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LETTER

An Open Letter to the Upper Herrick Avenue Area Residents:

Several months ago, the Town of Bethlehem Dog Warden arrived at our residence with an anonymous letter addressed to the warden to the effect that our dog was running loose and eating from neighboring garbage pails in violation of the town dog ordinance. Again last Saturday, the warden arrived at our home with still another anonymous letter with the same complaint.

At the moment, I shall not bother to dispute the allegations contained in this letter, this particular point being academic. I shall, however, question the integrity of the person responsible for hiding behind a cloak of secrecy, for his or her lack of courage and fortitude to come out into the open and confront me with these allegations. If this party has a legitimate complaint, it appears ludicrous to hide behind the skirts of anonymity.

May I appeal to this person's sense of responsibility to come out of hiding and confront me with the issues which are motivating these anonymous letters?

I would be happy to discuss the situation at any time.

Donald W. Jones
11 Park Place

Students at BCHS to see

Restoration Comedy

The Theater Royal Windsor Company, one of England's top-ranking repertory companies, will appear before the Bethlehem Central Senior High students in George Farquhar's hilarious Restoration farce, "The Beaux' Stratagem," in the course of its North American Tour.

"The Beaux' Stratagem" is Farquhar's best known play, the plot dealing with two gentlemen, traveling as master and servant, broken of fortune and down on their luck, who set their sights on an heiress and find themselves thwarted by suspicious mothers, bucolic blockheads, and sinister highwaymen. The play is gay and witty, and features one of the funniest sword-fights ever seen on a stage.

The cast is headed by stars of the London stage and screen, Dorothy Primrose, Jenny and Elizabeth Counsell, Robert Dawdron, Edmund Pegge, Stephen Moore and Richard Gale.

Born in Ireland in 1678 and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, Farquhar brought to Restoration Comedy a warmth and naturalness that brings his writing much closer to the theater of today than to that of his stylized contemporaries, Congreve and Vanbrugh.

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"Back to Bethlehem" Theme for 27th Annual Christmas Festival

The spirit of "Back to Bethlehem" will join the time and tradition of other White Christmases as preparations are finalized for the Bethlehem Community Christmas Festival. The 27th annual "White Christmas" will be held on Thursday, December 12, at 8 P.M., in the Bethlehem Central High School Auditorium. "Back to Bethlehem," this year's presentation, will provide a meld of choral groups from the community churches as well as a return to the original one-night format.

The purpose of the Bethlehem Community Christmas festival remains essentially unchanged, however. Senior Citizens have been busy this year, as in years past, retorning toys for boys and girls in the Masonic Temple on Kenwood Avenue. Choirs and wardrobe committees have been working to gather good, serviceable clothing for distribution during the year through the Clothing Cupboard, which operates from the Junior High School.

The original Festival began in 1942 to further the work of the churches and other organizations in caring for the needs of the deserving families in the community. A voluntary offering is collected each year at the festival presentation to provide money for the program of sharing. The food, clothing, Christmas gifts, and medical care provide a reminder throughout the year that man can, after all, sometimes "Do Unto Others . . ."

The Bethlehem Community Chorale, which will perform the "Back to Bethlehem" concert is under the direction of Mrs. William F. Bub and Joseph R. Gerber. Mr. Gerber is General Music Teacher of Boys' Choir

at Sand Creek Junior High School, South Colonie School District, and Director of Music, Delmar Reformed Church.

Participating churches are: The Bethlehem Community Church, Interdenominational, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Community United Methodist Church, Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delmar Reformed Church, First United Methodist Church, St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church, Glenmont Community Church, "Reformed," First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Unionville Reformed Church, Clarksville Community Reformed Church, and Normansville Community Church.

Program chairmen also represent community churches. Arthur Dill is general chairman, and program chairmen, representing various churches, are: White Christmas Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Meyers; Clothes Closet, Mrs. Robert Denny; Hospitality Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Harlow Hopkins; Decorating Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Castle; Program Publication, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Robinson; Remembrance, Mrs. Pugliese; Make-up, Mrs. Douglas G. Marone; Narrator, Douglas Marone.

The volunteer White Christmas offering has grown from a 1942 collection of less than \$100 to more than \$2,000 in recent years.

from Windsor Castle, Theater Royal Windsor enjoys the patronage of the Queen of England and other members of the Royal Family.

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Approximately 8,900 students are enrolled at the 104-year-old University of Denver, largest private university in the Rocky Mountain region. All 50 states, several U.S. territories and 50 foreign countries are represented in the current registration.

Winners!

Rick Nolan and Jean Winchell, of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club, participated in the Second Annual A.A.U. Swimming Championships sponsored by the Herkimer Elks Club Lodge #1439 on November 23.

Rick took first place in the 100-yard freestyle, second place in the 100-yard breaststroke, third place in the 100-yard butterfly and fourth place in the 100-yard backstroke.

Jean won first place in the 100-yard breaststroke and was second in the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard butterfly.

Meeting

The second Business Meeting of the Whiz Ski Club will be held Wednesday, December 11, at 8 o'clock at St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere.

Family Night

A Family Christmas Night will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar on Sunday, December 8, at 6:15 P.M., sponsored by the Commission on Education.

A covered dish supper will be followed by a songfest. The highlight of the evening will be Holiday crafts and activities for all ages: children, youth and adults.

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Co-chairmen are Mrs. George Cox and Mrs. Raymond Vanderlinde.

Tea Dance

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club for Newcomers will have a Tea Dance on December 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Tall Timber Country Club, Hilton Road, Slingerlands. Cocktails and a light buffet will be served.

Tommy Ippolito's band will provide music. For further information, contact Mrs. Edison Gessner, 439-3863.

Travelogue at Selkirk

The second travelogue program will be at Selkirk Fire House #1 on Maple Avenue, December 6 at 8 P.M. Charles V. Spencer will show colored pictures of Australia and tell of his trip there.

Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Altar Rosary Society of St. Thomas' Church will be held on Wednesday, December 11, in the school auditorium after Mass in the Church at 7:45 P.M.

A group of Rosarians will present a Christmas pageant. A social hour will follow the performance and a collection will be taken for a Christmas gift to St. Anne's Institute.

Engaged

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Gainor, 135 Fernbank Avenue, Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann, to Richard C. Reznichuk, M.D., Hermosa Beach, California.

Miss Gainor who is the daughter of the Deputy Commissioner of Health, Albany County, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University School of Nursing. She obtained her Master of Science degree from the Graduate School of Catholic University of America. At present she is Assistant Professor of Maternal-Child

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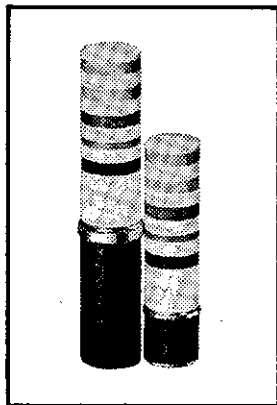
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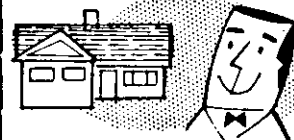


Carol Ann Gainor

Dr. Reznichuk, son of Dr. and Mrs. Cyrus G. Reznichuk, Madison, Wisconsin, received his Bachelor of Science degree and degree in Medicine at Northwestern University. He has recently returned from the Far East where he was associated with the American Medical Association Volunteer Physicians for Viet Nam, and also was as-

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sociated with the Medico Program in Malaysia and Afghanistan. At present he is a fourth year resident in surgery/urology at U.C.L.A. Medical Center and at Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital.

Speaker

Commissioner Albert M. Danzig, Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, will be present at a public meeting at the RCS Junior-Senior High School at 8:00 P.M. on Monday, December 9. The meeting is the second in a series sponsored by a local committee from the RCS area which is looking into the possibility of reducing auto accidents and auto fatalities. Tentatively called "The Committee To Save Lives," the local group has already held one meeting earlier during which local governmental officials, including the justices of the peace, driver education teachers, high school students and local clergy were present.

A life-long resident of Schenectady, Mr. Danzig became Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on July 11, 1963. Active in governmental affairs for many years, he held a position with the City of Schenectady as administrative assistant and claims investigator in the legal department from 1938 to 1963. He has been active in the Chamber of Commerce on the local and county level and is a member also of the Schenectady Auto Safety Committee.

In his presentation to the public on December 9, Commissioner Danzig will react to and comment upon suggestions for improving auto safety in the RCS area which have been drawn up by "The Committee To Save Lives."

Awards

Four Bethlehem Central Senior High Students have received certificates of excellence for their performances in the Annual High School Day contests at the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill on October 10.

