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By Bob Jackson

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COVER STORY

KIWANIS KOFFEE KLATCH



OVER THREE HUNDRED CUPS of coffee, twenty-five dozen doughnuts and three and a half hours of fellowship and fun were served to over 265 people on New Year's Eve by 18 Kiwanians and wives of the Delmar Kiwanis Club. From the moment they opened the doors of the Friendly Ice Cream Shop on Delaware Avenue at 12:30 A.M. until closing at 4 A.M., a steady stream of well-wishers stopped in for coffee and fellowship.

Hailed as a complete success for their first attempt at such a project, the Kiwanis Club looks forward to establishing the event on an annual basis. The Kiwanians who helped are as follows:

Mssrs. Ed Smith, Jack Easton, Bernard Kaplowitz, Charles

Fritts, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Capore, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur McCormick, Mr. & Mrs. Kenelm Thacher, Mr. & Mrs. John Geurtze, Mr. & Mrs. James Morrow, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Michelson, and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Di Bello, Activity Chairman.

Picture identification: 1) It's after midnight, everything is ready as Don DiBello, Jim Morrow and Bethlehem Police Sergeant Covey wait for the rush. 2) First customers! "Coffee, pliz!" "Comin' right up," says Kiwanian Art McCormick. 3) As the restaurant filled with revelers, gallons of coffee flowed, dozens of doughnuts were served — with an equal amount of fun and fellowship. 4) Oh, those dirty dishes. Ken Thacher starts through with the first batch as Mrs. Betty Thacher and Jim Morrow talk it over. 5) And here are Mistfers Clean: Jack Easton and John Geurtze. 6) Members of a fraternal friendly fraternity take a break — coffee, that is! 7) Ken Thacher and Bernie Kaplowitz, tired out, but happy about it all. 8) The "wheels" discuss the event: Charlie Michelson, Kiwanis President; Jim Morrow, Kiwanian and Friendly Ice Cream Store Manager; Don DiBello, Kiwanis Activities Chairman.

Spotlight CALENDAR

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Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion, meets on the first and third Mondays of every month except July and August, 8:30 P.M., post rooms, Poplar Drive.

Residents of the Delmar-Elsmere area are notified that a van to collect newspaper for recycling is now permanently parked in the New York State Conservation Department parking lot (across Wolf Rd. from the Colonie Shopping Center). The van is open at all times and paper may be put directly into it. It should be only newspaper and should be tied in bundles.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

The Martin Luther King Memorial Service will be held at 8 P.M. at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, under the sponsorship of the Capital Area Council of Churches, the Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

and the Capital District Board of Rabbis. The Rev. Dr. M. L. Wilson, Pastor of Convent Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, and Past President of the Ministers' Conference of New York City and vicinity, will be the preacher. The offering will be used as a contribution to the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040, American Legion, from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. to receive blood donations. Give of yourself and help your fellow man.

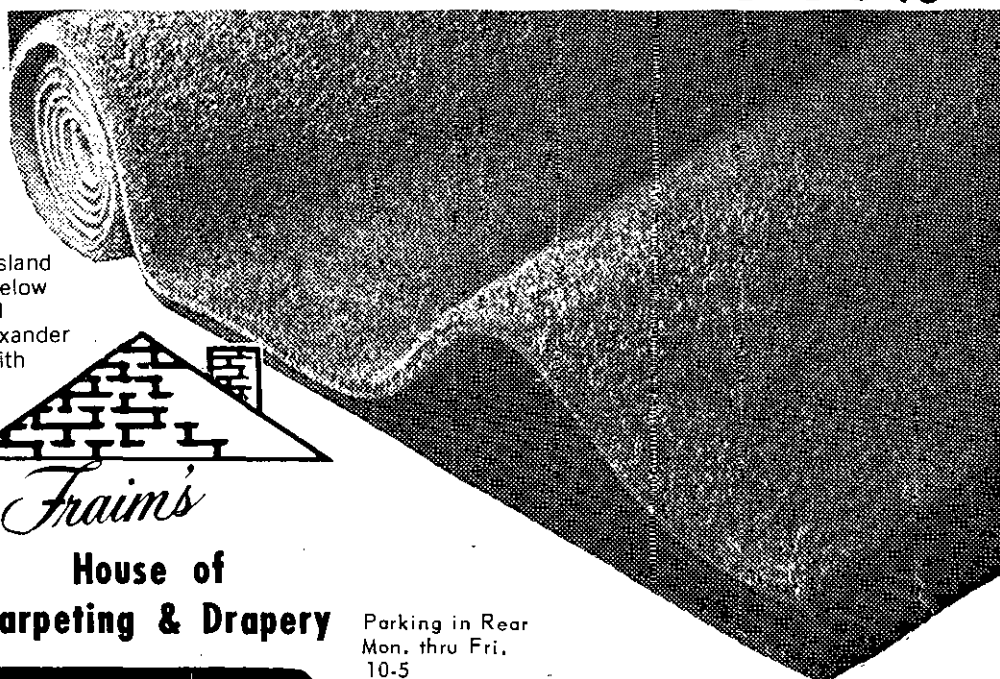
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company will hold its first monthly meeting of the New Year

on Thursday, Jan. 13th, 8:00 P.M. at the fire hall.

Regular Meeting: Delmar Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, 8 P.M. in the fire hall. Mrs. Allison Bennett, Bethlehem Historian, will show slides of historical importance.

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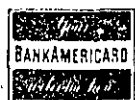
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In conjunction with Families For the Future, Inc., an area organization which encourages the adoption and foster care of all homeless children, an informal adopt-chat will be held at 8 p.m. in the home of the Barskes, 9 Carstead Drive, Slingerlands. Anyone who is interested in adoption is welcome to come and meet couples who have added to their families in this way. Please call 439-6871 if you plan to attend.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Happy Birthday, Joni!!

