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More Bair Facts

(The following is a talk by Dr. Robert Bair delivered before the P-TA Legislative Forum in Colonie on December 18.)

I am here this evening not as an expert in State aid to public education. Far from it, it is much too complex a subject to be fully comprehended by most parents, teachers, school board members and other citizens. I am here as just one of many perplexed and frustrated school board members throughout our State faced with the formidable task of bridging the tremendous gap between proposed expenditures and anticipated revenues in our coming 1970-71 school budgets.

This gap — **THIS VERY REAL FISCAL CRISIS** — is much worse than it was a year ago when you will remember that attempts to bridge the gap at that time resulted in the defeat of 137 out of 690 school budgets, that is, one out of every five.

I assure you that I am not crying "Wolf". You know that a Bair would not cry "wolf." Seriously, I'm sure that all of you know that the program is very real, just as our State Legislators here with us this evening know that it is a problem of of highest priority which must be met.

How is it to be met? We pre-

sently have only two main sources of revenue available to balance our necessary school expenditures, many of which are mandated by the State. The one main source is the State Legislature together with the Governor. The other is the local real property taxpayer. The providers of the two sources have recently become increasingly reluctant to provide any additional revenue for our public schools. In fact, because of State Legislation passed in 1969, many school districts will be receiving less State aid in the 1970-71 school year than in 1969-70.

Our primary concern this evening is with the providers of one of our two main sources of school revenue, that is, the State Legislature and the Governor.

These very important facts should be kept in mind: The State Legislature has the constitutional responsibility "for the maintenance and support" of our public schools (N.Y. State Constitution, Article XI, Section 1) and the Governor has the constitutional responsibility to bring before the Legislature "the condition of the state, and recommend such matters to it as he shall judge expedient" (ibid., Article IV, Section 3)

The Legislature and Governor fell far short of meeting their



P-TA LEGISLATIVE FORUM — State Senator Walter B. Langley, center, explains the reasoning behind Chapter 183 of the Laws of 1969 and its effect on school districts at a panel discussion sponsored by the Albany District P-TA at Sand Creek Jr. High School in Colonie. Also pictured are Mrs. Paul Sutherland, panel Chairman, and Dr. Robert K. Bair, President of the Albany School Boards Association. Other panel members included Assemblymen Fred Field, Jr. and Raymond Skuse with Ronald F. Dutcher representing the State P-TA Legislative Committee.

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constitutional responsibility for public education this past year. Because of regressive legislation, in particular, the now infamous Chapter 183 of the State Laws of 1969, our State Legislature with the encouragement of our Governor, have passed on to the local real property taxpayer the full burden of any increases in the coming 1970-71 local school budgets — and increases there will be — unless some courses and services are seriously curtailed or dropped.

This transfer of the public school tax burden has taken place in spite of the fact that substantial portions of prospective local school budget increases have been mandated or encouraged by the State. Such increases include: increased retirement benefits for all staff, both teaching and non-teaching; automatic salary increments for both teaching and non-teaching staff; salary schedule increases expedited by State mandated negotiations; and, also, required courses such as the newly mandated health education course

which will require additional teachers. To this increasing local tax burden must be added an estimated six percent inflationary increase in the cost of school supplies and equipment.

What is to be done if the fiscal crisis facing our school districts is to be satisfactorily resolved? Parents, teachers and other concerned citizens throughout the State must make every effort to encourage the State legislators and the Governor to assume a greater share of responsibility in support of public education. We must all convincingly urge them to more adequately meet their constitutional obligation for the "maintenance and support" of the public schools of our State. This effort must be a widespread grass roots movement by large numbers of people, in particular, parents and other concerned citizens, as well as educators and boards of education. If the effort for increased State aid is unsuccessful, public education in New York State will take a giant step backward: some courses and services now provid-

ed by our public schools will be curtailed or dropped; additional teachers will be hired, in fact, some probably will have to be dropped; class sizes will increase; and, in effect, public education will be weakened as a basic institution for preparing our children and youth to become effective and contributing citizens in our rapidly changing and complex society.

Indications are that some of our State legislators realize that they went too far last year in their cuts in aid to public education; however, it does not appear at this time that they would be willing to make any significant increase in aid to our public schools. Don't let the headlines fool you. Last Friday's headline in THE KNICKERBOCKER NEWS — UNION STAR read "State Could Afford \$300 Million More," "Duryea Hints Increased School Aid." Keep in mind that it would take \$232 million just to restore the State aid cuts made by the legislature this past year with Chapter 183.

Much yet needs to be done —

by all of you here this evening and many, many others throughout the State. Preliminary school budgetary information will soon be available in your respective school districts. Study this information and then contact your State legislators. Our State assemblymen and senators will react favorably for increased State aid if they are told the particulars of the fiscal crisis in each local school district and if they hear from a sufficient number of parents and other citizens genuinely concerned for the future of public education in our State.

Hearings

The Board of Appeals has scheduled the following hearings for the evening of Wednesday, Jan-

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Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Joseph Denham, 11 Borthwick Ave., Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Elizabeth, to James Matthew Tomiko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Tomiko of RD #1 Selkirk.

