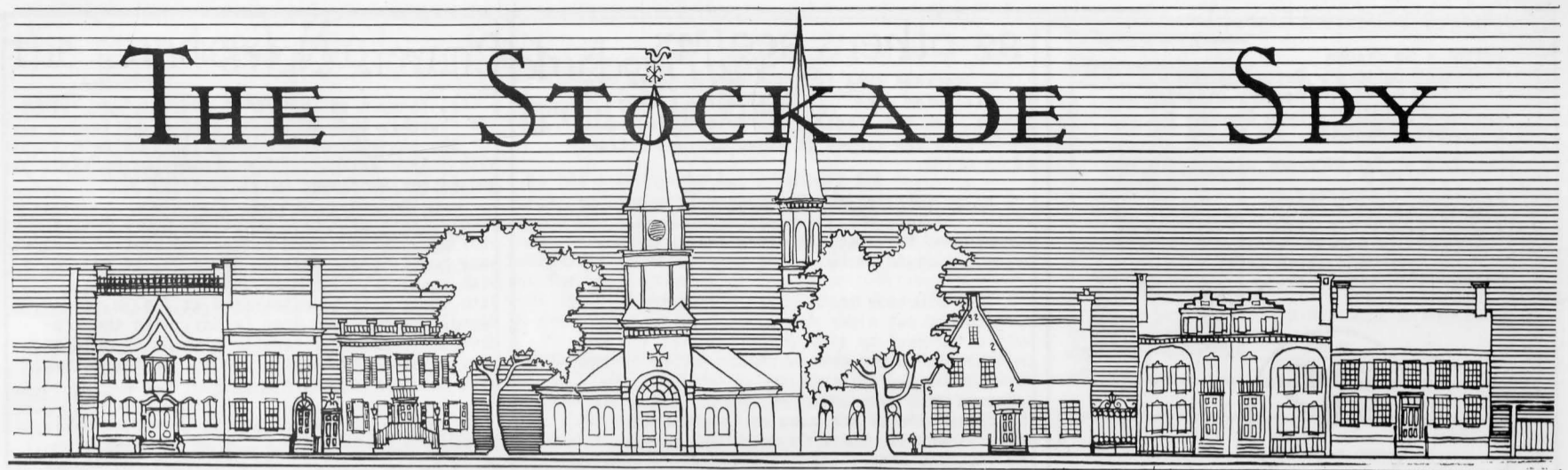


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HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO EXPAND BUILDING

The Schenectady County Historical Society has contracted the architectural firm of Feibes and Schmitt to complete a project feasibility and design study for an anticipated building expansion program at the Society's headquarters at Washington Avenue.

The findings of the study will be reported at the Society's annual meeting April 13. This report will be given by Trustee Horace Van Voast, chairman of the building committee. Mr. Van Voast's committee is comprised of Harold F. Lewis, Richard McKeey, Mrs. Charles Patton, Lansing Christman, Dr. Louis Navias and Jonathan Pearson.

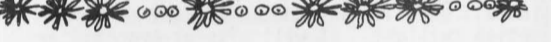
The nearly 500 members of the Society are in need of extended meeting, exhibition and archive space. Primary consideration is being given to the feasibility of a new multipurpose Lecture - Meeting - Social Hall capable of seating some 250 people.

Other Stockaders associated with the project are James Duggan of North Street and Anthony Wildrich of Governors' Lane, both members of the firm of Feibes & Schmitt.

-J.D.A.S.

CORRECTION

The Spy regrets that in its last issue it misspelled the name of Mrs. Richard Kerchner and incorrectly identified her residence, which is on Front Street, not Ferry.



THE PARK IN WINTER

I suspect that, in January, only dogs and mad Englishmen go down to Riverside Park. While sitting by the fire, it is easy to appreciate the pristine beauty of the deserted park. Sampling it, in reality, is another matter, one which I would willingly forego if it were not for my insistent schnauzer. What with battling the icy wind which brings smarting tears to obscure all joy in vision, frequent stops to remove salt-crystals and packed snow from Lisl's protestingly raised paws, and the drifting snow which sifts insidiously into the tops of my boots, I am more than willing to return to the fire.

