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**ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14,** the Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands concluded its 9-week centennial celebration with an anniversary dinner and rededication service, 100 years to the day after the dedication of the present church structure.

It all began in 1833, when "upwards of 50 souls in the Town of Bethlehem . . . joined themselves to a small society of nine members (and) felt the necessity for erecting a house for the worship of God." The church they built in Adamsville, now known as Delmar, was called the Second Methodist Church of Bethlehem and served the entire rural area for many years. A new church was built in 1853, even though the membership remained quite small.

In 1871, following the Civil War, an increase in population and wealth in the western end of the parish took place, and with it, the desire for a new place of worship. Spurred by considerable enthusiasm among the Slingerlands people, a beautiful new brick structure — the present graceful "Church on the hill" arose in Slingerlands. The old Adamsville church was dismantled; the timbers, boards and foundation stones being used in erecting the parsonage adjacent to the new church. The new church was dedicated on December 14, 1871.

The impact of the Church on the lives of the multitude of

people who have attended it in the 138 years since the building of the first small hours of worship in 1833 has been immeasurable.

"Our Church," says a Centennial history, "has made a very real effort to reach out and involve itself in the problems that surround the lives of its members. Many speakers from other races, faiths and cultures have come to talk to us from the pulpit and share with us their thinking. Meetings, talks and worship services have been shared with other churches in the area. New forms of worship, more meaningful especially to our youth, have been and will continue to be used. The Slingerlands Church is continually trying to keep alive the teachings of Christ in today's tempestuous world." Photograph by Harvey Vlahos



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Fantastik Fudge — Homemade chocolate-nut fudge is being offered for sale by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints (Mormon). This is a perfect Christmas gift for friends and family, and is also a gift that is easily mailed. The cost is \$1.45 per lb.; this includes Christmas wrapping and free delivery to your home. ProPAGE 6 - December 17, 1971



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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

The Girl Scouts will be converging on Bethlehem's Town Hall from three directions to wind up their Holiday singing through the streets of our town. All groups are scheduled to convene at 7 P.M. the first group will start from Kilmer Ct. and is under the direction of Mr. Theresa Conery; Mrs. Virginia Bailey's group is meeting at the Middle School; and Mrs. Betty Hays and her group will meet at Pineview Avenue. From the Town Hall, the Girl Scouts go to the Delmar Reformed Church for hot chocolate and cookies and are to picked up by parents around 9 P.M

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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

At 1:30 P.M., Rensselaer County Historical Society will present a film program for children. Two films will be shown totaling about an hour showing time. The first film The Great Toy Robbery is a western cartoon starring the world's most wanted good guy --Santa Claus alias Chris Kringle alias St. Nicholas. When he is ambushed, the cactus wilts in shame and the dry gulch gulps. But then a hero hoves and heaves and humps into sight. His guitar proves to be more potent than his pistol, and Santa's snatched bag is returned. The longer film, **Snow White and Rose Red**, is the famous story by the Brothers Grimm, narrated by Paul Tripp.

**Noon to 4 P.M.** — The Delmar Volunteer Fire Department will spray Christmas Trees with a fire retardent solution at the fire house on Nathaniel Boulevard. All residents of the Town of Bethlehem are eligible for this free service.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

A Christmas Festival of Sacred Music will be presented in the Sanctuary of the Slingerlands United Methodist Church, at 7:30 P.M. by the choirs. The choirs will present a varied program of old and new — folk and modern anthems and carols. There will also be a selection of songs by Doris and John Clark. Soloists for the evening will be Douglas Moak, Joanne Smith and Alison Voorhees. The public is invited to meet in Fellowship Hall after the concert. The yule log will be burning and refreshments will be served in the festive spirit of the Holidays.

A tea for young women interested in Wells College will be held from 2 to 4 at the Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Road, Albany. The program includes a short film of the campus and a discussion of college activities.

**Noon to 4 P.M.** Christmas trees will be sprayed with fire retardent solution at Delmar Fire House.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Members of Nathaniel** Adams Blanchard Post, American Legion Auxiliary, will celebrate Christmas with a dinner served by the Ladies of the Caldron Kaa Rau Von Grotto, at the post rooms. Reservations will close December 14. There will be a Dutch Treat Cocktail Hour at 6:30 P.M. with dinner served at 7:30. The committee for the dinner is — Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Whitney; Entertainment, Mrs. Mary Kaplan and Mrs. Ruth Jorgensen; Decorations, Mrs. Shirley LaMoy and Mrs. Joan Stowers; Reservations, Mrs. Maud Hafley.

Members are asked to bring a grab bag gift.

The Hamagrael School Brownie Troops #106 and #567 and Girl Scout Troops #349 and #396 will sing Christmas Carols on the steps of the Town Hall on Dec. 21 at 6:30 to 7:00. Following this they will have refreshments provided by the mothers and served in the Delmar Reformed Church.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

The Town Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 P.M. this evening, at the Town Offices, 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y., on the application of the Master Realty Company, 40 Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, Massachusetts. The company is seeking permission to rebuild the gas station at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Oakwood Place, Delmar, N.Y.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

**Christmas Carol Sing** — For all those with the Christmas Spirit. Cathedral of All Saints — So. Swan Street next to the State Education Bldg. 12:15 to 12:45. Everyone is welcome.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

A Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the Town of Bethlehem at 7:30 P.M., at the Town Hall. Delmar, New York. The area to be considered consists of a ten acre area bounded by Rockefeller Road on the east and the Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks on the north from a Residence "A" District to a Planned Residence District.





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### The Spotlight Goes to School

**ON MONDAY** evening, December 20, the Bethlehem Central Senior High School Music Department will present their annual Christmas Concert. The concert opens with the band, under the direction of Mr. Samuel Bozzella, playing "Polonaise" the overture from the opera "Christmas Night" by Rimsky-Korsakov. Following this will be the combined choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Magdalene York, singing Benjamin Brittons "Ceremony of Carols." The band then plays such familiar tunes as "Brizilian Sleigh Bells" by Percy Garth; "We Need a Little Christmas" from the Broadway production Mame; "Silver Bells", arranged by Robert Howes; and "Home for Christmas", a medley combining "Home for the Holidays", "Let It Snow", and "I'll Be Home for Christmas", compiled by Seth Markham.

Under the direction of Mr. Bruce Scanlon, the orchestra will play "Concerto Grosso, Opus 6 #4", by A. Corelli. Following this they will play W. A. Mozart's, Allegro from "Eine Kleine Nachtmusic". The symphonic orchestra will then lead the combined choirs and the audience in a lively medley of Christmas carols, arranged by John Cacavas, called "Christmas Music for Orchestra."

The concert will begin at 8:00 P.M. in the Senior High School auditorium and there will be no admission charge.

BONNIE MYERS, President of the Future Business Leaders of America at Bethlehem Central High School, has named Donna Grovenger the FBLA chairman for the Annual Christmas Basket.

This year the FBLA will cooperate with the Key Club's plans for presenting Christmas Baskets to needy families in the area. Jeff Griffin is heading the Key Club program.

Donna Grovenger has circulated to the FBLA members' a list of the items acceptable for the two baskets which the group hope to provide.

