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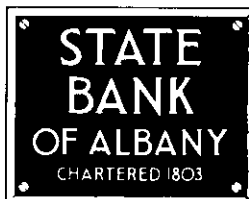
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Tri-Village FISH — Call 439-3578 for voluntary service — 24 hours a day the year 'round — offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to their neighbors in need of help in any emergency.

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.

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The Albany County Pistol Club, Winnie Place and Maewin Drive, Delmar, welcomes guests at its

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Boy Scout Troop 159 for the handicapped meets Thursday 7 p.m., Delmar Reformed Church.

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

Bethlehem Lions Club meets first and third Wednesdays at LaCasa, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

AARP meets 12:30 p.m., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Next-to New sale, Junior League of Albany, Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Ontario St., Albany, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Young Adult Film Series, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m., several comedies including "The Incredible Jewel Robbery."

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Conservationist Art Exhibit, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10-5 Saturday, 2-5 Sunday.

Ladies Guild of the New Salem Reformed Church, annual Holiday Bazaar, 9:30-3. Crafts, gifts, trim, used clothing, household items, baked goods, clam chowder and refreshments.

Helderberg Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club, spaghetti supper, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush, starting at 4:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Sunday movies, Bethlehem Library, "Quiet Man," John Wayne, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Slingerlands Players auditions, "Macbeth," Playhouse, Delaware Tpk., Unionville, 8 p.m., also Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Lecture, SUNYA Tuesday evening lecture series, Dr. Edward Hixson, Lake Placid, "Hypothermia, Killer of the Unprepared," Lecture Center 18, 8 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, workshop, "The Lens Maze," St. Stephen's Church parish hall, 8 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Bethlehem Planning Board, public hearing, town hall, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Eleanor Krackeler, 16 Slingerlands St., for approval of 4-lot subdivision on east side of Elm Ave. in the vicinity of but on opposite side of Elm Ave. from town park, and situated in a Residence A zoning district. It is Mrs. Krackeler's stated intention to sell the four lots for building purposes.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Glenmont Community Church (Reformed), 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Come as you are, bring the whole family, 7:30 p.m. Food offering for needy families in the area.



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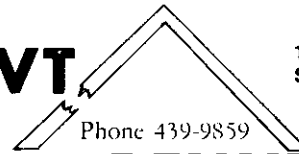
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NEWS ANALYSIS

A sewer thing in Slingerlands

A hardy group of Slingerlands citizens is keeping that community's new sewer system in the headlines. First it was the impact of the system on zoning, legal specifications for properties and housing construction versus pre-sewer real estate values, and the major controversy over the sprawling Lyndhurst development. Then there was the digging, the displacement of lawns, street pave-

ments, trees and shrubs. Now it's sewer taxes.

As the first 168 households prepare to hook into the system, a contingent of residents led by Mrs. Sandra Peterson Hardt complained to the town board that they felt it was unfair to be charged with the sewer tax before the service was available. It appears now that some sections of the Slingerlands system will not be ready

for residential hookups until after Jan. 1, when the 1976 tax levies become effective.

The dissidents suggested that the town pro-rate or rebate taxes to compensate for the time lost in bringing the system fully on-line. At last week's board meeting, Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer explained that the municipal law "is quite specific" on this point: that people who stand to benefit from a service are liable for the tax when the debt service is due. The town must begin making payments on the sewer debt in January.

Mrs. Hardt said she would continue her battle to gain what she called "equitable taxation" for Slingerlands residents. Sheaffer, her favorite target since the Lyndhurst turmoil, said it was "quite possible by the first of the year that other sections will be able to hook into the system" before the tax period starts Jan. 1.

Two days later the town sent out notices to 168 of the approximately 500 addresses on the sewer system advising them they could tie into the subterranean network whenever they can get their individual contractors to do the work.

and both sides are committed to a no-comment news blackout until at least Dec. 3. That's the date of the final hearing to be conducted by Peter Prosper, a Union College professor serving as the appointed Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) arbiter in the controversy.

