

East Falls Past—August News

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Here's what was happening during August around Falls in years past:

August 9, 1900 – Three more fortunates have been given admittance to the Loyal Brotherhood of Bachelors. At their last meeting they initiated into the mysteries of unrestricted bachelordom Mr. James Dean, J. W. Dunkey and John McKay. *Weekly Forecast*

August 31, 1916 – New Dental Office Opened in the Falls

– On Tuesday, the dental office of Dr. William Rubin will be open for business at the corner of Ridge Avenue and Queen Lane, over the Bell store. The office hours will be from 9am to noon and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9pm and Sundays by appointment. Dr. Rubin has had the rooms newly renovated and electricity installed and put in all the latest instruments known to the dental art. Dr. Rubin comes to the Falls well recommended. The public is invited to call any time and inspect these offices and get acquainted with the doctor. *Weekly Forecast*

August 1997 – Vacant Brewery to be Demolished – Neighbors of the Hohenadel Brewery *[photo]* at Indian Queen Lane and Conrad Streets had their day in court – through the efforts of Councilman Michael Nutter, residents' complaints about the crumbling structure were heard by the city's Department of Licenses and Inspections which determined the imminent danger of the site and brought the matter before the Court of Common Pleas. After hearing the arguments of both sides, Judge Pamela Pryor Cohen ordered...a walk-through of the property in July... a settlement was negotiated with the owner, Curtis Hemlepp, who agreed that the city could demolish the 50,000 square foot building and place a lien against the property to cover the costs. *The Fallser*

August 1999 – 60 feet above the ground, “steeplejacks” hung from ropes as they restored and repainted the steeple on the **Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd** building. The steeple tops a tower, part of the classical Georgian building on The Oak Road. The architecture of the building is adapted from a style made famous by Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's in London.

Good Shepherd began in the workmen's hut on the grounds of a farm, now William Penn Charter School. From that small beginning in 1917 the parish built on Midvale Avenue (The Church of the Good Shepherd of Queen Lane Manor). In 1926 the sons of Henry and Alice Brown decided to build a new church on The Oak Road as a memorial to their parents. Good Shepherd was opened for public worship October 1927 and has had only 4 Rectors since 1917. *The Fallser*

