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**OLD LOCOMOTIVE PARK OPEN FOR US TO USE! HURRAY!**

To the Stockaders living in the vicinity of Front Street, N. College Street and Ingersol Avenue, etc.: The parking lot on Front Street (Front Street Park) is OPEN to us to park our cars. (It can be approached from Front Street or College Street.)

Many thanks to Councilman Dom Gallo and Ward Pres. Anthony Buzzi for their efforts in alleviating our parking problem. We sure appreciate it! Thanks again.

Joe Buttino, 1-23-74

The *SPY* Thanks Joe Buttino for contributing for our attention this most significant improvement in the parking crisis in our neighborhood. Many Stockaders still are concerned and afraid that the City will close this park we so badly need to have open *year round*. Please take note everyone, and TAKE good care of it, and USE it! We thank you, Dom Gallo! We thank you Bob Leonard! Let's keep up that good old pragmatic spirit of Americans working together!

**COMING NEXT TIME:**

Our next issue shall contain an article on the Mt. Carmel House of Hospitality begun by two well-known ex-Stockaders, Father Dennis and Ms. Marilyn Wienk. The ongoing saga of this difficult and wonderful and heart-breaking act will be a joy to describe to so many of you who knew the Wienks when they lived here, and whose continuing interest they so greatly appreciate. Good food and good suggestions for creative group activity (physical activity and games) are always welcome there.

Our next issue shall also contain the continuing series on the Stockade Scene, or, All the Things You Can Do in Your Own Neighborhood, sponsored by the Friends of the Feet, and others devoted to going somewhere without needing gasoline, to get there, that is. This issue neglected many other things going on here, so keep your eyes open and Let the *SPY* Know when you learn something it doesn't know about what you can see by means of your feet.

Our next issue shall also contain: perhaps, An ARTICLE BY YOU; please submit it before the first of March. The Lamonts' baby announcement will be the only exception to the due date of March 1st.



**THE STOCKADE SCENE**



Concerts, Theatre, Exhibits and Lectures, and What-Have-You Around the Neighborhood

Because of the gas shortage the *SPY* offers this list of activities and events within walking distance of your Stockade home:

SERIES: Strategy For Human Survival: Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 19, Feb. 27, March 6; 8 p.m., Schenectady County Public Library Meeting Hall.

**CIVIC THEATRE PLAYHOUSE**  
March 16 thru 23

"CHILD'S PLAY"

**HISTORIC SOCIETY**  
Exhibit Feb. & March  
Exhibit Feb. & March  
Lecture Feb. 9 2:00 P.M.  
March 9 2:00 P.M.

Mon.-Sat. 12:30 to 5:30 Sun. 1 to 5  
**GLEN-SANDERS FURNITURE**  
**RECENT GIFTS**  
**PROF. CARL NIEMEYER "THE AUDOBON THEFT"**  
To be announced

**SCHENECTADY MUSEUM**  
Exhibits Feb. & March  
Thru March 10  
Thru Feb. 17  
Thru Feb.  
Thru Feb.  
Thru Feb.  
Feb. 23 - April 21

Tues.-Fri. 10 to 4 Sat.-Sun. 12 to 5  
**PETER ARNO** - Cartoon Designs for "New Yorker"  
**GOODWIN COLLECTION** - Prints from glass negative  
**BRUNO LA VERDIERE** - Sculpture in fired clay  
**WALTER HALSTEAD** - Photography Art-in-Science  
**ROBIN WOLF** - Jewelry and Metal Work  
**JAMES GILLILAND** - Recent Paintings

**UNION COLLEGE**  
Lecture Feb. 21 8:00 P.M.  
Concert March 6 8:30 P.M.  
Concert March 15 8:00 P.M.

**ROBERT MASSIE** - Author  
**NETHERLANDS WIND ENSEMBLE** - Mozart Festival  
**BACH, ST. MATTHEWS PASSION, OCTAVO SINGERS**

**DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH**  
Exhibit thru Feb.

**VIRGINIA GUYETTE** - Recent Paintings

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH**  
Concert March 24 5:00 P.M.  
Event Feb. 26 5:00 P.M.  
Lecture Feb. 27 8:00 P.M.  
Lecture Lent Wednesdays  
7:30 P.M.