Contemporary folk singers, Pat and Victoria Garvey will play at the Bethlehem Coffeehouse tonight at 9:00. The Garveys, presently living in New Mexico, play the piano and guitar as accompaniment to the songs they have written. For more information call 439-5502.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Bethlehem Historical Association members will tour Historic Cherry Hill on South Pearl Street in Albany. Time 2-4 P.M. Refreshments will be served back at the Bethlehem Museum on Route 144. There



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An "African Adventure" evening is planned at the Delmar United Methodist Church. The program will feature Dr. Randolph Nugent, Executive Director of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. Slides of a recent African trip will be shown by Dr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Werner. Invitations have been extended to African students attending the State University at Albany. Those attending African Adventure will enjoy a meal featuring African food items. Co-chairmen of the event are Mrs. Robert B. Thomas and Mrs. Hito T. Narahara.

An organ recital by five members of the Eastern New York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be presented in Saint John's Episcopal Church, Troy, at 4:00 P.M. Works by Bruhns, Mozart, Dupre and Sowerby will be performed by Karin Gustafson, James Lazenby, Charles Moose, Steven Rosenberry and Wellington Stewart. The recital is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Slingerlands Elementary School, 8 P.M. — There has been discussion by parents and teachers about the possibility of open, flexible classrooms for Slingerlands Elementary school. With this in mind, the Slingerlands PTA invites you to an evening in which Dr. Leonard Quint, principal, and several teachers from the Fort Hunter School will talk about their own elementary schools flexible scheduling and programs.

The Association for Mental, Physical, and Spiritual Advancement, Inc. (AMPSA) will hold its first meeting of the new year in the Community Room of the Delmar National Commercial Bank at 8 P.M. Co-chairmen of the evening are Mrs. Mary Van Alstyne of Clarksville and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Pearsall of Rensselaer, who will preside over an open discussion program concerning all aspects of the physic and related topics. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Bethlehem Art Association will meet at 8 P.M. at The Bank in Delmar. Guest: George Wiesner presenting "Photomontage," an Arts Workshop which offers a wide opportunity for learning. Also, demonstration: silkscreen, drawing from the figure, and improvisational acting techniques. Guests are always welcome.



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TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Coalition for Albany County Executive meeting at 8 P.M. in lounge of Albany Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany. Mr. Robert Stierer, Assistant Vice President for Management and Planning for Albany State University, will discuss "The Role of the County Manager" and Mrs. Mary Stierer, former President of the Rensselaer County League of Women Voters, will discuss "Problems in getting a County Charter." Everyone welcome.

The Delmar Reformed Church will be the place of meeting when the Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, convenes to honor National Defense Month. The meeting will begin at 8 P.M. and will be opened with a business meeting by the Regent, Mrs. Robert H. Taylor. There will be an election of Delegates to the DAR Continental Congress, which is held yearly in Washington, D.C., in April. Mrs. James L. McGraw is chairman of the hostesses for the evening and she will be assisted by Mrs. Lambert Laffin, Mrs. Otto P. Schultz and Mrs. Raymond Brunner.

The Literature Group of the Delmar Progress Club will meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Bethlehem Public Library. A panel discussion, "It Is Better to Ask Some Questions Than to Know All The Answers," will be held. The hostesses will be Mrs. Emil Klusmann and Mrs. Joseph P. Laccetti.

Dessert Travelogue on Switzerland by Alice Porter plus a brief talk by Rev. Howard Hubbard of Hope House, 8 P.M., Community Room, The Bank, Delmar, at the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club meeting. Reservations: 439-7163.

Mrs. Barbara Rau, Librarian, Bethlehem Public Library, and Terry Bastian, Bethlehem Director of Recreation, will speak at Delmar Elementary School PTA Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

The regular monthly meeting of The Glenmont Homemakers will be held at the Glenmont Community Church at 8 P.M. The topic for the evening will be "The Care and Adjustment of Your Sewing Machine."

All women of St. Thomas' Parish are invited to the Altar-Rosary Society meeting which begins with a 7:30 Mass in the Church. At 8, in the school auditorium, Rev. Weider the "meaning of care."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

An informal public hearing will be held by Albany County Legislators, Ed Sargent of the 36th district, and Earl Robinson of the 37th district, at 8 P.M. in the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar. This hearing will provide an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and express opinions on Albany County Government. Everyone is cordially invited.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

The January meeting of the Delmar Reformed Church Supper Club will be held at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend and come and enjoy a delicious meal plus an added attraction: Old time movies, complete with popcorn.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

The Albany Symphony will present an old fashioned Pops Concert at 8:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre. Julius Hegyi will conduct the Symphony. The Barber-shop Chorus will join the Symphony for this concert in a medley of songs. The program will include Skaters Waltz, Poet and Peasant, Overture, Babes in Toyland, The Mikado, The Student Prince, Londonderry Air, and The Carnival of Venice. The Trumpet Solo in The Carnival of Venice will be played by James Morris. Tickets for the concert may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to The Albany Symphony Orchestra, D & H Building, Room 26, Albany, N.Y. 12207, or by calling 465-4755. Ticket prices are \$5.50, 4.50, 3.50 and 2.50.