Money will be donated to provide turkeys for the baskets.

KATHRYN DODGE of 1 Greenwood Lane, Slinger-



(Anyone with a question about the policies or practices of the Bethlehem Central School District may address it to this column by mail to 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, or by calling Mrs. Treadway weekday mornings at 439-4921)

QUESTION: When weather conditions are bad, why is a decision sometimes made to open the schools late, rather than simply closing them for the entire day?

ANSWER: The reasoning behind delaying school openings, as was done a week ago Monday, is based upon information available to the Superintendent of Schools at the time. Weather forecasts that morning indicated that the icy conditions would subside during the day as the temperature went up. The extra hour also gave road crews more time to put ashes and rock salt on area roads.

All parents are again reminded to listen to their radios, whenever the weather is questionable, for announcements on whether Bethlehem schools will be open or closed or starting late. All schools will begin classes at the same time for walkers and bus riders.





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lands, has been chosen a member in the alto section of the Eastman Chorale.

Directed by Prof. John Dexter, the 40 member select choir is planning at least four concerts for the 1971-72 academic year.

The Chorale will also take part in programs commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Eastman School of Music.

**TWO RESIDENTS** of the Delmar area were named on the honors lists for the spring term, 1971, recently released by Skidmore College.

Highest honors were awarded students holding a quality point ratio of 3.6 or higher from a possible 4.0, and honors for a ratio of 3.2 or higher.

Skidmore, now in its first year of coeducation, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1972. Its students, men and women, represent 40 states and 26 foreign countries.

The students named included the following:

Miss Victoria Wirth, daughter of Mrs. Herman Wirth, 12 Greenleaf Drive, Delmar, a graduate of Bethlehem Central Senior High School, honors;

Miss Margaret Gentile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Gentile, 4 Hawley Court, Delmar, a graduate of Bethlehem Central Senior High School, honors for term.



# HERE AND THERE

### YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

Spotlight readers who missed seeing the boys who broke the see-saw record at Bethlehem Coffee House may still contribute to the Camp Wildwood fund by sending a check payable to the camp in care of Steve Bloom, 46 Dumbarton Drive, Delmar, New York 12054.

NAVY FIREMAN Ralph Lento, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Lento of 11 Main St., and husband of the former Miss Mary E. Hagan of 25 Western Ave., all of Ravena, has visited Halifax, Nova Scotia, aboard the fleet oiler USS Severn, homeported at Newport, R.I.

His ship's visit to the Canadian seaport brought a close to special anti-submarine warfare exercises in which the navies of the U.S. and Canada took part.

He is a 1969 graduate of Ravena Junior-Senior High School.

SUZANNE SEAVER, a member of the Bethlehem Art Association, has a one-man show of batiks at The Gallery, Main Street, New Paltz. The show will run through December 24. Mrs. Seaver



was an award winner in the recent BAA Fifth Annual Juried Show.

MARINE CPL. Donald C. Hollner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Hollner of Three Drury Lane, Delmar, was promoted to his present rank while serving with the Third Marine Division at Okinawa.

He is a 1969 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar.

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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF DELMAR is planning its first town-wide New Year's Eve Community Service project. Pictured above are Jim Morrow (I) and Don DiBello making plans for the event. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served to all who stop at the Friendly Ice Cream Shop, 270 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, from 12:30 to 4 A.M. Delmar Kiwanis members will operate the Shop with proprietor Jim Morrow supervising the crew.



# PHOTOMONTAGE.

A Saturday workshop in the visual arts will begin on January 8 Photography/Filmmaking/Animation Television/Silk Screen/Painting/ Puppetry/Illustration/Mixed Media For children, adults, the retired — for those with partially developed skills and those with just a desire to learn. Cost: twenty dollars a month/materials consumed not included. Teachers will be working professionals. Workshop activities will be held in local studios. Enrollment in the various skill areas must of necessity be limited.

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THE DRIVE for 1972 Agricultural Division enrollees in the Cooperative Extension Association is continuing. Mr. David Beresford, Chairman of the Division, reported that 364 people have already enrolled in the Division for 1972.

Mr. Beresford also said that the "100% Membership-By-

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Mail" campaign would end shortly. All 1971 enrollees are urged to send in their 1972 dues and enrollment blanks now.

If you are interested in receiving timely educational information on all phases of Agriculture and home gardening, and have not received a letter about enrollment,



NIAGARA MOHAWK opened its new Glenmont Service Center on Friday, Dec. 3, with "wire-cutting" ceremonies and an open house at the facility. Taking part in the snipping were, from left, Erwin Speer, Capital Area operating superintendent for Niagara Mohawk; Guilderland Town Supervisor Carl Walters; Bertram Kohinke, Bethlehem Town Supervisor; and Richard Kukuk, Niagara Mohawk area manager. The new \$250, 000 center will provide electric and gas services for southern Albany and Rensselaer counties.

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NIAGARA MOHAWK Power Corporation has announced its annual plea for electrical safety involving Christmas trees.

H. B. Nittmann, division safety director for the power firm, noted "the greatest hazard of the natural tree is fire, and even a small tree can turn your living room into a raging inferno in seconds."

Mr. Nittmann listed a few Christmas tree precautions to take:

- Select a fresh tree and keep it in water.

- Replace light strings that have worn insulation or broken wiring. And look for the Underwriters' Laboratories label on new purchases.

- Light strings on a metalic tree can be dangerous. Use an off-tree spotlight instead.

 Keep your tree away from a fireplace, radiator or any heat source.

- Decorate with nonflammable ornaments.

Never burn evergreen boughs or gift wrapping in the fireplace.

AMONG THE hundreds of requests for assistance the Salvation Army receives each Christmas, was this distressing note mailed to a local corps in the southern part of the U.S. It read: "We don't have any children. We both



FIRST FOR THE SCOUT SHOW-Pack 646 on Green Island, already doing their craftmaking thing, was the first unit to request exhibit space at the big Scout Show to be held at the RPI Field House April 15. The Governor Clinton Council of Boy Scouts (new name for the Ft. Orange/ Uncle Sam Council) is the sponsor of the event which will feature exhibits by some 100 Scout troops, Cub packs, and explorer posts from all over the Capital District. Shown are: Phil Gross, Assistant District Commissioner; Den Mothers Joan Kahn, Peggy Stebbins, Pauline Pettit and Cubmaster Wayne Pettit. Seated Cubs are Stephen Kahn, Richard Bertrand, Michael George, Paul DuPont and David Wright.



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are retired. My husband has been down with a stroke three years. Neither of us are able to work on a job. We need a food box please." Similar desperate appeals are heard and answered by The Salvation Army each year, for sharing Christmas with others is a century-old Army tradition. Every December these neighborly officers and soldiers brighten the holiday for many of our less fortunate neighbors. Would you like to share in this wonderful tradition? You can. . .by dropping a donation into one of the Army's kettles. When you help someone in need, the season becomes a more meaningful and happier occasion for all.

CHRISTMAS at the Kenwood Child Development Center will be especially festive this year. Price-Greenleaf has donated a six-foot tree for the Sunday, December 19, Christmas Party. The tree will be trimmed by the children and their families. Popcorn and cranberry chains as well as ornaments made by the



Before Santa arrives, the children will present a short program followed by choral selections from the Sunshine Singers of the Union Baptist Church.

