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b the editor:

mehitabel and i are truly sorry that mr. laird was upset by our irst report. we know that our presentation to the public fell far below is high standards as the manager of public relations for a large utily company. his reference to our composition as grade school-style omposition" is rather interesting, mehitabel tells me that a certain econd grade teacher is quite upset with us because she is trying deserately to get her pupils to use capital letters rather than lower-case etters, we're sorry about this too.

as for don marquis turning over in his grave, we trust that he is urning over in happiness. we have a suspicion that grandfather, the riginal archy of don marquis, not only is turning over in his little rave, but also is doing handsprings for joy that his favorite grandsons trying in his own inept way to inform the public about the serious roblems facing the public schools. we are sure that grandfather arthy is proud that we believe in and are actively working on behalf of ublic education.

it is no secret that new york state spends more for public educaion than other states. also, it is no secret that bethlehem central pends more than comparable school districts; in fact, one of the budet advisory committees of our board of education will soon be issuing report showing just that, how much the extra dollars put into bethehem's school system contribute to the quality of education provided or the children and youth is difficult to measure, perhaps the young ecople who went through bethlehem's schools could tell us, perhaps heir parents might tell us.

this of course is not to say that we cannot provide quality education with less dollars, please believe us, mr. george a, laird, jr., with the large large gap between proposed expenditures and proposed revenues facing our board of education — and all people in our school district — our proposed 1970-71 school budget will be carefully scrutinized by more people than ever before — parents, other citizens, staff, administration and the board of education, some programs, services, activities and personnel may well have to be cut if we don't get enough state and local dollars, the board of education asks for the combined wisdom and an abundance of support from all in our community as we face this very serious problem, we sincerely and honestly trust that the final 1970-71 school budget will not diminish the qualty of education provided for our children and youth, the school board needs help — plenty of positive and constructive help — in the formulation of the 1970-71 school budget.

bob bair tells me that you have been very helpful in the past as the administration and board of education struggled with publicity and public relation problems, mehitabel and i trust that you will continue to help in this time of real fiscal crisis.

> sincerely yours, archy the third in consultation with mehitabel

I join with archy the third and mehitabel in asking for your help. Laird.

Bob Bair (Robert K. Bair)

cc: Mr. George A. Laird, Jr.

COME TO THE SOUL DINNER AT Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria tonight, Thursday, February 19th, between 5:30 and 8:00 P.M. Sponsored by members of The Club for funds to support their project of renovating two apartment buildings on North Pearl Street. Menu: One-half fried chicken, candied yams, collard greens and homemade dessert. Live entertainment. Tickets are \$2,00 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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to editors, legislators, parents and everybody; this is your concern:

just how will governor rockefeller's proposed increase in state aid to public education for the school year 1970-71 affect the local school district? this is the question we now ask archy the third, the grandson of archy, the famous cockroach of don marquis. this is his answer:

woebegone, tis sad tidings i must bear to you in this report. mehitabel, my dear lady friend, a compassionate cat, cried and cried and cried as we poured over the political and legislative facts leading to our findings.

a year ago the state law makers followed their leader, guv rockie, to give birth to an awful awful law, now known as the infamous chapter 183. this law has some good features which should be kept, but it also has some very bad ones which started mehitabel crying. these tear-bringers would reduce state aid for local school districts in the coming school year of 1970-71 by an amount now fixed somewhere between \$215 million (state law makers quesstimate) and \$245 million (state education people figure). mehitable and i will use the average, \$230 million, because we don't know who to believe.

then came guv rockie with his recent state of the union message to the state law makers proposing an increase from the reduced chapter 183 level — of about \$300 million, since apparently increased to about \$360 million. that would make an increase of \$130 million more than local school districts received last year, the guy's proposal included a rise in the ceiling from \$760 to \$900 per pupil, something which should have been done a year ago. it also apparently included an increase in the state-local sharing ratio of public school expenses from 46-54 to 47-53, this is the guv's "first step toward a 50-50 state sharing of school costs," a magnanimous gesture after last year's nasty chapter 183 took the state-local sharing ratio three steps backwards from 49-51 to 46-54. the guv's "generous" proposal didn't have too many other specifics, here is the public education dollar pie, he said to the state law makers, you can slice it any way you want to, but don't make it any bigger.