Prosper met with representatives of the town and PBA on Nov. 10 to determine work rules, define the issues and set a Dec. 1 deadline for receiving written arguments. Prosper will hear further presentations and cross-examinations at the Dec. 3 session. He declined to estimate how long it will take him to prepare his fact-finders' report.

Teachers chafe at stalemate

Bethlehem Central Teachers Association, back on a work-to-rule formula as a protest against the long delay in contract negotiations with the district school board, are hoping for a break in the impasse this week.

Signs that the BCTA's patience is wearing thin came last week when members called off their earlier moratorium and resumed work-to-rule. That means performing no extra duties not specified in the contract, including after-school meetings, outside-classroom school or community activities and an embargo on taking work home.

In addition, BCTA negotiator Gordon Molyneux asked the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) to set up a hearing this week on the impasse.

Teachers and the administration have been at odds in November 20, 1975 — PAGE 7



Alexander Rihm Jr. of Elsmere, director of the Division of Air Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, receives a Clean Air Award from Raymond Falconer, chairman of the New York State Action for Clean Air Committee, in recognition of Rihm's nationally known work in air pollution control.

Blackout on police hassle

More than four months of haggling between the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association and the town board could be resolved next month, but there's no indication it will be.

The long stalemate is currently in the fact-finding stage

contact talks since last spring. A report by a PERB-appointed mediator, Rev. David C. Randles, was accepted by the BCTA but turned down by the school board, which sent the negotiations into another round of searching for compromises.

Meanwhile, to dramatize the stalled talks, Bethlehem teachers scheduled a mass picketing ploy at the district offices Wednesday of this week as the board of education assembles for its regular meeting.

Plea for participation

Adult auditions for the Bethlehem Bicentennial Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior High School auditorium. Any resident of the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District is eligible.

Adults are needed for the adult chorus, historical characters and tableaux, and the cast of "George M," 33 singing,

acting and dancing parts. It is not necessary to prepare a routine, as music and dance steps will be given at the audition.

Thanksgiving calories

Weight Watchers has prepared a "legal" yet gourmet Thanksgiving Day Dinner developed for everyone with an eye on his or her waistline.

The main entree is roast turkey breast with celery gravy. The meal includes cream of tomato soup, pilgrim peas and onions, glorified grits, Thanksgiving escarole salad and pineapple Betty. Recipes for the holiday can be obtained from Weight Watchers, 45 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

Guided walk Saturday

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, located on Game Farm Rd., Delmar, is offering a guided walk entitled "Animals in Winter" on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Assemblyman to visit

Assemblyman C. D. "Larry" Lane will hold a "listen in" with local citizens at the New Scotland town hall Monday at 8 p.m.

Lane has been traveling around the 102nd Assembly district meeting with constituents for discussions on a broad variety of issues, answering questions and receiving suggestions for the 1976 legislative session.



Photo by Gary Hoffer

Checking Directory lists: Barbara Stokoe, left, and Irma Crouse.

COMMUNITY

Tri-village has its best seller

An unseasonably warm sun was pouring through the windows of the Delmar Methodist Church library last week when Irma Crouse and Barbara Stokoe sat down to put in more volunteer hours checking names in the Tri-Village Directory.

They've been doing this a lot lately as the press deadline for Bethlehem's perennial best-seller gets closer.

To thousands of people in Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands, the Tri-Village Directory is a household bible in its own right.

"Everyone seems to want this book," says Mrs. Helen Schiller, a volunteer section leader for more than 30 years. "That's why I stay with it."

And Mrs. Elmer Reynolds, now 80, is still making calls in

the annual canvass. "I guess I've done just about everything from checking lists, making calls and sending out bills," she said. "I've worked on it every year since I came to live here 37 years ago."

Then there's Mrs. Carroll (Myrtle) Green, 8 Ridge Rd., Elsmere, who covered Ridge Rd., a short street between Kenwood Ave. and Poplar Dr., for 40 years until she sold her house earlier this year. And Mrs. Winnie Long in Helder-vale took care of her section of Slingerlands for 30 years.

