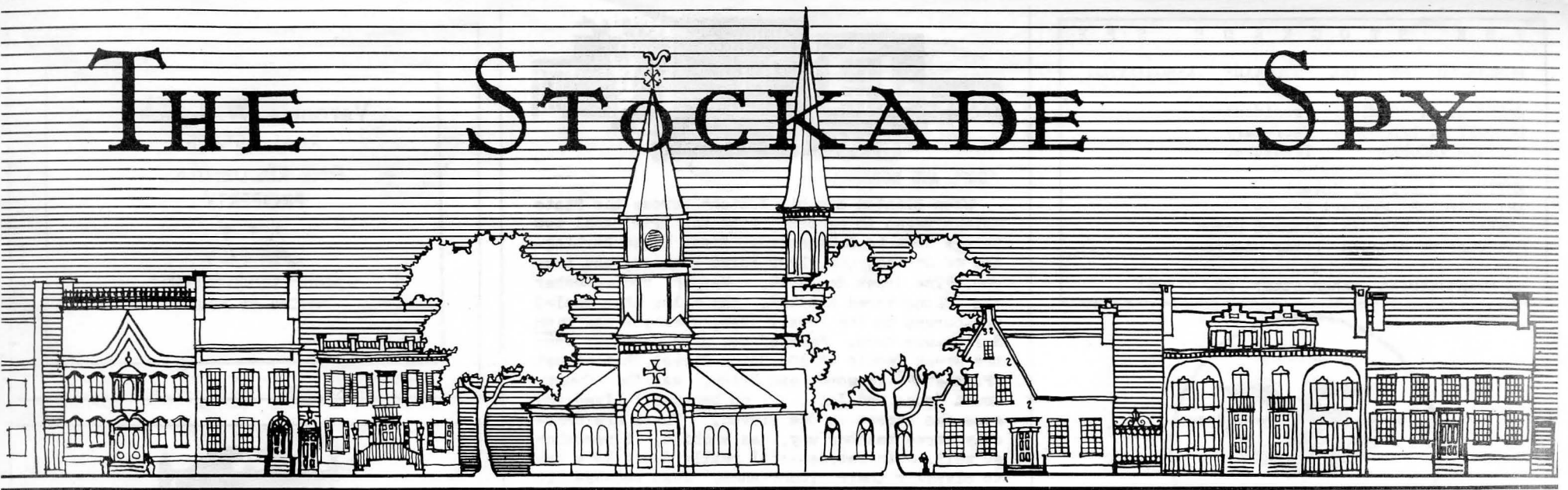


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RIVERSIDE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On April 26 at 8 P.M. the 40th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Riverside School will be held.

All "friends of Riverside" are invited to attend the gala evening and share the fun and food. Many of the first pupils and teachers at the school will be present to talk over the old days and note the changes 40 years can make.

The Riverside School was designed by R. L. Bowen and Thomas Hanrahan was the contractor.

The first principal of the school was James Baird. Others were Wendell Andrews, James Gosch, Robert Boenig, Margaret McGrane, R. D. Zimmer, and Dr. Harry Linton, who was at the same time director of secondary education in the city.

William K. Flynn, the present principal, a graduate of Union College came to the school in 1957.

Miss Marion Hannay of the first faculty of Riverside is honorary chairman of the Anniversary celebration. On the planning committee are Mrs. William Quinn, Mr. Anthony Pacelli, Mrs. Constance Sitz, Mrs. Robert George, Mr. Charles Zukauskas, Mrs. Alice Duell and the principal, Mr. Flynn.

A special commemorative design, to be used on programmes and souvenirs, has been created by fourth grader Tressa Gilliland.