Tickets for the Annual Leukemia Ball have been mailed. Ball will be held at the Thruway Hyatt House. The Ball is one of the major ways that the Upstate New York Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America raises funds in its annual drive. The dance will kickoff plans for the drive, to begin March 1. The public is invited to attend. This year's goal is \$75,000, it was pointed out by Raymond J. Kinley, who has been named general chairman of the 1972 fund drive in the Capital District. The Leukemia Society of America is a national voluntary health agency that concentrates all of its human-effort and resources on the control and cure of leukemia.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Bethlehem Environmental Improvement Association meets at 8 P.M., in the Community Room of The Bank, Delmar. BEIA's guest speaker is Dr. Carl George, Associate Professor of Biology, Union College, Schenectady, and Chairman of the Eastern New York Chapter of Nature Conservancy. Dr. George

will discuss "The Challenge to Our Oceans." A question and answer period will follow. The public is cordially invited.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Cruise offered by Vincentian High School for Six (6) Days to the Bahamas on the TSS Olympia visiting 2 ports, Freeport and Nassau. Reservations should be made by January 15. Call Father Mealy at the High School or Lou Murnighan at John G. Myers Travel Center, 434-4131 for particulars.

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Started Monday, January 10
Slimnastics, Swimming, Basketball, Tennis — Sr. High School, Scuba Diving — 7-10 P.M. Sr. High School.

Started Tuesday, January 11
Tennis — Sr. High School, Volleyball, Men's Basketball.

Started Wed., January 12
Badminton and Golf

Started Thurs., January 13
Men's Basketball, Scuba Diving — 7-10 P.M. Sr. High School, Tennis — Sr. High School.

Golf classes will start January 19th from 7-10 P.M. Middle School Boys Gymnasium.

Sunday Family Swims
Starting January 9th Middle School Pool 1:30-2:45 P.M. and 3:00-4:15 P.M. Admission fee Adults 50¢, Children 25¢.

Saturday Co-Ed Swims
Starting January 8th Middle School Pool 1:30-3:30 P.M. Admission fee — Adults 50¢, children 25¢.

Basketball and Wrestling
Boys interested in playing Basketball or Wrestling on Saturday mornings may do so starting, Saturday, January 8, 1972 at the Middle School. The Schedule is as follows:

5th and 6th Grade Basketball — 9:00-10:45 A.M.; 7th and 8th Grade Basketball — 10:45-12:45 A.M.; H.S. Basketball — 1:00-3:00 P.M.; Wrestling (All ages) — 9:00-10:30 A.M.

Girls interested in basketball may play at the Middle School Boys Gymnasium on January 8th, 1972 from 1-3 P.M.

Ski Club

Any 6, 7 and 8th grade student wishing to join the Middle School Ski Club may do so, by visiting the Recreation office in the Middle School.

Physical Fitness

For Middle School and High School boys, 2 nights per week, Monday and Wednesday. Held at the Senior High School Gym. Time 7-9:30 P.M.

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This Saturday, January 15, from 10 to 3 you're invited to bring your Christmas tree to the Garden Shoppe for recycling — and you'll get some FREE mulch (if you want it), plus hot chocolate or coffee — and you'll meet happy, carefree neighbors who also want to see their tree recycled rather than buried in a landfill.

You're invited — the Garden Shoppe is on the Feura Bush Road — if you want more information, call 439-1835 or 767-2760.

The Spotlight Goes to School

Answers about.....
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By Ann Treadway

Director of Public Information | Bethlehem Central Schools
 (Please address all inquiries about school matters to this column by mail to 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, or by calling Mrs. Treadway weekday mornings at 439-4921.)

QUESTION: Is this late starting time for district elementary schools on Fridays a permanent change? There are many working mothers who can't change their schedules — so the half-hour delay could cause problems if children are left unattended.

ANSWER: The schedule change, with elementary schools opening one-half hour later on Fridays, is not permanent, it will be in effect only for the remainder of this school year. The mid-year change was necessary in order to comply with the Teachers' contract allowing for group planning time during their regular working day. Enough time was already available to Middle and High School teachers, so a change at those schools wasn't needed.

School officials certainly hope that young children won't be left unsupervised. Perhaps neighborhood mothers can arrange among themselves to take turns with this once-a-week responsibility.

Pupils who ride buses to elementary schools should expect their buses to arrive on Fridays one-half hour later than their usual pick-up times.

The Spotlight Goes to School

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THE LAURENTIAN SINGERS, St. Lawrence University's a capella choir, departed recently from Montreal for Paris to begin a three-week concert tour in Europe.

The 50-voice choir will visit England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and the Netherlands during the University's January interterm session. The group is under the direction of Dr. Robert H. Jones, associate professor of music.

Lee E. Baily, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston E. Bailey, 540 Huron Road, Delmar, is a member of the group.

Look what we found! IN THE MAILBAG

Dear Mr. King:

The Kiwanis Club of Delmar wishes to express its appreciation to you and the members of the Spotlight for its fine spirit of co-operation and coverage for not only its special New Year's Eve community project, but also for the publicity it has received for its many other community-wide activities and efforts throughout the past years.

Sincerely,
Donald I. DiBello
Chairman
Kiwanis Koffee Klatch

HERE AND THERE

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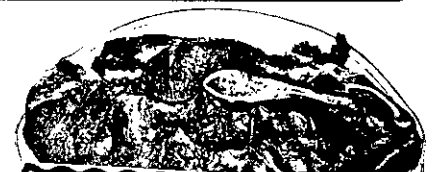
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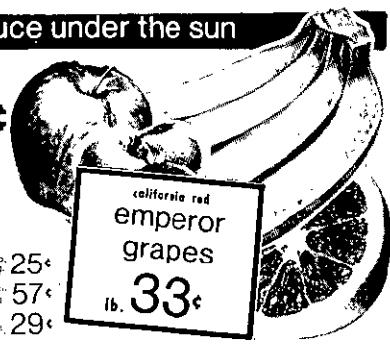
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THE PUPIL DIRECTS his former teacher in the Slingerlands Community Players' production of "A Cry of Players" currently in rehearsal. The Players selected Phil Rice, left in photo, to direct the play and Rice, in turn, selected Sydney Turner, right, to portray Will, the principal male character in the cast. All this would be quite ordinary except that not too many years ago, Messrs. Rice and Turner met as pupil and teacher at BCHS. Rice is a 1965 graduate of the school where he was an active drama and speech student under Syd Turner's tutelage. Since then he has earned a B.A. from Union College and studied stage direction at Boston University. Right now he is completing requirements for an M.A. in Theater Arts at SUNYA. Last season he appeared as Jacquot in "Carnival," which Turner directed, and also as Richard in "The Lion In Winter."

