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Use Treasure Hunt For Home Display

Guests Learn About Houses In New Sloatsburg Tract

A new departure in the inspection of new homes by interested persons was employed this week when a group of people attended a "treasure hunt" on Halloween at Ramapo Heights, the new development of residential homes in Sloatsburg.

Clues were concealed in some of the five recently completed houses around the central Green of the thickly wooded development. The aim of the treasure hunt was to make the visitors aware of the care with which Ramapo Heights homes had been planned and built. Each clue was hidden where it would call attention to a feature of the construction or equipment.

Most of the clues were in one house and consisted of written scraps of information which pointed the way to the next clue. The first, for instance, read: "The forty thieves hid in bigger ones than these," and the answer was the ornamental glazed jars on the terrace where another clue was found: "Where headaches disappear." That led, in turn, to a built-in medicine cabinet in the south bathroom.

Other clues were distributed in other houses. The last clues were all the same: "Back where you started from and switch to the vintage of 1928." The answer was back to the club house, which is part of the development, for operation of the various lighting switches until a brilliant spotlight was focused upon a skeleton which pointed the way to the prize—a bottle of champagne nestling in a basket of Rockland County apples.

The winner of the hunt was Peter Van Nahuys, who was among those searching in the Georgian house at the end of the green.

Among those present were: Miss Mildred Zeller, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gittins, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hand, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Van Nahuys, Mr. and Mrs. George Hard, Fred Stahlman, and Park Commissioner Robert H. Gittins, president of the Ramapo Heights Corporation.

The club house, which stands at the head of the lake on the 250-acre tract, was decorated in traditional Halloween style.