

# HENRY HUDSON SP OPENS UPPER LEV

Ceremony Marks Comple  
of Spuyten Duyvil Bridge  
and Its Approaches

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Former Hails Travel-Speed  
Improvement as a Major  
City Accomplishment

In a setting of pleasant weather and bright surroundings, the completed Henry Hudson Bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek was opened yesterday.

Mayor La Guardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses and others took part in exercises celebrating not only the opening of the upper level of the bridge but the completion of work on the approaches and park spaces and the virtual completion, a year ahead of schedule, of the new Harlem River Ship Canal improvement near by.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Moses, who as sole member of the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority supervised the financing and construction of the bridge and the Hudson River Parkway, which cut the motoring time from Canal Street to the city line at Van Cortlandt Park from sixty-eight to twenty-six minutes.

### Mayor Exhibits "Modesty"

Mr. La Guardia called the completion of the bridge "one of the outstanding accomplishments of the City of New York during the last four years."

"That period," he added humorously, "is the period of accomplishment in the City of New York. That is just a little combination of Moses-La Guardia modesty."

The question of building a bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek did not originate with the present administration, Mayor La Guardia explained.

"It has been kicking around quite a bit for over thirty years," he said. "To my knowledge it was used as a political issue in three municipal campaigns."

The ceremonies were broadcast over the city's radio station, WNYC. In addressing the radio audience, the Mayor described the landscaping and park improvements that have renewed the beauty of the locality. He urged every one in the city to visit Isham Park, Inwood Hill Park and Henry Hudson Memorial Park, public rest and play spaces provided as part of the traffic improvement system.

Mr. Moses presided at the ceremonies. He explained that the bridge had been built within its original limits because bankers who were to provide the money could not be persuaded that more than 6,000 cars a day would use the bridge.

Mr. Moses' experts put the number much higher, but he was forced to proceed with the smaller capacity bridge until, shortly after it was opened, it became apparent that the traffic would be greater than even that predicted by the experts.

The bridge had been built so that an upper level could be added if necessary, and the consent of the bondholders was obtained to make the addition, Mr. Moses explained.

### Medal Presented to Moses

Mrs. Robert H. Fife, president of the Garden Club of America, presented the club's medal to Mr. Moses for "distinguished work in promoting horticulture." Borough Presidents Stanley M. Isaacs of Manhattan and James J. Lyons of the Bronx made short addresses. Lieut. Col. David McCoach Jr., who as district engineer of the War Department supervised the work on the Harlem River Ship Canal, then told of the advantages of the canal improvement.

Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, praised the work of Mr. Moses and urged residents of the city to visit the new improvements and see for themselves what they are like. Mr. Moses introduced Henry Hudson Whiting, a direct descendant of Henry Hudson.

Mr. Whiting said he accepted the bridge and improvements "on behalf of my ancestor." The new Park Department Band provided music. After the ceremonies a motorcade headed by motor-cycle policemen passed over the upper level and proceeded to an inspection tour of the parkway.



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Mayor La Guardia congratulating Commissioner Robert Moses