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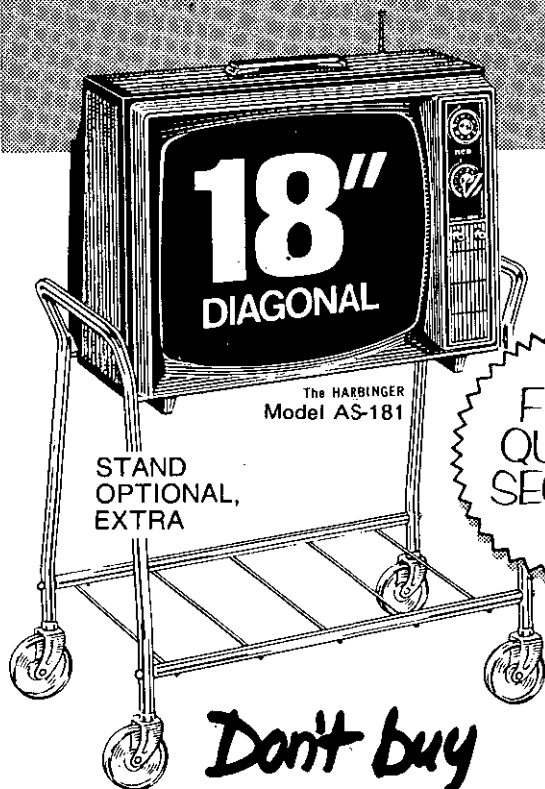


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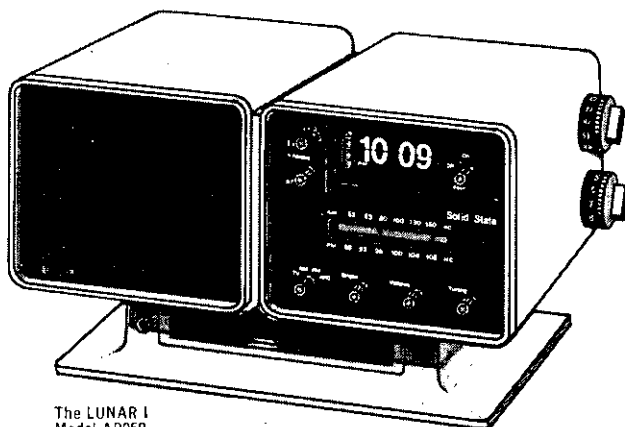
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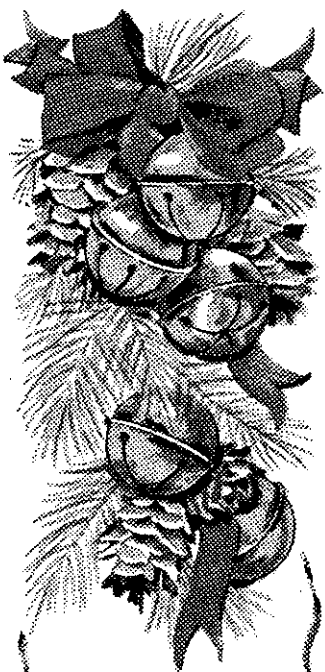
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So — starting today, we have marked down every sofa, every arm-chair, every rocker, every desk, every end or coffee table, every lamp, every picture — and everything else.

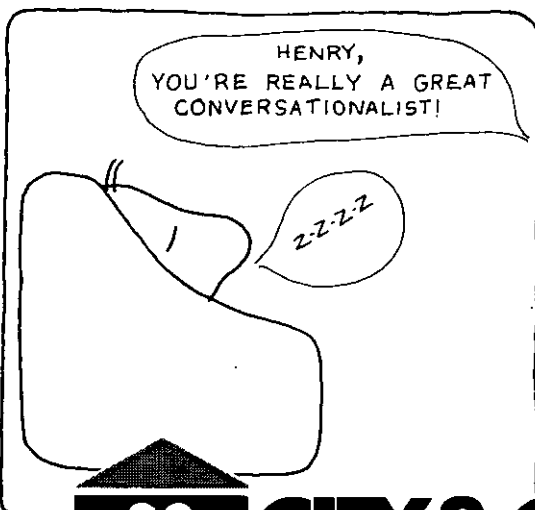
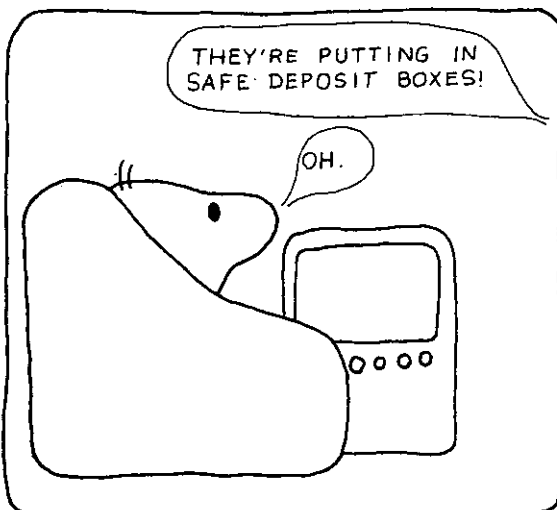
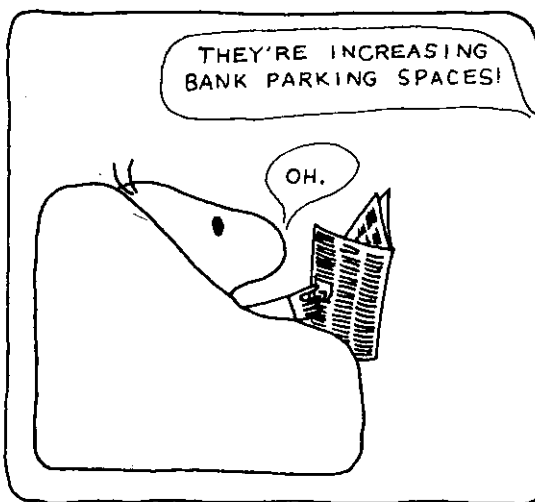
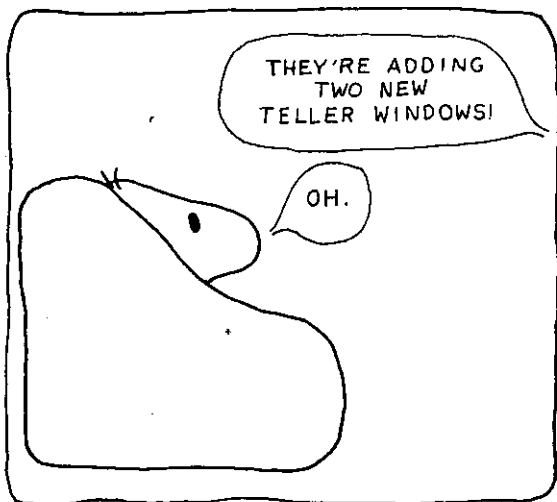
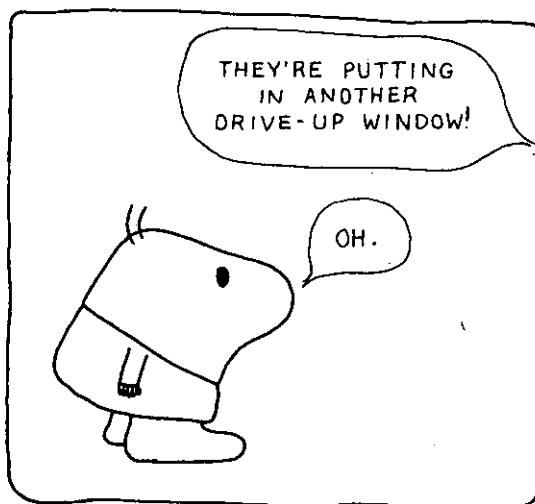
There are no distress items bought up for the sale. Everything is our regular stock. You'll never get a better opportunity to buy choice furniture at close-out prices.

Sorry — no lay-a-ways — no new charge accounts — no special orders. Free delivery to the Tri-Village area only — minimal charges elsewhere. Master Charge and BankAmericard available.

The Village Store

Four Corners,
Delmar

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CITY & COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Member F.D.I.C.

Bethlehem's hometown Savings Bank

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Spotlight CALENDAR

ABOUT THE CALENDAR

The information printed in this column is a FREE service to **Spotlight** readers. We neither charge nor receive any fee for publicizing these events. It is for this reason that we ask those who send in information to make sure that it is complete; we **cannot** (repeat: CANNOT) make weekly changes in running announcements.

Because the Calendar condenses the coming event in capsule form, it has become one of the most widely-read weekly **Spotlight** features. It was so designed to allow for more space for additional features. Therefore, organizations should **not** expect to find a duplication of facts in another place. If we were to run all of the events **twice**, we'd be cutting down on our available space and thereby defeat the whole concept.

Tri-Village FISH — Call 439-3578 for voluntary service — 24 hours a day the year 'round — offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to their neighbors in need of help in any emergency.

Bethlehem Jaycees meet first and third Wednesdays of the month, 8 P.M., Center Inn, 9W, Glenmont.

Welcome Wagon — Newcomers and mothers of new babies call 785-9640, Mon. thru Sat., 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M. so you may have a Welcome Wagon call.

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, 114 Adams Street, Delmar. Open Monday-Friday, 1-4:30 P.M. Telephone 439-2238.

The Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place and Maewin Drive, Delmar, welcomes guests at its indoor pistol range every Tuesday at 8 P.M. Information: Dave Herbach, 439-4372 or Tom Corrigan, 439-3301.

Monarch Club of Albany meets every Tuesday night at 6 at the Center Inn, Glenmont.

Rotary Club of Delmar meets every Tuesday night at 6:15 at Schrafft's.

Give and Take Shop, staffed and stocked by residents of Delmar, clothing for all occasions, all ages,

all sizes, available to everyone. Basement St. Thomas Apostle Church & Rectory), Mon. 9:30-11:30 A.M., Tues. 1-3 P.M., Sat. 10 A.M.-12 Noon.

Every Thursday at 7 P.M., Delmar Reformed Church, scout meeting for handicapped, Troop 159.

Kiwanis Club of Delmar meets every Monday night at 6:15 at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont.

Bethlehem Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:30 P.M.

AARP meets 1:30 P.M., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.

Career Resource Center in Guidance Office at BCHS, open Thursdays 7-9 P.M. Community residents may use facility.

The Delmar Community Orchestra rehearses every Monday evening from 8 to 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Bethlehem Recycling Program (paper, cans, glass), Town Garage, 114 Adams St., Delmar. Mon. thru Fri., 8 A.M.-4 P.M. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles clean w/metal removed.

10 A.M.-2 P.M., waste paper drive, second Saturday of each month, Town Parking Lot, 4 Corners, Delmar. For pick-up from the elderly or infirm, call church office Delmar Reformed or Methodist Churches.

Rosary — St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, every Thursday at 11:45 A.M.

Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 P.M., Bethlehem Public Library.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion Auxiliary, meets third Tuesday of month except July & Aug., 8 P.M., Post rooms.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion, meets first and third Monday of month (when holiday occurs, move to Tuesday) except July and August. 8:30 P.M.

8:15 P.M., meeting, every Wednesday, Gam-Anon, wives of compulsive gamblers, St. Pius Church, Loudonville. 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

Daily 1:00-5:00, eves. 7:00-9:00 until Christmas, Art for Christmas, Delmar Art Group's Gallery.

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"SUPER-RIGHT" U.S. GOVT. INSPECTED
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PASCAL Celery LARGE BUNCH **29¢**

Pork Shoulder FRESH OR SMOKED (WATER ADDED) LB. **78¢**

Smoked Ham "SUPER-RIGHT" FULLY COOKED SHANK HALF WATER ADDED LB. **98¢**

JANE PARKER CAKE
Orange Chiffon 17 oz. PKG. **69¢**

Sweet Potatoes A&P BRAND 18 1/2 CAN **43¢**

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ANN PAGE
Mayonnaise QT. JAR **79¢**

A&P
Cranberry 2 Sauce 1 LB. CANS **49¢**

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Borden's Cremora 22 oz. JAR **99¢**

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Diamond Walnuts IN SHELL 1 LB. BAG **78¢**

Christmas Candy ANN PAGE ROYAL LUSTERS 1 LB. PKG. **49¢**

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Green Giant Frozen Niblets or Peas 3 10 oz. PKGS. **\$1.00**

Niblets 12 oz. **4**

Peas 17 oz. CANS **89¢**

Prices Effective Thru Sat., Dec. 22, 1973.

Keep the Holidays Happy - Drive with Care!

Items offered for sale not available to other retail dealers or wholesalers. Not responsible for typographical errors.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 P.M., Christmas Fund Raising Party, Opera Buffs, The Chancery, 465 State Street, Albany. Public invited.

7:30 P.M., concert, Clarksville School.

8 P.M., meeting, Albany Ski Club, Center Inn, 9W, Glenmont.

BCHS Sports

Varsity Wrestling — BCHS at Queensbury, 4:00 P.M.

J.V. Wrestling — BCHS at Queensbury, 4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

BCHS Sports

Varsity Basketball — BCHS at Shaker, 8:30 P.M.

J.V. Basketball — BCHS at Shaker, 7:00 P.M.

Frosh Basketball — Shaker at BCHS, 3:45 P.M.

Girls' Volleyball — Niskayuna at BCHS, 3:45 P.M.

Area Schools close today for the Christmas Holiday, reopen on Wed., Jan. 2.

Christmas Caroling, Normanskill Neighborhood Girl Scouts. All Brownies & Scouts, Clarksville, Delmar, Slingerlands. Gay Keyes: 439-5159.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Cancelled, Selkirk Fire Department Monthly Drill for December.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

BCHS Sports

Varsity & JV Wrestling — Invitational Tournament, Chittenango.

Varsity Swimming — Invitational Plays, 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

BCHS Sports

JV & Varsity Basketball — BCHS at Scotia, 7 P.M.

JV & Varsity Wrestling — Invitational Tournament, Chittenango

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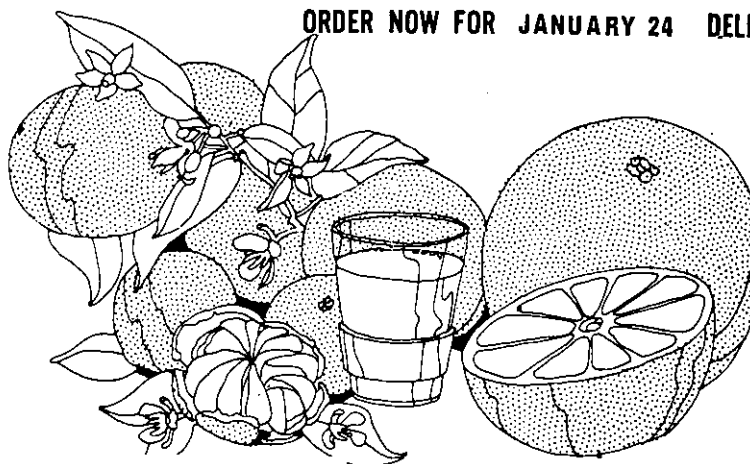
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The Light Touch

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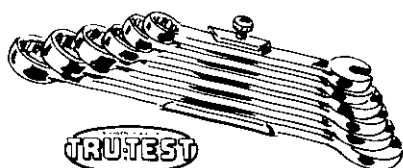
The scientist who predicted that future newspapers will be eaten forgets how hard it is to swallow some of the news.