Kathleen Klein placed eighth in a group of 137 in Shorthand and Transcription II; Philip Gia-

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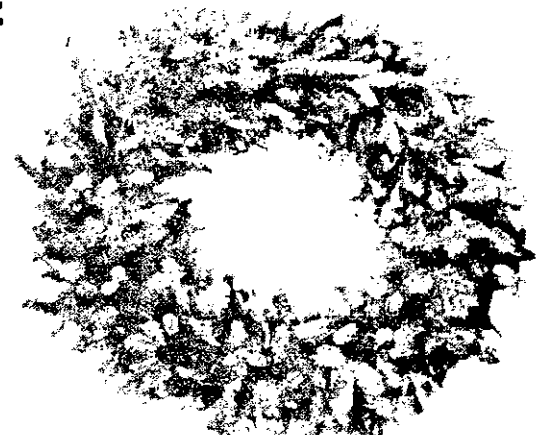
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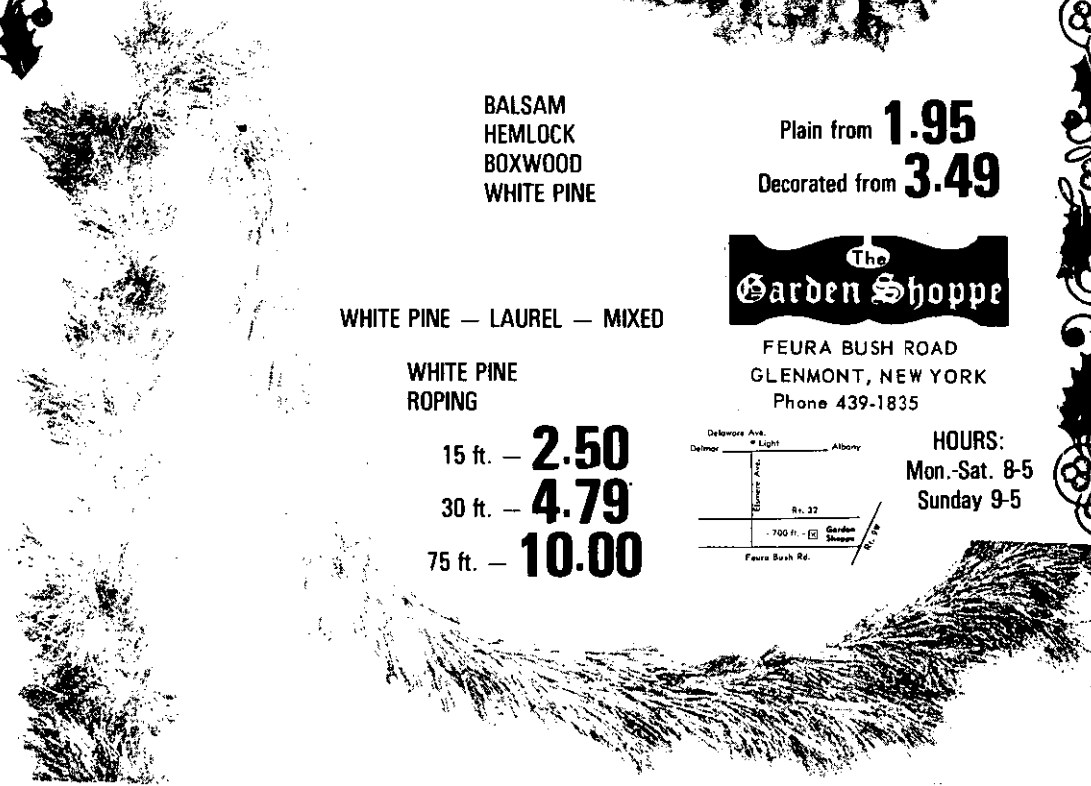
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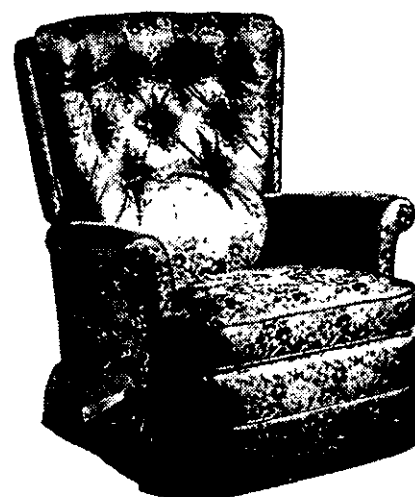
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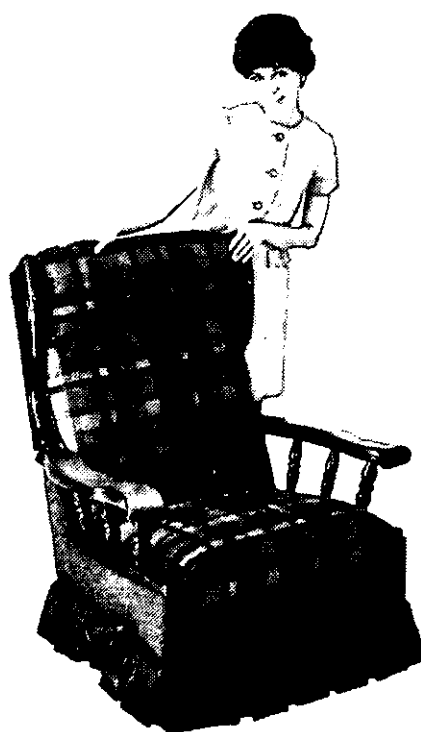
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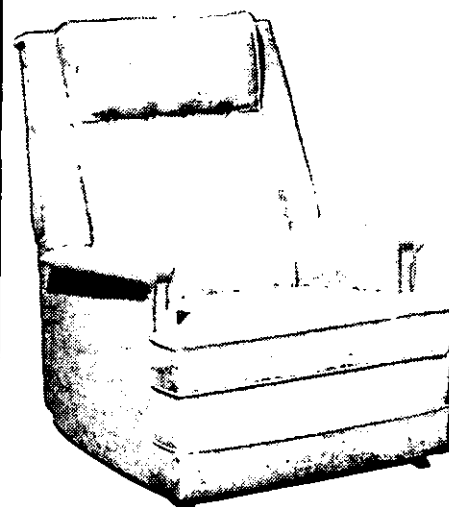
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cone and Marie Tomiko were 9th and 10th, respectively, among 109 contestants in the Rapid Calculation Contest, and Rose Olkowski placed 10th from among 138 in the Data Processing test.

Mrs. Gladys V. Hosey, Chairman of the Business Education Department, has received the certificates which will be presented to the students at the Annual Awards Assembly.

Fudge Day

The Future Business Leaders Chapter of Bethlehem Central Senior High School held its annual Thanksgiving Fudge Day this year on November 26. Terry Kinns, Chapter President, appointed June Couse chairman of this event.

Homemade fudge, made by the FBLA members, was sold during lunch periods. The fudge was

sold by: Jean Ginter, Kathi Furey, Patricia Camp, Linda Peterson, Phyllis Wilcox, Cathy Giacone, Laura Halsdorf, Kathy Herrington, Nancy Odell, Kathy Dollard, Joan Taub, Beth Burkins, Sheila Sagor, Donna Smith, Laurie Booth, Laura Salisbury, Marcy Hendrick, Rita Spinosa, Ann DeBiase, Charlene Lee, Linda Baker and Sandy Eck.

Chorale Here

The Pro-Musica Chorale, under the direction of Joseph Farrell, will perform a program of sacred music on Sunday, December 8, at 2:30 P.M. at the Delmar Reformed Church. The chorale, accompanied by the Pro-Musica Orchestra, will perform Schubert's "Mass in G" as well as sacred choruses by Berlioz, Mozart and Purcell.

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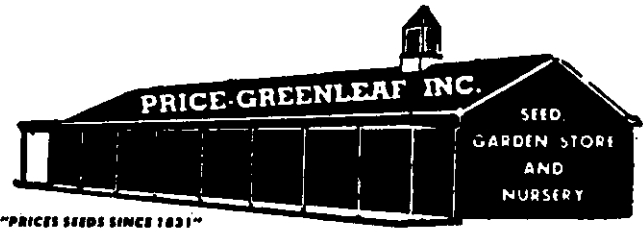
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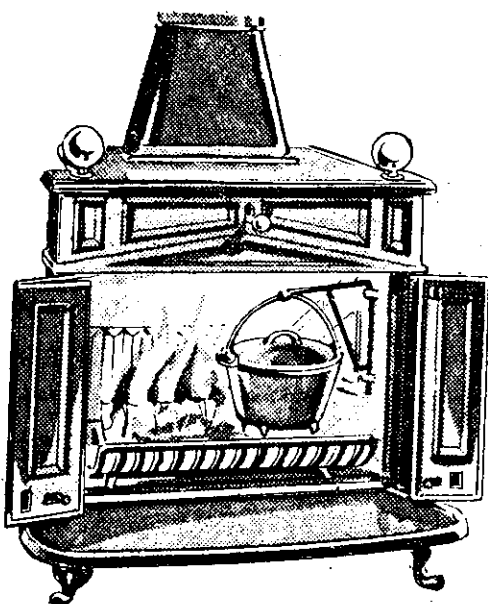
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New Secretary

At a recent meeting, it was announced by Dr. Edmond Haven (President), that Robert Sager has been elected as the new secretary of The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sager, manager of the Elsmere Branch of the First Trust Company, will replace Thomas Devane who has resigned from that office.