Performances are sched-

uled for January 28 and 29 at 8:40 P.M. at Bethlehem Central High School. General Admission tickets at \$3.00 and student tickets at \$2.00 are available in the Tri-Village area at Douglas Marone — Optician, C. M. — Grover — Stationers and L. J. Mullen Pharmacy, and in Albany at The Bank Travel Headquarters, 70 State Street. General admission tickets, in blocks of twenty or more are available at \$2.25 each; for additional information call 439-2697.

BERT MAYNE AT JAMAICA INN — Bert Mayne, popular area composer-singer-guitarist, formerly a resident of Delmar, is back in the Albany area this month entertaining at Jamaica Inn.

His style is multifaceted, reflecting his interest in folk, rock, jazz, blues, and country-western. He combines his acoustic guitar work with a distinctive vocal sound, to present outstanding original compositions as well as his adaptations of crowd-pleasing favorites.

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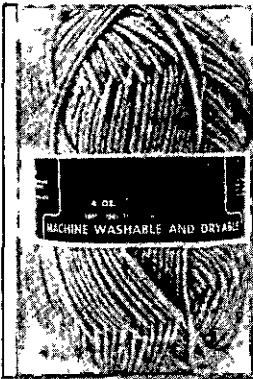
"Your Federal Income Tax" was written by the Internal Revenue Service and contains

many examples to illustrate how the tax law applies to actual situations. A special feature of the booklet is the sample, filled-in return, Form 1040, keyed to pages where explanations can be found for each entry on the return.

The 160-page booklet is on sale at 75 cents a copy.

"By selling this booklet at Delmar Post Office & Grover's Stationery postal facilities in Delmar we are offering a convenient service to our customers," Postmaster Mulholland said. "We are participating in a nationwide program to make the tax booklet available to the public in 15,000 postal facilities."

PUBLIC HEARING — Do you have any opinions or suggestion or improvement of Albany County Government? How do you feel about a County Executive form of government? You will have a chance to express yourself on these matters at an informal public hearing arranged by Town of Bethlehem County Legislators, Ed Sargent of the 36th district, and Earl Robinson of the 37th district. This hearing will be held on Thursday evening, January 20, 1972



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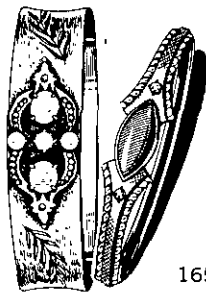
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Inasmuch as this will be the first meeting of this type concerning county government, there will be a brief presentation on the present structure and operation of the County Legislature. The major purpose, however, is to enable your county legislative representatives to hear from those attending concerning their needs, suggestions and desires.

BETHLEHEM CHAMBER of Commerce Resolution — WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has

met this 16th day of December 1971 and thoroughly discussed the subject of Sunday closing of business within our trading area therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Directors and officers of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce approve of the Sunday closing law and feel that all members of this Chamber should abide by this law.

A copy of the above resolution is to be sent to D. A. Proskin and to our local newspapers.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

William D. Bennett
Secretary

TODAY'S NEED of the simplicity that opens the door



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to healing will be brought out by Noel D. Bryan-Jones, C.S., in a public lecture in Delmar on Tuesday, January 18.

"Simplicity," Mr. Bryan-Jones will say, "isn't shallowness; it's depth. Truth goes right down below the stormy turmoil of human searching, human rebellion, to the calm assurance of simple facts."

A Christian Science lecturer and practitioner from Worthing, Sussex, England, Mr. Bryan-Jones will speak in Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue at 8 P.M. under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Delmar.

John W. Givens, First Reader, will introduce the lecturer, Mrs. F. Jane Martin, Lecture Chairman, is coordinating local arrangements for the event.

RICHARD G. HALL has been promoted to credit manager of International Harvester's, Albany, New York, credit and collection office.

Hall was previously assistant credit manager for IH at New York City and served earlier as assistant credit manager at Lansing, Michigan. He joined the firm at Columbus, Ohio, after receiving his degree from Marshall University at Huntington, West Virginia.

Hall will move from 144-27 35th Avenue, Flushing, New

York, to 209 Deerfield Court, Voorheesville.

SUNDAY OPENING — The Staff of the Bethlehem Public Library has been looking forward to occupying their new building for many months now. There are a long list of projects the Staff is waiting to initiate but cannot start as extra space is an unknown quantity in the present building.

One thing the Library is going to begin will be Sunday openings from 1 to 5 P.M. All library resources will be available on this day as on the other days. The assistance of some very thoughtful volunteers have made this a possibility.

YOGA ANYONE? Live we do, but how do we live? Do we live in harmony with ourselves? Do we live in harmony within our families and with our neighbors near and afar? Do we live up to our full potential as human beings?

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Yoga class for beginning and intermediate students will be offered in a series of eight classes from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue. The first class will be on January 20th. Evening classes will be held at the Unitarian Church in Albany, 405 Washington Avenue from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The first class will be on January 25th.

For information and registration please call 439-5027 after 3:00 P.M.

A NEW PLAY, "The Awakening," written by Times-Union Drama Critic Martin P. Kelly, will be presented as part of an "artists-in-residence" program during the Saint Agnes School Mini-Term session January 17 - February 4.

