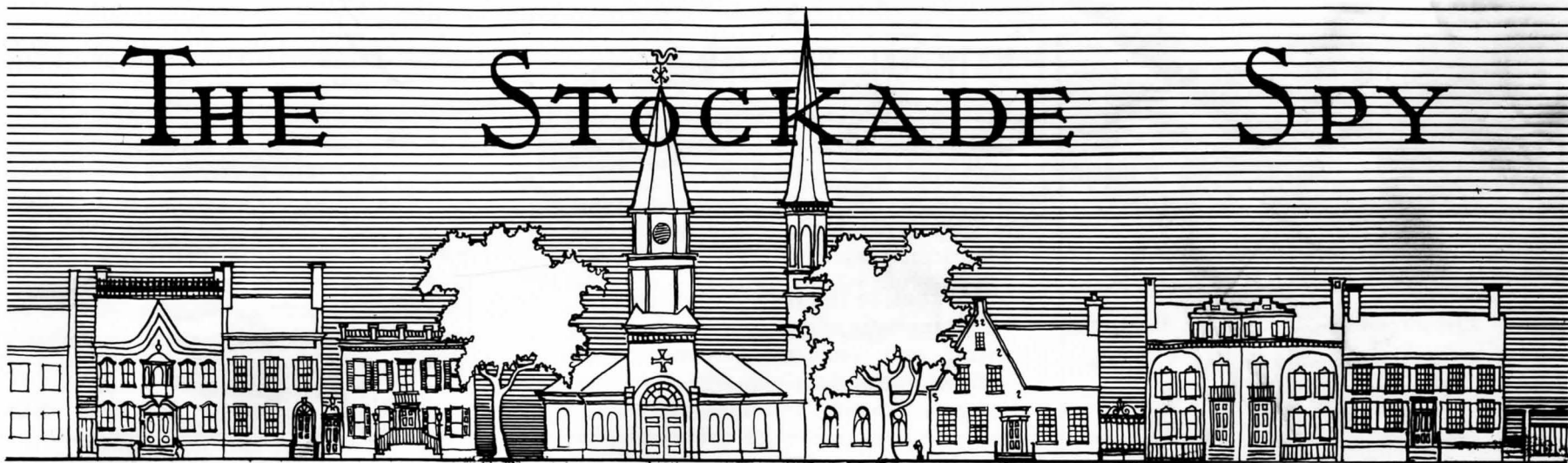


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CONCRETE OR BRICK AT RIVERSIDE SCHOOL?

Have you seen Riverside School's new sidewalk?

Last year, the school superintendent's office noticed that the sidewalk in front of Riverside School was in a state of disrepair and it was decided to replace it with a new sidewalk. Since school money was as tight then as it is now, the sidewalk was to be replaced with blacktop.

Then, as now, the Stockade Association was concerned with the indiscriminate use of blacktop in the Stockade area since it is detrimental to the character of the Stockade. When the Association heard of the plans for the School sidewalk, it was decided to take action.

After several discussions with Mr. Tarrant and the superintendent's office, the Stockade Association agreed to subsidize the difference between a blacktop sidewalk and a more appropriate one. Finally, a concrete and brick sidewalk was agreed on as being best for the neighborhood. It was hoped that this sidewalk would influence private homeowners to take similar actions with their own sidewalks.

By a gentleman's agreement, the Stockade Association contributed \$600 to the School district, with the understanding that it would be used for the side-

walk. The months passed and part of the sidewalk appeared. Mr. Tarrant retired and Mr. Young replaced him. A new superintendent was appointed. The Association was questioning what had happened to the rest of the sidewalk. Mr. Young reminded the superintendent's office of its' commitment—still no sidewalk.

Then one morning the front of Riverside School was alive with workmen. The remaining sidewalk had arrived. The following morning the sidewalk was complete — but something had gone awry. The remaining sidewalk (that portion between the grass and existing sidewalk) which was to have been brick was now concrete. Somebody had erred.

In the months that passed between the unwritten agreement and the laying of the sidewalk, the participants in the original agreement were no longer directly involved and there was some uncertainty as to what the agreement had been. The Superintendent's office, aware that the Stockade Association was concerned, ordered the sidewalk laid. Unfortunately, with documentation of the gentleman's agreement lacking, they proceeded to install an all concrete sidewalk.

STOCKADER HONORED BY STATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Alfred E. Smith Fellowship program was first discussed publicly by Governor Rockefeller during the course of the annual Al Smith Dinner in October, 1969. The concept is patterned after the White House Fellowship program initiated by President Johnson in 1965. Basically, Smith Fellows are relatively young, i.e., between 22 and 35 years of age. They are activists in community and State affairs, generally coming from all professions, through nomination by either their employers, local civic groups, or even individuals. Competition is statewide.

