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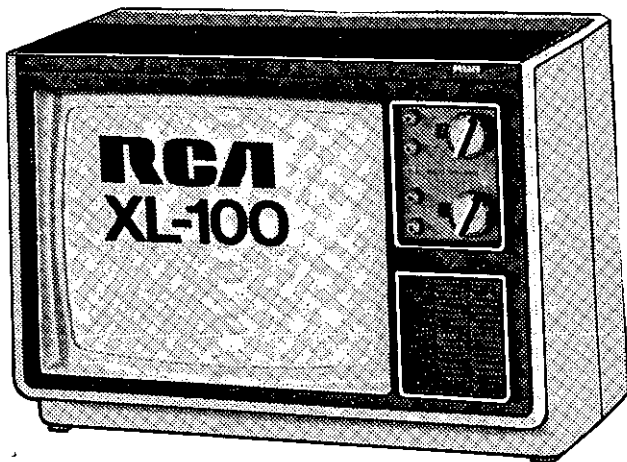
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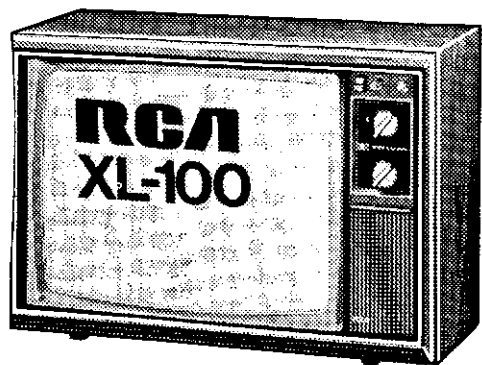


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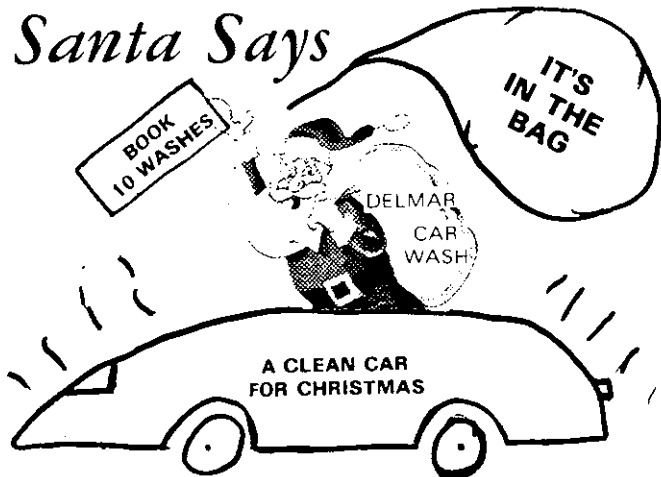
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## Spotlight CALENDAR

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

**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.

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

**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.

**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 at Lacasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Info: Frank Muria, 767-2408.

**Glenmont Homemakers** meet third Wednesday of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 p.m.

**Gam-Anon**, for wives of compulsive gamblers, meets Wednesdays 8:15 p.m., St. Pius Church, Loudonville, 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

**Elsmere Fire Co.**, last Thursday of each month, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lodge** meets on first and third Wednesday of every month, Ladies Auxiliary meets on second Wednesday of every month.

**Citizen Band Radio Club** first Thursday, Third Tuesday at the Center Inn, 8:00 p.m. Mrs. John Silivia. 463-7675.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Ladies Auxiliary**, Elsmere Fire Dept., Christmas dinner, Delmar Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Harlem Globetrotters** with Meadowlark Lemon and Curly Neal, BCHS gym, 7:30 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., sponsored by Bethlehem Athletic Association.

**Ladies Auxiliary**, Elsmere Fire Company, Christmas dinner and business meeting, fire hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Oldtime slapstick movies**, "Golden Age of Comedy," featuring Will Rogers, Carole Lombard, Ben Turpin, others, Voorheesville Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

**Albany County Audubon Society**, Richard Rhindress, Northeastern representative, speaker, Bank Community Room, 8 p.m. Public welcome.

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**Women's Organization**, Normanside Country Club, Christmas luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens**, Christmas party, Normanside Country Club, 12:30 p.m.

**Film**, "Hombre," with Paul Newman, Bethlehem Public Library, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13**

**Albany Symphony Orchestra**, Brahms' "Violin Concerto" by Erick Freidman, guest soloist, Palace Theater, 8:30 p.m.

**Puppet show**, "Ambrose's Christmas," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Get free tickets at circulation desk.

**Bethlehem Coffee House**, John Roberts and Tony Berrand, English ballads and folk music, 8:30 p.m.

**Santa** and his friends come to Delaware Plaza, 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**Bethlehem Historical Association**, annual tea, Historical Center, Cedar Hill, 4-6 p.m.

**Open House**, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., 1-4 p.m.

**Film**, Laurel and Hardy in "Flying Deuces," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens** will be entertained at Christmas party by Bethlehem Kiwanis Club, Center Inn, 6:15 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**Concert** by Bethlehem Brass, a small ensemble, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, preliminary public hearing on 1976-77 budget, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., 8 p.m.

