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**Puppet show**, "Rumplestiltskin,"  
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**Cross-Country Skiing Workshop**  
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#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

**Bethlehem Central Board of Education** 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. Ray Sliiter director of health, physical education and recreation, will report on how Title IX will affect physical education programming and staffing next year. (Title IX relates to sex discrimination in school programs.) Discussion of the possible closing of the Delmar School will **NOT** be on the agenda.

**Bethlehem Board of Appeals** public hearing on application of Kenneth G. Fisher, VanWies Pt. Rd., Glenmont, for variance from Art. XXI "Side Yards" to convert an existing one-family dwelling into a two-family, above address, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

**Board of Appeals**, public hearing on application of Walter J. Tool for a variance from Art. XI "Front Yard" to

erect an addition to his restaurant at 283 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

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## DELMAR

### Bethlehem business better, but . . .

Retail business for Bethlehem merchants in 1975 was clearly ahead of 1974 despite continued softness in the national economy and a steady handout of gloomy economic news from Governor Carey's office, but there were mixed feelings among the local businessmen on the outlook for 1976.

Sales volume in the Delmar-Slingerlands-Voorheesville area sector was modestly higher this year compared to a year ago, but the percentage of gain varied from business to business. An unexpectedly heavy surge of last-minute Christmas buying that clogged Delaware Plaza and other commercial centers along Delaware Ave. and the Four corners kept cash registers singing in retail stores, but the real signal on local business conditions will not be evident until the January post-

Christmas sales figures are in and the pre-Easter indicators show up.

#### Shoppers selective

"People are buying better things now," commented Kenneth Schenkel of Paul Mitchell's men's store in the Plaza and president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association. "They are going for better quality, they know what they want, but they are noticeably more careful with the dollar than they have been in the past."

Schenkel said his business volume was "slightly ahead" of 1974, but he indicated the figures were not meaningful because he moved his shop to the Plaza last May, and thus "got a lot more traffic than in the former location."

Herman Rasker, owner of the Village Shop and Town and

Tweed, two of Delaware Plaza's pivotal shops, said business was "slightly better" this year, but conceded part of the difference was attributed to higher prices.

"This year's sales were slower in coming," he said. "The Christmas spirit seemed to take longer to build up."

#### Cautious on estimates

It will be some weeks before final 1975 figures are in, hence merchants were understandably cautious in their unofficial estimates. Donald Lewanda, proprietor of a jewelry and gift shop at the Plaza, estimated his actual sales volume "about the same" as last year, but with inflated prices the dollar volume, he said, could run better than 10 percent ahead of 1974.

Like most of his fellow businessmen, Lewanda was critical

of the way New York State is handling the current fiscal squeeze. "Mr. Carey killed the Christmas spirit with his announcements of a major layoff," he said. "This scared people and put a damper on Christmas buying."

#### Tax rise a choker

Further down Delaware Ave. a leading merchant conceded sales were running ahead of 1974, but he was fearful of the impact of a possible boost in the state sales tax.

"It costs a lot more to be in business now," he said. "The big problem is government regulation, particularly in direct taxes and sales taxes. Competition is tough enough without a sales tax rise in Albany County."

The state's current sales tax is 4 percent. Albany County tacks another 3 percent on sales. Schenectady County has no sales tax.

There has been no letup in the drug stores. George George of the Plaza Pharmacy said "we've been very busy, and certainly more so than last year." Luke J. Mullen, of L. J. Mullen Pharmacy, said his business "was good last year and is better this year."

Despite ominous signs of bigger tax bites on both federal and state levels and signs of fiscal panic in the Carey bastion, Bethlehem's business outlook continued to be on the bright side. Just in the past two months the area has added several new businesses — including the Paper Mill, Village Transportation, Leonardo's

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Christmas buying was slow to get started, but closed with a rush

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hair designers and Van Dyke Appliances, with another major Delaware Plaza business — Fabric Care Center — scheduled to open next week.

