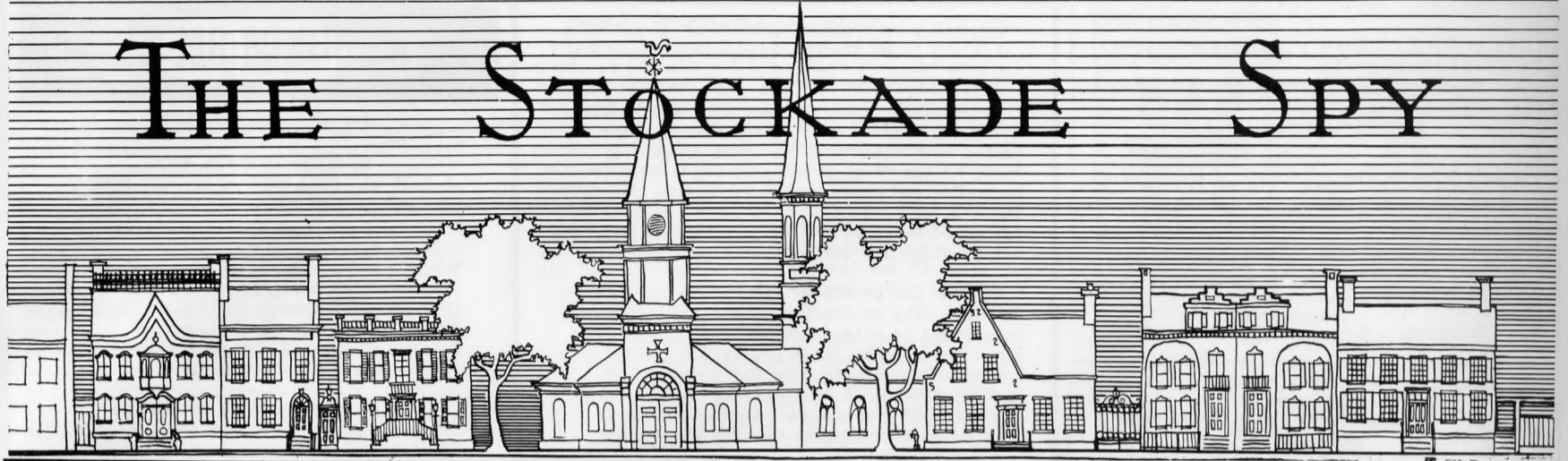


# THE STOCKADE SPY



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## DID THEY HAVE TO COME DOWN?

We Stockaders have taken pride in "greening-up" our neighborhood. Tree planting has been a successful, continuing project. Last fall, we were delighted that our young trees had survived ---and horrified that several old ones were lost. Remember the buzz of city saws?

Did all the trees really have to come down? Let's ask an expert! Walter Durniak, our County Agricultural Agent, will appear at the next Stockade Association meeting on May 23. We can expect expert advice on:

- Care of Trees
- Saving of the Trees
- Types of Trees Recommended for Planting in the Stockade

We shall have the benefit of Mr. Durniak's professional opinion.

If you live in the Stockade, you will surely be interested. DO COME, whether or not you are a member of the Association.

DON'T FORGET: 8 PM at RIVERSIDE SCHOOL on MAY 23!

-Joan Lapp



## REPORT FROM RIVERSIDE:

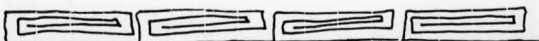
Riverside School is used primarily to instruct five classrooms of neighborhood elementary children, grades K through 6, and four classes for special education including neighborhood children and other school district children who come by bus. There are a total of ten classrooms used for instruction including a reading resource room.

We also have available an Audio-Visual room, a teachers' meeting room and a nurse-secretary room. All other spaces in the building are used for meeting rooms and offices for Riverside School personnel except the following:

One classroom in the northwest corner houses a division of the Adult Education Department. A second classroom on the northwest side is used as an Art Resource Room and meeting place for the Schenectady School District.

