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Spotlight CALENDAR

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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.

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.

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 12:30 P.M., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.

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

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

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.

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

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.

Onesquethaw O.E.S. meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

Glenmont Lions Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 P.M. Visitors welcome. Info: Frank Muria, 767-2408.

Glenmont Homemakers meet 3rd Wed. of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 P.M.

8 P.M., monthly meeting, last Thursday of each month, Elsmere Fire Co.

Bethlehem Lodge meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, Ladies' Auxiliary meets on 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, 114 Adams Street, Delmar. School year schedule, Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30 P.M. Telephone 439-2238.

The second Saturday of each month there is a waste paper drive at the town parking lot on Kenwood Ave. just above the four corners. This drive is sponsored by the youth groups of the Reformed and the Methodist Churches of Delmar. They will pick up papers from Senior Citizens or shut-ins. For pick-up call the church offices during the preceeding week!

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

Berne Lodge #684 of F&AM meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 8:00 P.M. Fellowcraft every 3rd Monday 6:00 P.M. Eastern Star on 2nd & 4th Tues. of every month.

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Bethlehem Jaycees meet 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M., for further information please contact Denise Linstruth 439-5312.

Great Dane Club of Greater Albany meets 2nd Friday of the month, 8 p.m., Center Inn, Glenmont. Guests are welcome. Info: 785-7253.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

8 P.M., Tryouts for The Father, SCP, Playhouse, Unionville.

8 P.M., meeting, Albany County Audubon Society, at Five River's Education Center, Delmar.

12 Noon, Annual Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, at Shaker Ridge Country Club.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

12-2 P.M., Babe Ruth Registration, St. Thomas School. Registrants must be accompanied by parent & have birth certificate.

8:30 P.M., Bagshot Row, Bethle-

hem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St. \$1.50.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

10 A.M.-12 Noon, Open House, Woodstream Pre-School, 38 Woodstream Drive, Delmar. Info: 439-9755 or 4809.

6:30 P.M., Father-Son Ham Dinner, by Selkirk Fire Police at Glenmont Firehouse No. 2. Adults \$3.00, children \$1.50. 439-5930 tickets.

8 P.M., meeting, parents committee for Senior Ball at Sr. High Library. All parents of class of '75 welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 A.M., Ecumenical Bible Study, Delmar Reformed Church, babysitters provided. I

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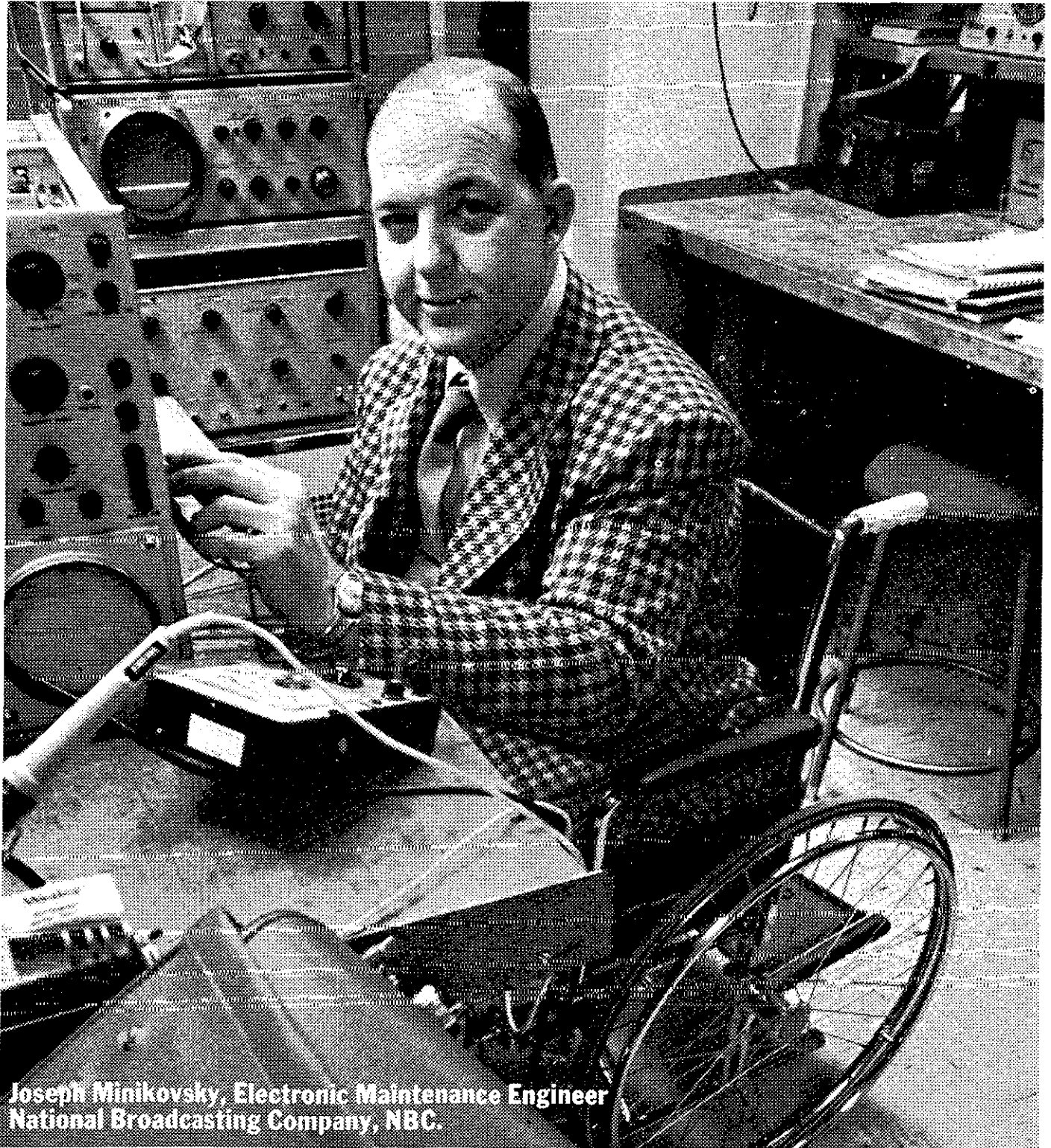
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7:30 P.M., Spring Festival Auction, Kidney Foundation, at Knights of Pythias, Albany City Lodge, Madison Ave., Albany. Info: 489-8301.