Mrs. Long's retirement almost caused the directory publishers to abandon a sizeable section of Slingerlands from Carstead Dr. and Fisher Blvd. along New Scotland to Mason Rd. and Upper Font Grove.

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For decades the book was distributed free, supported by modest advertising and \$1 donations from householders. Today the donations have to average \$3.

The Topsy principle

As a section leader Mrs. Schiller had 40 women on the canvass from Delaware Ave. to Feura Bush Rd. and east from Elsmere Ave., "but it was too much." Now she's down to 22.

She has watched new residential areas blossom, new streets like Dumbarton and the Kenholm area, now well established neighborhoods. Only once could she recall an unapproving reception.

"A man told me he had come out to Elsmere from Albany to remain anonymous," she said. "That was quite a few years ago, when Greenleaf Dr. was a new street."

Now Dumbarton, Greenleaf and scores of other streets are familiar addresses in the Tri-Village directory, this year

planning a press run of 5,800. Arthur Jones is the new business manager, succeeding Audrey Madison, and George Chesbro is chairman of the directory association.

Meanwhile in contributed office space at the Methodist Church the long job of checking lists is nearly over for Barbara Stokoe, secretary, and Irma Crounse, coordinator. And when the books are distributed sometime next year, that little pocket of Slingerlands, which nearly didn't make it because there was no one to cover the routes, is safely in the Tri-Village Area Directory, 1976 edition, where it belongs.

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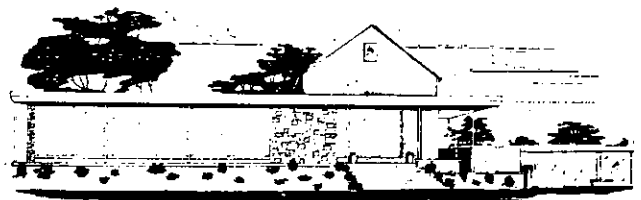
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BC seniors stage 'Sweet Charity'

It's senior play time at Bethlehem Central High School next weekend, moved up this year because of the community Bicentennial production scheduled for next spring.

Charity Hope Valentine. Cathy Whitney of Delmar plays the part of Helene and Ellen Pert of Glenmont plays Nickie. The male lead role of Oscar is being played by Brian Quinn of Delmar.

This time it's Neil Simon's Broadway comedy smash of the Sixties, "Sweet Charity", which will go on stage at the high school auditorium this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. The usual three-night sellout is expected.

Tickets may be purchased each night at the door, or in advance from L. J. Mullen Pharmacy or from Plaza Pharmacy, Delaware Plaza.

Phillip Rice, a member of the Shaker High School faculty, is directing the production. Joseph Farrell of the Bethlehem High School music department is the musical director.

Greens workshop
 The public is invited to attend a workshop on "Decorating with Greens for the Holidays" conducted by Rudy Grant in the Community Room of Mayfair Home Furnishings, Wolf Road Park, Nov. 17-21 from 7-9 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 11-3 p.m.

Tara McKenzie of Clarksville is playing the lead role of

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Bethlehem Art Association awards go to, from left, Mary Wilken, Cil Sirotkin, Marion Bers, Helen St. Clair and Florence Becker.

Delmar school hearings set

Bethlehem Central school board will hold two public information meetings early next month on the future of the Delmar Elementary School.

The first will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, when Superintendent Lawrence Zinn will

outline statistics and factors being considered in the board's decision whether to close the school and, if so, when. This meeting will take place at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

A second public hearing on the subject will be held the following Wednesday, Dec. 10, at a location to be announced

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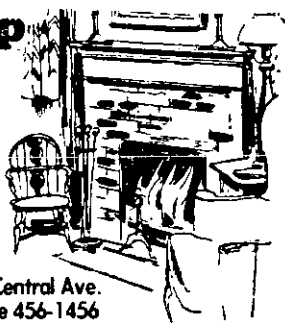
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The meetings stem from the board's pledge last month that it would provide for public airing of the issue prior to making its decision. District residents were informed about a year ago that the board was looking into the feasibility of closing the school, the oldest facility in the school district, because of steadily declining enrollment. It was also decided last year to exclude the Delmar school in the bond issue for renovation of district buildings, since it might not be in use throughout the period of indebtedness.