The entire basement, except for boys and girls rooms, continues to house Channel 17, W.M.H.T. The auditorium has been made available upon request to community groups including the Stockade Association and the hallways have been beautified through the addition of a rotating Stockade artists gallery.

Robert B. Van Buren,  
Principal



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\* STOCKADE ASSOCIATION MEETING \*  
\* Monday, May 23 \*  
\* 8 P. M. \*  
\* Riverside School \*  
\* Guest Speaker: Mr. Walter Durniak \*  
\* -- TREES -- \*  
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HELLO!

The Association is pleased to welcome the following new members:

- MR. GARY J. FISHER - 17 WASHINGTON AVE.
- MRS. PAULA CLOOS - 101 FRONT ST.
- MRS. F. M. HEFTER - 9 NO. CHURCH ST.
- MR. & MRS. FREDERICK HERRMAN - 30 FRONT ST.
- MISS MARGARET HUGHES - 9 NO. CHURCH ST.
- MISS MARY K. STEVENSON - 10 WASHINGTON AVE.
- MR. & MRS. ALBERT WEHR - 6 WASHINGTON AVE.
- MRS. AGNES S. WAGONER - 15 FRONT ST.
- MR. & MRS. WM. BEVIER - 12 NO. FERRY ST.
- MR. & MRS. CHAS. LASKY, JR. - 19 INGERSOLL AVE.
- MRS. JESSICA W. SQUIRES - 17 NORTH ST.
- MR. & MRS. WM. HARRISON - 3 WASHINGTON AVE.
- MR. GUY M. CREGIER - 2627 TROY RD., CITY (who is restoring 150 Front Street)

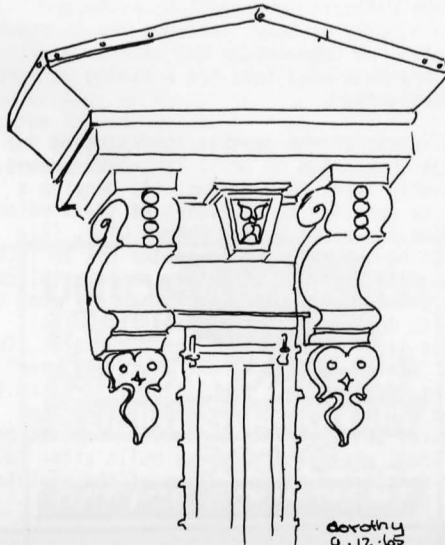
Accompanying the Laskys' membership application was this letter. The Board of Directors is delighted to share Mrs. Lasky's comments with Spy readers.

" Enclosed please find check as payment for new membership and yearly dues for 1966.

The Stockade Association is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid job it is doing and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all the dedicated people who have worked so diligently, continued success in their endeavors.

Why I've waited this long to join the association, I'll never know. I have lived in this area since 1916 so I really feel that I do belong.

Sincerely,  
Natalie M. Lasky "



Dorothy  
9-12-65

## FREE PLANTS FOR NEW STOCKADE PLANTERS

For a number of years the accelerated pace at which our Stockade landmarks have been restored has attracted an increasing number of sight-seers. Now that we have become the historical jewel of the Schenectady area we have an opportunity to perform a further service in the nationwide program for beautification. Since Stockade homes are generally built right up to the street there is no opportunity for a garden visible from the street. However by the judicious use of planters and window boxes each home could provide a modest dash of color and the combined effect would easily double our impact upon the many visitors. Those who have observed the plantings in the down town area of Cooperstown will realize the possibilities at hand.

As an incentive to greatly increase the number of new planters and window boxes Prof. Harlow has offered to provide without charge the plants required for the first year. All residents within the geographical boundaries of the Stockade who wish to take advantage of the offer should take their new planters to the side entrance of the Governor Yates House garden which is on Governor's lane. If the planters are too large to move simply stop by for the plants.



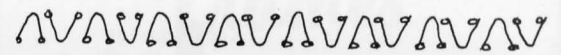
## GARDEN GATHERING

The long awaited reception for all members of the Stockade Association and their friends will be held in the garden of the Van Dyck on Saturday, June 11th from six thirty until eight in the evening. The committee, along with the creative talents of Mr. Marvin Friedman, promises liquid refreshment, imaginative snacks and tantalizing music.