some heat is being turned on this pie by some state law makers and others, but it is not easy to speculate how large it will finally be. how big or how small they make it will depend, in part, on the letters they receive from their voting people back home. mehitabel told me to emphasize to you that this is a meat and potato pie, not a dessert pie, and there will be a big family of state kids to be sustained in it.

the guv's proposed public school dollar pie is the smallest yet for at least the past eight years. for the six school years from 1962-63 through 1967-68, the percentage of the total state dollars spent for elementary and secondary education was 33.8%, 35.4%, 36.4%, 34.3%, 34.3% and 33.7% respectively; in contrast, for the school year of 1968-69 and the

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this is your concern, (Cont'd) from Page 1)

present school year of 1969-70, the percentages fell to 30.35 (the tricky legislative rollover year) and 31.7%, the guv's proposal for 1970-71 would drop the percentage below 30% why this decline in priority for public schools? are there new priorities more important? is the way being paved for making available public state dollars for non-public schools (separate report later) are public schools getting less because more state dollars are being spent for higher education and for the state education department? are the public schools getting less because the cost of the guv's south math has climbed from the original estimate of about \$250 millio to about \$1 billion? mehitabel and i think these are som questions which need answers.

now to the local school district. all figures are not ye in, but mehitabel and i can give you a preliminary view about an albany county school district, a key word of which i found in that well-known christmas carol, "o little town of the county is not a second school o

the guv's proposal would give this school district about \$78,000 less than its 1969-70 budgeted state aid. this is the proposal which guv rockie said "would help ease the pressure on local property taxpayers who bear a heavy burden for the support of primary and secondary education." mehitabee and i can tell you that this just is not true, not for this school district and not for many many others throughout the state the pressure on local property taxpayers will be increased not eased, and the heavy burden will become heavier because of the state's declining concern for public schools.

but there is more to the woes of this school district and many others, state-mandated and state-inspired salary schedule increments and fringe benefits will automatically in crease about \$230,000, add to this a yet-undetermined in flationary increase in the cost of equipment, books, supplies etc., etc., etc., also, not to be forgotten will be more local school tax dollars to be added after completion of the state mandated negotiations with teachers, principals, and non instructional school people; keep in mind that the guv's state working people have already agreed to a thirteen and one half percent increase in salaries over a two year period.

more woes and tears, this school district, after two bud get defeats last year, used all of its \$360,000 in balances to reduce last year's proposed local school tax increase by about \$7.20 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, now, a good share of this revenue will have to be made up because balance at the end of this school year will be considerably less.

after all of these figures are determined, add them, sub tract any new revenues, for example, something between \$90,000 and \$180,000 for new real property assessment, and then divide by \$50,000, the amount, no small sum, will be the increased amount per \$1,000 assessed valuation of new local school taxes — unless the state law makers add more to rockie's public school dollar pie.

this amount, of course, also can be decreased — but only by cutting services, programs, activities; any appreciable cut in these would mean cutting staff.

there is our sad report for now, sad sad reports like this can be repeated and repeated for many school districts



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throughout our state; some reports would be even sadder. when we get more specific information, we'll give it to you. woebegone, woebegone, woebegone.

unhappily yours, archy the third in consultation with mehitabel

thus endeth archy the third's fourth report.

bob bair (robert k. bair)

Meeting

The Drama Group of Delmar Progress Club (Federation of Women's Clubs) will present a program on Tuesday evening, February 24, at 8 P.M. at the National Commercial Bank Community Room in Delmar.

Mrs. Douglas Marone, Cohairman, will direct a dramatizd play reading of John Osborne's Look Back in Anger." Members barticipating in the program are: Mrs. George Parker, Mrs. Neal Baldwin, Mrs. Marvin Hinkelnan, Mrs. Harvey Travis, Mrs. William Sharpe, and Mrs. Dougas Marone as Narrator. Members are urged to come, and quests are welcome.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Burton Prettyman and Mrs. Marvin Hinkelman. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Mrs. Edward Mason, co-chairnan, has announced that the ickets for the May 13 trip to New York City to see "1776" vill be distributed at this meetng.

Excerpts

From "The Guidance Newsetter" of Bethlehem Cenral Senior High School

Evening Meeting — Juniors and Parents

The featured speaker at our 3:00 P.M. meeting on Monday, March 9 will be John Stebbins, of the Bureau of Guidance, New York State Education Department. The theme of this program, o which all juniors and their parents are invited, is Vocational and Educational Choice and will include a discussion of the poles of each of the persons involved in such important decis-

ions, the student, the parents, and the counselor.

