

DASHING chargers come from an old photo album.

Calithumpian parades were a regular highlight of town

Here, from the pages of the Free Press of August 25, 1898:

ent success. From little Johnnie Mullen astride a donkey, as

the Gold Prospector with his mining outfit bound for the Klondike, the get up of the various characters was very

creditably accomplished and the parade brought to the sur-

face all the latent risibilities of the multitudes of citizens and

"It would be invidious to give the palm toany single par-

ticipant or company. They all excelled in ludicrous costumes

and outfits and as a whole made a burlesque serenade of the

"Brooke's Marine Band" from their beautiful (?) chariot

Their reportoire of selections was somewhat limited, how-

discorded music along the line of march almost incessantly.

ever, including but one air "Marching through Georgia".

"The first event of the day was the calithumpian procession which from the standpoint of the ridiculous was an emin-

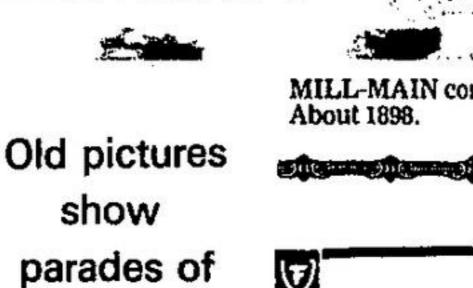
Calithumpians

1898 style

festivities years ago.

visitors who viewed it.

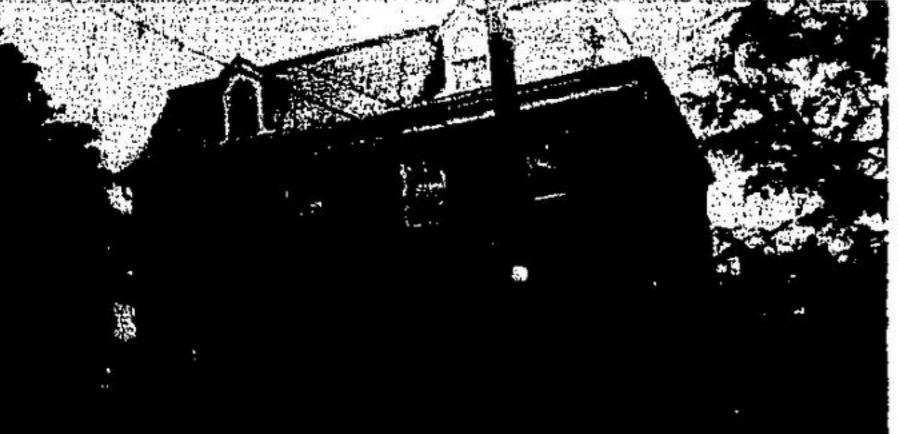
first order.



Boistrous! discordant!

years ago

What is a calithumpian parade anyway? One dictionary tells us the following:
Callithump: a boistrous
parade, with blowing of tin horns and other discordant noises, also a burlesque serenade: a charivari.



DECORATED with cedars for the July 1 holiday is the Bell Telephone Exchange Office. This building was the Lantz home, at the time this photograph was taken. Later it was the Legion and now Jeanette's home for senior citizens.

Friends-in-deed Island

picnic

by Emlly Price Finally, after a hard winter, summer has arrived and with it some of the fresh vegetables out of the gardens, which seem to be doing remarkably well. Fresh strawberry season is here, so there will be a lot of strawberry socials and festivals going on in the near future. Everyone enjoys those events!

The picnic at Toronto Island was enjoyed by everyone who went and we had a beautiful day for it. The weatherman did co-operate to make it a very successful outing.

Our next and final meeting for the season will be Tuesday, June 27 at 7:30 at the M.Z. Bennett school. The tickets we have been selling must be in, so the draw can be made on July 1 which coincides with the activities going on in Acton on the long weekend. We hope it will be a successful venture, and will be very gratifying to everyone working to make it a good weekend.

There will be swimming as usual on Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12 during the summer months.

We hope everyone has a good summer and that vacation time will be enjoyed by everyone and that you return home safe and sound and rested.

Being our last meeting until September, let's all get out and enjoy the evening and each other's company. See you all on June 27.

Recipe

Cucumber and Mushroom 14 c. chopped raw mushrooms

2 tsp. lemon juice I C. Galry sour cream 1/2 c. drained, grated unpeeled cucumber Salt and cayenne

Sprinkle mushrooms with lemon juice. Stir into sour cream, along with drained cucumber and seasonings to taste. Makes about 2 c. McNair Mushrooms



DECORATED CARS added to the excitement and color of the annual Calithumpian parade which was held on the July 1 holiday weekend years ago in town. The car in this old photograph belonged to Grace Lantz's father.

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