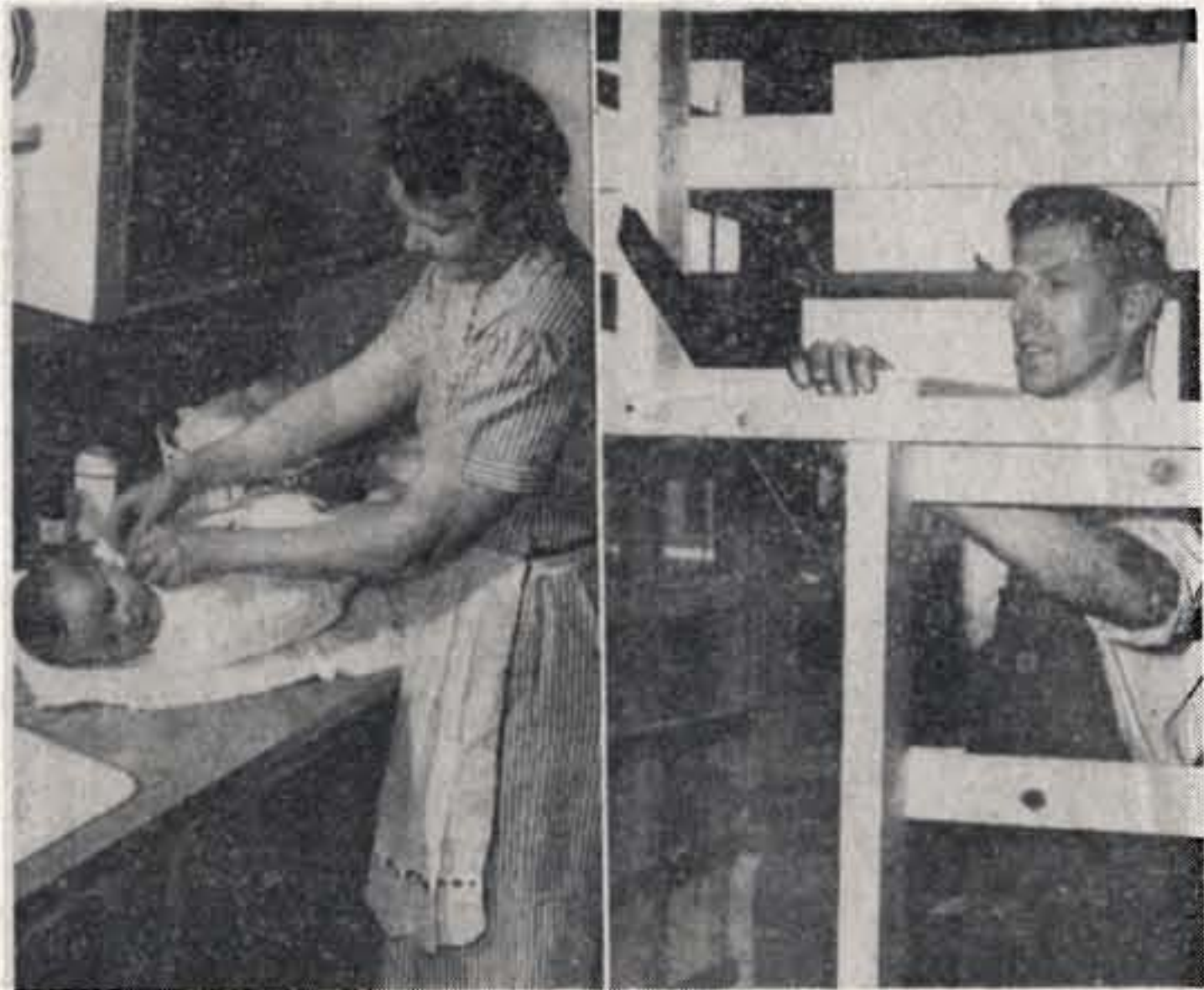


The Stam Family

Gus Stam was known as "the Mayor of Corbett's Glen"

The Family Next Door

Papa Stam Building Lives of His 7 Children as He Built Home--For Lasting Qualities



Mrs. Stam, using the kitchen counter as a base of operations, gets son John, youngest, ready for bed. At right is Mr. Stam photographed in a typical working-day pose.

