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## THE SUNDAY STROLLER

Any stirrings of Spring in the Stockade have been, at best, only faintly visible from the public way this year. There have been extensive repairs inside the Miller house, at 114, but these have been reconstruction, not refurbishing. The transformation of the Rickey house at the corner of Front and Governor's Lane from single to multiple dwelling has at length been accomplished. And at 7 South Church Street Veronica Lynch is making a noble effort to reclaim a once handsome structure, laid waste by years of warehousing, to civilized living. But the final fruits will not be visible for months.

It is the little grace notes of paint and flora that are somehow missing. Some of this is attributable to weather. So far the usually omnipresent unfurlings of petunias are still pale and small, spaced out by an occasional tentative geranium. With the exception of the very dashingly shaped pine on Hoddy Van Voast's front steps, nothing very imaginative in the way of plantings has been evidenced. The flowering nail kegs of yore are missing from Arthur's Market, though a pair, painted to match the trims, has emerged at 13 and 15 North Ferry, the Clune and Wheatley establishments respectively. Over-all, one gets the feeling that Spring has not yet struck home in the Stockade, and that it will take a week or two of strong sun and warm rain to bring forth the coloring of paintbrushes as well as the colorings of flowers.

Barrie Covert

## YW SUMMER SPECIALS FOR THE 14 TO 17 YEAR OLDS

The YWCA is offering a teen-age High Skill program June 28 through July 16. There will be morning groups for girls and evening groups for both boys and girls.

Mornings will feature aquatics, trampoline and tumbling, ceramics, dressmaking, hair-styling and make-up, modern dance, and a counsellor training class. Also scheduled are a discussion group on the Psychology of Personality and informal dip hours in the pool.

The evening groups, into which boys and girls are welcome, include guitar, an acting workshop, skin diving, folk, square and social dancing and discussion sessions on Philosophy and Life and on Teen Culture.

Single classes, except for guitar and the acting workshop, which are slightly higher, will cost \$4.50 and cover six meetings. Registration commences Monday June 14 from 6 to 10 p.m.

In addition to this special High Skill program, the YWCA offers swimming and sports for women and girls, six years and older, plus

## RIVERSIDE SCHOOL NEWS

by Kay Shanklin

Mrs. Meeneghan, who is retiring, Mrs. Cole, who will be teaching at Ohio University, Miss Beech, who will teach elsewhere next year and Mr. Ravella, who will start work at Columbia University on the doctoral program were honored by the Riverside faculty for lunch at the Van Dyck on June 23rd.

Science trips planned for this month were a trip to a farm in Schoharie on June 16th for Miss Delaney's class, and a trip to Thatcher Park for Miss Russ' and Mrs. Meeneghan's classes on June 15th. Mr. Johnson will conduct a track meet for the children in the 4 classes of older children on June 14th.

When you next walk past the school do notice the work completed on the tree trimming, newly seeded lawn and the chain link fences on either side of the school driveways.

## Open Letter to Stockade Community

The 1964 - 65 school year has been marked by great things for children at Riverside School, thanks in no small part to the support and encouragement of the community at large. We have seen many activities made possible through community interest in Riverside children and the year ahead should see some projects now underway come to fruition. A huge "Thank you" from the staff of Riverside for your support.

Robert B. Van Buren



See  
You  
in  
September!

## WALKABOUT DATE SET

September 25th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. has been named as the 1965 Walkabout-Tour of Old Homes date by the Stockade Association and the Schenectady County Historical Society. Eight homes, as yet un-announced by the sponsoring organizations, will be open to the public.

Miss Gertrude Naylor will serve as Chairman of the Walkabout and will be assisted by the following people: Co-Chairman, Mrs. G. Bryan Shanklin; Hostess Chairman, Mrs. John Warren Joyce, who will be assisted by Miss Julia Van Voast; Chairman of Houses, Mrs. Horace S. Van Voast, Jr.; Treasurer, Mr. John Erbacher; Program, Mr. Eugene Taylor Wilkins and Publicity, Mrs. James Baar.

Tickets will cost \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12.



## OUR CHURCHES

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On June 27th, First Presbyterian Church will begin its series of annual Sunday Evening summer services. Also, there is to be a Spiritual Life Crusade at the church, each evening at 7:30 from June 6 to June 20th, conducted by Armin Gesswein.

### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

On July 25 at the 10 a.m. Worship Service, First Reformed Church will have as its guest preacher the Rev. Dr. William Moore Boland of Malone Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Ireland. As part of the National Council of Church exchange program, Pastors from America and from Great Britain exchange pulpits for a time, in addition to making brief visits to other churches in the exchange country.

Dr. Boland, from 1954 to the present time, has been Moderator of the Synod of Belfast, and is Chaplain of Malone Training School, Joint founder of his local Council of Churches in Belfast. He has appeared on B.B.C. and the B.B.C. Home and Overseas Services and expects to be in America from July 4th to August 8th. While in Schenectady for three or four days, Dr. Boland will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace VanVoast, Jr. of Front Street.