I was one of seven Smith Fellows appointed by Governor Rockefeller September 1, 1970. Three were from the Schenectady area, i.e., Dr. William Daniels, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Union College; William Brazell, a financial representative for the Gen-

eral Electric Research & Development Center, and me. I left the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory as a physicial chemist. The other four came from Bolton Landing, Chappaqua and New York City. They were employed as a vice-principal of a grammar school, an architect, a senior attorney for Atlantic-Richfield, and as Comptroller of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

One of the main purposes of the program is to offer the Fellow the opportunity to immerse himself totally in the affairs of State Government for one year. This goal is accomplished by assigning each Fellow to work with the head of an individual State agency. I was placed with Joseph C. Swidler, the Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission. This assignment was unique in that Mr. Swidler had just arrived on the
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HISTORIC DISTRICT APPLIES FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

The Stockade Association is currently engaged in preparing a nomination form which, when approved, will place the Stockade Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

Maintained in Washington by the National Park Service, the Register records the evidences of our national heritage that merit preservation. Enrollment provides prestige, protection from federally-financed demolition and makes properties eligible for matching grants for historic preservation.

In New York State the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act is administered for the State Liaison Officer by the Historic Trust. All Register hominations, applications for grant-in-aid and clearances for federally-financed projects are handled through the Trust.

Originally, as decreed by the Historic Sites Act of 1935, the National Register included only properties that possessed national significance and were either units of the National Park Service or qualified for status as National Historic Landmarks. The latter are properties of national historic significance in private ownership. The owner of such a property is offered a certificate and a bronze plaque designating it as a Landmark. In return he agrees to preserve those significant historical values for which it was singled out.

The National Park Service still evaluates and designates National Historic Landmarks. However, it was felt that many properties of local or statewide importance ought to be recognized, and it is properties of this nature which are being included in the National Register at the present time.

This expansion of the National Register had its genesis in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665). In this act Congress declared:

“(a) that the spirit and direction of the Nation are founded upon and reflected in its historic past;

(b) that the historical and cultural
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THE PRESIDENT:

Under the general City Ordinances, property owners are responsible for the maintenance and safety of sidewalks in front of their homes and on any property they own. This includes the responsibility for removing snow. It is possible under existing City law to have snow removed by City officials and have the costs for such labor charged to the property owners. It is possible to have unsafe sidewalks repaired by the City and necessary expenses charged against the owner.

This, of course, is seldom done. Property owners carry insurance to cover themselves against accidents and renters correctly feel that responsibility for maintenance and repair rests with the owner.

We, perhaps more than most neighborhoods, are dependent on each other's sidewalks. Our children use the sidewalks to walk to school and to go to Arthur's. We walk to the library and to church. Many people walk to work and walking is a daily exercise for many.

For the next few months, the ice and snow will be with us. It is not hard to remember last winter's accumulation which made some sections of the Stockade streets impassable after being left unshoveled for several weeks. Hopefully, this year's weather will be less severe.

But let's not depend on the sun to do the snow removal. Even if you don't have to walk through it, have some concern for our older residents and children who rely on and are entitled to clean, safe sidewalks. Practice the "good neighbor" policy. If it belongs to you, take care of it.
 —T. Kurtz

THE BULB MYSTERY

After the downfall of our Christmas tree, several persons gave me bulbs from the tree which they had removed for fear they would be broken. However we are still missing a considerable number of bulbs. I would appreciate it if anyone who removed the bulbs and did not know where to return them would contact me. John Barber 346-0251.

NATIONAL REGISTER

foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people;

(c) that, in the fact of ever-increasing extensions of urban centers, highways, and residential, commercial, and industrial developments, the present governmental and non-governmental historic preservation programs and activities are inadequate to insure future generations a genuine opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the rich heritage of our Nation; and

(d) that, although the major burdens of historic preservation have been borne and major efforts initiated by private agencies and individuals, and both should continue to play a vital role, it is nevertheless necessary and appropriate for the Federal Government to accelerate its historic preservation programs and activities, to give maximum encouragement to agencies and individuals undertaking preservation by private means, and to assist State and local governments and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States to expand and accelerate their historic preservation programs and activities."

This Act significantly broadens the scope of the national preservation policy enunciated in the Historic Sites Act of 1935. Under this new authority, three innovations of immense potential are envisioned.

First is a greatly expanded National Register, in the words of the statute, to encompass "districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, and culture."

It is intended to include not only those places of national significance identified

in Federal surveys conducted under the Historic Sites Act of 1935, but also places of State and local significance. The Register thus becomes our national list of significant properties, comparable to lists kept by most European countries. It provides an authoritative guide by which Federal, State, and local governments, and private groups and citizens everywhere, may know what should be protected from destruction or impairment.