RS riverside school anniversary celebration
 APRIL 26 8 P. M.
 EVERYONE MOST WELCOME

CANCER GROUP PLANS STOCKADE DRIVE

Mrs. William Kunkelmann of Green Street, leader of the local group has announced that the Cancer Drive Convassers in the Stockade will be: Mrs. John W. Eddy, Mrs. Remi Roberts, Mrs. Ferris Copper, Mrs. James M. Sherwood, Mrs. Karl Koss, Mrs. Stanley Mlodzianowski, Mrs. John M. Bradbury, Mrs. F. E. Harvey, Mrs. J. V. Gilliland, Mrs. Robert George, Mrs. Ava Broderick, Mrs. Brownlee Kjolseth, Mrs. W. D. Weeks, Mrs. Edwin Weinheimer, Mrs. John Florkiewicz, Mrs. Earl Farry, Mrs. Robert Rapple, Mrs. Shirley Fahey, Miss Katrina Van Vorst, Miss Gail Lynch, Mrs. Lula Whitmyer, Miss Ann Braden, Miss Carol Sitz, Miss Mary Jane Van Voast. The Drive will be conducted April 18th and 19th.

DRAMATIC INNOVATION AT PLAYHOUSE

For the first time in its colorful career the Civic Playhouse will, in October, present a play in blank verse. The lyric work "The Lady's Not For Burning" by Christopher Fry will be the company's opening production next season and will be featured at the State Drama Festival in Albany as well.

Director Irene Marmein has slated tryouts for Wednesday, April 26, and Friday April 28, with registration at 7:30 and readings beginning at 8 P.M. Eight men and three women are needed for the cast.

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BARGAINS IN TREES UNearthED BY CHAIRMAN

Further spadework on the part of Tree Chairman Mrs. George D. Braden has brought to light encouraging news. Any stockader can have a 10-foot tree in front of his house for as little as \$15, including professional planting and a years guarantee of proper growth. Excavation of a 3x3 foot hole in a concrete sidewalk will add between \$3 and \$3.50, depending on the number of holes to be dug in the area. A mass response will make for a lower rate. Residents who have brick and slate walks will, of course, be spared this expense.

The nursery offering this bargain tree price recommends maples for city-sidewalk planting, but is willing to provide other varieties in the same price range. Leading nurserymen in and about Schenectady agree that the following varieties should all do well: the male ginkgo, a new type of locust, the pin-oak, the little-leaf linden, and the Norway, red, or Schwerdler maple. All of these meet with the approval of the City Forester, so each planter may choose his own species. Indeed, the wholesale nursery with whom these arrangements have been made has asked that each interested house-holder drive out to Latham to select his own tree.

For driving directions, or any other information relative to the tree planting, Stockaders should call FR 2-9213.

STOCKADE FRIENDS RESPONSIVE

According to Mrs. J. Warren Joyce, chairman of the newly formed Friends of the Stockade Association, a primary mailing of a letter of invitation enclosing a copy of the SPY has produced more than 20 members within a two-week period. What is especially heartening is that many of the enthusiastic replies have come from as far away as California and Virginia.

TIDINGS - Susan L. Clarke

Professor and Mrs. Gilbert Harlow, 17 Front Street, are grandparents for the second time. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koral of Pattersonville are the parents of a daughter, Shelley Lynn, born on March 23.

Susan and Sally Harlow, 17 Front Street, have returned from State Teacher's College, Plattsburgh for the Easter holidays.

Judge and Mrs. William Quinn and daughter Susan, 19 North Ferry Street, spent the Easter holidays in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Muszney, who have spent the winter at 3 1/2 North Ferry Street will return to their home in Charlton April 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Macdonald from Loch Lomond, Scotland and Mrs. George Rickey and sons Stuart and Philip of Chatham, Mass., spent Easter with Mrs. Walter Rickey, 13 Front Street.

Mrs. Pitkin Jerome of New York City spent Easter with Mrs. Rice McKnight, 15 Washington Avenue. In June Mrs. Jerome will occupy an apartment at 22 Washington Avenue.

Geoffry Ball, 13 Front Street, has as his guest John Bagg, a classmate at Bard College.

NEW NEIGHBORS

At 58 Washington Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boggs. Bob is in the advertising and sales promotion department at General Electric, and both Bob and Mary are well known to Civic Playhouse aficionados.