10 A.M.-2 P.M., Bethlehem Recreation Baseball League, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Registration fee: \$10 for new players, \$5 if you played last year. Registration will also be held April 5.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

HAPPY EASTER!

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

April Fool's Day

8 P.M., 14th Annual Scholarship Benefit Card Party, at American Legion Hall, Elsmere, by Pan Hellenic Association.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 P.M., meeting & dinner, Bethlehem Business Women at Schrafft's Restaurant.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

8 P.M., Card Party, Altar Rosary Society of St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville at St. Lucy's Parish Center, Altamont. Bring your own cards.

7:30 P.M., Introductory talk, Transcendental Meditation at Bethlehem Public Library. Call 438-5550.

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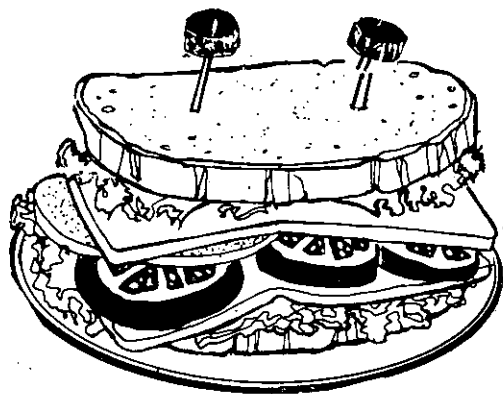
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JOTTINGS
by
Joni

Dear Joni,

I believe Handy Dandy changed hands early in 1973. Mrs. Jean Smith had better give up on the raincoat she lost in April '72. I am surprised to see this kind of letter in the Spotlight. It is a form of libel. I would like to help offset this letter by attesting to my experience with Handy Dandy (up to August '73 when I moved from Delmar). I always found the service friendly and the quality of the work satisfactory. I could have taken my cleaning to the other place in the Plaza or had Killip's pickup and deliver. But, I was a satisfied customer at Handy Dandy.

Which brings up the point that I do not think we need a "Consumers Protection Board." The consumers real weapon (and the only one he needs) is his freedom to choose. There are very few monopolies of products or services in this country. An inferior product or a poor service won't last long in a free market economy. When the government gets in the act, the problem gets worse. The catalytic converter on our 1975 automobiles is a prime example of government interference and idiocy.

Sincerely,
Michael Waldbillig

First of all, my column featured a letter from Wheeler Smith, manager of Handy Dandy Cleaners, in the March 6th issue of the Spotlight. He explained that he did not operate the cleaners when the two women lost their coats.