Evidently there are others, far more resolute than I, who, nudged by their dogs and their consciences, fight the elements. Always there is trail broken through the fresh snow before my arrival. Perhaps one of these pioneers is the gentleman whom I frequently see walking his two handsome Labradors, whose sleek black coats and bright lolling tongues make a vivid and cheering contrast with the snow. All three seem to take the weather unperturbed.

As for me, I wait impatiently for Summer, day-dreaming of all the joys it has brought in the past; the quiet streets in the early morning on the way to the park; the glimpses, in passing, into the secret gardens; the mist rising softly from the milky river; the wavelets, left by the passing boats, breaking musically upon the stone banks; the wheeling, crying seagulls; the flowers that break unrestrainedly through the park fence; most magical of all, the sound of a flute which one day led me entranced to where a man sat playing at one of the picnic tables.

But... back to the present. Over my shoulder I can see an expectant Lisl, tail hopefully wagging, staring fixedly at the door. It's that time again!

- Pam Morrell

 * THE STOCKADE ASSOCIATION *
 * Membership Meeting *
 * Monday, March 28, 8 p.m. *
 * Riverside School *
 * Guest Speaker: Mr. Edward Cowley *

EDWARD COWLEY TO ADDRESS STOCKADE MEMBERS

Edward Cowley, winner of the Mildred Radliff Cohen purchase prize at the 1965 outdoor Art Show, returns to us in another role-- that of Vice President of the Altamont Planning Association. Mr. Cowley will speak to the organization regarding the past, present, and future of a village which shares many of the assets and the problems known to us here in the Stockade.

"If concern is restricted to the old theme of everyman's castle we only deny and defy rather than share and understand. This is precisely the problem of the man-made environment in America." is a quote of Mr. Cowley's from a recent issue of the Altamont Inquirer. Mr. Cowley clearly indicates this is representative of his personal attitude regarding his area.

Mr. Cowley is known as a prominent artist throughout the Tri-City area. He is Chairman of the Art Department at the State University at Albany. His paintings and jewelry are represented in permanent collections at the Albany Institute, Schenectady Museum, Smith College Museum, Munson-Proctor Institute, Colgate University Gallery, and Berkshire Museum.

Outspoken and energetic regarding his convictions in the art world, village planning and historic zoning, Edward Cowley promises to be a refreshing speaker. Plan to attend on March 28!

-Joan Lapp

STOCKADERS AT GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON BEAUTY

Stockade Association President Dr. Louis Navias, former Association President Mr. John Elsbree, and Mr. Paul Schaefer represented Schenectady's historic area at the Governor's Conference on Natural Beauty, held in New York City on Friday, February 25. Attendance was on the basis of invitation only, and the invitation that the Stockade Association received was very grand indeed: creamy cardboard, gilt-edged, with real engraving.

A comprehensive report on the Conference by Dr. Navias appears on page 2 of this issue.

FRIENDS OF THE STOCKADE WILL MEET

Members of The Friends and their guests have been invited to enjoy a relaxing and informative evening on Friday, March 25. Colored slides compiled by Warren Joyce (City Historian) will be shown at an open meeting at 8 in Room A at the Hotel Van Curler.

Mrs. Roger Kambour will conduct an "armchair tour" of the historic homes similar to the Guided Tours which this organization sponsors. Stockaders of all ages who would like to know more about the history of their area are also invited.

There is no admission fee.

-Elizabeth Joyce

JOHN ELSBREE LEAVING US

One of the foremost residents of the Stockade area leaves Schenectady for Rochester, N. Y. at the end of this month.

John Elsbree, former president of the Stockade Association and for several years a resident of North Street, is leaving the General Electric Company to become Manager of the Operating and Support Services in the Research and Advanced Engineering Division of the Xerox Corporation.