At 58 Washington Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Farthy. Guy is at General Electric, and he and Pat have been Schenectadians on and off for years. This time they've come back from San Jose.

HISTORIC ZONING EMPOWERED BY NEW YORK STATE LAW

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Action by the New York State Legislature has extended the General City Law to grant specific powers for Historic Area Zoning and Architectural Control. Its aim is that of the standard zoning ordinance - to regulate the development of land and the construction of buildings thereon in the interest of the general welfare. According to Schenectady Deputy Corporation Counsel Carl J. Ruskowski it is now a law... "having real teeth - a monumental document that will provide precise control for historical areas". It makes possible "Special regulations for protection, enhancement, perpetuation or use of places, buildings, structures - of historical or aesthetic interest or value, and includes control of the use or appearance of neighboring private property".

To explore the importance of this law to the Stockade, Association President James Schmitt has appointed a Historic Zoning Committee. Members are Admiral Willard Kitts, General William Milton, Jr., and George Braden, counsel for the Association. Plans for Historic Zoning in the Stockade area are being drafted.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Stockade Association has been called for Wednesday, May 17, at 8 P.M. It will be held at 108 Union Street, and will spotlight an Historic Zoning Panel Discussion. The Panel will include Mr. John Manning, City Planning Director, Mr. Carl J. Ruskowski, City Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Mr. Robert Mitchell of the City Engineer's Office.

NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING
 STOCKADE ASSOCIATION
 HISTORIC ZONING

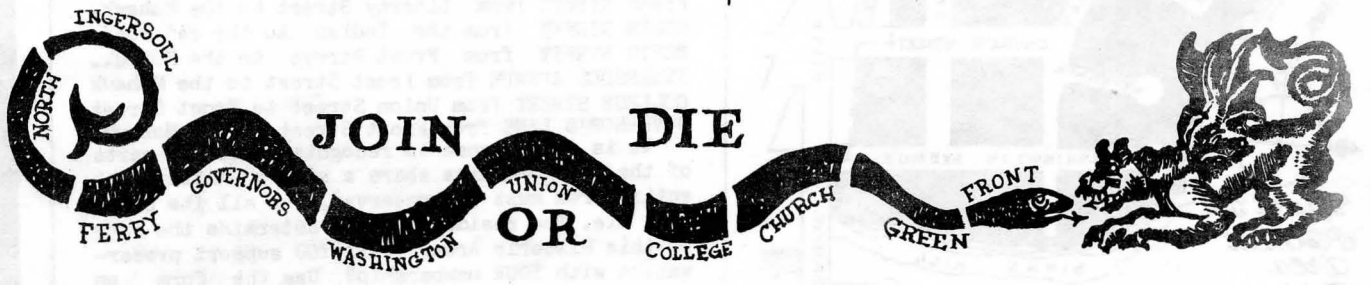
Wednesday May 17 8 p. m.
 108 Union Street

FLAG COMMITTEE UNFURLED

Chairman of the Stockade Association Flag Committee Mr. Ernest A. R. Cohen has revealed that his co-workers are Mrs. Santino F. Lando, Mrs. Gerald Perkins, Mr. John Mauriel and Dr. Roger Kambour. Letters are being sent out to all owners of plaqued homes inviting them to display flags appropriate to the building date of their houses, as outlined in the March SPY. The committee has arranged to make flags ranging in price from \$4.98 to \$7.98, and hopes to inaugurate their display on July 27, when the Tercentenary of the signing of Arent Van Curler's pact with the Indians will be celebrated.

STOCKADERS ENHANCE CIVIC BALLET

Front Street artists George Weinheimer and Robert Kubiak are helping insure that the April 22 performances of the Schenectady Civic Ballet at Linton High School will delight the eye. Bob has designed the sets for "Harlequinade", with choreography by Miss Phyllis Marmein of Washington Avenue. George has evolved both decor and costumes for "Folk Suite", and still further stockade talent has been provided by Miss Irene Marmein in the form of costumes for "I Watched Myself Grow Up". There will be two performances, one at 2:30 and one at 8:30 P.M.