**Panel discussion**, "TM and Education," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Dell Schwamm, reading specialists, North Colonie schools; Prof. Dennis Heaton

**Board of Appeals** of the Town of Bethlehem, public hearing at the Town Offices, 393 Delaware Ave. to take action on application of Cirillo Bros. Albany, Inc. for special exception under Art. V of the Zoning

Ordinance to construct facilities for a petroleum topping plant at the Port of Albany, Town of Bethlehem, and for a Variance under Art. V to construct a 150 ft. high flare at same location, 8 p.m.

**Board of Appeals** of the Town of Bethlehem, public hearing at town offices, 393 Delaware Ave., to take action on application of Vincent Spinosa, 378 Delaware Ave., Delmar, for a variance from Art. V of the Zoning Ordinance to continue the use of a building at 700 Kenwood Ave., Slingerlands, as a barber shop/beauty shop.

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## School \$\$\$ picture: costs up, aid down

Bethlehem's school board was digging in this week for another barrage of citizen oratory on the touchy subject of whether to shutter the Delmar Elementary school or keep it going in the face of a mounting budget crisis.

The expected rehash of facts and figures on the school at Wednesday night's public hearing in the Middle School auditorium was only one of the problems facing the board as the public education calendar got nearer budget time. To Superintendent Lawrence Zinn the future is ominous: "We don't see the cost of operating the school system going down, we are staring at a big cut in state aid and we are staring at, inevitably, a tax increase."

### Emotions run high

Meanwhile Zinn and the board were caught up in a swirling maelstrom of criticism for even considering what several hundred citizens deemed heresy — the possibility of closing



— Longabaugh

Parents protest possible closing of Delmar Elementary School.

down the Delmar Elementary School. Last week a meeting that was billed as a public informational session turned into a public hearing in its purest format, emotionally charged and heavy on individual pro-school sentiment as resident after resident scrambled for a chance to voice a broadside at the board.

Meanwhile the parents, carrying the endorsement of PTAs from the other district elementary schools, swung their campaign into high gear, and some of their arguments make the board squirm. Many of the two dozen critics who spoke at last week's jam-packed briefing ripped into the board with little restraint: they were unimpressed by a speechful of figures presented by Zinn showing projections of eroding enrollment in the grades, rising classroom capacities in all elementary schools and comparative costs of options involving the Delaware Ave. building. Should the board vote to close the school, its 250 pupils would be assigned to Slingerlands, Elsmere and Hamagrael in a reapportionment of district boundaries.

None of the more than 200 who filled the hearing room defended this idea or any other offered by the administration.

Zinn and Board Chairman Bernard Harvith parried the thrusts for nearly two hours after Zinn's formal presentation.

### More of the same

This week the school's staunch adherents were back in the pews with reinforcements but few fresh arguments. Zinn continued to insist the decision is still open, a statement the constituents apparently find hard to accept. "We have to look at the overall picture," he said. "Can you maintain the best possible program and still maintain empty buildings? No one wants to close the school, but can the district afford the luxury of keeping it open in the face of a major cut in state aid and rising costs?"

The verdict will come in mid-January at the soonest, and is certain to be a difficult one for the board.



— Longabaugh

Enrollment numbers projected by and on Superintendent Zinn.

## Teachers, board agree on pact

Bethlehem school district's marathon struggles to resolve the 10-month stalemate over negotiations for a new contract for teachers came to an unspectacular and unenthusiastic end late last week. Bernard Harvith, chairman of the Board of Education, announced the board's acceptance of a two-year accord at the first of two hearings on the Delmar school issue, and 24 hours later the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association voted overwhelmingly to ratify the agreement.

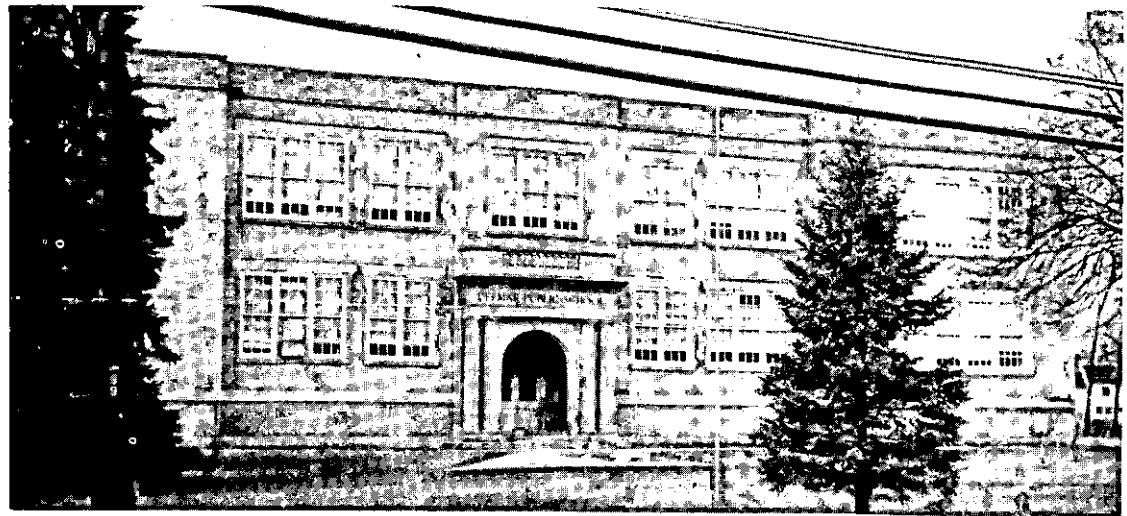
### Raises approved

The new two-year contract, hammered out with mediation by the Public Employee Relations Board, gives the teachers a \$500 raise across the board, plus increments in the first year, and a half-hour planning

period each school day, plus various other clauses. The salary boost represents approximately 5 percent.

