

## East Falls Past--October Happenings

### *The Fallser*, October 2006, by Wendy Moody

Here's what was happening around East Falls during the month of October in years past:



**October 11, 1900** – A ladies orchestra is being organized by Mrs. Edward Picket, of Queen Lane, who is noted for her exceptional musical talent. Mrs. Picket will be pleased to hear from all ladies playing instruments, either string or otherwise. *Weekly Forecast*

**October 18, 1900** – Officer Jacob Blateau has been chosen to guard the Dobson mansion, Bella Vista, as the collection of tokens received at the recent marriage of Mr. Dobson's daughter, Miss Bessie, might have a tendency to attract the covetous to that locality. *Weekly Forecast*

**October 31, 1901** – The young people of the Falls Baptist Church will give an oyster supper and entertainment in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Ridge and Midvale Avenues on Saturday evening. *Weekly Forecast*

**October 20, 1917** – Most every one down here is interested in the army. Go where one may he is apt to see women plying knitting needles, and most of what one hears is about the Red Cross society and buying Liberty Bonds. Lots of good things have already been sent to the boys in the camps and the active workers associated with Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson Altemus in the work being carried on in the "White House," 4153 Ridge Avenue, will see that the boys will not be neglected. *Chronicle*

**October 14, 1992** – **New Library is opened at Textile.** Designed to be inviting and easy to use, the new Paul J. Gutman Library *[photo]*...combines high-tech services with a warm and comfortable environment...the 54,000 sq. ft. facility which was dedicated last Saturday has the perfect atmosphere for studying and learning. The library is named for the late Paul J. Gutman, former Secretary-Treasurer of Pressman-Gutman, Inc... The Gutman family has provided a \$1 million contribution toward the completion of the new \$7.5 million library in his honor. *The Review*

**October 1999** – The East Falls Development Corporation and the Falls Bridge Centennial Committee will unveil East Falls' Public Art Tribute to the Schuylkill River in a dedication ceremony on October 7. **Five fish plaques** have been fabricated and installed by Iron Works of Ottsville at the edge of the ...river. The five fish depicted are only a few of the large variety which have been available in the Upper Schuylkill Basin over the centuries. *The Fallser*