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cast members of the various groups in the Tri-City Council on Community Theater as well as a student at Saint Agnes.

Four performances of the play which deals with a young girl's decisions at the time of her mother's death, will be given February 4-6 with two performances on Sunday, February 6.

PICK UP YOUR latest magazine and the "in" thing is the 30's look. Pictures of little boys in Jackie Coogan caps, women in tight-fitting caps are legion. Women's hair styles and makeup, dark nail polish, thin eyebrows, pink cheeks all hark back again to the 30s. Men are also going along with the "Nostalgia" idea. Large brimmed hats, wide lapels coupled with wild, wide ties, are being seen everywhere. One of the sounds today is the big band playing yesterday's old tunes, "Paradise," "Perfidia," and Tommy Dorsey once again is heard throughout the land.

Many people look back and say, "Those were the good old days." Others have mixed emotions about those days. It was long before the "Twiggy" era but even then people were aware that obesity and beauty just don't go together. The fat person was really in trouble in more ways than one. Although the calorie was a well-known unit, people were not very well acquainted with it. Those who were aware of and even understood it, could not always manage it. The "psychology" of weight loss didn't exist. The great significance of fat as a deterrent to old age was not recognized. As a matter of fact, the well-padded business man and his wife wore their weight as a status symbol. If you had enough money to buy all those groceries and wear them on your body, you had to be "doing all right."

Today, thanks to advanced scientific research, a more realistic evaluation of the situation is available to us. Knowing that extra pounds

shorten life, the affluent people are thin. Fat as a status symbol is "out."

Now Weight Watchers packaged frozen foods offer you a quick, convenient way to serve your meals. At a recent meeting, Mr. Edward Keons, Mr. David Malone and Mr. Joseph Crupi (who has lost 63 pounds with Weight Watchers), all of Foodways, brought the latest news of new luncheon products to the Capital District. There is a great deal of excitement about these new 1972 lunches which will add much to the new program. They are pepper steak, saute chicken livers and onions, and are you ready, veal parmesan. These meals are convenient, measured, programmed and permitted. As you can readily see, Weight Watchers has you in mind when they say, "We love you Weight Watchers."

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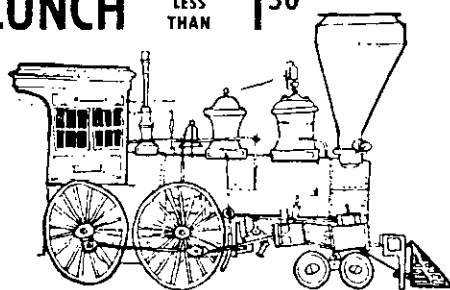
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He is a 1970 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

AT ONE MINUTE after 6:00 P.M. Friday evening, December 31, officials of First Commercial Banks Inc., formally opened the headquarters doors of the new \$1.36 billion registered bank holding company at 60 State Street, Albany.

First Commercial, with National Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Albany and First Trust & Deposit Company of Syracuse as its two member banks, is the sixth largest multi-bank holding company in New York State and the 17th largest in the nation.

Effective January 3, shares of First Commercial Banks Inc. will be quoted on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotation (NASDAQ) inter-leader quotation system as FCMB.

Holding company officials participating in the opening ceremonies were Lester W. Herzog, Jr., president and chief

executive officer of National Commercial and board chairman of First Commercial; Joseph S. Spaid, Sr., board chairman of First Trust and president of the holding company; H. Douglas Barclay, secretary of First Commercial; and H. Newcomb Steuart, Jr., vice president, and Curtis M. Carlson, treasurer of First Commercial.

Each bank is represented by six members on the 12-member First Commercial Board of Directors.

Shareholders of the two banks will exchange their stock for shares of First Commercial stock early in the year.

National Commercial share-

holders will exchange at the ratio of 2.25 shares of First Commercial for each share of National Commercial.

Approximately 4,860,711 shares of First Commercial stock will be issued in the exchange.

The action brings into partnership 2 of the oldest banks in Upstate New York, the 146-year-old National Commercial and the 102-year-old First Trust.

Herzog and Spaid, in a joint statement, said the formation of First Commercial has the important long-range benefit of blending two important Upstate economic communities.

"In addition to the improved service potential for our customers," the bank officials said, "the holding company offers a combination of increased resources, technical capabilities in banking and subsidiary fields."

"Even before our official opening today, officers and managers of both banks have been working together to effect the maximum utilization of our combined talents and resources."

On September 30, 1971, the two banks had combined assets of \$1,362,865,000; deposits of \$1,193,342,000; and capital funds, including debentures and capital notes of \$85,153,000. Based on the nine-month period, the combined earnings of the two banks was \$7,927,000 before securities gains or losses.

The holding company and Kingston Trust Company, Kingston, New York, entered into an agreement last October whereby the \$66.7 million asset bank would join First Commercial following approval by regulatory authorities and by the shareholders of Kingston Trust.

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COAST GUARD Lieutenant Edmund Kiley, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Kiley of 1620 NE W. Scotland Road, Slingerlands, is the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Point Martin, homeported at Norfolk, Va., and was promoted to his present rank during ceremonies at the Coast Guard Group Office in Norfolk.

Spotlight Engagements

MR. & MRS. WARREN T. Boutelle of 10 Wilshire Drive, Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Jean, to Frederick Jackson Caldwell, Jr. of South Hamilton, Massachusetts.



Cynthia Boutelle

The future bride was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and Gordon College where she is secretary to the Director of Admissions.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Caldwell, Sr., South Hamilton, Massachusetts, graduated from Hamilton High School and Salem State College. He is a teacher in the Gloucester High School.

An April 15 wedding is planned.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH E. McNamara, Orchard Street, Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Robert N. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Bennett of Greene, New York.