The National Register is a product of professional evaluation and review rather than a mere list of antiquarian curiosities. With the participation of appropriate or pertinent professional disciplines, the National Register can be an instrument of great good. It gives us further opportunity, as a matter of national policy, to establish priorities on the way our land is used and our cities kept, and to exert a constructive influence on the visual and spatial character of our environment. It gives us the opportunity for informed discrimination in saving what is significant from our past as an element around which plans for the future may be shaped. It gives us the opportunity for a continuity between generations that will help enrich our future.

An Advisory Council conducts studies and advises the President and the Congress on administrative and legislative measures for giving further strength to the national preservation policy. It also concerns itself with issues that bring progress and preservation into conflict. Federal construction and licensing agencies must now seek to avoid places that should be preserved. Where this proves impracticable, the Council provides a forum for resolving the conflict in the public interest.

Specifically, the planning for any Federal or federally supported undertaking, including licensing actions, must take into account its effect on properties listed on the National Register. Where an adverse effect on such a property is threatened, the Advisory Council must be given an opportunity to consider the case and make known its views.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Historical Society

Jan. 15-Feb. 15—Exhibit of old cookie molds

Feb. 12—2 p.m.—Next meeting in the Roman Room at the Society

Civic Playhouse

Jan. 29-Feb. 5—"Dracula"

Riverside School

Jan. 19 and Feb. 16 — 7 p.m. — Film Program

Stockade Association

Jan. 24 — 7:30 p.m.— Meeting at the Historical Society

First Reformed Church

Feb. 13 — Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael M. Szenes of the Temple Gates of Heaven

First Presbyterian Church

Feb. 15 — Beginning of the Lenten Luncheon Meetings



Another innovation is a system of matching grants-in-aid to the States and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust receives matching grants for programs deriving from the mission defined in its Congressional charter. The States receive matching grants for conducting statewide surveys, for preparing comprehensive statewide historic preservation plans, and for individual preservation projects identified in the plans. The Act authorizes the appropriation of \$32 million over a four-year period for these purposes.

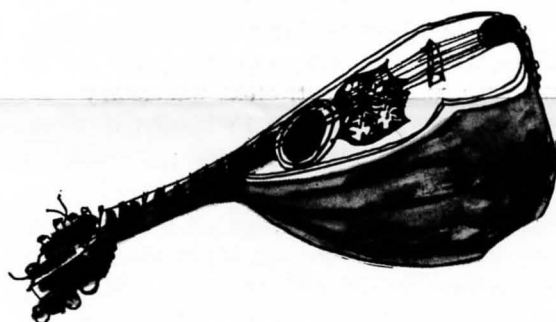
Tidings

Christmas Song — 1970

(Ed. Note—The following note was sent by the author to Mrs. John Clough of Front St. as a Christmas card. We think the message is not only a Christmas one, but a timeless one; for it states that a generation gap really does not exist.)

* * *

You ask what you can give me for Christmas, my dears.
 So many things throughout the past you have made for me:
 Stars out of tinsel, paper rings, ships glued together carefully.
 These I have cherished, but now that you are almost grown,
 You say that you would give me gifts that have more value.
 Here you are mistaken for this year I ask of you
 Gifts that you, and you alone, can give me.



I ask that you will try to understand me
 As I will try to understand you, for we know
 That understanding cannot be a one-way street.
 That we will listen to each other, mind and heart wide open,
 That we will allow no wall to rise between us, nor the years
 That separate us make us enemies, that we may keep the good
 Out of the past, and strive to make the future better.
 So, for the gifts that I would treasure most,
 I ask
 That we, in friendship, walk the way before us —
 Loyal and compassionate, one to each other.
Laura Battelle Nance

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As usual, our Stockade bubbled with activities during the holidays.
Parties, Parties, Parties . . .
 Alice Duell, 4 So. Church St., had a cocktail party on Dec. 15th.
 Mrs. Giles van der Bogert, 27 No. Ferry St., had guests after the Tree Lighting on Dec. 17th, as did Werner Feibes and Jim Schmitt at their home—17 No. Ferry St.
 The Cohens of 105 No. Ferry St. and the Colangelos of 111 No. Ferry St. co-hosted a cocktail party at the Cohen's home on Dec. 19th.
 Hank and Pat Binzer of 224 Union St. held a New Year's Day Open House.
 David and Peggy Ullrich, 150 Front St. held a tree-trimming party on the 18th of December.
 The Hansens of 232 Green St., the Ullrichs of Front St. and the Lanes of 148 Front St. were guests recently at June and Doug Griset's farm in Glenville for an "after chopping down the Christmas tree party."
 Heidi and Brad Harlow were home from the University of Texas at El Paso to visit their parents at 17 Front St. They had a house guest for the holidays, Linda Weir from El Paso. Prof. and Mrs. Harlow were guests at the University of New Hampshire at Durham during November. Prof. Harlow represented the Engineering Department of Union College.
 Vera and Ron Kucic of Fort Lee, New Jersey were house guests of Barbara and Greg Sauer over New Year's weekend. They rang in the New Year with Asian flu!! And, if you can believe it, Barbara has just recovered from a three week bout of chicken pox!!!!???
 Peter Colangelo, son of Connie and Marty of No. Ferry St. has returned to school after suffering a head injury and being hospitalized. All reports are that Peter is back to his normal self.
 Ed Dennison has moved from 146 Front St. to 113 Front St. We're so glad he liked the Stockade enough to stay.
 Clare Duggan, Brent BeVier and Sean Lane not only celebrated Christmas in December but also their birthdays!
 Nancy and Norman Walbek of 146 Front St. journeyed to Atlanta, Ga. and Knoxville, Tenn. for Christmas.
 We wish each and everyone of our Stockaders the best of New Years.