Readers of the Spy will, we know, join us in regretting his departure at the same time as we wish him all good fortune in his new position. He will surely be missed here.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE SHELTER

The kindness and generosity of Stockaders in the February 18th fire at the Humane Society-- better known as the Children's Shelter--made the calamity much easier to cope with. President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Robert Gilbert, and administrator, Mrs. Bertice M. Brown, express their great appreciation for the aid offered and given the Shelter by neighbors and friends. The following, in particular, deserve special mention: House-mothers Miss Judith McCann, Miss Alice Burns, and Miss Sandra Fay and off-duty patrolman, Mr. Ernest Nacco, who took the twenty-three children out of the burning building and into the homes of Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Bryant, 208 Union and Mrs. B. F. Carmichael, 201 Union where they spent the night; Mr. Stephen Heckman, 4 Union, who assisted the staff; the Hotel Van Curler, for hosting the children the rest of that weekend; the YMCA, for breakfast and lunch; and the JayCees who helped keep spirits up with the amusement they provided. Appreciation also goes to the First Presbyterian Church for their offer of accommodations.



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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller faced an audience of 1200 people in New York City on Friday February 25 and charged them to be "bold" in their vision and recommendations as they concerned themes and discussions on 12 different subjects posed for the "Governor's Conference on Natural Beauty." The Governor stressed his interest in finding new ideas which would combine in legislative for means of promoting an increase in the industry of New York State as well as means of promoting its beautification.

The first set of four panels took place at the same time, each panel having a chairman and 4 or 5 panel members. Each chairman laid the ground work for his subject, asking each panelist to make some remarks and suggestions, and then permitting the audience to participate by statements, questions and answers. Each chairman reviewed the recommendations made by his panel, and had the task of presenting them to the Governor and to the whole assembly in the late afternoon. In the same way two other sets of panels took place, in succeeding groups of four.

At the end of all the sessions the Governor took his seat on the platform with the general chairman and the 12 panel chairmen. Each person gave a summary of the findings of his panel, and urged executive and legislative action to bring about their recommendations. The Governor kept his own notes of the proceedings and in closing remarked that the Conference had brought up many fine ideas which would be of great help to him as he proceeded to implement them.

The Stockade Association was represented at the meeting by Messrs. John Elsbree, Paul Schaefer and Louis Navias. We had prepared a draft of explanation and recommendations dealing directly with our local area and sent the draft before the meeting to Mr. Geoffrey Platt, chairman of the panel on Historic Preservation and to Mr. William H. Whyte, Conference general chairman. Attached to the draft were supporting material in the form of a book, pamphlets and photographs. We copy here the last page of the draft ---

Recommendations for the Stockade Area in Schenectady.

Because of the unique place which the Stockade Area in Schenectady occupies in the history of New York State and of the country, and because of its wide range of styles of architecture which have grown together into a unified whole during its long history,

We petition the Governor's Conference on Natural Beauty that every effort be made to:

- (1) prevent the demolition of any building in the area
- (2) assist to find a suitable use for buildings under threat of demolition
- (3) restore the unified appearance of the streets by putting all electric wires, cables and transformers underground
- (4) further assist in a program to illuminate the area in a more appropriate manner, using standards and lights in keeping with the historic past, yet in keeping with modern safety practices
- (5) assist in planning and carrying out of a unified plan of natural beautification of the area involving trees, gardens, parks and river front
- (6) assist in the solution of currently heavy traffic and congested parking problems.

It is our feeling that much good will come out of this Conference. Since its fulfillment takes time, education and money, it will move slowly in the beginning and will gain momentum later on. We are pledged to do all we can to get some of these programs started and to keep them moving in the right direction.

- Louis Navias

as others see us

The Stockade area is, like citric juice, a reconstituted area. It is bordered by the Mohawk, New York Central and Erie Boulevard. It is so often ringed in metaphors and entranced in pride.

I enjoy visiting the Stockade - in summer or winter. I like the old homes, the narrow streets and the inevitable feeling of well-being one assimilates in the area.

I like Stockade sociology. I like to see the well-turned out older men carried perhaps for public approval by tidy wives. I like the newer inhabitants who have moved in either to make their husbands "interesting" or at least are overcome with latecoming awareness that while the outer life of the suburbs is exorbitant, one's inner life there is scant and sparse. The Stockade offers these individuals a greater commitment to themselves.

The Stockade can restore people, particularly the wives. Wives who might have spent a near-lifetime trumpeting into shopping malls near Niskayuna and who, from their station wagon fortresses might sparkle briefly like a dentifrice, are saved. Left in the suburbs their eyes would continue to betray the emptiness that comes from endless rounds of necessary but peripherally useless duties. The Stockade tends to restore these women with its accent on informality and its ability for éclat.