The future bride is a graduate of BCHS and attended Mohawk Valley Community College. She was the president



Mary McNamara

of Mu Chi Sigma Sorority. Miss McNamara is presently employed as an interviewer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.

Mr. Bennett is a graduate of Greene Central High School and Mohawk Valley Community College where he was vice-president of Alpha Phi Omega and co-captain of Mohawk's basketball team. He is presently enrolled in his third year at Utica College, division of Syracuse University.

A May 20 wedding date has been set.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT T. Morgan, 45 Montrose Drive, Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna, to Edward J. Voelk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Voelk, also of Delmar.

Miss Morgan is a graduate of Fisher Junior College in Boston and is currently employed as a Sr. Stenographer with State University of New York Central Administration.



Donna Morgan

Mr. Voelk is a senior in civil engineering at Manhattan College. Both are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School.

A summer wedding is planned.

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A June 17 wedding is planned.

Spotlight Weddings

DEBORAH BOEHLKE and Patrick Esmond were married on December 26 at St. Thomas' Church in Delmar with Rev. William Esmond, uncle of the groom, officiating. Parents of the newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boehlke, Feura Bush, John Esmond, Glens Falls, and Mrs. Naomi Esmond, also of Glens Falls.



Mrs. Patrick Esmond

After a reception at Tall Timbers Country Club, the couple left on a wedding trip to Lake Placid.

A graduate of Mercy High School and Memorial School of Nursing, the bride will be a member of the OR nursing staff at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo.

Mr. Esmond is a graduate of Glens Falls High School, Siena College and is presently a freshman dental student at the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry.

ON JANUARY 1, Marianne Rossman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron P. Rossman, 412 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, became the bride of Peter C. Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Riddle of Winnipeg, Canada. The wedding was held in St. Thomas' Church, Delmar, with Rev. Richard C. Broderick officiating.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at Schrafft's Restaurant on Rte. 9W, after which the cou-



Mrs. Peter Riddle

ple left on a wedding trip to Montreal. Upon their return today, they are residing in Winnipeg.

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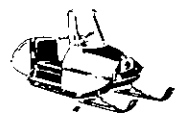
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In the December 30 issue, we invited Bethlehem Police Chief Fish to give Spotlight readers a report on the accomplishments, frustrations, etc. of the department in its fight against drug use in our Town. Last week the Chief called the Spotlight office asking that what he wrote not be edited. This column assured him that not one word would be changed. We're still waiting . . .

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Dear Sir:

The Wandering and Wondering editorial in the December 30, 1971 issue of **The Spotlight** was stimulating. As Chairman of the Albany County Narcotic Guidance Council during the past three years, I have been closely associated with the Drug Abuse program throughout the county. I am sure that the following fact is not generally known. During the past three years members of this council have given talks (not lectures or sermons), presented movies and held question periods in nearly every private, public and parochial school in the county. Most presentations were to the students but some were at faculty meetings.

Now let's talk about the TOWN of Bethlehem. Over the past three years we have been invited and we accepted many opportunities to speak at the High School, the Middle School, and most of the Grade Schools. At this time I want the people to know the men who have voluntarily given their time and knowledge to this program. They are Edward Grogan, Lawyer; Robert Giombetti, M.D.; Roger Drew, M.D.; Lawrence Gifford, M.D.; John Lyons, M.D. and Commissioner of Health; Chief of Police Peter Fish and his men, and others that I will inadvertently fail to mention.

What have we accomplished? On many appearances I have asked the teachers or the school nurse or the principal to quiz the class the following day about the presentation. Generally, about 80% said it was OK. They learned a few new things.

15% said it was old stuff and they had heard it all before. The remaining 5% were not exactly laudatory in their written critiques. The chief criticism in all groups was the lack of time for longer question periods. To appraise our results is most difficult. This year I have consulted with several school officials in the county and they all indicated that the incidences of Drug Abuse brought to their attention are decreasing markedly compared to previous years.

What have we learned? We have learned that the young folks are, first, very knowledgeable about drugs and second, they are fed up with recurring lectures on the same subject. I agree with them.

What else have we learned? To our sorrow we have found out that adults (parents, teachers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.) have a very limited knowledge about the drug scene. We also found a frightening apathy in the membership of many community organizations. On invitation we would attend a meeting with a membership of one hundred, and fifteen or twenty would show.

Do we have an answer to the Drug Problem? We do not but we must keep trying! As a Pediatrician of some forty years I am not the least bit worried about the younger generation. There is a small fringe that continue to produce heartaches and saddened families. The vast majority are knowledgeable, clean, decent youngsters with very inquisitive minds. I believe there is a slight display of hirsutism here and there. So be it.

May I make two recommendations.

First, that the Drug Abuse program in schools emphasize a Peer to Peer approach. This has been done successfully in many schools.

Second, a campaign in church groups, social groups, service groups, etc. to enlighten the adult population about the Drug Scene. Let us never

forget the main responsibility and therapy for a Drug Abuse problem is in the HOME and FAMILY.

Finally, a remaining thought. The young folks have launched us on a uncharted sea. The waters are troubled and rough at times. I would like to suggest a three masted ship to bring us to a safe harbor.

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Thank you, Dr. Gainor!

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Dear Mr. Fuller:

In your recent column (Dec. 30) discussing drug abuse, the statement is made, "Let's get it all out on the table, in the open." There are those of us who feel some very important aspects of this problem are being completely overlooked. If our drug problem is to be discussed openly and objectively and with real intent on finding a solution, should we not look beyond the conventional solutions to the real heart of the problem in this town and country? It is hoped you find the following viewpoint worthy of consideration, if only in part.

