SHORT HISTORY OF HOMELAND DAY Tournaud discussed plans and decided to take part in the celebration.

Outgrowth of Plan for Folk Dances by Educational Club

MANY NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED

Floats to Represent Historical Incidents---Native Dances and Songs in Costume.

Educational club is an organization adjourned for one week. of women formed to cooperate with to teach folk dancing to such of the reported that the Germans were plan-

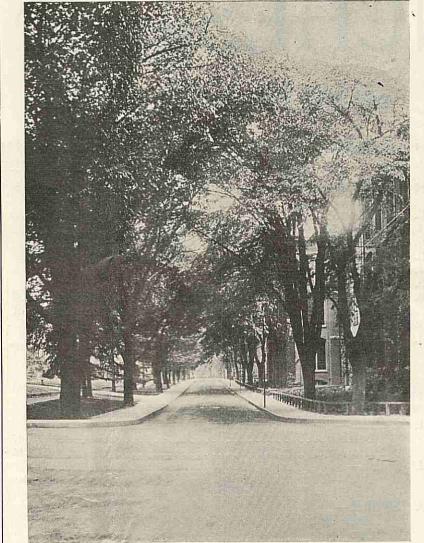
Homeland day had its origin in a No formal title for the day was much smaller movement started last adopted, although several suggeswinter by the Educational club. The tions were received. The meeting

At an adjourned meeting held the teachers in the public schools. April 20 many of the nationalities were represented and much enthu-Last winter they appropriated a sum siasm was shown. R. J. Mommers school pupils as desired to take it ning to contribute three floats and features of the afternoon program with the idea of later holding a pub- to organize a choral society to sing lic celebration or carnival on the German songs. J. D. Henderson re-Center Park. Last April their plan ported that the Scotch would have the parade with its apparatus. took a wider scope and it was pro- a float and would prepare characposed to set apart some day in June teristic dances. Oscar Anderson reas a public holiday, closing the ported for the Swedes and Herbert schools and mills, and making it a Ingham reported for the English. gala event which all the people might Alexis Tournaud, chairman of the enjoy. As roughly sketched at that French committee, reported that the time the event would resemble an old French and French-Canadians would dancing by the school children on the planned to have a float, dances and and there will be plenty of food.

In preparation for the gala day the French residents met in High school hall Saturday night, April 18, and under the leadership of Alexis It was the first official gathering of the French residents held here and may result in a permanent organiza tion. Besides electing Mr. Tournaud chairman they chose Joseph P. Choquet secretary and Emile Moure treasurer. Sub-committees were appointed to arrange for dancing, sing ing and for a decorated float.

Interest in the event progressed so rapidly that by the middle of May plans were well advanced and committees representing different nationalities and organizations were holding frequent meetings. The native Americans, not to be outdone by the later-comers, had appointed a committee and arranged to have an elaborate float in the line. They also planned for an escort of American Indians as well as a delegation from the Connecticut National Guard. The use of the golf ground was secured through the courtesy of J. P. Cheney the owner, and plans were made for staging in this natural amphitheater the folk dances and other spectacular The South Manchester fire department met and voted to take part in

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 39, is planning to accommodate a large crowd for luncheon on Homeland Day between 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. country carnival, and besides folk unite in the celebration. They All the eatables will be home made



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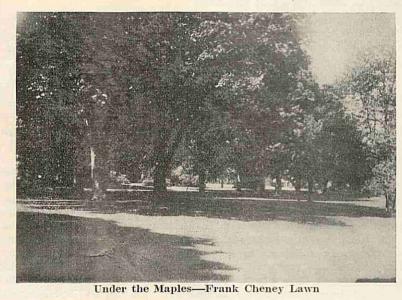
the main line. But the establishment | hour, connecting on the way at the mills to and from their work.

freight business, carrying not only street lines to Hartford. Cars rung all of Cheney Brothers' freight, but by this route to Hartford hourly. also that of other manufacturers and The running time is 30 minutes and merchants at the south end.