For most people, the energy crisis is something which occurs every Monday morning when the alarm rings.

Sure, a teenager can keep a secret. She just needs four or five others to help her.

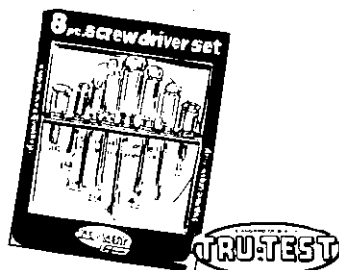
Retirement is supposed to be great if you're busy, rich and healthy. But then, under those conditions, work is great too.

Another thing that's great: our bargain of the month.



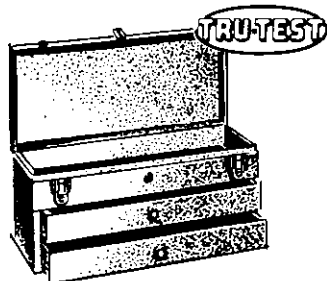
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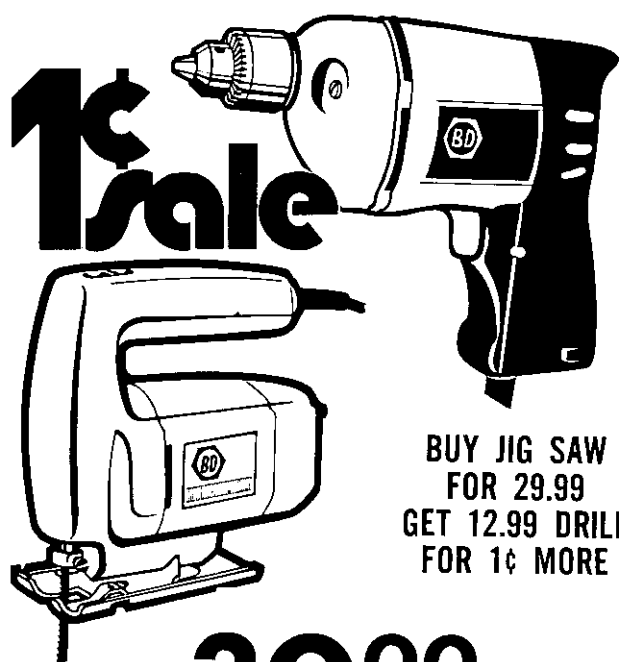
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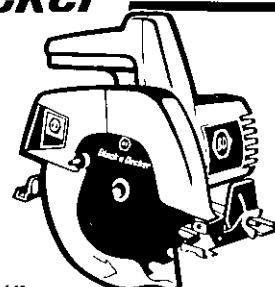
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3/8" DRILL KIT

Its 2.7-amp motor delivers 1000 rpm. Double-insulated. Accessories, case. 9073



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9:30 A.M. — Sunday School

11:00 A.M. — Worship Service

7:00 P.M. — Youth Fellowship

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Coffee Fellowship 11 A.M.

Church School

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11:30 A.M. — Coffee Fellowship

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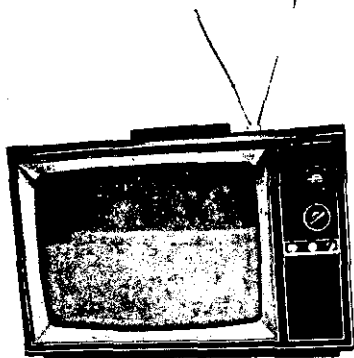
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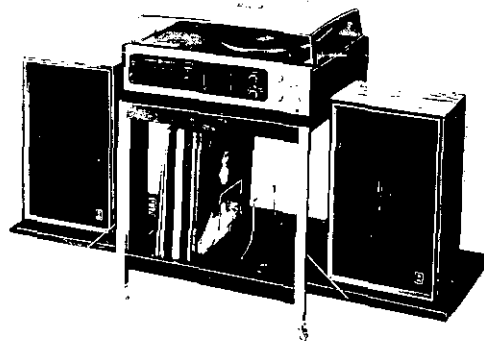
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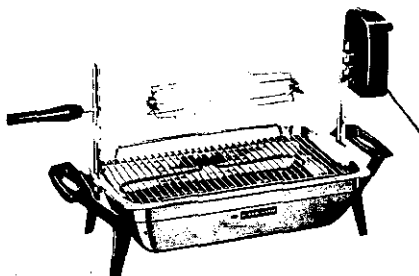


Grand Prize
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GE Color
Television

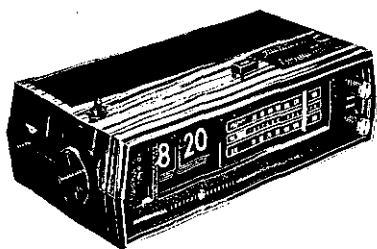


Second Prize
A GE Component
Stereo System

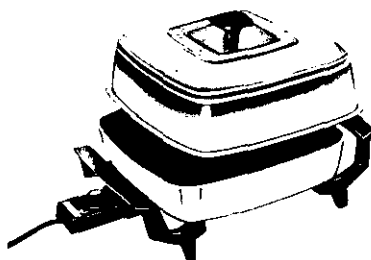
Third Prize
A Mirro
Rotisserie-Broiler



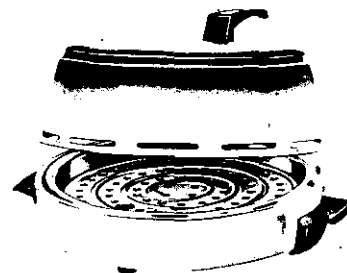
Weekly Prizes



First Prize
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Digital Clock Radio



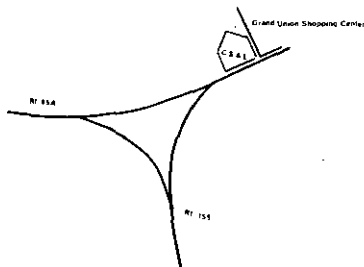
Second Prize
A Mirro-Matic
Manhattan Electric
Buffet Server-Fryer



Third Prize
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While we're here dreaming of a white Christmas, the members of the Fuhrman family of Ravena, will be enjoying their holiday on the warm sunny beaches of Hollywood, Florida.

John Fuhrman, his wife, Rosalie, and their two lovely daughters, Debbie and Terri, will be flying to the home of Rosalie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mathes, on the 21st and will be returning home the 2nd of January. They are also planning on visiting Disney World, going to the Greyhound Dog Races and all the tourist attractions.

John is a Sales Manager for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He and Rosalie also own and operate Martin's Motel on Route 9W in Ravena. Debbie is employed by Farm Family Life Insurance in Glenmont as a Cancellation Clerk. Terri is attending Farmingdale College in Long Island and is studying to become a Laboratory Technician. Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrman are also the parents of three sons; Richard, Wayne, and John.

Bon Voyage!

Also visiting relatives for the holidays are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson is the former Diane Strickland. They recently flew here from Jamaica, West Indies, to visit their parents Dr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson of Slingerlands and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strickland of

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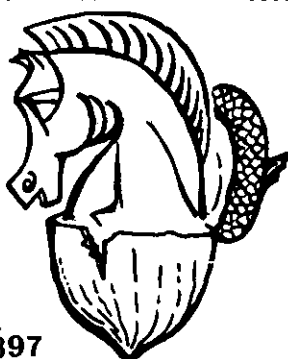
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COVER STORY

AN UN-CHRISTMAS COVER?



NOT REALLY AN UN-CHRISTMAS cover at all! It just rained and rained and rained! The cover picture and the ones on this page were taken on Sunday, Dec. 9, as the rain turned Elm Avenue Park into a soggy bog. In spite of the weather, the hardy souls in our cover picture turned out to complete the construction of the new hockey rink for the young fry who will not only have it in time for Christmas but they'll get to use it all winter long.

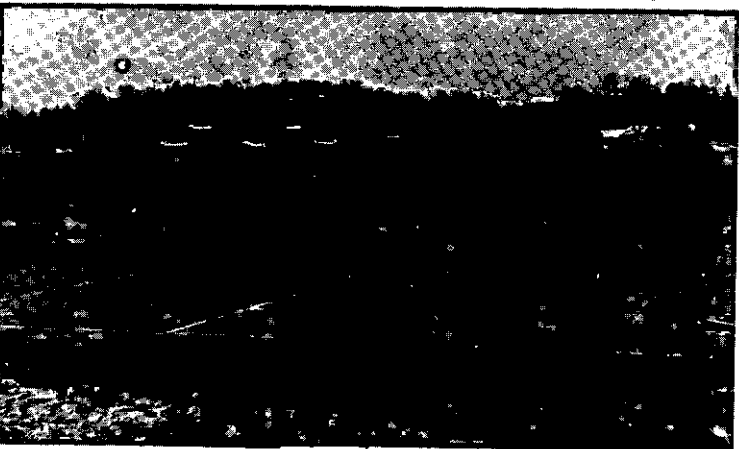
It's an ambitious program that is planned by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department — a real "present" to those boys and girls who want to learn to play hockey — and that's the reason we used it as our Christmas cover!

And it rained! In the top picture on this page, the hardy, mud slogging volunteer workers lined up for this shot. From left to right are: Bob Pike, John Pike, Joel Langlois, Lee Shipp, Frank Shipp, J. D. Hills, Parks and Recreation Director; and Bud Wilson, Assistant Director.

It rained and it rained — and through the murky, watery haze it's possible to see the barrier that surrounds the rink. (Bottom picture).

We stick with our original statement that these are timely pictures because they represent a very handsome Christmas present to the youth of Bethlehem!

And by the way, if you have a youngster who'd like to share in this program, call 439-4131. Jim Fuller photos



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Welcome home!

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Season's Greetings everyone!

Look what we found! IN THE MAILBAG

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped me in any way during my election campaign. The response to my candidacy was most gratifying, and it proved to be a very worthwhile educational experience for me.

The results were significant in that we were able to double the vote on the Democratic line from 770 in the election of 1971 to 1455 in 1973 and we reduced the plurality from 988 in 1971 to 352 in 1973. This was quite an accomplishment, and I wish to thank all those who helped make it possible.

Sincerely yours,
Dominick DeCecco

Local Government

The Local Government Program, a joint project of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) at Cornell University, has launched the first statewide educational effort to teach basic legislative powers and duties to newly elected governing board

members at each of the four levels of local government in New York state — city, county, town and village.

The effort is in the form of a course, "Legislative Powers and Duties for Newly Elected Local Governing Board Members," developed by the Local Government Program. Instructors have been trained under the program to teach the new course in their respective local areas.

"In the next few months nearly 2,000 local government legislators in virtually every area of New York State outside of the city of New York will participate in the course," according to Clark Hamlin, director of the program and senior extension associate at the ILR School.

The program is funded by a grant under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 and administered by the U.S.

Civil Service Commission through the New York State Office for Local Government.

"The new course is designed to provide the legislator with a working knowledge of the legislative powers which may be used to achieve the objective of his particular governing board," according to Hamlin. "We hope to help the legislator improve his skills through which legislative powers are utilized," he said, "and to emphasize the importance of his role in local government."

The course is divided into four two-hour sessions and will consist of small group discussions and exercises in local government problem solving. "Problem examples have been selected from actual governmental problems basic to any local governing board," Hamlin explained. "Each legislator will be given a 'Leg-



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islative Guide' and other material specific to his level of local government," he said.

"A successful in-service training program for newly elected legislators will depend directly upon the initiative and moral support given by the local governments in each area," Hamlin said. "In some counties, local training advisory councils have been established to act as advisory groups and to aid the instructor in scheduling, promoting and organizing the course for the respective area," he said.

One hundred and seventeen people have been trained to date to teach the course to local legislators. Each trainer has been provided with sufficient teaching aids, including notes on class exercises and discussion questions, detailed explanations of local government problems and suggestions on how to handle discussion groups.

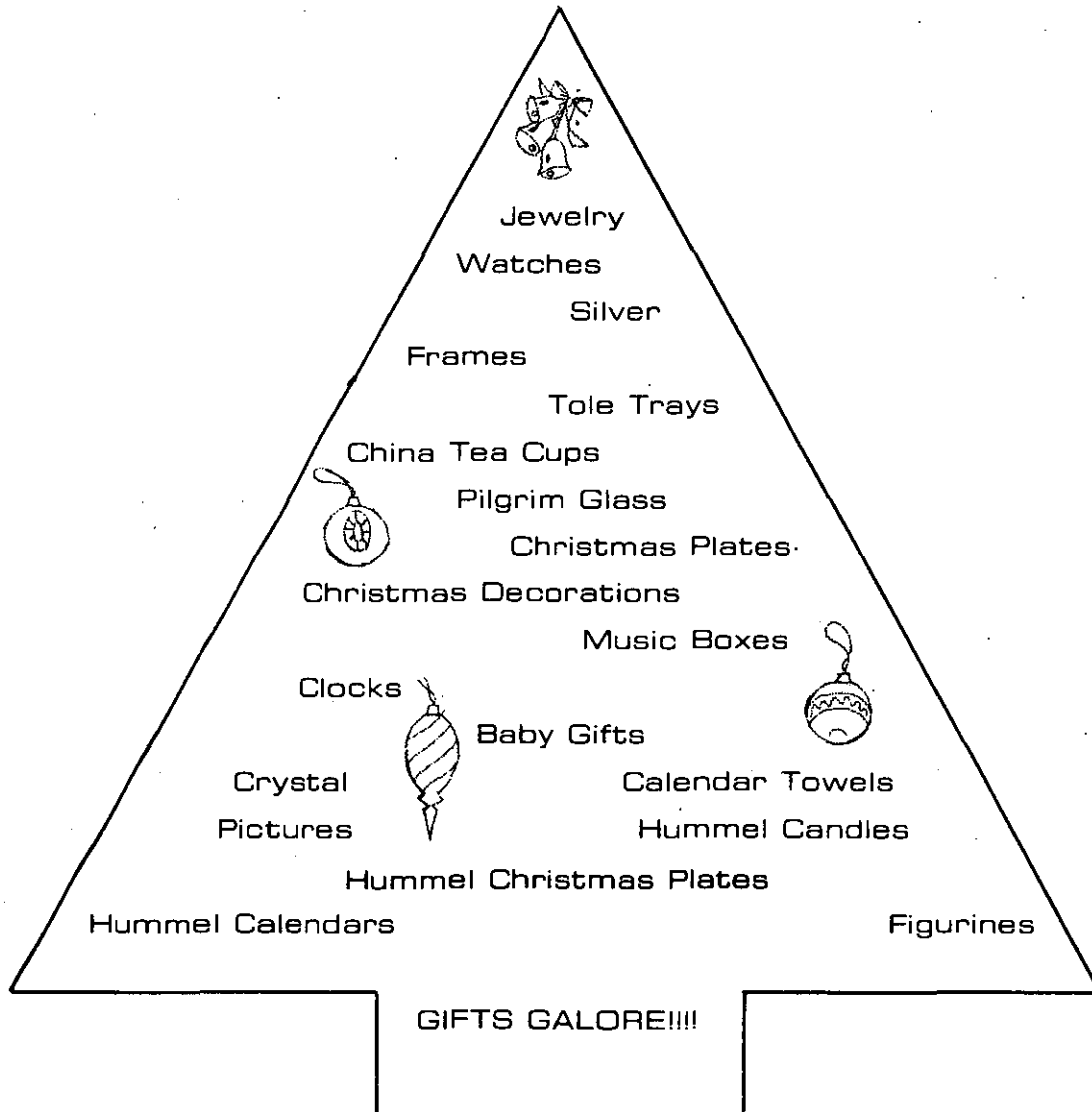
Further information is available from Carolyn Ellis at Cornell (607) 256-3015.