To add to the merriment, Mrs. Connery's Girl Scouts are gathering grab bag toys and the family of Mrs. Wickwire is making red stocking favors. The Christmas Party from 4-6 P.M. is open to all. At Kenwood, Christmas is a time of sharing and spreading good cheer.

THE 1972 Cornell School for Christmas Tree Growers, scheduled for January 14, 1972 at the N.Y. State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, will focus on solutions to current tree insect and disease problems.

Another feature will be a workshop session on constructing a nature trail as a public relations gesture.

The program will cover a wide range of topics of interest to tree growers includ-





NEW LIFE-SAVING SYSTEM: In first step heart attack victim receives resuscitation (top left). Ambulance personnel with new Aetna Cardio-Alert (top right) transmit victim's electrocardiogram over two-way radio to hospital, where it's monitored by physician at console (lower right). Ambulance technician uses system to obtain continuing life-saving instructions from doctor during ride to hospital (lower left). Aetna Cardio-Alert was developed at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Ct., and being funded by Aetna Life & Casualty nation's largest health insurer. It will save an estimated 500 lives in Greater Hartford area and might spare 150,000 annually if adopted nationwide.

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ing tree breeding, tax records, containerized tree planting and the contribution of trees to environmental guality.

The School will also permit its participants to remain on the Cornell campus for the annual winter meeting of the New York Christmas Tree Grower Association, slated for the next day, January 15th.

Those interested in attending the 1972 School should write to the Christmas Tree School, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa is due at the American Legion Blanchard Post in Delmar, Saturday at 1:00 P.M. The children of the Post members and their guests are again welcome to attend this annual event.

There will be Carol singing, musical acts and an exhibition of magic by Bob George followed by presentation of gifts by Jolly Old St. Nick. Refreshments will be served. The Posts asks parents to retrieve their children by 2:30 P.M.

NEW YORK State may expect some outbreak of influenza this winter, but their timing and severity remain unknown factors, Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, State health commisioner, said today.

"The World Health Organization has reported several outbreaks of flu in Europe, but so far, we have no indication of flu in New York and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., has found no indication of widespread outbreaks in the United States," Dr. Ingraham said.

Regarding immunization for influenza, he said:

"We subscribe to the recommendations of the Public



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Health Service Advisorv Committee on Immunization Practices. Essentially, the committee advises that persons with chronic lung conditions, heart and cardiovascular disorders and diabetes receive flu shots annually.

"There is no reason for a healthly adult to receive the shots.

"Immunization of persons who provide essential services should be considered only after local medical authorities weigh the difficulties involved in predicting influenza outbreaks, the problems of side effects and diversion of vaccine supplies from the chronically ill."

Dr. Ingraham noted that the State Health Department monitors influenza activity by weekly checks of school and industrial absenteeism



AT 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, December 17, the "Village Volunteers," Delmar's own Drum and Fife Corps, will present a program of Christmas Carols, around the Town Christmas tree at Town Hall. The "Village Volunteers" are widely known and acclaimed in the Northeast, having recently played at Williamsburg, Virginia. The public is invited to come and share in this yuletime experience. The program will last approximately 1/2 hour.

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LAST WEEK, Lesley LeFevre has the nicest birthday a 16 year old girl can have. Her flying instructor, Jim Feil, said to Lesley, "Since you turned the cabin heat off, I'm cold back here so I'm getting out. You take it around alone!" This meant that Lesley was about to achieve the goal of her recent flight training — her first solo flight.

Les had just completed several take-offs and landings in the Aeronca airplane that belongs to her club, the South Albany Flying Club at the South Albany Airport on Jericho Road in Bethlehem. She had been hoping and praying that Mr. Fiel would decide that she was competent to fly alone just as early as the Federal Aviation Regulations permit, at age 16, and he did.

Les had been taking flight instructions for two months, practicing landings, maneuvers and local cross-country flight under Jim Fiel's guidence. She has also flown with her mother, Mrs. Betty LeFevre, who is a commercial pilot and a former military pilot in the Women's Air



Force Service Pilots (W.A.S.P.) during World War II.

Lesley, who is a Junior at BCHS, has wanted to fly ever since she can remember. Mother and daughter joined the South Albany Flying Club in October. BRIGADIER GENERAL Francis J. Higgins, Vice Chief of Staff to the Governor and Deputy Commanding General, New York Army National Guard, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by the President of the United States.



GOING GREAT—Building of Phase I of the Bethlehem Recreation Park on Elm Avenue is going great. Above is the Olympic-size pool and in the foreground the result of adding fill and leveling it off is apparent. Target date for the completion of Phase I and the opening of the facility is scheduled for next June. Photo by Newcomb





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General Higgins received award for his achievements while serving as the Adjutant General of New York from September 1968 to June 1971.

The citation reads, in part: "His knowledge of personnel administration served to materially enchance the readiness of the military forces of the State of New York."

General Higgins, who has over 30 years of service as soldier, lawyer and labor counselor, was appointed to his present position by Governor Rockefeller in July 1971.

He served in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands in World War II and was recalled to active duty for Korea, where he served with the 68th AAA Gun Bn.

In 1955 he became the first anti-aircraft coordinator in New York, with responsibility for establishment and operation of Air Defense Missile Sites throughout the State.

The General has also served as Assistant Operations Officer and State Judge Advocate for the National Guard.

In 1967 he was appointed Counsel to the State Public Enployment Relations Board, returning to the Division of

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Military and Naval Affairs one year later as the Adjutant General of New York.

Gen. Higgins attended Fordham University and graduated from St. John's University Law School. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1953. He was awarded a Masters Degree in Public Administration at the State University of New York Graduate School of Public Affairs.

His military education includes the Infantry School, Artillery School, Command and General Staff College and Army War College.

The General, his wife Grace and 3 children reside at 39 Sunset Drive, Delmar.

ON DECEMBER 11, the annual Christmas Party of the Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held at the home of Mrs. Stephen C. Richards, 2 Burhans Place, Elsmere. Mrs. Robert H. Taylor, Regent of the Chapter, conducted the business meeting and a gift exchange was conducted

by the members. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Richards, Chairman; assisted by Mrs. Leland Bryant, Mrs. Dorothy S. Starkweather and Mrs. Gilbert O. Drake.

Especially honored guests at this meeting were the DAR Good Citizens and their mothers. The girls selected to receive this honor were Coleen Bain of Bethlehem Central High School; Deborah Marone of Marylrose Academy; Sally Durgerian of Guilderland Cen-High School.

The girls are selected for this award by the students and faculty of their respective high schools. The award is given for exemplary qualities of good citizenship and community interest. The National Winner of the DAR Good Citizenship Award received a four-year college scholarship. Tawasentha Chapter presented the girls with their DAR Good Citizenship Pins and a personal gift from the Chapter. Mrs. Kenneth Barber, DAR Good Citizenship Chairman for Tawasentha Chapter, made the presentation of the awards.

SHARON BUEHLER, a tall brunette who is a registered nurse at Albany Medical Center Hospital, is really enthusiasatic about the 1972 Tournament of Roses Parade, principally because she's going to be in it.