The BCTA originally sought a 14-percent salary boost, and the school board something less than the 5 percent in the settlement. The negotiations ran the full spectrum of Taylor Law steps, including and appointed fact-finder, and for most of November it appeared even that wouldn't break the deadlock.

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### PROFILE

## A touch of nostalgia

It was a handsome building when it opened nearly a half a century ago — the brand new Delmar High School, first facility of its kind in Bethlehem.

The first classes moving through its shiny corridors in September, 1926, were Grades K-to-10, but as each grade moved up the next level was added. When school opened in September, 1928, Delmar High was a full-fledged K-12 operation. The first graduating class in the town received its diplomas in June, 1929.

That was the beginning for the two-story brick structure on Delaware Ave. at Borthwick, now known as the Delmar Elementary School, this year a news headline because of PTA opposition to a tentative plan of the Bethlehem Board of Education to shut down the building as unneeded in the face of dwindling enrollments an escalating budgets.

But Bethlehem teenagers didn't enjoy a long tenancy at the school. When the new school on Kenwood Ave. opened in September, 1933, grades 7-12 were moved there, and the Delmar school settled down to a strictly elementary curriculum from K-to-6. Meanwhile the Elsmere school opened in the fall of 1926 with six classes.

### Touch of nostalgia

George Bonacker was the principal when the south wing

was added in 1954. Last week, recovering from an illness at his home on Forest Dr., the retired principal reminisced.

"We had an enrollment of some 540 in K-6," he recalled. "That's an average of 37-38 to a classroom, and we had to put the kindergarten in the Masonic Temple in split sessions."

Present enrollment in K-5 is 251, averaging 23 to a class.

"In those days the teachers handled the entire program," Bonacker said. "They were not only extremely industrious, taking care of noon hour supervision, cafeteria, library, inside and outside play periods, but they were extremely successful teachers. Their days were long and strenuous, but they were the ones who helped build the outstanding reputation of the Bethlehem district."

### Several 'firsts'

The ex-principal recalled that it was the Delmar school that introduced the cafeteria to area elementary education. "We put fibre boards on wooden horses in the gym, and the youngsters had to climb over benches with their trays. There was a lot of spilled tomato juice, especially among the second and third graders."

The school also introduced gym suits and mass showers, one for boys and one for girls. "This was a very sensitive program and difficult to get full

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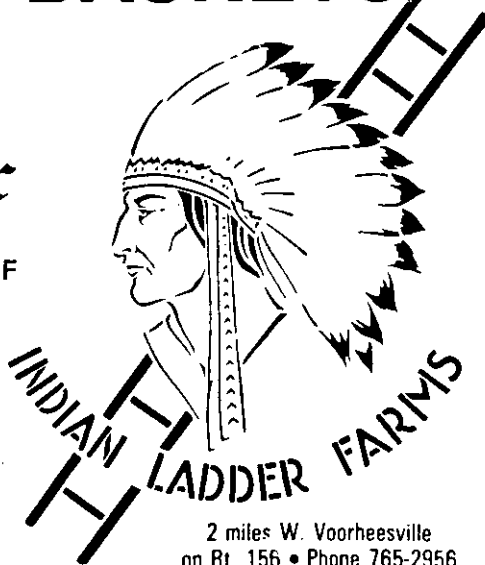
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approval," recalled Bonacker. "It was a new idea, and there were a few parents who objected, but today it is routine.

George Bonacker is following the school development closely, careful not to let his sentiments show in the current controversy. He spent 25 years there, and will never forget "that wonderful, dedicated group of teachers."

The incumbent principal, Joseph Sheafer, came in 1971. "It's a wonderful school," he said this week. "I love it here."

## Sunday sales go unchallenged

It was a plain, unobtrusive sign, hand-lettered with magic marker on a square of buff paper and taped to the store window. It had two words: "Open Sunday."

But when Peter Elitzer, a partner in Peter Harris Clothes, taped the notice in the window of his branch store at Delmar Four Corners, he was making a direct challenge to Bethlehem's so-called blue laws prohibiting certain business operations on Sunday. That was nearly three weeks ago, and it caused less than a sensation. The big news was what didn't happen: a shutdown by police.

### Something New

On the first Sunday (Nov. 23) the store made local history by being the first mercantile establishment in the town to open for sabbath trade. It did modest business, but attracted a television news camera and made the Sunday night news. There were no formal complaints, and Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer took no action before leaving on a 10-day vacation trip. On the following Sunday things remained quiet.

### Opinions vary

Meanwhile the Big N discount store in Glenmont opened for Sunday commerce and a spokesman said it would observe Sunday shopping hours indefinitely into 1976.

