

# SHORT HISTORY OF HOMELAND DAY

Outgrowth of Plan for Folk Dances by  
Educational Club

MANY NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED

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

Homeland day had its origin in a much smaller movement started last winter by the Educational club. The Educational club is an organization of women formed to cooperate with the teachers in the public schools. Last winter they appropriated a sum to teach folk dancing to such of the school pupils as desired to take it with the idea of later holding a public celebration or carnival on the Center Park. Last April their plan took a wider scope and it was proposed to set apart some day in June as a public holiday, closing the schools and mills, and making it a gala event which all the people might enjoy. As roughly sketched at that time the event would resemble an old country carnival, and besides folk dancing by the school children on the

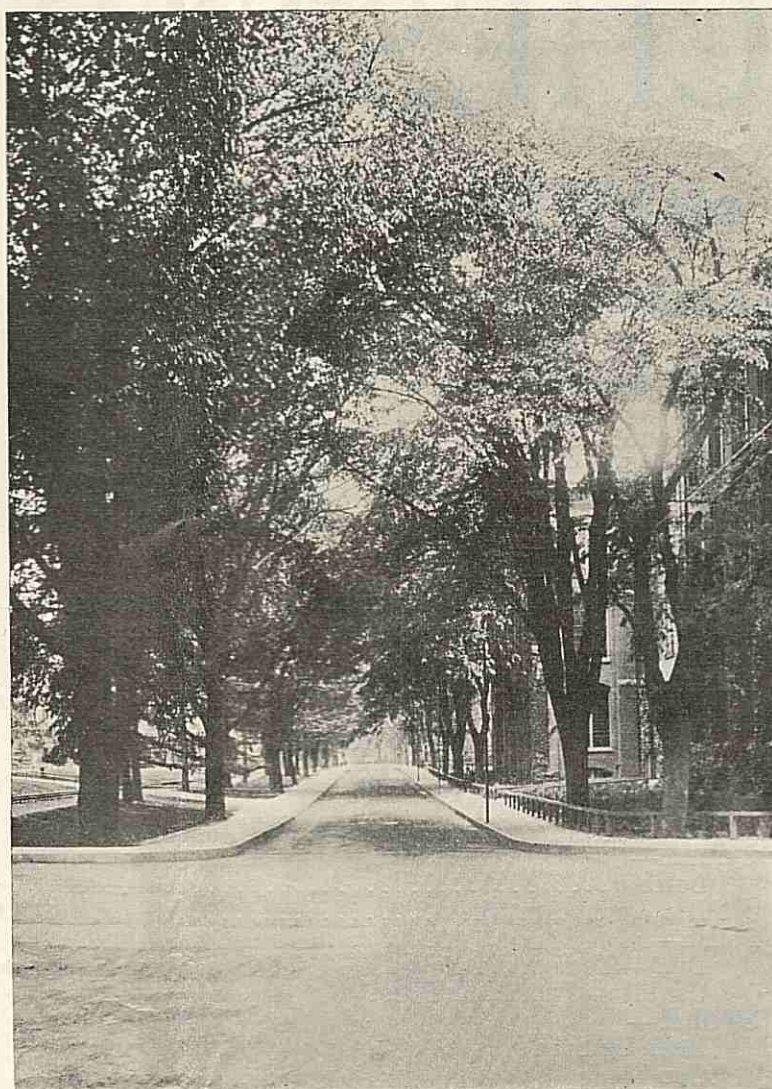
No formal title for the day was adopted, although several suggestions were received. The meeting adjourned for one week.

At an adjourned meeting held April 20 many of the nationalities were represented and much enthusiasm was shown. R. J. Mommers reported that the Germans were planning to contribute three floats and to organize a choral society to sing German songs. J. D. Henderson reported that the Scotch would have a float and would prepare characteristic dances. Oscar Anderson reported for the Swedes and Herbert Ingham reported for the English. Alexis Tournaud, chairman of the French committee, reported that the French and French-Canadians would unite in the celebration. They planned to have a float, dances and

In preparation for the gala day the French residents met in High school hall Saturday night, April 18, and under the leadership of Alexis Tournaud discussed plans and decided to take part in the celebration. It was the first official gathering of the French residents held here and may result in a permanent organization. Besides electing Mr. Tournaud chairman they chose Joseph P. Choquet secretary and Emile Moutet treasurer. Sub-committees were appointed to arrange for dancing, singing 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 features of the afternoon program. The South Manchester fire department met and voted to take part in the parade with its apparatus.