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Macbeth auditions

Auditions for "Macbeth," second production in the Slingerlands Community Players' season, will be held at 8 p.m., Nov. 24 and 25 at the playhouse in Unionville.

Director Phillip Rice, who has previously directed two Slingerlands productions, plans an ensemble of 11 male and five female performers, each of whom will play two or more roles.

"There will be no small parts," Mr. Rice stated. "The concept is a challenge to the director and the cast. But I hope people who have never had any acting experience with Shakespeare will try out, as well as those who have."

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Also featured will be special presentations at intervals by the artists. Kenney, staff artist

on the magazine, will discuss how an original painting is converted to an illustration on the printed page. Trimm, art director of the magazine, will demonstrate wildlife sketching on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Look Homeward

The Guilderland Community Theater production of "Look Homeward, Angel," the adaption of Thomas Wolfe's episodic novel in which he wrote of his people, his town and his life, will be presented No. 28-29 at 8:30 p.m. at the Guilderland Central High School. There will also be a matinee Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m.

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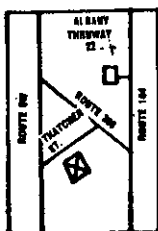
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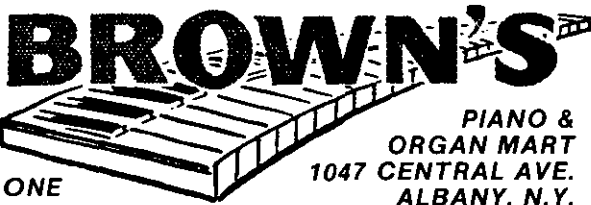
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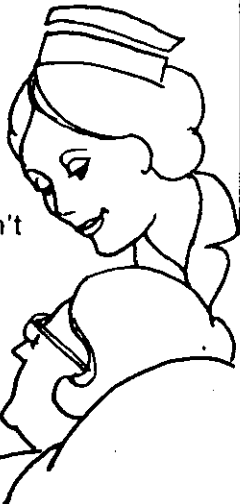
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Doris Vineberg of Delmar is cast as Mrs. Fatty Pert, genial and tipping boarder at Dixie-land Boarding House, and Chuck Cassidy as Ben Gant in The Guilderland Community Theater production, "Look Homeward, Angel."

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Last week Buckley's belligerent Blackbirds topped off their third straight 7-2 season with a share of the Southern League championship. They were 6-1 in the league those three years, finishing second to Coxsackie-Athens in 1973 winning the crown outright in 1974, and sharing it with Chatham this year.

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These are the seniors Voorheesville QB John Fredette deploys on offense: front row, left, John Raiti, Bob Edwards, Steve Beals, Dave Esden, Dick Chisholm; rear, Mike Fredette (a junior), Ned Rissberger and Ed Klopfer.




Standouts Jim Gage, Rod Hawkins rear; Darrell Duncan, Steve Phillips, front.



Coach Tom Buckley with co-captains Raiti, left and Fredette.

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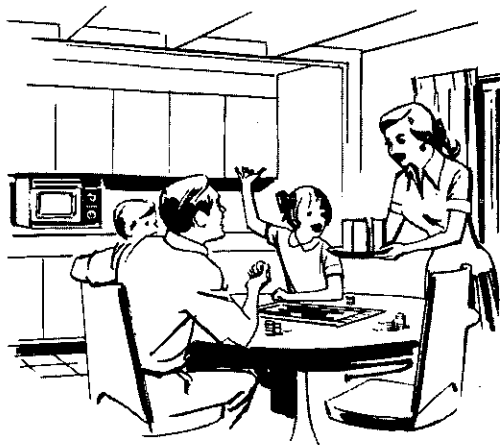
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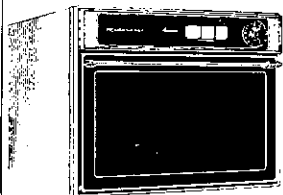
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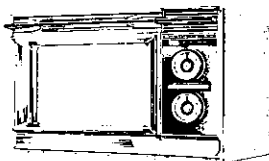
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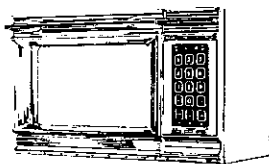
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3 records set