It was also announced by Dr. Haven that three new applications for membership have been received and approved. The Chamber expresses its welcome to Trotta's Restaurant on Delaware Avenue; Stuart Melvin of Blue Cross and Blue Shield whose offices are now under construction on New Scotland Road; and to Dr. Sydney Pollard of the Dental Bureau of the New York State Health Department.

A new committee is being formed for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of New Business and Development within the town. The Chairman of the group will be Richard Haverly.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be held in the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank in Delmar at noon on Tuesday, December 17. All members are urged to attend.

Postponed

The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education has reached a "tentative" agreement to postpone two bond issue votes until the next school year.

The announcement was made by Dr. Richard Moomaw, superintendent, at a joint meeting of the school board and the facilities sub-committee of the Bethlehem Central Budget Advisory Committee.

At the board's August 27 meeting, the panel discussed the possibility of presenting of \$250,000 bond issue to voters this fall for



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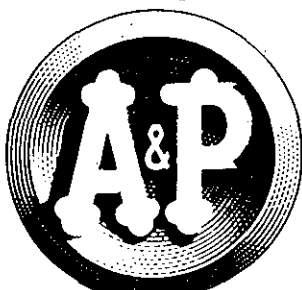
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At that same meeting, the board discussed a possible bond issue to construct an 11-room addition to Hamagrael School. At that time Dr. Moomaw suggested that a referendum might be held sometime in January or February of 1969.

Dr. Moomaw explained that these tentative decisions were reached during some "informal" meetings of the board. He said the bond issues had "not been discussed for about six weeks."

The facilities sub-committee recommended these bond issues when it met with the school board last spring. The board sought to use \$125,000 in accumulated balances to finance the completion of the senior high school addition when it appropriated that amount in its first budget proposal.

The proposal was rejected by the voters and the appropriation was eliminated from the second budget proposal which passed.

"It was a wise decision financially but the public did not see it that way," said Dr. Moomaw

referring to the proposed \$125,000 appropriation.

"It is the general consensus of the board that we should not at this time go out for additional bond issue funds," Dr. Moomaw added.

He said it was generally agreed that "we should pinch our pennies and get by with what we have."

"I don't think the board will go ahead and present a bond issue (for the completion of the high school addition) until the present work is completed," Mr. Boutelle explained. However, the board president emphasized that no final action has been taken on either issue.

Dr. Moomaw explained that the board had tentatively agreed to postpone the elementary school bond issue vote because of revised enrollment projection figures. He said that, according to the projection data, additional classroom space would not be necessary until 1971-72 instead of 1970-71 as an earlier projection indicated.

He explained that in the 1971-72 school year the elementary school enrollment total is expected to exceed the existing capacity

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Excerpts

From "The Guidance Newsletter" of Bethlehem Central Senior High School

Career Choice and Self-Understanding

In last week's issue of "The Guidance Newsletter," we spoke of the role of the counselors in helping you to make wise choices and decisions relative to your vocational future, regardless of whether you intend to continue your schooling, join the military or get a job after your graduation from Bethlehem Central High School.

Obviously, one should find out all that he can about the job field that he wishes to enter, but at least equally as important in vocational planning is discovering as much about yourself as you possibly can, your aptitudes, your interests, your personal needs, and your level of achievement.

Certainly, there is no guarantee of job success, no matter what procedure you follow in choosing a career, but self-understanding will certainly enhance your chances of entering a vocational area in which you can perform well and from which you can obtain a vast amount of personal satisfaction.

Your counselor has a great deal of information about vocations and about you as an individual. Take advantage of his skills, and work toward the equally important tasks of exploring occupations and evaluating yourself.

Smith College Meeting

The Smith College Club of Albany cordially invites all students and parents who are interested in Smith College to attend a meeting at 3:15 on Tuesday, December 10, at St. Agnes School in Loudonville. The program will include a movie and a general discussion about Smith College.

Samaritan Hospital Visit

Any student interested in applying to Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing is invited to an information meeting on the school's curriculum and require-

ments on Thursday, December 5, from 1 to 3 P.M. Interested students should contact Mrs. Blackmore in the Guidance Office.

Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Womens Society of the Slingerlands Methodist Church will be held on Tuesday, December 12, in Fellowship Hall. Following the meeting a group will leave the Church to visit the Charleton School, Charleton, N.Y., to distribute Christmas gifts.

Greens Party

The annual Greens Party of the Slingerlands Methodist Church will take place on Friday, December 6, at 7:30 P.M.

At this time the church will be decorated for the Christmas Season.

Meeting

Charles I. Mason of the New York State Conservation Department, will speak on "Attracting Winter Birds" at the December meeting of the Bethlehem Garden Club. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 1 P.M. in the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company.

Mrs. Carl E. Dean is in charge of the program.

Luncheon

The December luncheon meeting of Gansevoort Chapter, DAR, will be held in the Conference Dining Room at the State University Campus Center, Albany, at 12 noon on Monday December 9. Mrs. John H. Gregg, Associate Dean of Students, will speak on "History in the Making" as it affects the American people.

Reservations for the luncheon should be made with Mrs. Joseph R. Mead, 97 Clermont St., Albany. Mrs. S. Benjamin Meyers is making arrangements for Transportation.

Following the luncheon and talk there will be a guided tour of the new Campus. Mrs. Robert W. Gale will preside.

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Appointed

The appointment of Mr. Joseph A. Guerrero, Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation for the Bethlehem Central School District, to the Bethlehem Narcotics Guidance Council has been announced by Bertram E. Kohinke.

Mr. Guerrero joins Dr. Roger T. Drew, Rev. Paul H. Gassmann, John A. Boykin and Edward J. Grogan as members of the Committee.

The Narcotics Guidance Council was organized under the provisions of the General Municipal Law and has offices at 114 Adams Street, Delmar.

Many Bethlehem residents and organizations have indicated their willingness to assist the Council in its effort to develop a program of community participation regarding the control of narcotics and drugs in the Bethlehem area.

Exhibit

The 4-H girls of Buttons and Bows were happy to have Mrs. LeMaitre of the Bethlehem Garden Club to demonstrate methods of drying and arranging dried flowers.

The girls will exhibit their finished projects at the 4-H Winter Fair at the Colonie Room in the Colonie Center. Showings will be Friday, December 6, 12-9 P.M. and Saturday December 7, 9:30-1 P.M.

12-Year Old Herpetologist

A neophyte herpetologist, Carl J. Benenati, a 12 year old seventh grader from Bethlehem Central, gave a talk on reptiles and amphibians to a third grade in the Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk School district. The children in Miss Donna Pratt's third grade at the Becker School enjoyed learning interesting bits of information about a variety of reptilia.

Carl brought some Carolina Anoles (chameleons), Key West Anoles, (newts), two snapping turtles, a baby Eastern Painted turtle and a friendly but fright-

ened garter snake.

These live specimens were collected by Carl on his travels and were displayed in plastic boxes and terrariums so that the youngsters could easily view the small creatures.

"Go Ahead"

By the unanimous order of the Appellate Division in Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Lazio Magony of Elm Avenue, Bethlehem, have a green light to continue with construction of their mushroom plant near their home.

The town's Zoning Board of Appeals, after a second go-around in the courts, was told that Albany Supreme Court Justice John H. Pennock properly held that the couple had a "vested" right to complete construction, even though they did not have a special exception permit.

Construction was begun before the property was rezoned and placed in a zone requiring a special permit, which was later refused.

Mr. Magony, a former Hungarian freedom fighter, and currently engaged in mushroom farming in Green County, will complete the Elm Avenue plant his attorney, Philip R. Murray, said.

In the first appearance before Supreme Court Justice Russell



REELECTED - Raymond J. Kinley, vice president of State Bank of Albany, has been reelected vice president of the Empire State Chamber of Commerce.

G. Hunt, town zoning officials testified that the proposed plant was objectionable, that it would produce odors and attract flies. One official said he based his knowledge on his inspection of a mushroom plant in the Town of Coeymans.

Justice Hunt dismissed the

town's suit and vacated the temporary injunction which had halted completion of the plant.

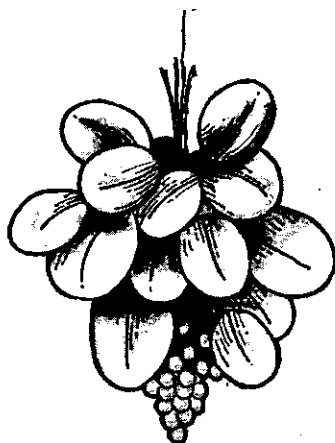
The town then appealed, and the Appellate Division vacated the judgement, only to permit Mr. and Mrs. Magony to present evidence, not produced at the first trial, as to their "vested

nonconforming use."

Upon retrial, Justice Pennock impanelled an "advisory jury" which upheld the couples contention of "good faith." Justice Pennock made the same decision and the town again appealed to the Appellate Division.