**FAURE REQUIEM**  
**SHROVE TUESDAY** - Pancake Dinner  
**BISHOP HOGG** - Ash Wednesday  
**REV. ALLEN JONES "On to the True Faith"**

**NEW WORLD THEATRE** - 135 Jay Street, (370-0477)  
Feb. 8, 9, 10 8:30 P.M. "HEAT TRANSFER" Kathryn Popino's 1 act play was playing. Call the Theatre or The Other Side of Today for further information.



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## STOCKADER SEES SELF AS CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

### STOCKADER, LIKE SOCRATES, SEES SELF AS CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

#### NORMAN WALBEK SPEAKS ON THE CRISIS ON THE SMALL GREEN PLANET EARTH

by Sarah Stueber-Bishop

His basic concern, it seemed, (in his well-documented, wide-ranging talk on the current man-made crisis facing our doubtful survival on Earth — or anywhere, for that matter,) is with preserving human life. And avoiding the crisis inherent in the rapid deterioration of our quality of life globally is his concomitant aim. He promises that it will take great changes and sacrifices and changes, in order that we not be overcome by the Obstacles to Human Survival, namely war, resource depletion, environmental pollution, and the competitiveness of nationalism.

To those of us who heard Norman Walbek's talk, and who hope to attend the remaining conferences in the series STRATEGY FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL, (AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY\* SEE LISTING) the mere fact that he and others are studying these most critical of issues, and trying to help us act constructively to become part of the solution instead of "part of the problem", is a hopeful sign. But the problems all run so deep that it will no doubt take each one of us acting as carefully as possible within our communities at home to save our world of human beings who have gotten themselves into this terrible mess.

There is a very good chance, said Walbek last Wednesday, that there are no more than 100 years left for the human race unless there is a concerted effort unlike anything so far to deal with The Obstacles (above). He quoted a Rand Corporation study which predicted that there is a 90% chance that there will be an all out nuclear war before the year 2,000. To Walbek, the worst problem by far for the human race is war, or the use of large scale violence. Even the minimal amount of nuclear tonnage deliverable under a nuclear attack, 5,000 to 10,000 megatons, (not including unknown radiation effects and environmental destruction resulting from these) would destroy 70% of our national population. Between the five large powers in the world today, we have enough tons of TNT for each man, woman, and child alive on the planet to have 16 tons apiece. ("That's what we call 'overkill'," Walbek remarked.)

Domestic and international politics as they are practiced are the major impediment, according to Professor Walbek. But all the major problems, (war, resource depletion, environmental pollution, and competitiveness of nationalism — and the lack of internationalism) are of such an importance that they must be taken up locally as well as overall in the world. We all are probably aware that 59% of our 1974 tax dollars to the Federal Government are for war. But are we also aware that our country is presently building a supersonic bomber, even more dangerous in environmental effects than the SST, and almost as costly as one entire year's total military budget, (called the B-1 Bomber, for which GE makes the F 101 augmented turbofan engines) and that this bomber is

designed, among other things, to fly through nuclear holocaust, dropping more nuclear bombs? Professor Walbek pointed out that General Motors is, on the basis of its GNP, the 23rd largest country in the world. (— just to point out what an outdated concept nationalism is, since the powers that control the world today seem from this example to already have far extended our national borders, and even more importantly, our national control.) We have political competition and global inequality, instead of Walbek's goal of global equality and economic distribution. Many people believe, in accordance with Walbek's goal, that there will never be peace as long as people are hungry and oppressed. To solve the problems, we need a revolution in thinking: "complete, systematic, and total", says Walbek.

His solutions include: that the "developed", also called "overdeveloped" countries, like the USA, should cut their consumption in half, and de-develop, at least obtaining a no-growth stable state society, (in terms of economics, not in terms of intellectual, cultural, and personal fulfillment globally which would replace material consumption), and allowing the Third World to develop slightly, to meet needs of the problems that threaten their survival (food, health, shelter, water). He reminded us that we in the United States consume 60% of the world's resources, while we are only 6% of the world's population. ('Give us your poor, your hungry, your huddled masses', — and we'll push them off the Earth.)

He touched only briefly on specific ecological problems, but did mention that the Amazon jungle is thought to produce one-fourth of all the oxygen in our atmosphere; it is an example of one of the obstacles to human survival, if the natives there are permitted to *develop* their country thus endangering the oxygen supply, which according to international laws and policies is now clearly their right, but which could eliminate human life. The ocean is also known to supply us with much of the oxygen we breathe and that sustains us. We know that it is dying; and yet we continue to pollute it; the end destination of all human wastes is the sea. (Further lectures in the series promise to discuss ecological problems of survival in more detail.)

