

East Falls Past--September News

The Fallser, September 2006, by Wendy Moody

Here's what was happening in East Falls during September in years past:

Sept. 13, 1900 – The promoters of the (proposed) Free Library are receiving renewed encouragement from a number of our prominent citizens, who have become interested in the movement....excepting those who are in a position to render it the greatest assistance...we do not ask them to donate a preposterous sum, we simply ask their assistance, knowing full well the prestige which their cooperation will command. In asking the Board of Public Education to assist us in locating a public library in the Falls, we wish to have with us...all the prestige which the movement commands.



Weekly Forecast

Sept. 19, 1901 – **Union Memorial Services for Dead President.** On this Thursday evening, memorial services will be held in the Falls Baptist Church, on Queen Lane, which will be participated in by the congregations and choirs of the different churches in the vicinity. ...*Weekly Forecast*

(Note: President William McKinley was shot on Sept 6, 1901 and died Sept 14).

Sept 26, 1929 – East Falls saw the opening of another new drug store on Monday week when the doors of the **Buchanan Pharmacy**, at Vaux Street and Indian Queen Lane, swung wide to admit the people of that vicinity. The store, which is in the Queen Lane Manor section, is in close proximity to the site of the proposed new buildings of the Women's Medical College and Hospital that are soon to be erected. *Suburban Press*

Sept. 18, 1930 – The new college building of the **Womn's Medical College of Pennsylvania** [photo] at Henry Avenue and Abbottsford Road, Falls of Schuylkill, will be formally opened next Wednesday afternoon...Dr. Donald Guthrie will address the gathering on "The Modern Medical Graduate – Ambassador of Health." Recently completed at a cost of \$1,000,000.... *Suburban Press*

Sept. 24, 1931 – **Some Old Park Rules:** An article in the *Suburban Press* reprinted the rules governing Fairmount Park in 1872. They included: 1) No person shall turn cattle, goats, swine, horses, dogs...loose in the Park, 2) No person shall take ice from the Schuylkill, within the Park, without the license of the said Commissioners.... 3) No person shall drive or ride in Fairmount Park at a rate exceeding seven miles an hour. *Suburban Press*