In Delmar, Peter Elitzer

went about his business among the racks and counter of the discount clothing store as if there was nothing unusual afoot. "There's no way they can close me down." But Bethlehem town counsel Harry Rezemini thinks differently. The town ordinance prohibiting Sunday sales could be enforced by simple procedure, he says, indicating the town would act if it felt the complaints, if any, warranted.

Elitzer is equally confident on the other side. "Even if I'm arrested," he was quoted, "they can't close the store." His reasoning: that would require a conviction, and an appeal would further delay the final decision.

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1974. By March the board decided there would be no objections if it approved the application, so it filed the proper documents with the state. The date was March 12, 1975.

On Nov. 20 the State Department of Audit and Control approved the extension of the Delmar Fire District to include the residence at 31 Herber Ave.

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#### In Sage exhibit

Freda Wilson of Voorheesville will exhibit her works at an exhibition of contemporary weaving and pottery to be held at Russell Sage College Schacht Fine Arts Center. Ms. Wilson's works have been exhibited throughout the Capital District including the State University of New York at Cobleskill, Emma Willard school, Schenectady Museum and the Schenectady Unitarian Church. She has taught at the Helderberg Workshop in Voor-

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# Patriots and privation

By Allison P. Bennett

Prior to the Declaration of Independence many colonist believed that a peaceful solution could be negotiated with the British, but the Declaration set the colonies full conflict with the Mother Country and dashed all hope of a peaceful settlement. Many Tories at this time re-evaluated their position and threw in their lot with the Patriots. Of those who chose to remain loyal, many joined Loyalist regiments and fought alongside British regulars. They were the unlucky ones who endured for the rest of their lives the stigma of traitor.

Probably one of Britain's greatest blunders of the war was her failure to capitalize on the armed Loyalist forces. Fully utilized, the Tories who were on tenterhooks in hope of a chance to rally for good King George, could have been com-

manded into an entirely different settlement of the war. We wonder what flag would be flying over us today if some imaginative British officer had just commandeered the services of the armed Tories of New York State alone.

### Loyalists weak

The lack of good leadership was responsible for the reduction of many Loyalist forces into ineffective mauling bands and free-booters. Tradition tells us that the Tories had a meeting place and camp on the banks of the Vlaumanskill along Meads Lane. No doubt there was much spying and gossip in the township and there are many records of people in the city of Albany being convicted as traitors and of giving aid and information to the British enemy.

While no great battles of the Revolution took place in our Town of Bethlehem or even in Albany County, we know that from 1776 through 1778 the vicinity was frequently threatened by invasions of British forces. Alarm and anxiety were continuous. The records of Albany were removed to Kingston and Poughkeepsie several times when it was thought that

the British army might be approaching.

### Albany threatened

The British had well-known plans that they would attack the city and burn it to the ground, so naturally the people in Bethlehem would be involved in such action too. There was constant upset and worry among the settlers. Then too, the city of Albany was filled through these years with Continental troops, Albany being a strategic jumping off place for the scenes of battle to the north and west.

These troops, as all soldiers billeted in a city for any length of time can be, were very often disorderly and caused the city government many problems. No doubt, some of the troops wandered down Bethlehem way to look over the farm provisions and the girls in the neighborhood.

### Impact is felt

By the time 1778 rolled around the people were beginning to feel the full effects of waging a war against a country as powerful as Great Britain. Privations and sacrifices of men, money and materials had been very great. There was the constant struggle of the inhabitants against the Tories — all of which impoverished the people so that many were in very reduced circumstances. Indeed,

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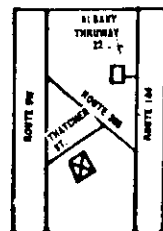
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history tells of men like Robert Morris and Betty Washington's husband, Fielding Lewis, who gave their fortunes to the cause of liberty.

In this area there were not so many wealthy men as that, but nonetheless the average farmer had given all he could and his sacrifice was no less great. The officials of Colonial committee went among the townspeople asking for provisions and money for the army. One legend tells us that one Bethlehemite had no more money or produce he could give, so he took off his coat and offered that as his token of payment for the fight for freedom.

Because of the large numbers of soldiers stationed in Albany each winter we know that the fences had all been used for fuel and there was a great lack of firewood in Albany. Lead had been taken out of the windows of the houses to make bullets for guns. Everything that was usable was commandeered for the struggle.

By 1782 the Patriot cause was approaching its final triumph and the area was alive with excitement about the visit of General Washington to Albany on June 28, 1782. He was given the key to the city and an elaborate celebration as a demonstration of confidence and affection by the inhabitants of the city and surrounding area. No doubt many Bethlehemites made the journey into the city to see this famous man. He

again visited Albany in July of 1783 in company with Governor Clinton, and his arrival was announced by the ring of bells and the roar of artillery. The colonial era had taken its last gasp and a new nation was about to take its place in the world community.