ALL ABOUT BIKES

by Assemblyman Larry Lane

With the renewed interest over the past two years in bicycling, it's probable that many of you have already tried to figure out a clever way to wrap a bike as a Christmas gift this year.

Sales of bicycles have risen astronomically and two years ago, the rush was so unexpected that many customers had to wait for weeks until manufacturers could produce enough to meet the demand. With the concern generated by the environmental conservation movement, bicycles became both a form of recreation and a non-polluting way to do short distance errands. In the last month or so, the bicycle has become attractive as a way of literally saving gasoline, particularly for short-run errands to pick up an extra quart of milk or for short, scenic trips.



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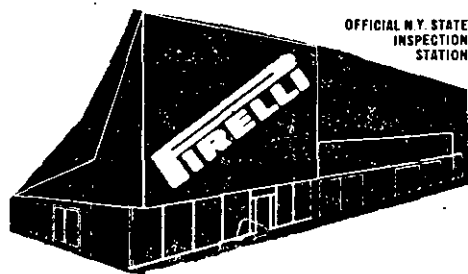
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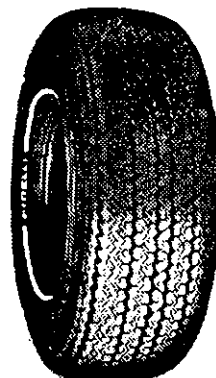
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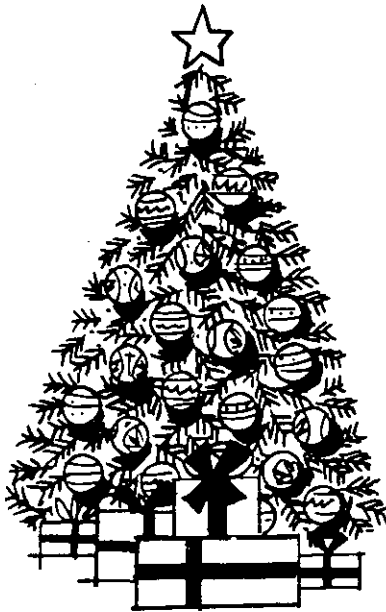


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The increasing popularity of cycling has resulted in the need for construction of more bikeways to provide both cyclists and motorists with greater safety. The State Department of Transportation has been anticipating these needs and has additional bike trail projects under study for construction in the near future. While the defeat of the Transportation Bond issue this November may put somewhat of a crimp in their plans, I believe the Department, in conjunction with local governments and the State Office

of Parks and Recreation, will be able to find solutions so as to provide at least a portion of the bikeways under consideration.

A bikeway that provides enjoyment must include more than just a paved trail. Plans would include bike parking facilities, adequate lighting, trash receptacles and signs as well as parking for automobiles and picnic areas for convenience. In addition, three major bikeway systems outlined by DOT would provide interconnecting rights-of-way so as to integrate

local systems with regional ones.

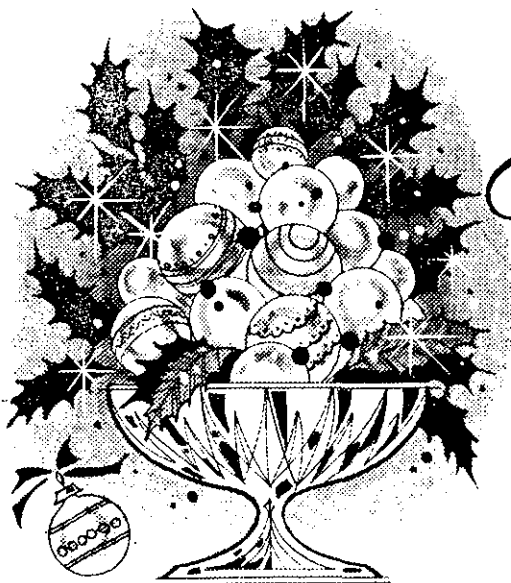
The three systems would be designed to cover specific needs as follows:

Local System — to facilitate bicycle traffic within small geographical area (i.e., towns and residential subdivisions) to give easy access to schools, public facilities, parks and shopping centers. It is felt that bicyclists in such an area would be running errands, visiting friends, going to school or simply riding or exercise or pleasure.

Urban system — to provide

for bicycle travel between small communities or in larger urban/suburban areas. Here, you would find cyclists commuting to or from work, traveling to colleges, public facilities and places of entertainment or gaining access to a regional bikeway system. This system would differ in that large commercial centers and high-density residential areas would be involved.

Regional system — to allow cyclists to travel between the larger urban/suburban areas or to reach rural or wilderness recreation opportunities.



Season's Greetings
Best wishes for a joyous Noel to
all our wonderful friends.



Commuting is an added possibility for cyclists using the regional system.

Bicyclist organizations, local governments and the State Department of Environmental Conservation would work with the Office of Parks and Recreation and Department of Transportation to achieve a balance transportation policy throughout the State — one that would insure traffic safety and recreational enjoyment.

Bikeway networks, through the integration of citizen and community involvement with State agencies, would benefit the large numbers of our residents who are coming to depend upon self-locomotion for mobility.

If you are interested in obtaining further information

on bikeway planning, a pamphlet, "Bikeways in New York State," is available by writing the Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Development, 1220 Washington Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12226.

New Customer Service

A new consumer service, geared to simplifying solution of customers' problems, has been initiated by National Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Albany, with the appointment of Mrs. Marie B. Purtell as consumer relations representative.

Lester W. Herzog, Jr., The Bank's board chairman, said the Board of Directors approved Mrs. Purtell's appointment so that any customer with a problem can have it

Merry Christmas



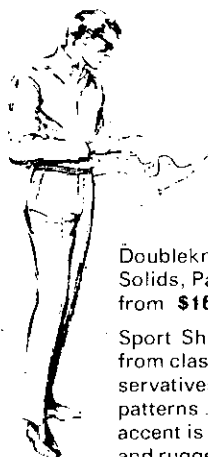
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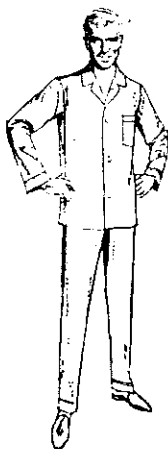
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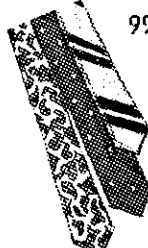
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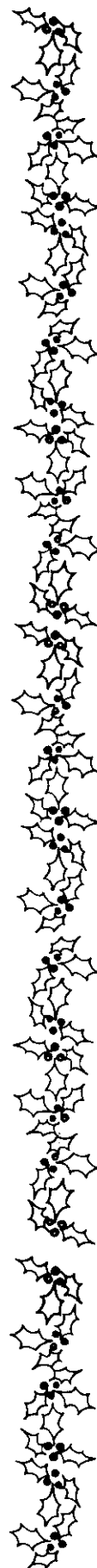
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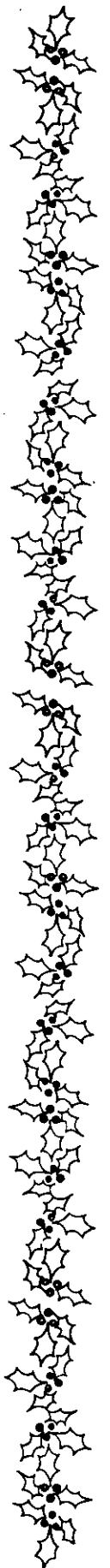
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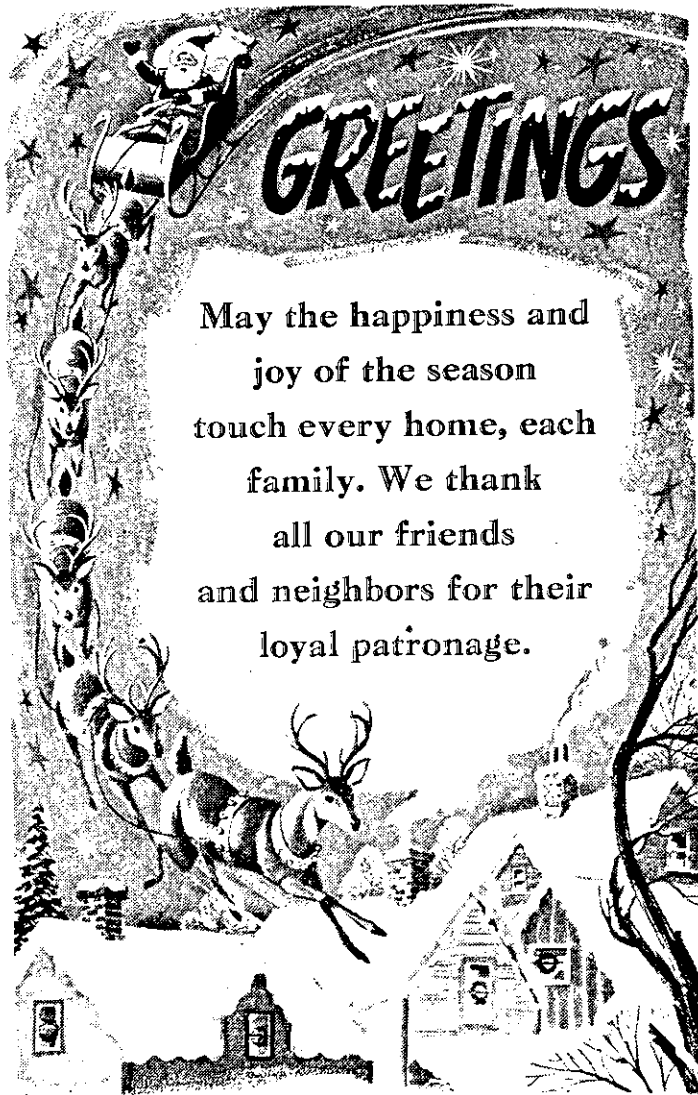


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History in the Making

The Museum of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association is the scene of activity in the field of photography. Several members are busily engaged in learning the elements of taking pictures, developing slides and photocopying. In addition, the tape recorder in conjunction



LEE HURLEY, Elsie Brauer and Connie Strong see the results projected on the screen.

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ELEANOR GOCHANOUR checks out a slide.

with appropriate slides will hopefully result in a filmed story of our Town of Bethlehem, past and present, this being one of the projects for the Bicentennial Year 1976.

All of this is made possible through the New York State Council on the Arts which is furnishing the equipment and guidance through the Farmers' Museum at Cooperstown, N.Y. Sister Jeannette Christiance, Public Relations Coordinator of the Arts Center at Holy Names Campus, and Mrs. C. B. Miller, a teacher at Elsmere Elementary School, have combined their talents to lead this workshop. They, through the Council attended a seminar at Cooperstown in preparation for their leadership. Dr. Alvin Lierheimer, Associate Commissioner of Higher Education, opened the session with the fundamentals of the camera.

The intent of the workshop is best described by Sister Christiance, "The workshop is designed to make people more aware of their environment in all of its aspects, and then to develop skill in communicating that awareness to others by the use of camera and tape recorder."

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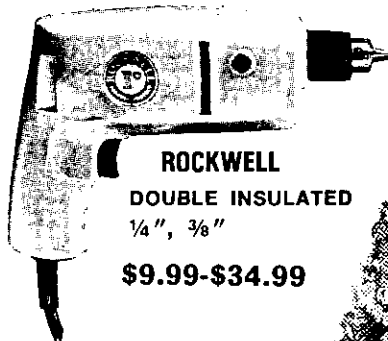
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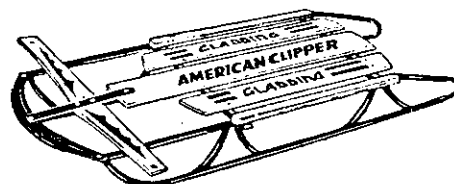
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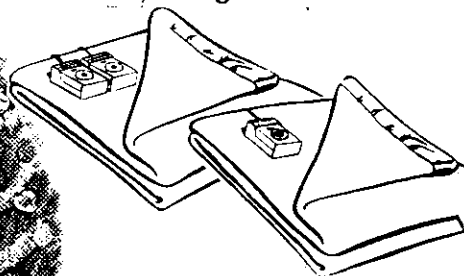
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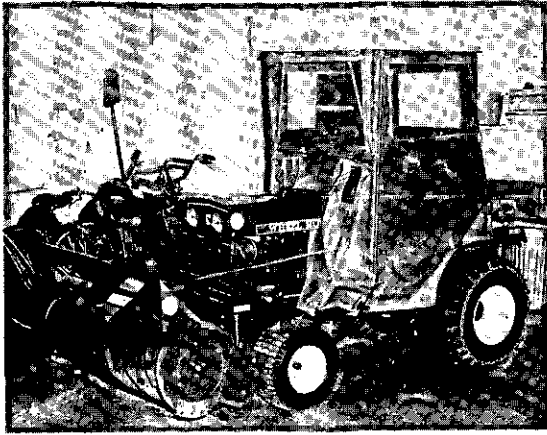
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Esther Cooke of Delmar did just that by attending a recent birthday party held in her honor at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion in Elsmere, where Esther is a member of the Auxiliary and a former president.

The evening's program was highlighted with past Com-

mander Bill Campbell presenting Esther with a money tree covered with \$80 in bills. She was also acclaimed Queen of the Alley Cat, after participating in the evening's dance program featuring the Alley Cat.

Esther was born in Albany when the Delmar area was mostly farm country and Van



ESTHER COOKE accepts money tree from Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion Past Commander Bill Campbell.



