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How It Was Celebrated in the City of Brotherly Love

PENNSYLVANIA, so rich in historic buildings, has the honor of being the birthplace of the first Fourth of July celebration. Not many miles from the heart of the Quaker City there stood until recently the beautiful colonial house where the signers of the Declaration of Independence went to celebrate. Unfortunately the hand of commercialism grabbed beautiful Elm Hill mansion at No. 4215 Frankford avenue and uprooted it, raising on the site a modern apartment house.

In the once beautiful garden surrounding this property, which during the revolution was owned by Dr. Enoch Edwards, a noted patriot, the first public celebration of the Declaration of Independence took place on the evening of July 8, 1776.

If musty records of "ye olden times" are to be believed several of the party wended their way through the shady avenues and across the smooth lawn to the ivy-covered summer-house, with strangely-shaped, mysterious-looking bundles tucked under their arms, which they placed carefully upon the ground as they sat contentedly down to do justice to the bountiful spread which their hospitable host had provided. Rare old wines and choice viands of every description were brought forth. As the delicate morsels disappeared and course after course was brought on, the party warmed up to the occasion.

When the stars commenced to twinkle forth their right to rule and the moon sailed high above the tree-tops, it is said that mild sober Franklin actually sent a knowing wink at stately Jefferson, who responded by reaching under the table

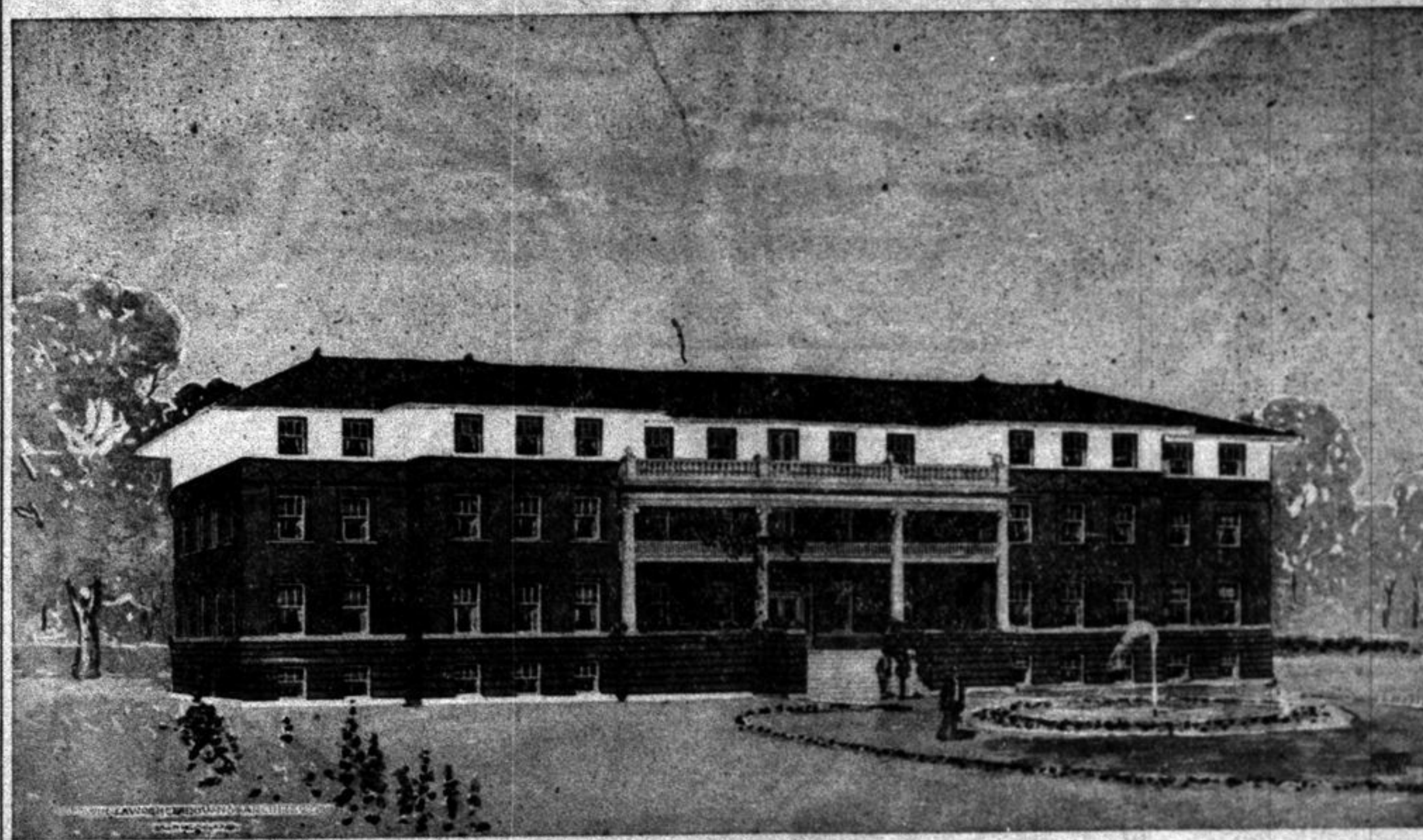


and fishing out one of those mysterious bundles which had earlier in the evening aroused the curiosity of the host. Amid a silence of breathless expectation the string was untied and a package of huge Roman candles came to view.