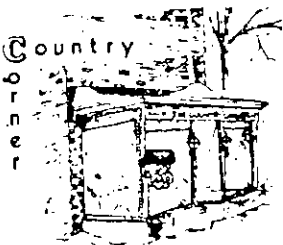
*This is the second of two articles by a former town historian on Bethlehem at the time of the Revolutionary War.*

#### Co-op Extension elects

John Ten Eyck, Voorheesville, and Mrs. Alma Cain, Delmar, were elected directors-at-large at the 60th annual meeting of the Cooperative Extension Association of Albany recently at the Bavarian Chalet, Guilderland.

Others elected were: agricultural division, Mary Zuk of West Berne, Richard Montondo of Voorheesville, David Lewis of Rensselaerville, and John Hasbrouck of Greenville; home economics division, Mrs. Maxine Brezinski of Berne, Mrs. Jean Nostrand of Glenmont and Mrs. Irene Rotello of Ravena; 4-H youth development division, Miss Mary Lenseseth of Delmar, Mrs. Esther Goodfellow of Altamont, Mrs. Mary Letko of Slingerlands, and Joseph Roberts of Delmar.

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Village Transportation Co. partners are, from left, Mary Lou Smith, Carol Blaauboer, John Blaauboer and Grant Smith.

## L.C. Smith bus business sold

Two Menands men have purchased the L.C. Smith Transportation, Inc., one of the Delmar area's best known businesses and are operating an expanded fleet of school and charter buses from the Elsmere location.

Grant Smith and John Blaauboer have been operating the Village Transportation Co. as a partnership since 1969. They started with three buses, grew their business to 12 buses by last year, and now have acquired an additional 23 from the L.C. Smith firm, making a total of 35.

Of the 11 buses in the traction, five are school buses, four are modern coaches and two are transit buses used on the Albany-Cohoes line, which L.C. Smith operated before the sale. The new owners have taken over the Cohoes service.

Village Transportation has retained 10 employees of the Smith firm and has leased approximately 3,000 square feet of garage facilities at 154-B Delaware Ave.

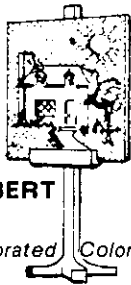
Wives of both partners, Mary Lou Smith and Carol Blaauboer, serve as office assistants in the business, now headquartered in Elsmere. All four drive school bus routes on a regular schedule. The original Delmar business was started by L.C. Smith in 1952.

COVER PHOTO

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Luke and Dick are well known in the community as owner and manager respectively of Mullen's Pharmacy, and will continue in those roles in addition to The Paper Mill enterprise.



Dr. Valmore F. Cross

**Dr. Cross Cited**

Dr. Valmore F. Cross of Delmar, director of radiology at St. Peter's Hospital has been named to the American College of Radiology's National Commission on Public Health.

A graduate of the University of Vermont and the Medical College of the University of Vermont, Dr. Cross came to St. Peter's in 1966 as an associate attending physician in radiology. He was named director and chief attending physician of radiology in 1971.

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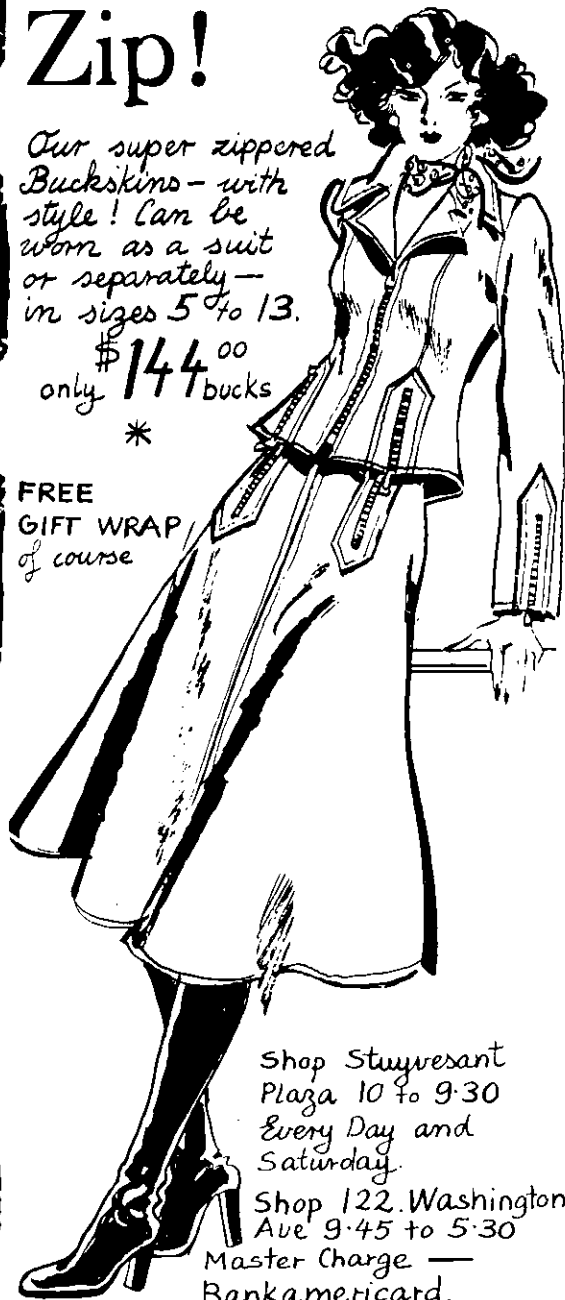
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# SANTA IS COMING TO DELA

## Santa bringing 'surprise friends' to Plaza Saturday

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It took a while, but when the Spotlight reporter finally got through to Santa to ask him about his plans for his visit to the Delaware Plaza Saturday, the jolly old fellow said he had a surprise in store for all the boys and girls who came to greet him.

