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A TREE . . . MAN'S BEST FRIEND

TREES help supply oxygen we need to breathe. Yearly each acre of young trees can produce enough oxygen to keep 18 people alive . . .

TREES help keep our air supply fresh by using up carbon dioxide that we exhale and that factories and engines emit . . .

TREES use their hairy leaf surfaces to trap and filter out ash, dust, and pollen particles carried in the air . . .

TREES dilute gaseous pollutants in the air as they release oxygen . . .

TREES can be used to indicate air pollution levels of sulfur dioxide, just as canaries were once used to detect dangerous methane gas in coal mines . . .

TREES provide food for birds and wild animals . . .

TREES lower air temperatures by enlisting the sun's energy to evaporate water in the leaves . . .

TREES increase humidity in dry climates by releasing moisture as a by-product of food-making and evaporation . . .

TREES give us a constant supply of products — lumber for buildings and tools, cellulose for paper and fiber; as well as nuts, mulches, oils, gums, syrups, and fruits . . .

TREES slow down forceful winds . . .

TREES cut noise pollution by acting as barriers to sound. Each 100-foot width of trees can absorb about 6 to 8 decibels of sound intensity. Along busy highways, which can generate as much as 72 decibels, this reduction would be welcome to residents . . .

TREES provide shelter for birds and wildlife and even for us when caught in a rain shower without an umbrella . . .

TREES shade us from direct sunlight better than any sombrero. They are welcome in parking lots on hot, sunny days . . .

TREES camouflage harsh scenery and unsightly city dumps, auto graveyards, and mine sites . . .

TREES offer a natural challenge to youthful climbers . . .

TREES make excellent perches for Robinson Crusoe-style playhouses . . .

TREE branches support ruggedly-used swings . . .

TREE leaves break the onslaught of pelting raindrops on the soil surface and give the soil a chance to soak up as much water as possible . . .

TREE leaves, when fallen, cover the ground to keep the soil from drying out . . .

TREE leaves, by decaying, replace minerals in the soil and enrich it to support later plant growth . . .

TREE roots hold the soil and keep silt from washing into streams . . .

TREE roots help air get beneath the soil surface . . .

TREE salve the psyche with pleasing shapes and patterns, fragrant blossoms, and seasonal splashes of color . . .

TREES break the monotony of endless sidewalks and miles of highways . . .

TREES beautify our gardens and grace our backyards . . .

TREES soften the outline of the masonry, metal, and glass cityscape . . .

TREES increase the value of property . . .

And TREES provide for America's economic growth and stability.

THE PRESIDENT

At the moment, people are filled with Christmas spirit. The tree lighting is being enhanced by carolers this year, some of our young residents are giving a party at St. George's, people are buying Christmas cards, and cars are stopping at the Indian to let pedestrians cross.

There are several things we can do to help carry the spirit of good cheer through the winter. First, have a care for the children who may be playing in the street, or going home in the early dark.

Second, keep your sidewalk clear. We have many elderly people in the area who may not be as sure-footed as the youngsters. They will have a better winter if we all keep our walks clear.

Finally, start the New Year right, by helping others. I have been told that the Red Cross will have a blood drive at the First Reformed Church on December 31st. New Year's Eve is always a peak demand time for blood. Look for posters on the bulletin board.

Last, but not least, my personal wishes for another good year to all of the people who live in the Stockade.

Bill Davidsen

The SPY wishes to extend its sympathy to the Colangelos on the passing of Mr. Anthony Colangelo of Front Street.



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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

November 24, 1975

President Davidsen called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. He reported that he had attended a meeting of the Washington Park Association, and that they have many problems which we have solved in the past. He also reported that we have received our membership in the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and that we now have P.O. Box 1661. He reported that the Riverfront Steering Committee had met, and that one possibility was a bike trail following the old railroad tracks from Rexford bridge.

The Wine and Cheese party committee reported that we will have the party on Friday, December 5th at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall at St. George's. More fliers will be distributed.