Miss Denham is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is presently employed in the Personnel Department at Macy's in Colonie.

Her fiance, also a graduate of



Jane Denham

Bethlehem Central, is presently serving in the Navy on the U.S.S. Constellation.

A July 18 wedding is planned.

2nd Season

Ed Perry, a junior quarterback from Delmar, completed his second season with the State University at Buffalo this fall. A 1964 graduate of Bethlehem Central, Perry saw only brief action this year, completing five of twelve passes for 52 yards, and one interception.



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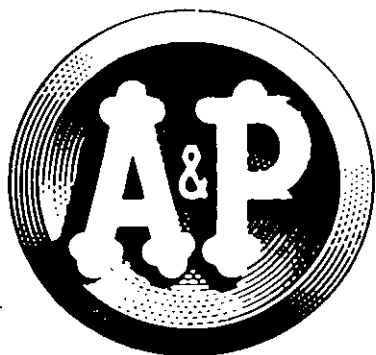
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Perry, 6-3 and 203, is a physical education major at the University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perry, 8 Merrifield Place.

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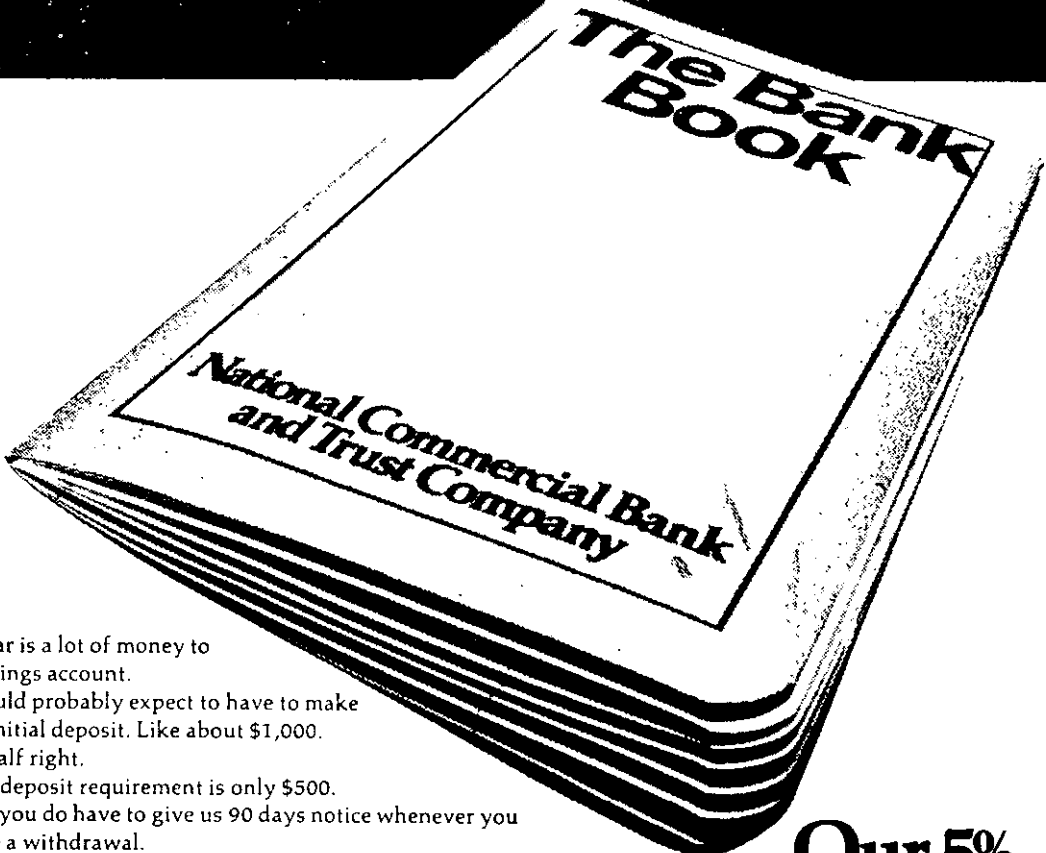
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over Xavier, 17-0; Dayton, 27-0; and Temple, 33-0. The Bulls also beat Massachusetts 16-6, Boston College, 35-21, and Villanova, 24-14. Losses were against Ball St., 10-7; Kent St., 17-8; and VPI 21-7. The Holy Cross contest was

cancelled.

Buffalo again was ranked ninth in the final voting for the Lambert Trophy. In the popular Dunkel College Index the Bulls finished fifth.

THE PERISCOPE By PERRY GALT

This columnist's occasional good-natured needlings of the local afternoon newspaper for the expediency (not to be confused with speed) of its service and coverage have caused official discomfort in the Knick-Star's administrative echelons.

In an impassioned letter the other day, the executive editor of the Knick-Star said the most recent Periscope was "completely inaccurate" and has asked equal time. His letter is a bit too long to print in its entirety, but the key quotes are herewith excerpted:

"You said, for instance, that 'the Knick News has ceased to cover the Tri-Village area and has substituted pages and pages of Schenectady and Schoharie news.' False. The Knick News always has assigned one of its best reporters to the Bethlehem area and in Art Markey will continue this tradition."