Miss Buehler, 26, is one of two nurses chosen by the American Hospital Assn. to represent her profession aboard the association's float in the 83rd annual parade, Jan. 1 in Pasadena, Calif. The float's theme is "Night and Day," symbolic of the 'roundthe-clock service provided by nurses and other hospital personnel.

"I really love football that's one reason why I'm so excited about being in the parade," says Sharon. She plans to attend the Rose Bowl game (Michigan vs. Standford) following the parade.

Indicative of her love for football is the fact that she

has given the name "Touchdown" to the quarterhorse she owns and trains. She also has a pedigreed collie, "Lad," with whom she has won numerous show trophies.

Born in Troy, Miss Buehler grew up in Syracuse, where she was graduated from West Genesee High School. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Buehler, reside at 316 Inwood Dr. in Syracuse. Her father is a foreman at the General Electric Co. plant in that city.

Sharon, who was graduated from Albany Medical Center School of Nursing in 1966, says, "I first decided to become a nurse when I was in grammar school, but I really made up my mind during my freshman year in nursing school.

"Right after being capped (in the middle of the freshmen year), I had doubts about whether or not I wanted to be a nurse," she says. "I left school and took a job. When I discovered how much I missed nursing school and





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how much becoming a nurse meant to me, I went back."

Miss Buehler is a head nurse in charge of a medical/cardiac unit of the Hospital. She resides in nearby Altamont.

**OLYMPIC GOLD** Medal winner Roger Staub of Arosa, Switzerland, and Vail, Colo., will be the guest coach at the sixth annual Jiminy Peak Holiday Race Camp, Dec. 28-30.

Jiminy Manager Brian Fairbank said that Staub, who won the giant slalom at Squaw Valley Winter Games in 1960, is the first Olympic gold medal winner ever to coach at a ski camp in the Berkshires.

Co-Directors Bill O'Connell and Don Rosenburg will have their own staff of racing instructors, as well as other special coaches, to offer classes in all levels and age groups for the three-day camp.

The camp will be open to all racers and aspiring racers from age 9 through 21 and will include basic and advance coaching in slalom, giant slalom and downhill running. The course will conclude with a NASTAR giant slalom and award presentation and will include ski maintenance and waxing.

Season ticket holders and area skiers will be able to participate on a daytime only basis, but there will also be a planned evening program for those staying at camp headquarters, Pontoosuc Lodge in nearby Lanesboro.

Graduates of previous camps have gone on to make high school and college varsity teams, as well as the Tri-State and Eastern teams, and two girls, Judy Sandick of Pittsfield and Leith Lende of Castleton, N.Y., competed last winter throughout the United States in the Can-Am circuit.

Staub was Swiss National champion in nine different seasons and has headed ski schools at both Arosa and Vail. He has also raced in the pro circuit and has headed the famed summer ski camp

at Mt. Hood, Ore., for the past three years.

Full details and application blanks are available at Jiminy Peak and at area ski shops.

A ONE-DAY ROADSIDE and Pick-Your-Own Marketing School sponsored by Extension will be held at the Thruway Hyatt House in Albany on February 16. The school is open to all persons interested in roadside marketing, according to Albany County Extension Agent, Joseph Huth, general chairman.

This year's conference, designed to keep growers and marketers up-to-date, will feature labor regulations, extending the season with flowers and plants, using refrigeration to better advantage and pricing and merchandising.

Another highlight on the program will be short presentations on "how to do it" by successful operators of roadside markets.

A trade show, featuring equipment, items to sell and promotional aids, is being planned by the committee.

The group will be served dinner at 6:30 followed by a talk by Lou Albano, roadside marketing consultant from Massachusetts.

A registration fee will be charged. Detailed information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Huth at the Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

A vegetable growers school will be held on the afternoon of February 15, also at the Thruway Hyatt House. Emphasis will be placed upon producing vegetables for roadside sales. This will include variety selection, planting schedules, and general production information. Following dinner, small fruit production will be discussed.

On Thursday morning, February 17, a tree fruit school will be conducted. "U-Pick" marketing will be the main theme. Varieties, root stocks



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Albany Chapter Grants: \$5000 to the Albany March of Dimes Birth Defects Center, \$5000 to Salk Institute, \$2080 to a Delmar polio patient for an attendent—total used since 1954 - \$64,868 a record for patient aid and a Latham polio patient \$21, 200.

My sincere thanks to everyone who aided and contributed last year 1971 to the March of Dimes Campaign, dedicated to me for my 30 years services as a volunteer in administration, and fund raising and vaccine projects. It was indeed gratifying to see a record response through the THE SPOTLIGHT



popular mailers, and various other sources. Most of the gifts were greatly increased over former years. Gifts sent in of \$25 or more, the donors received Humanitarian Bonds and became members of The Humanitarian Club.

I sincerely urge everyone to continue to support financially, the vital programs that are extensive and expensive, but so worthwhile. In Memory gifts or bequests are always of great value.

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> Thomas J. McEnaney Chapter Chairman, Co. Campaign Director

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### SNOWMOBILING by Paul Kelsey

I haven't conducted any scientific study to back up my observations, but I don't anticipate anyone will argue when I say that during the last five years the fastest growing winter sport has been snowmobiling.

The snowmobile isn't as new as many people believe. For years it has been the winter workhorse of the outdoorsman whose labor took him back off the open road. My first experience with one was in 1950 on the DeBar Mountain Game Management Area where it was being used to run a trapline of snowshoe rabbit live-traps. Hares collected on that trip were the source of present day populations in Tompkins and Schuyler counties.

By 1960 designs had improved to the point where one man could handle them with ease, and trappers, caretakers and woodsmen throughout the Adirondacks started putting them to good use. Then somebody discovered that they could also be used for fun, and the boom was on.

The snowmobile has opened many thousands of acres of back country, which in years gone by was available to the limited few hardy folks December 16, 1971 - PAGE 25



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who would strap on snowshoes and hike in. This is great, for it has taken many people who would otherwise be glued to the boob-tube on a Sunday afternoon, and gotten them out where they could enjoy the winter wonderland and fill their lungs with fresh air.

There have been some problems too. The snowmobiler today finds himself in much the same position the deer hunter found himself when the "doe days" drew many new and inexperienced deer hunters into the woods. The newcomers had not yet learned that simple courtesy to the landowner host, and proper respect for the regulations were necessary if the welcome mat was to be kept out.

Littering, damage and noise are three of the most common complaints, any of which could be eliminated with a little common courtesy. The snow quickly hides the beer cans and paper from a weekend cookout in some sheltered spot. But, as the snow vanishes in the spring, the litter will become conspicuous. Many places formerly beyond the reach of the litterbug are now being desecrated.

Needless damage has always been a major cause of posting. The cut or broken fence, which has always annoyed the dairy farmer, is again coming to the fore. Cows are not in the pasture now, but a fenceline dropped to permit the passage of snowmobiles requires attention before the cows can be safely turned out next spring.

Christmas tree growers, and those who have planted evergreens for future timber, report that snowmobiles racing back and forth over their snow-covered young trees have done irreparable damage.