During the Winter of '64 I was a "fringe" Stockader. I lived in the less prepossessing area across the tracks where you find streets like Madison, Monroe and Jefferson. I tagged it Schenectady's "Presidential Complex" which sounded better to my city friends than an address like Hexam Gardens (which sounds like a cross between a Black Mass rite and a restorative patent medicine) or Ruffner Road which leaves you nowhere. My diggings across the tracks was a large cold water flat in an ancient brick apartment house complete with macadam courtyard and ringed by successive creaking, catwalking wooden balconies. It's the closest thing to New Orleans in upstate New York, though my T-shirt was never torn. I designated this building "Appalachia Arms" and was delighted to capture a unique address for only \$23 a month. But, then, living high is not my failing and to "fool" one's money away on lodging and food injures my New England sense of propriety.

Across the tracks in the Stockade, "rents" are going up. This threatens to keep out many of our marginal but gifted under-achievers. It also means that the Stockade will increasingly receive an influx of minor professionals like x-ray technicians, social workers, therapists who tend to "still" the strident and electric possibilities of this piquant area. I suggest you stamp them out!

Politics

During the recent elections I even carried a Van Shanklin election card with me on several occasions and disposed of it only when I learned he was a banker, and they're always suspect in my books. Then too, a Mr. Kambour had a most tastefully designed election poster and this caught my fancy. I don't know either gentleman and never would make the effort. Having lived sporadically in Schenectady since 1959 I avoid the presumed civic virtue of "know your candidate". In Schenectady "knowing your candidate" can poison one on public service for life.

Stockade Tours

I approve wholeheartedly of the Stockade annual "walk-throughs" or "walk-about" though I've never taken the tour. I have eclipsed myself on several occasions by doing a few "stagger-throughs" and "lurch-about" in the Stockade which I'd like to forget and apologize for right now. But then being a whole man does encompass partaking of whatever the host or hostess has on hand even though it may risk visceral torment. The rumor that I'm available for dinner parties is still entirely founded.

Stockade Visit

I did stop over briefly in the Stockade in 1964. I dropped in for dinner one night at old friend, Arthur Stanley Harris at 157 Front St. and stayed two months. This illustrates how fraught with peril a dinner invitation can be for some hosts.

Religion

I've been told that Stockaders have taken a renewed interest in religion and that Stockade churches are packing them in. Since the Civil Rights movement got the ministry back on its feet this is not surprising.

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Church News

Lent is upon us this month and all four Stockade churches have announced special services for the six-week period that will culminate with the observance of Good Friday on April 8 and Easter Sunday on April 10.

Holy Cross will have Devotions every Friday at 7 p.m. through Good Friday. A special Forty-hour Devotion was held on March 13, 14 and 15, with a special High Mass celebrated on the 15th. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p. m. on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, with the traditional three-hour service also being held on Good Friday from noon to 3 p.m. Easter Masses will be at midnight, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

St. George's celebrates Holy Communion daily throughout Lent at 7 a.m., with services also at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Reverend Raymond Ferris of Bronxville, N. Y. is the guest speaker at the informal services held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Supper is served in the Great Hall before each of these services. Maundy Thursday will be observed with the traditional round-the-clock vigil at the Altar of Repose, Good Friday with a service from noon to 3 p.m. as usual, and on Easter Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

First Reformed has invited a series of guest speakers to preach at Wednesday evening Lenten services in the church, with informal suppers served beforehand in Friendship Hall. It is also participating in the Community Lenten services each Thursday noon sponsored by the Schenectady Area Council of Churches. There will be Holy Communion and the Office of Tenebrae at 8 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, the "Hours of the Cross" from noon to 3 p.m. on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday worship at 10 a. m.

First Presbyterian is host to the noon-time series of Lenten services sponsored by the Capital District Association of Evangelical Churches each Tuesday, featuring a variety of out-of-town preachers, with luncheon served beforehand. It is also host to the Greater Schenectady Crusade, a series of nightly services held in the church at 7:30 March 13-20 with Dr. Myron Augsburg as guest preacher. Easter services will be at 6 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.