To afford students and their parents an opportunity to participate in a group discussion of choosing a vocation and/or further education with all its implications, after the speaker's presentation, we will adjourn to designated rooms to expand on comments made by Mr. Stebbins, each counselor in the role of a discussion leader with his students and their parents.

Seniors — Gene Robb Journalism Scholarship Award

Capital Newspapers is pleased to announce the establishment of the Gene Robb Scholarship Award to honor former publisher of Capital Newspapers, Mr. Robb, who died August 18, 1969, and to help young people who plan to pursue a career in Journalism.

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Bake Sale

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continue as long as the baked goods last.

Any person between the ages of 13 and 19 who is interested in joining or finding out about the Bethlehem Teen-Age Republicans may call or contact Margaret Corrigan, President of the group, at 439-3301.

Card Party

Mrs. Paul F. Sherman, President of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society, has announced that Mrs. Clayton T. Bardwell and Mrs. Robert J. Ganley are the General Chairman of the 14th Annual Card Party and Fash-

ion Show. "The Greatest Show on Earth," will be the theme for the decorations at the May 1 event.

Heading the various committees are: Grand Prize — Mrs. Edward McCaffrey, Mrs. Donald R. Haslow, Mrs. August C. Franze, Mrs. John F. Fischer; Fashions — Mrs. Seward J. Pittz, Mrs. Collin J. Bursey; Refreshments — Mrs. Gregory J. Dole, Mrs. Julio Quadlieri; Hospitality — Mrs. James E. McCormick, Mrs. William A. Cookfair; Decorations — Mrs. James W. Clyne, Mrs. James A. McCarroll Jr.; Programs — Mrs. John R. Kaczynski, Mrs. Raymond

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Library Notes

Richard Butler, a young archi tect with Geyer and Holliste Associates, is slated to give slide-talk at the Bethlehem Pub lic Library at 7:30 Tuesday even ing, February 24. His topic is provocative question. About Your Environment? Through his slides and infor mal chat we shall be given the architect's view of how thing are and what the future holds Mr. Butler has the background and lively interest needed to point out the fact that archited ture is an art form of practical being and is of the utmost impor tance in a harmonious whole.

Dumping may be a dirty work to most of us but to a choser few it means hours of hoping and happy searching. We mean, of course, the antique bottle col lectors. That is one hobby that has burst into full bloom with many avid followers. Joseph Ritz a ceramics engineer living in Delmar, has loaned a part of his collection to the Bethlehem Pub lic Library. "Two of my sons re turned from a walk through the woods and gave me several old bottles. They said there were lots more so off we went and right then the whole thing began. (The trick is to first find a lovely old dump and the second is to pray the bottles will be intact a tricky bit when working with glass.) Fortunately, Mr. Ritz has labeled his collection and as all are from the Albany area, the exhibit is lots of fun.

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"The Polar Hunt" will be presented by Dr. Pelham Glasier, nunter, world traveler and chief of surgery at Albany's Memorial Hospital.

During the evening chamber wards will be presented to the ive business that have been comnercially active in Bethlehem or over 25 years.

More on the Gym

The "school budget" season pened at a meeting recently publicly, at least — for members of the Bethlehem Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, Richard Moomaw.

All fielded questions from a arge audience in the auditorum of Elsmere School, where they appeared on a P-TA panel moderated by Dr. Vincent O'-Leary, a faculty member at State University in Albany.

Ralph Holmgren, a board member, defended the new high school gymnasium as "excellent" and discounted newspaper stores that were critical of the buildng.

"There can be mistakes, but hey're built out of proportion," he said, referring to the news stories.

Dr. Moomaw arose to comment: There is nothing really wrong

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with the gym." He said he felt "very badly" that some of the publicity about the new gym does not reflect the pride the community should have in it. The educator said he was "Not quoted accurately" in a newspaper sports column.

"It's economical and it's complete," the superintendent said.

Dr. Moomaw agreed in principal with Board President Lindsay Boutelle that more is being done with the taxpayers' dollar in the Bethlehem Central School District than elsewhere.

"We don't know how much is a dollar's worth or \$500 worth of education," the superintendent said. "I wish I could provide an answer." But he said Bethlehem parents are offering their children more educational opportunity in Bethlehem than in any other area school district.

