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A LEGACY

We were not all meant to be Lincolns, Jeffersons, Trumans, or Eisenhowers, to leave behind us legends to be recounted for all time. We pass this way but once through life, some of us with little or no meaning, and leave it neither far better or far worse.

On December 11 in the year of Our Lord 1974, a son was born to my son Victor, and his wife Donna, his name Benjamin Alfred Pisani, my legacy.

*Let Him live with tolerance,
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Let him live with fairness,
so that he can learn justice.
Let him live with encouragement,
so that he can learn confidence.
Let him live with security,
so that he can learn to have faith.
Let him live with acceptance and friendship,
so that he can learn to find love in the world.*

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Bethlehem Jaycees meet first and third Wednesdays of the month, 8 P.M., Center Inn, 9W, Glenmont.

Welcome Wagon — Newcomers and mothers of new babies call 785-9640, Mon. thru Sat., 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M. so you may have a Welcome Wagon call.

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place and Maewin Drive, Delmar, welcomes guests at its indoor pistol range every Tuesday at 8 P.M. Information: Dave Herbach, 439-4372 or Tom Corrigan, 439-3301.

Monarch Club of Albany meets every Tuesday night at 6 at the Center Inn, Glenmont.

Give and Take Shop, staffed and stocked by residents of Delmar, clothing for all occasions, all ages, all sizes, available to everyone. Basement St. Thomas Apostle Church & Rectory, Mon. 9:30-11:30 A.M., Tues. 1-3 P.M., Sat. 10 A.M.-12 Noon.

Every Thursday at 7 P.M., Delmar Reformed Church, scout meeting for handicapped, Troop 159.

Kiwanis Club of Delmar meets every Monday night at 6:15 at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont.

Bethlehem Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:30 P.M.

AARP meets 12:30 P.M., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.

The Delmar Community Orchestra rehearses every Monday evening from 8 to 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 P.M., Bethlehem Public Library.

Bethlehem Recycling Program (paper, cans, glass), Town Garage, 114 Adams St., Delmar. Mon. thru Fri., 8 A.M.-4 P.M. Papers should

be tied, cans flattened, bottles clean w/metal removed.

Rosary — St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, every Thursday at 11:45 A.M.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion Auxiliary, meets third Tuesday of month except July & Aug., 8 P.M., Post rooms.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion, meets first and third Monday of month (when holiday occurs, move to Tuesday) except July and August. 8:30 P.M.

8:15 P.M., meeting, every Wednesday, Gam-Anon, wives of compulsive gamblers, St. Pius Church, Loudonville. 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

Onesquethaw O.E.S. meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

Glenmont Lions Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 P.M. Visitors welcome. Info: Bob Jones, 463-3141.

Glenmont Homemakers meet 3rd Wed. of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 P.M.

8 P.M., monthly meeting, last Thursday of each month, Elsmere Fire Co.

Bethlehem Lodge meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, Ladies' Auxiliary meets on 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, 114 Adams Street, Delmar. School year schedule, Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30 P.M. Telephone 439-2238.

The second Saturday of each month there is a waste paper drive at the town parking lot on Kenwood Ave. just above the four corners. This drive is sponsored by the youth groups of the Reformed and the Methodist Churches of Delmar. They will pick up papers from Senior Citizens or shut-ins. For pick-up call the church offices during the preceeding week.

Bethlehem Jaycees meet 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M., for further information please contact Denise Linstruth 439-5312.

Rotary Club of Delmar meets every Tuesday night 6:15 at Schrafft's Motel.

Berne Lodge #684 of F&AM meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 8:00 P.M. Fellowship every 3rd Monday 6:00 P.M. Eastern Star on 2nd & 4th Tues. of every month.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 A.M., meeting, League of Women Voters; Bethlehem Public Library. Information, 439-4266.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

8:15 P.M., Audubon Wildlife Film, Lincoln Park School, tickets at door \$1.50, students 50¢.

8:30 P.M., Country Dance, Bethlehem Coffeeshouse. \$1.50. Broken String Band.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9 P.M., Concert, Bethlehem Coffeeshouse. \$1.50. Burt Mayne.