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. All the eatables will be home made and there will be plenty of food.



Elm Street--Parade Passes Through This Street

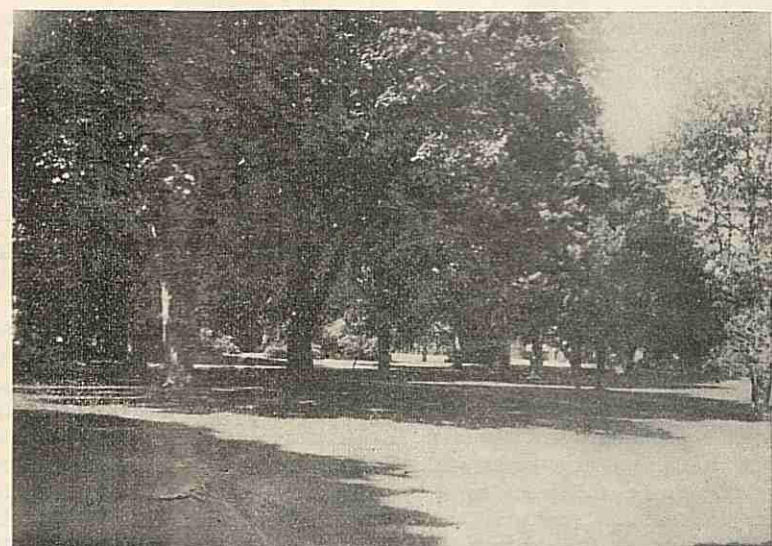
the main line. But the establishment of a cross-town trolley service did away with the necessity for this service, and now the only passenger trains run on the South Manchester railroad are those which convey the north side employees of the silk mills to and from their work.

The South Manchester railroad is one of the smallest independent roads in the United States. It is only two miles long. The New Haven road in carrying out its policy of consolidation has repeatedly offered to take over the South Manchester line, but Cheney Brothers, with one independence which has always characterized their action, have declined these offers. The road does a large freight business, carrying not only all of Cheney Brothers' freight, but also that of other manufacturers and merchants at the south end.

Manchester is well provided with trolley service. Cars leave either end of the town for Hartford every half hour during the day and every fifteen minutes during the rush hours of the morning and afternoon. The regular fare for individuals is 15 cents, but commuters riding daily are carried for 10 cents. The Manchester Green extension, opened some seven years ago, has cars running to and from Depot Square every half

hour, connecting on the way at the Center with cars running to and from Hartford. The extension of the line to Manchester Green has resulted in the building of many dwellings in that section of the town. The running time to Hartford is 45 minutes. From Depot Square the trolley line extends to Rockville, seven miles distant. The running time to Rockville is half an hour and the fare 10 cents. In addition to the frequent communication with Hartford, there is what is known as the Interurban service--electric cars running on the steam road. This service extends between Stafford Springs, Rockville and Manchester and East Hartford. At the last named place it connects with the street lines to Hartford. Cars run by this route to Hartford hourly. The running time is 30 minutes and the fare 15 cents.

**Closing Schedule for Homeland Day.**  
The dry goods stores as well as the hardware, plumbing and jewelry stores will be closed all day on Homeland day. The clothing and shoe stores will remain open until noon, when they will close for the balance of the day. The grocery and provision stores will keep open as long as is necessary to supply their Saturday trade.



