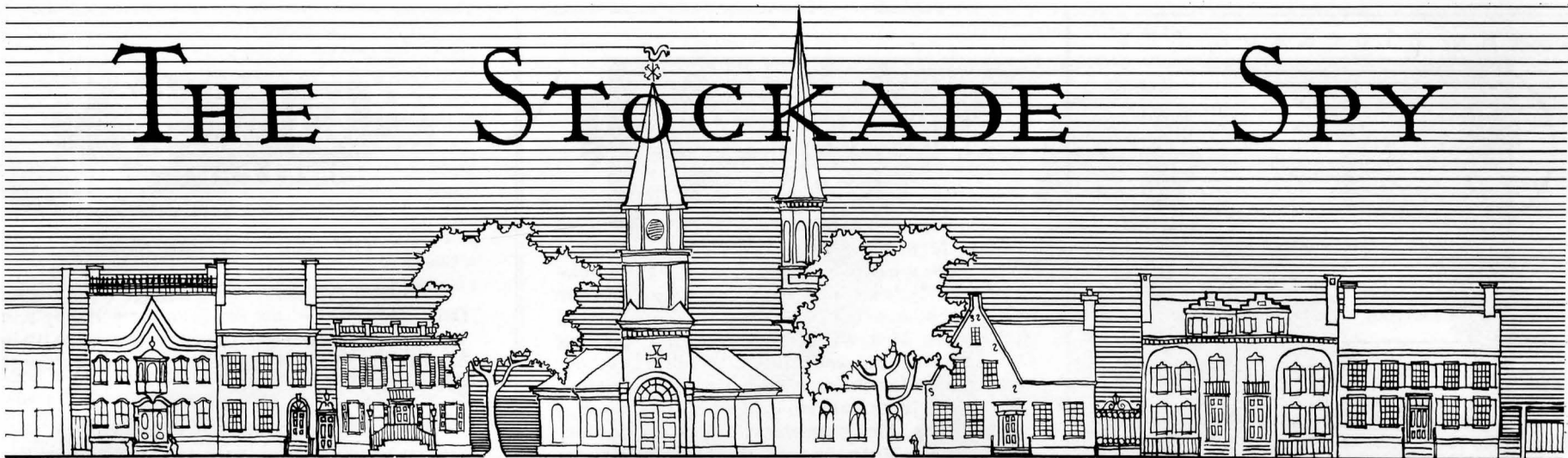


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## THE SUNDAY STROLLER

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The unrealities of this latest Christmas — no snow, and very little cold, to say nothing of the incredible icefall preceding it, in no way discouraged the sprouting of seasonal decor on the local doors. All the customary wreaths and sprays were in evidence, for the most part more imaginatively bowed or composed than in years past. There were the very special recurrences, to which I look forward each year, like the marvelous austere paired wreaths of boxwood trailing ribbons of velvet on the John Andersons' double door at 23 N. Ferry Street and the lovely pure luminosity of the very tall white-lit pine in the Staffa drive at 32 Front Street. I missed the gilded pine cone rounds that have unvaryingly marked doors at the now temporarily absent Bradburys and Weinheimers, but this year there were gorgeous full garlandings of the entire entryway, like those at Eleanor Jaegers (107 Front) and the Harold Wheatleys (15 N. Ferry). There was the glorious cloud of white driftwood clustered at the Quinns' door (19 N. Ferry). The neo-Della Robbia wreath, thick with fruit and birds, at the Robert George's (7 Front). And the really adorable apple-studded plump twin trees at the YW entrance on Washington Avenue.

How pleasant it was on late holiday nights to catch, on one's homeward way, the intimate gleam of a family tree that had been placed near a window like that of the Bill Hirst's on Ferry Street and St. George's Rectory on Front Street.

But one of the most comforting sights of the season (though one of the least imaginative) was that same old multicolored tree at the First Reformed Church as it shone forth steadfastly through that terrible Friday night of the great storm.

Barrie Covert



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Newcomer? Old inhabitant? Renter? Property owner? Over 18? Make your voice heard on neighborhood affairs. Join the Stockade Association NOW! \$1 initiation fee... \$1 yearly dues... in other words \$2 the first year and \$1 forever after per person. You may join at any Association meeting or by contacting one of the officers... and old members it's time to pay your '65 dues!