"As you know, we embraced the metropolitan coverage concept earlier this year, on the premise that the communities in the Albany - Troy - Schenectady areas have a community of interest. In line with this concept, we increased our news space as

well as our coverage. However, the only stories from Schenectady, Schoharie, Greene or Columbia counties that you will find in the edition that is delivered to the Tri-Village area will be stories that are considered of interest to Tri-Villagers. An example: stories on the strike at Schenectady GE . . ."

" . . . Our home edition . . . starts rolling off the presses at about 1:45 P.M. (only 15 minutes earlier than it did 10 years ago) and continues . . . until about 3 P.M. The deadline for news in this edition is 11:45 A.M., but we can and frequently do stretch this to 12:15 for important breaking stories. Most recent example: the Senate vote on Judge Haynsworth. This story broke at 1:40 P.M. . . . So what's all this nonsense about 9 A.M.?"

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at the paper. There is some coverage of our area in the Knick, and we shouldn't complain that Schenectady gets more than we do in our edition. But they do short-change us on Troy, and Tri-Villagers who require detailed coverage of that part of Metro-land should raise their voices in protest.

As for the metropolitan coverage concept, we must accept this as the economic salvation of the afternoon newspaper, in the spirit of that old saying, "United we stand, divided we sprawl." The Metro-land tag we are saddled with, indigestible as it is, unites our newspapers economically even when the communities are not homogenous or geographically integrated. So, the next time you feel your Knick has more Schenectady coverage than you need, think of the plight of the poor Schenectady subscriber who is fed all our Albany and Tri-Village news!

My inaccurate statement about getting the paper delivered at 11:30 A.M. leads me to think I must be getting a different edition than I am supposed to. It still comes at 11:30 A.M., so when the Senate voted on Judge Haynsworth at 1:40 that day the Knick's heroics went for naught. Our paper had been in the house for nearly two hours. That is probably why the story on the Bethlehem Library vote missed our edition entirely.

Please forgive our gentle ribbings, Knick and friends. We're glad to have you coming to the house every day, and we forgive you your Metro-land promotions. We do not want to be like Schenectady, which lost its afternoon paper, or like New York City, which lost all its afternoon papers except the inferior one. So please, Knick, stay as healthy as you can.

Girl Scouts

The thirty-two girls of Girl Scout Troop 209 have had a busy active year working on projects to help them obtain their Junior Scout Badges.

The fifth grade girls started in September with an overnight-campout at Camp Is-sho-da, and

invited the fourth grade girls to join them on the second day. Games and required tasks were combined in a day of fun.

Many hours of hard work went into a paper drive conducted by individual patrols. The money derived from this service project is to be presented to Mr. Paul H. VanDemark, Physical Education teacher at Delmar Elementary School, for facilities to be used by all students of the school.

A conducted tour was taken at the New York State Civil Defense Commission located at the State Campus in Albany.

In the Christmas spirit, some of the girls elected to decorate boxes used to collect toys to be re-conditioned by the Senior Citizens for distribution.

On December 5, Troop 209 joined voices with other area scouts at a Carol Sing in the Col-onie Mall.

Girls who entered the Christmas Greens Show at the Albany Institute of History & Art received a third place award and several honorable mentions for their arrangements.

Kelly Jo Is Here!

Just before noon on Sunday, December 21, 1969, Mrs. Earl F. Langdon, formerly Elaine K. Bair, gave birth to a daughter, Kelly Jo, at the Albany Medical Center. Kelly Jo will be living with her parents in Jay, New York. The proud father teaches science in Plattsburgh Senior High School. The brand new maternal grandparents, Bob and Gracie Bair of 5 Greenwood Lane, Slingerlands, are happily adjusting to their new role in life.

Mother Elaine is very pleased that her First Born listened to Mother's preference in arriving as a girl. Oh yes, Kelly Jo weighed in at six pounds fifteen ounces.

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Kathleen Fitzgerald and Stephanie Sinnamon, both members of the Shorthand II class at Bethlehem Central, have earned certificates from the Gregg Publishing Company for taking dictation

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The Shorthand II and Transcription Class at Bethlehem Central enjoyed a demonstration of machine shorthand on the day that Christmas vacation began. Mrs. Harriet Powers, secretary to Francis Rodgers, BCHS Vice-Principal, showed her stenotype machine and explained its method of operation. She demonstrated her ability to take speed dictation and read it back by taking dictation at 140 words per minute, dictated by Mrs. Margaret H. Westervelt, business teacher.

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The girls in the future Business Leaders of America Chapter at Bethlehem Central brought food and gifts for a Christmas basket for an area family. This activity was carried out in cooperation with the Tri-Village

White Christmas program. The FBLA effort was directed by Kathy Herrington and Deborah Rudd who made posters in the business rooms, and directed the wrapping of the gifts and the gift boxes.

Also during the week before vacation, a group of FBLA members made attractive miniature Santas and presented them to the faculty members in the business department. This committee consisted of Stephanie Sinnamon, Anne DiBiase, Beth Burkins, Yvonne Wilkie, Jan Alger and Linda Baker. The Santas made most attractive desk decorations in the business rooms.