Another two-way standout is Ned Rissberger, fullback and linebacker, who collected three school records in rushing — 236 yards for a single game, 901 for a season and over 1,400 for a high school career. Ned also is small for a fullback, 5-10 and 160 on the hoof, but has good balance, and, according to his coach, "can read blocks and read the hole." No wonder opposing defenses stay honest when these 'Birds go into their sets.

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Bob Edwards, Steve Beals and Dick Chisholm, who have anchored the front wall of this senior-dominated team. Raiti and Edwards were all-conference last year and should repeat when the selections are announced.

Thirteen of the team's 23 members are seniors, in Buckley's view the best group ever for quality and quantity. Voorheesville opponents will cheer the loudest at their graduation, but they also realize that at 38 Tom Buckley has had nine winning seasons of his 14 at New Salem, and he'll come up with another winner next fall.

— Nat Boynton



John Hennessy

coach, Art Ritchko, commented, "The injury to Hennessy really hurt our ball club. I know John was very disappointed because he could not play at his full capacity."

Hennessy has played defensive end since his sophomore year and "always works hard." He also handles the kicking and punting duties. He gets the ball away quickly and keeps it in the air, which helps coverage.

Bethlehem's final game was a disappointing 22-16 loss to

BC bulwark

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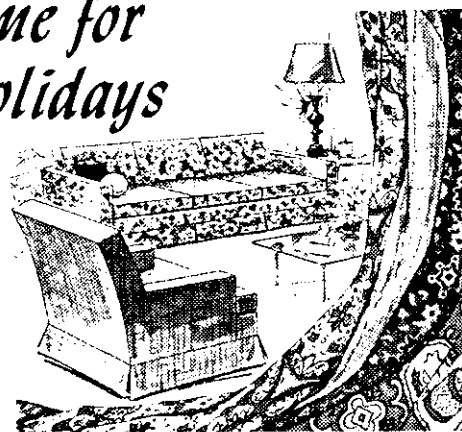
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Shaker, leaving the Eagles with a 3-5 record in the Suburban Council, 4-5 overall.

"It was a tough loss. We deserved to win," commented Ritchko. With eight minutes left, the Eagles started a drive. With less than two minutes to go, quarterback Randy Grenier fumbled on the Shaker 5. Then the Bison, with the aid of questionable officiating, got the winning score. "I'm not complaining," said Ritchko, "but there were some very quick whistles, some questionable out-of-bounds calls and a crucial pass interference penalty that kept the Shaker drive alive. That penalty just killed us. From where I was standing, I didn't see any interference."

Season disappointing

Reflecting upon the season, Ritchko said, "We started out well, but injuries played a vital role in the season." Before the Eagles even played their first game they lost Hennessy and Ken Valentine, who was shelved for the entire year with an ankle injury. "There is no

doubt that a healthy Hennessy and Valentine would have turned our season around," said Ritchko. Senior line-backer Joe Wendth missed the first half of the season and minor injuries to other players combined with a lack of depth hurt the Eagles in many places.

"Next year figures to be a rebuilding year," said Ritchko. "Many key players are graduating. We will have to start over and build from the ground up." The coach predicted next year's team would be "young and inexperienced but enthusiastic and ready to play." The undefeated freshman team could inject a major shot in the arm that could propel BC into serious title contention in 1976.

—Neal Shapiro

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Troop 315 in Glenmont was organized in 1960 by Mrs. Kenneth Ford. Mrs. Rolf Olsen has been leader since 1962. Mrs. Joseph Diacetus, Delmar, and Mrs. Ralph Vitillo, Selirk, are serving as assistant

leaders. Mrs. Benjamin Mefert, Delmar, assisted the troop with the quilting project.