Second, if all the consumer needs is his or her freedom to choose, what happens if they make the wrong choice? Do you just say "tough luck" in regards to the money which consumers invest in poor products or service? Without a "Consumer Protection Board," where will the Consumer get help?

I believe very strongly in the U.S. Government. I realize there are many flaws, but these flaws

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Congratulations are extended to Sgt. and Mrs. Leo (Pat) Dorsey on the birth of a 9 lb. 15 oz. boy, David Charles Lloyd, on March 5th. Pat is a Sergeant in the Bethlehem Police Department. He is well noted for his outstanding work with the Town Youth.



Patricia Davis

er of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Davis of Delmar will be inducted into Pi Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society for junior colleges on March 12.

The Spotlight Goes to School

Davis to be Inducted

Miss Patricia Davis, daught-



Robert B. Stack, district manager in Midas-International Corporation's northeastern region, recently earned "B.S." and "M.A." degrees at Midas' newly-opened training center in Palatine, Illinois. Stack, who lives in Delmar, received the "B.S." degree for exceptional achievement in Brakes and Shocks and the "M.A." for excellence in Muffler and Alignment courses in the comprehensive two-week session entitled, "Deliver the Midas Promise."

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LIBRARY NOTES

Monopoly Tournament

Saturday, March 22nd is the day of the Monopoly Tournament at the Bethlehem Public Library. The morning session will be from 10-1 in the Large Community Room of the Li-

brary. The winners of the morning tournament will play off against each other in the afternoon from 2-5 to determine the winners.

"Lucky Texan"

See John Wayne in an early 1930's Western called LUCKY TEXAN at 2 P.M. in the Large Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, March 23rd. The movie lasts one hour and is free.

Here & There

Pratt to Be Guest Preacher

The Rev. Leonard A. Pratt, Assistant Minister at St. Stephen's Church in Elsmere, will be the Guest Preacher at the Lenten Preaching Services at St. Peter's Church, Downtown Albany, on Friday, March 21st.



The Rev. Leonard A. Pratt

The Lenten Preaching Series is held daily, Monday thru Friday, at 12:05 noon. On Friday, March 21st, following the service a musical program featuring the Albany High School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of George Mastrangelo, will be held in the Church.

We cordially invite all persons to attend these services.



Captain Kaye H. Sorenson of the Albany Police Dept. will be the Guest Speaker at the 12:00 Noon Luncheon of the "Retired Mens Fraternity" at Schrafft's Restaurant at Exit 23 of the Thruway on March 27.

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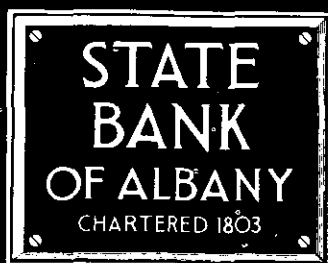
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dow which faces the street or drive or the window most likely to be seen first when firefighters arrive.

Residents of the Onesquehaw Fire District can receive these decals and further information on Saturday, March 29th from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Clarksville Fire House.

First Aid Course

A Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course begins at the Ravena Fire House Thursday, March 27, from 7 to 10 P.M.

The course, which will run approximately 17 weeks, will be under the supervision of Robert Griffith, advanced first aid and emergency care instructor-trainer and First Aid Chairman for the Ravena-Coeymans Branch, Albany Area Chapter, Red Cross.

For registration and information, contact the Ravena Fire House, Main Street, 756-2089.

Youngsters Swim Course

A Red Cross progressive swimming course for third, fourth, and fifth grade youngsters will be held at the Bethlehem Middle School which began March 19 from 7 to 9 P.M.

The ten-week course is co-sponsored by Albany Chapter, Red Cross, and the Town of Bethlehem Recreation Department. Mrs. Earl Westervelt of Bethlehem will instruct.

For information and registration, contact the Albany Area Chapter at 462-7461.

Once in a while the Bethlehem Public Library receives sample copies of periodicals. We are going to start putting these periodicals out for people to look at and to borrow and would appreciate the comments of our borrowers on these periodicals. If there is enough demand or favorable comment, the Library may decide to subscribe to some of the sample periodicals.

Annual Cancer Drive

Ronnie Ceglais, Albany County Daffodils for Cancer Chairman announces dates for the annual drive in Delmar, April 11-13.