Pancake Supper, Modern Woodmen Hall, Westerlo, servings 5, 6 & 7 p.m. Reservations: 872-1936, 439-1698.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

10 A.M., rally, Helderberg Ridge Runners, at the Marsh Farm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

10:30 A.M., YMCA Slimnastics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church. 449-7196.

9:15 A.M., Exercise Class, Delmar Reformed Church, 439-2058.

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8 P.M., Delmar Progress Club, Government Council, Bethlehem Library Community Room.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

1 P.M., YMCA Slimnastics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church. 449-7196.

7:30 P.M., meeting, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, the Bank, 4 Corners, Delaware Ave.

12:30 P.M., meeting, AARP, at Delmar Methodist Church.

9:15 A.M., Exercise Class, Delmar Reformed Church. 439-2058.

1:30 P.M., Delmar Progress Club, Literary Study Group at Sammons' Residence.

7:30 P.M., meeting, Helderberg Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club, at Mead's Inn, Feura Bush.

7:30 P.M., Small Meeting Room, Bethlehem Public Library, "What Do You Do About Problems Involving Children and The Schools?" No charge.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

10 A.M., meeting, Capital District Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild, at Delmar United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

7:30 P.M., The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will hold a public hearing at Town Hall, to consider a petition received to extend the Water District No. 1 to include an area to be known as "Proposed Industrial Area — Feura Bush Extension No. 2.

10 A.M., Delmar Progress Club, Creative Arts Class, Bethlehem Library Board Room.

8 P.M., meeting, bond issue, at Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. Voting March 5.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

9 A.M., YMCA Slimnastics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 449-7196.

8 P.M., meeting, Albany County Audubon Society, St. Michael's Church Hall, Colonie.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Start of Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale through February 2. Scouts will take orders at this time. Cookies will be delivered during National Girl Scout Week; March 9-15.

9 P.M., Folk Concert, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, John Roberts & Tony Barrand. \$1.50.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

1 P.M. & 3 P.M., film "The Incredible Mr. Limpett," Slingerlands P.T.A. 75¢.

9 P.M., Folk-Blues Guitarist, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, \$1.50.

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10 A.M.-1 P.M., registration, Bethlehem Tomboys Girls Softball League, at Bethlehem Library. 439-4022.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

9:15 A.M., Exercise class, Delmar Reformed Church. 439-2058.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 P.M., Program, "What Do You Do About Health Problems?" Small Meeting Room, Bethlehem Public Library.

9:15 A.M., Exercise Class, Delmar Reformed Church, 439-2058.

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by
Joni

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A garage owner I know tells me that the only reason for this is dealer neglect — failure to check the level of the station's tanks. When buying gas we are totally at the mercy of the dealer — we have no way of knowing how low the station's tanks are. I was lucky — my car is still on the road. A tankful of water can ruin a car.

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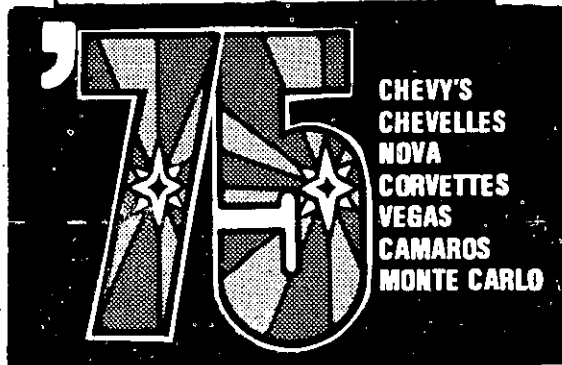
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Name Withheld

I am very sorry to hear of your unfortunate mishap. I believe the station should be made to reimburse you for your loss. Just as other merchants have inspectors, so should gasoline stations. If they do, why wasn't this caught? Consumers must be able to trust the companies with which they trade. The consumer must be protected.

Thank you very much for speaking up.