"We do not agree," wrote Jus-

tice Aulisi. "The respondents (couple) had graded the land, had installed concrete footings and had begun to lay concrete blocks for walls . . . for the proposed building which, it was established, was to be used for the special purpose of a mushroom plant. The record shows that there was



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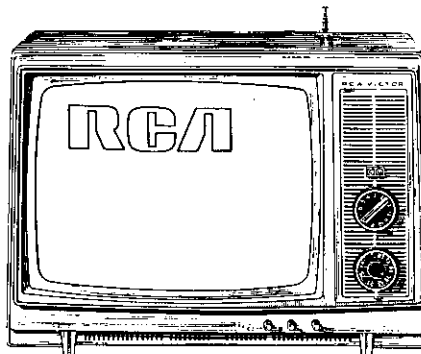


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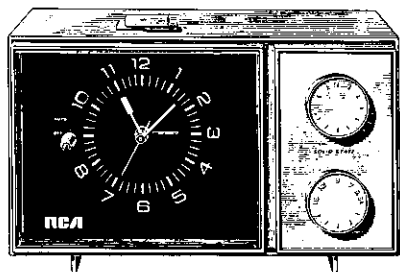


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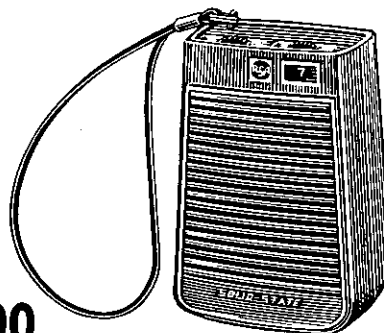
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Lecture

Dr. Arvin W. Mann of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., widely known for his research and teaching in dentistry, will lecture and demonstrate the latest techniques in restorative dentistry to practitioners from many parts of Eastern and Northern New York at Albany on December 6 and 7.

More than 150 dentists in the Third and Fourth District Dental Societies have indicated they will attend the two-day course in the Student Center Building of the State University of New York at Albany.

Dr. Robert C. King of Delmar, chairman of the continuing education projects for the 1968-69 season, said the registration is setting new high records for this area of the State. "Dr. Mann's teaching is within the reach of all practicing dentists and vital to a thorough understanding of the better techniques available today in the restorative field," Dr. King explained.



AIRMAN ASSIGNED — Airman Thomas D. Hirschburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin T. Hirschburg of 25 Groesbeck Pl., Delmar, has received his first U.S. Air Force duty assignment after completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. The airman has been assigned to Holloman AFB, N.M. for training and duty as an engineering/scientific assistant. Airman Hirschburg, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, earned his B.A. degree from Hartwick College in Oneonta.

On Dean's List

Susan Bryan, 189 Westchester Dr. S., Delmar, has been named to the Dean's List at Baldwin-Wallace College, based on grades of the Spring Quarter.

To earn a place on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade index of at least 3.50.

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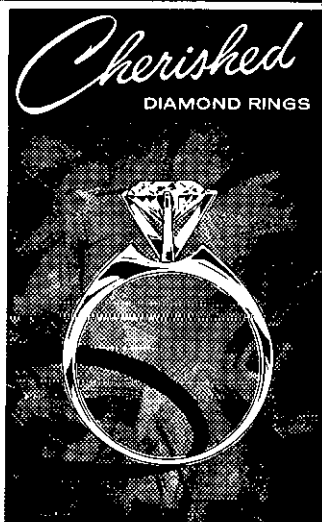
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Tibbetts, a senior in the College of Arts and Science at Miami, has received approval in the initial group of student tutors selected for the program.

20th Anniversary

Edwin P. Donovan of 9 Woodmont Drive, Delmar, has celebrated his 20th service anniversary with Humble Oil & Refining Company. A former resident of Jericho, Mr. Donovan is superintendent of the company's plant in Glenmont.

Table Talk

The final program in the "Culture of House Plants" series will be televised on Table Talk on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:30 A.M. on WAST, Channel 13, and at 4:30 P.M. on WMHT, Channel 17.

Mr. Charles C. Fischer, Associate Professor in the Floriculture Department at Cornell University, will discuss the "Culture of Flowering Plants." Plants such as the poinsettia, cyclamen, Christmas cactus and kalanchoe are popular gifts during the holiday season. With proper care as recommended on this program, these plants will maintain their blossom and attractive appearance for a period of several weeks. Mr. Fischer will also explain how some of these plants can be retained for continued growth and flowering next year.

Mrs. Eleanor J. Wages, Table Talk hostess, reminds viewers that a packet of bulletins relating to the culture of house plants is available free of charge simply by sending to "House Plants," Box 1096, Albany, New York 12201.

Christmas is

Coming Tomorrow

At five o'clock Friday afternoon, December 6, Christmas will "arrive" at the Albany Institute

of History and Art to usher in the 1968 holiday season, when the 22nd Annual Christmas Greens Show opens. This event which was originated in 1947 by the Fort Orange Garden Club has, over the past twenty-one years, become a local tradition and is sponsored by garden clubs in the Capital District.

Mrs. Lawrence Weidenbacker, Jr. is chairman of the show which has as its theme, "Christmas Customs Far and Near." Ideas for the various sections were inspired by customs from our own American heritage and from those of many other lands.

Inspiration for the Junior Section, under the direction of Mrs. Robert P. Leather and Mrs. Harry L. Brown, was found in the beloved Christmas poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," written by Clement Moore for his children, and first published in Troy. Juniors 18 years of age and under may enter many classes.

A large Christmas tree in the rotunda of the Institute will greet visitors as they enter, and will be decorated by committee members in a traditional manner suggesting "Early America." Mrs. John V. Kennedy and Mrs. John J. Mather have invited talented arrangers to trim smaller trees in the corridor to represent "Germany-Land of the First Christmas Tree."

Of special interest will be a feature sponsored by the Albany Regional Committee of the National Cathedral Association, a collection of slides entitled "Christmas at Washington Cathedral." These slides will show not only the handsome holiday decorations but some features of this magnificent structure itself which is located in our nation's Capital. Mrs. Erastus Corning, 2nd, coordinator for the project, has announced that the slides will be shown continuously, as the audience warrants, from noon to 6 P.M. on Saturday, and Sunday, in the Board Room lower level.

The Men's Garden Club of Albany has been a sponsor of the show for many years and is planning an exhibit under the chairmanship of Walter Russell and William R. Wands.

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Many areas of the Institute will be decorated including the beautiful Cherry Hill Rooms furnished with handsome pieces from the historic house in the southern end of Albany. Mrs. John F. Southwell will be responsible for this area, while the Junior League of Albany will once again do traditional decorations in the Dutch Room, a project which they have undertaken each year since the room was opened. Mrs. Leo P. McDonnell will create a traditional table setting on an antique table once owned by Dr. William Johnson, Colonial land baron and statesman.

Books, suitable for Christmas giving and for pleasurable reading, will be displayed by Albany Public Libraries. The Paul Jeffers Nursery will have a timely display of greens suitable for holiday use. Each specimen will be labeled for easy identification.

It wouldn't be Christmas without music, and the Girl Scouts of the Hudson Valley Council are happy to oblige. They will sing carols at the Institute on Friday, December 6, from 7 to 9 P.M. Fort Orange Distributing Company will provide background music on Saturday and Sunday.

Bear Take

According to figures released today by the State Conservation Department, 58 hunters were successful in bagging a bear during the special early bear season held in nine Adirondack counties during the first two weeks of October. This compares with the 127 bears taken during the first special season of 1963 and the 22 during the second season, held in 1964.

Many reports of nuisance bears, combined with high cub production in 1967, led to the recommendation that a special bear season be held prior to the regular big game season.

A record number of 9,800 special bear permits were issued to holders of regular big game licenses. It was estimated that approximately 20 percent of the permit holders did not actually hunt for various reasons, so that of those that did hunt, about one

in 135 was successful. Once more it was evident that the bear hunter's chances of taking a bear during the special season were greater by far than during the regular big game season, when one in 350 hunters bags a bear.

More than 60 percent of the total take was accounted for on opening day (a Tuesday) plus the four weekend days. Eighteen bears were taken on opening day alone. No Department-tagged bears have been reported to date.

Jaws were collected, with the cooperation of many of the state's hunters and taxidermists, for Conservation Department use in determining the age composition of the Adirondack bear population.

The bear take by county was as follows: Essex, 21; Hamilton, 16; Clinton, 6; Franklin, 5; St. Lawrence, 5; Warren, 3; Herkimer, 1; Oneida, 1; Lewis, none. This distribution is similar to previous early bear seasons, except that Hamilton County usually heads the list.

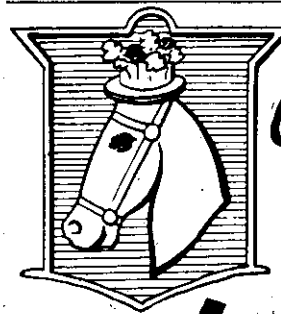
Big game hunters are reminded that the regular bear season is open until Dec. 3 with the exception of Greene, Sullivan, Ulster and a portion of Delaware County where the season is open until Dec. 18. For complete details consult the 1968-69 Hunting - Trapping - Fishing Guide.

