.

The construction that has been started makes necessary the closing of Hester, Broome, Rivington and Stanton Streets. The closing of these one-way streets will cause no choking of traffic. Houston, Delancey, Grand and Canal Streets will, of course, be left open in this playground area. The closing of the other streets is absolutely necessary to afford protection for the users of the play areas and provides additional area for development. It would be impossible to develop seven separate playgrounds. Under the proposed arrangements there will be three areas.

Wading pools depressed below the level of the street are being provided between Grand and Broome Streets, and between Rivington and Stanton Streets. These wading pools of concrete will provide relief for children during the hot summer months; in the winter they will be used for ice-skating and in the fall and spring months for

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roller-skating and group activities such as basketball, volley ball, punch ball and other competitive sports.

The most modern sanitary facilities are being installed providing for chlorination and adequate re-circulation of the water. Nozzles and spray showers will be installed around the outside edges of the two wading pools for summer usage. Trees are being planted around the edges and benches are being installed so that mothers can watch their children. Adequate comfort stations will be built overlooking the pools.

Opposite Junior High School No. 65 for boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 15, separate boys and girls playgrounds are being installed between Canal and Grand Streets.

Across from Public School No. 20 and Public School No. 91, separate boys and girls playgrounds are also provided. There are separate playgrounds with sandboxes, kindergarten swings, seesaws and small slides provided in the general plan.

The whole area is built between surrounding walls two feet above the street level and the playgrounds are depressed four feet below the general parked area. All the playgrounds are surrounded with shade trees under which will be placed benches for the mothers.

These areas will be flood-lighted for adult recreation at night providing horse-shoe pitching, shuffle board, volley ball, basketball, hand tennis, paddle tennis, roller-skating and similar recreational activities.

The whole area will be supervised by a staff of Park Department recreational supervisors. The work will be completed by the coming summer and opened for public usage.

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This area will be the largest children's playground in the City of New York. It is located in the very heart of the most thickly congested tenement section where playgrounds have been needed.

The detailed plans were prepared by C.W.A. landscape architects working under the supervision of the landscape division of the Department of Parks.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE # 11

February 23, 1934.

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

Park Commissioner Moses sought this week from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the transfer of five abandoned school sites on the east side, from the Board of Education to the Department of Parks for the development as playgrounds.

The letter to the Sinking Fund follows:

"Among the abandoned structures owned by the city which have been investigated by the Tenement House Commissioner are five school houses on the lower east side, which will be useful for playgrounds. After discussing the matter with Mr. Pest, we have agreed that no better use can be made of these areas. I, therefore, request that they be transferred to the Park Department for playground purposes with the understanding that the work of demolition will be carried out as a CWA project by the Park Department under the direction of our engineers.

"The sites referred to are as follows:

Borough of Manhattan

1. Old Public School No. 88, located at the northwest corner of Lewis and Rivington Streets. This property has a frontage of approximately 125 feet on Lewis Street and extends 150 feet on Rivington Street.
2. Old Public School No. 13 located at the southerly side of East Houston Street extending from Essex Street to Norfolk Street. This property is approximately 200 feet long and 125 feet deep.
3. Old Public School No. 126 located on the southerly side of 12th Street, between Avenue A and Avenue B. This property is approximately 165 feet wide and 103 feet deep.

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4. Old Public School No. 112 located on the westerly side of Roosevelt Street between Oak Street and Cherry Street. This property is approximately 117 feet wide and 122 feet deep.
5. Old Public School No. 161 located at the northeast corner of Delaney and Ludlow Streets. This property has a frontage of approximately 118 feet on Delaney Street and extends 120 feet on Ludlow Street.

"May I ask that action be taken on this matter at the earliest possible moment so that we may include these projects in our CWA plans?"

Very truly yours,

Robert Mass

Commissioner of Parks."

It is planned to equip these playgrounds for the explicit use of young children.

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For immediate release.

February 22, 1934.

Sarah E. Dennen, secretary

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This afternoon at 2:30 the North Meadow of Central Park will assume all the aspects of a winter resort when a dog sled race, conducted by the Monroe County Pennsylvania Resort Association, will be run off.