With Dr. Boland will be another Minister who will preach in First Church in Albany and



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THOUGHTS AT THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER

- We have been going through a series of articles on the zoning law covering the Historic District. The major points of the law have been covered in previous articles. The rest of the law covers primarily the procedural aspects of the Commission. These are important, yet it was more important to establish the principles upon which the law is based than to go into details of administration. Unless there is some particular reason for a further explanation of the law, the series is complete.

- The May issue contained a letter to the Historic District Commission requesting they meet in the evening so we all may be more informed of how our properties are being affected by decisions of the Commission. I hopefully requested the Commission to answer our letter by the end of May. As of June 4th, the Commission had not sent the Stockade Association any reply. Apparently the letter brought up problems for the Commission of which we are not aware, but it does seem that a month would be long enough to resolve any difficulties the Commission might face.

- When the Lyons House came down, it was to be replaced by a garden that would be a complement to Ferry Street. Nearly three years have passed and only three trees have been planted.

- 13 Union Street remains a challenge to the Association. The Association has gone on record that the building should be preserved. The responsibility to propose a use for the building still falls on the Association. So far no members have brought to the Board any proposals that would give both the Mohawk Club and the area an assurance the building can serve a function beneficial to everyone. If you have any suggestions, please let your President know of them. The law assists us in preserving a building, but if a building has no useful purpose, the problem of preservation is not completely solved. Buildings are meant to be used, not merely to stand idle so they may decay.

- It seems the area is blossoming with multi-colored plastic awnings. Somehow these strike one as being a negative investment. They certainly do not add to the appearance of our old and distinguished residences, but rather obscure the historical worth of the buildings to which they are attached. They also detract from the appearance of a street by introducing elements that are out of character with the area. Thus the value of the property is not enhanced, but decreased, when they are installed. This same thought also applies to artificial stone or brick.

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LEADINGS

STOCKADE GUEST BOOK: Mrs. Don Mohr, Front St. has as her guests, her daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Moore and grandchildren, Sigrid, Wendy and Kristina from Port au Prince, Haiti ... Mr. and Mrs. John Fish and son Hugh from Barrytown, N.Y. have been the recent guests of Mr. Fish's sister Polly Merriam, Washington Ave. ... Ernest Cohen of Front St. has had as his guests, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. William D. Cohen and son Gregory of Newport, R.I., also Mrs. Cohen's mother, Mrs. Francis Billado of Burlington, Vermont. ... Mrs. George B. Tod of Union St. has had as her recent guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tod of Tonawanda.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW? THE SCHOLASTIC DEPARTMENT THAT'S WHAT: Miss Sheila Ryan, Union St. MS from Union. ... Miss Beatrice Cunniff, Union St. Bachelor of Science with a major in education from Russell Sage. ... Matthew Kirby, S. Church St. was awarded an \$8,000 maximum General Motors scholarship from the College of Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. Matthew is also the winner of a state regents scholarship. He is a graduate of Bishop Gibbons high school. ... Miss Jan Cohen graduated from Linton high, and Sally George from Central Park.

WHEE! DO WE HAVE NEW NEIGHBORS: Theodore and Pam Colangelo have moved from upper Union to 111 No. Ferry. ... Mrs. C. Vaughn Ferguson has moved from 19 Front St. to 35 Front St., she will be leaving soon for her summer home on Fishers Island. ... Mrs. Edmond T. O'Neill and son Timothy from Burnt Hills will move soon to their new home,

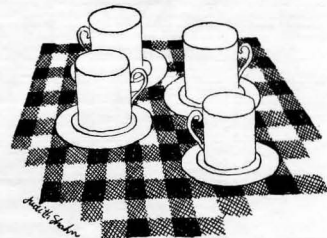
16 Washington Ave. Tim is graduating from Burnt Hills high and will enter college in the fall. ... Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Gross and son, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa are new residents at 114 Ferry St. Jerry is with G.E. ... Vi Putnam moved from 13 Front St. to 25 Ferry St. so happy to have her remain with us in the Stockade. ... Mr. and Mrs. George Brown are new residents at 1 Front St. ... NOW AT 15 Front: The new owners Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scholtz, Mrs. Scholtz tells me they are delighted with life in the Stockade. ... Miss Alyce Rote, Executive director of the Mohawk Pathway Girl Scouts Council, and Miss Claire Burque supervisor of nurses at Sunnyview. They moved from 3 Washington Ave. ... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doyle Jr., Mr. Doyle is an attorney in Schenectady. ... Mrs. Clyde D. Wagoner, formerly of Fairlawn Pkway. ... and Mr. Leonard Wisnyi, who moved here from Charlton, Leonard is with the Atomic Knolls Lab.