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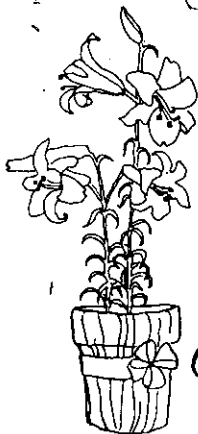
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Volunteers from the Tri-Village area have agreed to help distribute 4000 daffodils in support of this drive. Where there is life there is hope so it is requested you place your orders early.

Mrs. Richard Johnson and Miss Ann Cossac are co-chairman for New Salem, New Scotland and Voorheesville area.

Churches throughout Albany County have been contacted to request prayer for the Cancer Crusade on Sunday, April 13. A special prayer for the conquest of Cancer has been sent out and is available to each worshipper. Every family has in some way been touched by cancer. What better way to participate than to pray for

conquering the disease and to display the daffodil, the symbol of hope.

Look what we found! IN THE MAILBAG

Letter to the Editor

Last year the term was "impoundment" — this year, it's "recession." President Ford has requested some \$238 million in cuts (or "rescissions") in funds for educational purposes already appropriated by Congress in the 1975 Fiscal Year Budget. This is in addition to reduced levels of spending for educational programs proposed in the 1976 Federal budget. President Ford is requesting cuts in programs aiding education of the handicapped, educational broadcasting, library services, alcohol abuse prevention and rehabilitation



Rear L-R — John Polhemus, Ass't. Director for Campaign, NYS Division; Mrs. Clark A. Kelly, Sec. Albany County Unit; William Gaffney, Exec. Vice President, Albany Chapter.

of juvenile delinquents, and would impose an unrealistic ceiling on cost-of-living reimbursements for school lunch and breakfast programs for children.

If Congress does not approve recessions proposed by the President within 45 session days of the request, the appropriated money in question is made automatically. Concerned citizens are asked to write their Congressional representatives to protest cuts in the above educational programs. Letters should be addressed to Senator Jacob Javits, ranking minority members of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, Senator James Buckley and House of Representatives members Samuel Stratton, 28th C.D. and Ned Pattison, 29th C.D., Washington, D.C.

A JET CRUISE TO AFRICA (continued)

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and immediately went to the cruise office to present our tickets. Confusion reigned, but somehow out of all the mess we came away with our assigned room numbers. We then arranged for our dining room sittings. Lady luck with us and we were all assigned the same table in the same dining room. We went to our rooms and it was there that we encountered the most diffusing odors that even Chic Sales could not conjure. The rooms were extremely small, not being as large as our own bathrooms at home. This in itself was disheartening but, the bathrooms in the ship were about the same as a two-holer in our most rural and backward areas. God! What a stench! I flushed the toilet and immediately the water flowed to the top of the bowl with vast numbers of cigarette butts restlessly moving on the surface. At the same time I moved backward as quickly as I could as several jets of water were coming from the flush valve. The shower was about 2 feet square and when I finally got up courage to use it I found that mobility of arms was impossible.

We attempted to go to the aft dining room for something to eat but we were informed that it was too late and why not take a taxi to the city if we wanted to eat. Most cordial, these Italians. In the meantime my luggage was missing. It had



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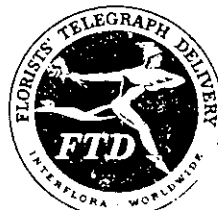
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been with the others at quay-side and should have been brought aboard the same time that the others had.

However, they had not done it. The tags on my bags had the room number but the imbecile apparently could not read them, even though they were written on the luggage in large white chalk. We all repaired to C.D.S.'s room where we all blew off so much steam that if it could have been bottled we could have run the ship with it. I finally found my bags in what was called the baggage room (one of the three magnificent dining rooms). I was disturbed, but not drastically so, . . . I had been sensible enough to have purchased a floater insurance policy just before I left home. It would have been very uncomfortable living in one set of clothes for the remainder of the journey. All of us were considering getting off the ship. Marjorie, who usually conforms, although sometimes with reticence, stated that she was going back to Lisbon. The ship was tied to the dock as it was not to sail until noon of the next day. After we had called the ship and the travel agent all the epithets we knew, and there were many, we came to the conclusion that we were all tired and that maybe tomorrow things would look

different. It being about midnight we went to bed. They were quite comfortable and I slept like a babe, in spite of the pillows being filled with hardpacked sand. Morning dawned, but I would never have known it except for my watch. We all had inside cabins and believe me — never again.