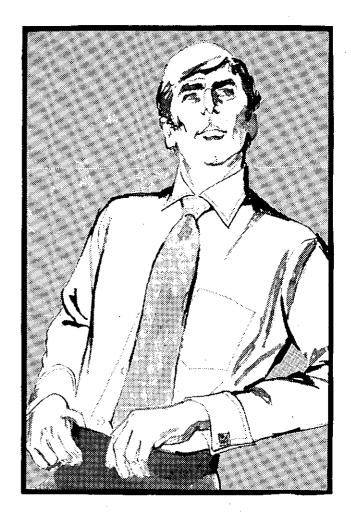
Mr. Boutelle said "pressure" or "special interest groups" actually help the board in budgeting by bringing forth information it needs to make decisions.

Dr. Robert Bair, board vice president, explained that the board establishes basic priorities based on state mandates, Regents rules, and the state education commissioner's regulations. All must be followed, he said.

John McKenzie another board member, remarked, "there has been no way to determine what a constituency is after" within the Bethlehem School District. He said he would favor a questionnaire going to the residents, provided "we could get an accurate response."

Dr. Kessler Here

The "Church-Mirror or Agent" will be the focus of discussion at the Delmar United Methodist Church this coming Sunday evening in Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:30 P.M. Rev. C. Walter Kessler, Chairman for Program Administration, Troy Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. Group discussion will follow his presentation. This is the last in a series of four Sunday evening sessions on the general theme "Man in a



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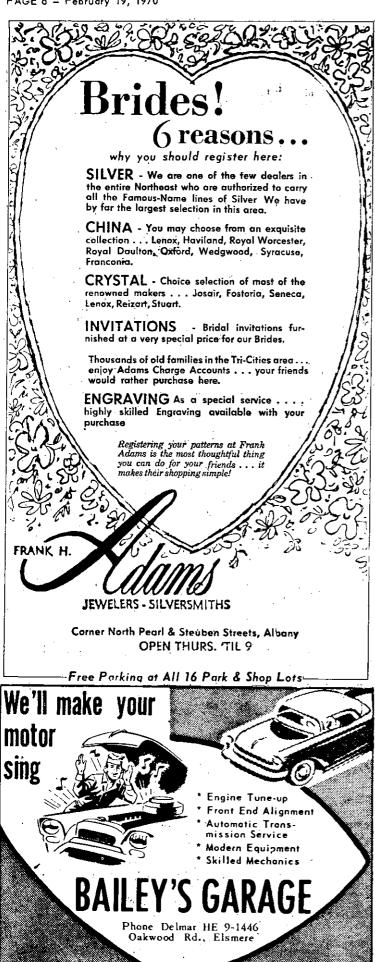


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The public is cordially invited to participate.

Field Trip

On Tuesday and Wednesday, February 10 and 11, the members of the Bethlehem Central Distributive Education classes visited the Sears-Colonie store for a view of the behind-thescenes operation of a large department store.

The group was received and briefed by Ralph Stahle, Director of Public Relations. They also heard from Sears, about the history of Sears and observed the stock methods employed.

Those who were on the trip, arranged by Robert A. Pierson, Coordinator of Distributive Education at Bethlehem Central, were: Aren Bates, Robert Behrens, Ulike Beseman, Jayne Blessing, Darlene Bogardus, Jeffrey Bowersox, Ramona Bradley, Arlette Brisee, Richard Brockley, Douglas Brownell, Janet Brownell, Joan Brownell, Paul Bryce, Martin Bush, Jan Carroll, Michael Cootware, James Cullen, Rita Danckert, John Dare, Steven Demarest, Gerry Denson, Anne Di Biase, Jane Dolen, Karl Dolen, James Domermuth, Donald Dopp, Carol Dottine, John Drislane, Vicky Fisher, Patrick Ford, John France, Kenneth Geurtze, Cathy Giacone, Paul Gutman, Donald Halsdorf, Marshall Hanson, James Hauseman, Joyce

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New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce Smith 24 Eberle Road, Latham, Nev York, announce the birth of daughter, Marilyn Joanne, at St Peter's Hospital on January 27 1970.

Marilyn is the sister of Heathe Janine, age 3 1/2. Mrs. Smith is the former Barbara Reynolds daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Reynolds, Jr., 20 Eileet Street, Albany. Paternal grand parents are Dr. and Mrs. F. Donald Smith, State Farm Road Voorheesville.

Winners

At the Tenth Annual Area Distributive Education Contests held at the Ravena-Coey mans-Selkirk Central School of February 4, Brian Panza placed second in the Poster Contest and Catherine Giacone placed third in the DECA Sweethear contest.