Although I have never had the opportunity to meet this woman, I feel sad to print this announcement. I know she is loved and admired by many local residents:

The Staff of the Bethlehem Public Library is sorry to announce that its Director of almost twenty years, Mrs. Barbara R. Rau, will be retiring on March 1st. Mrs. Rau came to the Library on July 1, 1955 and she has guided its growth with dedication and enthusiasm to its present position. She will be tremendously missed by the Staff and the borrowers alike.

Soon to be Wed:

Mrs. Ward Vaughn of Clarks-ville announces the engagement



of her daughter Sue Anne to Craig Westendorf of Albia, Iowa, son of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Westendorf. Sue and Craig will graduate from Eastmen School of Music in Rochester this May.

A June wedding is planned.

Here & There

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For the week of January 20, 1975, the following coupon will entitle you to a \$2.00 reduction on your registration fee.

Classes in Delmar are held on Tuesday evening at 8:00 P.M. at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, and in Ravena on Wednesday evening at 8:00 P.M. at the Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Dr. Join us. We know how you feel. For further information, call Weight Watchers at 489-8323.

Thorne Elected

Prentice J. Rodgers, Chairman of the Board of Blue Cross of Northeastern New York, Inc. has announced the election of Dr. Clifton C. Thorne, Vice Chancellor University Affairs, State University of New York, to the Blue Cross Board of Di-

rectors.

Dr. Thorne is Cum Laude graduate of State University of New York at Albany, received his Masters of Science degree at State University and Doctor of Education at Columbia University, where he received the Romeitt Stevens Scholar Award. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, World War II. Dr. Thorne is married and resides with his wife and 3 children at 65 Darroch Road, Delmar. He has served on a number of boards of directors in the Capital District. Currently he is serving on the board of the American Red Cross, Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, Inc. and Bankers Trust Co. of Albany, N.A. He is a member of the New York State Rural Development Advisory Council and is a trustee of the Albany Academy. Dr. Thorne is a recipient of the Philodoxia Honoraries Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award, State University and the Outstanding Service Award, Association of

Council Members and College Trustees, State University. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club, and the Hudson River Club. He and his family attend First Methodist Church.

Bloodmobile

The Westmere-McKownville Community Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held on Thursday, January 23, from 1 to 6 P.M. at the Christ Lutheran Church on Western Avenue, opposite Stuyvesant Plaza.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 66 and in reasonably good health may donate blood. A babysitter will be available.

NEW DONORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED.

For information or an appointment call 456-9522.

Open House

The Albany Academy is conducting an open house in the library for parents and prospective candidates for admission on Sunday, January 19, from 2 to 4 P.M. Tours of the campus

for parents and their sons will start at 2:30 P.M. Interested parents should write Gerald C. Eckert, Dean of Admissions, The Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, or call 465-1461.

Pulpit Exchange

The Churches of the Tri-Village, Elsmere, Slingerlands, and Delmar, announce a Pulpit Exchange to be held on Sunday, January 19. This exchange is an opening celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The following pastors will preach as indicated: Rev. Gerard VanHeest of Delmar Reformed Church will preach at the Community Methodist Church, Slingerlands; Rev. Sang Hahn of Delmar United Methodist will preach at the Delmar Reformed Church; Rev. Jack Cooper of Glenmont Community Church will preach at the Delmar United Methodist Church; Rev. Gerald Wondra of Jerusalem and Onesquethaw Reformed Churches will preach at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; Rev. Johannes Mees-

ter of the Unionville and New Salem Reformed Churches will preach at St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church; Rev. James Daley at St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church will preach at Glenmont Community Church; Rev. Leonard Pratt of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will preach at the Jerusalem Reformed Church; and Rev. Bryson Smith of Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, will preach at the Unionville and New Salem Reformed Churches.

On Sunday, January 26, the concluding day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a celebration will be held at the Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, at 7:30 P.M. Clergy of the fellowship will participate in the theme for the evening, "Expressions of our Unity." A social hour follows the service. The public is cordially invited to be part of these services recognizing our concern for Christian unity.

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RMF Luncheon

Sue Ann Ritchko, Director of Consumer Service for a large chain food store co. will be the guest speaker at the "Retired Men's Fraternity" Luncheon at 12:00 noon January 16, at Verder's Restaurant on the Albany-Schenectady Road.