The effect on wildlife by the constant activity of snowmobilers is probably overestimated. There is, however, a great potential for harassing deer and turkeys. As long as they are used along trails in a responsible manner, wildlife can drift into the deeper cover and let them go by. Deliberate harassment of any wildlife is not only unethical but, is illegal.

Trails made by snowmobiles are a mixed blessing to deer. During periods of deep snow, trails make it possible for deer to travel more readily, and in some areas well meaning sportsmen make a point of laying trails to help deer get to better feeding spots. Unfortunately, trails that get snowmobiles into concentration areas come from dog country. The trails that lets deer travel better also gives This probably dogs entry. cancels out the benefits of improved travel for the deer.

Most snowmobilers recognize that as a group they must maintain a good image, or the deluge of new regulations that they had to adjust to last year will be just a start. Common sense and common courtesy are the best antidotes for a poor image. Peer pressure — voluntary policing by other snowmobilers—may be the best way to get those out of step back in line.

MATTHEW BRIGHTON has lost over 100 lbs. Our young Weight Watchers have to share Matt's joy at his achievement because it was his granddaughter who told him about Weight Watchers. Matt had many obstacles on his road to success. One big obstacle was the fact that he works nights. Matt put his hot meals in a thermos and worked his schedule around a bit. Matt is cheerful, friendly and does flower arrangements in his spare time. He has another goal in view. He is training to be a Weight Watcher lecturer.

Dear Ethel,

I am 16 years old and I have been going out with Charlie for three months. I really like him except he has an overweight problem. Whenever we go anywhere, people

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always chuckle "There goes the fat boy".

I've tried to get him to join Weight Watchers, but he absolutely refuses, saying it's just for women.

How can I make him see that Weight Watchers is for all overweight people?

For my Charlie Dear "F.M.C".

It is reassuring to find someone who cares about someone. Charlie can't be made to "see" Weight Watchers. He will only come when he is ready. When our new men's class is in session. Charlie will be able to identify with men like Matt Brighton and enjoy the encouragement of people like himself. At class, Charlie will be able to follow the Weight Watchers program and reap the rewards of being "sighted" again. However, we have many classes now in session that have men, women and vouths attending weekly and succeeding beautifully in losing weight. Tell Charlie to watch for the men's opening date in the Weight Watchers column.

The holiday season will be fast upon us. To give our holiday a colorful tone, why not try these recipes?

### SNOW-FLOWERS

2 packages (10 oz. each) frozen cauliflower

1/2 cup water

1 packet instant chicken broth and seasoning mix 1 clove garlic, crushed 1/4 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

2 teaspoons lemon juice freshly ground pepper to taste 3 tablespoons diced pimento

Cook cauliflower according to package directions, drain. Combine remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Then add cauliflower and heat. Serve Flowerets with toothpicks. Makes 4 servings.

### YULETIDE VEAL ROAST 1/2 cup soy sauce

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder salt and pepper to taste artificial sweetener to equal 3 teaspoons sugar

4 pound veal roast

Combine all ingredients except veal. Place veal in mixture and marinate for at least one hour, turning frequently. Use remaining marinade as a baste. Roast at  $350^{-3}$ F for 11/2 to 2 hours, or until done. Weigh and serve. Makes 8 servings.

### CARROTS NOEL

Brown sugar replacement to equal 1/3 brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel

1/4 teaspoon imitation butter flavor

1/2 cup orange juice1 can (16 oz.) baby Belgian carrots, drained

Combine all ingredients except carrots in a large skillet. When mixture bubbles,







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add carrots and heat thoroughly. Makes 4 servings.

SKIERS NOT "IMMUNE" — "Although they may be graceful, daring and precise on the slopes, skiers are not 'immune' to breakdowns and accidents on the road," reports Bill Hoffman, noted ski authority. "The fact is they are more susceptible to emergency situations." As he puts it, "they **must** go where the snow is!"

"It's logical for skiers to drive on roads other motorists would, by choice, avoid," explains Bill, "but many of them are not prepared for the unexpected. They more often than not encounter winding, narrow, mountainous — and unlighted — two-lane roads which," he adds, "are bad enough under normal weather conditions. When you layer these secondary roads with ice patches and deep snow," admits the outdoorsman, "they become absolutely treacherous."

Pirelli radial tires are one precaution against road slip," notes the intrepid ski broadcaster, who finds himself daily in "must-get-there" situations. Their inner belt keeps treads open — and working — even in harsh driving conditions.

"Skiers must also make provision against weak batteries (even a "brand new" battery is only 60% efficient at 32 degrees and 30% efficient at 20

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degrees below zero), flat tires and running out of gas, which unfortunately plague all motorists at one time or another," Bill warns. "Combine these minor breakdowns with bad weather and bad roads," points out Bill, "and you have a formula for potential emergency situations."

Bill poses this tough hypothetical question: "Suppose you realize a collision is imminent. How do you choose what to hit?" he asks. "Anything is better than colliding with a moving vehicle or a fixed object. If you can," he advises, "drive off the road into a snow bank which will cushion the impact or 'break your fall, rather than your neck'.

"Try to look at the sides of the road and make mental notes on the things which might give and those which can't, such as a large tree or boulder. Furthermore," emphasizes Bill — who logs thousands of winter miles annually — "think about this now, while you're not under pressure. It may come to mind one day — in a critical split second before an imminent crash — when you literally have no time to think about alternatives, and simply must react."

### AFTER IMPACT

"If you have hit another car, stop immediately, and if possible drive off the road. Make any injured passengers as comfortable as possible. However, don't attempt first aid on your own," he warns, "unless it's necessary to control bleeding. Moving a seriously injured



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person may compound the injury - so wait for help.

"Fortunately," according to the veteran ski traveler, "if you do get into difficulty, the chances are you will be on a road that many other skiers have to use (particularly, if it's a weekend). The standard 'help' signal — understood by the fraternity of ski drivers - is to raise the hood of your car over the engine. (Caution: If snowing heavily, protect your wires with blanket or car mat.)

"Whether it's a serious collision or a minor breakdown. do not risk your life by trying to direct traffic around your vehicle at night," he urges. "Instead, use red highway flares which burn 15 to 30 minutes in wind, rain, fog or snow.

"If you have flat tire, or you're stuck on the side of the road," he says, "get everyone out of the car and have them stand away from it."

Working with safe driving experts at the Pirelli Perfornance Bureau, Bill has also put together the following 'must" list for skiers:



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- In case of skidding, steer gently into the skid. Do not accelerate abruptly. Do not apply brakes.
- To stop on ice or packed snow, allow extra stopping space. Anticipate stops. Pump brakes with a series of light taps. Do Not slam on brakes.
- Wear seat belts at all times to minimize any possible iniurv.
- Use radial snow tires for increased traction.
- Keep in your car at all times: snow shovel, flares and flashlight, jump cable, milk containers filled with sand.

CAREFUL DOES IT - The Christmas-New Year holiday period is one that inspires many people to climb up and down ladders.

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Ladders are the best and safest way to reach these heights when installing decorations, but if not used properly they can be as dangerous as trying to climb up a pyramid of six swivel chairs.

Falls, reports the National Safety Council, are the leading cause of home accident deaths each year. In 1970, for example, a total of 9,600 persons were fatally injured as a result of falls in the home.