Six teams of Alaskan Huskies will race over a five mile course. The Henry C. Turner Silver Cup will be awarded to the winner at the close of the race by Gladys Swartout, Metropolitan Opera Star. Six teams will be entered, two from the Dan at Buckhill Falls, two from Skytop and two from Pocono Manor. Piloting one of the teams will be Harry Drennen, who won the Husky race in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, last month. Another driver will be Molly Richardson who piloted the team to victory in the first day's grind of the Pocono Mountain Dog Sled Derby on Tuesday of this week. Another Musher is Mrs. Harry Drennen, one of the few women drivers of the country.

Among the Huskies to take part in the race will be Togo, who a few winters previously raced over Alaskan snow lands to carry anti-toxin to check an epidemic of diphtheria that had broken out there. Some of the dogs are Alaskan Huskies, crossed with Greyhounds, some are Huskies crossed with Police Dogs, and some with Collies and some are pure white Siberians. Two are descendants of dogs which Rear Admiral Byrd took with him to the South Pole. The six teams will comprise 36 dogs.

The unprecedented cold and an unusual depth of snow will make ideal sledding conditions.

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Entrances to Central Park most convenient to the course are 96th Street and Central Park West and 102nd Street and Fifth Avenue.

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Copy of the letter that the
Park Department has sent to the
Dieppo Corporation, which operates
the Central Park Casino, is
attached hereto.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
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FOR RELEASE MONDAY
February 19, 1934.

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary

Dieppe Corporation,
Central Park Casino,
Central Park, Borough of Manhattan,
City of New York
and
SIDNEY SOLOMON, President.

S i r s :

This is to advise you that the operation of the Central Park Casino, by the Dieppe Corporation, under an agreement with the City of New York dated February 6, 1929, is unsatisfactory to The City and to the Commissioner of Parks.

The license and privileges granted under said agreement are not being exercised, as provided in the agreement, to promote and increase the public enjoyment, use and convenience of Central Park. The prices charged for food, refreshments, entertainment and other facilities afforded there are exorbitant and make it impossible for the general public to avail itself of its use.

The only purpose that may legally be served by this agreement, is to afford a place in Central Park where food, refreshments and recreation may be enjoyed by the general public at reasonable prices, within the reach of persons of average means. The prices and the general mode of operation indicate that the Casino is operated for the special benefit and use of a small and special group of persons of means and is used and frequented only by this group and not by the general public.

Its general tone is that of an exclusive cabaret or night club, and not that of a public restaurant in a public park, used by citizens of the City, visiting the park for pleasure and recreation. The present manner of operation violates the terms and intent of the contract.

Your attention is called to paragraph 16 of the agreement above referred to which provides that "the corporation * * * covenants and agrees for itself, its successors or assigns that it will keep, maintain and conduct a refreshment building or restaurant on the said premises, in a style and manner satisfactory to the said Department of Parks* * * and under such restrictions, rules and regulations, as the said Department * * * may prescribe and regulate from time to time." For the purpose of establishing a fair and moderate schedule of prices for the refreshments and the facilities furnished by the Central Park Casino which will be within the reach of the general public, and for the purpose of effecting the true, legal and proper purposes of the agreement and the intent thereof, and under the regulatory power of the Commissioner of Parks, referred to in the said agreement, will you furnish forthwith, to the Commissioner of Parks of The City of New York at the Arsenal Building, in Central Park, New York City, a list and schedule of prices and charges of all foods, refreshments, beverages, liquors and other items sold and dispensed or facilities furnished that will meet the requirements and accomplish the intent and purposes of the said agreement.

Robert Moses,
Commissioner of Parks
of
The City of New York.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 15, 1934

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary

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In order to furnish his former neighbors an opportunity of playing the popular Italian game of Bocce, Mayor La Guardia has requested the Park Department to install courts in Thomas Jefferson Park at 111th Street and First Avenue, Manhattan. A Bocce Tournament will be held on these courts in the spring.

The game of Bocce is a favorite pastime in all Italian neighborhoods and at any ground fairly level can be used. It is a familiar sight to see two or four players playing in vacant lots.

The official court measures approximately 60 x 18 feet and is enclosed by a small wooden border. Bocce is played with eight round wooden balls thrown at a smaller guide ball, called a pallino. This is first tossed into position by one of the players chosen by the lucky flip of a coin. Two or four players may participate, a sure eye and a steady hand insures expertness. This game which resembles bowling has become a national sport in Italy and is recognized by the National Olympic Association in Italy.