Meeting

The La Leche League of Albany will hold a meeting this month designed to help women who are interested in breast-feeding their babies. This meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Alston, 23 Ruth Terrace, Albany at 8 P.M. on Wednesday evening, December 11. The topic for the evening's discussion will be "The Art of Breast-feeding and Overcoming Difficulties." Mrs. Ralph Frey will lead the informal discussion. Mrs. Shirley Stafford is in charge of refreshments. Women are encouraged to attend these meetings prior to giving birth.

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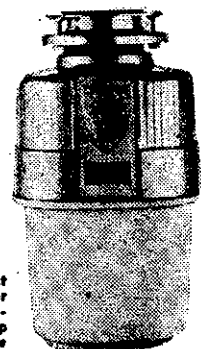
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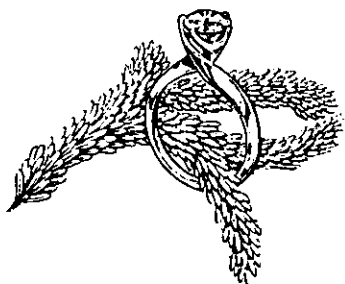
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The four-event affair will begin with a varsity basketball game between the ABC Owls and Our Lady of Angel's Seminary in a 3 o'clock encounter at the Hackett Junior High School gym, Delaware Avenue, Albany.

Alumni groups will take advantage of the hours between 5 and 6 P.M. for an informal get-together at the school with classmates, teachers and friends. Tours of the facilities will be available and historical displays will be on exhibit.

Presentation of the annual Distinguished Graduate award will highlight the "Dutch Treat" buffet dinner scheduled for 6 to 8 P.M. in the school's Recreation Hall.

Introduced last year, the award is based on the graduate's present career or employment success, contribution to community and participation and involvement in civic duties. Richard Bogdan, Schenectady, ABC dean of men, will make the presentation.

Following the buffet, the annual Homecoming Ball will take place at 9 o'clock at the Golden Fox Steak House, Route 5, in Colonie. The Henry Torgen Orchestra will provide music at the Ball, which is free to graduates and their guests.

Donald E. Gillespie, Albany, ABC bursar, is chairman of the event.

Premiere

The Upstate Premiere of "Finnian's Rainbow" will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at the Madison Theatre in Albany. The premiere benefit is being sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women, Gideon Chapter #583. The colorful Warner Brothers Seven Arts film stars Fred Astaire, Petula Clark, Keenan Wynn and Tommy Steele. "How Are Things in Glocca Morra," "Old Devil Moon," and "Look to the Rainbow" are just a few of the favorite tunes from this 'for all the family' motion picture.

Proceeds of the benefit will be used to further the philan-

thropic work of B'nai B'rith Women in the community. Shoes for the needy and Dolls for Democracy are projects that offer aid to the underprivileged and education in American freedom on a local level.

Tickets for the premiere are available at the Melody Manor in the Colonie Mall and The Blue Note Shop on Central Avenue. General seating is \$3.00, with a reserved section at \$5.00. Reservations with check or money order may also be mailed to Mrs. Marvin Cohen at 62 Hollywood Avenue, Albany.

Talk

Miss Ruth Shanley, Missionary with the Belgian Gospel Mission, will present an illustrated talk at the Albany Bible Institute, 281 State St., Albany on Sunday, December 8 at 4 P.M. Color slides of Belgium will be shown. The public is invited.

Miss Shanley earned her Masters Degree at N.Y. State University in Albany and she is also a graduate of the Albany Bible Institute.

Foundation

The Esso Education Foundation today announced grants for the academic year 1968-69 totaling \$2,700,000, with more than \$1 million allocated for experimental and innovative projects probing the frontiers of education. The grants will go to some 300 colleges, universities and professional education associations.

Since its establishment in 1955, the Foundation has contributed more than \$27,000,000 to institutions of higher learning throughout the United States.

The 1968-69 grants are being disbursed through seven programs: SPUR (Support for Promoting the Utilization of Resources), Educational Research & Development, Presidential Contingency, Capital, Engineering & Science, Special Assistance and Incentive.

The SPUR program was initiated in 1964 to underwrite innovations designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of undergraduate education. Since that time, more than \$1 million

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has been allocated for 32 experimental projects. Four SPUR grants have already been awarded this year, and it is expected that additional grants will be made early in 1969.

Educational Research & Development grants total \$617,280. They will go to 20 colleges, universities, and professional education groups to underwrite projects and experiments which promise to benefit significant segments of higher education, both graduate and undergraduate. Additional Research & Development grants will also be made later in the year.

Concert

The Civic Music Association of Albany will present a concert by Eunice Alberts, contralto, on December 10 at 8:30 P.M. at the Albany High School. Miss Alberts has been a soloist with the major symphony orchestras and at Tanglewood with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The Concert is limited to members only.

Drive On

The drive for 1969 Agricultural Division enrollees in the Cooperative Extension Service is continuing. Albert Collins, Chairman of the Division, reported that 471 people have already enrolled in the Division for 1969.

Mr. Collins also said that the "100% Membership - By-Mail" campaign would end shortly. All 1969 enrollees are urged to send in their 1969 dues and enrollment blanks now.

If you are interested in receiving timely educational information on all phases of farming and home gardening, and have on received a letter about enrollment, contact the office of the Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County, Federal Building, 441 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207 or phone 472-3137.

Plants in the Home

During the winter many of us grow house plants to brighten the house. However, to grow

house plants successfully requires a knowledge of the plant's needs, especially the plant's need for light.

Light is the plant's source of energy for the production of food within the plant. Horticultural specialists for Cooperative Extension point out that plants vary in their light requirements.

Most flowering plants do best when they receive at least a half day of direct sunlight. This can be provided by placing these plants in a sunny window that faces south or west. Some non-flowering plants also need direct sunlight. Cacti and many succulents that are grown for their unique form and colorful foliage plants such as coleus, also need direct sunlight.

Foliage plants such as ivies, philodendrons, foliage begonias and others do not need as much light as flowering plants. Indirect light from a window that does not receive direct sun or placement beyond the sun's rays near a sunny window, will provide enough light for them.

Although some plants need less light than others, all plants need some light. If you wish to use a plant in an area that is quite dark, it may be best to have an extra plant. You can then keep one plant in the desired location while you rejuvenate the other in a brighter spot. Only foliage plants should be used this way, and they should be rejuvenated at least every two weeks.

An alternative to rotating plants is to provide artificial light in the location where the plants are used. This technique is described in the free Cornell Extension bulletin, "Artificial Lighting for Decorative Plants." This is available from the Cooperative Extension Association, Agricultural Division, 441 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Other bulletins, available from the same source, that provide information on house plants include: "Care and Use of Plants in the Home," and "Care of Flowering Plants in the Home."



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Jewish Book Month

The Second Annual Book Fair, now sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center Women's Service League, will take place at the Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Sunday, December 8 from 2:30-4:30 P.M. and will continue through Thursday evening, December 12. The Fair will be open weekdays, both afternoons from 3:30-4:30 P.M. and evenings from 7:30-8:30 P.M. There will be available new and used paperback and hard covered books for children and adults including books of Jewish content, books by Jewish authors and books of general interest.

In addition to the Book Fair, the Women's Service League will have as its guest lecturer on Thursday, December 5 at 1 P.M., Dr. Melvin I. Urofsky, who will speak on the letters of Dr. Louis Dembitz Brandeis.

On December 8 from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M., the Sunday Funday children's program will be presenting a Jewish Book Circus. The children will participate in miniature side shows depicting scenes from books.

Mrs. Miriam Biskin, local author and teacher from Troy, who has written two books, "My Life Among the Gentiles" and "Pattern for a Heroine," will discuss the two books at a special lecture open to the community on Thursday, December 12 in the Adult Lounge at 8 P.M.

An exhibit entitled "Resistance and Redemption," the theme of Jewish Book Month, is on display in the lobby of the Center. The photography display depicts Jewish life under Nazi Germany and activities of the American Bund in the U.S. during that same period.

Bear lettermen are this year's Co-captains, seniors Rick Spencer of Cumberland Foreside, Me., in the butterfly, and Marc Williams of Meadville, Pa., in the freestyle. Spencer set a new Bowdoin record in the 100-yard butterfly last season.

Senior John Samp of Cambridge, Mass., who tied the Bowdoin record in the 50-yard freestyle last season, should continue to perform well this year. Paul McArthur of Delmar, N.Y., who broke his own mark and Bowdoin's record in the 200-yard breaststroke last year, will supply strength in this event.

Three other returning junior lettermen should supply balances to the team effort. They are Barry Stevens of Randolph, Mass., in the butterfly; John Spencer of Barrington, R.I., in the freestyle; and Bob Stuart of Springfield, Ill., in the individual medley.

Sophomore Ken Ryan of Brunswick, Me., who set Bowdoin freshman records last year in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 and 200 yard backstroke, looks strong again this year, Coach Butt said. Sophomores John McPhillips of Glens Falls, N.Y., and Parker Barnes of Lincoln, Me., look particularly strong in their events, breaststroke and freestyle, respectively. McPhillips set a Bowdoin freshman record in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke last year.

Returning to the team will be junior Joel Nevels of Honolulu, Hawaii, who'll compete in the individual medley. Senior John Ryan of Brunswick, Me., will try his hand at diving.

