

Grantorra Is Setting For Bicentennial Costume Ball

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The patriotic spirit of a local family provided a memorable occasion for about 100 guests Saturday night. The James Grant family entertained at a Bicentennial Costume Ball in the recently remodeled third floor ballroom of their home, Grantorra.

Everyone dressed in colorful colonial costumes for the Bicentennial Birthday party. Mrs. Grant wore a light blue gown made from a pattern of prize winning 1775 Paris fashion, found with old papers when the Grants bought their home from Robert and Stanley Greenwood about 11 years ago.

For the festive occasion, elaborate silver punch bowls with little badgers among the carvings on the legs; a centerpiece filled with red, white and blue carnations; and graceful silver candelabra first used on the U.S.S. Wisconsin in 1901 was loaned by the State Historical Society through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Wilson, historian for the L.D. Fargo Library.

The Revolutionary days atmosphere was enhanced by Lloyd Cohen as the Town Crier, who kept things moving along; by Andrew, Angela, Geoffrey and Beth Grant in a "Spirit of '76 skit; by Judy and Beth Grant in a patriotic, Uncle Sam tap-dancing routine, and by Ken Grant and his Bicentennial String Quartet chamber music.

The Tudor-Gothic style house was built in 1902 by Arthur G. Greenwood of the banking family. Mrs. Connor T. Hansen, a descendant of the architect, George Ferry, was among the guests. Ferry also designed the Lorenzo Dow Fargo Library and the State Historical Society Building, Madison.



Allen Raduege, his wife, Evelyn; Phyllis Sillman and husband, Phil, pause for a moment to have their picture taken at the Saturday evening Bicentennial Ball at the James Grant home on Lake Shore Drive.



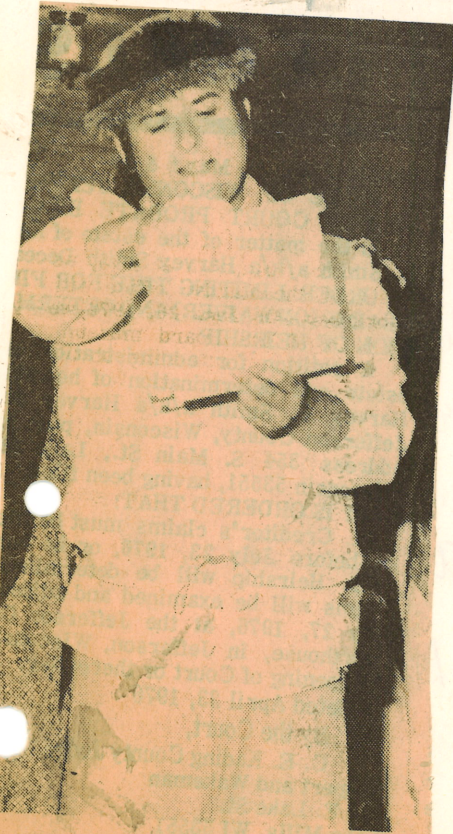
The happy expressions on the faces of the people in this grouping indicates that they were "Having a ball." They are [left to right]: Wayne Crone, Mrs. Wayne Crone, Mrs. Franklin Else, and Franklin Else.



The "Family group" in this picture includes [left to right]: Joel Wilson, Mrs. Joel Wilson, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Margaret Moore and John Wilson.



Among the guests enjoying the Saturday evening Bicentennial event were [left to right]: Mrs. W.J. Erlandson, Mrs. Leo Barfknecht, Mrs. Allen Boutelle, Allen Boutelle, and W.J. Erlandson.



Lloyd Cohen, former Lake Mills resident now of Madison, was the Town Crier and the evening's master of ceremonies.



Mrs. Myra Rasche (left) and Mrs. [Name obscured]



Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, the Bicentennial Ball host and hostess, are served punch by Joyce Kohlhof of Watertown. Gracing the beautifully appointed table was the elegant silver service which had at an earlier day been used

on the U.S.S. Wisconsin for state occasions. The service was loaned by the Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison for the occasion.



Geoffrey the drummer
 Andrew,
 Angela
 Beth