Cheer after cheer drowned the music of the crickets and katydids and startled the feathered songsters, who had long ago hushed their songs, and were peacefully sleeping in the tree-tops. Sky-rockets, firecrackers, pin-wheels, red, yellow and purple lights; in short, every then known variety of fireworks followed the Roman candles and each fresh package brought forth another three times three.

When all was in readiness the first "glorious Fourth" ever held in America in the now regulation firework fashion was commenced. How these rockets, etc., were secured or where they came from is unknown. As each rocket shot skyward, as each blast of exploding powder rent the echoes, these makers of history laughed, applauded and shouted with delight.

The celebration was continued away into the wee small hours of the morning, and although 133 "Glorious Fourth's" have followed this jubilee which was held on the 8th of July, 1776, never has there been a greater display of patriotism, never has there been more true Americanism expressed than there was on that birthday.



A HOME FOR WORTHY MEN

The above is a picture of the new home which is to be erected for the better care and shelter of aged and disabled railroad men. Highland Park is proud to have such an institution as one of its features of interest and the new building will add greatly to the city in the way of improved real estate. There is one man, however, who sees more in the erection of this home possibly than any other.

Superintendent O'Keefe has seen how much these men need a better home and facilities whereby they can be better taken care of. It has been his dream, and now his dream is to become a reality. His has been a prayer of faith with works and his interest in their behalf has made the men love and respect him.

The home is to cost approximately \$80,000, and it will have all the modern improvements known to make it comfortable and useful to the men.

It will consist of two buildings, the Administration and Home occupying one building, the other containing the power plant and laundry.

The main building will be three stories and a high basement, practically all above the ground, built in the form of

the letter "T," the front part being 150 feet long by 42 feet wide, the center extension being 40 feet wide by 62 feet long.

The plans show a building of a strictly modern style of architecture, the construction of which will be fireproof throughout, with a porch or balcony for each floor 10 feet wide by 50 feet long; these balconies are easily accessible by all of the men.

The color-scheme of the exterior of the buildings is very pleasing to the eye. The walls from the grade line to the first-story window sills will be of chocolate-colored brick; from the first-story window-sill line to the third-story window sills will be of light-red brick; the third story will be of rough-cast cement on rough brick; the trimmings around the first and second story windows will be of chocolate-colored brick, and the roof will be of red tile. All the window sills and belt courses will be of stone or terra cotta.

All interior partitions will be of hollow-tile blocks, plastered each side with cement plaster. Floors and ceilings will be of hollow tile and reinforced concrete.

The floors of all corridors, toilet-rooms, hospital room and kitchen will be of composition and cement mosaic. The room floors will be of maple.

All interior woodwork will be of birch, finished in dull mahogany; toilet-rooms, bath-rooms and hospital room finished in white enamel.

All stairs will have iron frames with cement or slate treads, iron newel posts and balusters with birch hand-rails.

The electric elevator will carry the men from any floor to the recreation and card rooms in the basement in less than one minute; the elevator has a separate entrance on one side on the ground level for the accommodation of those who are obliged to use wheel-chairs.

The main building has a capacity of eighty-six beds besides the hospital room, will accommodate twelve beds easily and rooms for six men and six women attendants, the superintendent's quarters, kitchen, dining-rooms, chapel, entertainment rooms, etc., each floor having a recreation and reading room; each man will have his own individual clothes-closet and the double rooms will easily accommodate two beds.

Highland Park News.

Mr. M. Soter foreman of the printing department of the News-Letter, had as his guests Sunday, Mr. Stavros Cangios, George Kyros, and Walter Schiller all of Chicago. Mr. Soter took his friends for a drive through Highland Park and they declared it to be a beautiful city.

Dr. Carleton A. Harkness returned Saturday from Detroit, Michigan where he attended the National Medical convention. He reports a very interesting and instructive time.

Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody fought a valiant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right;
Was that "somebody" you?

The Ladies Aid of the Ebenezer church will hold a Social and Bazaar Thursday July 8th in the hall above O. B. Brand's studio on E. Central Ave., aprons and many useful articles will be on sale, also refreshments consisting of ice-cream, coffee, sandwiches, lemonade, and homemade candies. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schwarz and Mr. and Mrs. George Lytton (Miss Marion Schwarz) are traveling in Switzerland.

Mr. Charles Follansbee and son left Thursday of last week for a trip to Ireland and Wales. Mrs. Follansbee is at the seashore.

Mrs. Edwin C. Day of Sheridan Road gave a children's party Friday of last week. There were twenty-eight guests present. The decorations were roses.

Mrs. Paine and Miss Paine returned last Friday from a two months' trip to England.

Mrs. F. B. Green entertained at luncheon Monday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Carlson, who is visiting here from the East.