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The Distributive Education classes at Bethlehem Central High School visited the Grand Union Warehouse at Waterford on December 8 and 9, as part of their unit on inventory procedures. Miss Diane Schoolsky, student teacher, and Robert A. Pierson, Coordinator of Distributive Education, arranged the trip so that students could observe the IBM methods of inventory control. The students also

had the opportunity to observe the arrival of merchandise at the warehouse, and the methods used to fill orders from area stores. They heard how the warehouse distributes to the area stores the exact type of merchandise for which there is greatest demand. The students also observed the methods used in hand-

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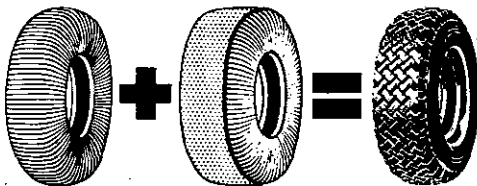
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Mr. Charles Barrett and Mr. Michael McConnell, of the Personnel Department, and Mr. Thomas Bayly, who is in charge of the perishable produce, served as guides for the students and explained the operations.

Those who participated in the field trip were: Robert Behrens, Ulrike Beseman, Jeffrey Bowersox, Ramona Bradley, Richard Brockley, Douglas Brownell, Joan Brownell, Darlene Bogardus, Paul Bryce, Jan Carrol, James Cullen, John Dare, Steven Demarest, Gerry Denson, Anna DiBiase, Karl Dolen, James Doremuth, Don Dopp, Carol Dottino, Victoria Fisher, Patrick Ford, John France, Cathy Giaccone, Kenneth Geurtze, James Hausemann, Jane Heilman, Larry Houck, Louise Houck, Michael Iaconno, Mark Kaulfuss, Kevin Klersy, Patti Krugman, Laura Love, Gordon McAlpin, Kay McIntosh, Michael McNamara, Donald Moak, Thomas Moreen, Michael Mosley, Karla Ouderkirk, Brian Panza, Karl Parker, Michael Ristau, Francis Rooney, Mary Beth Ryan, Bobbi Slingerland, Jim Smith, John Smith, Michael Smith, Kenneth Stefanik, James Sullivan, Steven Sutter, Cindy Swasey, Richard Tubbs, Richard Weisheit, Mary White, and John Williams.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend the group of girls who on the night of December 17th serenaded the residents of Lansing Drive, Delmar, with Christmas carols. It was the kind of thing which makes me proud of our teenagers, & which we often overlook.

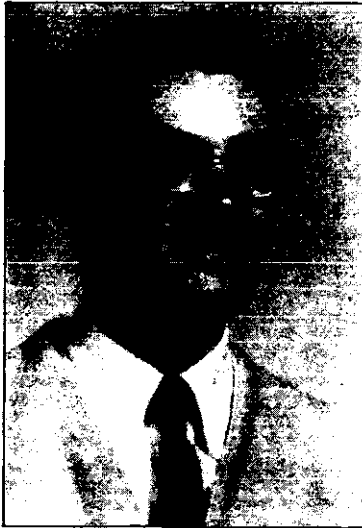
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Dear Sir:

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John Stanton

lease from SUNY. I understand that the news release was not received and that you would like a news item based on the release. The photo has already been furnished and the following is based on the news release.

"Sports Cast of State University of Albany recently announced that John E. Stanton, son of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Stanton, 90 Elsmere Avenue, was awarded a Jay Vee letter for his running on the Jay Vee Cross Country Team. John was graduated last June from Bethlehem Central where he received varsity letters for Cross Country and Track. John is majoring in Accounting at State University."

Sincerely,
John M. Stanton

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Town House

Plans for a 44-unit town house development, "Georgetown Estates," were presented to the Bethlehem Planning Board by developer Gerald Goldie recently.

Mr. Goldie described "Georgetown" as a planned unit development that would be located just west of the Delmar by-pass between Elsmere Avenue and Bender Lane.

"Town houses are going up all over the country," he told the board. "We think we're taking a piece of fallow land that isn't doing anything for anybody," adding it was just a matter of time before someone does develop it if he is not permitted to.

While each town house will be individually owned, a corporation would maintain the grounds, dwelling exteriors, recreation, and provide snow removal.

The entire project involves 7.02 acres, "a little over six (units) to the acre," Mr. Goldie said, and would include three acres for a recreation area that would include a swimming pool and tennis court.

The Georgetown town houses are planned with three and four bedrooms, Mr. Goldie said, and would range in price from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

As part of his presentation Mr. Goldie showed slides of a variety of town house developments in the District of Columbia area that are similar to his George-

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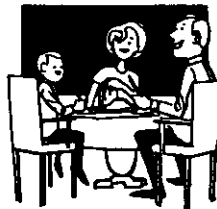
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Two Retire

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Frederick H. Sautter of 13 June Drive, Colonie, a vice president since 1959 has been with the bank for 39 years.



Frank L. Carl
Auditor

Frank L. Carl of 481 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, bank auditor since 1946, joined the bank in 1938.