## MEDICINE AS IT WAS

The guidebook competition of 1964 continues to reveal young talent! The final form of Six Belts of Wampum emerged from the material received by the committee. Many fine contributions, certainly of a quality to be included in such a publication, could not be properly utilized. Here is the first in a selection of these very worthwhile entries.

### MEDICINE OF THE SCHENECTADY STOCKADE AREA

by

Evan Rivers, age: 12

The first doctor of Schenectady settled here in 1675. He was Dr. Ranier Schaets. In those days, doctors would be blacksmiths in their spare time. They were among the hardest of settlers. Dr. Schaets was killed in the Massacre of 1690.

There was little sanitation in the 1600s and 1700s. Young children often died. Medicine was out of the witchcraft stage now and there were men who could be considered doctors.

Medicine was based mainly on phlebotomy. This was cutting open a vein and letting a person bleed into a basin to see if it would help his condition. It was done with a very unsterile instrument called a fleam. A disorder internally was doctored by blistering the skin. Odd potions were often administered to the people. Many died of diseases for which they had refused to take even a crude vaccination.

Not much medical progress was made until 1810, when three societies were formed. They were:

Board of Health: a Schenectady sanitation committee

Medical Society: a committee which encouraged people into medicine and even issued licenses into the practice.

Ladies Benevolent Society: a committee which found homes for the sick and needy; later became the Home of the Friendless on Green Street

Later came the smallpox epidemic of 1830. At this time a Union College building was used as a hospital and was called a "pest house."

Two years later came an Asiatic Cholera epidemic. It spread from Canada to the U.S.A. and to Schenectady in 1832. The old brick college building was again used as a pest house by order of the Board of Health. Records show that funerals had taken place hourly. The cold and frost of fall helped to stamp out the plague.

The disease appeared again in 1849, 1854, and 1866, but the death toll was small compared to 1832.

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## DON'T MISS IT!

The January meeting of the Stockade Association will be held on Monday night January 18th at 8 p.m. at Riverside School.

City Building Inspector, Mr. Robert Mitchell, and former Association President, General William H. Milton, will discuss the operation of the Historic Zoning Ordinance. Questions from the floor will be answered.

## NOTES FROM RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

One of the nicest Christmas gifts received by Riverside principal Mr. Van Buren was the following letter from the school staff....

Dec. 18, 1964

Bob,

The attached represents a small token of our gratitude towards the fine efforts you have exercised as Principal of Riverside School. For a school to succeed in its various functions and responsibilities it must have at its helm a leader who can direct and correlate both personnel and curriculum into a smoothly running machine. We, the staff at Riverside, feel that you have done this well, and we are proud to be associated with a person who is so dedicated to quality education.

We wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

The Riverside Staff

Riverside is back in session again and next month this column will have many activities to report.

Kay Shanklin

P.S. Latest scoop from Riverside School is that the students are going to put out a newspaper!

The first issue of the MOHAWK COURANT will probably be out by the time you read this. Parents and friends of Riverside students will receive copies and a copy will be sent to each school in the city. The paper is an enterprise of the writing and drama group and they hope for membership in the Columbia Scholastic.

Best of luck to 5th and 6th grade teacher Mr. Greene who has left for Paige School to continue his leadership apprentice program which is part of his graduate work at Columbia University. Best of luck also to French teacher Mrs. Eggenberger who has left Riverside. Both teachers will be missed but Mrs. Beverly Bailey has taken over the 5th and 6th grade and Miss Vyvian d'Estienne is back teaching French at school. A warm welcome to both instructors.



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A QUESTION OF ZONING (PART IV)

In the preceding article we discussed the first five sections of the Historic District Article of the Zoning Ordinance and covered the creation of the Article, the purpose and intent of the Article, the boundaries of the Historic District, the regulation of structures in the Historic District, and the regulation of places in the Historic District.

