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TRI-BORO BRIDGE

A letter from the Creedmoor Civic Association was dispatched to the Board of Estimate urging the resumption of work on and the speedy completion of the Tri-Boro Bridge. It also recommended applying for a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, should the board deem it necessary and advisable.

In reply to our letter endorsing his efforts to have this bridge completed, Boro President Harvey tells us he expects a public hearing to be held on the matter as soon as the budget has been disposed of.

The City of New York has already spent over \$5,000,000 on this project and the interest charges alone on this outlay is over \$300,000 per year. It is inconceivable why, in these times, with all the hue and cry about reduced taxes, we should have such an item of \$300,000 for interest with absolutely no benefit therefrom. We should think that alone would demand speed. Then again, it is estimated that with a toll charge, the bridge can be made self-supporting and that in 11 years the undertaking will be entirely paid for.

This bridge is really a traffic necessity. It will be a short cut to upper Manhattan and the Bronx; we all know the inconveniences of using the Queensboro Bridge or the College Point Ferry. At this time it would also give employment to many and we do hope it receives consideration at an early date.

GARAGE ZONING LAW

The proposal of Borough President Geo. U. Harvey to amend the zoning laws to permit the renting out of space in private garages for one pleasure car was rejected by the Board of Estimate at one of its recent meetings.

The Creedmoor Civic Association was in favor of this proposal inasmuch as many of our neighbors are now renting out space in their garages. Technically, to do so is a violation of the zoning laws. However, we feel that this law will be enforced like many others now on the statute books and that the practice will go on as usual.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

At our last meeting an amendment to our By-Laws was submitted, changing the meetings from Monday to Tuesday evenings.

The suggestion was offered that a Tuesday evening would be a more suitable one for the members to attend the meetings.

Pursuant to our constitution, this amendment will be voted upon at our next regular meeting.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Several bills introduced in the legislature at Albany have been brought to our attention and our endorsement has been voted on the following:

A bill making it compulsory for a mortgagee to give 60-day notice before any foreclosure action can be instituted.

A bill amending the Greater New York charter making it necessary to give notice to property owners of sale of real estate on account of non-payment of taxes, etc.

A bill making it possible for a person whose property has been sold on account of unpaid taxes, to reclaim it by filing notice of intention to reclaim within six months and by paying all tax liens.

A bill making it compulsory to give notice to all affected property owners of an intended public improvement.

A bill authorizing the appointment of a legislative committee to make a study of the present mortgage situation and to consider legislation for the relief of homeowners distressed by that situation.

All of these bills have been introduced by our own Assemblyman, James J. Burke.

236th ST. (GETTYSBURG) ASSESSMENT

We have had several inquiries as to the area of assessment for the acquiring of title for the improvement of Gettysburg (236th) Street and we learn that from 88th Ave. to Braddock Ave. the assessment will be levied to a depth of 100 feet on each side of the street, or in other words, the abutting property owners only will be assessed; from Braddock Ave. to Jamaica Ave., however, the assessment will extend to a depth of 200 feet on each side.

Disapproval was voted on a bill now before the legislature making it necessary to use commercial license plates on private cars making light deliveries. It was felt with the enormous increase in cost of these plates, it would work undue hardship on those who use their pleasure cars in making small deliveries.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Headquarters of the CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION now located at 235-09 Braddock Ave. between 235th and 236th Streets.

Next meeting March 13th will be held at that address.

Next Meeting: Mon., March 13
At HEADQUARTERS, 235-09 BRADDOCK AVE.

« « Our Platform « «

1. Early construction of extension to P. S. 33.
2. Subway extension to Creedmoor.
3. Beautification of community.
4. Traffic lights on Braddock Avenue.
5. Early completion of Tri-Boro Bridge.

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VERY IMPORTANT

When sending in an alarm of fire, it is necessary that you remain at the box from which alarm was sent in order to direct the apparatus to the fire.

It is needless to say, that unless a fire can be seen, the firemen responding to the alarm have no way of knowing where they are needed and there's no denying that at such a time nobody can afford as much as a minute's delay.

We give below a list of fire-alarm boxes within our area. Acquaint yourself with their location so that if the occasion should arise, you will know just where to go to give the alarm. Also remember that the location of all fire-alarm boxes is now indicated by ORANGE colored electric light globes and not red.

In passing, it might be well to mention that fire-apparatus have the right-of-way at all times and drivers of automobiles should pull to the right-hand curb and not attempt to engage in a race with the fire engines.

Location of Fire-Alarm Boxes

- Braddock Avenue and 235th Street.
- Braddock Avenue and 236th Street.
- Braddock Avenue and 239th Street.
- Braddock Avenue and 241st Street.
- 89th Avenue and 240th Street.
- 89th Avenue and 238th Street.
- 88th Avenue and 239th Street.
- 88th Avenue and 237th Street.

Telephone number of Fire Headquarters Virginia 7-5200.

And in case you are in need of the police, telephone the Queens Village station, Missouri 7-1650, or Police Headquarters Jamaica 6-1700.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for membership in the
CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Name

Address

"LET GEORGE DO IT."