Roger Kambour reported that the artist's group which sponsors the Art Show has been incorporated, and that they are interested in sponsoring a Craft Show in the spring.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the *SPY*, and Bob George gave the treasurer's report. He also reported that the non-profit papers are ready for President Davidsen's inspection and signature.

President Davidsen displayed the Christmas cards being sold by the Association at a price of \$10 per 100, and \$6 per 50. He stated that they could be purchased after the meeting.

Mr. Van Heuvel reported that the tree lighting will be at 7:30 p.m. on December 12th. The Union Presbyterian Church choir will be caroling in the area on that evening.

President Davidsen introduced Will Taggart, chairman of the Historic District Commission, who outlined the history and purposes of the Commission. After questions, Mr. Taggart reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals was having a hearing tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. regarding an application for aluminum siding and a new porch. He requested the support of the Association.

Mr. Taggart then introduced the other members of the Historic District Commission who were present, Werner Feibes and Bonnie Gallagher.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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DOGS

No man is an island unto himself. This especially applies to dog owners who live in towns or cities. This article shall be limited to dog owners who live in a house in town or the city and who have a lawn that measures approximately 75' x 75' or more. People who live in apartments and do not own a lawn have many more responsibilities and problems to meet.

The dog owner living in a town or city has a responsibility to his family and neighbors. All members of the family and all neighbors will not appreciate your dog as much as you. Therefore, offensive acts or habits of your dog must be kept to a minimum. Dog owners should also be aware that bad habits and actions of the dog are a reflection of the owner and not the dog.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. A dog that is kept outside most of the time should have a suitable dog house.

2. The dog should be kept tied or kenneled unless under immediate control of the owner. Your neighbors may not appreciate your dog on their property for many reasons.

3. Do not allow your dog to bark unnecessarily. Your dog should bark to sound an alarm when someone comes near. The dog should be trained to stop barking after you have acknowledged the visitor and comment to the dog that all is well.

4. Do not allow your dog to bark unnecessarily when it hears another dog bark or for no obvious reason.

5. Not everyone loves dogs. Some people are allergic to dogs or may have a fear of them based on a bad experience. When visitors arrive they should not have to put up with a dog that jumps on them. Neither should they be placed in the awkward position of being asked to sit in a chair that the dog has used and is covered with dog hairs.

6. Under no circumstances should your dog be allowed to chase bicycles or cars. People have been killed by dogs in cars swerving to avoid hitting a dog. Of course, if your dog is tied or kenneled except when under your control, this should not be a problem.

7. Never allow your dog to use the neighbors' lawn or bushes for bathroom purposes. This will cause you to lose the friendship of your neighbors quickly. If your dog is tied or kenneled except when under your control, this should not be a problem.

8. When you visit friends you may sometimes wish to take your dog with you. This is fine if they do not mind. You should be realistic and know that most of the time your dog will not be welcomed. They may show interest in your dog and enjoy him at your house, but not in theirs.

As the human population increases, there will be greater pressure for living space. The anti-pet group will be made up of people sometimes referred to as "cranks", but it will also consist of people who are fed up with their neighbors' undisciplined dogs.

It is not likely that in the immediate future pet owners will be deprived of the right of owning a dog. As cities become larger and ecology problems become greater, certain restrictions may be made. If this happens, it will have been caused by inconsiderate dog owners. Let us all be more aware of those around us.





THIS AND THAT AND DANCING

This is a rather broad title, isn't it? I intend it to be just that. It seems so all inclusive and yet so indefinite.

Let me start by thanking all of the people who have been reading my column and have told me how much they enjoy my reminiscences. I especially thank those who called me, like the naughty young (?) girl, who after she had read my last story about the Lamplighter, phoned to tell me this:

"Giles, I remember so well the Lamplighter and the gas lights which you described so well. I remember them particularly because as a child I was forbidden to read when I went to bed. My family didn't realize it, but outside of my bedroom window there was a gas light which each night the Lamplighter lit and which he turned out each morning. It shone through my window and, if I arranged myself properly, I could read by it and no one was the wiser."

