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McKownville householders on both sides of Western Avenue in the Hillcrest and Arcadia Avenue section suffered extensive flooding as a result of recent heavy rains. Guilderland supervisor Carl Walters said that Town Hall received reports of inundated back yards and of water five feet high in cellars in the area.

The opinion was expressed that recent construction on the State University campus and on the State office campus to the east as well as the re-surfacing of Western Avenue might have changed the drainage characteristics of the area. Mr. Walters invited State officials to a meeting which he hoped would pinpoint the cause of the trouble.

The Guilderland supervisor and Kenneth Fraser, the Town's engineer, met, at Town Hall with Ernest Trad, the State campus manager Floyd Barnes of the State's Office of General Services, Peter McIntosh of the State University Construction Fund; E. P. Mullaney, H. J. Schafer, Philip Gallagher, Joseph Tierney, John C. Byron and George Naginey of the New York State Department of Public Works.

Nobody owned up to contributing towards the flooding. It looks as though this will be just another one of the problems that town officials and engineers will have to study — along with a police force and the Birchmont - McKownville merger and a new Town Hall, etc.

One concrete thing did come out of the conference, though. Mr. Naginey, who lives in the Town, brought a blackboard to the meeting. On it he sketched out a picture of the

drainage situation in McKownville's eastern end. Town and State sewer lines, the Krumkill, buildings and roads were boldly outlined in two colors of chalk.

The participants thought that the blackboard design — although startlingly beautiful—didn't prove anything about why the area was flooded. Someone suggested selling the striking example of sewer art and using the proceeds to finance improvements to McKownville's drainage systems.

The work of art was on display for a few hours in the supervisor's office. Mr. Walters seemed rather fond of it. He must have felt bad when Mr. Naginey came back to pick up his blackboard. Maybe the Town should consider renting paintings for display in the seat of government. Or, local artists might hang their works on the drab walls. Just as long as nobody mistakes a piece of op art for a schematic drawing of McKownville's sewers.

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Many Guilderland women are on the Catholic Women's Service League roster of committee chairmen for this year. Among them are: Mrs. John Shada, membership; Mrs. Herve Larche, blind sale; Mrs. Richard Girvin, hospitality; Mrs. C. K. O'Donoghue and Mrs. Thomas Brady, Legislative Forum.

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