He wouldn't let the secret out of his bag, but he did give a few hints that he would be bringing some of his friends, who are also well known cartoon

characters, but he wouldn't let on which ones.

Santa is coming to the Plaza this Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. and bringing his friends. He will be arriving by fire truck from the Elsmere Fire Dept.

"I'll be visiting the stores in the Plaza early in the afternoon," he said this week. "You boys and girls who have been writing me Christmas letters can bring them along and give them to me personally. I hear there are a lot of wonderful

gifts for the holidays at Delaware Plaza, and I think we're going to have a great time."

He said he was sorry about not bringing the reindeers, but it seems Blitzen has a sore hoof and Prancer and Dasher were too tired to make the trip to Elsmere.

Then with a characteristic ho-ho, he said he had to end the interview and get back to his toy-making.



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## Col. Mulvey cited

Lt. Col. Robert A. Mulvey, former resident of Delmar while a Siena College faculty member was recently presented Presidential Management Improvement Award by President Ford. The award was the result of Colonel Mulvey's achievements in recruiting volunteer enlistments for the U.S. Army Air Defense Command.

## All-state musicians

Two Bethlehem Central music students have been selected on the basis of auditions last spring to participate in the 40th annual conference of the New York State School Music Association. Chosen were Andrew Creighton, violinist, and Duncan Patton, percussionist. Both were scheduled to perform in groups at the Eastman Theater in Rochester this week.

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the high school business office or music department and Mullen's Pharmacy or at the door for \$1. In addition to the concert, Brignola will present workshops on improvisation at the high school during the morning of Jan. 14. For information, call Pat DiSimone at 439-6539.

## Party at Legion

Theme of the National Adams Blanchard Post American Legion Auxiliary holiday party will be a Colonial Christmas, with members wearing appropriate dresses. Pauline Ouderkirk is chairman, assisted by Marcia Turner, Norinne Cooke and Lenore Smith.

## Model trains at Library

There's a whirl of locomotives and cars at the Bethlehem Library this month. A display of model trains, organized by Thom Fries, a library employee, features models of three gauges.

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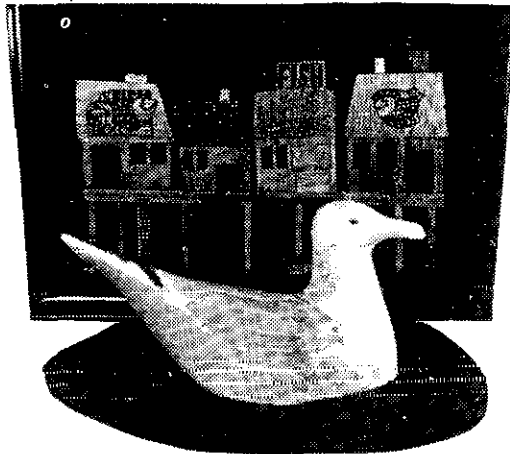
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## Wheaton Orchestra

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## Elected by CLU

The Capital Area Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union recently elected officers for the 1976 year at Channing Hall. Elected to chair the meet-

ings was R. E. Thorstensen of Slingerlands. First vice chairman will be Grete Powers of Delmar.

## Musicale scheduled

American Association of University Women, Albany branch, will present a yuletide coffee and musicale at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Albany Institute of History and Art. A Bethlehem youth quartet will sing. Mrs. Arthur McHugh is program chairman, Mrs. James Flavin plans holiday goodies for the coffee hour, which precedes the music.

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## One-man crusade for lost values

He fought to bring back the  
city postmarks, and when he

won he called it a "triumph of  
romance over efficiency."

Now, Ray Geiger is fighting-  
gently-to bring back the lost art  
of chivalry.

### Eye for Beauty

The editor of the American  
Farm & Home Almanac for 42  
years, Geiger was in town last  
week (at the State Bank's El-  
smere office) to promote the  
new issue of the Almanac, now  
in its 158th straight year of  
publication. He says that his  
campaign to put femininity  
back on its pedestal has the

backing of a lot of women's  
liberation supporters.

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cards with flowered borders  
saying "You are a beautiful  
woman. Thank you for making  
my day more beautiful."

### Recognize the gals

"It makes their faces light  
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with his success so far. An  
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with characteristic restraint  
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The editor's most publicized success came earlier this year when he led a one-man campaign to return to city postmarks instead of the faceless "U. S. Postal Service" followed by the zip-code digits.

#### Old-time values

Hometown pride and chivalry aren't the only old-time values that Geiger promotes in his almanac. As one writer put it, "corn instead of porn" is the philosophy of the book.

It still carries the calendars, astronomical charts, and planting information that made the farmers read it religiously in past years. Although its circulation has recently grown into the millions, Geiger says nowadays that few of the readers are farmers.

Geiger, who is 65, makes no apologies for the conservative tone of his publication, and also says that he has no plans to retire soon.