There will be a token charge of \$2.75 per person which includes a fair amount of all three items so named above. It should be a great night for that late dinner party you've been meaning to give.

Tickets will be on sale at the Stockade Association meeting at Riverside on May 23rd; at the Van Voast Agency; (Janie V.V.) at Arthur's (see Sol); at 14 North Church Street (Mrs. Helen Clough); at 14 North Street (Kay Shanklin).

Let's wind up the official year in style-  
AT THE VAN DYCK.....



LES ESCARGOTS by GEORGE WEINHEIMER

I H E S T O C K A D E S P Y

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PRESIDENT NAVIAS WRITES GOVERNOR

As announced in the local newspapers President Navias sent a letter on May 6th to Governor Rockefeller concerning the threat of demolation of 13-15 Union Street. The text of his letter follows:

"Dear Governor:

"The Stockade Association of Schenectady has been signally honored by the news received from the New York State Council on the Arts that you have chosen our Association as one of the recipients of the New York State Award for 1966. There is further pleasure in the anticipation of your visit to Schenectady to present the Awards on May 17th at the ceremony to be held at Union College. We sincerely wish that you will take a few minutes to visit our Stockade area, which has houses dating back to the early 1700's.

"Unfortunately we have been living for the last year under the gloom created by the threat of demolation of a substantially built brick house dating back to 1870. It originally housed County and Surrogate officials and later the Schenectady County Historical Society. The Building located at 13-15 Union Street is adjacent to the Mohawk Club, which bought the building a year ago. The Club proceeded to ask the City for permission to demolish the Building. Since this Building is located in an area controlled by our Historical District Commission it is subject to certain zoning restrictions. According to the law the Commission ruled, after a public hearing, that the Building may not be torn down for a year. The year is now up, and we are fearful that the Mohawk Club will seek another permit to demolish, and proceed to make a parking lot where it once stood.

"It should be pointed out that at the Commission's public hearing there were several personal appearances and written presentations made by two architectural experts - Prof. McKee of Syracuse University and Prof. Foerster of R.P.I., and many other organizations, all to the effect that the structure was historically and structurally worth preserving.

"The New York State Council of the Arts has written letters to the Mohawk Club offering to meet with them with advice and assistance. The Stockade Association has tried several times to meet officially with the Club to discuss the situation. No meetings have resulted from the attempts of either organization.

"To the Historic District Commission's offer of a plan for use of the Building the Mohawk Club replied that it had decided to use it for Club purposes only. Up to the present moment no official statement has been made, but everyone gets the impression that the Building will be torn down, leaving a real gap in an otherwise fine block of buildings.

"We need help desperately, and appeal to your good offices for suggestions and persuasion on how to influence the Mohawk Club to maintain the Building for itself and for the community of which it is an integral part.

"This letter is a summary of a more detailed account, which is attached."

Very truly yours,

Louis Navias



Memorandum on Proposed Demolition of Building at 13-15 Union Street, Schenectady, New York.

In the lower part of town, near the Mohawk River, is located the Stockade area, where houses have been occupied since about 1700. These houses of many vintages are all lived in by active and proud residents, and as a result the area with its well-kept homes, located on narrow streets, with many fine backyard gardens, has a unique old Dutch appearance.

At your Conference on Natural Beauty held in New York City on February 25th, 1966 we were privileged to attend the panel discussion on Townscape and the panel discussion on Historic Preservation, and to note the great emphasis and importance put on improving the surroundings of both old and new neighborhoods. Our area could also benefit by such improvements.

Unfortunately our confidence in our ability to maintain the entire area intact as far as buildings are concerned has been rudely shaken by an event which occurred about a year ago. Very briefly, a solidly built brick building erected in 1870 at 13-15 Union Street had been bought by the Mohawk Club, and soon after the purchase the Club applied for a permit to demolish the structure. The Building for many years housed several County officials, the County Law Library, the Surrogate offices, and in more recent years the Schenectady County Historical Society. It is a two-story brick building with some unique structural features. This old Building is adjacent to the building of the Mohawk Club, located at the corner of Union Street and Church Street, and so situated as to add to the unified appearance of the houses and buildings on both sides of the block on Union Street.