Under the Maples--Frank Cheney Lawn

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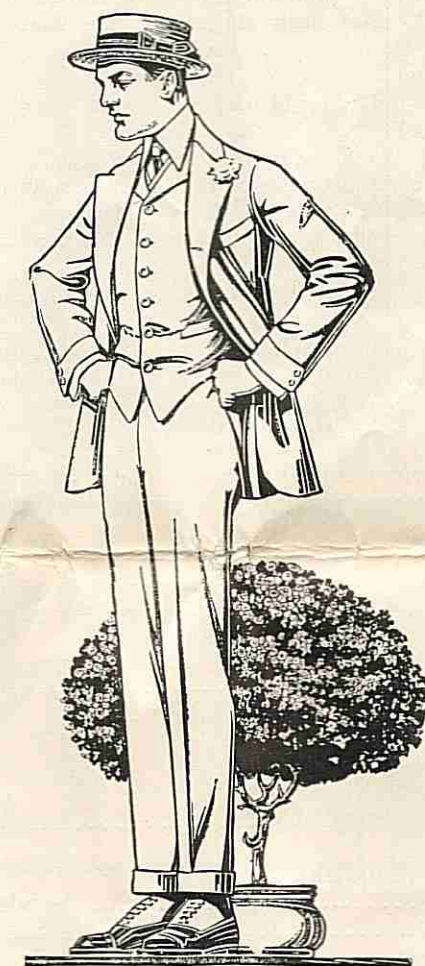
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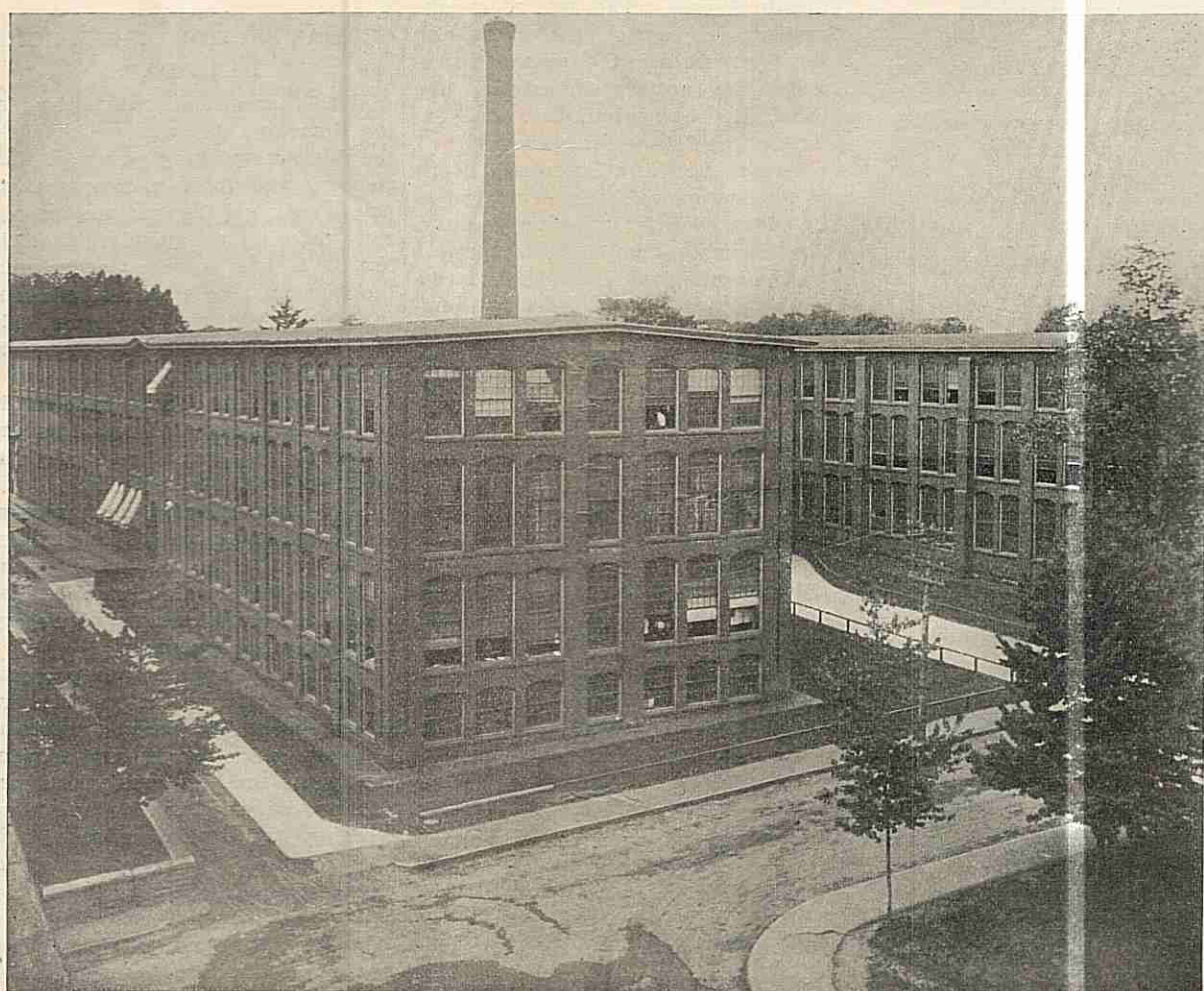
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