To continue Section 5-a limits the use and erection of buildings in the Historic District. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Schenectady, of which the creation of the Historic District is an article, has attached to it a Schedule which is a chart summarizing the rules and regulations for various types of structures and areas in the city. This Schedule sets up various zoning districts, specifying the maximum height of buildings, minimum yard dimensions, regulations concerning accessory buildings, uses permitted at the discretion of the Board of Appeals, and other detailed specifics concerning zoning.

The Zoning Ordinance Schedule is modified by Section 5-a of the Historic District Article and sets up a district designated as B-2 which limits the use of buildings, land and bulk and arrangement of buildings. District B-2 permits the following principal uses:

- (1) single family dwellings
- (2) parks, playgrounds, and golf courses owned and operated by the City of Schenectady
- (3) public schools
- (4) private and parochial schools
- (5) churches, including Sunday Schools, parish houses and rectories
- (6) two family dwellings
- (7) institutions of an educational or religious nature, excepting vocational or trade schools
- (8) libraries, museums, and art galleries not operated for profit
- (9) multi-family dwellings
- (10) boarding and lodging houses
- (11) convalescent and nursing homes
- (12) hospitals and medical clinics, excepting veterinary hospitals
- (13) philanthropic institutions, except correctional institutions or those for the care and treatment of mental illnesses
- (14) private membership clubs and lodges not operated for profit
- (15) day nurseries for the care of children
- (16) hotels

According to the zoning regulations no other uses for land or buildings are to be permitted in the Historic District except by modification of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 5-a through the Chart also limits the height of principal buildings to three stories, or 45 feet. It also allows buildings to be built at the sidewalk boundary also allows for construction to a property line at the side of the property when fireproof construction, as required by the Building Code, is employed. The dimensions from the principle building to the rear of the lot are required to be 25 feet. Therefore these dimensions will allow a building to be built close to the sidewalk and to the side lot lines, as most of the existing buildings in the Historic District do at the present time. In addition, this will encourage the "urban

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TIIDINGS

It's the season to be jolly and jolly we have been: Mrs. A. Wayne Merriam, Washington Ave. gave a neighborhood party after the Stockade tree-lighting ceremony. Invited to pour were Mrs. Andrew P. Kellogg, Mrs. Albertina P. Jerome, Mrs. W. V. B. Van Dyck, Mrs. Frank Vander Bogert, and Mrs. Patrick J. Garey. Her guests for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. John Fish from Barrytown, N.Y. For Christmas dinner Mrs. Merriam entertained Mr. and Mrs. Rexford G. Moon Jr. and their children from Closter, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hawn and their children from Albany, N. Y., Mr. Skippy Merriam on vacation from the Navy, he is training on the U. S. S. Lake Champlain and Mr. Sergio Ramos from Mexico City, Mexico. Mr. Ramos is participating in the G. E. training program. . . Mr. and Mrs. James Baar of North Church St. entertained for officers and board members of the Stockade association and for contributors to the Stockade Spy. . . Miss Vi Putnam, Miss Nina Rose, Mrs. Marie Kerchner and Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Ross entertained at a "houseseeing" party in their homes at 113 Front St. before the tree-lighting celebration. . . Miss Lulu Mates of South Ferry St. entertained recently at a holiday party. . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilbert Harlow entertained in their home on Front St. after the tree-lighting ceremonies, assistant Junior Hostesses were Jennifer George, Susie Quinn, Kathy Rapple and Heidi Harlow. Invited to pour were Miss Katherine B. Blodgett, Mrs. William Gold, Mrs. William Westendorp, Mrs. Charles W. Williams, Mrs. Charles S. Kernaghan and Miss Betty Ann Kern. . . Mr. and Mrs. George Braden Green St. held open house New Years Day. . . Miss Mildred Ey Ferry St. entertained informally for friends over the holidays. . . The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas T. Parke Front St. entertained the Chi-Rho's, young teenagers from St. George's Church. Later all enjoyed the folk-singing by Bryce and Jack Hume.