I shan't divulge her name or age, but I know that she remembers some dancing classes and cotillions better than I. Yes, I can just remember when she and my parents went dancing down at Yates Boat House.

I also remember dancing classes held there for youngsters older than I. Then I recall that there were the classes at the Arcade Hall of the Edison Hotel, where Vinick's is now at the corner of Wall and State Streets. As I remember, Mr. Van Araman of Troy conducted these dancing classes. Mabel Hall (now Mabel Thompson) also held classes. However, I remember best a Cotillion held at 13 Union Street. I can't remember who our dancing teacher was. It makes little difference because it was all pretty much the same.

Yes, it was like this. Once a week we boys had to be scrubbed up and put in our best clothes complete with patent leather pumps. It was *Horrible*. No football, baseball or snowballs that afternoon. However, the girls seemed to love it. They were in their prettiest frocks. They were all coy and giggly. They sat on their side of the room. We boys sat on the other, sort of like a Quaker Meeting. The piano started to play and the teacher said:

"Select your partner."

Then came the mad rush toward the prettiest girls, but the instructor took care of the situation. We each bowed politely to a girl saying, "May I have this dance?" Thus we all ended up with a partner whether we liked her or not, and we started to dance. If it was a waltz it was, "One, two, skip. One, two, skip." If it was a fox trot, it was, "One, two, three, skip. One, two, three, skip." It was terrible if you didn't get the right girl. But as someone once said, "Good cometh from all things". The "good" that came from dancing school was the Cotillion, like the one I remember at 13 Union Street up on the second floor. You invited the girl of your choice to go with you. You gave her a bouquet which your parents paid for. You went "One, two, skip or One, two, three, skip" with her until the wee hours of the morning (9 p.m.). It really had been worth a bath and dressing up once a week.

Giles Y. van der Bogert

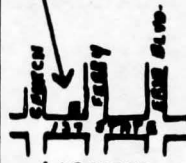
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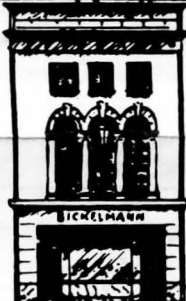


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(Passed November 10, 1975 at Board Meeting)

	Income (\$)	Expenditure (74-75)
Walkabout	2500	
Dues	600	
Books	100	
Interest on savings	<u>100</u>	
	3300	
Tree Lighting	50	(42)
Spy	300	(270)
Printing, mailing, etc.	310	(290)
Insurance	100	(150)
Picnic	200	(454)
Meeting refreshments, etc.	50	(8)
Heritage fund	1300	(1166)
P.O. Box	<u>40</u>	—
	2350	
Special projects	<u>950</u>	
	3300	

TIDINGS

Mrs. Jerome Brown entertained new personnel and wives of officers from the Arsenal with a luncheon at her house following a Stockade Guided Tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert George were joined by their daughters, Sally and Jennifer, for Thanksgiving.

Washington Avenue residents welcome their new neighbor, Patricia Eagan.

Edward and Dianne van der Bogert and Giles and Rebecca van der Bogert with their two sons, Giles and Johann, visited Mrs. Giles Y. van der Bogert over the holidays.

Mrs. Rose Lupe is opening her house on December 17th for the benefit of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Anyone interested in attending the Champagne Punch Party can stop by at St. George's old parish house or call before December 12th to make reservations (374-4523).

Teddy Colangelo, his wife Pam and their daughter Kristen came from St. Paul, Minnesota, to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Nickolas Colangelo.


Bob and Bunnie Cook and their three children, Molly, Bryan and Peter, celebrated Thanksgiving with Mrs. Bryan Shanklin.

Mrs. James J. King, representing the City School District, attended the Annual Meeting of NYS Teachers' Retirement System at Grossingers, Grossingers, N.Y.

The David Anderson family has moved to 51 Snowden Avenue.

The Burt Lamonts are leaving the Stockade area and will be living at 1222 Baker Avenue after mid-December.

Karen Lamont has published an article titled "Fritz G. Vogt", an itinerant artist, in the New York Folk Lore magazine, summer 1975 edition.



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