

## *Arterial Scrapbook No. 15*



**ERECTED IN 1880S** - Amsterdam of the 19th century boasted a fine row of residences that existed along West Main St. west of Market, and among the most attractive was the home of Alonzo A. DeForest at 53 West Main. Alonzo and Katherine DeForest erected the imposing home in the 80s at a time when he was ranked with the big businessmen of the town: a member of the knit goods firm of Warner, DeForest, Sugden and Faulds; the first treasurer of the Board of Trade; and vice president of the

City National Bank. The home was purchased by Dr. William H. Seward on May 15, 1919 and following that time medical offices were located there. Purchased by Thomas W. Leavenworth, it was remodeled in 1962 to accommodate several medical practitioners who were located here when announcement was made that all West Main St. buildings between Market and Wall would have to give way to the Route 5 Arterial. It "gave way" this week. (Donlon)