In conclusion, Walbek noted that we are faced with these two basic dilemmas: 1) we have nationalistic politics opposed to a need for global unity to save the life support systems of Earth; and 2) we have the development of the "developing" (Third World) peoples versus the need for reducing economic growth in the industrialized nations.

Think about it when you sit down to dinner tonight. Are we forced to be murderers of our brothers and sisters on the Earth, or can we turn to goals of intellectual and cultural and personal fulfillment instead of material consumption? But that is not the question, fellow passengers on planet Earth! The question is merely, Can we do it in time to save Earth, — and ourselves?

\* Other speakers in this series will be Dr. Peter Tobiesen of Union College, on the Topic, "Food to Spare, Everywhere?", Dr. V. L. Parsegian, of the AEC and RPI; Dr. V. L. Ferwerda, of RPI, on Energy and Human Values, and The Oceans, respectively; Dean Weifenbach of Union, and Dr. Wm. B. Martin of Union, on a Program for Survival. The series is sponsored by the United Nations Association of the Capital District, The World Federalists USA, and Union College. Programs and information are available from Professor William BeVier, Union College (370-6264) — a Stockader, too, or Mrs. Max Mindell, 1810 Randolph Road, Schenectady, (372-3785).

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### WARM RICE SALAD

By Sandi Piccione formerly of 101 Front Street and Green Street.

2 1/2 cups uncooked long grain rice, cook according to package directions.

Mix into rice —

1 medium onion, diced  
 1/2 jar sweet fried Italian Peppers — diced  
 1/2-3/4 small can pitted ripe black olives, sliced  
 salt & pepper to taste  
 Oil & vinegar — use some of the oil from the peppers plus a little olive oil — to taste

Diced fresh tomatoes may be added.  
 Peppers may be red or green or both.

#### Cities and Woods

Cities black and blue  
 They seem to hate you more  
 That's why I like woods!

by Ann Duggan

### THE PRESIDENT

George Washington's Congressmen when faced with continued threats to the Colonies new found independence, said "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute".

Today we live in very exacting times. It appears as though the growth of our civilization is approaching a climax, a maturation, in which the invested energies of two thousand years and billions of people are about to bear fruit.

Some say it will be a bitter and barren harvest, an ecological tragedy. Others see an Aquarian Age whose heralds predict an era of peace and enlightenment. Somewhere in the middle we all face a challenging future.

Most Stockaders, as most Americans, feel inclined to watch this pageant from a distance; hopefully but dispassionately; feeling they are an observer not a participator in the changes too comprehensive and relentless to be affected by an individual. By doing so they consign themselves to the role of the consumer, involved only at the end — paying a high price for something they had no hand in planting or growing.

The Stockade Association offers you every opportunity to concern and involve yourself on the neighborhood level with the decisions which will affect your life.

This month Congress acted on the record-breaking \$304.4 BILLION Federal budget. Congress approved it without a whimper of dissent. In effect, to paraphrase Washington's Congressmen "Billions for the Military (EIGHTY EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS TO BE EXACT) but not one cent to rehabilitate the Nation". How dreadfully sad. Not one cent for a renewal of the quality of life, a restoration, a rising again. In actual terms not a cent for housing, not a cent for rebuilding our cities, not a cent for historic preservation, not a cent for education, for the arts, for museums.

Think how little of that three hundred billion it would take to rehabilitate the nations cities, build housing and new mass transit systems. A proportionate small amount would start the ball rolling, or keep it rolling, toward that Aquarian Age of peace, culture and enlightenment. Instead EIGHTY EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS has been awarded to the MILITARY.

Think about it. Are you going to stand and wait?

James D. J. Schmitt

**PLEASE DON'T PARK IN RIVERSIDE LOT UNTIL THE SNOW HAS BEEN REMOVED ON THOSE SNOWY DAYS!!!**

The Principle of Riverside School kindly requests that those neighborhood parkers in the school lot, welcome as you are, please refrain from parking there or move your car, until the SNOW has been removed from the lot. If you do not act considerately and thoughtfully, then the teachers who drive to school have no choice but to clog our narrow streets by parking anywhere they can find a spot. Neighbors are very welcome to use the lot, but it is imperative that they keep in mind the school's need for the lot when it is in session. Don't get stuck on snow days. Remove your car from the lot. You'll save the people at Riverside a LOT of trouble, so to speak.