A prime culprit in many of these accidents was an improperly used ladder.

The Safety Council suggests following precautions the when using ladders:

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• An individual using an extension ladder to reach an extreme height such as the roof of a house should employ good body form. This consists of keeping the body erect and the arms straight but not tense. When a man holds himself rigid and hugs the ladder, he is in danger of falling because he does not have control of his body.

• To keep the ladder steady, the climber should climb near the center of the rungs, simultaneously using the same hand and foot when climbing.

 The climber should not! look down or watch his feet. but should look slightly up-



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ward toward the next rung.

• His hands should be moved on the rungs at a level between his waist and his head, and the rungs should be grasped with the palms down and the thumbs around the rungs. This will help avoid body sway and provide a means of checking for possible defective rungs.

• The ball of the foot rather than the arch should be placed on the rungs when climbing.

 Prior to climbing, the ladder should be placed with the based set out 1/4 the ladder length, and it should be set evenly and firmly.

• When using a stepladder, it should be fully opened with the spreaders straight.

• It should be set on even footing.

• The climber should never stand on the top step.

### TIPS FOR WINTER

BRAKES — Be sure they are balanced. Equal pull on all wheels is a must to avoid skids.

TIRES — Regular tires must have good tread. Snow tires help in snow but are no better







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Today's Christmas trees may not be lit by the stars but a wide variety of decorations are available to make every tree unique. The National Safety Council warns that, although beautiful, the traditional Christmas tree can bring tragedy instead of cheer unless proper precautions are taken.

To see that your tree doesn't become a fire hazard the Council recommends:

• Purchase a tree that is fresh. The needles should be resilient and adhere to the branches when handled.

• If the tree is to be stored before it is decorated place it outdoors in a container of water.

• Before setting the tree up, cut off about an inch of the trunk to help the tree absorb water.

• Check the water level daily to be sure the tree has enough moisture.

• Locate the tree away from fireplaces, vents and other sources of heat and where it won't block exits.

• Check strings of electric lights closely for worn insulation, broken plugs and loose bulb sockets and use only sets with UL (Underwriters Laboratories) labels.

• Never use lighted candles on a tree or any evergreen decoration.

• Decorate the tree from the top down using nonflammable ornaments.

• Hang breakable ornaments high out of the reach





of children.

• Icicles should not be hung near bulbs, sockets or metal parts of the wiring.

• Don't overload any one circuit with electrical decorations.

• Keep extension cords short and out of the way of traffic to prevent tripping.

• Angel hair usually made of glass wool won't burn. Neither will spray-on flocking snow. But snow sprayed on angel hair makes a combustible combination. Put the snow on the tree prior to applying the angel hair. Make sure the adhesive used on commercially flocked trees is not combustible.

• A dampened paper towel will help to safely pick up slivers from the floor if a glass ornament breaks.

Go over your home fire emergency escape route with your family, just in case. And then, following these

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rules, relax and have a Merry Christmas

"FUN OR FOLLY?" - Whether you ski 50 or 500 miles from where you live, the biggest problem, in the opinion of ski broadcaster Bill Hoffman, is getting there. "Trouble is," he reports, "while most skiers select ideal weather conditions for starting out, there is no telling what driving conditions they are likely to encounter before actually reaching their destination. Snow, sleet, or icy roads, are par for the course," he points out, "and it's best to be prepared for 'unlikely' occurrences as well.

"Many skiers get stuck unnecessarily by the simple expedient of driving too fast or too slow," explains the noted ski-navigator, "so don't please. You can jam up the road tighter than a drum and leave all your lodge brothers

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out on a limb, to boot. "Some ski buffs run into difficulty without driving snow tires, a major mistake," he warns, "because tire traction could make the critical difference between getting here and not. 'Traction by Pirelli' is a reference heeded by drivers in all parts of the world. It applies as a winning ormula for snow country," advises Bill.

"Practically every ski area n the U.S. is located off a secondary road, and," notes Bill, "that's where the going an get rough -- winding, nountainous, narrow roads are the rule, not the exception. Because of the hazards, quite number of ski route towns nake snow tires 'mandatory' and are likely to give out ickets if they are not in use n the vicinity. (Keep studs n mind, too, for extra "bite." Dnly 2 states, Mississippi and Alabama, actually prohibit se of studs.) "So," Bill adds, get on the snow tires and heck your treads."

Pirelli's "Thinking Man's Guide To Tire Care" proides much needed informaon in a handy glove comparthent size card. "Best get one,'

suggests Bill, "by writing: GUIDE, Pirelli Performance Bureau, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017 (Women drivers write for "Thinking Woman's Guide To Tire Care.")

"Try to start your ski trip in the early morning hours." advises Bill, an early starter of long standing himself. "Leaving before dawn gives you the advantage of heading into light. You'll not only avoid the inherent dangers of driving long hours in the dark, but also the possibilities of getting lost, or stranded overnight. If you must leave in the evening" he stresses, "fill up the gas tank and check your route map thoroughly before starting out.

"Another way to prevent pure 'folly' on the road," he believes, "is to use a ski rack. Never carry your skis inside the car. It's amazing how many skiers do this at the risk of instant decapitation for themselves, or their passengers. All it takes," says the veteran ski commentator, "is one unexpected sharp stop."



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Bill also recommends equipping your car for safety. Make certain you have the following: windshield scraper, flashlight, flares, jumper cable, milk containers filled with sand (they're handy and "neat"), a small snow shovel and a small tube of graphite to prevent frozen car doors and trunk locks.

"Despite every precaution," he notes, "the skier is still susceptible to unpredictable road conditions. If his car stalls and he lets his wheels spin, he's in for trouble.

"According to safety experts at the Pirelli Performance Bureau," Bill reports, "spinning tires get hot and melt the snow, which in the cold, turns to slick ice. (Another instance where radial snow tires offer a traction advantage.)

"Starting up on ice is not a problem," he indicates, "if you haven't forgotten the cardboard milk container filled with sand. Otherwise, if nothing else is at hand, slip your car mats underneath for leverage."

Hints:

- Crack windows open 1/2" while driving — keeps air circulating.
- Don't wear your ski pants while driving on long trip — too cumbersome.
- Have thermos of hot coffee (to help fight off fatigue).
- Keep ski boots in car so they don't freeze.
- Don't drive with heat on "full" can induce drow-

siness.

 Touch brakes regularly to test them — will also slow you down without your realizing it (prevents speeding).

THE SEVENTIES started slowly for the nation's truck manufacturers but 1971 portends to be a banner production year.

In the new edition of its annual publication, MOTOR TRUCK FACTS, the Automobile Manufacturers' Association points out that truck and bus production totaled 1,733,821 units in 1970 - or 247,000 units less than the record production year of 1969. The lower production level is a reflection of labor problems encountered during the last quarter of 1970. However, figures for the first half of 1971 show that the output is running at a higher rate than 1969, indicating a record production year may be in the making.

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Total United States truck egistrations increased by early 866,000 units to 8,747,781 by year's end. More han 900,000 older vehicles vere taken out of service and eplaced during the year. Bus egistrations also increased pproximately 14,700 units a total of 379,021. This inluded 288,750 school buses.