#### Carnell elected

Prentiss Carnell III of Delmar has been elected a trustee



Prentiss Carnell III

of Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank. Mr. Carnell graduated from Albany Academy, earned his BA degree from Dartmouth College and MS degree in industrial engineering from Thayer School of Engineering and Amos Tuck School of Business Administration. He has been associated with Albany Business College since 1957 as instructor, director of IBM department, dean of administration, vice president and in 1972 became its president.

He has been active in business education and civic organizations. He has been secretary of the Albany Boys' Clubs, president of the Dartmouth Club of Eastern New York and scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 260, Delmar.

Mr. Carnell is president of Menands Manor, a member of the New York State Advisory Committee on Vocational Education and a member of the board of Child's Hospital.

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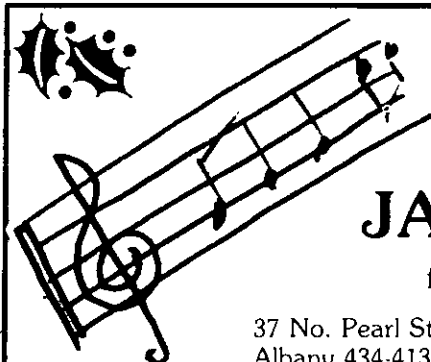
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Matthew Prince and Gary Hoffer have named their new business Life-Art Photos and are living and working in a converted cottage on Beaver Dam Rd. They are specializing

in groups, individuals and children as well as commercial photography.

Matt is 24, a native of Pottstown, Pa., and a graduate of Lehigh University 1973 where he majored in marketing. Gary is 23, hails from Danbury, Conn., and graduated as a photography major from Colgate in 1974.

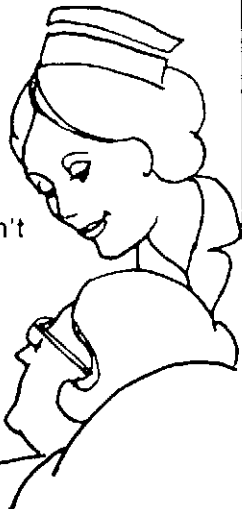
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The prospective bride is a 1974 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School and is a clerk-typist at the Huyck Felt Co., Rensselaer. Mr. Marr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marr Sr., 393 Rockefeller Rd., was graduated from Colonie Central High School and is a cook at the State University of New York at Albany.

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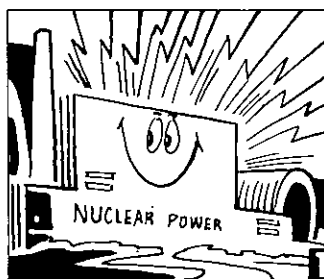
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**SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS**

**Richie Hebner: it's a team game**

In Richie Hebner's view, you can always tell a winning baseball team by the spirit of team play instead of concentra-

ting on individual performances.

Hebner, hard-hitting third baseman of the Pittsburgh Pirates, says the formula of winning baseball is based on a team goal rather than individual statistics.

The major league star was the principal speaker at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post last Saturday when members of the post team were honored. In a humorous presentation after a roast beef dinner, Hebner told several anecdotes that amused the large audience. A former Legion player himself, Hebner praised the baseball program as important in

building character among members of the middle-tear age group.

In an interview, Hebner told of a career in baseball as being one of the best. He enjoys the accommodations, the travel, the work and the pay. He strongly advocated the player pension program and other benefits that they receive. On the topic of arbitration, Hebner sided with the players who chose to go to the arbitration board instead of salary disputes and sided with them "only if they deserve such a move."

Hebner feels the current platooning system is unfair at the minor league level, because it does not give a left-handed hitter, such as himself, a chance to prove to his manager that he can hit left-handed pitching effectively. Hebner stated that the media had "over-rated" the system, but agreed that at times it works defensively. Offered sively, he said, "If you are a good hitter, then you can handle any pitching."

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Young, short and scrappy, Bethlehem Central's varsity basketball Eagles open their season Friday night at Colonie in hopes of duplicating last year's excellent 13-5 record. Five seniors, five juniors and two sophomores comprise this year's squad, and Bethlehem seemingly has the type of team that should improve rapidly as some of the inexperienced players gain valuable playing time.

BCHS coach Dale Walts has this to say about his team's prospects for this year: "We lost a lot through graduation last year — seven seniors. What we lack in size we hopefully will make up for in speed, hustle and defense.

"We will have to hold our own on the boards. Rebounding is going to be the key factor, because we are probably either the smallest or second smallest team in the Suburban Council. I'm pleased with our hustle, and we're working on some

different defenses — presses and various zone defenses — to try to make our opponents do things they don't want to do."

### Probable starters

Probable starters on the front line include forwards Dave Bursey, 6-1, and Randy Miller, 6-2. Ed Engleman, 6-2, looks like the starting center. Dave is only a sophomore and so far has demonstrated good overall ability. Randy, who was the third forward last year and is a fine leader, is currently troubled by a sprained ankle, but should be ready for Friday's game. Ed, a member of the varsity last year, is a steady player who rarely forces his shots.