#### Bankers optimistic

Among other indicators, bank deposit figures were not available, but Spotlight advertising was running substantially ahead of 1974.

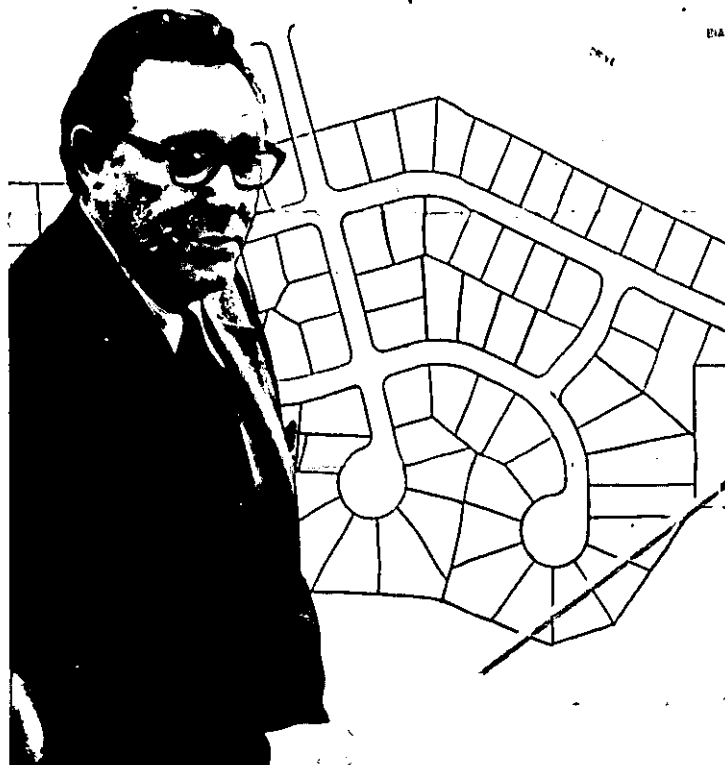
On a broader front, Peter A. Farrell, vice president and economist for the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co.,

sees the consumer "beginning to enjoy a real upswing in income for the first time in two years, and personal income is going up at a faster rate than prices."

But, he told area business editors at an economic briefing session last week, President Ford's veto of proposed tax cuts "will put a real damper on economic recovery in '76 — a serious financial setback."

Farrell forecast a slowdown from 12 to nearly 6 percent in the rate of inflation, a key business indicator, but admitted that "even at 6 percent we are still double the acceptable rate."

Meanwhile the average householder remained suspicious of good news on the business front. He has been given a rough ride in the last three years, and will keep a wary eye on Washington and Albany to see who will put another hand in his pocket and for how much.



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#### TOWN PLANNING

### Brockley bloc battles Biatess buildup

A watchdog committee of Brockley Dr. area homeowners promises a vigorous fight to block approval of a planned 133-lot subdivision when it comes up for a decision by the Bethlehem planning board, probably next month.

A small contingent of residents watched Lindsay Boutelle, land surveyor for the Biatess Corp., submit a preliminary plan for the 77-acre site at last week's board meeting. There was no debate on the issue

because the session was not billed as a hearing.

The plan filed by the developers, one of four preliminary alternates that have been under discussion since October, must have additional data on sewers and drainage before it can be officially accepted for a formal public hearing. That's when the Brockley Area Homeowners Association will move in the verbal artillery. The neighbors contend the development, which has its

access drives on Brockley and Delaware Ave., will create dangerous traffic and safety conditions in the vicinity.

Meanwhile the developers eliminated one of the six proposed cul-de-sacs in the site plan without reducing the number of building lots. Board members had earlier pointed out that cul-de-sacs in general make the properties less accessible to emergency fire equipment and place an additional burden on snow removal crews.

