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## HOW IT WAS . . .

Miss Lena Hoster's summer estate was quite impressive. She had acquired it from the Joyce family, the original owners. At the turn of the century, it was a lovely retreat from Columbus, a half-day's journey away by horse and buggy. One could always catch the Interurban from the city and make a little better time. The tracks ran right along the edge of Miss Lena's property. Worthington was not quite a mile away, just a nice walk.

There were a number of buildings, surrounded by broad lawns and shaded by many great trees. The central building was an imposing white frame steamboat architecture lodge. On either side of the bridge were summer homes built for the use of Miss Lena's nephews. A livery, stable, dairy barn, chicken coops, pump house, ice house and other small



outbuildings were located about the grounds. The farmer-dairyman-caretaker lived in what is now Oakmont.

One of the two summer homes located on either side of the bridge is now the CDP building. For a time it was the Harding home. Dr. Charles used to reminisce about his childhood, growing up on the hospital grounds, playing in the ravine and riding his pony around the wide porch of the Lodge. He was scolded roundly by the nurse in charge for disturbing the patients during their afternoon rest.

Since then the house has had many uses. For many years it was the location of the Adjunctive Therapy department. The Craft Shops was on the first floor, with large floor looms, a ceramics area and always the pleasant smell of oil paints, linseed oil and leather. Upstairs activities included THE ANALYST, a cooking class and the AT office. During the 1970's, the second floor housed the Harding School.

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