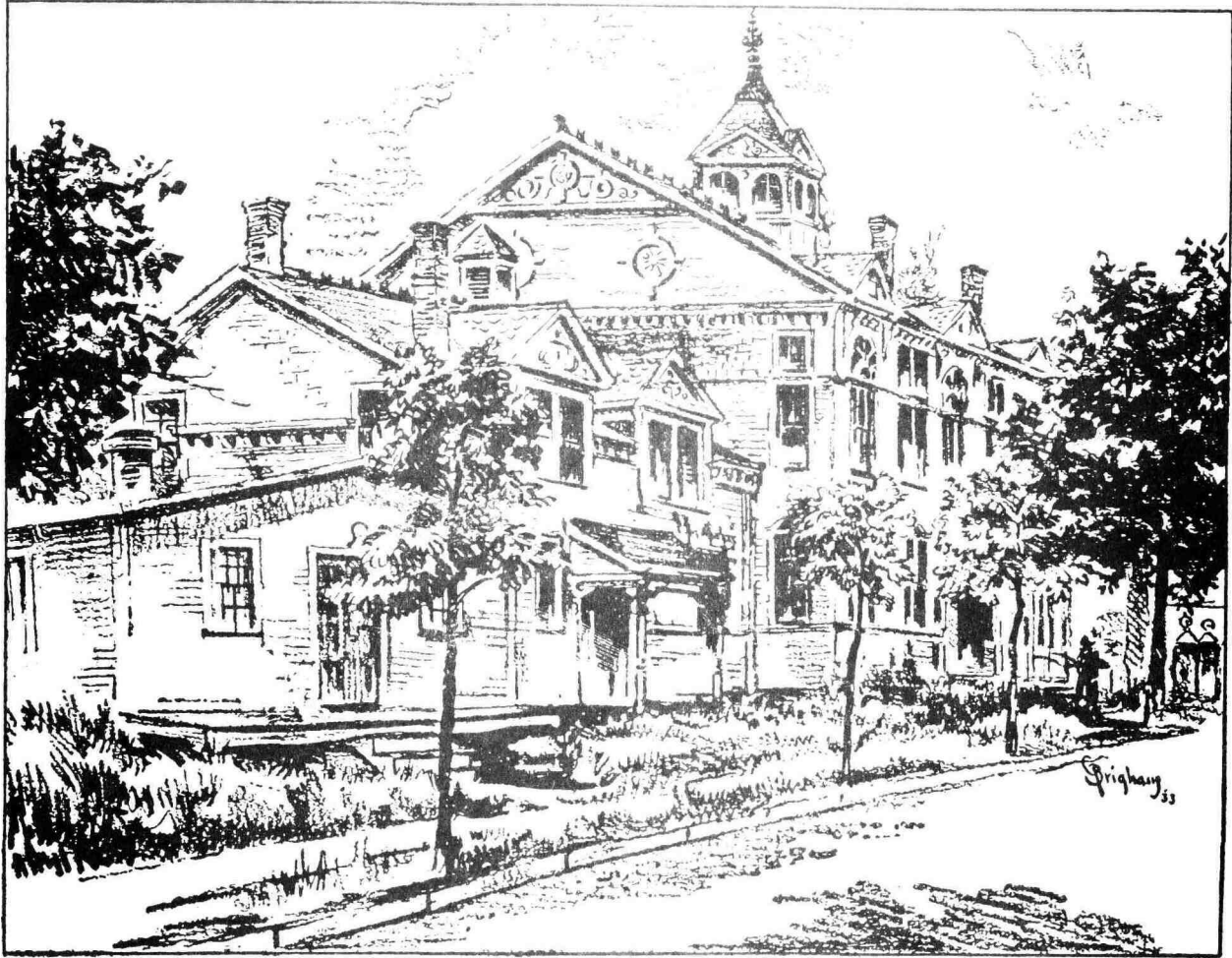


## HOME FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS



**T**HE New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers, located on Belgrove Drive, north of Bergen Avenue, is one of the oldest and most familiar landmarks in the town of Kearny. Built shortly after the Civil War to accommodate New Jersey's veterans, it also became a haven for Spanish-American War soldiers. For years it was a common and beautiful sight for passersby to see the old veterans sitting under the trees that sheltered them from the sun and telling a group of wide-eyed children their heroic tales of

Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg and Chancellorsville. With the "thin blue line" diminishing year by year, it became necessary to consolidate the home with the one at Menlo Park, and in June, 1932, the old soldiers, numbering only forty-six, of which just thirteen were Civil War veterans, left the Arlington Home. At present the last building has been razed and the destiny of the plot has not been decided; but whatever is done, many of the town's citizens will long have pleasant and proud recollections of the "Old Soldiers' Home."