THERE'S TALK AND WE ARE SORRY TO REPORT: Peter, Anita and son Matthew Judice of Union St. are moving June 16 to Queens, N.Y. Peter will be with the News Bureau at G.E. in New York. ... Chuck, Eleda and daughter Heidi Roberts of 219 Union St. are moving to San Jose, Calif. Chuck will be with the News Bureau at G.E. They are leaving June 25 and plan some vacation time to see the points of interest. ... Ted Kramer and Dave Venz will move into the Robert's apartment.

THE PARTY LINE: Mrs. James J. Saunders, Mrs. Robert Merrill and Miss Marjorie Hathaway entertained at a shower in the Saunders home 224 Union St. in honor of Miss Sarah Wyatt whose marriage to Howard Stevenson will take place in June. ... Mrs. Frank vander Bogert, Union St. entertained out of town guests and friends, who were here to attend the Union College Graduation and Commencement Exercises.

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Another helping ?



COOKS OF THE MONTH

This month we are fortunate to have two Stockade cooks, Miss Mary Jane Van Voast and Mrs. Donald Hart, as our culinary editors. From Miss Van Voast comes a delightfully cooling formula for tomato aspic. From Mrs. Hart comes her recipe for banana bread which won her a first prize at the Herkimer County Fair in 1962.

TOMATO ASPIC

- 4 CUPS CANNED TOMATOES
- 2 OR 3 WHOLE CLOVES
- 3 tbs. finely minced onion
- 3 tbs. finely minced celery
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar

Simmer above for 15 minutes. Soften 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water and dissolve in 1/2 cup boiling water.

Strain through a fine sieve the tomato mixture into the dissolved gelatin.

Add 2 tsps. strained lemon juice, pour into mold and chill until set.

Molded in a ring mold, this is lovely with cottage cheese and chives in the center - really needs no dressing as there is lots of flavor in this combination.

Also excellent with crab and lobster and shrimp.....

BANANA NUT BREAD

- Sift before measuring 2 cups flour
- Resift with 3 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup sugar

Fold in 1/2 cup nut meats  
 Add, all at once, a mixture of  
 1 beaten egg  
 1 cup mashed banana  
 1/4 cup milk  
 1/3 cup melted shortening

Mix quickly, but well. Put into prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees about 45-50 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before turning out. Makes a standard size loaf.



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to 13 year-old girls. Terms of twice-a-week classes start June 28, July 19, and August 9. Registration for all three terms opens the morning of Monday, June 14.



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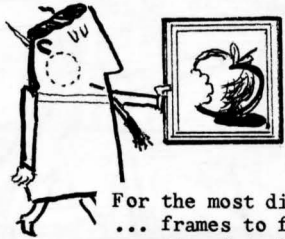
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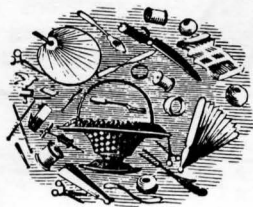
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**How Does Your Garden Grow?**

On the corner of Union and Church Streets next to the beautifully rehabilitated Red Cross Building there stands an interesting ediface with some rather outlandish tales to tell.

The house was built by Mr. Horstmeyer, a partner in the H.S. Barney Co. Here he resided with his wife and family and the Church Street Ghost!

Now I don't want to frighten the present occupants, so may I assure you that the Ghost left a number of years ago when Dr. Gross the dentist owned and occupied the place. It was here that he maintained his office. You can hardly blame the Ghost for leaving. Had I been as ethereal I would have flown the Doctor's chair and drill, too!

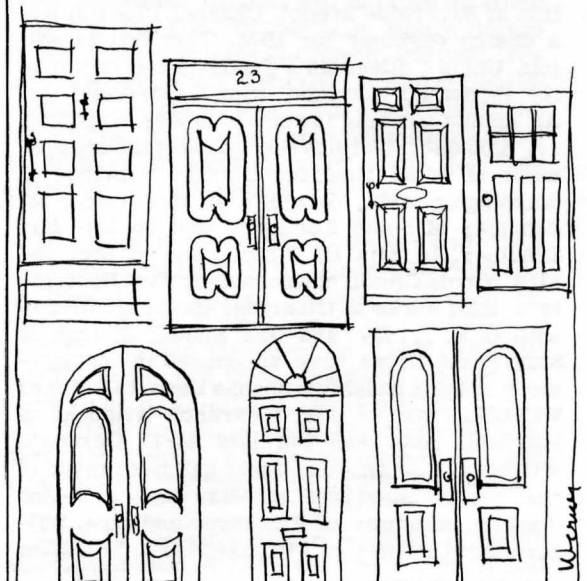
Before he left, the Ghost is reputed to have lived up on the third floor in the unfinished Billiard Room. It is not entirely clear why this room was unfinished. My personal belief is that when the Ghost took over Mr. Horstmeyer left the room incomplete because he refused to subject his friends to the kibitzing of a Ghost as the ivories clicked.