Both men retire at the end of the year. "Their service to the bank has been outstanding," Fred Peters, bank president, said.

Mr. Carl, a native of Rensselaer, is a graduate of Albany Business College. He joined the bank's mortgage department after working for American Express Co. Mr. Carl is treasurer of the Albany Lions Club and is active in the American Institute of Banking.



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Dear Resident of the Tri-Village Area:

The Delmar Rescue Squad is now conducting a drive for donations from area residents. Donations from the drive will be used to purchase a new ambulance.

Much praise has been given to the Rescue Squad of the Delmar Fire Department. Both old as well as new residents have applauded the service rendered by this organization. In the first ten months of 1969, the Rescue Squad answered 418 calls with an estimated man hours of free volunteer service equal to approximately 130 eight hour days. We feel, and believe you will agree, that our service speaks for itself.

Our modern, well equipped ambulance is available around the clock, twenty-four hours a day. Service can be had simply by calling 439-4121. There is never

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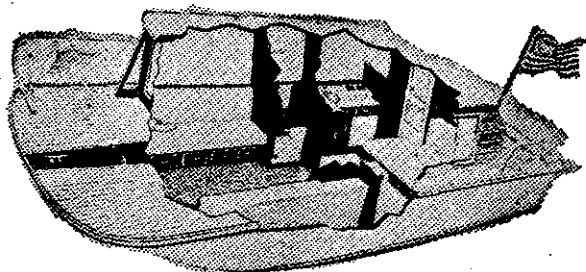
Request for contributions was last made in 1959. At that time donations obtained from the drive were used to replace the then existing ambulance. Since 1959, two other ambulances have been replaced within soliciting contributions. The generosity of the residents of the Tri-Village area has made this all possible.

If you believe that the Delmar Rescue Squad's quality of service should continue, we ask that you make a contribution. Your continued support and generosity will be most appreciated.

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erved as the first Captain. Members were recruited from the Fire Department and they received first aid instruction.

On May 14, 1940 the first ambulance was received. The later Peter Applebee donated the ambulance to the department. The following year, an inhalator was added to the emergency equipment. This too was a gift from Mr. Applebee.

Since 1940, the rescue squad has had six ambulances. Our latest model being a 1966 Cadillac, equipped with two resuscitator/inhalator combinations, a stretcher-wheel chair combination, an orthopedic and a Reeves portable stretcher and a set of plastic air splints for broken arms

and legs.

The night crew consists of thirty-three volunteers. These men are on call three nights a month from 6 P.M. to 6 P.M. At the present time, our rescue squad answers one and one quarter calls a day for an average of forty plus calls per month. 502 were made in 1969. Each call averages one hour and requires two and, sometimes, three people. The squad provides stand-by service for all home high school varsity football games. When recommended by a physician and it is deemed necessary, hospital to home transportation is provided. The latter is causing some difficulty due to the lack of day personnel. Requests should be made



LEFT TO RIGHT: Kenneth Scott, Willis Haker and Clarence Ouder Kirk.



DELMAR RESCUE SQUAD members have spent many hours addressing and stuffing envelopes for their fund drive which starts tomorrow, January 2. Left to right: Robert Martin, Robert Schrecongost, Simon Van Ryn and Jesse Turner. Photos by E. K. Newcomb

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Our rescue squad has a loan chest for residents of the Delmar, Elsmere, and Slingerlands Fire Districts, the area served by us. Anyone having a light-weight folding wheel chair or a cane which is just collecting dust might wish to donate them to our loan chest.

Our twenty-four hour service is available by calling 439-4121. Our answering service will also upon request furnish the names and telephone numbers of the officers for information purposes.

Our last solicitation for funds to replace an ambulance was made in 1959. The 1960 ambulance was replaced in 1963 by using surplus funds from the 1959 drive and contributions for services rendered. The 1963 unit was replaced in 1966 from contributions and a loan of \$2,700. For us to continue our first class service, a replacement is in order while trade-in values are relatively high. With your help this endeavor can be accomplished.

program for residents of the Bethlehem School District. Indoor Tennis will be available Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 in the Sr. High School gym starting January 13.

A meeting for registration and organization will be held at the Middle School on Tuesday, January 6, at 7:30 P.M. It is important that interested persons attend.

For further information, Maynard Parsons, 439-1076.

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CHILDREN at the Slingerlands Nursery School appreciate the beauty and joy of Christmas with their teacher, Mrs. Brysan Smith. They are experiencing the gladness that accompanies making things for others; pride in decorating and preparing for Christmas, and the true Christmas spirit.

Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki, to John R. Bylsma, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bylsma of Delmar.

Miss Lee, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is now a Junior at the State University College at Brockport where she is majoring in Speech and Physical Education. Her fiancée, also a graduate at Bethlehem Central, is now employed by James D. Warren & Son.

A June wedding is planned.

"Happening"

The next Finjan Coffee House of the Albany Jewish Community Center on Sunday, January 4, at 8:30 P.M., will feature a "Happening" led by Mimi Brodsky, noted area dancer, writer, poet and educator.