Our Holiday Guest Book: Mrs. Robert B. Beale of North Church St. has had as her recent guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Beale Jr. and Walter S. Beale of Louisville, Ky. . . Mr. and Mrs. Julius E. Waller and children from South Kent, Conn. were the guest of Mrs. Julius Waller of Front St. . . Miss Susan Jane Staffa, a graduate student at Indiana University spent the holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Staffa. . . Mr. and Mrs. William Hirst of Ferry St. have had as their guest Mrs. Hirst's mother, Mrs. Emily Lawley from Quincy, Mass., her grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Lawley from Brookline, Mass., and her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole from Providence, R.I. Also, Mr. Hirst's parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Capers from Wellesley, Mass. . . Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kambour Front St. have had as their guests Mr. Kambour's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Kambour from Livingston, N. J. and his sister Constance Dyer, a teacher from Rochester, N. Y. . . Mr. Giles vander Bogert III has had as his holiday guest Mr. Ted Kakas from Boston, Mass., both students at Syracuse University.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW?

Old Man 1964 has left the scene. With a wish from me to all of my readers for a Happy and Prosperous New Year I greet with you the little babe in his silk hat and banner across his chest declaring 1965.

The vestiges of 1964 are disappearing. The turkey has found its spot in the soup pot; the Christmas trees theirs in the ash cans. The stores on State Street close at their usual hour. Only a small piece of gaily colored paper, which the vacuum missed, or a stocking which not too long ago swelled with fruit and gifts and the laundry missed, remain as reminders of the Holidays. Perhaps, I should add, too, a stomach which has almost gotten back in order after all the delights. As a matter of fact, in my case, my appetite has returned to a point where, the other night, I had the courage to take off my bookshelf in our kitchen a book of receipts which my cousin Nettie Lansing collected. It is dated 1912. Some are handwritten, some are newspaper clippings. They are dishes which I enjoyed as a young man when Cousin Nettie and Aunt Anna van der Bogert lived together at 109 Union Street. There are dishes like "Oyster Shortcake," "Broiled Finnan Haddie," and "String Beans Italian Style." My mouth waters as I read the "Receipts." If you will send me a stamped self-addressed envelope, I'll be glad to share them with you. (a research program to learn the number of my readers)

Enough of this! What really delighted me was to discover in Cousin Nettie's "Record" a true harbinger of the New Year. It is an undated clipping which must have been printed around 1912. It is as timely now as it was then. Let me take you over to State Street where we see great signs declaring, "Year end Sale!" "Gigantic Clearance Sale!" "January Clearance!" Then let me share with you this ca. 1912 ad from Cousin Nettie's book:

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Giles Y. van der Bogert



Ted was one of the crew from Syracuse defeated by Harvard (and by only five seconds) and missed representing the U.S.A. in the Olympian games. . . Mr. Bryan Cook visited his grandmother, Mrs. G. Bryan Shanklin, Union St. for the holidays. . . Miss Jeffrey Ferguson from Chico, Calif. has been visiting her mother, Mrs. C. Vaughan Ferguson, Front St. Jeffrey is Executive Director of the Sierra Cascade Girl Scout Council. Miss Ferguson's holiday guest was Miss Betty Wenz from Columbus, Ohio.

Have suitcase DID travel department: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Kellogg of Front St. were the guests over the holiday of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pepler in Toronto. Miss Katharine Blodgett visited relatives in Cambridge, Mass. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Gregg Crozier, Front St. visited their families in Toronto, Canada. . . Mr. and Mrs. George Weinheimer and family of Front St. have sailed to Europe for a year. They will spend most of their time in France where Mr. Weinheimer will paint and study. . . Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Stanley and family of Ingersoll Ave. have moved to Pennsylvania. Mr. Stanley was with the U.S. Army Depot here. . . Our Stockade President Mr. John Elsbree spent the holidays with his mother in Pennsylvania and his sister in Georgetown, D.C.

WELCOME to new neighbors: Miss Catherine McCarthy has moved to 238 Green St. Catherine is with G.E. . . Mrs. George B. Tod formerly of Keyes Ave. has moved to her new home at 8 Union St. . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoogstoel, who were married Oct. 23rd. are living at 238 Union St. Mrs. Hoogstoel is the former Jewel Beauford and teaches at Shenendehowa Central School. Robert is with G.E. . . The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graves is 13 Washington Ave. Albert, Marcia and doggie Clyde moved here from Cleveland, Ohio, former residents recommended that they move in the Stockade - they did and love it. . . Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Branin are living at 32 Front St. Lloyd and Mary Jane are from Hewlett, Long Island and he is a student at Union. . . Miss Caroline Maroth, from Conn. is now living in the Queen's Fort Apt'mts Ferry St. Caroline is with M.T.I. . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Roberts are now living at 219 Union St. Chuck, Eleda and daughter, Heidi are from New York City and Chuck is with G.E. . . Miss Sybil English has moved from St. Louis to her new home at 58 Washington Ave. Sybil is also with G.E.