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During World War II she worked at the Voorheesville Army Depot and later on worked at the L.J. Mullen Pharmacy in Elsmere when

it first opened, as a soda jerk. Esther worked as a sales clerk with Mullen's till just recently when she retired. During this period, she also ran for the office of town clerk and lost election by only a few votes. If all of her grandchildren existed at that time she would have won the election. From her three sons, with some help from their wives, she proudly



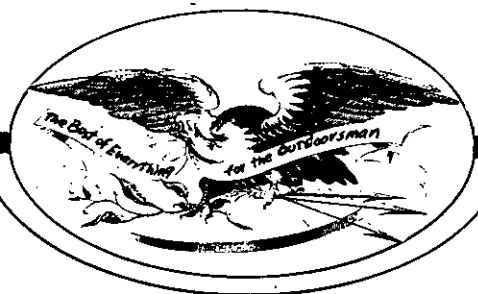
A BABY SITTER'S PROGRAM was conducted by the Town of Bethlehem Police Department on November 30 from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. at the Elsmere Fire Department under the direction of Sergeant Leo E. Dorsey of the Town of Bethlehem Youth Bureau. Bertram E. Kohinke, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem stated that the program provided special instructions on: Safety by Sgt. Leo E. Dorsey; "Fire Prevention" by Fred Webster, Chief of Elsmere Fire Department; "First Aid" by Austin Sennett, Lieutenant Elsmere Fire Department; "Fundamentals of Baby Sitting" by Mrs. Constance Rukwid, Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Department; and a special film on "ABC's of Baby Sitting" by Officer Leonard Ryan of the Bethlehem Police Department. Also assisting in the program were members of Girl Scout Troop 323 of Elsmere. Mr. Kohinke indicated that dates will be announced for future classes to be held in other Hamlets of the Town of Bethlehem, as the program progresses. All children in grades six through high school are urged to attend and participate in this program.

Jim Fuller Photo



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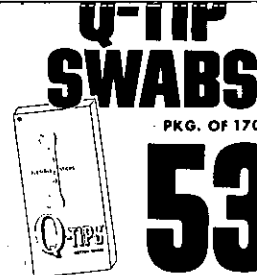


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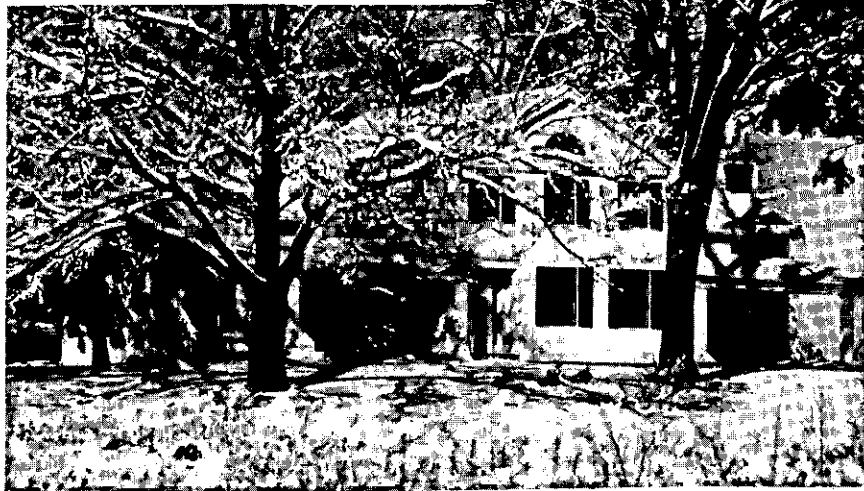
The Department of Agriculture and Markets of the State of New York requires the licensing of all dogs. Present dog licenses **expire** December 31, 1973. The Town Clerk wishes to remind dog owners that there are quite a few who haven't purchased the required 1974 license tag yet. The license may be obtained either in person or by mail, at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Delmar, New York — telephone 439-4955. We're waiting to hear from you.

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Registration for the program is being accepted now at the Center office, 340 Whitehall Road.

Pre-school through 4th grade Winter Day Camp will take place Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24, 26, 27 and 28 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Chanukah holiday will be featured during the camp program. The Chanukah lights will be kindled by the camp every day from the special torch sent from Nadir, Israel. Campers will also go swimming, have athletic programs, dramatics, music, arts and crafts, kitchen fun, games

and special events each day. Campers will bring a bagged lunch and milk will be provided. Eileen Sherman, Junior worker, will direct the camp.

A special 8-day trip to Canada to visit with teens in Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto is planned for teens from Sunday, December 23 through Sunday, Dec. 30. The trip will include touring places of interest in the 3 cities, sports, hopefully skiing, rap sessions with Canadian teens, dance and much more. Sheila Bellack, teen worker, will lead and supervise the trip for the 9th thru 12th graders.

For intermediates and teens,



NEW EAGLE SCOUTS — Scoutmaster Charles Breuel, left, offers congratulations to 3 members of Boy Scout troop 260, who recently received their Eagle awards. The new Eagle Scouts are, from left to right, John Howell, Wayne Shiatte and Mark Bosworth.



Let us all pause for a few seconds in this hectic Christmas Season to give thanks for all the good things that have happened to all of us during the past year.

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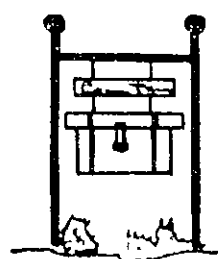
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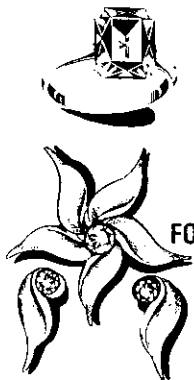
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tional Grocery Sales Manager for the company since June, 1966, while Mr. Lennon had served as National Wine and Liquor Merchandising Manager. Mr. Palmer served for six years as National Wine Division Manager for "21" Brands, Inc., of New York.

Both Mr. Flynne and Mr. Lennon report to Harold A.

Both Mr. Flynne and Mr. Lennon report to Harold A. Bogert, Vice President in charge of Grocery Merchandising for Grand Union. Mr. Palmer reports to Mr. Lennon. All three men maintain their offices in Grand Union's corporate headquarters in the Elmwood Shopping Center at Broadway here.

In his new position, Mr. Flynne supervises and directs Grand Union's national grocery buying and merchandising office. Mr. Lennon is now responsible for grocery sales in Grand Union's nine operating divisions and supervises wine, liquor and bakery sales. Mr. Palmer is responsible for the development and implementation of wine and liquor sales programs for the company.

Mr. Flynne was graduated from St. Peter's College in 1953 with a bachelor of science degree in marketing, and completed the Cornell University Food Executives Program in 1966. He joined Grand Union in 1948 as a clerk and subsequently held a variety of

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Mr. Flynne has been Na-



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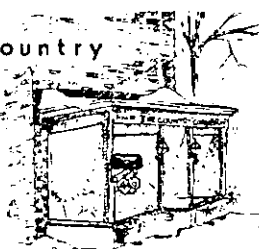
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Mr. Flynn and his wife, Margaret, have eight children and seven grandchildren. They live in Glen Rock, N.J.

Mr. Lennon was graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He joined Grand Union in 1966 as a senior trainee in the company's New York Region and subsequently served as a grocery buyer and marketing manager in the headquarters Grocery Merchandising Department.

Mr. Lennon and his wife, Shirley, live in Vernon, N.J.

Mr. Palmer is a graduate of Bryant College where he received a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard, being discharged in 1961 with the rank of Sergeant.

Mr. Palmer and his wife, Brigitte, live in Mattituck, Long Island, N.Y. They have two children.

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Alpha Xi Delta members in the Spotlight area are asked to contribute a small gift (or gifts) for the less fortunate girls who live in Pittman Hall, Loudonville. Needed are: art supplies, towels, wash cloths, sewing supplies, magazines and simple toiletries. These gifts are needed by Fri., Dec. 21 (tomorrow). If you will contribute, please call Shirley Lemieux (439-7036) after 5:30.

P.S. We'd welcome help from all Pan Hellenic members too!

New Officers at Tall Timbers

Robert Miller, Chief Underwriter, Farm Family Insurance Company in Glenmont, has been elected President of Tall Timber Country Club for the year 1974. Other officers elected for the coming year at the December 12 meeting of the Tall Timber Board of Governors were: Vice President, James Krathaus, Dis-

trict Manager, Merck Sharp and Dohme, Albany; and Secretary, Willard Thorndike, Guidance Counselor in the

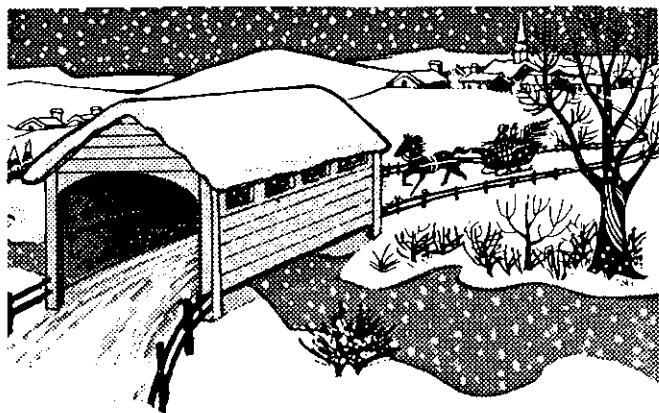
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School System. All three men have actively served on various Club committees over the past several years.

Kiernan Elected

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of United Bank Corporation of New York, Peter D. Kiernan, a member of that board and a member of the Board of Directors of the State Bank of Albany for the past 12 years, was elected to the newly-created position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

United Bank Corporation of New York is a registered bank holding company which numbers among its affiliates the State Bank of Albany, the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company of Buffalo, and the Highland National Bank of Newburgh, and the UBC Leasing of New York Inc. Its total resources on September 30, 1973 were \$1,604,192,000. In addition to Mr. Kiernan, the present senior executive officers of the corporation are: Mr. Hollis E. Harrington, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer; Mr. E. Perry Spink, Chairman Executive Committee; Mr. Avery H. Fonda, President, and Mr. Robert J. Donough, Executive Vice President and Secretary.

Mr. Kiernan is presently the President of Rose and Kiernan, Inc., one of the largest general insurance agencies in the northeast. He is a director of Flah's of Albany, Inc., Director and President of the Lake Placid Club, Inc., a Trustee of Siena College, St. Peter's Hospital, Canterbury School and the Fort Orange Club of Albany. He attended Albany Academy, Canterbury School, New Milford, Connecticut, and Williams College from which he was graduated. He also holds an honorary degree as Doctor of Humane Letters

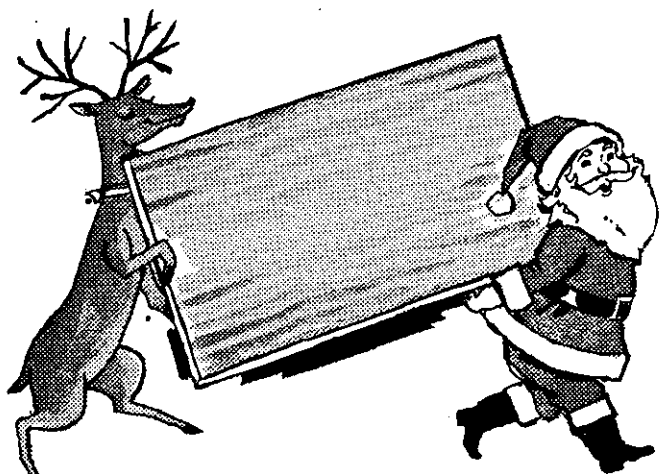


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from Siena College and is a Knight of Malta.

He and Mrs. Kiernan reside at Hills Road, Newtonville, New York, with their seven children.

Dividend Declared

Mr. Hollis E. Harrington, Chairman of the Board of United Bank Corporation of New York, announced that a meeting of the Board of Directors held December 12, 1973, a quarterly dividend of \$.35 per share was declared payable January 2, 1974 to stockholders of record December 19, 1973. Mr. Harrington stated that this dividend is the equivalent of an annual dividend rate of \$1.40 per share.

Christmas Music

At 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, Dec. 23, everyone is invited to a program of Christmas Music at the Slingerlands United Methodist Church. Featured will be selections on the new church organ; anthems by the Chapel Singers and Chancel Choir; Phyllis Willey will be featured in two selections for flute; and, of course, the lovely solos by Doris Clark accompanied by her husband, John, on the guitar.

Following the program, everyone will meet in Fellowship Hall for a reception. The Yule log will be burning and pine boughs will fill the air with their fragrance.

In all, a fitting way to spend one of the last evenings before Christmas.

Economic Forecast — 1974

by Peter A. Farrell

Output of goods and services will increase by less than one percent from the 1973 level. Thus the period of economic expansion that began in 1971 is now completed.

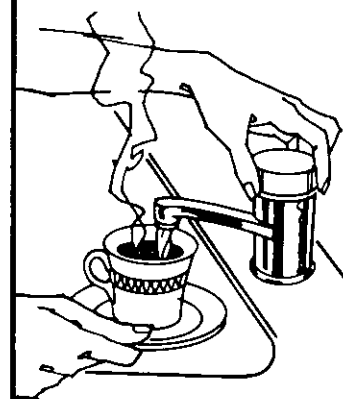
Residential construction and spending for consumer durable goods will be areas of weakness. We expect a decline of almost 12 percent



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in those two sectors as measured by constant dollars. This in turn may result in government programs aimed

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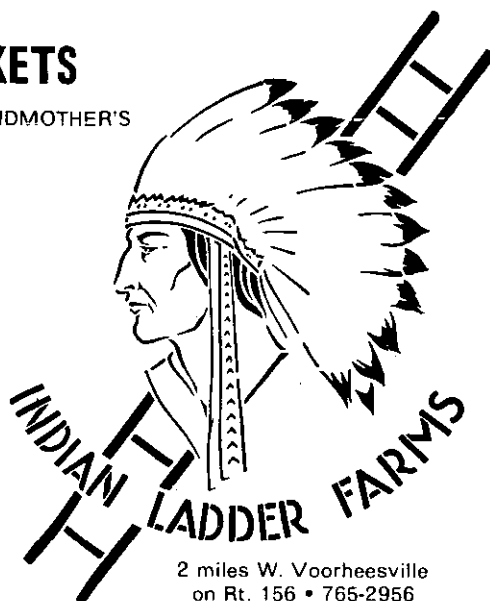
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at stimulating the housing industry.

Although output will remain fairly constant, costs will continue to rise. Thus profits will come under pressure. We expect a decline in corporate profits of at least 5 percent from the 1973 level.

The unemployment rate dropped to a three year low in 1973. It is likely that this trend will reverse in the coming year due to energy shortages and a more cautious attitude by employers.

Rising fuel costs will offset moderating inflation of food prices in 1974. Thus, the consumer price index will show an increase of about 6 percent.

The recent economic boom uncovered the fact that industrial capacity in basic U.S. industry is insufficient to meet current demand. Thus capital spending will be a relatively strong element in 1974. Likewise, the position of the U.S. in the world economy has strengthened over the

last year. Thus exports will gain relative to imports in the year ahead.