Mrs. Brodsky suggests that pure observer type should stay home or at least lesson their purity toward straight observing for the evening will truly be an involvement, participation pro-

gram for all who attend.

Guest dancer, Bess Kasle will join with Mrs. Brodsky to do a dance interpretation of the Biblical story of Ruth and Naomi.

The evening promises to involve people in a wide variety of media with a good deal of creativity, sharing and de kine (Hawaiian pidgeon for everything goes) for Mrs. Brodsky promises to involve all who come in dancing, poetry and just plain rapping together in the loose open atmosphere that permeates the Finjan

Coffee House.

Coffee, tea and cake will be available as usual; and there will be a small admission fee.

On Sunday, January 18, the Finjan Coffee House will present Professor Donald Mochon, the director of the Art Gallery of State University in a dialogue on Contemporary Art Films. Amongst the films, Dr. Mochon will engage the audience in discussion, are "Possibilities of Again." The contemporary Israeli artist, "The Myeth Phenomon" "Carl Appel,"

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At John Boyd Thacher State Park located on N.Y. Route 157, 18 miles Southwest of Albany in the Helderbergs, a wide variety of opportunities are now available for winter sports enthusiasts.

Among the winter facilities now being used are:

1. A new system of ski touring and snowshoe trails for beginners and novices has recently been completed. The trails originate at the Hop Field Picnic Area where parking is available and consist of three trail loops varying in length from 1/4 mile to nearly 1-1/2 miles.

A slope is also available for sleds and toboggans at this location and increasing numbers of families are finding that picnics can be fun on sunny winter weekends. Picnic tables, fireplaces and charcoal grilles may be utilized at the Top Field Area.

2. Open slope and cross country skiing is also available on park lands south of the Beaver Dam Road where a parking area is now maintained. Skiers must

walk up the slope at this location since mechanical tows are not available.

3. Nearly seven miles of marked snowmobile trails are in use at the park. The trail system originates from the parking area at the Mine Lot Falls picnic area.

Snowmobiles may only be operated on designated trails and they must comply with all provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations governing snowmobile use. Snowmobiles must be registered, insured for public liability, equipped and operated in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Vehicle and Traffic laws.

4. A new winter camping area is now available for families and groups at the nearby Thompson's Lake Camping Area. Over Sixty camping sites may be utilized. A heated comfort station serves the camping area.

The increasing popularity of Thacher Park as a winter recreational area is evident from the over 15,000 individuals who visited the park during the 1968-69 winter season. For sightseers, the winter panorama from the popular Overlook Parking Area includes the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys and the snowcovered peaks of the Adirondack and Green Mountain ranges.

At Moreau Lake State Park located just south of Glens Falls in Saratoga County, winter park visitors may also enjoy snowmobile trails, ice fishing, skiing and snowshoeing. Over thirty camping sites are available for fam-

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Additional information and applicable regulations are available from the Capital District State Park Commission offices, Box 398, Saratoga Springs, New York, or from the resident Park Superintendents at John Boyd Thacher State Park and Moreau Lake State Park.

New Courses

Registration for Graduate Courses at The College of Saint Rose will be held January 8 and 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M. Classes begin January 21.

Programs are offered in biology, education, elementary education, special education (speech correction and hearing, preparation of teachers of the mentally retarded, reading), English, French, history and political science.

For further information call the Director of the Graduate Division at the College.

Merger Okay

A joint announcement today by John E. Vroman, President of Home Savings Bank and William J. Lyttle Jr., President

of Greenwich Savings and Loan Association confirmed the plans for the merger of the savings institutions. This proposed merger has been approved by the governing board of each institution and is subject to approval of state and federal banking authorities.

Under the plan of merger Mr. Lyttle will become a vice president and trustee of Home Savings Bank and the directors of the Greenwich Savings and Loan Association would become an advisory board of Home Savings Bank exercising the authority to supervise the activities of the Greenwich office. The present offices and staff of the association would continue to manage the operation of the Greenwich office.

Organized in 1921 the Greenwich Savings and Loan Association has total assets of approximately \$2 1/2 million. Home Savings Bank chartered in 1872 has assets of approximately \$120 million. Its main office is located at 11 North Pearl Street with branch offices at 163 Central Avenue and 34 Wolf Road, Colonie.

In the announcement of the merger, Mr. Lyttle pointed out the numerous advantages accruing to the customers of the Greenwich Savings and Loan Association from combining with Home Savings Bank.

Interest on the savings accounts would immediately be at the rate of 5% per annum compounded quarterly and paid from date of deposit. This is the highest interest rate permitted in the

State. There would also be available day of deposit to day of withdrawal accounts upon which interest is payable at the rate of 4-3/4% per annum.

The accounts would be serviced by a direct "on line" system which provide for the instant updating of all accounts, as well as computer calculation and posting of interest dividends. At present Home Savings is servicing its 35,000 savings accounts on this system.

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John E. Vroman, President of Home Savings feels the mutual benefits to depositors of both institutions will be both far reaching and substantial.

Gran Coupe

A new model — the Gran Coupe — has been added to the Plymouth Fury lineup, Glenn E. White, Chrysler-Plymouth Division general manager, announced.