Trucks are popular with the eneral public, according to the AMA booklet which shows that nearly one in every five .S. families owns at least one tuck. Truck ownership is ost prevalent in families with h annual income between 10,000 and \$15,000.

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#### LeVere L. Fuller

# Wandering & Wondering ...

#### A CONVERSATION:

- Man: "Tell me, Annie, does your father actually write Wandering & Wondering or does he have a ghost writer do it for him?"
- Annie: "Of course he writes it! Why?"
- Man: "He never impressed me as having that much intelligence."

We say: Accept the compliment no matter from whence it cometh!!

**FIRST AGAIN** — Last year we were the first in the area to report grosebeaks around our bird feeders in December (the normal time of their arrival around here is the middle of January). On the 2nd of December this year, a dozen came, spent half an hour gorging themselves, then took off. And we haven't seen them since.

**EVERY FATHER** must have experienced the emotionfilled announcement that his son's latest request cannot be granted because there just isn't enough money to do it. It's a very difficult decision, especially if the son is a teenager and may wonder what you've done with the money from years of working. The other day I was thinking o what I'd do if a like situation confronted me. The only solu tion I could see was to write my son a letter explaining th reasons "why." So here's a mythical letter to a mythical so in a mythical situation that I hope I never have to face.

#### Dear Son:

First of all, I want to apologize for not being able to grant your request. If you are interested in knowing why I feel badly, here's the reason:

I was born and lived on a farm the first 13 years of my life. My parents didn't have any surplus money, in fact, the eggs from the chickens paid for the staple groceries (or were supposed to). When it came time for me to start school, a seamstress came and stayed a few days while she made my shirts. Our vegetables were grown in our garden and most of our meat came from the animals and poultry we raised. Santa brought a single present; the Christmas tree was decorated with tinsel and popcorn which we'd string just before the Holiday. The lights on the tree were candles which were held upright by an ingenious





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holder. But the candles were never lit! - because of the danger of fire.

The farm was 100 acres of clay soil — but because of constant planting and working, it grew fine crops in good seasons. We had four fairly good farm horses; 21 milk cows plus assorted young stock, chickens, pigs, etc.; a shepherd dog and usually a rabbit hound and sometimes a fox hound. As soon as I was big enough, I had my own trap line for skunks and weasels which had to be checked at daybreak every day of the week during November and December. I rode to school in the wagon or sleigh my father used to deliver milk to the plant in Canajoharie. In the afternoon I'd walk the mile home unless a storm made it impossible. When the snow was deep, I had a pair of snowshoes. This was the story of my first six grades in grammar school.

As soon as I was big enough I was expected to help my father and our hired man in the fields during the summer. I never had to do any of the real bull work but I drove the team on the hay wagon as it was loaded and also the single horse used to lift the hay from the wagon into the mow for winter storage.

In those days every town had its livery stable where horses were boarded, bought and sold. I must have been about ten the year the Canajoharie "horse trader" had an entire carload of ponies shipped in from the West. A few days after they arrived, he pastured them in a field beside the main road where every kid for miles around would have to go past. I'll never forget it - some 40 or 50 ponies frolicking from one end of that field to the other! Big ponies, little ponies and all the sizes between. Two breeds were predominant: the little Shetland and the much larger (so-called) Indian pony. The Shetlands were from 3' to 3-1/2' high — while the Indians went the rest of the way to small horse size. The little Shetlands were mostly greys, blacks and browns - solid colors. But the Indians - oh, boy! - they were white, tan, brown and black - some of them marked so beautifully they fairly took your breath away!

The news of the ponies' arrival spread like wildfire and thinking that I'd like to see them, my father made a point of driving past soon after they were put in the field.

Actually, he had done me no favor — better I had never laid eyes on them. It was days before I screwed up enough courage to explain to my father that I had to have one of those ponies! In fact, to be truthful, I think I worked the whole idea through my mo-









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ther. I had all the answers: Yes, we had an extra, unused stall where he could be kept; we had a pasture for him in summer; he wouldn't eat very much; I could ride him to and from school; and "Gee, Mom, I have just got to have one of those ponies!!

Before I finally gave up I believe both my mother and father patiently explained that we didn't have money for ponies; life was earnest; life was a struggle and trifles and extravagances like ponies were for the rich — not for us, not for me. I tried to think of ways to earn the money — but the amount was too great and the opportunities too few.

Well, those ponies all sold eventually - but it took two or three summers before the last one was gone - and the pasture empty once more. And during that time it became more and more painful to go by where they were because each time another one or two would be gone. The driving past became an ordeal that made the tears flow.

Maybe my mother and father suffered with me – I'll never know. But I DO know that it was during this period that they let me have an old rifle that wouldn't shoot exactly straight. Foolish? You bet it was! I hunted red squirrels along the fence rows where, if one of those bullets had hit just right and bounded back, I could have been killed. When it was given to me, I assumed that it was a .22 – but when I had to buy more bullets, it turned out to be a .32. I had fun

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with it - even though if I hit anything it had to be an accident because it really didn't shoot at all straight. I never got into any trouble with it - and I guess it might have been a small substitute for the pony I wanted so badly.

I have tried to figure out whether this and a few other major disappointments had anything to do with a growing determination that if and when I got married and there were children, nothing like this would ever happen. I know how stupid this was but actually, not one of our nine between birth and 12 years old ever wanted for very much or were very greatly disappointed. Foolish indulgence perhaps but as they now look back on this period in their lives, the nine would agree on this: They'd tell you about the fabulous birthdays, Christmases and, yes, Easters they had during their childhood.

It could just as well have been a repetition of the pony episode - a different set of circumstances made what was impossible in my boyhood become a reality when my adult years were reached.

One thing you must realize is this: My parents are in no way to be blamed for what happened in my childhood. In fact, as the years went by, I never knew them to refuse any request that was within their power to grant - and sometimes it meant a real sacrifice on their part. They always did a little more than their best.

This letter is not written to impress upon you that you have to learn to live with disappointment. It is written to try to explain to you how hard it is for a parent who loves and respects his children to have to refuse what you believe to be a completely reasonable request. It comes at a time when it just isn't possible for me to see a way to say, "Yes."

In the past, there have been many times when the "impossible" became "possible." Maybe this is another of those times -1 hope so.

This is the kind of letter we'd be forced into writing if e occasion ever arose. As we have read it, we wonder t what today's psychologist would determine from it. ybe it would be better if we never find out!

#### Dear Mr. Fuller:

I am sure your recent item, objecting to the increasing number of TV commercials, was well received by your many readers. Needless to say all news media need advertising to stay alive but the present trend is getting ridiculous. Even interviews have become nothing more than a camouflaged commercial for some book, play or picture.

Some time ago the "To-day" show began interruptng their news broadcast for injections of commercial plasma. At the time all I could think of was the similarity of the news broadcasts to the famous erials of nickelodeon days.