Stockade Future

I'd liked to see the Stockade spread in all directions. First, scarify and eliminate Erie Boulevard and restore the Erie Canal. Let its waters course full measure from south to north install gondolas and the soft music of a Venetian twilight. It will also give gondolier employment to some wonderful old Italian men who are not putting up with their sons -- the dentist, the lawyer, the doctor -- who have substituted the quest for Cadillacs and carpports for the pride and beauty of their Latin ancestry.

This canal project, of course, means the destruction of the General Electric complex at the southern end of Erie Blvd. That's right, those buildings have to come down to make room for "retro-progress." To paraphrase Eliot ... possibly Frank Eliot from Ballston:

"I knew a town once did a plant in
 Any town might do a plant in
 Any town has to, needs to, wants to
 Once in a lifetime do a plant in."

I looked over those GE facilities recently. Reflecting on the architecture, which is either Late Lynn or Turbine Renaissance, I'm amazed GE workers haven't had more strikes. The environs seem to demand it. By eliminating GE and restoring the Canal, Schenectady will become a tourist mecca. This appeals to me more than being a GE stronghold. I must admit that I feel that GE is the phoniest masquerade going. This is true of other corporations too, but GE's litany is the best organized and its position sacrosanct. From the way so many GE'ers apologetically declare their affiliation I suspect they suspect it too. The objectionable part about the corporate mentality is the way it intrudes itself into the warp and woof of the individual -- where it has no right to belong. The Stockade and Stockade living is for many GE residents a subtle nose-thumbing at the bland, incandescent master. Somebody bless them.

-John D. Adams

[Mr. Adams is a Public Relations executive in Albany and a frequent contributor to local area newspapers. He presently lives on upper Union Street in Schenectady]

the jaundiced eye

It is unfortunate that the *Spy* is a conservative monthly, and that praise for the Galaxy Player's productions of *A Phoenix Too Frequent*, and *A Resounding Tinkle* is post mortem. As an apology or not putting out an extra, let us say in capitals: DON'T MISS ANY FUTURE PRODUCTIONS BY THE GALAXY PLAYERS. These two plays continued the proof this group is giving that local amateurs can produce entertainment at least a cut above TV serials, without gross (or for that matter net) ineptitude in any department.

As everyone knows, *A Phoenix Too Frequent* is a bit of malicious gossip extracted from the *Satyricon* and set to somewhat effervescent verse by Christopher Fry. Under a froth of classical allusions (fielded without error by a largely academic audience) it tells the simple human story of a young widow starving herself to death in her departed husband's tomb, of a young soldier who drops in, eager to share her immolation, and how they work out their salvation with the help of her faithful maid. Sandi Gruberg was delightful as the relict Dynamene. Stuart Wooster was very believable as the soldier. Jinx Lindenauer's maid seemed a little too cockney, but this might be Mr. Fry's fault, in *Petronius* she quotes Vergil. The firection probably deserves a good share of praise, for maintaining a light and plausible tone in the face of artificial verse and situations.

A Resounding Tinkle is a domestic comedy laid in some corner of suburbia that is forever England. Husband and wife, Bro and Middle Paradock, discuss a recent purchase which is important to their status, and are visited by pipe-smoking Uncle Fred who listens to a religious service on the radio. The discussion is in the accents of an established marriage, each talking to an idiot who will never understand what is being said but who will leap at any opportunity for misinterpretation. This is the Maginot Line phase of the war between the sexes: each side is securely entrenched and firing continually but not necessarily in the enemy's direction. Certainly neither is affected by the other's barrages.

That the conflict concerns a name for the new elephant and whether it should be traded for a boa constrictor only serves to emphasize the familiar inanity of the exchanges, and the absolute failure of communication at a verbal level. Uncle Fred turns out to have changed his sex. (This is probably the only recorded case of the sort without Freudian implications, and only shows that a handsome woman smoking a pipe can be just as dull as Uncle Fred.) I found the results extremely funny and entertaining. The acting was good and, in case of Anne Hastings, I thought outstanding.

Again let us praise The Galaxy Players, and not forget the Nott Memorial Theatre, always such a pleasant place to visit.