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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY
Feb. 18, 1934

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary

BRYANT PARK

The Municipal Art Commission has approved the Department of Parks design for the construction of Bryant Park. Work will be started immediately and completed before the summer.

The design of the park is simple. It reflects the simple dignity of the westerly facade of the New York Public Library and satisfies the requirements of public usage of the area for rest and recreation. No playgrounds, athletic facilities or similar active recreational units need to be supplied in this midtown resting place.

The development of this area calls for benches in the shade, out of the path of the heavy pedestrian traffic of the midtown area.

A depressed central panel of grass in the center of the park is terminated at the Library end by the William Cullen Bryant Memorial, and at the Sixth Avenue end by the Lowell Memorial Fountain. A granite balustrade surrounds the grass panel back of which, at a slightly higher level, is a broad band of Oriental Plane trees four rows deep, which extends around the central panel forming a shady grove. Benches will be placed under the trees. The whole park will be raised slightly above the street level to afford greater seclusion.

Over one hundred plans have been prepared by different individuals during the past ten years for Bryant Park. The Architects' Emergency Committee held a competition recently, which was won by Lusby Simpson. This competition was

judged by prominent architects and landscape architects. An exhibition of the plans was held by the Sixth Avenue Association. The design of the Department of Parks which was approved by the Municipal Art Commission, follows closely the general scheme of Mr. Simpson's plan. Mr. Simpson is a member of the Technical Staff of the Park Department, and in recognition of the merit of his original design, was placed in charge of the development of these plans.

The plans as approved by the Art Commission are final and the construction has started and will be carried to completion as rapidly as possible.

Mr. V. Clement Jenkins, vice-president of the Sixth Avenue Association, said: "After eleven years fighting with the previous administrations it was very gratifying to find that our new Park Commissioner was planning in a few days after he came into office, to re-create Bryant Park and has selected the design approved by outstanding architects and landscape architects and the general public.

It is interesting to know that over a hundred thousand people pass Bryant Park in a single day. What a disgrace to our city Bryant Park has been to these thousands and what joy the Park Department will give to these same thousands every day as they pause at this new spot of inspiration and beauty. It was most interesting to find that the general public attending the exhibition of Bryant Park plans agreed enthusiastically in endorsing the prize winning plan submitted by Mr. Lusby Simpson.

We in mid-Manhattan owe to the reorganized Park Department a debt of gratitude for its prompt response to our hopes for a beautiful oasis of restfulness in the very heart

of our throbbing city."

Mr. Edmund P. Livingston, vice-president of the Union Dime Savings Bank, chairman of the Bryant Park Committee of the Sixth Avenue Association, said: "Commissioner Moses and his staff have been open-minded and all plans submitted have been studied by the Park Department staff. The plan for Bryant Park adopted by the Department have received unanimous endorsement of the Bryant Park Committee as being ideal, practical and met all the wishes of the Committee."

Mr. Charles M. Dutcher, president of the Greenwich Savings Bank and president of the Sixth Avenue Association, stated that the Association had enthusiastically approved the plan for Bryant Park after many years study of innumerable plans submitted for consideration.

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY

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After conferring with officials of the Park Department on the subject of the cooperation of the Police and Magistrates in the proper maintenance of the City Parks, Chief Magistrate MacDonald sent the following letter to all of the Magistrates of the City:

"Park Commissioner Moses has requested the cooperation of the Magistrates in his endeavors to keep and maintain the public parks in proper condition, by suppressing vandalism, discouraging littering of the lawns and paths with papers and rubbish, and restraining visitors from permitting dogs to be at large unleashed, and preventing unrestricted roller-skating on the park paths, in view of the fact that a portion of the parks will be set aside for the benefit of those who desire to indulge in roller-skating.

In line with the request of Commissioner Moses, I have promised the hearty cooperation of the Magistrates to this end, assuring him that it is our earnest desire to aid and assist the Park Department in every way in its efforts to maintain the parks at a high standard for the benefit of the entire people."