Objective of Carpenter's Lively Brood: to Live As Good Christians

By BILL BEENEX
NINETEEN years ago, when they were first married, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Stam settled down in a neat little five-room house at 59 Glen Rd., Brighton.

For about eight years the Stam family remained in that house, but by that time the family had increased to such an extent—three boys and a girl—that it was a bit cramped for quarters.

So Mr. Stam, whose land included a piece approximately 175 feet square adjacent to the little house, decided to build himself a new and larger dwelling.

Mr. Stam is a carpenter, which, of course, made the project more feasible, but it was a major undertaking in any sense of the word since his plans called for a rugged rambling spacious structure, built on a hill, and as a one-man job it was no simple proposition.

But he persevered, working on the project in his spare time and odd hours, leaving the plumbing and electrical installation work to other hands, but applying his own time and efforts tirelessly over a two-year period to finish the job.

THE result—accomplished at a total cost of less than \$5,000—is something to behold, particularly in these days when the same house similarly located would cost three or four times as much on the present market. Sixty-three feet long at its maximum measurement, the structure is a stone and log combination which has 12-inch-wide oak slabs for siding, separated by wire lath and mortar, to give it a log-cabin appearance. But more about the house later.

Its construction was a wise move as subsequent developments proved, because the Stam family continued to grow. There are now seven children, ranging from 17 years to five months old, and the lovely rugged, rambling house echoes constantly to the rushing tread of young feet and the occasional nervous yipping of a recently acquired 10-week-old black and tan hound puppy.

In addition to Mr. Stam, a janky raw-boned man who stands 6 feet 3 and doesn't drink or smoke but methodically chews gum while he's working, the family consists of his wife, Mrs. Alice Stam, a serene, youthful-looking, charming woman who takes in stride the cares of her large family, and the seven children. Papa and Mama Stam, both natives of Rochester, are of Dutch ancestry.

GARTH, the oldest, is a 17-year-old Brighton High School senior who was 5 feet 6 inches tall when he entered high school. But Garth, it seems, was a growing boy. Today he can look down at every member of the family, including his father, for Garth stands 6 feet 4 in his stocking feet. Yep, he played on the Brighton High basketball team. His out-of-school pursuits center pretty much about hunting and trapping.

Next, in order of age, is young Garrett, 16, a sophomore at Brighton High. He's a member of the school swimming team, won fourth place in last year's sectional meet in the 100-yard breaststroke event, and is a Star Scout in Troop 89, Allen Creek School. He's a member of Alpha Delta fraternity, and is a newspaper carrier boy, peddling a 50-paper Times-Union route.

Like brother Garth, he's a hunting, trapping and fishing enthusiast. The boys have a line of about 40 traps in Allen Creek which runs near the Stam home, Glen Road being the avenue of approach to Corbett's Glen.

Last year their trapping was a successful proposition. They caught 25 muskrats during the season. This year hasn't been as good, the take amounting thus far to only six muskrats and two foxes. Garrett pulled a couple of 14-inch trout out of the creek last year, and the two boys went with their father on a deer-hunting expedition into Pennsylvania. Mr. Stam got the only deer.

DONNA, 13, and Richard, 11, whose birthday, incidentally, is Jan. 8, the same as brother Garrett's, are pupils at the Rochester Christian School, 80 Jersey St., a non-denominational school but attended chiefly by children who are members of the Christian Reformed Church.

Donna, an eighth-grader, who was 13 on Friday, Aug. 13, is a budding pianist. Richard, who also has a Times-Union route (36 papers), is in the fifth grade, is a member of Scout Cub Pack 89, Den 2, at Allen Creek School. He's a member of Alpha Delta fraternity, and usually can be found during the Summer months in nearby Allen Creek where there is a tree-shaded swimming hole typical of all the swimming holes of fact and fiction, an idyllic place on the property of L. F. Beers who permits neighborhood youngsters to swim there.

WHO are we, how do we live—and how do we appear to others? Take a look at The Family Next Door—at any family for that matter—and chances are, we are looking at ourselves. This is the ninth of a series on The Family Next Door, stories of average American people as they live in this urban community, with the same hopes, the same aspirations and the same feelings of mutual helpfulness all of us have.