**"AQUA-ACTIVIST"**

Your support is needed at this time to ensure that the City Council appropriate monies for the construction of a new swimming pool in Rotundo Park.

Last year, both the City Planning Commission and the City Council approved the Rotundo Pool Project for inclusion in the capital budget.

Recent newspaper publicity indicates that the City Council is in favor of the neighborhood pool concept.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!**

We need to make sure that the funds are appropriated for our new pool so that construction may begin.

Please write the City Council letting them know that *you* want a new pool built in our park.

Clip out and mail the attached coupon, pasting it to a postcard; or mail your own letter.

Thank you — Your Pool Committee.

City Council  
City Hall  
Schenectady, N.Y. 12305

Gentlemen:

For many years, downtown citizens have appeared before you in support of a new pool for Rotundo Park.

I appreciate your recent endorsement of the neighborhood pool concept, and urge you to pass an ordinance to appropriate funds to begin construction of the pool. Thank You.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

**TIDINGS — (Jan. 31, 1974)**

by Betty Lane

Rick and Marjorie Hansen, formerly of 132 Green Street are moving to Chicago.

Chris Ring, Sean Lane, Gary Fatato, Brent BeVier and David Lapp are members of a newly formed neighborhood ice hockey team. They have been practicing very hard, and if the weather cooperates, they are scheduled to play a team in Bellevue.

Chuck and Pat Susswein, formerly of 150 Front Street, have moved to Ferry Street.

Pat Kenneally of 150 Front Street flew to Colorado to spend a week skiing in Aspen in January. Hope the snow conditions there are better than they are here.

Doctor and Mrs. Erich Feibes of Cucumber Alley returned from a multi-month trip to Australia, The Fiji's, and Hawaii, to find the huge ice blocks invading their garden!

A band of Indians were seen and heard trying to attack us on February 8th, but were repelled by an acute lack of interest. It seemed they lacked AIM and good leadership and may have been operating under the degrading influence of The White Man's Firewater.

June and Doug Griset, formerly of 4 West Front Street, now of West Glenville Village spent New Years Eve with Jim and Betty Lane at 148 Front Street.

Mrs. Clifton Vrooman underwent a successful hip operation and Mr. Vrooman is still in Veterans' Hospital in Albany.

Welcome home J.K.L. from the Green Gang.

Phil DiSorbo, of 153 Front Street, has been giving a series of talks and slide presentations on his trips to India to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 4th grade classes at Riverside School. Phil spent quite a bit of time living in India during 1969 working with the Youth Corps.

John and Greta Pritchard and daughters Thelma and Vicky, formerly of 4 West Front Street and 26 Washington Avenue have bought a new home in Ballston Lake.


Elsie and Dick Collatin, Tina and David, formerly of 4 West Front Street have moved to Fox Hollow.

**New Neighbors:**

Jenifer and Larry Schmidt, the old Wallar house, along with a huge great dane and two siamese cats.

Also, Robert and Connie Marnell and family, 5 S. Church Street. Connie is the office manager for Veronica Lynch.

We welcome ALL ye new Stockaders!



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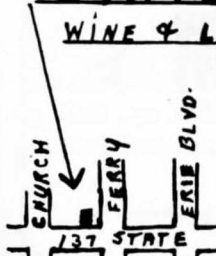
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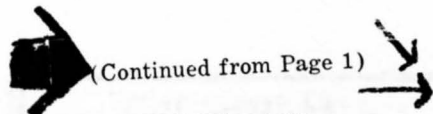


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#### PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lecture Feb. 4 Noon

Lecture Feb. 25

Lecture March 4 Noon

Exhibit Thru Feb.

Exhibit Thru March 1

Concert Feb. 15 8:00 P.M.

DR. ROLAND CHU reviews "The Spirit of Chinese Politics" by Lucian Pye.

*Seduction of The Spirit* by Harvey Cox, reviewed by Rudy Nemser (please call Library to confirm this: we're still not sure.)