Manchester is well provided with A fifth member was to be added by help in future is its transportation seven years ago, has cars running to long as is necessary to supply their

of a cross-town trolley service did away with the necessity for this service, and now the only passenger to Manchester Green has resulted in the building of many dwellings in railroad are those which convey the that section of the town. The runnorth side employees of the silk ning time to Hartford is 45 minutes. From Depot Square the trolley line The South Manchester railroad is extends to Rockville, seven miles disone of the smallest independent tant. The running time to Rockville roads in the United States. It is only is half an hour and the fare 10 cents. two miles long. The New Haven In addition to the frequent communiroad in carrying out its policy of cation with Hartford, there is what consolidation has repeatedly offered is known as the Interurban service o take over the South Manchester electric cars running on the steam line, but Cheney Brothers, with the road. This service extends between ndependence which has always char- Stafford Springs, Rockville and Manacterized their action, have declined chester and East Hartford. At the these offers. The road does a large last named place it connects with the

rolley service. Cars leave either Closing Schedule for Homeland Day. end of the town for Hartford every The dry goods stores as well as half hour during the day and every the hardware, plumbing and jewelry fifteen minutes during the rush hours stores will be closed all day on of the morning and afternoon. The Homeland day. The clothing and regular fare for individuals is 15 shoe stores will remain open until cents, but commuters riding daily noon, when they will close for the are carried for 10 cents. The Man- balance of the day. The grocery and chester Green extension, opened some provision stores will keep open as



Twelve o'clock at the Silk Mills-Showing Spinning Mill Group

greensward would include a program | songs. Nicholas Holm, representing | TRANSPORTATION LINES in which the various nationalities the Danes, said his nation would representing Manchester would take probably have a float in the parade. part, each exemplifying some na- The Italians, represented by Mrs. tional dance, custom or pastime. It Tony Lamenzo, Louis Pola and Anwas then that the idea was proposed gelo Bosco, said they were planning of making this a substitute for the for a float and national songs and Old Home week which is celebrated dances.

would give all assistance possible.

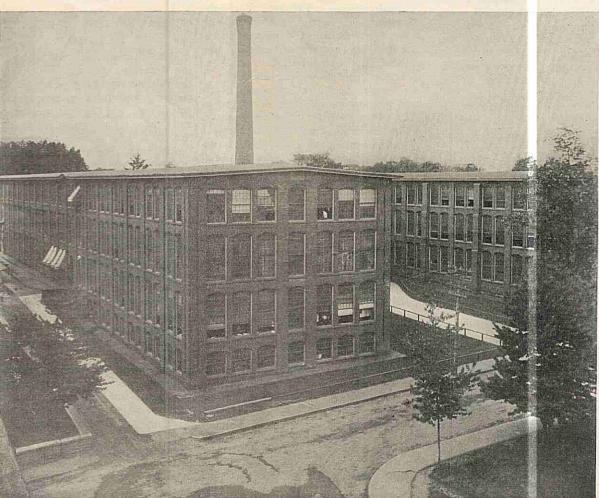
At this meeting the idea of a floats. A general committee was riet D. Condon and Mrs. R. L. Rus- branch railroad, now used mainly for appointed with Frank H. Anderson, sell. A committee on refreshments freight, connects the main line with G. H. Miller as secretary, and Austin Mrs. C. R. Hathaway, Miss Marion Brothers under the name of the Cheney as treasurer. Mrs. Austin Tinker and Rev. S. E. Ellis. Cheney was also made a member of the committee and empowered to pointed, consisting of Austin Cheney, on the South Manchester road conappoint three other women members. R. L. Russell and A. E. Bowers.

The committee on floats was an-The idea of carnival day was re- nounced as follows: C. E. Watkins, ceived with enthusiasm and when a chairman, Mrs. W. R. Tinker, Miss general meeting was called to con- Marjorie Cheney and N. B. Richards. the past and one which is bound to lasting an hour and a half, in which Mr. Watkins. This committee was system. By both steam and electric and from Depot Square every half Saturday trade. many new ideas were brought forth. instructed to invite the various fra-At this meeting six nationalities were ternal societies to enter floats in the represented. English, Scotch, Irish, parade. It was voted also to extend German, Austrian and French. Rep- invitations to Company G, the Span- New York and Boston on one of the resentatives of Sweden, Italy, Poland ish War Veterans, Drake Post, the trunk lines of the New York, New and Lithuania, who were unable to fire departments at both ends of the Haven & Hartford railroad, we can be present, sent word that they town, and the Boy Scouts to take reach either of these cities quickly. part in the parade. A committee Freight leaving Manchester at night was appointed to prepare special is in New York or Boston the followparade was advanced with the sug- badges for the various committees ing morning, while in-bound freight gestion that the different nationali- and leaders. This committee was leaving either city at night is delivties might compete with decorated composed of F. D. Cheney, Miss Har-ered in Manchester next morning. A secretary of the Manchester Busi- was also named, composed of E. A. South Manchester. This road is ness Men's association, as chairman, Lydall, chairman, William Rush, owned and operated by Cheney.

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