During the same evening Mark Ristau placed fourth in math and Jan Carroll earned a fourth place in the Job Interview for Girls.

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bert A. Pierson. They are also members of the Distributive Education Club of America Chapter at the School. They will represent BCHS and the Area in similar contests at the State Leadership Conference at the Concord in March.

Fudge Sold

Bobbi Slingerland and Pat Kositzka served as co-chairmen of the Annual Future Business Leaders of America Fudge Day held on February 12 at Bethlehem Central High School. The FBLA annually sells fudge before Valentine's Day to raise money to send representatives to the State FBLA Conference.

Linda Kolber and Ramona Bradley served as co-chairmen of the poster committee. Fudge was sold during all of the lunch mods in the cafeteria by: Linda Baker, Dolores Bragg, Becky Davis, Deborah Rudd, Linda DiBiase, Denise Keating, Rose Lent, Ann Di-Biase, Margaret Hasselwander, Kathy Lenseth and Stephanie Sinnamon.

Wedding

Miss Margaret Hoppe, daughter of Mrs. James Hoppe of Delmar, and of the late Dr. James Hoppe, was married February 14, to Thomas Kyran Purcell, son of Mr. Francis Purcell and the late Mrs. Purcell of McLean, Virginia.

The ecumenical ceremony was performed at the chapel of American University in Washington, D.C. Miss Ann Hoppe, sister of the bride, was Maid of Honor, and the Misses Jean Hoppe, Cynthia Andreas, Mary Lee Kochensparger, and Stephanie Fins were bridesmaids. They wore orchid peau de soie gowns.

Mr. Daniel Purcell, brother of the groom, was Best Man. Ushers were Hubert Johnson, Edwin Eckstrand, Ira Feldman, and Hal Doersam. A reception at the School of International Service followed the ceremony.

The former Miss Hoppe is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and of the School of International Service, American University, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Purcell, a graduate of Mc-

Lean High School, and of the School of International Service of American University, is preently a Masters Candidate. He s a Systems Analyst for the Sysems Development Corporation f Falls Church, Virginia.

Following a trip to Acapulco, he couple will live in Falls Church, Virginia.

Pancake Supper

On February 21 the auxiliary f the Voorheesville Fire Dept. will hold a Pancake Supper. It vill be held at the firehouse and he serving time is 4:30 thru 7:00 P.M. The cost is \$1.50 per adult, 5¢ for children.

Meeting

Mrs. Herbert Hafley, presif the American Legion Blanhard Post 1040 Auxiliary has nnounced that the regular meetng will be held on Tuesday, Febuary 17, at 8 P.M. in the post ooms, Popular Drive, Elsmere.

Mrs. Arthur Quinn and Mrs. Esther Cook will assist Mrs. Kenneth Burns, chairman of the Refreshment Committee.

Fomorrow's Homemaker

Diana M. Baker has been namd Bethlehem Central high chool's 1970 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. Seleced on the basis of her score in a Dec. 2 homemaking knowledge nd attitudes examination for vhich a record 646,041 senior irls in 15,040 of the nation's igh schools were enrolled, she s now eligible for state and naional honors. She will also reeive a specially designed siler charm from General Mills, ponsor of the annual educationl program.

Test papers of all school winers in the state are currently ndergoing additional judging, nd a State Homemaker of Tomrrow will be named in March. he will be awarded a \$1,500 ollege scholarship; the secondanking girl in the state receives \$500 educational grant. Addiionally. first-place winners rom the 51 states and the Dis-



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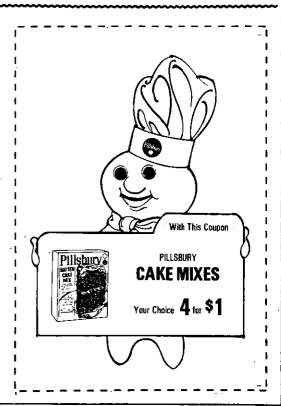
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trict of Columbia - together wit advisors from their schools will receive an expense-paid edu cational tour of Washington D.C., and Colonial Williamsburg Va., this spring. Climax of th tour will be naming of the 197 Betty Crocker All-America Homemaker of Tomorrow, whos scholarship will be increased t \$5,000. Three runnersup wi also be selected and will b awarded \$4,000, \$3,000 an \$2.000 scholarships. Nation: judging will center on persons observation and interviews dui ing the tour.