### Southwood protest down the drain

What slim hopes a sizeable group of Slingerlands residents held out for their objections to a developer's plan in the Southwood Dr. area have disintegrated. In a predictable decision, the Bethlehem Planning Board voted unanimously to give preliminary approval to

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Residential Concepts, Inc. of Delmar to develop nine lots, eight in a proposed cul-de-sac off Southwood Dr. known as Southwood Extension No. 3, and the ninth off New Scotland Rd. as Extension No. 4.

The vehement protests of some 30 neighbors, voiced at a public hearing on Nov. 18, won them only a small concession. After rejecting a board request to reduce the number of lots in the cul-de-sac from nine to seven, the developers, Jay Barbas and William F. Frye, eventually compromised by agreeing to lay out eight sites in Extension No. 3.

At the hearing Frye was deaf to the residents' complaints that the proposed lots, while within the legal specifications of the zoning requirements, were substantially smaller than existing lots in the area, and thus tended to lower the value of real estate in the community. The neighbors also contended the development would create drainage problems. A subsequent effort to get the state to declare the site, which was once a swamp, an official "wetland" qualifying for protection under new environmental legislation also went down the drain.

## Sheaffer exits GOP committee

Bethlehem Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer has resigned his seat on the town Republican Committee as of Dec. 31 in a long-contemplated move to fulfill a personal pledge.

"I've done this because I feel that in the position of town supervisor I should not remain on the committee which selects candidates," Sheaffer said. "When I was appointed to this office I stated at that time I would resign from the committee if and when I was elected to the office, and I am stepping aside for no other reason. I have enjoyed all the time I have spent on the committee, and I expect to remain in close personal contact with everyone involved in the committee's work."

Sheaffer has served for 10 years on the 42-member com-



Harry H. Sheaffer

mittee, including the last six as a member of the executive committee. The 42-member group is composed of two elected representatives from each of the town's 21 election districts.

There was no indication whether the committee would appoint a successor or leave the seat vacant until the primary election in April. It appeared unlikely Chairman Bertram E. Kohinke would call a meeting of the committee prior to leaving on a winter vacation this week.

Sheaffer was appointed supervisor last January to fill the unexpired term of Kohinke, who resigned. He was elected to the post in November after a close race with Delmar attorney George Harder.

## Town officials to be sworn in

When the Bethlehem town board holds its bi-annual organization meeting on New Year's day, a new twist was on the agenda for the traditional session — a formal swearing-in ceremony performed by a judge.

Supreme Court Justice Edward S. Conway was scheduled to administer the oath of office to all elected candidates at a brief session, which is held on the first day of the new term to transact such routine business as making official appointments. The board holds its regular

meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The swearing-in ritual is the first in town annals. Normally, elected officials sign a pledge on taking office.

## Reed is named to succeed Webb

Walter B. Reed has been appointed plant manager of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp's Delmar plant. He succeeds Richard O. Webb, who is moving to Owens-Corning's corporate headquarters in Toledo, Ohio, as manufacturing manager, Insulation Operating Division.

For the past three years Reed has been located at the company's Santa Clara, Calif. plant as wool factory superintendent and wool operations manager.

Joining Owens-Corning in 1962, he served in various fabrication, production, process and quality control managerial positions at the Barrington, N.J. plant prior to assignment at the Santa Clara plant in 1972.



Walter B. Reed

A native of Friendship, N.Y., Reed received his degree in ceramic engineering at Alfred University and master's degree in business administration at Drexel University. He and his wife, Linda, are parents of four children, Deborah, Gina, Walter Jr., and Kimberly.

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The Garden Shoppe, which originated the service in 1971 in the area, will recycle trees into free mulch at its two locations,

Feura Bush Rd. (Route 32), Glenmont, and 3699 Carman Rd. (Route 146), Gunderland, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the next two Saturdays, Jan. 3 and Jan. 10.

Residents are requested to bring their own containers to take the chopped mulch home to the garden. More than 10,000 trees have been recycled at these locations in the past four years.

According to James M. Howard of the Garden Shoppe, mulch helps to keep the garden weeds down, promotes plant growth and adds humus to the soil. It is excellent for azaleas, yews and other plants.

