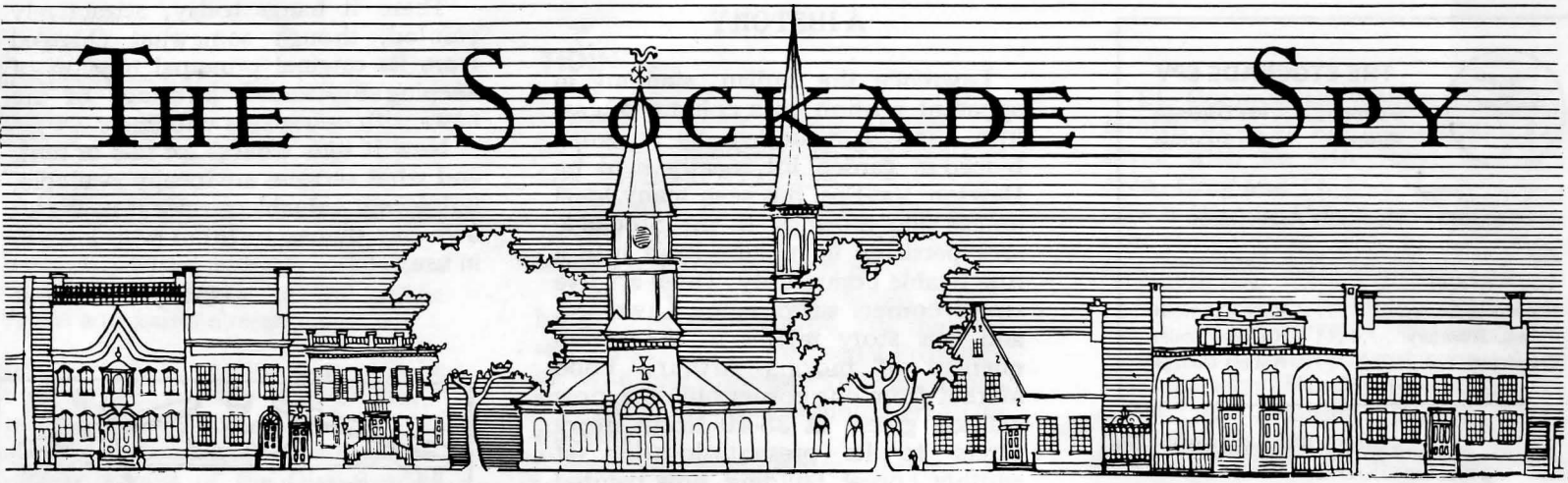


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SUMMER AT ROTUNDO PARK

by Frank Marro and Melanie Ponte

The summer at Rotundo Park proved very entertaining and enjoyable to area youngsters. There were many activities and games for the children.

Swing marathons, beauty contests, water playdays, pizza parties, and arts & crafts were some of the many events offered. Local winners for the Beauty Contest were Norman Budka of Ingersoll Avenue and Nancy Hutchins of Front Street.

An annual crowd pleaser was the Fishing Rodeo. Claire Duggan of North Street was a major winner. The Ortons, Buonomes and Lences also fared well. A brief respite from the hot weather was the water playday. Relay races, chicken fights, water tag and water basketball filled the afternoon schedule. Due to the amount of participants, it is impossible to list all winners.

The park softball team was 1-2 for the season. The lone win was 9-1 defeat of Central Park.

Vandalism at Rotundo was minimal as compared with other parks. Rotundo has been relatively trouble-free for the past 7 years. Many consider this amazing because of the diversified group of people that utilize the park's facilities. The park is used by people not only from this area, but also by day care centers, camps and various other organizations, who enjoy its pleasant surroundings.

The youngsters at Rotundo are the best in the city to work with according to the staff. Recreation leaders are Frank Marro and Melanie Ponte.

THE ART SHOW COMETH

Like school bells, those first cool nights, and crisp, juicy apples, September happily brings the Villagers' Outdoor Art Show. This year's show, the 24th Annual for those keeping count, will take place at the Indian on September 6th.

The Art Show has indeed become one of the major art events in the Capital District. Last year, there were 285 exhibitors and it was estimated that the spectators numbered near 8,000. It is hoped that this year even more people will participate.

Only original works of fine art including drawings, paintings, sculpture, graphics and collages are permitted to be entered in the Show. The show is open to all area amateur and professional artists 16 years of age and older. Exhibitors are urged to provide their own display facilities. Artist registration will begin at 10 a.m. Registration fee is \$2.00 per artist. Many of the works are for sale.