Scientist service

The 11 a.m. service at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Thursday, Nov. 27, will include reading of the Thanksgiving proclamation of the president of the United States, and a lesson-sermon on Thanksgiving. No collection will be taken.

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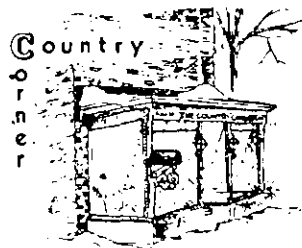
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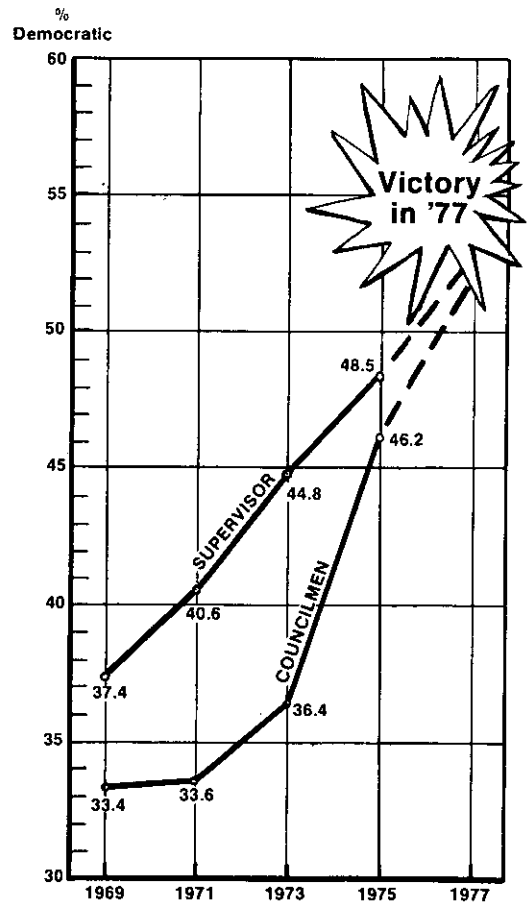
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Editor, The Spotlight:

Work on the Bethlehem Bicentennial pageant has begun. Everyone who has had the opportunity to read the script is very enthusiastic about what promises to be an exciting and unique celebration of our country's bicentennial.

The pageant is also providing an opportunity to resurrect some real old-fashioned community spirit, the kind of spirit where everyone becomes involved doing something, letting to know each other and having fun.

There is still room on the various committees. Workers are wanted and needed. We urge interested people to call May Blackmore at 439-4921, ext. 293, or after 6 p.m. and on weekends at 439-9152. Sign up for a committee. Be involved. It will be a memorable experience.

Delmar Mrs. Peter Strand

Meanest neighbor

Editor, The Spotlight:

Most of us are animal lovers and we take excellent care of them. But I happen to live near someone who seems to delight in hurting them.

Since last spring my cat has been poisoned twice, once in April or May and now just this past week. Also it was shot with a B-B gun or pellet gun this fall, causing a large abcess on the top of his skull which had to be operated on.

This time my animal was poisoned with a caustic substance (such as lye, my veterinarian said). Can anyone imagine how much that animal has suffered being burned from his mouth straight through his whole body?

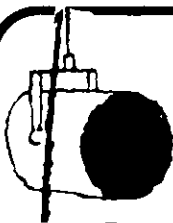
My animal is neutered, so he doesn't bother anyone at night, there is no excuse there. Besides all the agony for the animal and also humans watching, the extra time it takes to care for a sick animal and veterinarian bills, it really is disgusting. Why people act this way is a mystery to me.

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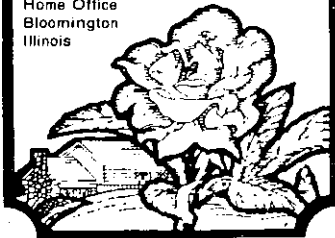
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