The demographic pattern in the U.S. represents an area of underlying strength. Individuals in the 25-34 age category are increasing at a rate four times that of the general population. This means more workers, higher productivity and greater demand for goods and services. Thus we feel that there is ample potential for a resumption of economic growth beyond 1974.

In the longer run we see three major avenues of economic activity.

1. Increased capital spending in basic manufacturing industries.
2. Significantly higher investment in domestic energy production. We believe that the private sector will provide the large amounts of capital necessary to increase domestic energy supplies so long as incentives to invest are not frustrated by price controls.
3. A resumption of growth in the consumer sector. Consumer spending habits will be conditioned by higher energy costs.

In our forecast of last year we seriously underestimated the rate of inflation for 1973. The increase in real GNP and corporate profits and the decrease in unemployment did develop along the lines that we projected.

1974 Stock Market Outlook

by William H. Girvin, Jr.

Our outlook for the stock market in 1974 is based on the assumption that the Arab oil embargo will be lifted before the end of the first quarter in 1974.

Before we proceed with this outlook, let us review the past year. It was our opinion last fall that the rally which began

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A CHRISTMAS STORY

By Miriam Biskin

'Twas some time before Christmas and all through Santa's shop
Not a creature was stirring; work had come to a stop
The elves has put aside toys with infinite care
Shaking their heads with a disgruntled air.

"The children are sleeping all snug in their beds
Such an impossible thing would never enter their heads
And their mommas and pappas settled down for a nap
Would never dream of such a horrendous mishap"

The whispers, the gossip, what could be the matter?
"The truth is," said one elf, "our boss is much fatter"
The moon shone on the breast of the new fallen snow
As we gathered together to see if it was so

And what to our wondering eyes did appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer
With a very fat driver, neither lively nor quick
"Wow!", gasped someone, "that can't be Saint Nick"

More rapid than eagles, his coursers they came
And he huffed and he puffed as he called them by name
"Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer, now Vixon,
On Comet, on Cupid, on Donder, on Blitzen
Come on all you reindeer, up over that wall
But eight reindeer stood and did nothing at all

Eight reindeer snorted and gave reindeer sighs
For eight reindeer knew they couldn't mount to the skies
They could carry toys and bicycles and dollies new
But they couldn't make it with St. Nicholas, too

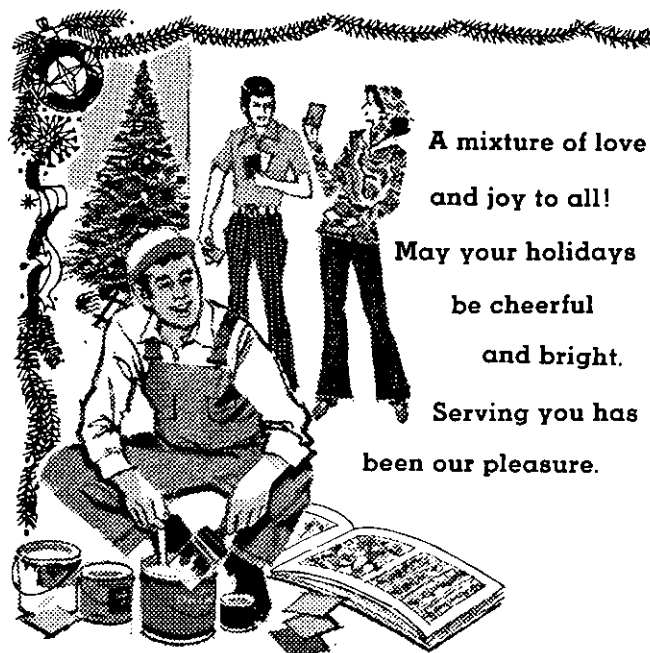
Speaking so softly, Mrs. Claus suggested a plan
"Nicholas," she said, "you could be a new man"
Sadly, he nodded, "I've run out of luck
Every chimney I try, I always get stuck"

So dressed in his furs, he attended weekly meetings
And listened to Weight Watcher lectures and greetings
He pondered a while and then said, "I must try it"
And went out to shop for skimmed milk for his diet
His lecturer was an Eskimo who once had been chubbier
"But I lost 100 pounds," she said, "and that's a lot of blubbier"
Her eyes, how they twinkled! Her dimples how merry!
No one could want to do anything contrary

Santa knew in his heart he couldn't fail
And he grew surer when he stepped on a scale
He lost the broad face and the fat round belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly

He now was no more than a plumpish old elf
And looked a lot more like his traditional self
With a wink of his eye and a twist of his head
He knew now he had nothing to dread

He called all the reindeer, "Now let's get to work"
And he filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle
And eight reindeer flew, like the down from the thistle
And the world heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight
"Happy weight loss to all! And to all a good night,"



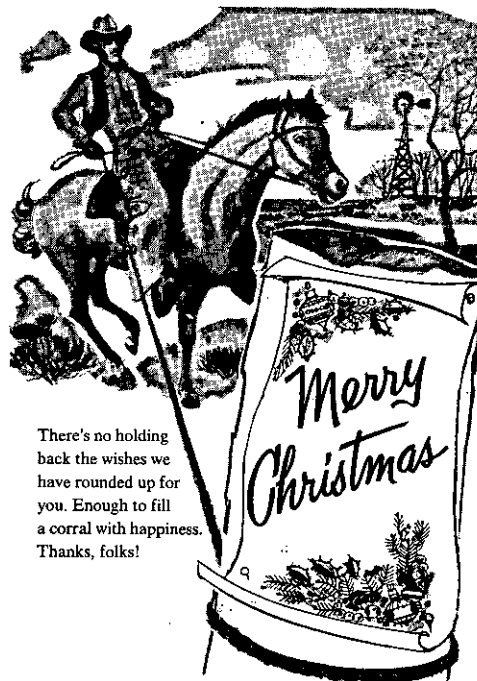
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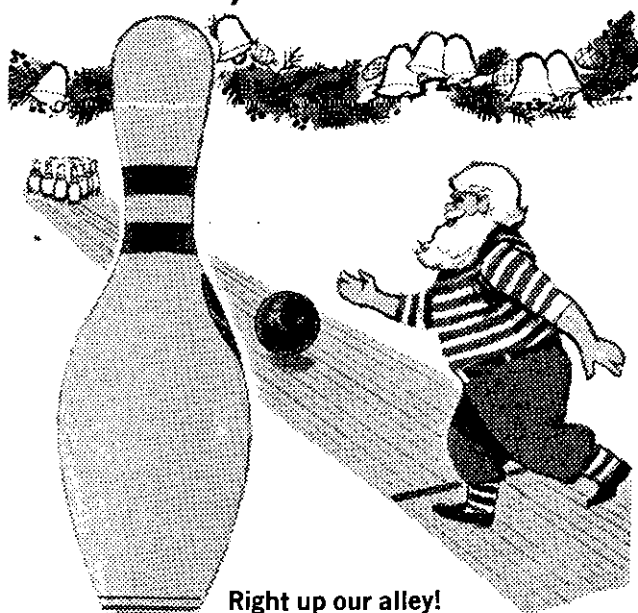
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in mid-October 1972 would continue well into the first quarter in 1973. We erred. The market did attain new highs but topped out in mid-January following the announcement of Phase III. Thereafter the market was buffeted by a series of calamitous events i.e. devaluation of the dollar, Watergate, soaring interest rates, spring floods in the important agricultural areas and hence aggravating already escalating food prices, commodity shortages resulting from domestic controls and worldwide demand and most recently by the outbreak of hostilities in the Mid-East and the imposition of the oil embargo. After having staged a strong rally from lows of late August to the latter part of October when the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose from 850 to 997, the market has plummeted to a new yearly low. This decline has been attributed to uncertainty about 1974 economic prospects because of the energy crisis.

It is our opinion that during the past two weeks the market was irrationally oversold. At present the major indices are selling close to the low price earnings ratios experienced in 1957, 1962, 1966 and 1970, years when substantial declines occurred.

The potential economic



William H. Girvin, Jr.

dislocations that could result from the oil embargo have been overdiscounted. An announcement indicating progress in the solution of the Mid-East situation and the easing or removal of the embargo could further fuel last week's rally. Since we expect some moderation in short term interest rates next year, resumption of normal economic growth beyond 1974 and because of individual stock values that have been created by the current emotionalism, we view equities positively. In the structuring of portfolios particular emphasis would be in the oil and gas and related areas and in companies which should benefit from the expected increase in capital expenditures.



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Other areas that appear attractive are drugs, allowing for the fact that there may be some price erosion as a result of the Senate Sub-Committee hearings chaired by Senator Kennedy; agricultural equipment; bank stocks; office equipment and such issues as Ford and American Telephone.

We as a nation have been profligate consumers of energy. The present crisis has underscored the need for self-sufficiency and may result in it being achieved sooner than previously believed. Certainly it is better to have experienced the embargo now than 2 or 3 years later when we would have been even more dependent upon foreign oil. Conservation measures and accelerated development of alternate domestic sources of energy will enhance our international competitive position and should ease a dangerous trend toward a chronic balance of payment problem. This augurs well for the long term market outlook.

New Laws in '74

By Assemblyman Larry Lane

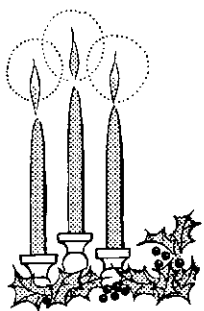
As we head into the New Year, you might be interested to hear about the laws, passed last session in the Legislature, which will take effect this January 1. Several of them promise to aid and protect the consumer while others are "housekeeping" measures designed to smooth out existing problems in some of our State laws.

On January 1, Federalization of present public assistance programs will become reality. Through legislation enacted last session and the cooperation of the State Department of Social Services with the U.S. Social Security Administration, none of the State's 272,000 needy elderly, blind or disabled will face financial chaos. Federal standards are lower than those of New York State and the State will make up supplemental payments on a State-Local share to keep the amounts at the same level.

The schedule is as follows: individuals living alone, \$130 from the Federal government, \$76.85; total Supplemental Security Income check: \$206.85; individual living with others, \$130 Federal, \$24.18 State-local, \$154.18 total; and couple living alone, \$195 Federal, \$99.93 State-local, \$294.93 total. That should be good news for the New Year for those persons

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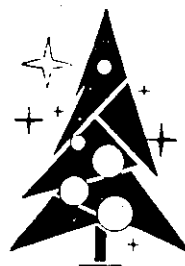
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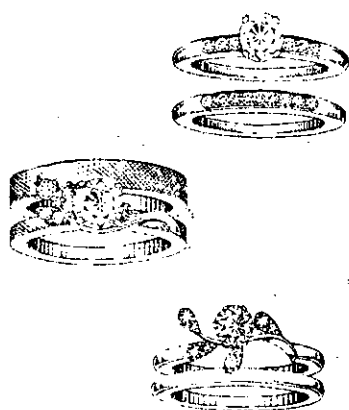
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who are elderly, blind or disabled and should by removing the stigma of "welfare," encourage others who are eligible for such monies to take advantage of the benefits they are entitled to.

As of the first, you will be able to compare prices for the most commonly prescribed drugs, a consumer measure that allows you to comparison shop for an essential item. Lists of the 150 most-frequently used drugs have been prepared by the New York State Board of Pharmacy and are being distributed to pharmacies throughout the State so that they may be posted by January 1.

The total list will include some 250 items to take into consideration popular dosages and quantities as well as dosage forms, such as capsules, liquid, or tablets. Consumers, not seeing a particular drug on a posted list, may ask the pharmacist who is required to answer questions on prices when presented with the prescription. This new law should prove especially invaluable to those who are chronically ill and forced to purchase medication on a long-term basis. It should also provide a fairer break to all New York State consumers who, in the past, may have felt themselves at the mercy of an illness due to the price of the cure.

Another consumer protection law will require all hotels and motels to conspicuously post their standard rates at the registration desk. The list will include both room rates and meals which are furnished. Another law will eliminate the present "holder in due course" that allows a bank or finance company to hold promissory notes on home repairs, only to find the operators have done a bad job and possibly, disbanded the "business." At that point, the customer has no remedy because a third party is holding the note and the third party expects payment. It will no longer be legal to hand

over such promissory notes to a bank or other agency.

Extremely important to municipalities is the passage this November of the constitutional amendment extending the limit of sewage treatment project indebtedness. With passage, municipalities may exclude indebtedness for construction or reconstruction of facilities for sewage treatment from their legal municipal debt limits. The exclusion is granted until January 1, 1983.

Happy Holidays!

Buttercream Torte — Dutch Style

Since 1903 the Netherlands Club in New York has been a haven for Dutch businessmen and diplomats who reside in the city. The cuisine features Dutch specialties and its kitchen has accumulated a large collection of recipes for authentic Dutch dishes which meet the demands of the exacting clientele.

The Dutch like their desserts and the chef gives special attention to this department. He flavors his desserts with Vandermint, a delicious Dutch minted chocolate liquor. One of the favorites is Vandermint Buttercream Torte.

Vandermint Buttercream Torte

1/1 qt. milk
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 Tbs. vanilla extract
1/2 cup corn starch
1/4 cup chocolate syrup
1/2 lb. sweet butter
1/2 cup Vandermint
1 round sponge layer (9" x 1 1/2")
chocolate chips

Mix 1/2 cup corn starch with 1/2 cup milk. Bring rest of milk, sugar and vanilla to boil. Add corn starch-milk mixture and simmer for 2 minutes. Strain if necessary, and cool.

Whip butter until fluffy and slowly add the custard.

Reserve two cups buttercream. To the rest, add 1/4 cup chocolate syrup and 1/2



cup Vandermint and mix well.
Cut sponge cake into three layers. Spread about 1/2" of the chocolate-Vandermint buttercream between layers and cover top and sides. Decorate top of cake with plain buttercream and chocolate chips.
Makes one 9"x3" Torte.

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

by Paul M. Kelsey
New York State Regional
Conservation Educator

Firewood

Recent news that the State was selling firewood on a get-it-out-yourself basis has kept the phone down the hall in the forester's office busy. About one in five knows enough about the problems involved in cutting and hauling firewood so that they are signing contracts immediately. Of the remainder, we may see nearly half back later to get wood during the less rigorous spring weather. The public in general has gotten so far from the woodshed, that I was surprised at the enthusiastic response.

Everyone knows how nice and comfortable it is to sit in front of a hot fireplace or cast iron wood stove, so let's look at some of the problems

that must be accounted for before the fire is a reality.

One of the big problems is the time lag between cutting and burning, for wood should be well seasoned before it is used in a fireplace or stove. Traditionally, cutting firewood has been a winter job, done by the farmer during the lull between the fall harvest and the spring planting season. This wood was stacked and permitted to season for nearly a year, ending up in the woodshed for use the following winter. Firewood cut now for use this winter must already be seasoned. That means working over the tops left from logging operations of a year or two ago. There are plenty of these, and if not salvaged they will just settle down into the ground, rot and return their nutrients to the soil.