The Art Show Committee has decided to exclude crafts from this year's show since there are numerous other forums open to the many fine local craftsmen and since the original purpose of the Villagers' Outdoor Art Show was the promotion of local fine art.

There will be three prizes awarded. The first prize will be for a painting, in any medium, in honor of Clen Crannell, one of the founding members of the Village Outdoor Art Show. Two additional prizes will be awarded. Judging will be done between 1 and 4 p.m. The awards ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. at the Indian.

The Schenectady Museum will have a committee to make a selection of paintings for a special Stockade Art Show Exhibit to be held at the Museum later in the Fall.

Parking facilities will be available at several of the area church lots. Refreshments will be made available to the public by the Episcopal Churchwomen of St. George's and will be set up in booths in front of the Church on North Ferry Street.

Roger P. Kambour is Chairman of the 24th Annual Villagers' Outdoor Art Show with Ernest A. R. Cohen as Honorary Chairman.

Others on the Villagers' Committee include: Finance, Paul Mahoney; Invitations, Carol Reamon; Promotion, James Gilliland; Display, James Lane; Security, Henry Binzer and John Barber; Registration, Pat Binzer; Hospitality, Jane Milner; Refreshments, Elizabeth Perkins; Publicity, Barbara Sauer.

The Stockade Association will hold a pen and ink drawing contest of the Stockade during the Show. Two drawings will be selected to appear on Christmas cards that the Association will offer for sale.

In the event of rain the Art Show will be held on Sunday, September 7th.

Cast aside your summer doldrums. Give rein to your artistic urges. Come on Saturday, September 6th from 1-5 p.m. Cometh to the 24th Annual Villagers' Outdoor Art Show.

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THE STOCKADE ASSOCIATION'S BULLETIN BOARD

Recently the care of the Bulletin Board has been turned over to the Navias family after several years of care by the Staffas. This is our second term, and to celebrate we have been able to get valuable volunteer assistance in clean-up and beautification. The painting was ably done by our professional Stockade painters "Skip" Merriam and Walt Novinger. The fine green felt backing was donated by Ms. Elizabeth Quinn. We are still looking for a willing sign painter to do some outside lettering across the top.

The Bulletin carries many kinds of notices as a free service to the community. It is intended to carry local items of a temporary nature, and it is interesting to realize how many people read the cards so displayed, and how well they fulfill their functions.

For a bit of history concerning the establishment of the Bulletin Board, I have asked Horace S. Van Voast Jr. to write some memories of its origin. His description follows, given in his own modest style, wherein he neglects to say that he, with help from General William H. Milton, built and set-up the present Bulletin Board on the Front Street side of Arthur's Market. This is another example of the community interests of Hoddy Van Voast.

Louis Navias

A HISTORY

Lawrence the Indian, standing in apparent motion on a column of cast iron, and surrounded by a small fenced-in garden lot, neatly kept by Dawson VanEps, has seen many local doings and movings, as the Stockade area persisted in making itself into a fine livable community. There are five street corners surrounding Lawrence, and this story relates to the consequences of moving Arthur's Food Market from one corner building, now painted green, at 38-40 North Ferry Street to its present location at another corner building, now painted deep red, at 35 North Ferry Street. When this event occurred 24 years ago, two things happened. One was the opening of another food market at the old address by his former landlord, Mr. Joseph Smith, and the second event saw the beginning of what started out as a board in Arthur's new market which was principally to post newspaper clippings about people and events in the Stockade.

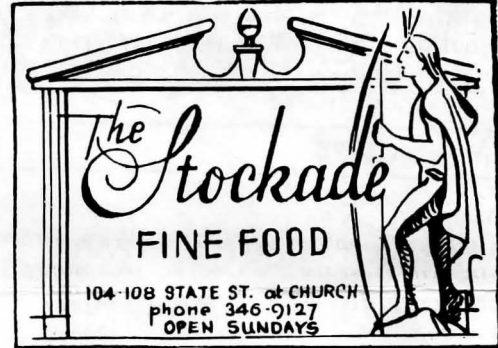
Mr. Smith seems to have tired of being a groceryman after a brief try at it, and locked the front door, leaving the place vacant for several years. He turned down several offers to buy his building, until 1959, when it was leased for a long term and finally sold to the present owners for insurance agency use.

Arthur's bulletin board increased in interest, and as more news became available and was posted thereon, the board grew, and the business of the market also grew. (Also the use of the telephone pay station in the store.) Something had to give. Great minds find great solutions, and in this case, both the bulletin board and the telephone moved outside. The New York Telephone Company very cooperatively resurrected a nice old wooden phone booth, on which they put a dandy shingle roof, and two master builders (both Stockaders) built a find wood bulletin board with a large glass front, complete with genuine piano hinges, to be attached to Arthur's building.

