

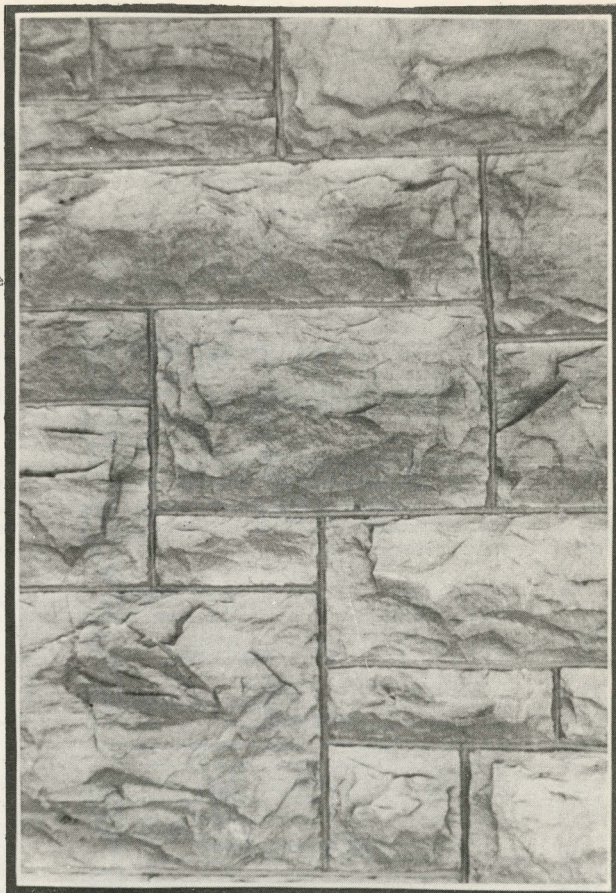
Places are the same as people because they mean people; but with places you have time to digest the people they mean. People massage you and go away leaving your flesh tense, pink, sometimes bruised; they keep your skin in tone, but unable to store anything.

Places are people in storage, like ideas in print. You can examine the people they've made rubbings of. Places are people-presence museums; they're where people have recorded their odors. That is why the destruction of a place is the same as the destruction of people.

Murder's a common enough practice--many people ought to be destroyed, of course. Even if we try we can't stop destroying and getting destroyed every day. But murder remains serious, and I wish our schools would teach kids to read places.

--Donald Purcell
Route 2
Potsdam, NY 13676

Potsdam Depot (detail) →
Sandstone building
threatened by
proposed D.O.T.
bypass highway



ROOTDRINKER



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WE KNOW WE'RE LATE! There's just been too much going on this summer for ROOTDRINKER's publisher and staff to get it all done in time. Between house building, garden growing, working forty hours a week and publishing a magazine, something's got to give a little. In fact, everything gave a little.

BUT help is on the way. Beginning with the fall issue, ROOTDRINKER is going to be the main occupation of its publisher, Alan Casline. Also beginning with the fall issue, ROOTDRINKER will be published 5,000 copies strong (this issue has a print run of 2,500). We're not intent on nonstop growth, though, so 5,000 is where we'll stay for awhile. Our energies will then be devoted to learning how to do 5,000 copies WELL.

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