We arose, dressed and went to breakfast in a dining room located aft. It was very gloomy and the waiters were not much better. Breakfast was served in a different manner and much haste. The coffee was luke warm and the eggs not much better. The bread rolls were exceptionally good and slabbled with generous portions of jam or marmalade helped to offset the miserableness we all felt. We then went on deck and arranged for our deck chairs. They were crummy, dirty and wet. The good old sun dried them out in time. Meanwhile we walked around the ship and tried to get our bearings. C.D.S. never did know whether he was going forward or back during the entire trip, and the Judge was continually lost. From the ship we had a great view of Tenerife and the multitude of shipping vessels that were going in and out of the harbor. Tenerife is another volcanic island with tall mountains and deep valleys. Others in our

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party decided to take a tour of the island but, we six thought it would be like seeing the same thing we had on Madeira. As it turned out, it was. During lunch the ship got under way and from our seats in the dining room we could see the ship withdraw from the island of Tenerife. By this time we had located the dining room to which we had been assigned and with my cow's tail with me we were the last of our little group to arrive. This was a very nice room and very much different from the one in which we had had breakfast. The waiter given to us was excellent. He spoke reasonably good English although an Italian, by the name of Giovanni. His assistant, Wilfred, was Spanish and knew no English whatever.

Lunch being over, we repaired to the afterdeck (the Lido), where we had previously set up our deck chairs, where for the remainder of the afternoon we basked in the balmy climate and sunshine. While sitting and contemplating the wonders of the sea I could not help but think of a favorite saying of one of my friends, "It sure beats Hell out of working."

The second night at sea we were invited to the Captain's cocktail party. It was the equivalent of all such affairs. It was held in the Dalmazia Ballroom and we were for one time fortunate in obtaining a table that would accommodate all six of us. Waiters passed through the assemblage with tiny cocktails — even smaller and less authoritative than C.D.S. could concoct — but at least the waiter came around two or three times. Another incident occurred that threw C.D.S. for a 300 yard loss. There was announced that that evening there would be a grand dance in the same room. After playing Canasta, and we did every night on the ship, with C.D.S., Marjorie and I finally winning the tournament in the end, we decided to go to the dance for a nightcap. We went to the Lounge and ordered drinks — even me. Watching the waiter write the order on his pad I noticed that he had included a cover charge of 300 oiseta; \$4.50. That was a thing unheard of on board a ship. That is the equivalent to being charged to enter your own living room. C.D.S. flew into a rage and hollered at me to can-

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cel the order while he loudly sneaked away. As usual I was left to do the dirty work.

The last night on board the captain had his usual dinner. It was supposed to be quite festive. It was presented to us in dim candle light with champagne served with dessert. The dessert came as it does at the Sagamore or Goldschmidt's in the Catskills. The lights were dimmed and the waiters brought in Baked Alaska with sparklers lighting the scene. It was a gala occasion and everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities. being sedate folk the presenta- was very enjoyable. Later, in the voyage, those who had

participated were given some type of scroll announcing the fact that they had crossed the line of the Tropic of Cancer. Two days later we arrived at the city of Dakar in Senegal.

DAKAR

In the morning we docked at this capital of Senegal. Originally a French colony, Sene- gal retains its Continental flavor while proudly exhibiting its graceful African soul. The center of the city is very modern with its new buildings again with their white concrete wash and red tiled roofs. Nesting between these new buildings it is incongruous to see hovels in which the natives live. They were so poor and badly made that I do believe Americans would not even keep chickens in them. Yet, the natives did live in them and thought nothing of it. We had a native guide with us by the name of Anna, who told us the religion of Dakar was Catholic and Muslim. She took us to the Great Mosque where we were surrounded by begging children, who in their eagerness to obtain any small coin deterred us from entering the mosque. After considerable pushing and shoving our way through this mob we took off our shoes and entered. It was huge inside and prayer mats covered the entire floor. While there we could hear several of the Moslems calling on Allah. Upon leaving, again we were accosted by the young beggars and it was almost a perilous walk from the mosque entrance to the interior of the bus. During the bus ride we went through some very narrow streets with vendors stalls lining the sidewalks with wares of all sorts. One native, in particular, was carrying a basket on her head which contained a huge fish. Many of the stores were selling native wares but we did not stop to purchase any of them. Frankly, it seemed too hazardous. Singer Sewing Machines were in evidence in plenty which the natives used in the manufacture of the famous caftans.

We then went to the Soum- bedienne village where the natives put on a performance in the African manner. The modern day music, I am sure was copied from the sounds that came forth from the crude instruments used by the native

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players. Huge half shells of the casaba melons were strummed on by players with metal rings on their fingers. The stringed instrument, plucked on like a banjo, I never did get to know its name. Men and barebreasted girls performed several native dances and it reminded me of a vaudeville show of acrobats.