-Arthur Covert

HANSEL AND GRETTEL

The 2nd and 3rd grade of Riverside (Mrs. Duell's class) presented the operetta *Hansel and Gretel* this March 11th. A vital and enthusiastic characterization of the wicked witch by Erin Hart received more than adequate support from Nathan Manley (the father), Roberta Amend (the mother), Susan Shanklin (Gretel), Jane Binzer (Hansel), Richard Lupi (Cuckoo), Wanda Bowman (Sandman), Tommy Benson, Gary Neal, Stanley Blake and Frederick Warren (Angels), Michael Bonitatibus (Dew Fairy), Inez Bowman, Craig Kirby, Randy Rapple, Michelle Tucker, Patrick Covert and Elliot Shanklin (Children).

Narration was by James Colose, Holly Ruchalski was stage manager, piano by Mrs. Evelyn Osterhout, musical direction by Miss Carmella Scott, and direction by Miss Tuni Kendrick. The set had a charm resulting from a combination of imagination and color which should be studied with by our more adult acting groups. The other parents in the audience were probably equally astonished, that such notorious types could behave so well and look so innocent awake. It will not be possible after this to say that actors whose readings are audible but uninspired use the Riverside 'method'.

-A.S.C.

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FERRY at LIBERTY

F. De Sarbo, prop.

bluepencilings from the editor

As the mornings become brighter, the evenings longer and the weather balmy, the last thing anyone wants to think about is the problem of snow. However while the memory of at least two horrendous snowfalls is still with us, let us ask for consideration of one major question: what is to be done with all those parked cars in the street?

When three or more inches of snow have fallen, the city asks that all parked cars be taken away so that the plows can get through. This seems like a very reasonable request. But where can the cars be taken? It's easy for the garage-owners to say that all car-owners should have their own off-street parking facilities, but are there really that many garages, or even open driveways, for all Stockade residents with cars to have this convenience? Although The *Spy* has not made a definitive survey, the answer we bet on is No. Furthermore we'll also bet that at the rate more and more of our large old houses are converted from single homes to apartments (or "multi-family dwellings," as the Zoning Laws phrase it) this problem will become worse, not better.

At present the only solution seems to be the emergency use of the several private parking lots in the Stockade area that are maintained by our churches and such organizations as the Mohawk Club, on Church Street, the Culver Office Supply Co. on College Street, and Service Linen Supply Co. on Green Street. But is this with the owners' permission? And if a car is taken off the street for an emergency period ought it not to be put back on the street as soon as the emergency is over? In other words, how well does this off-the-cuff arrangement work?

Maybe we've asked too many questions, but surely they touch on a problem which the city and the Stockade Association should study before next winter's snow starts flying.

school news

Linton - Ted Baar is in the hospital following an appendectomy...Dinah Dietrich has been ill... Bill Braden is a National Merit finalist...

Oneida - At the annual Science Fair, Stockaders Gail Thomas and Heidi Harlow were awarded prizes for their projects, Gail for 8th grade chemistry and Heidi for 7th grade biology. Congratulations to both of them! Meanwhile David Clough has a part in "Everyman" which will be produced in May for the Spring Drama Festival.

-K.W.

Riverside - "Hansel and Gretel" was performed by Mrs. Duell's 2nd and 3rd grades last week (see separate review). Kevin and Clifford Gavitt are skiing in Europe. Mr. Pacelli's class is still selling pizzas every Friday.

-D.W.

HARP CONCERT AND RECITATION BY CORKY CHRISTMAN

(A review)

t. lehrer, in the year that was,
retired within the hungry i
to rank his songs by the applause
cognoscenti from stanford and berkeley

c. christman, sunday evening here,
as boldly in our ladies' y,
recited lindsay, browning, poe
between harp scores by salzedo
for friendly ears.


both perform with care in rhyming,
nimble fingers, polished timing.

may i complain that poe to me
lies as dead as annabel lee,
though lapped with all elocution
due so safe an institution?

i may, but add that browning's piper,
rats and kids cut lively capers.

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-J.A.B.



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Tidings

-Neeltje de Graff

As we go to press it is hard to believe, with snow on the ground, we will soon be sitting in our back yards listening to the crab grass grow.