As a result of public outcry and petition by the Stockade Association the Historic District Commission held a public hearing on April 7th, 1965 to listen to the speeches and record the letters addressed to the Commission on the proposal of the Mohawk Club to demolish the Building at 13-15 Union Street. The Commission is an official body created in 1962 by the City Council of Schenectady under the Zoning Ordinance No. 14221, which sets forth the powers of the Commission in preserving the appearance of existing buildings in a specified area of the downtown section popularly known as the Stockade area.

Professor Harley J. McKee of the School of Architecture at Syracuse University made a personal plea for the preservation of the Building. Professor Bernd Foerster of the Department of Architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy sent in a detailed statement entitled "Importance of 13 Union Street to the Schenectady Stockade." These two men have great stature in the field of historic architecture and their opinions are accepted with authority by their peers. There were many other presentations and letters: from the American Institute of Architects, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Professor Anthony Hoadley of Union College, the Stockade Association of Schenectady and others -- all making the same plea that the Building be saved from destruction.

As a result of the meeting the Historic District Commission on April 7th, 1965 passed unanimously three resolutions: (1) denying a permit to demolish the building at 13-15 Union Street as requested by the Mohawk Club, (2) instructing the Building Inspector not to issue such a permit for the statutory period, (3) requesting the owner during the statutory year to work with the Commission to find economical feasible ways of preserving the structure. The phrase "statutory period" or "statutory year" requires explanation. Demolition is treated in Section 7-C of the Ordinance and states that structures built in 1825 or earlier may not be demolished, whereas structures built after 1825 may be demolished after a lapse of the statutory year. The statutory year has now passed.

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**AS OTHERS SEE US**

THE VILLAGE LACKS MYTH  
OR  
WE HOPE THAT YOU KNOW  
THAT WE KNOW WHAT WE'VE JUST DONE

Under a spreading chestnut tree  
Our Village house it stands.  
The house seems mighty old to me  
(but not aged enough to rate a plaque)  
And small, without much plan.  
And the muscles of her unblast bricks  
Are enforced with iron bands.

She's lived in tho, like all her peers,  
(rented--the waiting line forms to the left)  
No Williamsburg that's just for show,  
She's been occupied a hundred years,  
With many still to go,  
Now that The Stockade's running things ---  
Louie, Joan, John, Jo,  
And many mo'.

We like the feel of life en masse,  
Not museum show for paying guest.  
The Stockade's past was not its last.  
The Village lives with vim and zest.  
(Now, hold on, we'll reach for that title)  
It lacks myth that is dead and flat,  
See Della, Kurt, Mark and Matt,  
And other kids like that.

Week end, week out, from morn till night  
We see The Village glow.  
We watch it swell with civic pride,  
And hope the maples grow.

Outsiders, like us, coming down,  
Look in at open door.  
We love to see the shining brass  
And hear The Village roar.  
(Roar? Well, we needed the rhyme; you find  
out for yourself what the roar is all about)  
It's fun to catch the flying sparks  
That from The Spy do soar.

So - scraping, replacing, restoring,  
Onward up Front they hie.  
Each morning sees some task begun  
By Betty, Jim or Vi,  
And others, by and by.  
Something attempted, something done  
(for the Stockade Association naturally)  
With spirit that never says die.

Now with my hard, rough hand I wipe  
A tear out of my eyes,  
(Hard? Rough? Has she ever done any work  
down here?  
Answer: You bet I have; one night the whole  
upstairs caved in when we drove a nail  
downstairs)  
For The Village Blacksmith massacred.  
In peace we hope he lies.

And, Henry Wadsworth, do forgive  
Tom's ditty on The Village.  
It's not much worse than your worst verse,  
Tho we stooped to pun and pillage,  
To say thanks to you, our worthy friends,  
For fixing up the area.  
It's beautiful and charming  
And things seem ever merrier.  
More occupants than space available,  
More property that's very saleable.  
(But why would anybody sell? We love it!)