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STOCKADER HONORED BY STATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Albany scene in February, 1970. The Public Service Commission (PSC) had until that time a reputation for taking less than consumer-oriented stands. Mr. Swidler was given the mandate to reorganize the Commission and this he did with a vengeance. He had been with the Tennessee Valley Authority for 20 years and then had been named to be Chairman of the Federal Power Commission under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson from 1961 to 1965. He has the ability to attract and retain highly-skilled and very competent staff members. Such was the scene as I arrived last September.

A program of this sort is very dependent on the Fellow's acceptance of the leaders of the State agency. In my case, I was very fortunate to be allowed to sit in immediately on sessions of the PSC during which cases which come to the Commission are decided by the five Commissioners sitting *en banc*. I also sat in on Chairman Swidler's staff meetings.



Both kinds of meetings were very useful in teaching a newcomer Commission methods and philosophy. The beginning of the year also saw me meeting and traveling with the heads of the Power, Communications and Gas Divisions. I also had meetings with the heads of the Offices of Accounting & Tariff Analysis, Environmental Planning and Economic Research.

In addition to learning by observing, I was asked to perform several tasks for Chairman Swidler. He is quite concerned over where the wastes from nuclear power plants, both current and future, will be disposed. He asked me to research the topic, the results of which indicated that the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) is planning to store the wastes in an abandoned salt mine in Lyons, Kansas. This is a topic still undergoing study. Chairman Swidler appeared on the educational television show "The

A Snowy Winter

Winter is fun.
Winter is snowy.
Winter is white.
Winter is blowy.

Erin V. Lane, 6 years old
Riverside School, Grade 1

Advocates" in mid-winter speaking on the topic "Should There be a Moratorium on Nuclear Power Plant Construction." He had been requested to take the position against a moratorium, and it was my assignment to research the subject matter and brief him accordingly. Early in January, the Chairman requested that I be the editor of the Commission's Annual Report, a task, incidentally, which brings little joy to the hearts of permanent staffers. Yet given my role as a student of State Government, this was a marvelous assignment for me, bringing me into intimate contact with all Commission leaders as it augmented greatly my understanding of PSC procedures. The report was recently released to the public.

In addition to these Commission activities, I had the opportunity to meet with California Public Utility Commission personnel to compare and contrast their regulation of utilities with our own. I traveled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to meet with staff members of the Tennessee Valley Authority to learn about their approach to system planning. Because of ox-like maneuvers on a ski slope in Chamonix, France, I had my left leg wrapped in plaster of paris after one day of an alleged ski vacation and carried the Smith Fellow banner to Mulhouse, France. Here I met with town planners. French towns are notable for their lack of clutter from overhead power and telephone lines; almost all such lines are underground. As a means of reducing pollution, the French have developed a type of central heating plant that can heat as many as 3500 apartments. One French city is currently planning an installation that will channel heat generated by burning garbage to schools and homes.

The Smith Fellows often met for the purpose of conducting seminars with local, State and national leaders. During the course of the year, our meetings included such diverse people as Robert Moses, John Lindsay, Milton Eisenhower, Nelson Rockefeller, Shirley Chisholm, Samuel Stratton, Donald Craig, Arthur Levitt, Henry Diamond, Harry van Arsdale, James Buckley and Jacob Javits. These turned out to be extraordinarily, fascinating and informative sessions. One session with White House staffers deserves particular comment. Members of Dr. Kissinger's foreign policy staff and John Ehrlichman's domestic council briefed us on problems of interest. We were particularly taken by the concept of revenue sharing and pursued that topic in many of our discussions.

To be useful, participants in this program should get out into their local communities after the program's completion for the purpose of discussing State Government in detail with any and all who are willing to listen. This I am more than willing to do. It was a marvelous and exciting year. I hope to be able to share it with anyone who is interested.



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