Sophomores joining the varsity team this season include Gary Beem of New Britain, Conn., breaststroke; Steve Carey of Holden, Mass., diving; Dana Donovan of Toronto, Ont., free-



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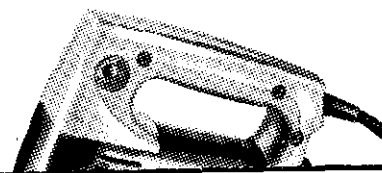


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Good Team

Hard work will be needed but the 1968-69 Bowdoin College varsity swimming team is an evenly balanced group with strong potential, Coach Charles J. Butt said recently.

The squad includes seven lettermen, five of them seniors. Sorely missed from last year's team will be divers Jim LeBlanc and Cornelius Caruso, Ed Fin-silver in the freestyle and sprinter Dennis Scharer.

Leading the returning Polar

mass, freestyle, and last year's freshman record holder in the 500 yard freestyle, Martin Friedlander of Woodbury, N.Y.

Coach Butt said the team is up against some tough competition this season, especially with the addition of New Hampshire to the schedule, and the overall picture is still up in the air.

The Polar Bear mermen open their schedule at Springfield Dec. 7 and at Massachusetts Dec. 14. They'll entertain New Hampshire in the first home meet Dec. 17.

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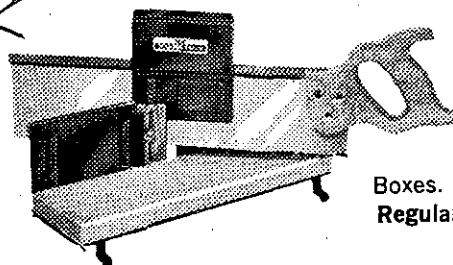
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mandate to reduce temporary employees from 675 in 1967 to about 300 this year, Postmaster John F. Schumaker disclosed.

The cutback came as the result of an agreement between the Post Office Department in Washington and unions representing postal employees.

Some smaller first class post offices, Schumaker reported, are getting no supplementary help for the Christmas rush at all. He cited Saratoga Springs as an example.

Instead of the usual staff of Christmas part timers, the Albany post office will shuffle the work to the regular staff on an 11 1/2 rather than eight-hour day basis, thus giving the regulars three and one-half hours paid overtime each day.

The extra help the post office will take on, Schumaker said, must have previous post office experience, or if not enough workers are available, they must be taken from the Civil Service lists. The Christmas help he noted, must be laid off three or four days prior to Christmas, which comes in what postal officials term the "peak" period.

The postmaster said that for several years representatives of the clerks and carriers unions have claimed the post office could handle the Christmas rush more smoothly by paying regular staff overtime rather than spending the money on inexperienced help.

"I think they're giving them their chance to prove it," Schumaker said.

However, he noted, the plan is already running into snags, with "40 or 50" employees writing letters "explaining why they can't work overtime."

How is it going to work out?

"We'll have to cross that bridge when we come to it. It doesn't look good at all. It looks like a lot of sweat and headaches," Schumaker said.



SERGEANT DANIEL W. HOUSE, JR. is serving with the U.S. Army in Da Nang, Vietnam. He has been there since April of this year. It is expected he will be leaving for Sidney, Australia, for a short rest in December and return to Vietnam to complete his tour of duty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. House, 8 Euclid Avenue and Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. House, 19 Burhams Place.

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Q - Where can I get the forms I need to report tip income?

A - Your employer should have copies of Form 4070, Employees Report on Tips, which you should use. If he does not have them, send a post card to your district director requesting copies.

Q - I didn't get enough Federal Tax Deposit forms to cover all the tax deposits I have to make for my employees' withheld taxes. Where can I get more?

A - Write to either your District Director or the Director of the IRS Service Center for your region. When you write be sure to identify yourself by name, address and Employ-

er Identification Number. Also indicate the class of tax and the period of which you need additional FTD forms.

Q - I had to retire because of illness and have a disability pension from my company. Will it be taxable for me?

A - It all depends on the kind of pension plan your company has and the normal retirement age under the plan. Most pensions will qualify for treatment as sick pay until you reach normal retirement age. Up to \$100 a week may ordinarily be excluded as sick pay.

After you reach retirement age, your pension, or some portion of it, may, or may not be taxable depending on whether you contributed any part of its cost.

For further details, ask your District Director for Documents 5016, "Sick Pay," and 5018, "Retirement Income and Credit."

Q - Where do I deduct the veterinary fees I paid for my farm livestock last year?

A - They should be deducted

as a farm expense on Part III of Schedule F. Livestock medicines are deductible too.

Q - How do I go about making a change in my estimated tax payments?

A - A change can be made on the back of the notice you will receive regarding your next payment which is due January 15.

If you don't adjust your estimated tax payments in September to take care of the surtax, be sure to do it when you pay your January estimated tax installment.

Q - To supplement my income, I sell mutual funds. Can I reduce my income from this

job by what it costs me to maintain one room in my house as an office?

A - To qualify for any deduction, you must establish that you are required to provide your own space and facilities as a condition of your employment and that you regularly use this space for business purposes.

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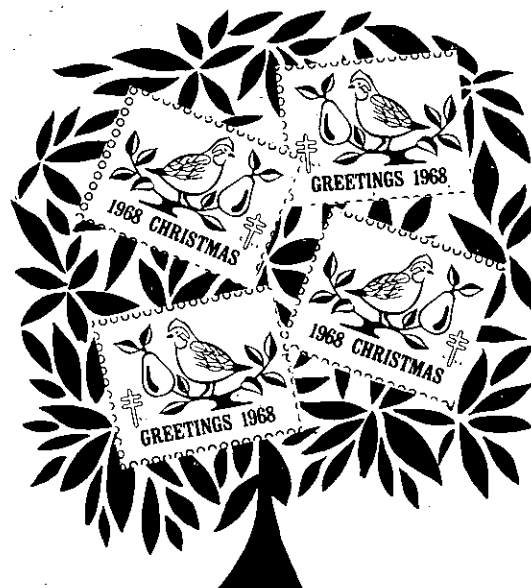
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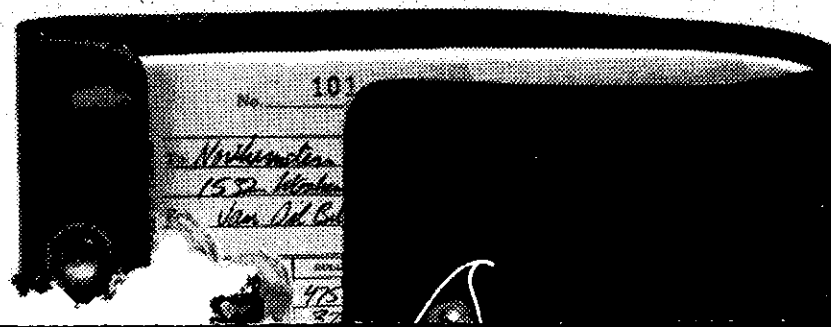
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When a fish strikes, mark the exact spot immediately for future reference. This means taking cross sightings on land objects so that you can find it again. A single hole may yield more lunkers on the next few casts, next day, or a year hence.

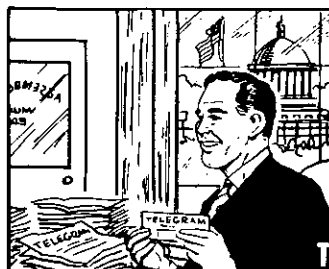
The main thing is to know exactly where the location is, for if conditions are favorable for one lunker, invariably others move in.

Another aspect of lunker hunting commonly neglected is

the tendency of large fish to bump a bait half-heartedly without getting hooked. If a few casts prove futile, advise the Mercury lads, mark the location and leave with a minimum of disturbance. Return later for another try.