After the performance we went shopping in the thatched covered stalls which practically covered the remainder of what could only be described as a park. We were kindly warned by Anna that we should bargain for anything that we wanted to purchase and not accept the first price given. Again this is a way of life there and is accepted by the inhabitants. Leaving this purely African area we rode to the docks where we embarked on a small boat for the Island of Goree. I think it should be called Gory. It was here during the slave period that 40 million slaves were taken for shipment to the colonies. During this time 6 million died. It is unbelievable that anyone could have survived the hardships that must have been prevalent during those times. Anna lived on this island and was very proud of her home. She took us into her home and introduced us to her Grandmo-

ther and Mother and her two children, two cute little girls. She then proceeded to show us the interior of her home. It was very sparsely furnished and although I assume clean, it was a place that I would not care to live in. She showed us the outdoor kitchen which was in a building separated from the main house and talked about the food which they ate. At this point I became a little squeemish and walked outside. The stink was appalling. Fish and rice — ugh! We walked along narrow streets and past very poorly maintained buildings where we saw small children of 5 or 6 years carrying smaller children on their backs in a sling made of cloth. Anna told us that the parents of the children make the older ones do this so that the younger and older ones get a closer bond with each other. I think the idea has some merit. We came upon the building which had harbored the slaves and were shown inside. It is an amazing thing how human beings could treat other humans the way the slaves must have treated the slaves. Fifty slaves would be crowded into a room 20 feet by 15 feet leaving no room for movement. Smaller rooms, 12 feet by 12 feet, contained twenty-five slaves. There

was no place for the slaves to relieve themselves and just stood or squatted in their own excreta. It must have been terrible. We left this place of gross injustice and arrived at some trees where Anna told us the tale of French explorers coming to the island and finding natives sitting under them. When the French asked the natives what kind of trees they were, the natives, not under-

standing them, said Dakar. From whence the same of the place derived. We left the island of Goree on our small boat and arrived at our ship the IRPINIA in time for dinner.

After dinner we enjoyed ourselves by visiting the stalls which the natives had placed along the quay. It was dark by now and the haggling and bargaining taking place was amusement in itself. They were



COVER STORY

Kaye Elected President

On March 11, at ten A.M., Mrs. Jesse Kaye became the fortieth president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of New York. The Auxiliary has over seven thousand members throughout the New York area and is composed of doctors' wives working together for a healthier and safer state.

Both medicine and the theatre have been large factors in the life of Mrs. Jesse Kaye (nee Shirley Poskanzer). Her father was a doctor and her brother is one. She married a medical student, Jesse Kaye, in 1952. Dr. Kaye is an Albany psychiatrist,

originally from New York City. Other members of the family include Lori-Nan, a law-language-government major at Skidmore College, and Neil Scott and Melanie Fern, both students at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Mrs. Kaye served two terms as President of the Albany County Auxiliary and has held numerous positions on the State level. She loves life (her own words) and will take this zest for living along with her when she assumes the Presidency of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of New York.

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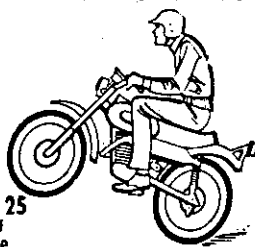
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The ship was due to sail at 1 A.M. and C.D.S. and I were keen to watch it depart. So, we stayed and watched the procedure. The ship backed away from the pier expertly. I am sure this was not the first time it had been done. After the ship got under way we went to our cabins where I enjoyed a good night's sleep. During the night the ship was sailing for another port in Africa — Bathurst in Gambia.

(to be continued)

Trees are Dying in the Air We Breathe

These days a breath of fresh air, really fresh, clean air, is beginning to be a rare thing. The National Arborist Association warns that trees are having their problems with air pollution too.

Sulfur dioxide has been recognized as a plant pollutant since the early 1900's. Hydrogen fluoride and silicon tetrafluoride have been seriously affecting trees since World War II when the aluminum industry began to flourish and production increased in steel, phosphate fertilizers, brick, pottery, and ferromenels. The two fluorides, present in the minerals used by those industries, are released when the materials are heated. Recently installed efficient controls have greatly reduced the fluoride output into the atmosphere, but local problems still do exist in some places.

Oxidants such as Ozone and peroxyacetylnitrate come from the emissions of autos and industries, mix with the air and undergo photochemical reactions in sunlight. They can cause acute damage to broad-leaved trees and conifers.