Free coffee will be served at both locations.

## Don't waste Christmas tree

Though the Christmas tree is dropping its needles, its usefulness is not over. Put it to use protecting shrubs and garden plants.

Prof. Alex Dickson, forester



Joan Scheu, left, program coordinator for the Association for Retarded Children of Albany, presents a gift of \$166 to Mrs. Lois Foot of Slingerlands, Red Cross Motor Unit Volunteer, as James G. Mallia, executive director of the association looks on. The contributions were made by the adults who are driven daily to the Association therapy classes by Albany Red Cross Motor Unit volunteers.

at the N.Y. State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, suggests that the limbs be cut off and placed, curved ends up, around plantings or over garden beds where the ground is exposed. This helps prevent from heaving plants out of the ground.

Larger branches can be used as a tent around tender shrubs, protecting them from the wind and burning from the sun.

### Protect feeder

Or trees can be propped up to protect a bird feeder. Suet balls and other concoctions can be hung from the branches for birds.

If a wood chipper is available in the community, the tree can be turned into chips to be used as mulch around plants.

Dickson warns against using the tree as firewood in the fireplace. "Dried-out twigs and needles burn violently," he said, "and at the very least, may cause a chimney fire."

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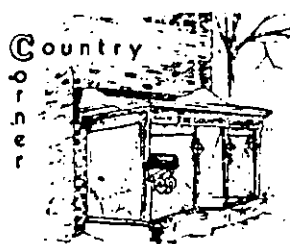
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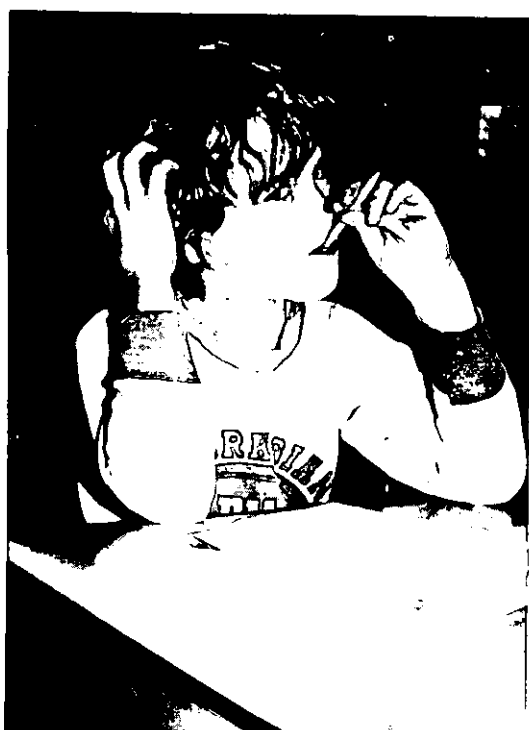
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## Creativity in grade 2: holiday recipes



**On the cover: Mrs. Bernadine Fisk and young admirers**

## Ryan

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It was gray and blustery outside in the schoolyard, but in the classroom there was a festive air as the second graders listened to their assignment. It was to write a recipe for the holiday. How to stuff a turkey. How to make a pie or a shortcake. In Mrs. Fisk's room at Hamagrael School there are always exciting things to do.

Michele chose cranberry pie. When she finished the list of ingredients — bags of cranberries, 3 apples, cup of cream, pumpkin, pizza, a cup of sour potato and a cup of salt, she wrote: "Put 2 bags of cranberries in the oven for 1,000 degrees. When they come out of the oven put candy on top." She forgot to say what to do with the pizza.

Hayley's recipe for cranberry shortcake called for "1 bag of cranberries, 1 cup of cream, 2 cups of sugar, 1 bag of flour, 1 teaspoon of food color, 1 orange peel. Put it in the oven for an hour. The oven will buzz when it is brown, and then put it in frig. Serves 8."

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mashed pumpkin pie said: "The pie will taste good with 8 cups of sugar and with 9 bags of cream. My pie will be good, serves 10."