(Taken from Magazine "Civics")

The tax-payer has seemingly adopted the "Let George Do It" policy. His civic associations seldom are honored with his presence. In other words, he believes in letting George do it.

There are presidential conferences, industrialist groups, Technocrats and what-nots meeting everywhere endeavoring to bring about changes in conditions, yet Mr. Taxpayer sits back and says, "Let George do it."

Conditions will change when the "Let George do it" attitude is discarded and each taxpayer says instead "I'll do it."

234th STREET SEWER

The bids for the construction of this sewer were opened on January 17th with Patsy Ambrosio being the low bidder.

The Borough President has not been authorized by the Board of Estimate to award the contract for this work and we understand authority will not be given until the financial condition of the city is improved.

At present there are no proceedings pending for the physical improvement of Rocky Hill Road. This has been verified due to the many conflicting reports that have come to our attention.

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JUST GOSSIP

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Schub of 235th St. on the birth of a baby boy and to Mr. and Mrs. King of 237th Street on the birth of a baby girl.

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We were pleasantly surprised to see Harold Jacquiss with us again at our last meeting. Even then he had to leave early as he had a date on the air with a gentleman on the Pacific Coast. Oh yes, he's gone in for radio. Some day we're going to hear more about it.

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We are happy to learn that Mrs. Lewis of 236th Street is well on the road to recovery from a severe siege of pneumonia.

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We believe we have a champion jig-saw puzzler in our midst in the person of John Dorman of 238th Street. We understand he has these puzzles for breakfast, dinner and supper and there are few he has not worked. On good authority we have it that he is to compete with Mayor O'Brien in City Hall Park early this summer.

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Mrs. G. Schultheiss upon the sudden death of her father.

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Our old stand-by Henry Wetzler tells us it won't be long now and that rods should be cleaned up because flounder fishing season is nigh and he will be looking for company on his trips. We feel a bit inclined to accept his invitation.

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Have just been told that the Bellerose A. C. is sponsoring a Card Party and Jig-Saw contest at the Queens Restaurant on Wednesday evening, March 15th and they invite their many friends.

Our Treasurer, Geo. Schultheiss, informs us that he has quite a supply of shiny, brand new dues cards and he is anxious to fill them out. Look at your card and if you find it out of date, see him at our next meeting and he will tell you how to obtain one of the new ones.

The area of assessment for the improvement of Hillside Avenue extends to a depth of 500 feet on each side of the street. Believe it or not, that's one assessment we miss.

Simple Arithmetic

A statistician was traveling through a western state. He had entered into conversation with a fellow traveler who remarked that sheep-raising appeared to be quite a popular industry in that section of the country. About this time the train passed a small herd of sheep grazing in the field nearby. The interested gentleman remarked:

"There is a nice looking bunch of sheep."

To this the statistician replied: "Yes. There are 178 in that flock."

Shortly after they passed another herd of sheep slightly larger, and the statistician replying to his companion's comment said: "There are 284 in that herd."

Within a few minutes the incident was repeated and the count of the herd was 542.

"Tell me," said the gentleman, "how do you find it possible to tell the exact number of sheep in a herd when we pass it so rapidly?"

"Oh, that is easy," the other replied. "I just count their legs and divide by four."

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HE WAS RIGHT

Boozy Brennan (trying blarney): "It's a foine day, yer honor."

Judge: "You are right, and the amount of yours will be \$10."

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"Are all men fools?" asked the wife after a slight disagreement with her husband.

"No, dear," replied the husband, "Some men are bachelors."

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Sammy: Gladys is a school teacher.

Snootie: How do you know?

Sammy: Look into her eyes and you can see her pupils.

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AND POINTS WEST

The old lady came out of a half doze as the train approached a station.

"Where are we, Bobby?" she asked.

"I don't know, grandma."

"But didn't the conductor call out something just now?"

"No, grandma, he just stuck his head in the door and sneezed."

"Bobby," she exclaimed, "quick, help me with these things! This is Oshkosh."

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Once upon a time there was a man on a street car who got up and offered his seat to a lady. The woman fainted. When she recovered consciousness she thanked him. Then he fainted.

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No Question

Scared Patient (to doctor): "Oh, Doctor, I'm afraid I'm going to die."

Doctor: "Nonsense, that's the last thing you'll do."

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DE DUCKS

An old southern negro was asked by the proprietor of a store how he happened to need credit when he had such a good cotton crop.

"De ducks got 'bout all dat cotton, sah," was the mournful reply.

"What do you mean the ducks got it?"

"Well, you see," explained the old man, "I sent dat cotton up to Memphis an' dey deducts the freight, an' dey deducts the storage charges, an' dey deducts the commission, an' dey deducts the taxes, yes, sah, de ducts got 'bout all dat cotton an' da's why I'm here."

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WHO SAID DEPRESSION?

"Lend me a dime for my carfare home, will you, old man?"

"I'm sorry, but all I've got is half a dollar."

"Splendid! I'll take a taxi."

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SOMETHING IN A NAME

Police (producing notebook): Name, please.

Motorist: Alogsicurs Alastiata Cryion.

Police (putting away notebook): Well, don't let me catch you again.

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