Mrs. Van Schaick of E. Laurel Avenue entertained at whist last Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. C. Egan of Egandale gave a reception last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Marshall E. Sampson entertained at dinner last Sunday evening. Covers were laid for nine. The decorations were pink carnations.

Mrs. J. S. Ford gave a dinner party Friday and Saturday evenings.

Mrs. J. W. Prindle of Laurel Avenue entertained at luncheon last Saturday. Covers were laid for ten.

Mrs. E. H. Vivian will entertain Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chandles of Milwaukee, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Morris of Chicago and their families over the Fourth—the four women of the party constituting a quartette of old school acquaintances. There is to be an extra large birthday cake, as two of the party celebrate their natal day on July Fourth.

The waters of Lake Michigan at the first breakwater north of Roger Williams Avenue brought to light a tragedy Tuesday, when Wm. Madison of the Railroad Men's Home found the body of a little babe. The Coroner's inquest failed in discovering the identity of the child, which had been in the water about twenty-four hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Merritt left for Booth bay Harbor, Me., on Wednesday. They have taken a cottage for July and August at Juniper Point.

Rev. LeRoy Dakin, pastor of the Baptist Church, will be away during the months of July and August. He will occupy the pulpit of the Galesburg Baptist church on Sunday during these months. Mrs. Dakin is visiting her parents for the summer months at New Brunswick, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Baxter and daughter Effie of Galva, Ill., spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burrill of St. Johns Ave. Mr. Baxter is a prominent citizen of Galva and stands high in the order of the Modern Woodmen of that city.

During the months of July and August the Baptist Church will not hold services Sunday evenings. Rev. Dr. Hector Mode of Brandon College, Canada, will supply the pulpit Sunday mornings during that period. The mid-week services will be held at cottages as announced from Sunday to Sunday.

NEWS BREVITIES OF ILLINOIS

Lake Forest.—Granger Farwell is to expend about \$20,000 on two large dairy barns on his farm west of Lake Forest. They will be models of sanitary arrangement. Both will be finished with hard plaster and will have curved arch ceilings. Two University of Chicago professors will give ideas toward making the buildings bacteria proof. The dairy is Mr. Farwell's hobby.

Chicago.—In a cross-bill answering his wife's divorce petition, John Francis Appleby, 70 years old, who says he invented the twine binder and other devices, told the circuit court that a conspiracy to defraud him of his property exists. He not only implicates his wife in the charge of conspiracy but denies her allegations of misconduct.

Chicago.—While her husband, a helpless paralytic, lay in bed watching her, Mrs. Louise Bennett, 60 years old, committed suicide by hanging herself to a gas jet in her home at 4910 Fifth avenue. John Bennett, her husband, who has been bedridden for almost a year, pleaded with her not to end her life, but was unable to prevent her from doing so.

Bloomington.—Practice has commenced on the links of the various golf clubs holding membership in the Central Illinois Golf association, for the annual tournament at Decatur, July 20 to 23. Each of the eight cities holding membership will send a team of eight men, and these teams will shortly be made up following practice play.

Kewanee.—Miss Eleanore Lord daughter of Rev. E. L. Lord, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, and Albert Stevenson Denney, prominent business man of Aurora, were married here at a brilliant church wedding attended by 300 guests including many from Aurora and Chicago. The bride's father performed the ceremony.

Winfield.—The Jewish Consumptives' Relief society of Chicago dedicated a building for women patients, which has recently been erected at Winfield. The dedicatory ceremonies were in charge of Dr. Israel Klein. The principal speakers were Dr. T. B. Sachs, Mrs. E. B. Mandl, Mrs. I. J. Robin and Mrs. J. Quasser.

Mason City.—Losing his balance while stacking hay in a barn on the farm of Walter Stone, north of this city, Lewis Rigdon had a narrow escape from death when his head came in contact with the carrying device of a tackle which was being used in carrying the hay from the wagons to the door of the barn.

Petersburg.—Local physicians say that the epidemic of whooping cough here shows no signs of abatement. Many cases are reported daily. An abatement is noticed in the number of cases of measles. Among the recent sufferers are George Kelly, Miss May Mitchell, Howard Mitchell and the three children of Hardie Peterson.

Chicago.—Arthur Burrage Farwell, president of the Chicago Law and Order league, said there would soon be a renewal of the crusade for the closing of Sunday saloons, in spite of the supreme court decision holding that Mayor Busse could not be mandated to enforce the Sunday closing law.

Rockford.—Returning to his home after having left for work, Edward Holland 115 North Second street heard a man's voice. Securing a butcher knife he rushed into the room and found George Garman 121 North First street, a business man with his wife. He gave him several deep cuts across the face.

Bath.—Miss May Sisson has been chosen to represent this town at the historical pageants at Bath, England, July 19 to 24. The English city invited all towns bearing the same name to send their prettiest girls for the celebration. Miss Sisson will sail from New York June 30.

Chicago Heights.—August Bromberg, 60 years old, of Chicago Heights, chief owner of the Chicago Heights Highball club grounds and resort, was drowned in White Lake, Mich. He fell out of a rowboat.

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