For nearly a century ammonia, hydrogen chloride, chlorine, and ethylene have been identified as injurious to plant life. Particulates, solid particles contained in smoke and dust from cement production,

metal refining and foundry operations, haze the air. Oxides of nitrogen derive from auto exhausts, petroleum refining, and the manufacturing of nitric acid, paint, roofing, rubber, soap, and nylon. They are known to be toxic to trees and plants.

Low-lying areas such as river beds and valleys framed by ridges and mountains frequently suffer from a meteorological condition called "inversion". This traps the pollutants and concentrates them close to the ground. Singly or in combination, it takes only a fraction of a pollutant part per million parts of air to affect trees and plants adversely.

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MERION Kentucky bluegrass was an early "discovery" of the modern era. It was noticed as a small, spreading colony of outstanding quality at the edge of a Philadelphia golf green, about the time of World War II. Merion is still "tops", though suffering from newly troublesome diseases in certain regions. The basic stock for BARON bluegrass showed up on a heavily grazed pasture in the Netherlands. Select lines of Baron have since proven themselves worldwide. NUGGET bluegrass was picked up on the Alaskan coast. Who would have thought this chance find was destined to carpet some of the most beautiful lawns in the "lower forty-eight"?

JAMESTOWN, an exceptionally low-growing, dark-colored fine fescue, carried on quite well without any care, before discovery on aban-

doned land along the Rhode Island coast. It has since made its mark both for lawns in the North, and for winterseeding in the South. HIGHLAND bentgrass, the famed ecotype from Oregon, need defer to no other grass when it comes to self-reliance. Highland staked out its claim in the Cascade Mountain foothills, from a probable early introduction of "south German bent" along the coast.

Turfgrass Triple Play

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A manufacturing plant located near a residential or shopping area can irritate residents with noise, traffic and other disturbing activities. But surround that building with trees, green bushes, flowers, a nice lawn, flowering shrubs and fruit trees, and a park-like setting is created which blocks out the annoying intrusions, reduces the sounds, isolates the traffic and produces a better working environment for the employees and a more tolerable setting for the neighbors.

With the high cost of utilities for heating and air-conditioning, businessmen are learning that nature can help turn some costs downward. A properly landscaped building with shade trees and other plantings for windbreaks can help reduce both air-conditioning needs as well as heating bills.

Several firms have found that surrounding their parking lots with thickly planted rows of trees and shrubs has helped reduce road noise at rush hours as well as keep down the dirt and dust that spreads into the surrounding air. In certain areas during winter months they have found that their cost of maintenance for snow removal has been less because the trees, hedges, shrubs or bushes have blocked drifting snow and winds. This type natural fence works all year around to benefit everyone.

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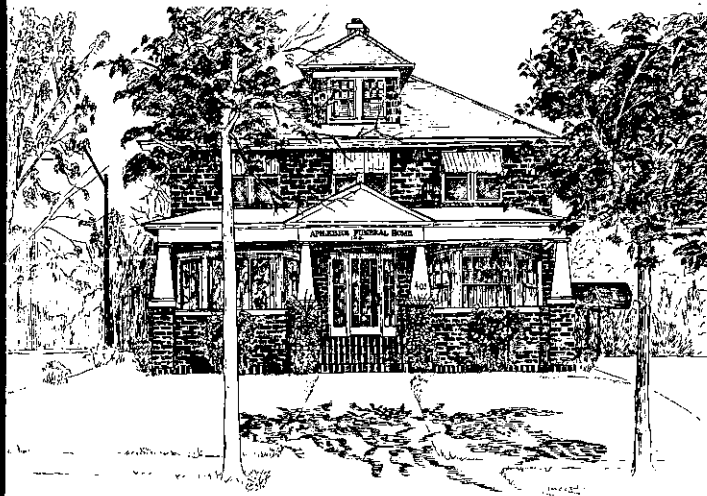
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Lightning is a rather strange phenomenon, the workings of which are difficult to understand by most people and impossible to predict. One of the most common theories is that the chances of lightning occurring is increased when a tall structure on the ground such as a tower, building, or tree is present to conduct the earth's negative charge somewhat closer to the positive charges which may pass overhead in rainclouds. A better conductor, a shorter air-space distance, a path of least resistance is established to guide the tremendous amount of

electrical energy that is released during the flash discharge.

Trees are more likely targets when growing alone, in the open, at the peak of a hill or along a stream or lake where their roots are constantly in moist soil. Likewise trees which extend above the general height level of surrounding objects are more vulnerable.