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THE PAST - SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE

A footnote on life in the Stockade is brought to mind by a note from Mrs. William Quinn telling us that "Reliable reports say that Kenneth Clarke son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Clarke of 4 North St., was the first pupil to enroll in Riverside School. Other members of the Clarke family have been Riverside students, including Constance Clarke Sitz, a member of the Anniversary Planning Committee, and her son Kenneth, who is presently a fourth grader." Continuity of this sort is always gratifying to peripatetic Americans. It is pleasant to be reminded that, however restless and young we may seem to the Old World, we too have roots and a history.

In our segment of Old Schenectady proofs of this are everywhere before our eyes. Bearers of names familiar to us from the historic plaques and markers, names like Yates and Vrooman, are still among us. Here is the Stockade, in the houses we own, the people we greet, the streets we walk, we share the living past.

SUMMER IS ICUMEN IN

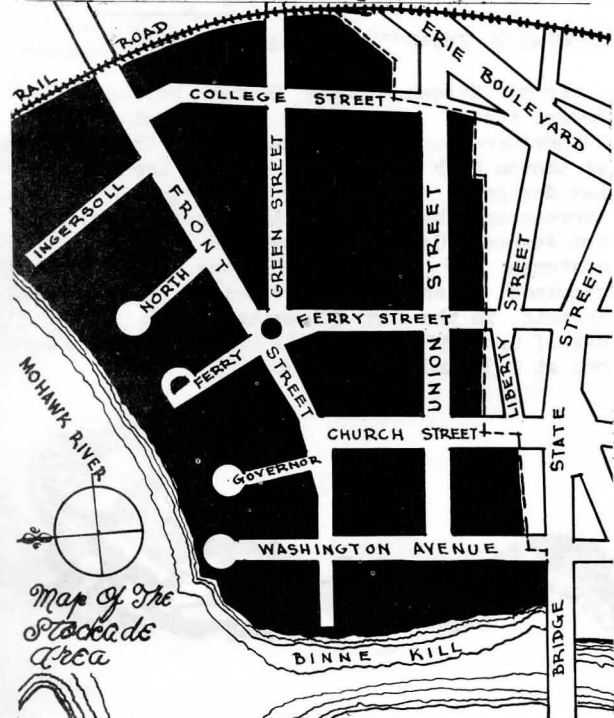
Now that the ice-floes have receded, and our sidewalks are exposed to the casual eye, we might all give some thought to them. Whether measured by standards of health or standards of aesthetics, they do fall rather short of perfection. Even a daily sweep-up is no solution if the sweepings are piled in the gutters to be blown back by the first passing car. And sweeping of any sort is unfeasible if one has just been visited by one of the large friendly, untrammelled neighborhood dogs. If the Stockade is to provide a pleasant summer setting we must all look to our animals and ply our brooms and hoses.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT
 JOIN OR DIE

Two hundred seven years ago today Benjamin Franklin joined patriots assembled in Albany to discuss Union for the Thirteen Colonies. In terms of distance and background the Colonies were worlds apart. To weave such separate and disparate elements into a seamless fabric seemed beyond reasonable expectation. Yet, Franklin knew the differences between the Colonies were more obvious than profound. His historic plea at the Albany Congress was "Join or Die".

Then on May 9, 1754 Franklin published his famous issue of the Pennsylvania Gazette. The front page depicted a dismembered serpent with each section labeled for one of the Colonies. Again, he warned that the Colonies must join together or each separate part would die.