A little head start in seasoning can be obtained during the summer cutting the trees and not limbing them for a couple of weeks. As the leaves wilt they will draw off some moisture through transpiration. There is no substitute for 6-10 months stacked where it can air-dry, however.

There are two reasons firewood should be well seasoned. The first and most obvious is that it will burn more readily and give off a greater amount



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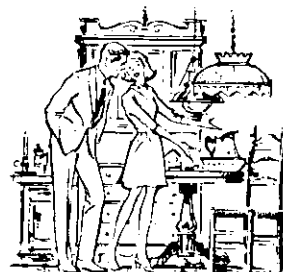
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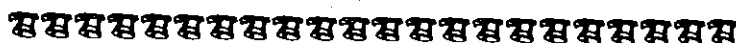
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of heat. The second one, which no one but the volunteer firemen give much thought to, is that brown, ill-smelling liquid called creosote which collects in stovepipes. This is the result of incomplete combustion and insufficiently high stack temperatures. By using dry wood, placing the stove close enough to the chimney so that only a short pipe is required, and using a properly designed stove with adequate chamber space to permit complete combustion of wood-gas inside the unit, most of the creosote problems can be eliminated.

Wood is sold by the cord. Unfortunately, most people don't have the slightest idea of what a cord of wood really is. This is further complicated by the fact that other non-specific terms such as face cord, stove cord, fireplace cord, and foot cord are terms often used by wood dealers.

A true cord of wood is a pile of four-foot wood, eight feet long and four feet high. If this pile of wood is cut into 16-inch lengths instead of four-foot lengths, it would make a pile four feet high and 24 feet long. It would prob-

ably be sold as three face cords or three fireplace cords, but it is still only one cord of wood. Most stove wood is cut in 12-inch lengths, making it possible to get four face cords or four stovewood cords out of the same cord of wood. Note that we get three or four face cords from the same cord of wood, depending on how it was cut. No wonder that the advertised price for wood varies so much. The buyer beware.

Not all wood has equal heating value. A cord of shagbark hickory, for instance, will furnish twice the heat that can be obtained from a cord of white pine or popple. Not quite as good, but much more readily available are oaks and northern hardwoods — beech, birch and maple. In New York State these are the best firewoods, generally available. Apple and cherry are almost as good heat producers, and offer the bonus of delightful fragrance. Ash is another which should not be overlooked for it is straight grained and easy to work.

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THE **Spotlight**

Merit Selection Plan for Judges

A plan to remove the selection of judges from politics will be before the State Legislature when it reconvenes in January. Filing of the Merit Selection Plan was announced today by State Senator John R. Dunne of Nassau County and Assemblyman Franz S. Leichter of Manhattan. The plan would replace the present elective method with appointment of judges from lists of qualified candidates prepared by non-partisan, non-political judicial qualifications commissions.

Under the Dunne-Leichter Bill, judges of the Court of Appeals, Appellate Divisions and Supreme Court would be appointed by the governor. Judges of the County Court, Family Court, Surrogates Court, Civil, Criminal, District or other local court would be appointed by the Mayor or County Executive. The only judges not included in the sweeping plan would be town and village justices.

In announcing the proposed change in the state constitution, Senator Dunne said that the bill's main objective was to restore public confidence in the courts. "The recent spectacle of candidates for the highest judicial office in our state parading across television screens in paid commercials was a sorry one indeed. Justice must not be equated with soap flakes. The need for judicial candidates to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to campaign for a job that pays \$50,000 raises serious questions that should never have to be asked."

Assemblyman Leichter said that the proposal includes non-partisan judicial qualifications commissions to cover all judicial departments in the state. Each commission would consist of both lawyers and laymen, and would be selected by senior executive, legislative and judicial of-

ficers. The chairman of each departmental commission would be selected by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. "The essential objective of any plan must be public confidence in the fairness and integrity of the selection process," Mr. Leichter said.

The Dunne-Leichter plan received immediate approval and praise from civic and professional groups. Whitney North Seymour, Jr., Chairman of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association and Chairman of its Action Unit on court reform said that the proposal conforms to objectives of most of the organizations here and in other states where similar reforms have already been accomplished. He praised Senator Dunne and Assemblyman Leichter for their leadership in sponsoring the Merit Selection Plan. "This is just what we have been waiting for," he said. "We now have a real chance to remove the selection of judges from the smoke-filled back rooms."

Reflecting the non-partisan spirit of the court reform movement, the sponsorship of the legislative proposal is also non-partisan. Senator Dunne is a Republican. Assemblyman Leichter is a Democrat.

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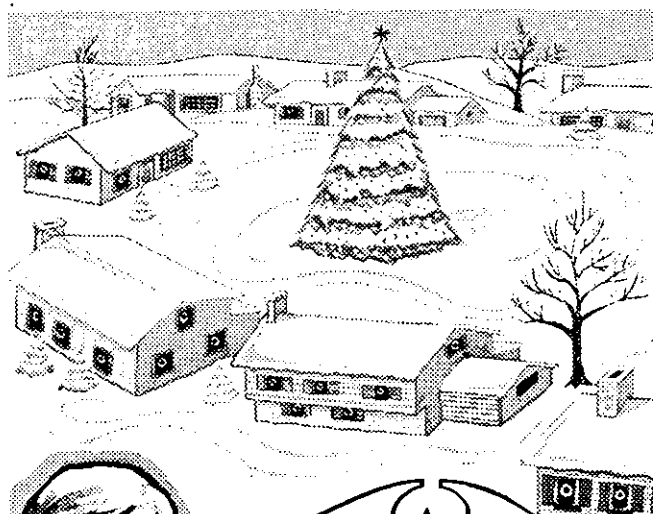
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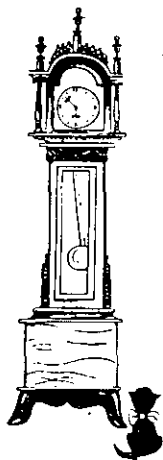
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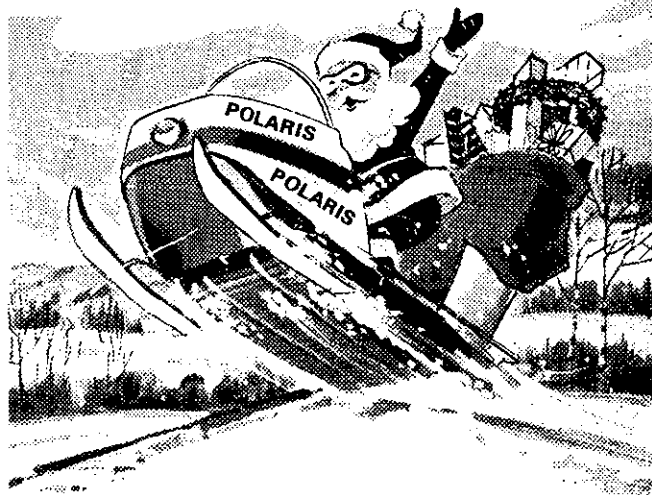
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NATIVITY SCENE, Group of cookies with colorful frosting decoration by Mae Gerhard.

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Christmas Cookery: Old and New Traditions In the Baker's Art

The first Christmas trees, which originated in Germany, were decorated with apples, symbolizing Adam's fall, and round wafers, representing the Sacred Host, which signified redemption.

Later, the apples and wafers were replaced by Christmas cookies, which became more and more elaborate through the years.

Fancy Christmas cookies were introduced to America in the 18th century by the early German settlers, who counted their old cookie molds, made of clay, tin or wood, among their most treasured heirlooms.

Industrious Pennsylvania Dutch housewives baked them by the washbasketful in such varying shapes as fish, rabbits, men smoking pipes, horseback riders, hatchet-bearing Indians, stars, dolls, and of course all the characters and animals associated with the nativity scene. There were even some reindeer which were over a foot long.

Until the early part of this century, Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas trees were decorated almost entirely with these edible ornaments and it was part of the celebration to eat from the tree all through the Christmas season, so that it was practically bare by Twelfth Night. This custom is still followed in Europe.

Outstanding cookie specimens were proudly displayed and used to decorate the windows. Cookies were tucked into Christmas baskets for the poor and it was customary to include several dozen cookies when returning molds that had been borrowed.

Many cookies were handed out to the Belsnickles, those costumed visitors, like mummers, who went from house to house checking up on the children's behavior during the year. It is said that some of the Belsnickles were so terrifying that children were known to confess to hitherto unsuspected misdoings.

After World War I, as American women began to emerge from the kitchen to go out in the business world and follow more modern pursuits, the practice of making elaborate cookies and breads was largely abandoned.

However, a few years ago, The Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City put on an exhibit called "The Baker's Art," which traveled to many cities throughout the country. This apparently helped set off a nationwide revival of interest in decorative baking.

Some of the most exciting pieces in this exhibition were submitted by Mae Gerhard, a teacher at The Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia.

Miss Gerhard, who learned this traditional art from her Pennsylvania Dutch mother, created a beautiful gingerbread creche of more than two dozen pieces from five to six inches tall, all decorated in brilliant Byzantine colors. She has also made large and elaborate working puppets based on Christmas subjects, using a firmer but inedible dough.

Mini Christmas Trees, Fascinating And Creative Hobby

According to John Rieck, a New York interior designer who has made a hobby out of creating and decorating miniature Christmas trees, this can be an endlessly absorbing and fascinating pursuit.

Mr. Rieck collects miniature decorations whenever and wherever he can find them. Many antique and curio dealers have learned of his interest, and notify him immediately when any tiny toys or other miniature objects turn up.

One of the best sources for tiny toys are antique doll houses. But other prospects are endless because not all tiny objects are necessarily antiques. When he travels, Mr. Rieck often makes surprising finds. For instance, he found a shop in San Salvador that had hundreds of tiny Mickey Mouses, which are now part of his collection.

Some ornaments are rare and valuable. For example, he discovered some Austrian wax figures, Hansels and Gretels, that were barely an inch high.

Among the other miniature objects Mr. Rieck is on the lookout for are wax angels, teddy bears, toy dogs, mice, animals of all types, shoes, doll furniture, snowmen, soldiers, sleighs, musical instruments, bells, birds, fruit, trains and cars.

Most of these ornaments are made of wood, wax or porcelain. A few are ivory. Birthday cake candles are cut down to represent tree lights, and colored pipe cleaners are twisted to form interesting shapes.

There are also many inexpensive, small ornaments to be found in variety stores, which is where Mr. Rieck gets the small, artificial Christmas trees. Usually, he enhances them by adding branches for greater fullness and to accommodate more ornaments. The more ornaments the better, according to Mr. Rieck, because people get great pleasure, discovering each individual one.

Some tiny toys are placed under the tree along with match boxes and pill boxes, which are done up in gay wrappings to look like tiny Christmas presents.

Several of Mr. Rieck's trees are priceless as their treasured Victorian predecessors. Some are kept under glass bell jars.

His elaborate creations are probably quite beyond most of us. However, simpler versions can be done by anyone and children, especially. The same type of inexpensive trees can be used and tiny illustrations on Christmas cards can be cut out to serve as decorations. Stars, angels, toys, Santa Clauses abound on these cards, many of which are glittering and colorful indeed. They can be mounted on firm cardboard for extra support before cutting them out. (Use gift boxes for this.) Hanging loops can be attached with a needle and green thread. They should then be filed in their proper categories in envelopes or small boxes. This should prove an absorbing project for children and result in an interesting and inexpensive hobby to enjoy the year-round.

Kissing Under Mistletoe

The word "mistletoe" derives from the Anglo-Saxon word "mistleltan." It is a parasitic plant which grows on evergreen trees, with small yellowish-green leaves, yellowish flowers and waxy white, poisonous berries.

Under a sprig of mistletoe men are by custom privileged to kiss any women standing under it. The man is supposed to first remove one of the berries and present it to the woman. When all the berries are gone, this kissing game is over. It is thought this custom comes from an early pagan marriage rite.

Mistletoe was considered sacred by the Druids in ancient Britain and they performed elaborate ceremonies around it at the winter solstice. Because of these pagan associations, it is seldom used in church decorations.

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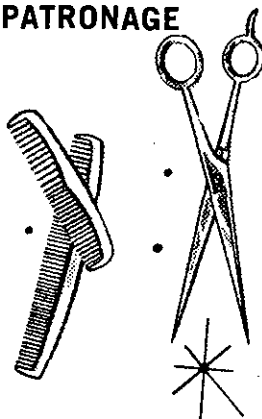
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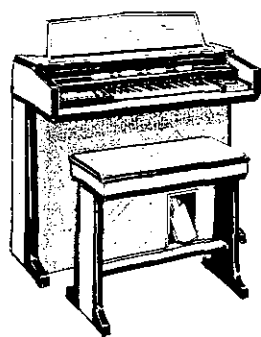
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Spanish Christmas Customs Have a Realm of Enchantment Found Only in Iberia

In Spain, song and dance dominate all the Yuletide celebrations, which begin on Christmas Eve, called "Noche Buena" or "The Good Night." The birth of the Christ Child is heralded in a gay and festive manner by crowds of young people singing and dancing in the streets to the accompaniment of tambourines, guitars, gourd rattles and castanets.

During midnight church services, tambourines and guitars blend with the organ music and the spirited voices of the congregation.

Christmas Day is devoted to family reunions. There is much feasting on such delicacies as almond soup, truffled turkey with chestnuts or roast turkey with apples and raisin stuffing. The traditional Christmas sweet is turron, a nougat of almond candy.

After dinner, the family gathers around the Nacimiento, or Nativity scene, which has been lighted with candles, to sing lively Spanish carols, most of which date back hundreds of years. Spirits are further whipped up by the noise of the "pandereta" (tambourine) and the "zambomba," a drumlike instrument with a reed stuck through the skin which, after being moistened, is moved up and down, producing a deep monotonous sound. The children join in enthusiastically, singing and dancing around the Nacimiento.

The Nacimientos have an individual Spanish look. A typical Spanish bull and a gray donkey occupy stalls near the Babe of Bethle-

hem. The procession of the three Wise Men and their retinue bearing gifts are all represented. There is always a little stream or river, made of silver paper or real water, to show where women kneel and do the family laundry, a typical Spanish scene. Besides the innkeeper and many animals, there are sometimes figures of famous bullfighters and politicians.

According to Spanish folklore, the Wise Men traveled through Spain enroute to the stable at Bethlehem. They play a leading role in the Spanish Christmas celebration. Instead of Santa, it is the three Wise Men who bring gifts to children on Epiphany Eve. Just as American children write letters to Santa, Spanish children write letters to the Magi. On the night of January 5th, their shoes, filled with straw for the camels, and a plate of turrons are left on the balcony. In the morning they find their shoes, filled with goodies and surrounded by presents.

Climax of the festivities is the annual "cabalgata," a colorful parade which marches through the center of town with floats depicting the birth of Christ, the Magi, shepherds and related personages.