In the battle for survival, would the printed news nedia be forced to adopt the TV formula, I asked my-



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self. For my own amusement I tried composing a news story using the TV format. The enclosed is the result. Feel free to fold, bend, spir.dle or mutilate it. It is yours to do with as you wish. As a last resort I am sure you will find the round file guite receptive.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Triggs

#### A QUEER BIRD

The peace and quiet of Uppercrust Circle was shatred yesterday morning, when Mrs. E. Van Gelical disovered an unidentified bird performing its morning abluons at the bird bath. — A refreshing adjunct to your mornig ablutions is the new alum flavored MAWASH recently troduced by the Hogwash Oral Irrigation Company. It ill keep your mouth shut for hours.

In the dawn's early light Mrs. Van Gelical had been wakened by a clamor at the bird bath. With deliberate peed she rushed to the window. Her sleepy eyes hastily entified the water thrashing object as an ostrich. — Don't bu be an ostrich with your head in the sand when it comes selecting your breakfast food. Be sure your morning enu includes a bowl of delicious CRIMPED HAY. Smothed with sliced carrots and a topping of golden brown olasses it will make you eat like a horse.

At this point Mr. Van Gelical unwillingly joined his fe at the window. He readily admitted his bird knowledge as strictly limited to distinguished chickens from robins it he was quite certain ostriches did not wear plaid pants. Your knowledge need not be limited. Enroll now! New ass now forming! Understand the flower people! Your ist, present and future will take on a new aroma at the msy Petal Language Institute. Listed only in the white ges.

An ostrich, with or without pants, definitely was not the Van Gelical's guest list for breakfast. To maintain ace in the bedroom, and perhaps at the bird bath, a call is made to the police. Officer MacTavish, with drawn n, was soon stalking his prey. Stealthily he crawled from sh to bush until he reached a clump of lilacs adjacent to bird bath. Suddenly he stood erect, holstered his gun, d stepped from the bushes to confront the intruder. The pected struggle was replaced with waves of hysterical ighter rolling across the lawn. — Is your lawn ready for xt year's long hot summer? Put your lawn on a diet! w, even with the snow, is a good time for an application STUNT, the low calorie lawn food. It will keep the grass ides slim and trim. Color added — green of course.

The intruder was Officer Lavabo from MacTavish's cinct. For the past week he had been on special assignnt as an undercover agent in a local anti-people movent. Each morning, in the removal of his artificial hirsute brument, he had been sharing the bird bath with the ds. This morning the vocal objections of an abnormal mber of crows lead to the commotion. With due apolos to the Van Gelicals the officers took their leave and ice and quiet returned to Uppercrust Circle. — You, too, have peace and quiet with a pair of THISTLEDOWN December 17, 1971 - PAGE 55



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EAR MUFFS. In decorator colors, yet! Used, but not endorsed for general use, by most politicians.

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**FROM NECESSITY**, this column is written as much as a week ahead of its publication to avoid having to do it when things become hectic, as they do, every weekend. Imagine our surprise, then, when the **Sunday TU Business Brief-case** tried to explain away the cost of the 16-page section in **Fortune Magazine.** Here's what it actually said (the bold face is ours: "... was achieved without any **financial cost to the State government beyond the normal advertisement placed in the publication by the Department of Commerce."** Right or wrong, we're sticking to our original charge that when the State is in deep financial trouble (\$1.5 BILLION), we don't see how it can justify a 16-page color advertisement — and further, just what is "the normal advertisement" cost?

**50 YEARS AGO** — The first week in December was "butchering week" on the farm. All of one day, my father and our hired man would go to the nearest neighbor and help — then on another day, the neighbors would come and help us. "Butchering Day" was the earliest starting day of the year. Earlier in the week, the huge iron pot would have been hung on its upright supports and a pile of kindling and firewood placed alongside. A long, sturdy table was placed near the kettle. Long before daylight of the "day," the kettle was filled with water and the fire lit. By

the time the neighbors arrived just as day was breaking the water would be near the boiling point. After greeting were exchanged and the latest "news" swapped, the firs unfortunate pig was led out, flipped on its back and ex pertly "stuck" with a double-bladed knife which was quit literally a "pig-sticker." The porker was then released an allowed to turn the snow crimson until it was dead.

A sensitive nature was a shortcoming for a farm boy In all my years on the farm, I never ventured outside dur ing the killing — but I wouldn't leave a convenient dinin room window either — I simply had to watch every part of the operation — and then listen to the chilling squeals of the dying hogs for days and nights afterward.

When the first pig was completely dead, it was lifted to the table, hot water poured over it and every square inc was scraped with a special tool which removed every singl bristle right at the surface of the skin - actually it amount ed to a very close shave. When this was done, the anima was hoisted clear of the ground and drawn. Almost all c the animal was edible: the heart, liver, hocks, as well as a of the main parts of the body were used. While young pig liver may not be quite the delicacy of a calf's liver, it is sti awfully good. The pickled hearts were a delicacy, too. Bot link and pan sausage were made, as well as liver sausag and head cheese. The shoulders and hams (as well as th slabs of meat that would be bacon) were put in a vat o brine to preserve and flavor them. Later they would b smoked over a smoldering hickory wood fire in our smoke house.



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Other cuts (pork chops, tenderloin, ribs, etc.) were put in the milk house (a building where the milk was cooled) and frozen for use during the remainder of the winter. The atty parts were "tried" or rendered into lard much of which was used in the making of laundry soap. That's right! The oap was used in the washing machine and was made on the farm by mixing the lard with lye and some other inpredients.

"Woman's work" on butchering day included getting p either at the same time or ahead of the men. A dinner or 14-15 had to be cooked for the noontime meal. As bon as the carcasses cooled and could be cut up, sausage, ver sausage and head cheese were made in the kitchen. he men were finished when the last hog had been cooled nd cut up — but I can remember my mother going on and n until she would almost drop from exhaustion. After a urried supper, she'd be back making sausage and proessing the meat by kerosene lamps — going until she was atisfied that the rest could be left until the next day.

Except for the actual killing, the day was a big break om the monotony of the winter months. I was always rilled by the extra people who came to help and when I the different things were made, it meant delicious eating r the rest of the winter.

It was hard work — but there was also a thrill to the hole thing: neighbor helping neighbor with no thought of e hours spent or the hourly wage. I can never remember

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my father ever actually "sticking" a pig — this was left t the same neighbor year after year. Each one had a specifi part of the work to do — and each man did his work as it had been rehearsed.

Butchering was only one of several jobs on the far that required the help of the neighbors. Certain seasor demanded different additional help. For instance, in th fall when the silo was filled with the cut up sileage cor the man who stuck the pigs was the operator of the ma chine that cut the corn into small pieces and blew it into th silo.

Today, most of what has been written here is histor No longer is there that perfect cooperation between neigl bors; no longer do adjoining farms operate on the friend fun-work schedule of the days gone by. Today a diversifie farming is a thing of the past. Now, even the farmers "sp cialize" — and where the farmer used to purchase only h staples at the grocery store, he now buys just about all the items on the suburban or city dweller's list. Today farmer doesn't depend on what he raises for his existen — today he sells whatever it is that he produces. Toda horses are for riding — but when I was a boy, the hor was an integral part of every farming operation and ge erally the only transportation.

You will no doubt be no wiser for having read the paragraphs but I hope we brought back some memori to our older readers who may have been a part of a 191 1920 farm family.





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