In your article on drugs a large portion of the blame for today's situation was laid at the feet of public officials — Hoover, Nixon, Rockefeller, the police, etc. The key word for the thriving drug traffic was "profit." Nevertheless, it seems that we are making the dangerous mistake of putting the cart before the horse. Our public officials did not create the drug problem — they have been asked to end it. However, until we understand that drugs are a symptom (and only a symptom) of a disease, we can not handle the problem correctly. You can not cure the symptoms without first diagnosing the disease. Granted it may be simpler to try to eradicate the symptoms. If we converge all our energies on symptoms, we need not look too deeply into the problem; we need not look beyond the pusher and his "profit" — maybe even to ourselves. Most important, we will not cure the cancer, only hide it from our minds and eyes. But it will remain — festering and growing!

Heroin and other drugs have been around for many years, as have pushers. If you say the key to the flourishing drug traffic can be found in "profit" — the question should then be asked: why is there a large market for heroin and other drugs today, when there wasn't some years back? You can't effectively erase this problem by merely doing away with the pusher and source of drugs; as long as there is a market, and apparently a need for drugs, there will always be new pushers, new sources. It should be obvious by now that real power to discontinue the sale of an item lies not so much in public officials or even in the law, but instead in the consumer. This is demonstrated by the failure of prohibition and the continuing sales of cigarettes. It is the consumer who controls the market: as long as he wishes or needs to buy, there will be sales — legal or otherwise.

So let us look at the largest consumer — youth. Why do they make up the greatest proportion of drug users? The easiest answer is to say that the young are more willing to try what is new: they have not yet become so molded by society and like to experiment, to make change. But to leave the answer here is to credit the young with a great deal of stupidity. Yet, they are anything but stupid. However, in spite of all warnings as to the danger of drugs to health, they still continue to use them. Why?

Can we assume that the answer lies in some sort of need for these drugs? If this be so, again we must ask ourselves the reason. Could it be the very same reason that makes some adults need alcohol and others, tranquilizers, sleeping pills, etc. If there is something very wrong with our society, we must start our examination of the drug problem here.

No one has the answers. However, a good starting point is to ask some questions. For instance, why is it a 12-year-old today uses the lang-

uage, wears the clothes, studies the subject matter in school, and has the experiences of a 16-year-old ten years ago? Do these same 10-year-olds have the emotional maturity of a 16-year-old? Why do we want our children to grow up so fast? Regarding the police, why do we as adults run them down and point out their faults one minute, only to turn to these very same men to solve our problems the next? If adults employ destructive criticism instead of constructive criticism of authority, how can we expect our youth to respect this authority? If there is no respect for authority, how do we expect that authority to be effective? Why shouldn't the police become discouraged when they know that even after arrest, conviction is becoming increasingly more difficult (something of which law breakers are very well aware)? How can we demand a high calibre of police, if we do not treat the office as one of prestige? Will the type of policeman we desire be attracted to a job in which he is called "pig" by the youth and "crook" by the adult? Will even a high salary compensate for this lack of prestige?

Why are we so upset by the vandalism committed by youth at night and not the fact that at midnight the young are out on the streets with either parental permission or indifference? Can public authority exert control if parents have first not done so? Where do we begin to break the chain in a vicious circle of causes and effects? Can we not try to understand why the attitudes of some youth today is largely one of confusion and disrespect — for rules, for authority, and even personal property?

If we can assume that the frequent use of hard drugs (as opposed to occasional experimentation) is a symptom of deep discontent and unhappiness, we must look for the reasons for this unhappiness. Youth has always been characterized by rebellion. Probably because this group possesses the wonderful quality we call idealism as well as an immense confidence in its own wisdom. These characteristics combined give the young an inexhaustible supply of energy to try to "change the world" or slap it in the face when the truth becomes obvious to them that all is not as it should be. It is only with age that we discover we not only don't have all the answers — but even if we did, change could not be brought about readily. But there is something else that seems to separate many of the youth of today from those of yesterday: it might be described as a lacking of goals, as well as a lack of respect for those institutions and ideals we have always prized.

Almost surprisingly, it has been reported that the drug problem is quite prevalent among the youth of the affluent. This would seem to shoot apart the theory that wealth brings happiness. Obviously, affluence has had profound effects upon our whole society, but especially on our youth. First, many of our children are given so much materialistically — they have to wait only a short time and work very little to obtain whatever monetary objects they desire. As a result, many do not know the feeling of appreciation or satisfaction which comes from "hard sweat." It is this appreciation which encourages us to value and to respect. The habit of taking too many things for granted is an offense of which we are all guilty. A second consequence of an affluent and materialistic society is competition and classification. Everyone is given a position in a hierarchy which uses man's wealth rather than the quality of his work or significance of his deeds as the measure of his success. Man sacrifices so much to maintain or raise his position. He sacrifices his time at home with the family, his values, and sometimes his friends. He becomes more occupied with position rather than parenthood.

Another effect of an affluent society is felt by the woman and mother of today. With higher education becoming readily available to all over the last decade, many young women are or have been geared for college rather than cooking and cleaning. Education opens up whole new doors for women. Staying at home with the kids after experiencing this outside world becomes increasingly more difficult for some. There is more than ever a need for outside stimulation, no matter how small. Meanwhile appliances and a multitude of "modern day work savers" make the escape from the home so much easier today.

Achievement of affluence by many has brought one other consequence. Life for most was once a constant struggle to provide just basic necessities. It used to be that money and position were satisfactory goals in themselves. There was no time to consider the possibility that these goals alone might not bring happiness. But today youth who come from families where these goals have been obtained see that the price of ob-

tainment is steep, the pressure great, and happiness often elusive. So they question these goals as their ultimate ambition.