Six-year-old Alice Stam is a first-grader at Allen Creek School, and the other two youngsters, Ruth, 2, and John, 5 months, are still in the stay-at-home stage, but Ruth at least finds plenty of energy-consuming activity with Blackie, the puppy.

The dog is a youthful successor to Mr. Stam's three-dog coon hound pack which he had until three years ago, and when Blackie gets old enough no doubt he will get an opportunity to work out against various and sundry raccoons in the area.

A carpenter for the last 25 years, Mr. Stam handles jobs for the Collum Acoustical Company and in that capacity has worked in virtually every industrial plant and many office buildings in Rochester at one time or another.

THE house which he started building in 1933 and completed two years later, has a large living room with an open-beamed ceiling, the hand-hewn heavy beams having once graced old St. Patrick's Cathedral before it was torn down. There is chest-high cypress wainscoting around the walls, and at the end of the room is massive stone fireplace 7 feet wide which tapers only a little as it extends up to the slate roof. Below the fireplace mantel, just above the hearth, is a wide heavy piece of oak set into the wall. In the oak are seven nails—for Christmas stockings.

The floors throughout the house are of wide oak planking fastened with wooden pegs, and the three bedrooms are commodious, each accommodating three beds with ease.

The basement is a large layout which includes the garage, and there is a man-sized workshop with tools galore. There is a second fireplace in the basement, and it is in operation often during the winter months as Mr. Stam or one of the boys works in the basement shop on some home project. Another fireplace, which can be converted to a Dutch oven, extends up through the dining room. It is enclosed now, but can be opened at any time.

When we asked Mr. Stam the house number, he said 59 Glen Rd., but that number, according to the mailbox, is also used by the former Stam house next door. Mr. Stam decided he'd better get the situation straightened out, and sent a note to the Town of Brighton suggesting a number for his at present numberless home.

Mrs. Stam, who is a member of the Ladies Fellowship Circle at the Christian Reformed Church, does all her own baking, including the bread, and is a member of Allen's Creek Parent Teacher Association, "and that about takes care of my spare time."

A DEEPLY religious family, the Stams attend church regularly and practice the strict Christian Reformed principles,



Presenting: The Stam Family, grouped in front of the fireplace in their home. From left to right: Mrs. Alice Stam, holding baby John, 5 months; Mr. Garrett Stam; Ruth, 2; Alice, 6; Richard, 11; Donna, 13; Garrett, 16; Garth, 17.



Here's the home Mr. Stam built. Located on Glen Rd., Brighton, it is faced with oak slabs and stone. D&C Chief Photographer Fred Powers took pictures for this layout.



Garrett, left, and Garth clean their guns in basement workshop. Both are interested in outdoor activities, concentrate particularly upon trapping muskrats and hunting.

Modeling of Planes Eyed for Schools

Plans to initiate model airplane building among youth in city schools next Fall were discussed last night at a meeting and exhibition of the Rochester Model Aircraft Association at the Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Negotiations also are in progress to obtain the use of the General Motors athletic field for flying demonstrations, Raymond Schwartz of the sponsoring Rochester Exchange Club said. The association will meet every other Friday to prepare for the Exchange Club meet in September, President John Schum announced.

On display last night were 30 models, varying in wing length from 12 to 54 inches. The simplest training model, called by Vice-President Kenneth Holden "Just a stick of wood," was represented as well as the most intricate imitation, drawn to scale from a blueprint. Stunt models, jet-propelled planes complete with asbestos motor covering, and speed planes capable of operating 120-150 miles per hour also were on show.

Obscene Photos Lead To 30-Day Jail Term

Gerald E. Mattys, 25, of 544 Culver Pkwy., yesterday was sentenced to 30 days in the Monroe County Penitentiary by City Court Judge Michael L. Rogers on a charge of possessing obscene photographs and comic books with intent to sell the material.

Mattys, whose father, Joseph M. Mattys, 49, of 92 Smyth Dr., Irondequoit, is to be tried on the same charge Apr. 27, was arrested in company with his father on Jan. 28 at 127 1/2 North St. by Lt. Elmer Irish, Sgt. Henry J. Smith and Patrolman Andrew Sparacino. He was found guilty by a City Court jury Mar. 1.