Sue Ann Ritchko

Sue Ann's subject will be that of a consumer advocate and a Personal Home Economist with helpful information for shopping and current legislation information helpful to the consumer.

Basketball League

Beginning Monday, January 27, Albany YMCA will be conducting a High School Basketball League. The league is offered to all High School Students in grades 10 thru 12 and runs on Monday and Friday afternoons from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Students interested need not be a member of Albany YMCA to participate. The league will be limited to the first eight teams to register. Students may register as individuals or by teams. Individuals registrations will be played on a team on a first come, first serve basis.

There is a maximum of ten players per team, with a minimum of six. Trophies will be given to the first and second place teams. The league will run for a total of ten weeks. Registration deadline Saturday, January 25.

Further information may be obtained by phoning the Albany YMCA at 449-7196.

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The course will run for ten weeks. Classes are held twice a week, for a thirty minute period. The cost of the instruction will be \$8.00.

For further information concerning the days and times of classes for specific skill levels, call the Albany YMCA at 449-7196.

The YMCA is a cooperating agency with the United Fund.

LIBRARY NOTES

Second Program

The second program in the Bethlehem Public Library's "What Do You Do About . . . ?" series will be Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 P.M. in the small meeting room at the Library. This program, moderated by Elle Pankin of Radio Station WGY, will deal with problems involving children and the schools.

Speakers for this program will be Wallace Lornell of the Bureau of Pupil Personnel Ser-

vices of the New York State Department of Education; Kenneth Rubin, Ombudsman-Project Coordinator and a member of the Legal Unit of the New York State Division for Youth; and Lawrence A. Zinn, Superintendent of Schools for the Bethlehem Central School District.

Questions to be dealt with include: Do you really have a problem child? Can the school help you? What are parents' responsibilities for children's actions? And Are all citizens equal or are children less equal? In addition to these and many others, questions from the audience will be discussed.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. There is no admission charge.

Book Sale

On Wednesday, January 15th the Bethlehem Public Library is reopening its used book sale. The sale books are located on the mezzanine of the Library. Hardcover are 25¢ and paperbacks are 10¢. Where else can you get a bargain like that?

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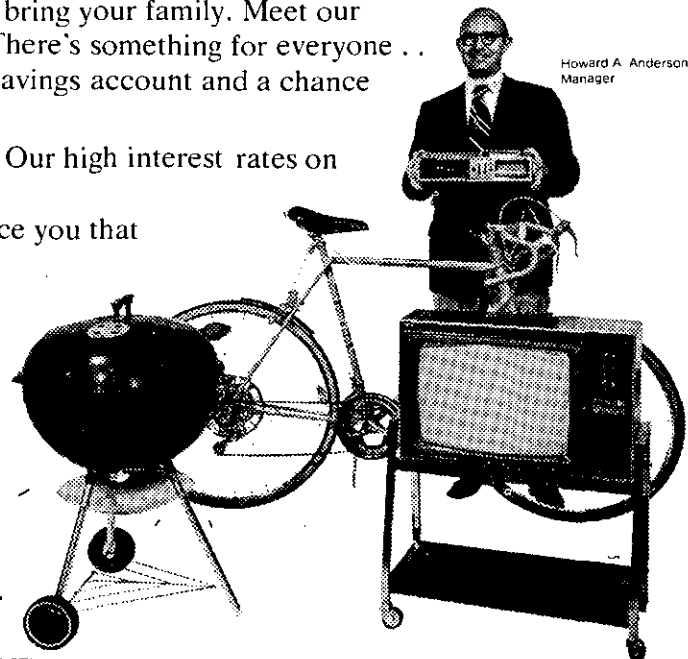