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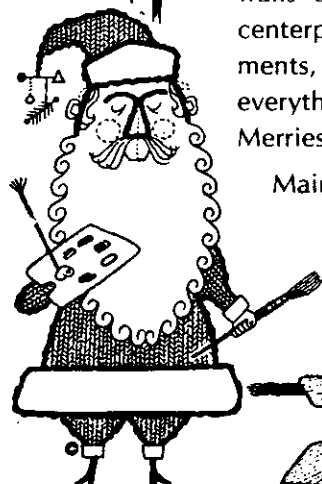
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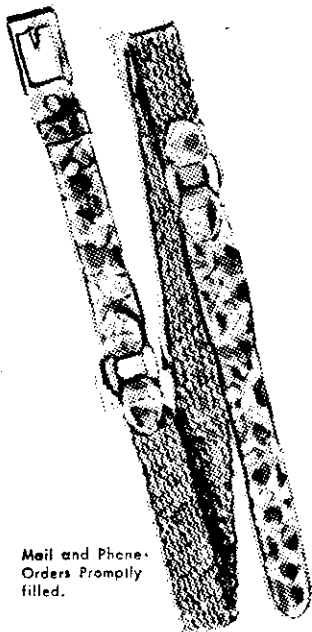
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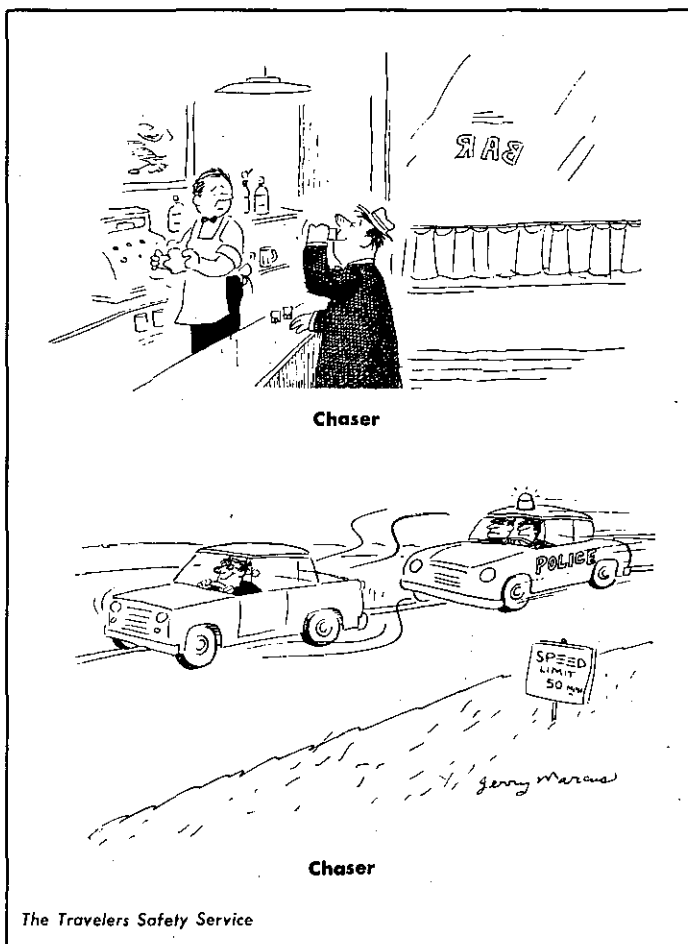
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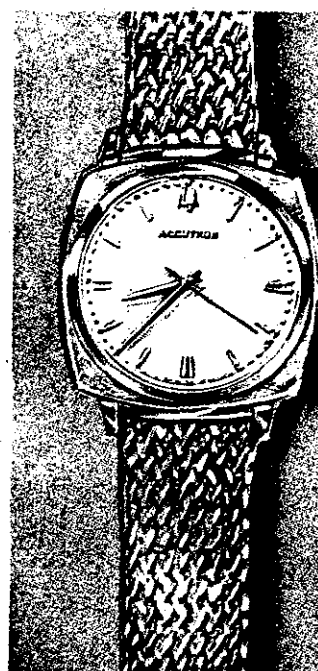


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To make the hanging, cut two 20 x 21-inch rectangles from cotton homespun. Across the top of these pieces, cut out four 2 x 3-inch sections evenly spaced. These will form loops for the rods.

On right side of one fabric piece, sketch flower arrangement design. The bowl and leaves are outlined and shaded with free-motion stitching.

To adjust your machine for free-stitching, set stitch regulator in neutral position; remove presser foot; and lower feed dog. Clamp fabric in an embroidery hoop, centering portion to be stitched in the hoop.

Each time you begin to sew, draw bobbin thread through fabric. Hold thread ends, lower presser bar and needle into fabric, and then stitch slowly at an even rate while moving hoop back and forth. Coordinate machine speed with movement of hoop. This method allows stitching to be made in any direction—in straight or curved lines.

Flower stems are made from single-fold cotton bias tape. Fold tape in half, wrong sides together, and pin into position. Blind-stitch stems to fabric.

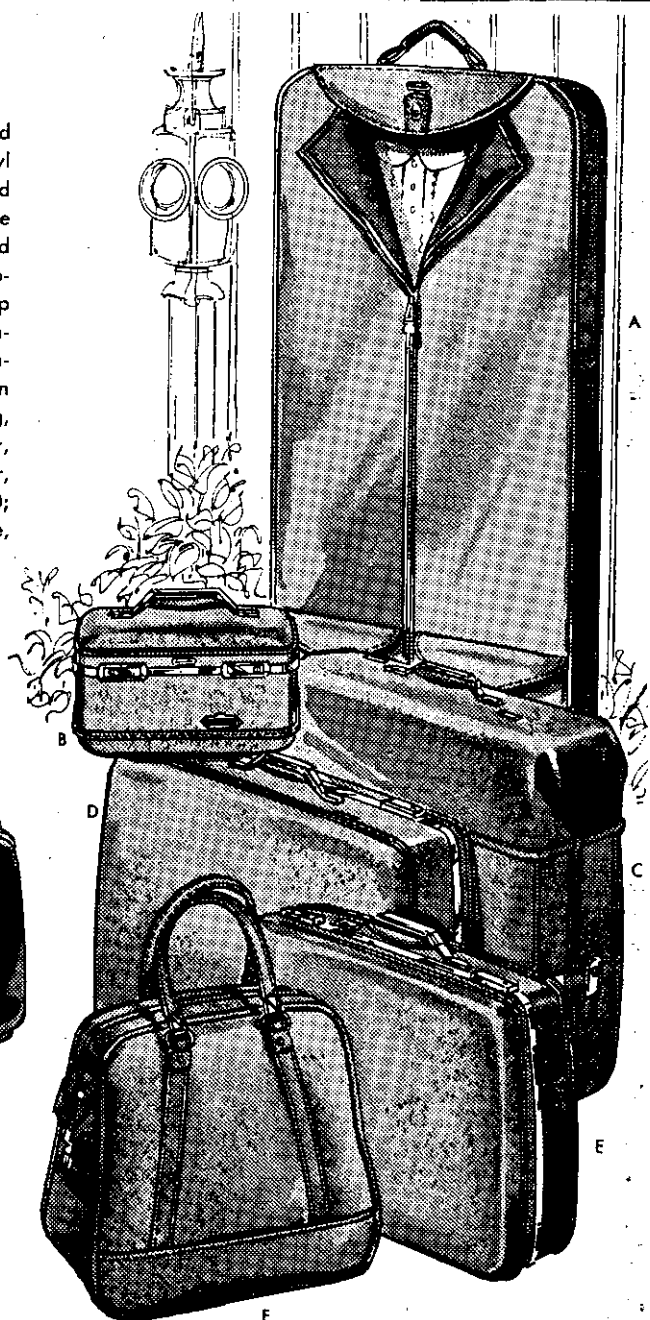
Flower petals also are made from single-fold tape. For each petal, cut a 1½-inch strip of tape and press bottom fold out flat. Hold tape horizontally, wrong side towards you, and overlap folded edges to form a cone. Gather bottom raw edges and secure stitches. Arrange five petals at end of each stem to form flower, and sew in place.

Flower pompon centers are made from cotton mercerized thread. One spool makes two centers.

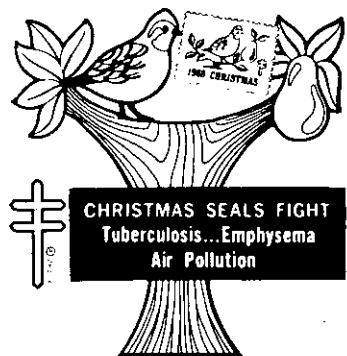
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Complete wall-hanging by facing the two fabric pieces. Place right sides together and stitch a half-inch seam around edges, leaving a six-inch opening on one side. Turn to right side through opening and

press. Slip stitch opening closed. Form rod loops by folding down extensions at top edge and hand-stitching in place.

DOCTOR PRESCRIBES EDUCATION TO CUT MEDICAL COSTS

In an aggressive move to cut rising medical costs, the president of the American Society of Internal Medicine has called on America's doctors to teach

patients and government planners not to make excessive use of medical facilities and services.

There are times, says Dr. Robert S. Long, head of the internists' professional society, when "a dollar's worth of kerosene for a cold house is a more appropriate expenditure than \$25 worth of medical examinations in a warm clinic."

"We must take the time to educate our patients," Dr.

Long said in his inaugural address, "telling them they don't need hospitalization for most diagnostic tests, nor do they need x-rays and lab tests every time they have a gas pain or sore muscle."



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stead of duplicating expensive medical facilities as they are prone to do."

A problem, Dr. Long said, is that "patients are being told they are all entitled to all the best of all health care services anytime they want them, whether in our medical judgment they are necessary or not. But at the same time we are criticized for over-utilizing these same services."

"By paying close attention to proper utilization of services and by educating the users, we can have an impact upon this situation," Dr. Long told the doctors.

Yesteryear's Customs Live At Yuletide

Candles and carols, trees and treats, gifts and greens — and Santa Claus, of course. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, these symbols seem to appear.

In the modern era of rapid communication, there is a growing uniformity in the ways that people everywhere choose to mark the holiday.

Yesteryear's customs, however, still have their place in modern celebrations. It's a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same," as countries, communities and individuals

seek to cherish and preserve their own special holiday traditions.

Some of these traditions, as treasured in memory or kept alive in holiday ritual, are compiled in the following paragraphs, according to information from the editors of Encyclopedia International.