The Fury Gran Coupe features an imposing list of optional equipment items as standard equipment at a special price. The new car is a two-door sports coupe with concealed headlamps previously found only in the high-line Sport Fury model in the Plymouth lineup.

A special walnut color and patterned vinyl roof and matching interior are offered. The new model also is available with any standard Fury vinyl roof and exterior color with harmonizing interior colors.

"Many highly desirable options have been made standard equipment at a special price on the Fury Gran Coupe," White said. "It offers both style and value at a considerable savings to the buyer over the cost of a comparably equipped car on which the optional items were ordered individually."

Included as standard features

are the 383-cubic-inch two-barrel V-8 engine, TorqueFlite automatic transmission, air conditioning, tinted glass, vinyl roof, power steering, power brakes, solid state AM radio, vinyl split-back bench seat with folding armrest, G78 x 15 white-wall tires, light package with headlight time delay and warning buzzer, outside left remote rearview mirror, three speed wipers, full wheel covers, three-spoke steering wheel with horn ring, concealed headlamps, body side molding with color-keyed vinyl rub strip, instrument panel wood-grain applique, and ventless door glass. The Fury Gran Coupe is available without air conditioning and tinted glass.

YOUR INCOME TAX

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q — When will I get the forms I need to file my 1969 income tax return?

A — Taxpayers will receive their forms by mail around the 1st of the year. Extra copies of the forms and instructions will be available at most local banks and post offices and all IRS offices in Janu-

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ary for those needing them. Note that in the forms package you will receive in the mail are several additional forms besides the basic one-page Form 1040. These are provided for your convenience in case you need them.

We estimate that 31 million taxpayers will only need the one-page Form 1040, while 22 million other taxpayers will need to attach only one additional form.

Q - How do I go about raising my estimated tax declaration? The last few months business was better than I expected.

A - The adjustment can be figured on the worksheet you used to compute your initial estimated tax declaration and payment. If you have misplaced your copy, contact your local IRS office.

When you make the adjustment in your estimated tax liability, don't forget that the surcharge rate is 10 percent for 1969. The worksheet shows the surcharge rate as 5 percent, which was accurate when the forms were printed a year ago. After you have recomputed your estimate, your January 15 installment payment should be made for the increased amount.

Q - I'm having some dental work done before the end of the year. Can I deduct this as a medical expense on my 1969 return?

A - Items are generally deductible in the year they are paid. If you pay these dental expenses in 1969, then they are deductible on your 1969 tax return.

Q - Is the cost of fixing up the barn on my farm deductible?

A - Repair and maintenance to buildings and equipment used in farming are deductible farm business expenses. However, when expenses of this nature materially add to the value of the

property or appreciably extend its life, they must be capitalized.

For example, if you repair the roof of your barn, the expense is deductible. If you replace the roof, the cost must be capitalized.

Q - If a baby is born in December, can the parents still claim the full \$600 dependency exemption?

A - Yes, the full \$600 exemption may be claimed for a child born in December, as long as the other dependency tests are met. The \$600 exemption is not pro-rated.

Q - I'm going to England soon and will stay several months. What should I do about my tax return?

A - The IRS has several offices overseas to help taxpayers, one of them in London. If you do not receive your 1969 return forms before you leave, the London office will be able to furnish them.

Keep in mind that taxpayers out of the country April 15, have an automatic extension until June 15, to file their returns. For additional information, send a post card to your District Director and ask for a copy of Publication 54, Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens Abroad.

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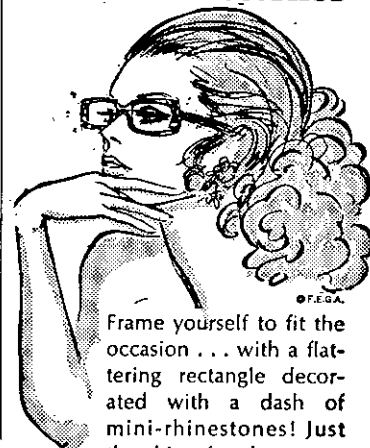
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Said Mr. Burwell, "The only thing that makes a capitalist is capital, and the black people don't have it." It is hoped that through wise investment of their capital The Albany Black Investors, Inc. will encourage new businesses in the inner city, which will improve both the economic status of its residents and the facilities available to them.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER
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The 30-year-old landscape in oil has been dedicated to the memory of John Crouse, one of the original signers of the church's deed. The artist is his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Lena C. Hartt of Picards Road.

Mrs. Hartt, who will be 90 in February, started painting more than 50 years ago. The Rev. Walter Taylor, pastor of Community Church, relates the story of her start.

According to Mr. Taylor Mrs. Hartt was attending a sick brother, she had seven, only one of whom is still living when she "looked out the window and just started sketching.

"The family doctor saw the sketches and told her that she had talent," the minister said.

Mrs. Hartt reminisced about her career at her brother's house recently.

"The doctor told me to go to New York," she said. "But I couldn't see a little lamb like me in the big city." At the time, Mrs. Hartt was 20.