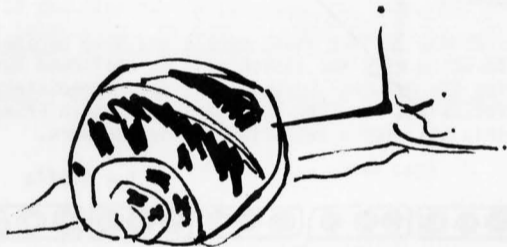
Becky Poller  
Class of '44



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\* COME COME COME \*  
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\* To the Garden at The Van Dyck \*  
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\* Saturday, June 11th \*  
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\* 6 until 8:30 \*  
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\* Buy your ticket NOW..... \*  
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## TIDINGS

**BELLES AND WEDDING BELLS:** Miss Gretchen Suminski, daughter of Mrs. Jessie Suminski, North St. was married May 14th. to John Joseph Sheehan III of Syracuse, N. Y. After a wedding trip they will be at their home, 490 12th St. Schenectady. Recently a luncheon and shower was given for Gretchen in Syracuse. Guests from the Stockade were Mrs. Jessie Suminski, Mrs. Adam Budka, Mrs. Stanley Mlodzianowski and Mrs. Donald McAuliffe. ... Miss Joan Pritchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Pritchard of Cottage Row and Michael Dietero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dietero of Emmett St. were Married April 17. Their new home is 1926 Van Vranken Ave. ... Miss Barbara Sacteau of Redford, N. Y. and Wayne Serrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Serrell, N. Ferry St. were married May 14th in Redford, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Serrell gave a buffet supper May 7 in the Sons of Italy Hall for family and friends. Barbara and Wayne will move to their new home on Van Courtland St. after a wedding trip. ... Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Ecker of Johnstown have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carolyn Ecker of 248 Union St. to Claude L. Buller of Osterlitz Ave. son of Mrs. Constance Mowry of New Haven, Conn., and the late Mr. Claude Buller. Carolyn is a secretary at G.E. and Claude is in the financial Management program at G.E. A Sept. wedding is planned. ... Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clothier of Colonie announce the engagement their daughter, Priscilla Ann to Robert M. Durante, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Durante of S. Ferry St. Priscilla is employed at G.E. and Robert is also with G. E. and the Blake Realty Co. An Oct. wedding is planned. ... The engagement of Miss Mary Teresa O'Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement P. O'Clair of Albany has been announced to Ira K. Nahikian of Green St., son of Mrs. Kissag M. Nahikian of Worcester, Mass. and the late Mr. Nahikian. Mary is employed in the department of motor vehicles and Ira is with G. E. in the treasury operation dept.



**STOCKADE VACATIONERS:** We received a card from W. A. Cregan, College St., who is enjoying the sunny skies and fun in Acapulco, Mexico. He wishes we were there and we do too. ... The Quinns, Bill, De De and Susie, Ferry St. spent most of April on the Island of Aruba off the coast of Venezuela, in the Lesser Antilles. ... Ernie Cohen, Front St. has returned from visiting friends in Palm Springs, Calif. ... The Dietrichs, Neff, Dorothy, Dian and David are home from Venice (Florida that is) where they fished, collected fossils and visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eddy, Washington Ave. have returned from a motor trip to Phoenix, Ariz. where they were guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Bremer. ... Mrs. Harriet Waldron of N. Church St. visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Yates in St. Augustine, Fla. Mr. Yates is manager of the Hotel Ponc de Leon. ... The Harris family, Arthur, Phyllis, George and Kevin Gavitt, Front St. have returned from sightseeing and skiing in Europe. They visited in Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Clifford 6 yrs. visited his grandmother on Long Island.



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**HAVE YOU HEARD?** Our bowling Boulevard Girls (age 9 to 15) ended their season May 1 with a party at Petta's Kitchen. Each girl designed a hat to represent bowling, but the judges could not decide which one was best - so no prizes could be given. However, Paulette Wasson, Anne Essner and Caren Prokop were team champions and each received a trophy. Other trophies and plaques were won by Christine Witts for high single game of 203; Anne Essner for most accomplished bowler; Paulette Wasson a triplicate patch for three games at 95 each; Jeannie Amond won in high-low; Michele Brozoza and Paulette Wasson won in high; Candy Tournier for high triple team.