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It's a Mystery

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church steps, their future mates will await them there.

Somewhat less romantically, older folk seek to predict the weather for the coming year, using onion peels filled with salt.

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How Many Holidays?

Traditionally, Belgians celebrate three holidays at the Christmas season — beginning with St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, when the good saint brings gifts for children.

Then comes St. Thomas Day, December 21st. It's a sort of "trick or treat" day for school children, who try to play tricks on their teachers.

The third holiday, of

course, is Christmas.

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Wrapping Gifts

When German tradition is followed, unwrapping a Christmas gift can be an amusing but complicated process.

One gift may have many consecutive wrappings, each with a different name on it, and the final wrapping may reveal not a gift, but a card telling where the gift is hidden.

Other cards in other hiding places lead to a treasure hunt, ending in the discovery of the gift.

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Picturing Nativity

The Christmas crib or presepio is an especially treas-

ured part of the Portuguese holiday celebration. Every home and church seems to have one, and some of those in the churches are masterpieces of art.

Especially famous is the presepio in Estrella Church, Lisbon. This Nativity scene depicts the people of Bethlehem, in terra cotta figures. Unique among the crowd are the figures of an elephant and a bagpiper.


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Baking Cakes

If the weather on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, is misty, a Dutch legend can explain it. St. Nicholas is baking his cakes.

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or Klosses — are adorned with different figures. These, children are told, are the marks made by St. Nicholas' donkey as he steps over the cakes on his way through the mist.

Driving Yule Out

St. Knut's Day, January 13th, is the traditional time for taking down Christmas greens in Sweden. According to custom, as the tree is dismantled, young folk dance while their elders sing, "Twentieth day Knut driveth Yule out."

This custom is believed to be derived from the laws of

King Canute, written in the early 11th century.

Bringing the Tree

Christmas trees were first introduced to France in 1837, when Princess Helen of Mecklenburg married the Duke of Orleans and brought with her to Paris the Yule customs of her native country.

In spite of this and many later efforts to advance the cause of the Christmas tree, Parisians still prefer the earlier tradition, which says that gift exchange time for French adults is New Year's day.



Churches Celebrate Holy Day

With special services, churches of this community celebrate Christmas — a holiday that is, first of all, a holy day. Festivals of light, music and prayer are dedicated to the birth of a Holy Child in Bethlehem, nearly two thousand years ago.

For Christian believers, each of these — light, music, prayer — has a special meaning associated with Christmas.

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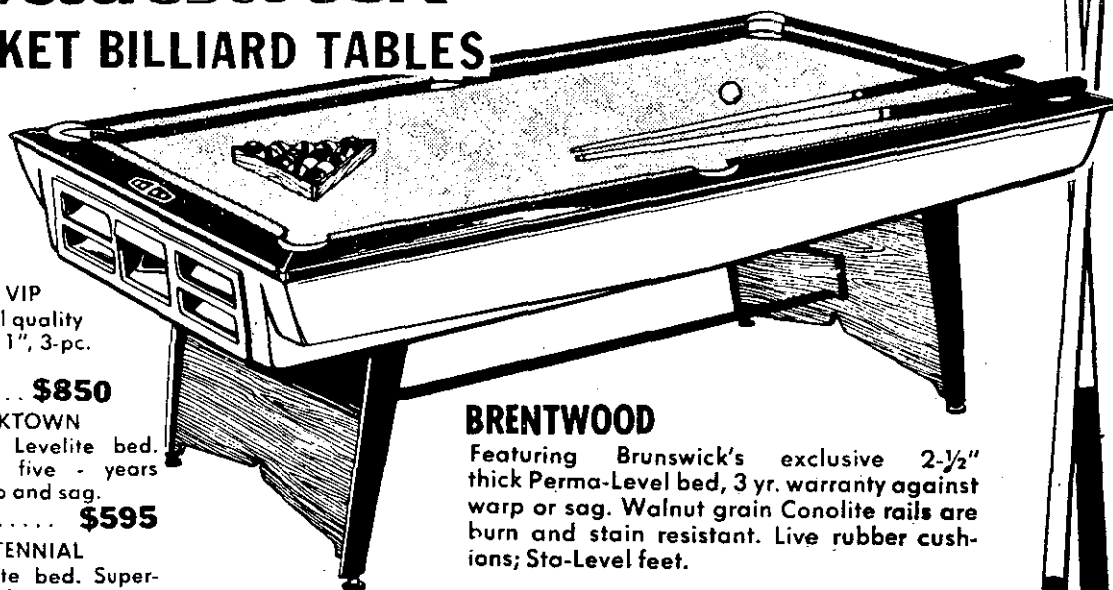
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they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Matthew 2:9-10.

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Candlelight services reflect the radiance of the holiday, in Christian observances everywhere.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14.

Since the angelic chorus brought "glad tidings of great joy" to shepherds watching in the fields, hymns and carols of rejoicing have told of the wonder and glory of Christmas.

That the words of the angels composed the first of all Christmas carols is a thought repeated again and again in favorite songs of the season.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" makes this thought its theme, and another familiar carol, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear," is devoted to "that glorious song of old," on the night when "the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing."

Christmas music in the churches celebrates the joy of the Nativity.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him." Matthew 2:11.

"And the shepherds re-

turned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Luke 2:20.

Thus wrote two of Christ's disciples, Matthew and Luke, telling of the awe and wonder, the joy and reverence experienced alike by wise men and shepherds.

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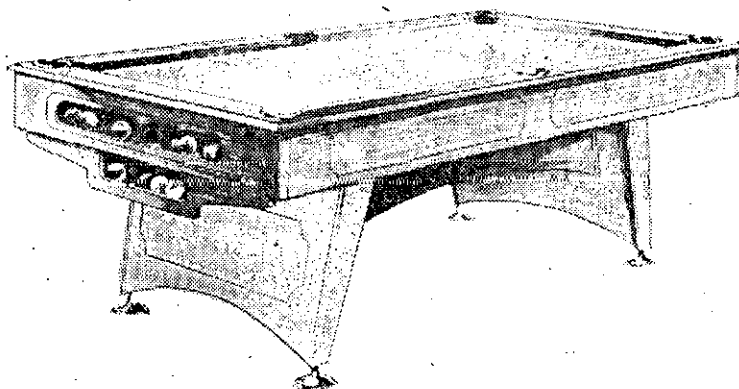


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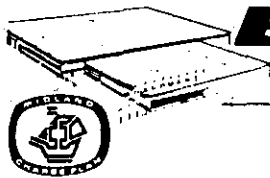
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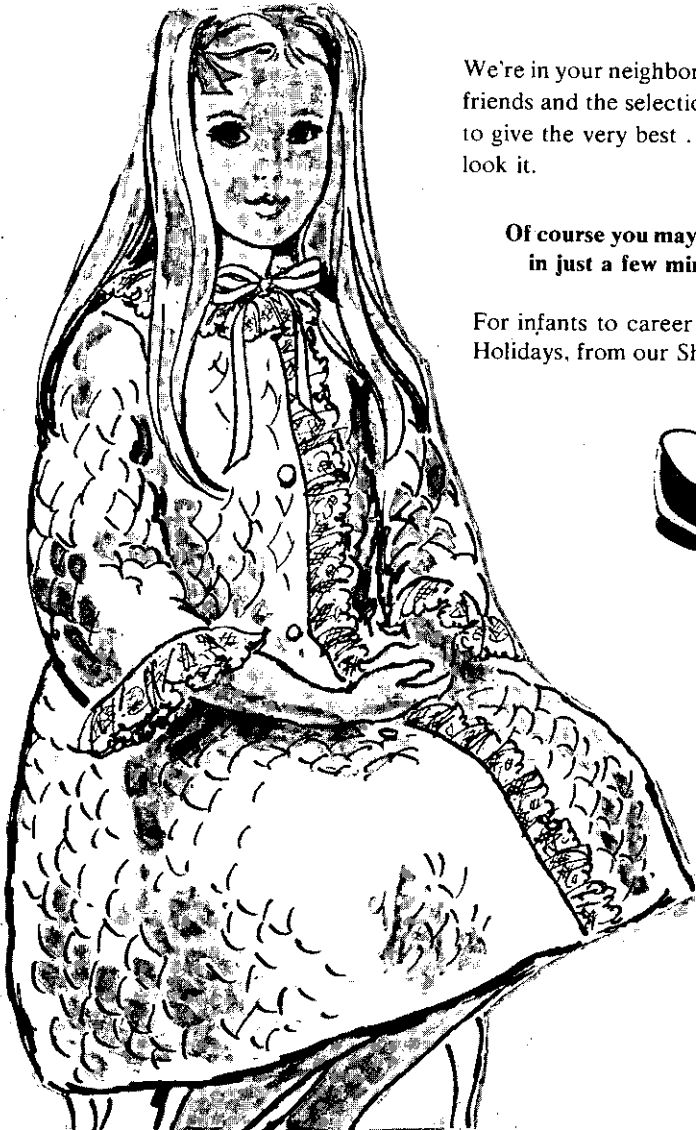
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