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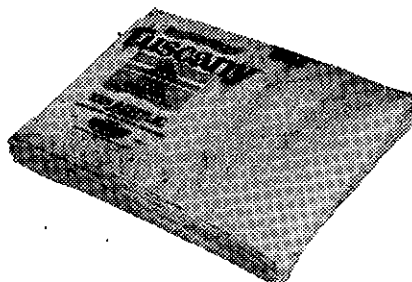
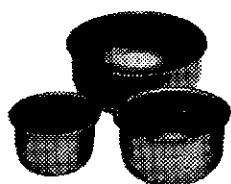
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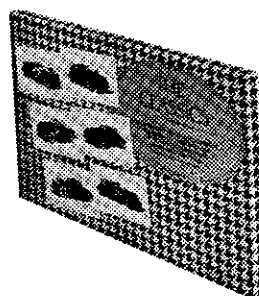
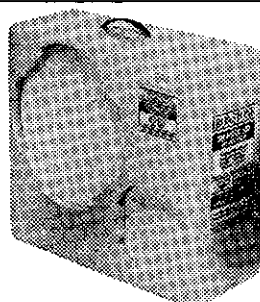
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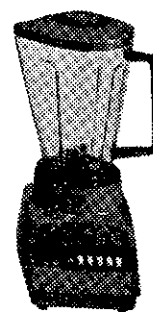
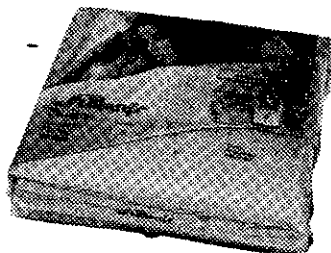
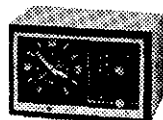
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vels and as Ann became older, she became hooked on collecting souvenir spoons herself.

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Mrs. D'Attilio is the Administrative Assistant for the Bethlehem Public Library. She resides in Delmar with her husband Mike who is the Dean of Students at the College of St. Rose in Albany.

SNO FUN by Jim Fuller

The Helderberg Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club will hold its annual rally on January 19. It is an event that is looked forward to each year by the members. It is a family gathering with events for all members 10 years and older to participate in. Children 10 to 15 years will be able to try their hand at the obstacle course or ride in the ribbon race. The adults will in turn be able to run the drag races, the ribbon race, the obstacle course and the slalom events. If time permits and the right conditions prevail there will also be a hill climb. The rally is a very carefully planned event with strict rules to be adhered to. No machine is permitted to drive in the area over 5 M.P.H. The children's events are set aside from the adults in a different area. The drag races are also set aside and carefully roped off to protect spectators and drivers alike. If there is at least 10 inches of snow on the ground the day of the rally it will be held at the Marsh farm on Route 443 in Clarksville. If there is snow but less than 10 inches the rally will be at Charlie Groesbecks farm on Groesbeck Road in Clarksville.

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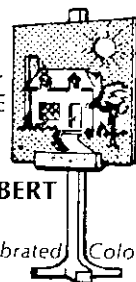
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The Spotlight

Goes to School

Bond Issue

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education will ask district voters to approve a bond issue totaling \$1,336,240, to finance major maintenance and repair work on eight district buildings.

The Board adopted a resolution on Jan. 8 to submit the bond issue for public approval on Wed., March 5. Voting will take place at the Bethlehem Central Middle School from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bond issue financing of the needed building work is the least expensive way to have it done, according to statements made by Board members at the Jan. 8 meeting. It will spread out the total cost over a ten-year period — with materials and labor paid for at current price levels — and will assure a higher percentage of State Aid than could be obtained through annual budgets.

If the bond issue is approved, it will mean an increase of about \$1.41 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to district taxpayers for the 1975-76 school year.

School officials estimate that, if financed through a bond issue, about 80 per cent of the building work will qualify for State Aid at a ratio of 41 per

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Approval of the bond issue by district voters would mean that bids could be let in May, awarded in June, and the maintenance and repair projects could be started next July.

Submission of the bond issue proposal to district taxpayers is essentially a matter of asking them to choose between this method of paying for needed building repairs — or including large amounts in the annual budgets for the next few years which would significantly affect the tax rates.

School officials have likened the bond issue method of financing the building repairs to the taking out of a home-

owner's improvement loan. Rather than paying for a major home need, such as a new roof, in a lump sum, most homeowners would take out a loan and pay for it over a period of time.