Backcourt positions are not settled yet, but the four who figure to see the most action are Randy Grenier, Mark Groblewski, Larry Pittz, and Pete Walsh. Bethlehem will be playing a running type of game requiring more substitution rather than a slower-paced game, so this should give all 12



Longabaugh

### Pete Walsh and John Russum in early scrimmage.

players a chance to demonstrate their abilities.

In two scrimmages with Cardinal McCloskey and Albany High School the Eagles were not particularly impressive. In each game, BCHS committed many turnovers and had trouble rebounding. The players ran the offense better than in an earlier scrimmage with Lansingburg, and they scored many baskets off of many well-executed fast-breaks.

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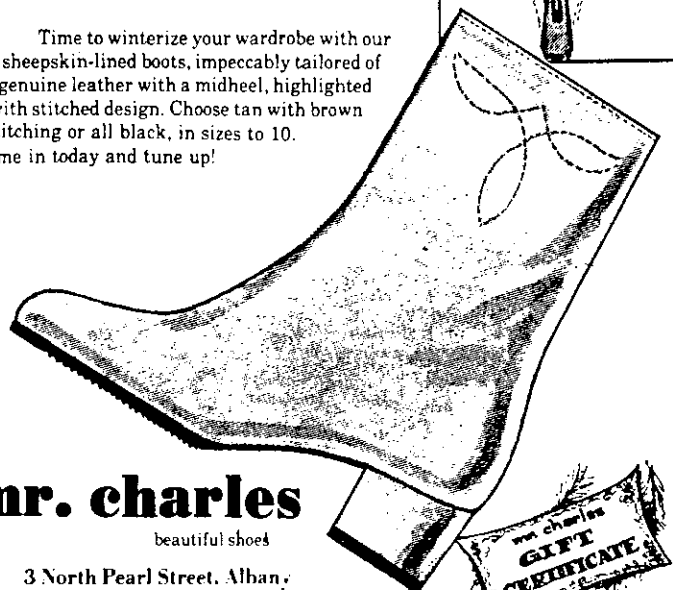
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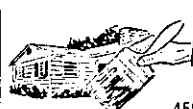
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# Vox Pop

Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters over 300 words are subject to abridging by the editor. All letters must be signed but names will be withheld on request.

## Enforce 'blue laws'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I telephoned the Town Hall this week to register my displeasure because there is an increasing tendency to keep local stores open seven days a week. I was told the town officers were not in favor of it either but were under much pressure and that the best way to nip this condition is to have as many of the residents in favor of closed stores to write or phone the Town Hall and the blue laws would then be enforced.

Since our forefathers came to this country with a Judeo-Christian faith and ethics, I call upon the people of this community to consider again our freedoms and register their opinion of abusing our freedom and its subsequent example upon our young people.

Therefore I urge churches, clubs and individuals to carry out the commandment to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy". At times we are all forced, in emergencies, to break this commandment, but we are all better if we use our Sabbath for worship and wholesome recreation. I am told the Town Hall is only waiting for enough people to express their desires on this matter.

*Amelia M. Kimball*  
Slingerlands

## Attack on car

Editor: The Spotlight

On Tuesday night, Nov. 25, at approximately 12 midnight, an incident occurred that disturbs me deeply; namely, at least one man did approximately \$700 damage to my new 1976 automobile. I say a man, because the state trooper as-

signed to the case said the person "had to be over six foot in height," and also had to know what he was doing as he used "heavy boots" to back-kick and damage the most costly panels to replace on the car. In addition, a pen knife was used in scraping the side of the car and to puncture a tire. Interestingly, one of the first statements the state trooper made to me was, "who has a grudge against you." The damage was not done by kids. It should be understood that I have only had the car for three weeks, and it probably is the only one of its make and style in Bethlehem at this time and is readily identifiable as my car. I think all should understand that this was the only vehicle damaged of some 25 or 30 cars parked at the Legion Hall at that time of the night.

I think all can understand my view that the action was taken against me personally because of my "speaking out" on local Republican matters. This "dirty trick" tactic, rather than deterring me, has made me more determined than ever in speaking out as a private taxpaying citizen in matters of local government.

*Edward J. Mocker*

## On Delmar school

Editor, The Spotlight:

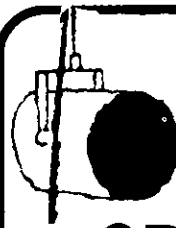
Some questions that needed to be asked and answered:

Will the Delmar school building and property continue to remain available in any way for recreational purposes, organizational activities, and summer programs serving the entire community?

Has the school board taken into account the effect that "mothballing" or boarding up the property may have on the surrounding residential community, modern new library building across the street, nearby community facilities such as town hall, and "4 corners" area two or three blocks away with quality shops and services? What will in fact be the fate of the property?

*Mrs. Janet Butlin*

Delmar



# SPOTLIGHT on community corner

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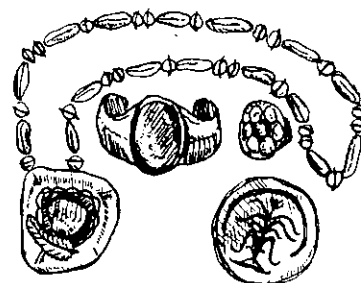
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