There it hangs today, attractively painted, though somewhat changed from its original principal mission of keeping Stockaders informed of the news with newspaper clippings.

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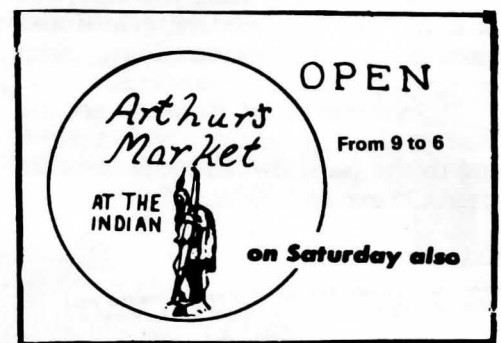
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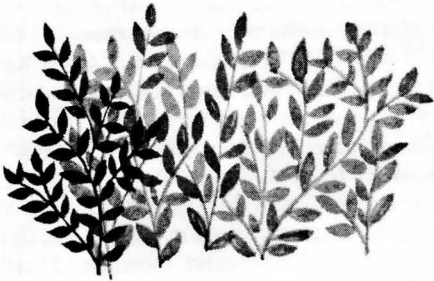
All films will be shown in the Meeting Room of the central library, Liberty & Clinton Streets, at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without admission charge.

Sept. 3 — A 57-minute film will be shown, "Art of the Conservator," depicting the restoration of 18th century Hudson River paintings, including portraits of the Glen-Sanders family.

Sept. 10 — Films to be shown are: "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," "George Washington, Part I: Preparation for Destiny," "George Washington, Part II: The Times That Try Men's Souls," and "George Washington's Greatest Victory."

Sept. 17 — To be shown: "Music of Williamsburg" and "Lexington and Concord."

Sept. 24 — Program: "Freedom's Finest Hour," thoughts of an American Revolutionary soldier.



TIDINGS

Send us your tidings. Please call Mrs. van derBogert at 372-0280 or Mrs. Fatato at 372-3259.

Welcome back to the Stockade, Arturo Covert and son Patrick. Art bought a house on Front Street.

Many welcomes to Susan Staffa back home from Egypt. For the past seven years Susan has been a Professor of Anthropology at The American University in Cairo, teaching graduate students.

Matthew Weinheimer, Junior at Middlebury College, will be studying in France this year.

Jared Squires attended K.C. Jones Basketball Camp this summer.

Dot King is back from a vacation in Canada.

The Harlows had a family reunion. Brad and his wife Jeanne came from Austin, Texas. Heidi came on from Las Vegas. And Susan, also from Las Vegas, came with her three children, Kristin, Kimberly and Candice.

Back home from vacations in Maine are Elizabeth Perkins, Nina Rose, Gladys Lang, Carol Reamon, Nick and Alice Colangelo.

Elizabeth and Gerard and Master Leslie Gemmette visited Elizabeth's parents in England.

Emily Sherwood visited relatives in Vancouver, Montana, and Albuquerque.

Polly and Bill Kitts visited Mrs. Kitts with two of their children.

Sally George, Physical Education teacher at Troy High, spent her summer working at Sunnyview as Director of Recreation.

Jennifer George will be returning for her Senior year to Springfield College.

Joe and George Braden vacationed at their summer home in Maine.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Gordon who will be living at 111 Union Street.

Mrs. Jerry O'Neil, formerly of Washington Avenue, now living in Phoenix, Arizona, visited friends in the Stockade.

We are all delighted that Jane and Cobb Milner bought the Governor Yates Mansion. Their son Cobb attends Union College.

Susanna and Karl Miller bought the BeVier house and have a new baby son, Steven. Congratulations!

New neighbors on Ferry Street are Brad Sherman, David McCarville, Dianna Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kruger.

William Hawthorne has been transferred to Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. William Van Dyke has had visitors from California.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ronayne have moved to Green Street.

Lt. Commander William D. Cohen, known to us as Bill, visited his father Ernie with his wife Barry and children, Greg and Lindsey. Larry, who is now a Deputy U.S. Attorney General, also visited Ernie with his wife Carol and children, Jeff, Timothy and Jill.

Joan Stanley, Kathleen Witkowski, Mr. and Mrs. Steven I. Witkowski, all of Ingersoll Avenue went on a trip to Trois Rivieres, Montmorency Falls, St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec City, Montreal, Canada in July.

Mrs. Masden of College Street just returned from a stay in the hospital and we all wish her well.

Mrs. Ellis who has lived on College Street for many years is now residing with her son.