Zone Hearing Set Mar. 28

Hearing on petition of promoters of a new shopping center at Titus and Hudson Aves., Irondequoit, for a change in zone of approximately seven acres in Hudson Ave., is scheduled for Mar. 28 at 8 p. m. by the Town Zoning Board, it was disclosed yesterday.

Frank T. Joyce and associates in the shopping center program seek the change in frontage in Hudson Ave., from Class E residential to Class B commercial because of revised plans to enlarge the center's capacity and to provide additional parking space.

Joyce and associates originally acquired 12 acres from Paul Graffath, Titus Ave., market gardener, for the site of the shopping center. Plans were approved by the Zoning Board and Town Council several months ago.

6 Rochesterians Join Armed Forces

Three recruits each were signed yesterday by the Coast Guard and the Army and Air Force recruiting stations in the Federal Building.

Enlisting in the Coast Guard were Donald E. Lee, 24, 205 Hillside Ave., a veteran of three years service, assigned to the Sumnerville Station; Robert G. Layne, 17, 54 Diringer Pl., and Bartolo P. Giaconia, 31 Diringer Pl., both sent to Cape May, N. J. for boot training.

Army recruits were Charles D. Vignino, 20, 109 Frankfort St., James V. Lombardi, 13, 1380 Emerson St., and Paul J. McCaffrey, 17, 2 Scottville Rd.

CHILD INJURED IN FALL

Three-year-old Jeanne Kastner of 179 Albemarle St. was taken to General Hospital with head bruises shortly after 3:30 p. m. yesterday after tumbling down three steps in her home.

Friends to Hear Israel-Bound Pair

A farewell party attended by about 200 persons will be given at 8:30 o'clock tonight at Beth Joseph Center to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Kirshenbaum of 207 Cumberland St., active for many years in Rochester Zionist groups, who are leaving later this month for an extended visit in Israel.

The bon voyage party is being sponsored by the Rochester Zionist Council. Kirshenbaum has worked with Zionist youth groups in Chicago, Detroit and Rochester. He organized Enzo Sereni Group and is with his wife a member of the Israel Chapter of Labor Zionists and president of the Labor Zionist Council, vice-president of the Rochester Council and a member of the Jewish National Fund Council.

Mrs. Kirshenbaum was graduated from the University of Rochester and Columbia University Library School. She worked for some time in the Rochester Public Library system and recently on the editorial staff of The Jewish Ledger.

\$100 Playhouse Fire Blamed on Candles

Children playing with candles in a playhouse on the rear porch of the home of Mrs. Helen Wister at 67 St. Stanislaus St. were believed responsible for a fire which caused \$100 damage. Battalion Chief Michael O'Beirne said the fire started in the playhouse and spread to the siding of the main structure.

AX BRANDISHER JAILED
Lester Marshall, 49, of 71 Nassau St., yesterday was sentenced to 60 days in the Monroe County Penitentiary after pleading guilty before City Court Judge George D. Ogden to a charge of public intoxication. Police said they arrested Marshall Thursday afternoon as he chased members of his family through the streets bearing aloft an ax.



While Donna deliberates on next move in chess game, Richard sits in patient watchfulness, plotting his counter move.



Ruth, left, and Alice have a few words with Blackie, brown and black hound puppy which the Stams acquired recently.

Radio Forum to Air Regent, Trustee Issue

George I. Hinman, Binghamton attorney and a member of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, will discuss the points of difference between the Regents and the trustees appointed by the state administration for the proposed new university plan.

His views will be aired in a radio press conference over Station WREX from 3:30 to 4 p. m. today. Taking part in the program, which was transcribed in Albany, will be F. William Davidson of the Associated Press, Leo W. O'Brien of the International News Service, John Mooney of the Gannett News Service, Larry Murray of the Schenectady Gazette, and Edward W. Bates, political writer for the New York Herald Tribune, who will act as moderator.

"To be a Christian—a true Christian—is a constant battle. You have to work at it. It doesn't come simply because you go to church. And, after all, what else is stable in this world except the Kingdom of God? You only know true deep satisfaction, achievement and contentment when you do something for which the Lord commends you. I'm sure of that."

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