In Washington

Among the hundreds of guest honoring General and Mrs. Lew is B. Hershey at the Bolling Ai Force Base Officers Club recently were Mr. and Mrs. Alexande J. Woehrle and their daughter Louise, of 377 Wellington Road.

General Hershey is retiring as Director of the Selective Service System. Mr. Woehrle is major in the New York Arm National Guard Selective Service Section in Albany, New York.

Dance Held

The Bethlehem Central Distributive Education of Amer ca Club held its second after basketball dance on Friday evering following the Niskayuna-BCHS game.

Dancing was again to the mu sic of the Armageddons an Paul Bryce, President of the BC HS Chapter of DECA, was assist ed by several committees. Re freshments were planned by Karla Ouderkirk, Laura Love Jan Carroll, Carol Dottino, Joa Brownell, James Cullen, and M chael Cootware. Cleanup follow the festivities were taken car of by Karla Ouderkirk, Laur Love, Carol Dottino, Jan Car roll, Michael Cootware, Joh Dare, Michael Mosley and Jan Dolen. Laura Love, Joan Brown ell, Mary White, Jayne Heilmar James Domermuth, Oren Bates Larry Houck, Louise Houck, Car ol Dottino, Karl Dolen, Richar Tubbs, Frank Rooney, Kennet Stefanik, Michael Iacono, Kath Oliver and Diane Hayes mad and distributed posters; while he tickets were sold by: Jayne leilman, Joan Brownell, Jan Caroll, Carol Dottino, Paul Bruce, usan Reagan, Bonnie Wickes Ind Thomas Moreen.

Robert A. Pierson, Coordintor of Distributive Education, and DECA advisor, assisted the tudents with their planning.

Gets Degree

Richard V. Margolius of Delnar has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Political science Major, by Ithaca College is of last December. He has been nvited to attend the graduation exercises next May.

Mr. Margolius transferred to .C. at the start of his junior year from the Albany College of Pharmacy.

As an undergraduate at Ithaia, he was elected to the Governng Council of his residence hall. He served on the Features Staff of the Ithacan, the student weeky newspaper, and was a memper of the Political Science Club.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving R. Margolius, 58 Brookview St., Delmar and is an alumnus of Albany High School.

On Honor Roll

The following Delmar area students have been named to the second quarter honor roll at St. Agnes School of Albany, it was announced recently by Hamilton H. Bookhout, headmaster:

Angela Cozzolino, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Cozzolino, Ihorndale Rd., Slingerlands; Laura Forsyth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald E. Forsyth, Southwood Dr., Slingerlands; Holly Leese, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Leese, Mosher Rd., Delmar; and Sydney Martin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Martin, Victoria Dr., Guilderland.

Meeting

The first meeting of the Welcome Wagon Club of Voorheesville, is scheduled to be held on February 26, at 8 P.M. at the Methodist Church Hall on Maple Avenue according to President Mrs. Milton Mounts. Mrs. Sidney Vunck, local Welcome Wagon hostess, will be guest speaker.

The following officers have been appointed to ser: President, Mrs. Milton Mounts; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Philip Valyou; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. Robert Hall; Rec. Secy., Mrs. Edward Seim; Cor. Secy., Mrs. Michael Josef; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Fishbach; Publicity, Mrs. Valyou; Membership, Mrs. Edgar Schick.

Membership is open to all those who have received a Welcome Wagon Call. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

For further information, please

contact Mrs. Mounts, 765-4694 or Mrs. Schick, 765-4059.

Family Night

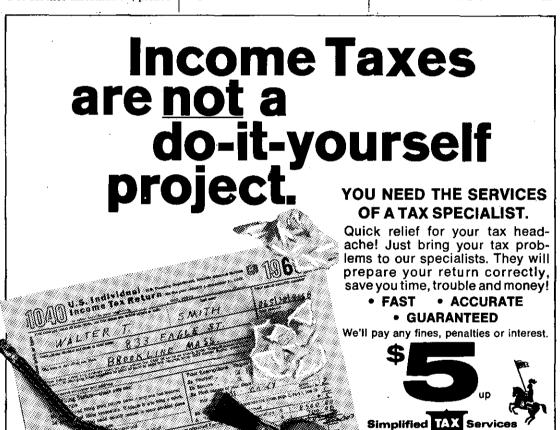
Elsmere Boy Scout Troop 58 Family Night Program held at the First Methodist Church on the night of Feb. 8, proved to be a most entertaining evening. One of the highlights of the evening, was the delightful and most interesting narrator, Carl G. Grimm of Troy. A businessman and world traveler, Mr. Grimm showed slides and movies of his trip to the antartic continent

adding in his narration a more personal touch to some of the facts relating to the Antarctic continent.



WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS

Onesquethaw Neighborhood of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council is making plans for an Interfaith Worship Service to be held in the auditorium of the St. Thomas Church School in





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Delmar on March 8. Speakers will be Rabbi Bernard Bloom, The Rev. Alan Jupin and a representative of the Protestant clergy yet to be announced. Music for the service will be provided by Mrs. James Brown, guitarist. Mrs. Adelard Angers is chairman of the event.

On March 21 the Onesquethaw Neighborhood Fair and Bake Sale will take place at the Delmar Reformed Church. The fair will be given by all 20 Girl Scout troops in the neighborhood in conjunction with badge work and with the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. Mrs. James Clyne is general chairman of this event.

Girl Scout Troop 315 of Glenmont has had an active program during the past few months. In October they held a camp-out over a long weekend. During the holiday season they attended the Christmas Carol Sing at the State Capitol, followed by a cocoa party at the home of Mrs. Rolf Ol-

sen, troop leader. They also participated in the Greens Show at the Albany Institute of History and Art, where ten girls entered the contest and won ribbons for their arrangements.

The girls have had an opportunity to work toward several badges. During the meetings Mrs. John Quickenton and Mrs. Nicholas Rutkowski led work on the My Troop and My Trefoil badges. Mrs. Gus Lindskoog taught the girls earning the Folklore badge and Mrs. Olsen led girls working toward a Pen Pal badge.

Extra badge work has been done apart from the meetings. Scouts working on the Skater badge practiced their skating at Beck's Roller Rink and made skating outfits at the home of Mrs. Adelard Angers. Mrs. Carl Benenati assisted the girls working on the Print badge, and Mrs. Albert Klevan directed the girls working on the sewing badge.

On February 9, the troop held the annual International Dinner for the girls and their parents. Foods of other nations served and entertainment, exhibits and a wards were part of the program.

During the mid-winter school vacation in February the girl plan a two-night stay at Hillton Lodge at Camp Is-Sho-Da. Also scheduled is a camp cook-ou with their friendship troop from Chatham, to be held at Sha-To Moc.

Troop 315 will be in charge of the snack booth at the up-coming Onesquethaw Neighborhood Fair Anyone may purchase a lunch at the fair. International cool books prepared by the troop will also be on sale. These cook books contain the recipes featured at the annual International Dinner.

Police Alert

An increased auto accident rate and indifferent motorists have prompted Bethlehem police to undertake an intensive drive against motor vehicle violation.

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Since the beginning of Februry, he noted, there have been 87 motor vehicle violations reorded in the town.

RECREATION PROGRAM

by Terry Bastian

Saturday Recreation

Saturday Recreation basketball has been very successful as approximately 300 school age children have taken advantage of the seven week program. A dimax of the activity will be the blayoffs starting at 7:00 P.M. on March 4th at the Bethlehem Central High School. At this time all-star teams choosen from each age group will play in Championship games. Winners of each game will be given special recognition.

Youth Center

The Bethlehem Youth Center will be open Monday and Friday afternoons from 2:30-5:00 P.M. for Junior High students only. It will be open to High School Students Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:00-11:00 P.M. also the Youth Center will be open February 23-27 during the evenings as there is a school vacation.

Adult Recreation

The Adult Recreation is going very well. Activities now in session include slimnastics, swimming, Golf, Scuba Diving, Tennis, Badminton, Police Recreation, Basketball, and Volleyball. All adults in the Town of Bethlehem are invited and encouraged to take advantage of Recreational activities offered them. If you would like information about programs offered please call 439-4131.

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Miss Allyn Carpenter, a senior honor student at Saint Agnes and president of the History Club,

will report on her experience as a delegate to the Presiden Classroom for Young Americans to be held in Washington the week of February 14 through 23 A concert by the Senior and Jun ior Choirs under the direction of Robert C. Wells will open the afternoon program. Art work by students of Mrs. Robert H. Chap lin will be exhibited.