**WHAT ELSE IS NEW?** Two of our Stockade artists James Gilliland and Ernie Cohen were selected to show their paintings in The Greater Schenectady Art Exhibit for the month of May at the Museum. ... We are sorry to report Miss Roberta Mc Wade of 108 Front St. is moving to Pine Point, Maine. Roberta was a former city teacher and now retired.

**THE STOCKADE HOUSE AND GARDENS:** Mr. Michael Kimchak, his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battaglioli of 19 College St. have been doing a superb job of remodeling their home. One of the pleasing features is the 18' x 26' family kitchen made possible by combining a small kitchen, a pantry and bedroom. In the process of tearing out walls a lovely old fireplace was discovered and restored, the hooks on the sides for cooking are still there. Also, ten of the hand-cut original old beams in the ceiling were uncovered and have been left exposed. This summer they hope to have a pretty garden too. The house was built in early 1800 by (a) Joseph Yates. ... Dr. Vincent Schaefer bought the corner of North and Front St. and will build two town houses in keeping with the Stockade architecture. ... Paul Schaefer is remodeling 146 Front St. There will be four apartments. It was formerly owned by Mrs. Sadie Kranick. ... Mrs. Richard Kerchner, 113 Front St. is remodeling her home. Paul Schaefer discovered one of the original old shutters and has had copies made for all windows. ... Mrs. Jerry Gross, 114 Ferry St. is remodeling her home from a two family house to a one family home. ... Come summer DO walk around the Stockade and peep-in at the gardens. One of the most beautiful rose gardens you will find is 9 College St. Mr. Kranick's roses have always won prizes when entered in flower shows. ... Also Mr. W. A. Cregan, College St. has a most attractive garden. ... On 116 Ferry St. look in the garden of Mrs. Plocharczyk and at 110 Ferry St. Mrs. Mlodzianowski has beautiful climbing roses. These are only a few.

**NEW NEIGHBORS:** Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Tiemann will soon be moving to their new home, 234 Union St. Jerry is with G.E. in the research and development center. Adrian grew up in a brown stone in N.Y.C. and is delighted to find one here. She and a professional decorator are busy selecting drapes and paper. Sons Michael 3-1/2 years and Bruce 8 mo. are just busy. ... Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hutton are moving to 58 Washington Ave. ... Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Brown will soon move to 8 Front St. Merrill is with G.E. in the legal dept. Marianne is an energetic civic worker and loves the Stockade. Mrs. Ethel Carlson has moved to 19 Ingersoll Ave.

**THE STORK REPORT:** Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hutchins, Front St. have a new daughter, Nancy, who arrived March 11. Sisters Cindy 3 yrs. and Sandra 2 tell me she is a living doll.

**STOCKADE GUEST BOOK:** Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stanley and daughter Joan from Gettysburg, Pa. (former Stockade residents) were recent guests of Anthony's mother Mrs. Sophia Stafiukiewicz, Ingersoll Ave. ... Recent guests of Mrs. Wayne Merriam, Washington Ave. have been Polly's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Fish from Tarrytown, N. Y. Parents and neighborhood friends of Riverside School were invited to observe Teacher Recognition Day at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zegger, 15 Governor's Lane.

-Neeltje de Graff

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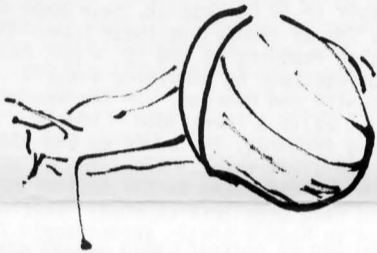
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The Stockade Association has been keenly interested in preserving the Building, and to that end has written numerous letters to the two most recently elected Presidents of the Mohawk Club and the respective chairmen of their House Committee, asking permission to appear before their Board of Directors to state our case, and to offer assistance in finding a worthwhile use of the Building. The Club has so far chosen not to permit such a hearing by maintaining silence.