In conclusion, it is very commendable to say we will not support a candidate who does not make every commitment to fight our drug problem. However, it seems if we all made a resolution to try to understand the problem, to help fight it ourselves in our lives and with our kids — instead of depending upon public officials — we might be better off. To say as parents that all we can do is to trust our own kids and hope they do right — is to make the assumption that their idea of right and their goals are the same as ours. But are they? Should they be? Can we afford to feel that we are no longer responsible for our children's actions once they have reached a certain age? If we could give the youth an image of authority they can respect, wipe out some of the hypocrisy and suspicion that exists all around us, try to get away from the using of substitutes in our lives, as well as accept the fact that failure and mistakes are a part of the learning process as must be the ability to change — we would not need to set up commissions or rely upon our officials so much. We would have already set up our own program.

Thank you for being so patient with my wandering and wondering as to read this.

Barbara Manne

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Barbara:

I was very pleased with your lengthy letter on my interpretation of the drug problem. Since your criticism was aimed at the fundamentals such as symptoms as opposed to treating the disease, I'd like to point out a few of what (I think) might be fallacies in your argument. Perhaps, like mine, you ask too much where only a little is available.

You said that law enforcement and obliteration of the profit factors are not solutions — only treatment of the symptoms. You further point out that it is the responsibility of the parents, through discipline and education, to eliminate the market for drugs. You place this responsibility directly on our adult population other than the peace officer. And right here may be the greatest weakness in the strength of your argument. You have not yet reached the point in your own life where you have one or more teenagers in your family. This doesn't make you any less qualified to observe — but I think you may have missed a very important point. I, too, am a great believer in parental and adult responsibility — but let's be practical. When a youngster reaches school age, his guidance and discipline come from a multitude of directions — other than his parents. Let's take a typical day in the life of an average 16 year old.

6:30-6:45 A.M. — He awakens, does his morning ablutions and appears at the breakfast table at 7. The average household is NOT like the TV programs. The day's program is NOT discussed at length; there's no time for a complete history (with discussion) of the day before. It is a pleasant 15-30 minute period where the conversation is light — the day's program kept to vital things and then the teenager leaves for school.

8:00 A.M. He's in school. During the next 6-7 hours he will be under the direct influence of 12-15 adults — some of them will take a direct interest in his welfare — to some, he will be a statistic leading to a weekly pay check.

2:00-3:00 P.M. — Out of school — but now he's a participant in some extracurricular program: athletics, a club, the school newspaper — something. Here he may come in contact with 1 or 2 additional adults.

4:30 P.M. — A part-time job that provides extra pocket money. Another 1-4 adults who are responsible only to see that he does his work.

6:00 P.M. — Home and dinner. Hopefully both parents are able to be present and here, for the first time, there's an hour to an hour and a half during which time "parental influence and parental education" can make themselves felt. Surely by 7:30 he will turn to homework, the TV or his car needs some minor adjustment. There may be 15 minutes to a maximum of half an hour during this period when the parent again holds his attention. At 10 o'clock, he's ready for bed.

The times are approximate but the division of the day's activities are NOT. The teacher who has this boy for one class period, has almost as much of his time during the 24-hour time span as his parents — and he

has been only one in a class of 20-25. Add to this the fact that drugs are also **inside** the school in corners and places where the adults are least likely to find them. Then add the fact that the "pusher" is generally an **adult** who by some devious plan exerts his "adult" influence on our 16 year old and in many instances is successful in getting him to "try" some drug.

I have said this before and here it is again: I have never, as a father of nine, had to face this problem — and as I reach that point where our teenagers are reaching age 20, I thank God we never have and pray we never have to. But — I simply cannot agree that adult influence can handle this entire problem. There are so many factors that enter into a given situation. I don't think any of us should give up trying — but I also sincerely believe that we must have the complete cooperation of local, state and federal government before real progress can be made.

It may be, Barbara, that you and I are both aiming at Utopian conditions which cannot be made to exist. Perhaps I have erred again and maybe you are the one who is right. I'd very much like you to follow up on this. Let's see whether we can get others interested. Maybe they, like Dr. Gainor, will add their thoughts to ours.

I hope you'll accept this invitation to continue the discussion. If, somehow, we can prevent even one youngster from becoming a victim, we'll have accomplished something.

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SENSIBLE ANSWER REQUESTED — On Friday, January 7, many parents in the Bethlehem Central School District awoke to face still one more problem — if they had one or more children in one of the Elementary Schools. On this day (and forevermore!!?), the BSCD Elementary Schools opened one **half hour** later than the accustomed time — presumably to allow the teachers in these schools to engage in "group planning." (Used to be, teachers had their meetings after the school day was over — but no more! — this new wrinkle is now included in the contract and therefore becomes an integral part of the curriculum.

Other than causing supreme confusion to the bus schedules, let's see what else this entails. Even in our (more or less) affluent Tri-Village society, many mothers work. Hereafter, on Fridays, if the Elementary School student was picked up by the bus at 8:15, his new schedule calls for an **8:45** pick-up. What happens to the working mother who must report to her job at 9? Does she leave her child at home alone to wait for the bus? We hope not!

We'd like to hear from School Board President Dr. Robert K. Bair on this one! Why was such a move necessary? Why should the schedules of buses and parents be completely disrupted? Or have we missed the point somewhere?

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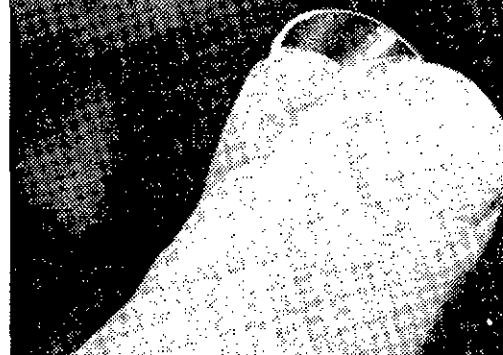
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