

BENJAMIN BUDD'S TAVERN, 11.2 *m.* (L), now a private residence, was built about 1800 on the site of the cabin of David Brainard (1718-47), Indian missionary.

At 11.8 *m.* is a junction with State 66.

Left on State 66 down the Kinderhook Creek valley to the **BERKSHIRE THEATRE WORKSHOP**, 3.5 *m.*, a summer school for dramatic training, conducted by the Bishop-Lee School, Boston, Massachusetts. Students produce plays in the **NELL GWYNN THEATRE** (*adm.* 50¢), a huge old barn rebuilt to accommodate an audience of 250.

At **NASSAU**, 16.1 *m.* (403 alt., 670 pop.), when legal obstructions can be circumvented, greyhound races are run at the **RENSSELAER COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS**. Tickets for admission are distributed profusely without charge; the large profits are made from betting. The course is sometimes run with monkeys astride the dogs.

Skirting the Hudson Valley fruit belt, at 20.9 *m.* US 20 unites with US 9 (*see Tour 21*).

At 24.1 *m.* is the junction with US 4 (*see Tour 22*).

At 29 *m.* the route bears L. on the Parker Dunn Memorial Bridge.

In **ALBANY**, 29.3 *m.* (18 alt., 130,447 pop.) (*see Albany*) are the junctions with State 43 (*see Tour 9*), State 5 (*see Tour 11*), US 9 (*see Tour 21*), and US 9W (*see Tour 21A*).

Section b. ALBANY to SANGERFIELD; 93 m. US 20

West of Albany US 20 follows roughly the old woods-roads and Indian trails over which the Tory and Indian raiders struck eastward during the Revolution, wiping out settlements and isolated homes. Over this same route rode nineteenth century Paul Revere, hunting horns blaring, to call the antirenters together to fight the sheriff and his deputies (*see Tour 21*).

Just west of **ALBANY**, 0 *m.*, is **McKOWNVILLE**, 5.8 *m.* (209 alt., 62 pop.), a clambake and midget-auto racing paradise. Almost every weekend during the warm season, Albany clubs and organizations crowd McKown's Grove for a 'bake.' A cobblestone-lined pit is filled with cordwood, which is burned until the stones are almost white hot. Then the ashes are swept out and the pit spread with a layer of fresh seaweed. Wire baskets, each filled with two dozen or more washed and selected clams, two clambake sausages, one-half chicken, one white and one sweet potato, and one or two ears of corn (when in season), are set into the pit and the whole covered with a tarpaulin, edges sealed with wet clay. The steamed clams are supplemented by iced raw clams, bread, pickles, and olives.

On Sunday afternoons the Capital City Speedways sponsor midget auto races on the pear-shaped quarter-mile dirt track in McKown's Grove. The light, stubby cars, 500 to 950 pounds in weight, whirl 21 laps for the main event, their open exhausts clattering, adding din and dust to the general excitement.

In **GUILDERLAND**, 9.4 *m.* (210 alt., 225 pop.), is (R) the **SCHOOL-CRAFT HOUSE** (*private*), an excellent example of the mid-nineteenth-century fad, the Gothic Revival cottage. A yellow wooden structure, it is complete with carpenter-fashioned buttresses, drip moldings, and tracery.