What Else Is New? Mr. Robert Ceglarski of Ingersoll Ave. has been made coach for the freshman team at Draper High School. Our congratulations! They are winning their games. Mr. Ceglarski is also a 5th grade teacher at Euclid. . . Happy Birthday to Miss Jane Cohen on her 17th. birthday and to Mr. Edward van der Bogert on his 18th - both celebrated Dec. 26th. . . The Junior Citizens of the Stockade, with lighted candles, sang their annual Christmas Carols to all the shut-ins, which were greatly appreciated. Our Junior Citizens are the very best.

by Neeltje de Graff



This month's contributor is Miss Lolly Zukauskas of 115 N. College Street. A young woman of wide and varied interests, Miss Zukauskas works as a Computer Programmer in Albany. This past summer she traveled in

Europe and is now most active at the Civic Playhouse where she serves as Chairman of the Special Activities Committee. She has worked in several artistic mediums and is now painting in oils.

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### COOK OF THE MONTH

January's "kitchen artist" is Mrs. Minao Kamegai of Washington Avenue. Betty Kamegai hails from the beautiful island state of Hawaii and so does her recipe.

Mrs. Kamegai was once a member of a girls' Rifle Team in Hawaii and the team's Chinese coach shared this culinary masterpiece with her. The coach had learned how to make this dish from the imperious and authentic Chinese cook in his family's household.

#### BROCCOLI BEEF (4 servings)

- 2 lbs. beef, thinly sliced (approximately 1 in. x 2 in. x 1/8 in.)
- 1 bunch broccoli, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 medium round onion, thinly sliced

Allow sliced beef to stand in the following marinade for approximately 30 minutes:

- 1/3 c. soy sauce
- 1 t. salt
- 2 t. sugar
- dash of pepper
- 1 t. monosodium glutamate
- 3 T. cornstarch
- 2 T. cooking oil

In a heated pan saute the garlic and onion. Remove. Next saute the broccoli and remove it. Adding more oil if necessary, lightly brown the beef. Return the vegetables to the pan. Add approximately 1/3 to 1/2 cup of water to the marinade to form the gravy and cook only until the gravy has formed. Serve with rice or hot buttered noodles.


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Four men later started a hospital on Union Street. In his will, Charles Ellis left \$25,000 to the town. The town decided to build Ellis Hospital on Jay Street. It later became City Hall Annex after the new hospital opened on Nott Street in 1906.

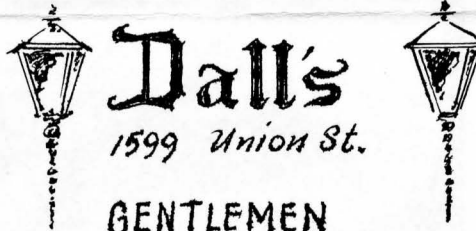
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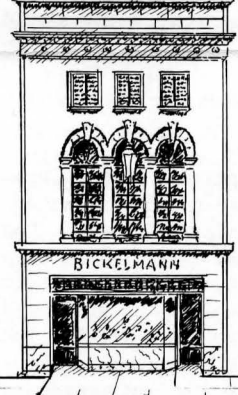
look" of the Historic District as mentioned in a previous article.

The Schedule also goes into the placement of accessory buildings, such as garages, tool houses, wood sheds, etc., and also states the requirements for mandatory off-street parking space.

Section 6 of the Article creates the Historic District Commission, spells out the membership of the commission, and indicates guidelines for the City Manager to fill vacancies on the commission. The important aspects of this section are that the commission consists of five members who are residents of the City of Schenectady and appointed by the City Manager for three year terms.

In the next article we will cover the general and specific duties and powers of the commission.


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