The National Arborist Association tells us that it is not possible to prevent a tree from being struck by lightning. However, it is possible to equip a tree so that lightning will be conducted harmlessly into the soil where it dissipates.

It is necessary to install a fair heavy copper cable conductor from the very top of the tree to the ground. Leave some flexibility in the cable to allow for the tree's natural movement and future growth. The cable can be fastened to the tree with copper nails, or copper lag screws, but the drive type fasteners made especially for lightning rod systems is preferred.

At the top, extending slightly above the uppermost tip of the highest branch, fray out from 8 to 16 inches of the cable to form the "air terminal". When especially large trees are to be protected, one or two additional air terminals may be located at the ends of major branches. Copper cable must connect them to the main vertical cable already installed up the trunk.

At the ground level, the conductor cable is led away from the trunk of the tree to a point beyond the drip line of the outermost branches. This extension should be buried in the soil to a depth of 10 to 12 inches. The end of the conductor cable at this point is connected to a copper or copper coated, ground rod which has been driven into the ground to a depth of 6 to 8 feet. If there is a low wet area just beyond the tree spread that would be an ideal location for the rod. The conductor cable should be securely fastened to the ground rod with a copper clamp.

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Big Eaters

MENU FOR A TREE

Do you have a couple of big eaters in your yard? We're overlooking the gastronomic feats of Uncle Harry or Cousin Fred and referring to your shade and ornamental trees. They are big eaters and may be going hungry. If their leaves are not as deep and rich a green as you remember them from past years or if there are dead areas in the centers or along the edges of the leaves, a degree of starvation is evident. A tree growing in a space confined by streets or buildings, or one whose roots are struggling through highly compacted subsoil or competing for nourishment with a lawn, will usually need a little help.

Off you go to the garden supply store. There you are confronted with stacks of bagged fertilizers, all pointing at instantaneous results, but seldom clearly labeled "for trees." Which one should you buy? How much do you need? Is this the right time of year to use it?

Here are some guidelines from the folks who know a lot about trees and tree needs — the National Arborist Association. There are two basic types of plant food, organic and inorganic. Organics are derived from a living source such as cottonseed meal, fish meal, or bone meal. They possess the added benefit of increasing a soil's aeration, structure, and water-holding capacity. However, they are more difficult to use and are relatively expensive. Inorganics come from either rock or mineral deposits or are chemically produced. The nutrients are concentrated in a form which makes them rapidly available to the roots, they are easy to apply and cheaper to use.

Whether organic or inorganic, complete fertilizer compounds contain just three nutrients: nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potassium. These three elements are needed in

large amounts by trees and are usually deficient in the soil. The ten additional elements needed by trees are generally present in adequate amounts in most soils.

Numbers such as 10-6-4 on a bag indicate the percentage, or "grade", of nitrogen (10%), phosphoric acid (6%), and potassium (4%) contained in the bag. The National Arborist Association recommends grades 12-7-5, 10-6-4, 12-6-6, or 10-8-6 for use on trees.

The quantity you need to adequately feed your tree can be gauged by the diameter of its trunk measured 4½ feet above ground level. Large trees need 3 to 5 pounds per inch of trunk diameter; 6 inch diameter trees, 1½ to 3 pounds per inch; 3 to 5 inch trees, 2 to 3 pounds per inch; saplings of 2 to 3 inch diameter need 1½ pounds per inch. Avoid overfeeding. Too much can be as injurious as none! American beech, crabapple, and white oak trees should be given only half of the above amounts, and never in early spring.

Your hungry trees will benefit from a feeding in any season of the year. However, fertilizing in mid to late fall, before the ground freezes hard, will provide nutrients for your trees to use in early spring when active growth starts.

Don't forget that water is one of the basic substances vital to the life support of a tree. It is a source of oxygen and hydrogen. Trees need an amount of water each week equal to a 1-inch rainfall.

Properly fed and watered, your trees will flourish happily and become more disease, insect, and drought resistant. Whereas Uncle Harry tends to fall asleep after a sumptuous repast, your trees will become more vibrantly alive and verdant.

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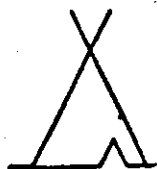
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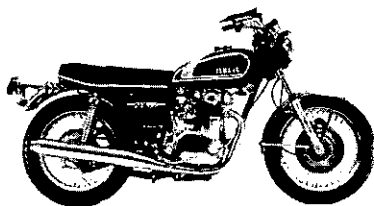
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