We will soon have new neighbors. The Kranicks are moving back soon and we wish them a warm welcome.

Leo, a neighborhood dog, has returned home. Welcome back Leo — the kids all missed you!

A great big cheer to whoever is responsible for the opening of the little park for cars. We have more cars than spaces on the street and people were getting pretty angry.

Larry and Lorna Strattner recently took a trip to Bermuda.

Darlene and Jim Duggan, Jessica Squires and Steve Spacil took the Midsummer's Eve cruise on Lake George aboard the Ticonderoga sponsored by WMHT.

Jared Squires visited the BeViers in Buffalo.

Suzy Shanklin will be a freshman at Niagara University this Fall.

Carol Michelle and son Lance visited Cape Cod.

Darlene Duggan's sister Judy Slattery and family from Tipp City, Ohio were summer visitors to the Stockade.

Jim Duggan attended a highly successful conference on "The Economic Benefits of Preserving Old Buildings" in Seattle and then visited Denver, Minneapolis and Salt Lake City.

Claire Duggan won the fishing contest at Riverside Park. Prizes were 2 trophies and a tacklebox.

Karen and Burt Lamont have returned from 5 weeks in England and Ireland. Their daughter, Katie, visited her grandparents.

Jim Lane is recuperating from an emergency appendectomy.

Joe Kazmar of North Street went to Florida to visit his son.

John Elsbree went to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Gaspé Peninsula.

John H. Clough of 35 Front Street passed away August 1, 1975.

Lee and Bobbie Boden announced the birth of their son, Seth Ruben, on June 29, 1975. Congratulations!




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“Now, Alida lass, don’t fret! Another two years should finish ’er, and ’thu’ll’ be other Walkabouts.”

Josias was right, though mayhap somewhat premature. Their house will be open during the Walkabout on this 199th anniversary year, along with those Mrs. Swart mentioned — and others.

| Date | Original Owner | Location | Present Residents |
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| 1735 | Christopher Yates | 26 Front Street | Mr. & Mrs. C. Milner |
| 1780 | Myndert Wemple | 17 N. Ferry Street | J. Schmitt/W. Feibes |
| 1800 | Abraham Groot | 216 Union Street | Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Wirene |
| 1800 | Martin Van Slyck | 217 Green Street | Mr. & Mrs. E. Van Heuval |
| 1800 | Union College | 304 Green Street | Mr. & Mrs. R. Zeuner |
| 1803 | Josias Swart | 103 Front Street | N. Rose/C. Reamon |
| 1896 | Jones M. Jackson | 32 Washington Ave. | Historical Society |
| Est. 1680 | Fifth building at this site | Union & Church Sts. | First Reformed Church |
| 1759 | Construction began | 30 N. Ferry Street | St. George’s Church |
| 1809 | Laying of cornerstone | 125 Union Street | 1st Presbyterian Church |

Questions will be put to you concerning the Bicentennial import of the Stockade. Answers revolve around the total number of homes from the olden days: some forty (40) built before 1800; that these homes were restored by people with great rugged individualism very reminiscent of the Colonial period; and that Generals Washington, Lafayette, McDougall, Clinton and North, as well as our own Colonels Oothout, Van Dyck, Wemple and Yates walked where you walk.

To put yourself in the mood for a special history review — walk; read “The Walls Have Ears” and “Schenectady’s Historic District”; then, step out the door with a purpose in mind. The plaques, the doorways, the roof lines take on a new meaning, you find again your favorite examples of Dutch, Georgian, Greek Revival, Federal and Victorian architecture, along with a few changes. Flowers bloom around Lawrence. New paint adds luster to the insurance building. Rehabilitation pumps new life into the Teller house, sandblasting revives the buildings at Union and Washington. Red, white and blue gives new flavor to the Historical Society’s sign. Green plantings accent First Reformed Church. Hard work, skill and pride restore a carriage house on North Ferry Street.

You look with extra interest at the homes to be open Saturday, September 27th, and impressions flash through your mind:

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| 26 Front Street | Brick laid in English bond — remodeled Victorian |
| 17 N. Ferry Street | 3/4 house — styled to Greek Revival |
| 103 Front Street | Once joined to 101 Front — challenging visualization |
| 217 Green Street | White clapboards — simplicity of design |
| 304 Green Street | Wood over brick — typical Colonial steps and doorway |
| 216 Union Street | Unique style — color blend accents grandeur |

Now there are three reasons for you to be part of this year’s Walkabout: to continue your history review; to satisfy your curiosity concerning the interiors of the homes you’ve studied; and to meet the gracious hosts.

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