I am told that Mr. Horstmeyer maintained a charming garden to the rear of the house - a garden which competed with that of another outstanding citizen of Schenectady, Dr. Steinmetz. At this time Dr. Steinmetz lived on Liberty Street. Each year these two men entered a violent competition wagering on whose tulips, roses, etc. would bloom first. One year an event occurred which today would call for a Congressional Investigation.

As the story goes, Mr. Horstmeyer was in New York City on a buying trip when he ran across some superbly wrought artificial tulips. An idea flashed through his mind! He bought the proper quantity. Upon his return home, under the protection of darkness, he planted his garden. The next day he contacted the "Little Wizard" who immediately got into his electric auto and drove to Horstmeyer's. On the way the thought kept running through the Master Mind: "This is impossible! He can't have blooms so far ahead of me!"

Upon his arrival Mr. Horstmeyer ushered him through the house out into the garden where the two good friends enjoyed a hearty laugh!

by Giles Y. van der Bogert



*"Tidings" cont. from p. 2*

**BAPTISM:** Erin Vyvian Lane, daughter of Jim and Betty Lane, 4 West Front St. was baptized Sunday, May 9 in the First Reformed Church. The Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lane of Bellmawr, N.J., Mrs. Vivian Nicholson of Woodbury, N.J., and Mr. Sean Lane. The Baptism was followed by a buffet dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lane for members of the family and out of town guests.

**HAVE YOU HEARD?** Veronica Lynch bought the house next to her office at 5 Church St. and is giving it a much needed facelift plus other improvements. . . Miss Jean Eichenberger of N. Church St. just had her fifth one-man show at the Hotel Van Curler, Oak Room. Jean is advertising manager for Denby's, Troy. She also designed the set and decor for the Civic Players production of "A Visit to a Small Planet." . . Mrs. Willard Kitts has returned

to her home 19 Front St. "It's so nice to have you home Teddy." . . The good news, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Paige will be returning soon, after spending the winter in their Florida home.

**TRAVEL HAPPY:** Giles Yates and Frans vander Bogert are leaving 16 June to tour Europe for the summer -- now Giles how are you going to get 'em back in college after they have seen Patee? . . James and Beverly Baar of N. Church St. have returned from a trip to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, England and Ireland. I'm absolutely green with envy. . . Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Shields Jr. of Washington Ave. have returned from a vacation at the Bermudiana in Hamilton, Bermuda. . . Mrs. John G. Walber Jr. of Union St. has returned after spending the winter months at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. . . Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mauriel of N. Church St. are home from a vacation in Florida. Son, John Jr., who has had a lectureship and doing research work on the staff at Harvard Univ., will leave in the fall to accept an assistant professorship at the University of Minnesota. . . Mrs. George B. Tod of Union St. has been the guest of her father, Robert Nicholson, in Youngstown, Ohio.

**BELLES AND WEDDING WEDDING BELLS:** Mr. and Mrs. Frank Floriewicz of N. Ferry St. announce the betrothal of their daughter Joan Marie to John Lewis Brothers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lee Brothers of Delanson. . . Mr. and Mrs. George C. Kirchner of Dalton, Mass. announce the engagement of their daughter Rose Mary of N. Ferry St. to Douglas J. Haddad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haddad of Methuen, Mass. Rose Mary is a nuclear analyst at the Knolls Atomic Power Lab. and John is working towards his PhD degree at New Hampshire. An August wedding is planned. . . Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Peterson of West Hartford, Conn. announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Brita of N. Ferry St. to James D. Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Pate of Spring, Missouri. Brita is with the education TV station at Riverside school, Channel 17 and Jim is a design engineer for IBM. This fall he will join Union College as a graduate instructor in the Industrial Administration Department. . . An August wedding is planned in West Hartford. . . Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Beatrice Blanche Schriber of Washington Ave., daughter of Mrs. Oscar M. Schriber of South Edmeston and the late Mr. Schriber, to Elia E. Ciotoli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicola Ciotoli of Rensselaer Ave. Beatrice is a staff nurse at Glenridge Hospital. Elia is with G.E. . . Mr. and Mrs. Sunday D. Lupi of Stuyvesant Drive have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joanna Dean, to Richard Wilgocki, son of Mr. Lawrence Wilgocki of Ingersoll Ave. and the late Mrs. Gertruce Wilgocki. . . Announcement has been made of the recent marriage of Miss Margaret-Ann Parker, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Wilford Oren Parker of Pittsburgh, Pa. to Clifton

Vrooman Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Rice Jr. of Rye, N.Y. Mr. Rice is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clifton Vrooman of 43 Washington Ave.

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