As a perspective on the bond issue total of \$1,336,240, as pointed out by a Board member on Jan. 8, the replacement value of all school district property was estimated last spring at \$14,457,000.

All district residents are invited to a public meeting on the bond issue proposal, to be held on Wed., Jan. 22 at 90 Adams Pl. This will be the first of several meetings to be held throughout the community, in district schools and at meetings of local organizations, for presentation of information and discussion of the bond issue. Slides showing the types of repair and renovation work which is needed will be shown.

Furst on Dean's List


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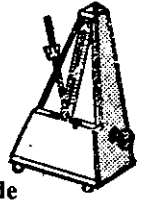
The school is not an escape, except, perhaps, from a large, impersonal institution. According to Mrs. Rowley, the Barn School is designed to nurture new interest in learning and to give new confidence and a better grasp on the basic learning skills to a small number of intelligent girls and boys between 8 and 12, without severely handicapping learning disabilities. Its purpose is to help them to regain the learning momentum to go back into the system.

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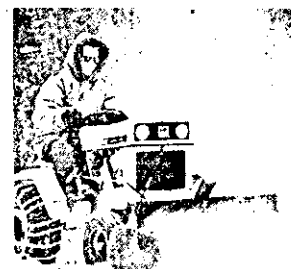
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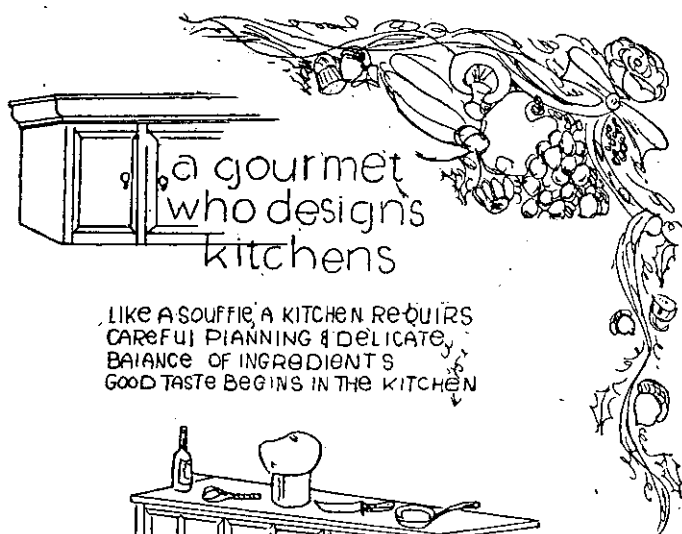
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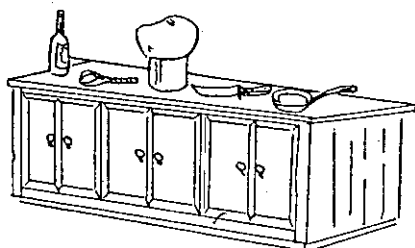
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Santa, Try to Top This

By Karen Aldag
Living Today Editor of
Times Union

"Now I have something to give my grandchildren," Kenneth Schenkel said as he smoothed the note-sized paper onto its place on black velvet under picture-frame glass.

This letter with simple two line letterhead done in bright blue has brought at least a year's worth of excitement to the Schenkel family.

"I was excited. Oh, my God, I'm being drafted again, I thought," Schenkel recalls the day the historic letter arrived.

The letter was from Gerald R. Ford, President of the U.S.

It was an answer to Schenkel's letter written earlier this fall after the President's TV appeal for the nation to tighten its belt.

At that time, the President also called on citizens to offer their own suggestions for beating inflation. As soon as the pep talk faded from the screen, Schenkel was dashing off the letter.

"I don't have a copy of it," Schenkel moaned. "I never thought I'd get an answer."

The contents of Schenkel's now family-famous letter centered around his suggestion that small business men cut their profit margins.

The owner of Paul Mitchell's Men's Wear in Delmar talked about some of his own ways of giving the customer the lowest possible prices.

"And if a small business man, like me, can do it," Schenkel pointed out, "the bigger business could do it too."

Ford's two paragraph reply thanked Schenkel for his comments and support.