Well of the Wise Men

There is a "Well of The Wise Men" on the outskirts of Bethlehem where, according to legend, the three discouraged Magi found their lost star reflected and continued their quest.

Greeks Have Unique Religious Ceremony to Celebrate Christmas

On Christmas Eve, children of Greek families go from house to house singing carols to the accompaniment of tiny clay drums and tinkling steel triangles. They are rewarded with gifts of figs, walnuts, almonds and sometimes money.

Afterwards there is a Christmas Eve service, which begins at 4 a.m. and ends shortly before dawn. The family then begins feasting with "Christpsomo," (bread of Christ), a simple cake studded with nuts, and "Kourbiedes," small cakes dusted with powdered sugar.

The Christmas dinner must include "cheridon," roast pig. In rural households, these are fattened for the feast from midsummer on. If a family cannot afford to buy a pig, usually relatives or neighbors provide one.

There are no Christmas trees and no Christmas presents. St. Basil's Day or New Year's Day is the time for exchanging gifts. St. Basil, "Hagios Vasilias," one of the four fathers of the Orthodox church, is the Santa Claus of Greek children.

Blessing of the Waters

Since Greece has always been a maritime nation, it is not surprising that the blessing of the waters is an impressive part of the Christmas celebration. This

takes place on Epiphany Day.

At high noon on that day, the Archbishop or highest ranking priest leads a procession from the church to the waterfront. Dressed in magnificent vestments, he holds aloft before him a crucifix of gold or ebony with a silver image of the Saviour. Acolytes and lesser clergy, also clad in rich vestments, accompany him, chanting as they march. The congregation follows in their wake.

The procession halts at the water's edge. The Priest intones a prayer and then, after tying a scarf around the cross, hurls it into the water. From the shore and from boats, men and boys dive after it. The one who succeeds in bringing it up receives a special blessing from the priest and usually a gift of money from the onlookers.

In America, this ceremony of blessing the waters is likely to be celebrated wherever there is a sizable Greek settlement. At Tarpon Springs, Florida, where many Greeks are engaged in the sponge fisheries, and at Asbury Park, New Jersey, it is an annual event.

The Church of St. Nicholas in New York City has held this ceremony for many years at Battery Park, where the swimmers must plunge into the icy waters of New York harbor after the cross.

The Friendly Beasts

*Jesus, our Brother, strong and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude.
And the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our Brother, strong and good.*


*"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried his mother up hill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town.
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.*

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"I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head,
"I," said the cow, all white and red.*

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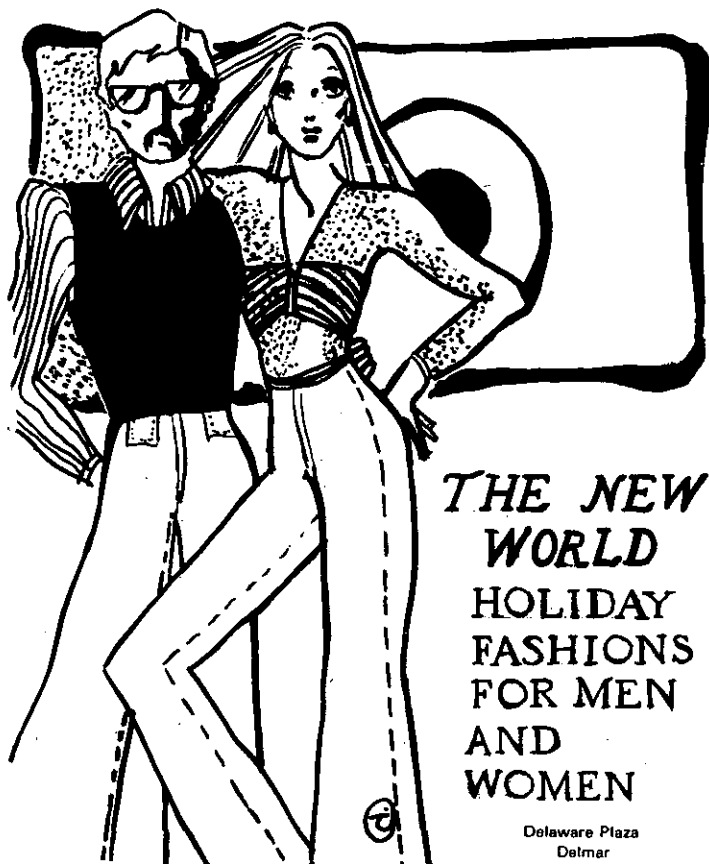


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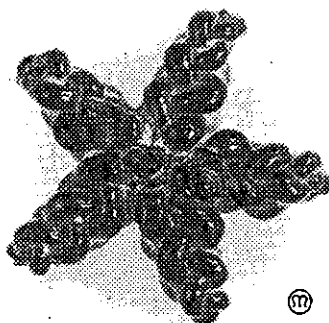
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| ½ cup shortening | 1 teaspoon soda |
| ½ cup dark brown sugar
(firmly packed) | ½ teaspoon salt |
| ½ cup molasses | 1½ teaspoons ginger |
| 3½ cups flour (sifted) | 2 teaspoons cinnamon |
| ½ teaspoon vinegar | ½ cup buttermilk |

Cream shortening, sugar and molasses together. Sift flour, salt, soda and spices together. Blend into first mixture, alternating with vinegar and buttermilk. Chill for 1 hour. Roll dough out to ¼" thickness. Use wax paper pattern and cut with a sharp knife, dipped in flour. Remove the pattern as you transfer the dough to a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in 375° oven.

Decorator Icing

- 2 cups confectioner's sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 egg whites
- Food coloring

Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually beat in sifted confectioner's sugar. To add food coloring, divide into individual bowls. Add coloring to each bowl until correct shade is obtained. Spread with knife or use decorator tubes or "paint" on with paint brush.

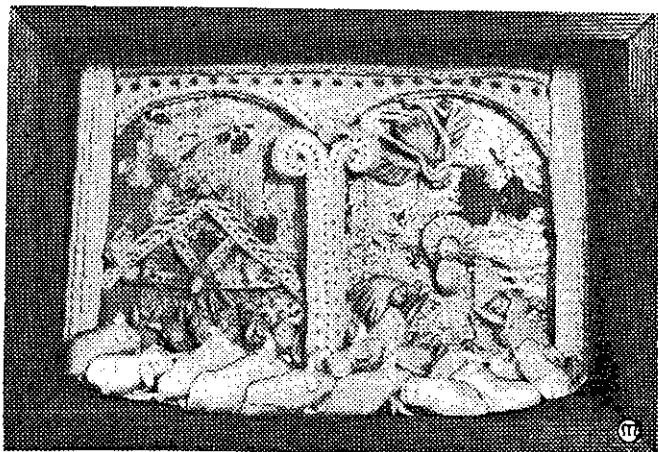


SWISS CHRISTMAS STAR BREAD, 14" diameter. By Nelly Hartmann-Imhof.

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Egg Yolk "Paint"

- 2 egg yolks plus food color
- Apply with paint brush.



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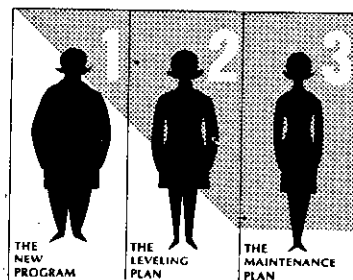
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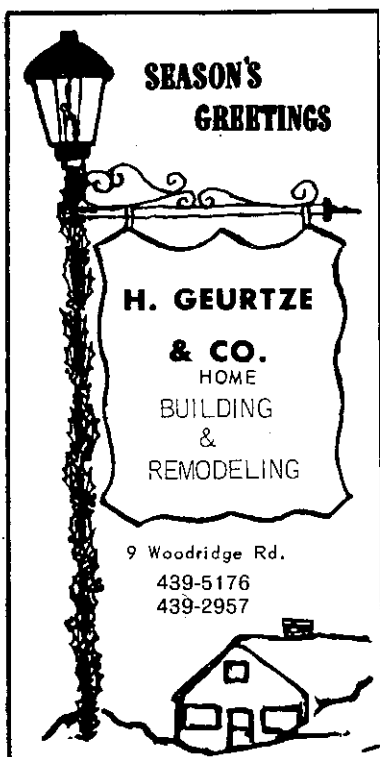
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It is the authenticity in this painting as in all Norman Rockwell's work that inspires such lasting, universal appeal. Norman Rockwell never fakes a detail.

Local, small town residents posed for the three musicians in clothing that had been carefully selected from Mr. Rockwell's huge wardrobe of costumes. The lantern and musical instruments were garnered from antique shops across the countryside.

The painting shown was originally commissioned by Hallmark for a Christmas card.

"Feast of Lights" in Merrie Old England

Over 1400 years ago, the Council of Tours decreed that the celebration of Christmas should continue on for twelve days through Epiphany, which falls on January 6th. This day, also known as "The Feast of Lights," is still observed by many churches.

It became customary, through the centuries, for the reigning King of England to open Twelfth Night revels by throwing dice. In the 17th century, Charles II played for high stakes, winning 150 pounds one year and losing 100 pounds the next, both tremendous sums

for that period.

Festivities included choosing a King and Queen of the feast. Slices of a plum cake containing a bean and a pea were served and the man who got the bean and the woman who got the pea were crowned King and Queen. With toasts to the royal pair, the party got into full swing. Revels wound up with final kisses under the mistletoe. Before sunrise, all the Christmas greens had to be taken down because of the prevailing superstition that a goblin would appear for each leaf that was not removed in time.

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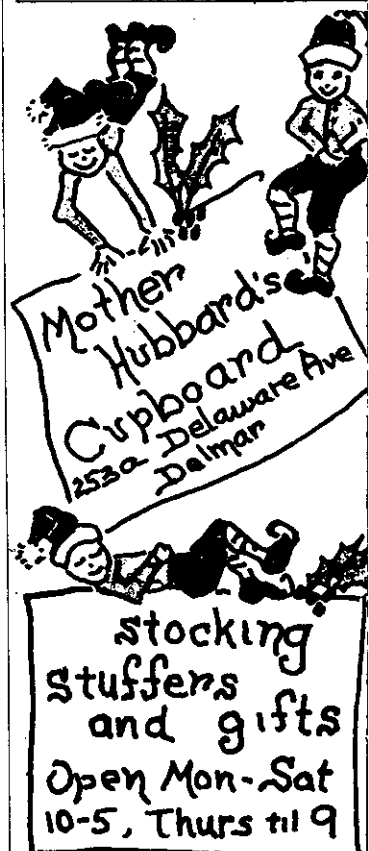


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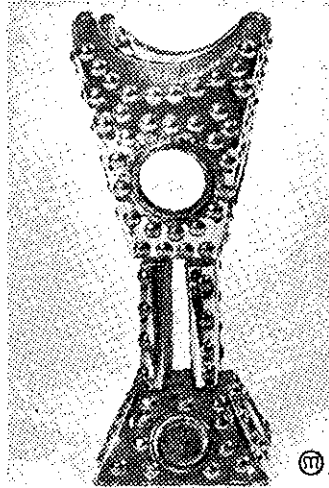
"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

Of these three gifts, only gold is still today a familiar and precious commodity. However, in the time of Christ, both frankincense and myrrh were equally valuable and well-known commodities, used in trade between the Middle East and Mediterranean countries.

Gold, because of its rarity and beauty has been the world's most precious metal since its discovery more than 6,000 years ago. Then, as now, it served as a medium of exchange, and was considered a symbol of wealth and power. Because gold is soft and pliable, it was also used for making fine jewelry and artifacts.

Both frankincense and myrrh are gum resins of trees, which grow only near the monsoon regions of Ethiopia, Somaliland and Southern Arabia.

Frankincense, which comes from a tree of the same name belonging to the balsam family, is an aromatic gum resin and was an important ingredient of an incense mixture used in Hebrew religious rituals. It was also used as an air purifier and as a remedy for certain physical ailments.



CENSER, gaily decorated, from Kuwait, in use today for burning frankincense.

Photo courtesy The American Museum of Natural History

Myrrh is a fragrant, bitter-tasting gum resin exuded from any of several shrubs, which grow in the same sections as frankincense. It was used mainly as a base for ancient cosmetics and perfumes. It was also used medically as a painkiller and in mouthwash mixtures. It is used in some mouthwashes today. Myrrh also was used in many religious ceremonies.

Anyone who is curious about these substances may find them at The American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The Museum usually features all three treasures as part of its December special exhibit.

RED HOLLY BERRIES

A legend relates that on the first Christmas night, when the shepherds went to the manger, a little lamb following them was caught by the holly thorns, and the red berries are the drops of its blood that froze on the branches.

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The State's grape growing region is concentrated in Erie, Chautauqua and Niagara Counties, the Finger Lakes area and the Hudson Valley. As early as the turn of the century the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva, an administrative

unit of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, improved the State's grape growing stature by developing a strong grape-breeding and cultural program.

In the mid-1930's, Cornell asked the State for a \$50,000 appropriation to expand the Geneva Station's program. The request was turned down.

Until the 1960s the Station maintained only a minimal research program on wines and wine grapes. But by this time, the wine industry had grown to a point where a stepped up research effort, exploring grape varieties, fruit composition and the wine-making process, was deemed vital.

Prof. Willard B. Robinson, head of the Department of Food Science and Technology at the Geneva Station, said that New York's wine industry was founded on the native varieties, such as Concord, Catawba, Niagara and Delaware.

These grapes withstand the State's severe winters and offer some natural resistance to a barrage of insect and fungus diseases. They have proved to be highly successful as the base for sweet wines, champagne, and fortified wines such as sherry.

"However, wine connoisseurs who demand drier table wines frown upon the grapey or "foxy" flavor of these wines," Robinson said.