NEW NEIGHBORS: Mr. Steven Hechtman has moved to 4 Union st. Steven is from New York City and graduated from the Univ. of Boston. He is with G.E. in the Community Relations and Communications Dept. He likes most all sports, the theatre, good music and collects records.... Lt. and Mrs. Bert Allen are moving to 40 Front st. Bert is in the Navy and Laurie is an artist. We hope she will give us an opportunity to admire her paintings at our next Stockade Art show. ... Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Blanchard are moving from 114 Union st. to 12 North st.

THE STOCKADE TRAVELERS: Miss Edith Joseph, N. Church st. has returned from a West Indies cruise with stops in Antiqua, Barbados, Trinidad, St. Croix, St. Martin, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico. ... Mrs. Louis Navias, Front st. is vacationing in Florida. ... Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Colangelo and grand-son, Peter, Front st. have returned from Puerto Rico where they spent several weeks. ... Mr. William Cregan, College st. has left for an extended vacation in Mexico. He will also, visit in the Virgin Islands and tour California before returning. ... Miss Virginia Mure is visiting her family in Athens Ga. and friends in Sarasota, Florida for a few weeks. ... Mr. Ernie Cohen, Front st. has returned from Puerto Rico where he visited with friends. ... Mrs. A. Wayne Merriam, Washington ave. has returned from a visit with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Monn in Closter, N. J. ... Mrs. Willard A. Kitts, Front st. has returned from a three weeks visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Lt. Col. and Mrs. James Sherwood at Mad River Glen. Al and Marcia Graves have also been gliding on the ski slopes. ... Mrs. Clifton Vrooman, Washington ave. is in Atlanta Ga. visiting her daughter Mrs. James Elrod.

STOCKADE GUEST BOOK: Lt. j.g. and Mrs. William E. Cohen and son Gregory from New Port, R. I. are the guests of Bill's father Ernie Cohen, Front st. Bill has recently returned from a Caribbean Tour aboard the USS Keppler and plans to make the Navy a career. ... Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Copper, Union st. have had as their guest their cousin, Mrs. Helen Tracy from Richmond, Va.

BELLES AND WEDDING BELLS: Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mary Teresa O'Clair daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement P. O'Clair of Albany, to Ira K. Nahikian of Green st., son of Mrs. Kissag M. Nahikian of Worcester, Mass. and the late Mr. Nahikian. Mary is employed by the state dept. of motor vehicles and Ira is with G.E. A summer wedding is planned. ... Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Clothier of Colonie, announce the engagement of their daughter, Priscilla Ann, to Robert Mitchell Durante of S. Ferry st. Priscilla Ann is employed as a secretary with G.E. and Robert is also with G.E. and Blake Realty. They plan an Oct. 22 wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Ecker of Johnstown have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn R. Ecker, 248 Union st. to Claude L. Buller, Osterlitz ave. He is the son of Mrs. Constance Mowry, North Haven, Conn. and the late Mr. Claude L. Buller. Carolyn and Claude are both employed by G.E. A Sept. wedding is planned.

HAVE YOU HEARD? The New World Theatre, a newly organized group of professional actors (January 66) gave their first performance March 11 and 12 at Siena College. The play, T. S. Eliot's "The Cocktail Party", Mr. John Ruta N. Ferry st., a charter member, informed me they will repeat the play March 25 and 26. Lea Anderson, Front st. designed the sets. Reports are the play is well executed and enjoyable, we should not miss it. ... We are sorry to report that Mrs. Seph of 215 Green st. is moving to Huron Crt. Mrs. Seph has been a life-long resident of the Stockade.

STOCKADE STORK REPORT: Our Stockade Stork has been a very busy bird this past month. Five year old Mark Budka is telling friends about his new sister Valerie Ann, born Feb. 20. The happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budka, Ingersoll ave. ... The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas T. Parke, Front st. have a son, Jonathan Nelson Parke born Feb. 22. ... Jay Rocissono, born Feb. 26 joins three brothers and two sister in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rocissono, N. Ferry st. We also have a puppy stork who left nine puppies (3 boys and 6 girls) with Priscilla, a beagle, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wolfe, Front st.

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