As early as June 24th, 1965 the Mohawk Club had declined a proposal of the Historic District Commission to permit private interests to use the Building for apartment use, and specifically stated, "The Board decided that the newly acquired building was not to be used for any type of enterprise other than purely Club purposes and empowered the House Committee to act accordingly." Numerous suggestions have been made by non-members and members of the Club concerning Club use, such as a gymnasium, a women's dining hall, or given over entirely to the business end



of the Club with entrance, desk and all managerial offices. In addition there have been suggestions that the Building be used as an art gallery, exhibition hall or museum annex. To our complete dismay the Club has declined to give us any encouragement, and its latest approach has been to seek the removal of the Building, and to put up a fence or wall at the building line and use the space as a parking lot. So far the Club has not yet made a final decision.

As a result of local newspaper publicity in July 1965, the New York State Council on the Arts became aware of the proposal of the Club to demolish the Building, and the Executive Director of the Council Mr. John B. Hightower wrote to Mayor Malcolm E. Ellis and to the Mohawk Club. On March 1st, 1966 Messrs. John B. Hightower and William Hull of the Council came to Schenectady to discuss with me the general situation concerning the attitude of the Mohawk Club. On March 3rd, Mr. William Hull, the associate director, whose major concern is Historic Preservation, wrote to the President of the Club offering to come to town to discuss matters with the President and in addition offering consulting advice. In all this correspondence the Council has repeated its conviction that the Building is historically worth preserving, and has offered technical consulting assistance. A check with the Council at this date shows that no reply to any correspondence has ever been received by the Council from the Mohawk Club.

A fair question to ask is: "What do the members of the Club think about the destruction of this Building?" A survey made by one member of the Club among all members living in the Stockade area during February 1966 found "that over 90% were in favor of the Club to continue to explore every means of utilizing the building." There is real concern among the members who know the building in relationship to its historical setting in the neighborhood.

I feel impelled by personal interest and by the stated purpose of our Stockade Association to pursue every avenue of approach to save the Building at 13-15 Union Street. Such action is in keeping with the purpose of the Panel on "Historic Preservation" of your "Governor's Conference on Natural Beauty", and to that end we will welcome all aid and advice which is available to us from your office.

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**St. George's:** The Right Reverend Alfred Voegeli, S.T.D. Missionary Bishop of Haiti; will address the members and friends of St. George's on the evening of Whitsunday, May 29th following Solemn Evensong. Bishop Voegeli's visit will be under the sponsorship of the Georgians.

Another outstanding event will be the visit of Dr. Margaret Mead, author and anthropologist, who will speak at a Georgian-sponsored meeting on Sunday evening, June 19. All in the community are cordially invited.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** A Word-of-Life-Rally, featuring evangelist Jack Wyrzten, was held on May 14. Guest soloist was Jerome Hines, bass with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Sunday, June 26th, the 27th annual series of Sunday Summer Evening Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Dennis F. Kinlaw, Professor of Old Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. will be the first speaker. The series will continue each Sunday evening to September 5th.

**Holy Cross Roman Catholic:** On Tuesday, June 14th, Confirmation Service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Eighteen young people will be Confirmed; among them will be neighbors Nancy Mlodzianowski, Stanley Mlodzianowski, Lisa Orsini, Joann Battaglioli and Lisa Battaglioli.

**First Reformed:** On Sunday, May 22nd, the Schenectady Council of Churches will sponsor a Workshop in Religious Drama to be held at the First Reformed Church of Schenectady. This will be directed by Tuve Nystrom of Sigtuna, Sweden, who has long been recognized as the leading director of religious drama throughout Europe. The Workshop will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. The Youth Drama Group under the direction of Mr. Nystrom will present "The Narrow Portal" at the close of the Workshop in the Sanctuary. All interested are welcome to attend.

On May 22, the young people who have decided to unite with the church will be confirmed during the morning worship service. Immediately following, the congregation will join in Friendship Hall for a reception for new members.

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