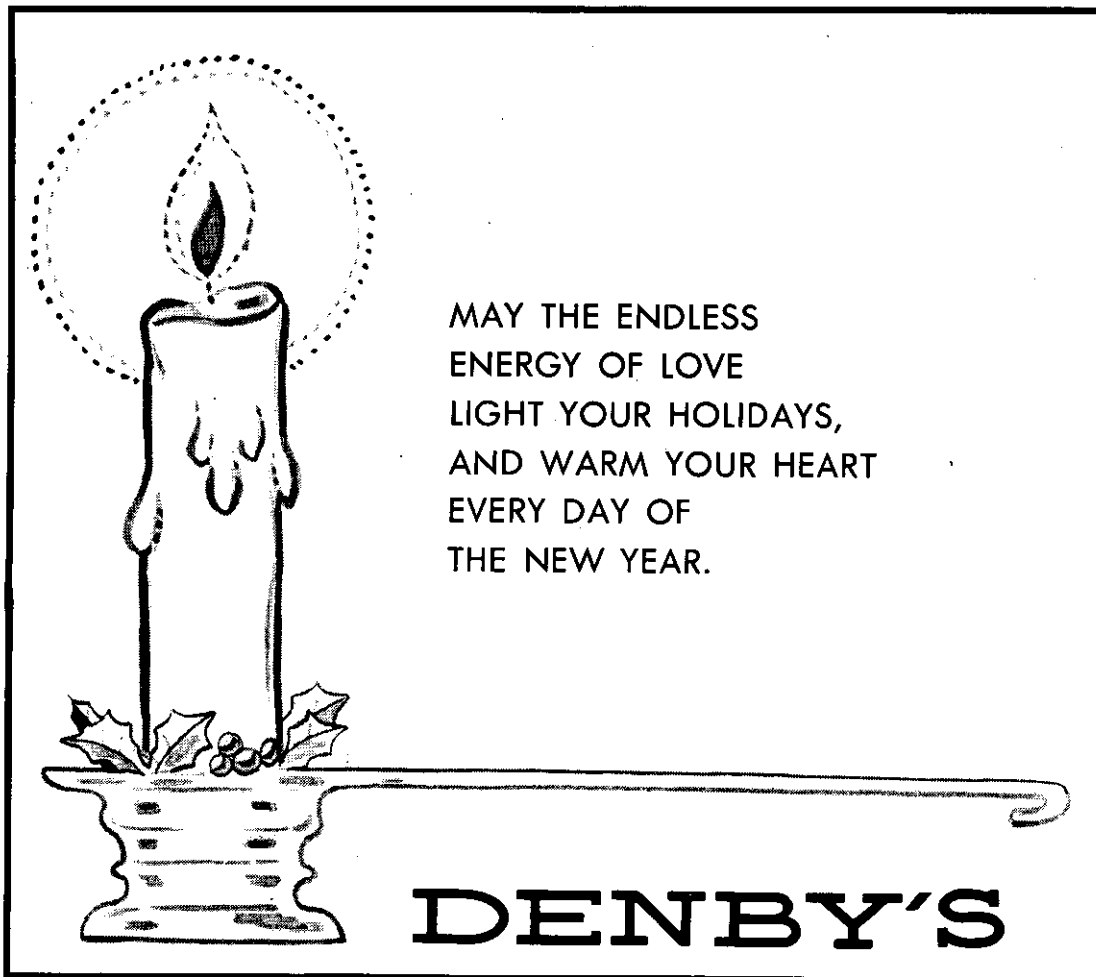
To please the palate of the more sophisticated consumer many wineries are using hybrids, which are artificial crosses between selected American species and the vinifera grapes of Europe, and the pure vinifera.

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Grape growers who venture to raise viniferas must demand premium prices for their product. This means that the fine table wines derived from these grapes must carry a higher price tag.

Prof. Robinson said that wine research is now focusing on a grape breeding program that will couple the hardiness and vigor of New York's native grapes with the vinifera wine qualities.

"This isn't as far fetched as it sounds," he said, emphasizing that such an accomplishment would rely on the combined expertise of geneticists, plant physiologists, entomologists and other plant pest experts, agronomists, and food technologists.

Spotlight Engagements

Jerry-Wolcott

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Jerry, Jr. of 264 Delaware Avenue, Delmar and Dug Mountain Ponds, Speculator, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jocelyn Anne, to James Kevin Wolcott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Wolcott of Cranston, Rhode Island.

The future bride was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, attended Manhattanville College and was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut in 1973. Her fiance received a BA from Trinity in 1971 and an M.Ed. in Urban Ed-



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Loucks-Stevesen

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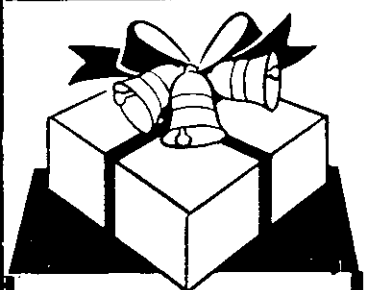
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sently employed as a Computer Services Superintendent Production Coordinator at Eastman Kodak in Rochester. A January wedding is planned.

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Mrs. George W. Dowse, III

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The bride is a graduate of BCHS and Mohawk Valley Community College and is presently employed by Hilchie's American Hardware in Delmar. Her husband is a graduate of Albany High School and Mohawk Valley Community College. He was a radio man in the US Navy for 4 years and is presently employed by the Cragin Advertising Agency in Schenectady.

Moore-Snyder

St. Joseph's Chapel was the scene on Nov. 24 for the wedding of Lesley J. Moore and Robert W. Snyder with the Rev. Richard J. Broderick officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Moore, 18 Kilmer Court, Delmar; the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Snyder of Loudonville.

After a reception at Wolferts Roost Country Club the couple left on a trip to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

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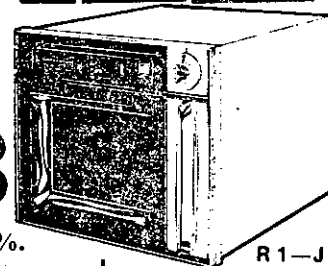
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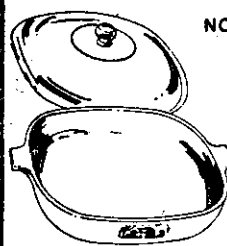
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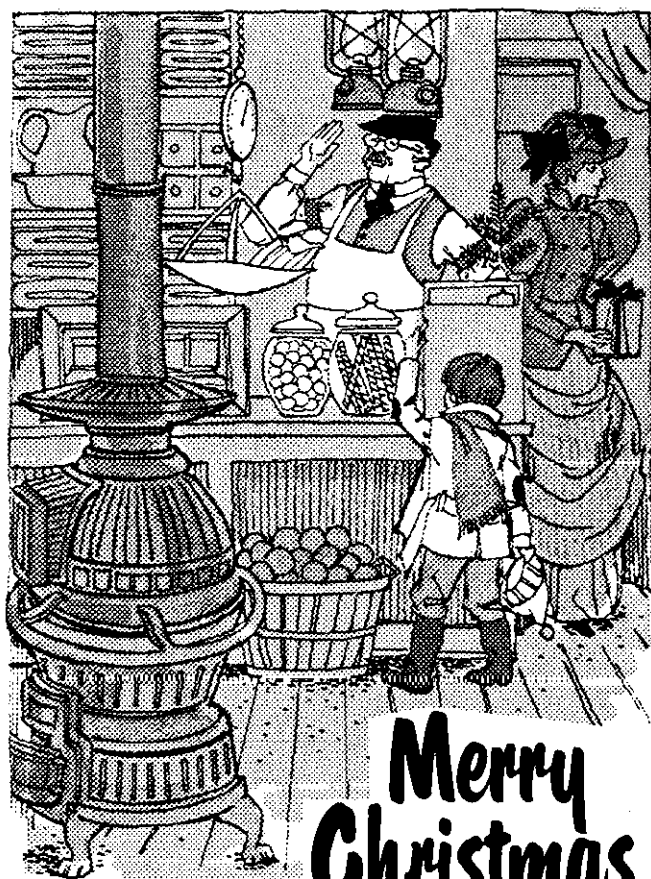
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Bleau-Elmore

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem with the Rev. Jack Hilbrands officiating was the scene of the Dec. 1 wedding of Martha Jane Bleau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin O. Bleau, Elm Avenue, Selkirk, to Raymond L. Elmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Elmore, 32 Whitehead Street, Selkirk.

The bride is a graduate of R-C-S High School and is em-



Mrs. Raymond L. Elmore
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ployed in the Personal Loan Department of the Bankers Trust Co., Albany. Her husband is also an R-C-S graduate as well as Hope College and is employed by the Wickes Lumber Co. in Menands.

Constantino-Smith

Linda Ann Constantino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Constantino of Delmar, became the bride of



Mrs. Timothy J. Smith
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Timothy J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Smith of Elsmere at the November 3 ceremony at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar.

The wedding Mass was concelebrated by the Rev. Gregory Weider, assistant pastor of St. Thomas; Rev. John O'Brien, vicar general, Fathers of Mercy of Cold Spring; and the Rev. Raymond Borcino, pastor, Church of Our Lady of Peace, Lynbrook. Father Weider was principal celebrant.

After a reception at the Round Towner Restaurant in Albany, the couple drove to Williamsburgh, Va., for their honeymoon. The new bride is employed by the New York State Office of General Services and the bridegroom is associated with his father's business firm, Albany Plumbing and Heating Service. The couple are graduates of the Bethlehem Central High School.

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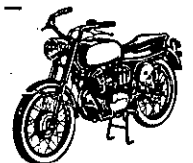
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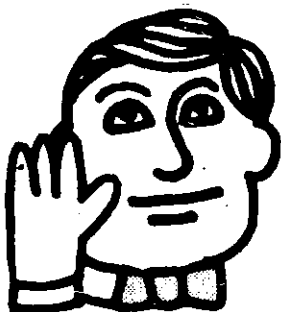
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We trust this information will relieve your minds as much as it does ours. However, we still are requesting that you come skiing with a car full of skiers rather than two or three people.

The weather forecast is calling for a cold air mass, and we're making snow. Both chairlifts and the lower T-bar started operation on Saturday, December 15. However, do check with us daily for up-to-the-minute reports.

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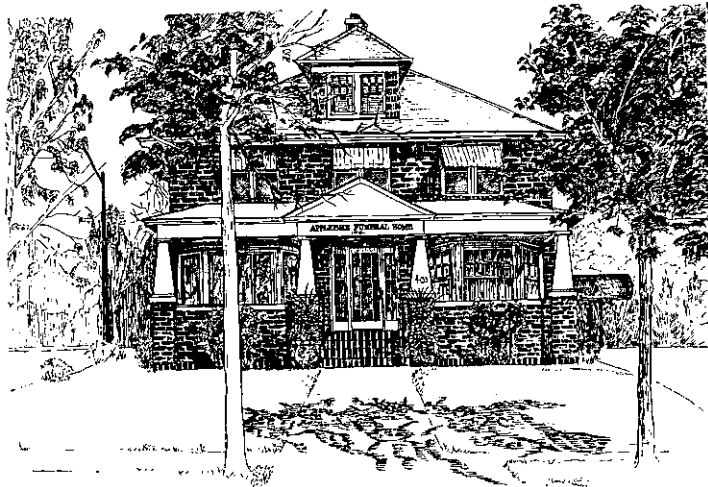
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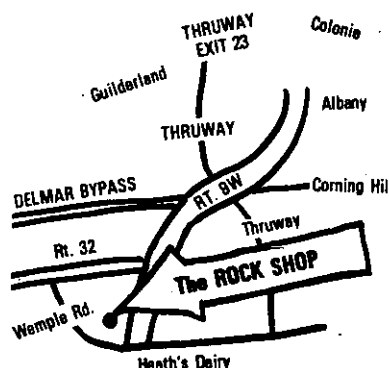
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ROBERT G. KING, SPOTLIGHT PUBLISHER — We've been thinking about this column for months because it has to be constructed entirely from memory and recollection.

Some 15 or 16 years ago, the publisher of the Spotlight Mrs. Tracy Robineau, invited her brother-in-law to sit in at a meeting at her house for the purpose of discussing the publication's transfer of ownership. The brother-in-law was a young, energetic former ad salesman for the Albany Times-Union and TV View, Bob King. What Bob saw that day was a two-year-old publication that had experienced a modest beginning and had grown slowly, but solidly, in both increased ad revenue and reader acceptance. After the meeting, Bob joined the advertising sales staff of the Spotlight and then, in the ensuing months, he took over as publisher.

The physical properties were moved to an empty 4 Corners store and an office established with members of Bob's family answering the phone. Thus, the Spotlight became a one-man operation with his family providing the "extras." All of the typesetting, ad and page layout, editing and printing were contracted out to individuals and firms that were not actually a part of any overall organization. And down through all the years to the present this is still true. Today, there is a full-time secretary who runs the office; a part-time saleslady, Polly McIntyre, and additional telephone operator on Thursday and Friday — and on Wednesday, a crew of two Fullers (Annina and Jim) address the thousands of copies, tie and bag them, and deliver the whole edition to the Delmar Post Office for distribution.

Let's go back to when Bob took over as publisher: At that time he inherited a publication that was fairly well known in Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands, as well as some of the nearby towns and hamlets. Actually, at that time there were hardly enough area business to keep a publication afloat — and the Spotlight was hardly known at all in Albany. What Bob inherited was a weekly that needed much more exposure in Albany than it had. This he set about. 12- and 14-hour working days were the norm he showed and talked Spotlight all the way from Albany's Broadway to the Schenectady city line, from the Norman skill viaduct to Latham; and after a few months there was a noticeable increase in the ad lineage. Not a whole lot but it was noticeable.

There were many moments during the first couple of years that Bob's two daughters and late wife sometime wondered aloud: "Is it worth it?" Fortunately for our area Bob never questioned the "worth." If he had a bad day, a bad week or a poor month, he bounced back with more determination and longer working days. His selling schedule covered 6 full days every week and on Sunday he made

a list of the people he'd not seen, had missed, or, perhaps, refused to listen.

Very early he developed a formula that provided that ad revenue would (hopefully) cover all the costs of each issue. If that could be attained, then it was conceivable that somewhere in the future, there'd also be a profit. His formula was right and while the Spotlight isn't the New York Times, it does produce a living for the man who has dedicated his life to making it work; it has also treated those who do the typeset, etc., with a lot of extra benefits, thanks to the sales prowess of one man.

Just who is this man King? Well, he's in his early 50's; he was born and educated in the Pine-Westland area of Albany; salesmanship has been his life and he's one of the best. His Spotlight has been active in publicizing worthwhile fund raising campaigns that have resulted in a total (conservatively estimated) of more than 25 million dollars over the years. His publication has provided the necessary publicity to guarantee large turn-outs for all kinds of entertainment and meetings. His efforts have been responsible for enabling any local merchant to tell potential and regular customers of sales and savings, of new lines of merchandise, the introduction of new businesses in the area.

In one short sentence: the Spotlight has been successful in doing those things that a local publication is dedicated to do.

And Bob King today? He's much the same. True, he doesn't quite work 12-14-hours six days a week any more. It isn't quite necessary. Today, the Spotlight is known and respected throughout the whole of northeastern New York State. Bob has always been a golf buff, and today, he still plays a good game. He enjoys horse racing; he's an avid hunter who hasn't bagged a deer in seven or eight years. Although he spends most of his waking hours in the Town of Bethlehem, he still owns and lives in the same house in Loudonville as he did before he became associated with the Spotlight.

This just about winds up our King profile except to say that Bob is both a friendly and gentle man whose smile reflects his genuine liking for people. He's truly a man for all seasons who has made and continues to make a lasting contribution to the entire area.

We wish you many a Merry Christmas, Bob King.

And now, Joni and I would like to thank the literally hundreds of people in our area who have given us information and ideas for this column — and in addition, we'd like to wish every one of our readers

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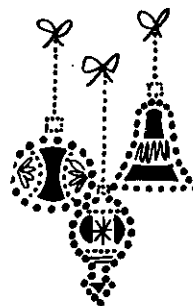
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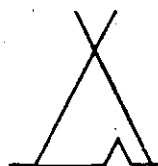
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