"With the help of ideas from families and individuals across the land and with government doing its part, our country can overcome this serious problem," Ford wrote.

Included with the letter were two WIN buttons.

Now the letter, the envelope it arrived in, and the buttons are displayed on black velvet in a picture frame.

"I'll keep it in the store for a couple of weeks," Schenkel said. "But I don't want anything to happen to it. After that I'm taking it home."

"We'll probably hang it up next to the picture of you and Duffy Dyer," Schenkel's wife, Joan, teased. The picture of Schenkel with the former Mets catcher was taken back when the baseball player was in town to open a McDonald's.

Trying to get back to a more serious tone, Schenkel talked about Ford as president.

"I think he has restored a lot more to the honor of the presidency," Schenkel said. "He'll get my vote," Schenkel continued and his wife chimed in with support.

"Nixon was all for foreign policy and he didn't do anything here. Ford is an honest man. He is really trying," the Schenkels said, although they didn't approve of Ford's recent trip abroad.

Xeroxed copies of Ford's letter to Schenkel went to school with Schenkel's three children and with the children of Schenkel's sister's children.

Schenkel's parents have told



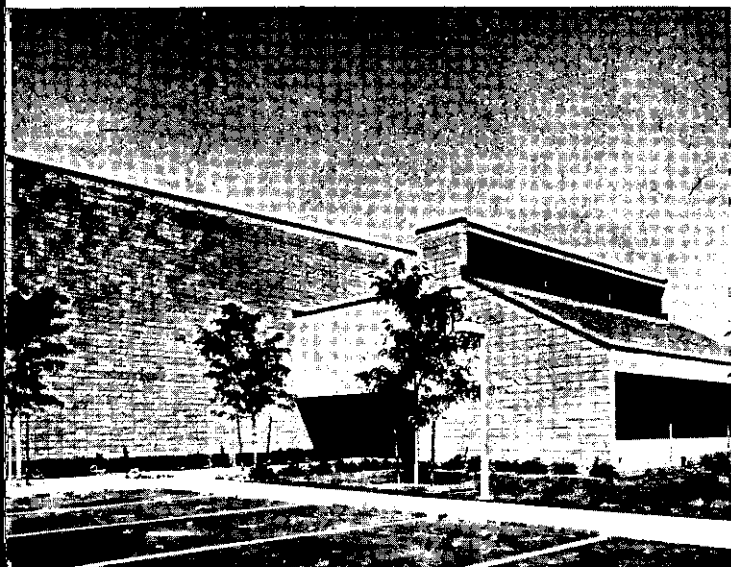
Kenneth Schenkel

everyone they've seen about the letter since it arrived.

After all, this is a big event, Schenkel says as he holds the letter up and looks at the signature. "He must have used a felt tip pen," Schenkel theorized. "You can see where the ink comes through."

The letter could be worth a pretty penny some day because of its presidential signature, but it's not just money that is important to Schenkel and his family.

"The only other letter I got is a letter of appreciation from a colonel," Schenkel concluded.



The Capital District Masonry Institute has awarded the Guilderland Mutual Reinsurance Company the Mark of Excellence Award in Masonry for its new office facility located on Bethlehem Court in Delmar. It was designed by Howard W. Geyer Associates, Architect AIA of Delmar. Consultants were John P. Stopen of Syracuse, Structural Engineer, Frederick V. Sheldon, Mechanical Engineer, and Walter S. Stewman, Electrical Engineer. The General Contractor was Zandri Construction Corporation of Cohoes.



At a recent competition sponsored by the Eastern New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Bethlehem Public Library was chosen as an "Award Winner". The building was designed by Howard W. Geyer Associates of Delmar. John T. Percy, Latham, was the Structural Engineer and Harold H. Friedman Associates, Albany, was the Consultant for Mechanical and Electrical work. The Contractors were Cozzolino Construction Corporation of Albany, General Construction; Henry J. Noord, and Son of Rensselaer, Plumbing; E. W. Tompkins Co., Inc. of Albany, Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning; and Rauche Electric Co., Inc. of Albany, Electrical.

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