Appropriately this historic slogan, coined in our locale, was adopted by the Stockade to plead for union of its parts. We too believe that differences within the Stockade are more obvious than profound. The common goal of preservation



"COPS AND ROBBERS"

When Clinton dug his "Ditch" across the State things began to happen. With the Erie Canal two things came to Schenectady, first those harbingers of Spring, the "Long Eared Robins", and second, "The Greek Revival". Many of you remember the "Long Eared Robins", the mules that hauled the barges on the Canal. Yes, when you saw them Spring was here. Many of you also remember when the Greek Temple at 108 Union Street, that almost "Paesteum" in wood and brick, was the County Court House and Jail. I do because I lived across the street at One Eleven. There are probably three reasons why, as a child, I remember so well. In retrospect I really don't know how to classify their importance. Just because it was a hot summer's day and all the windows were open, it was annoying to have my parents receive a call asking that the children be quiet. "Court is in session!" It was exciting to watch the horse-drawn "paddy-wagon" pull up with a new criminal. This was TV, a live show! It was fun to have ice cream with the jailor's daughter and the inmates of the Jail. Most assuredly the rumble of roller skates on flagstone sidewalks and the screams of laughter from kids playing "Cops and Robbers" must have been annoying to Judges and Attorneys who were playing the game for real. And, of course, in a child's life ice cream is a treat no matter when or where, but it was a special treat to have it with the "Bad Men". It was thoughtful of the County to serve the inmates this treat so appreciated by those picked up the night before for misconduct. It must have helped to quench the fire of last night's debauchery. The Jailor was also most thoughtful in the disposition of the cells down in the basement, now lost to eternity since the recent remodeling of the building. I am told that, when two gay "young men about town" were impounded for having too good a time one night, they were placed in the cells facing Union Street so that they could wave and talk to their "Peacock Plumed" friends as they walked by. Nonetheless, there were problems, like the Jail Break!

The culprit, dashing across the street, jumped the then wooden gate between 109 and 111 with



the not so agile cops in hot pursuit. Plants and hedges suffered that night but the escapee was apprehended. Then there was the night when my sister and I were drawn to the window by the drunk shouting "Police, Police!" as he jumped from the paddy-wagon and ran up Union Street. Such was the Greek Temple. May it stand as a symbol of justice done in the past. Next month "A Baron and Lotteries".
 Giles Y. vanderBogart

JOIN OR DIE -continued

outweighs any differences. The eight hundred fifty families in the Stockade must join together - or the Stockade will die.

The work of preserving this Area of Schenectady's cultural, historical and architectural heritage must have the united support of ALL Stockade residents. The Association needs YOUR support of these objectives for the Stockade Area:

1. To promote Historic Area Zoning Laws.
2. To encourage protection and restoration of Historic Structures.
3. To improve the aesthetic and physical character of public and private properties.
4. To assist in preserving ancient trees and in planting new trees.
5. To encourage the display of appropriate historical Flags on buildings bearing date plaques.
6. To promote the use of this Historic Area for the education, pleasure and welfare of all the people.

Support these objectives with YOUR membership in the Stockade Association.

Association membership is open to all individuals and organizations living in or owning property in the Stockade Area.

The Stockade Area includes these streets: FRONT STREET from the Binne Kill to railroad. UNION from Washington Avenue to College Street. WASHINGTON AVENUE from State to the Mohawk. CHURCH STREET from Liberty Street to the Mohawk. FERRY STREET from Liberty Street to the Mohawk. GREEN STREET from the Indian to the railroad. NORTH STREET from Front Street to the Mohawk. INGERSOLL AVENUE from Front Street to the Mohawk. COLLEGE STREET from Union Street to Front Street. GOVERNOR'S LANE from Front Street to the Mohawk.

It is commonsense to recognize that all parts of the Stockade Area share a single destiny. The entire Area must be preserved, or all its parts will die. The residents alone determine the fate of this Historic Area. Will YOU support preservation with YOUR membership? Use the form on the front page. JOIN NOW.

James D. Schmitt

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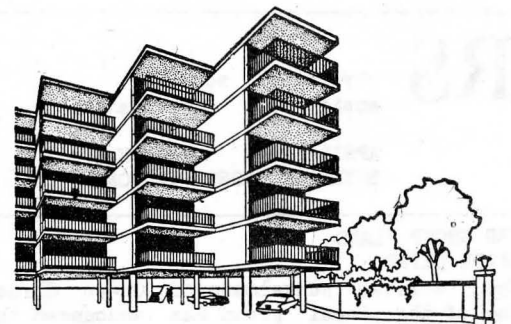
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