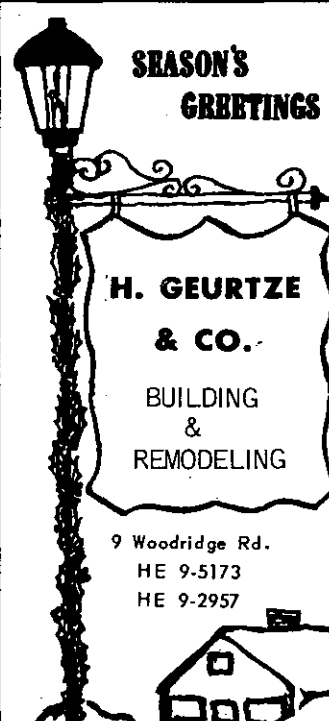

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And she never did go to New York. Instead, she took a correspondence course, and continued to paint.

The Crouse farmhouse is full of Mrs. Hartt's works in many media. Her paintings exhibit remarkable depth, especially her seascapes. She has the ability, which many artists lack, to paint a body of water, which seems almost three dimensional.

One of the more interesting of her works is a crayon drawing of an Irish gentleman. It is so finely drawn that at first glance it seems to be a photograph.

Some of Mrs. Hartt's subjects were taken from newspaper and magazine photographs. She is now, however, a copyist. Her paintings give a new life and dimension to all the scenes.

The painting given to the church is an English country scene embellished by Mrs. Hartt's creative imagination. The photo from which she received her inspiration showed only a road and intimations of a mountainous background. From this, she created a live rural landscape, complete with shepherd, dog and flock. In addition, the mountains in the background are carefully and expressively brushed.

Mr. Taylor said the gift was unsolicited.

"Last month she just came to me and said that she wanted us to have one of her paintings,"

he explained. A church committee later decided to dedicate it to her great-grandfather, who sign the church's charter in 1815.

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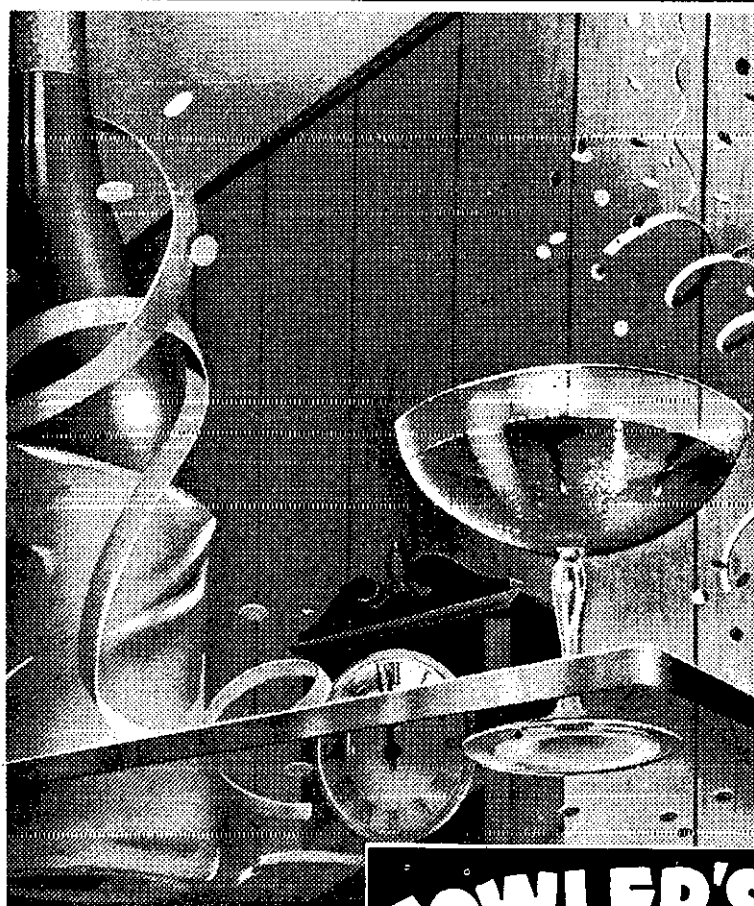
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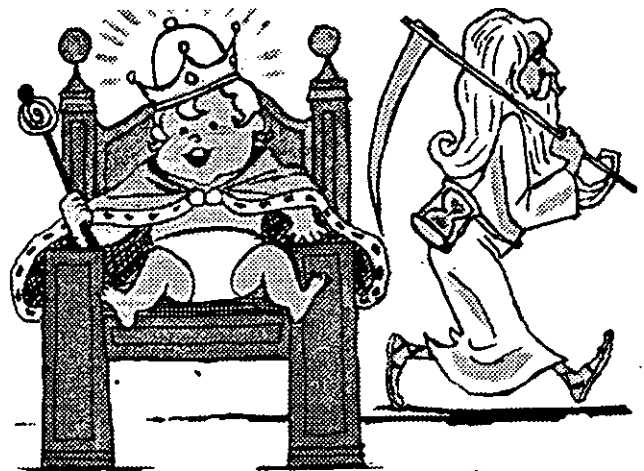
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