TAKE OFF SCENE FOR SENIOR PLAY - Try outs for the musical that will be produced is ter in the spring included a run through on the dance numbers, "Bye-Bye Birdie" will have a cast of fifty students at Bethlehem Central Senior High.

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New Budget

A new method of presenting he school budget to the district oters is being developed for the ethlehem Central schools and he first draft of the 120 page document was recently presented to the school board of education, staff members, and Budget Advisory Committees for study.

Called a program budget, it combines facts and figures plus goals and program description



N EYE TO THE FUTURE — Newly elected Albany YMCA trustees and board members, troduced recently at the annual "Y" meeting at the Thruway Hyatt House, Albany, are s follows (top, from left): Frank H. Odell and Kenneth Ford, trustees; John M. Watson, aul C. O'Neill and C. Jordan Vail. (Bottom, from left): Dr. Allen A. Kuusisto, Miss Janet falker, Charles M. Farley, and Mrs. Anabel Puels. Not included in the picture are the folwing new members of the Board of Directors: Dr. James L. Barlow, Bertram H. Freed, ev. John C. Laske, Richard F. Lindstrom and John D. Picotte.

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All departments have aided in assembling the material for the new format and figures from the current year's budget were used to show how expenses will be distributed according to programs developed for the budget year

The main feature of approaching the school budget this way is an attempt to clearly state what goals are being sought in each of the school programs and how the school tries to evaluate the total program.

All costs are separated under the heading of the program. For example, the language arts program lists costs for such as equipment, references and periodicals, salaries of teachers, audio-visual materials, etc. Along with costs, this section of the program budget has text covering the goals of the training that the language arts department provides.

Another section for the language arts gives a paragraph of description of the material covered in each grade level, and in the high school, for each course offered in Bethlehem Central in this area of study.

This means that there are over five pages of text to cover language arts offerings in the system from kindergarten through the advanced courses offered in the high school.

In many ways, this listing could be compared to the course descriptions of a college catalogue.

Services such as those provided by the school psycologists are also explained in this new budget approach. The aptitude, developmental and achievement tests supervised by the psycol-

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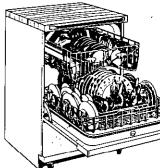
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ogical services are described and the grade level of such testing is included. Actual test results for Bethlehem Central students in such as the IOWA test of Basic Skills, New York State reading and math evaluations, etc. are included in the program budget.

Scores of the 1969 graduates in scholastic aptitude tests are given under a summary of the general characteristics of the student body.

Work on the program budget will continue in the weeks to come with more meetings of supervisors, department heads, the board of education, and other staff to make final determination of what material will be incorporated in the 1970-71 Program Budget to be distributed to the district citizens.

Copies of the present draft have been posted in all schools for those persons who are interested in viewing the new format.

Pete Seeger at St. Rose

Folk musician Pete Seeger will perform at the College of Saint Rose, February 20, at a blanket concert in St. Joseph's Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

One of the most sought after concert artists in the country, Seeger has recorded over sixty LP's, and edited various songbooks and folk musician magazines.

The Weavers, a quartet Seeger helped organize in 1950, often credited with launching folk music into popularity. Seeger appeared on radio with Woody

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Tickets for this performance will be sold at the door.

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Exhibit

"Let Freedom Ring," an exhibit co-sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center and B'Nai B'Rith Gideon Lodge #140 that depacts the story of the growth of human rights in America, will be shown at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, through March 15 in the Center lobby.

The documents in this exhibit aptly celebrate Brotherhood Month. 22 laminated plaques of notable documents and paintings will be shown. Outstanding docu-

SERENADE FOR HIS LITTLE GIRLS — Fifth grader Mark Peeney sings the song about little girls in the musical "On the Glenmont Trail," production which includes 60 students from the Glenmont Elementary fifth grades. Ten songs ranging from "Don't Fence Me In" to "Seattle" are incorporated in the script that the students wrote. The full dress rehearsal is scheduled for February 19th for all the classes at Glenmont and in the evening the show goes on for parents. Mrs. Geraldine Bauder, music teacher, and student teacher Bonnie Hayes of Slingerlands have been coaching the children. The square dancers have been sided by gym teacher William Fuller. Opening the show with an accordian rendition of "Home on the Range" is student Brian Stancovitch. (Champagne Photo)

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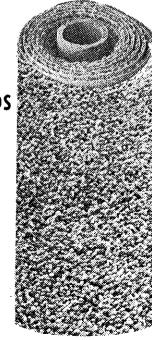
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