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY
Feb. 12, 1934

Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary

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A house-cleaning at Coney Island will be undertaken by an army of OWA workers, ordered there by the Park Department, at the request of the Borough President of Brooklyn. Several hundred men are now working, and the force will be increased to approximately 3,000. The men will be supplied with shovels, and each group of seven men will work a sieve measuring 3 ft. by 7 ft. set over trenches dug in parallel lines to the Boardwalk. The point of attack will center in front of the Municipal Bath house, working both East and West from there until every bit of the refuse material on the Coney Island Beach has been removed to a depth of three feet. The waste material will be put in piles and removed by trucks in the employ of the Park Department.

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Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

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As the first step in a new uniform policy for the wider use of all recreational facilities in the five boroughs, Park Commissioner Robert Moses announced today that five model playgrounds would be established and new equipment installed. All of these playgrounds were hitherto unequipped. One playground in Manhattan at 17th Street east of Ninth Avenue; the playground situated at 4th Avenue and Third Street, Brooklyn; the Astoria Park Playground, Queens; the Britton and Olinville playground in the Bronx and the playground in Clove Lake Park, Richmond, have been set up as standards for the entire city. Trees will be planted in protected areas to provide shade in these playgrounds. All other playgrounds will be brought up to these model standards in the course of the next three months. The new administration policy will include opening of all play spaces on Sundays and many of the playgrounds in the city will be lighted for night use. The wider use of all playground facilities includes childrens' and adults' recreation. CWA workers will assist in supervising these enlarged playground activities.

Feb'y 8, 1934.

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Sarah S. Dennen, Secretary.

Major Theodore Crane of Manhattan has been appointed Assistant to the Park Commissioner. He will act as liaison officer between the Park Department and the Police Department on all matters relating to policing in the parks, it was announced today by Park Commissioner, Robert Moses.

Major Crane is an architect. He enlisted in the New York National Guard in 1906 and saw service on the Mexican border in 1916. He went overseas during the World War as a First Lieutenant and was subsequently appointed aide-de-camp to Major General John F. O'Ryan.

Full cooperation of the city magistrates in the matter of enforcing all rules and ordinances is sought by the Park Department. Looking toward that end Major Crane has recently conferred with Chief Magistrate James McDonald.

Police Commissioner John F. O'Ryan has already announced that Deputy Inspector James Bannon has been assigned to special duty with the Park Department to assist Major Crane in reorganizing the policing of all parks by the New York City police force.

Publicity Job #1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK, N. Y.

FOR: GENERAL RELEASE

January 18th, 1934.

The five Commissioners, the Deputy Commissioner in Manhattan, five Borough Superintendents, a Chief Engineer, a Secretary of the Park Board, five Secretaries to Commissioners, four Stenographers to Commissioners, all of whom are holding exempt positions aggregating \$115,195.00 in annual salaries, will be replaced by one Commissioner, one General Superintendent, one Consulting Park Engineer, one Consulting Landscape Architect (part time), one Consulting Architect (part time), one Secretary of the Department, an Assistant and a Secretary to the Commissioner, one Chief Park Designer, and one Senior Park Designer, at total salaries of \$65,640.00 per year. In place of the twenty-two exempt positions there will be eight exempt positions and two positions filled from the competitive Civil Service class. The overhead cost will therefore be cut from \$115,195 to \$65,640.

Maintenance and operation activities in each of the five boroughs will be in charge of engineers under civil service. They will replace the so-called superintendents, who have been political appointees.

The preparation of plans, direction of construction work, and all overhead administration will be centralized at the general Administration Headquarters of the Department in the Arsenal, Central Park, in the Borough of Manhattan.

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Emil Praeger who will act as General Superintendent, is a consulting engineer in general practice in the metropolitan area. He has a wide experience in all types of park and parkway construction. Mr. Praeger is a resident of Brooklyn.

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Aymar Embury II has been retained as part time Consulting Architect. He is the architect of the Port of New York Authority, is a trustee of the Roosevelt Memorial Commission, has recently designed buildings at Princeton University and has had wide experience in public work.

Mrs. Sarah S. Dennen who will act as Secretary of the Department was formerly executive of the Coney Island Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the New York Principals Association. Mrs. Dennen was a leader in the women's suffrage movement, and has been active in community and civic work in Brooklyn in connection with such organizations as the Brooklyn Music School Settlement, the Sheepshead Bay Board of Trade, and the School Settlement Association. Mrs. Dennen is a native of Brooklyn, was graduated from Erasmus Hall High School, and took her B. S. degree from St. Lawrence University.

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