DR. SHERRY PENNEY reviews "The Living Presidency" by Emmet Hughes

MINERALS from the Snively Collection

HAZAL CUMMINGS — Recent Paintings

ETUDE CLUB performers: Jane Bucci, Jane Lawson, Joyce Muckenfuss, Marianne Pashler, Marilyn Taggart

Also: FILMS

Feb. 21

*The Long Voyage Home*

Feb. 28

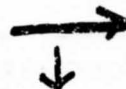
*Flying Down to Rio*

March 7

*American Spectacle and Antarctica, Because It's There*

March 14

*The Japanese, Japan's Art, From the Land*



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FEBRUARY 27, 1974: "ENERGY AND HUMAN VALUES"

Speaker: Dr. Vozcan Lawrence Parsegian who is an educator and nuclear engineer. He graduated from M.I.T. in 1933 and obtained his Ph.D. at New York University. He worked in research for industry and the AEC from 1936 to 1954 becoming Dean of the School of Engineering at R.P.I. until 1961 and then Rensselaer Professor, recently becoming emeritus. Through his extensive publications and services he is widely known as an authority on atomic energy, cybernetics, and social dynamics.

ABSTRACT: Dr. Parsegian will describe the status and dynamics of the energy problem suggesting what may be done about it now and in the future. He will emphasize that thoughtful husbandry of resources will assure man's survival with his human qualities.

MARCH 6, 1974: FINAL MEETING: "THE WAY OUT, A PROGRAM FOR SURVIVAL"

Speaker: Dean William L. Weifenbach has been Dean of Graduate and Special Programs at Union College since 1972. He first joined Union in 1964. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he taught philosophy and served in various administrative roles at the University of Kansas City, Columbia University and American University. His demonstrated deep concern for the consequences of the exponential growth rates in human affairs makes his contribution to these meetings especially important.

Speaker: Dr. William B. Martin, Jr. who is a scientist (chemistry) has been on the Union College faculty for 20 years, the last ten with the academic rank of professor. His doctorate came from Yale in 1953. He has been active in Sigma Xi, research, and as a consulting chemist with Schenectady Chemicals, Inc. Since 1971, he has served on the Board of Trustees of Union College as Faculty Trustee. Dr. Martin's social interests have been broad indeed creating his deep concern for the timely and successful management of human affairs.

ABSTRACT: Dean Weifenbach and Professor Martin will present for discussion various alternative responses. Food, the ocean, energy and population are global concerns. It will take both understanding on a world scale and world wide cooperative efforts to enable men to survive.



#### Evergreen

I like evergreens  
Just because there evergreen  
They have a nice smell.

#### School in the Woods

I hate school a lot  
I'd like it more in the woods  
It never could be.



by Chris Ring

#### 8-FOOT WALL AROUND RIVERSIDE PARK

(Two Years Ago Today:)

The President (Ted Kurtz) reported on a meeting held March 14 (1972) in which it was decided that there is no acceptable plan against flooding now in sight. Mr. Joseph Carlo said that dredging around Community College would reduce the height of the river only by two feet and the Army Engineers favor the 8-foot wall previously suggested. Mr. Phillip Alger, who reported this meeting, suggested that we write to the State of New York about dredging. A motion by General Milton, seconded by Mr. Van Voast, that we table this matter until flooding becomes more urgent as an issue was defeated. A motion was then made by Mrs. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Schmitt that this Association support the City Engineer in his effort to support dredging. This motion carried.

— These minutes taken from the March 1972 Association Meeting —

(Two Years Later:)

This year's Mid-Winter thaw caused the Mohawk to spill over its banks resulting in some minimal damage, none of a permanent nature. But it did remind us that no dredging had been accomplished during the last two years. Quite the contrary: New York State engineers had FILLED IN THE BINNE KILL AND REPLACED THE OLD PIER BRIDGE WITH AN EARTH RAMP. Had dredging been done, as reported above, the river would have crested two feet lower than it did this year. WHAT A DIFFERENCE THAT WOULD HAVE MADE!

#### THE AGONY OF THE SHORTAGE OF ENERGY

Our lights may not glow, Our cars might not go;  
Airplanes are on the ground, Motors will make no sound.  
Horses will be in style, it'll only be awhile.  
It might not be nice, so take this advice:  
Darken your house and smooch with your spouse;  
Fish ride in schools, men should ride in pools,  
Close your doors tight and bring in all sunlight.  
Turn your house down 4 degrees, and plant lots of lovely trees.  
If we do our part, we'll feel it in the heart.

by Sean Lane

#### Green Eggs and Ham

Do you like green eggs?  
Do you like green eggs and ham?  
I hate them — Don't you?

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