For cranberry cake, Laura advised: "Mix so smoother over tep 200, Bake 20 minutes after baked cool for 10 or 20 minutes or so, after cool put your frosting on you can put any kind, serves 7."

Gina's list of ingredients for orange pudding included 2 teaspoons of sugar and 3 pounds of salt and 10 bags of pudding. "Get a bowl. Put the oranges in. Then put the sugar in. Put the salt in. Now the orange peel in. Now put the cinnamon in. Now put the bags of pudding in. Put it in the frig and then eat it."

A few days later a Spotlight photographer came to the classroom and afterwards Mrs. Fisk had a new assignment for the class: write a story about the Spotlight photographer coming to take pictures. There will be more exciting things to do when school opens again Monday.





Tom

Mark N  
My Cranberry Pie  
2 1/2 bags of cranberry  
2 cups of cream  
2 apples  
10 teaspoon of salt  
20 pieces candy  
50 tops of chocolate  
2 cups of water  
5 pounds of dough  
6 teaspoon of cinnamon

First put the cranberry  
in a bowl and put a top on  
the bowl and shake the  
bowl then put the apples  
in the bowl then put the  
cranberry and the apple  
in a pie dish then  
chocolate in the  
then put the salt  
pie dish then put the  
water in the pie dish

Maura



Jennifer Lytk

P.T. in water w/it

Stir in salt  
adding will  
Stir some  
Pudding will  
ever 6

amberly Falding  
cups pizzas  
bags cranberries  
up 3 1/2  
tangerines

Michelle  
2 bags of cranberries  
3 apples  
1 bag of pie  
1 cup of cream  
pumpkin  
pizza  
cup of sour potato on  
cup of salt

Put 2 bags of  
cranberry in the  
oven for 1000 degree  
when they come  
out of the  
oven put Candy  
top

Put up water with the  
apples  
Stir in salt  
Pudding will  
Stir a  
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# Financing retirement: the options

by Douglas R. Kallenberg  
State Bank of Albany

On Labor Day 1974 President Ford signed into law the Employees Retirement Income Security Act, commonly known as the Pension Reform Act. Financial managers and observers have called it "... the most sweeping overhaul of pension and employee benefits rules in history." Among the things created by the law is the Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The IRA is a new tax shelter for persons who have no other type of tax qualified pension. Basically, an individual may set aside up to 15% of earned income annually, with a ceiling of \$1,500. These amounts are then taken as a deduction from gross income on the person's federal income tax return.

Interest earned, dividends or capital gains on the funds are not reported as income, and



Douglas R. Kallenberg

so are also tax sheltered. While the funds will be taxed as ordinary income upon withdrawal this will usually be during retirement when the person will presumably be in a much lower tax bracket.

## Enter Keogh

There are restrictions and

complexities in the portion of the new law governing the Individual Retirement Account. For an outline of the major provisions, see the table on page 15.

About 34 million men and women are enrolled in private pension plans. Assets of these plans are 152.8 billion dollars. The tax sheltered status of the funds amount to a billion-dollar annual subsidy by American taxpayers.

Recognizing that private pension plans were not available to millions of Americans supplement Social Security, Congress in 1962 passed a law introduced by Eugene Keogh. This law provided a tax shelter for self-employed persons. It provided that 15% of self-employment income, up to a maximum of \$2,500, could be set aside for retirement pensions and a tax deduction taken for that amount. The Pension Reform Act among other things

increased the ceiling to \$7,500 annually.

The Pension Reform Act for the first time provides an additional tax shelter for an estimated 40 million Americans who were not covered by private pension plans and were not self-employed. There are four basic vehicles for the establishment of Individual Retirement Accounts.

## New U.S. bond

1. A special new government bond available in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500. These pay 6% per annum compounded semi-annually and the rate of interest is guaranteed until the bond is cashed. At the present time these are available only from Federal Reserve banks or branches or by direct contact with the Treasury Dept. in Washington.

An obvious advantage to the government retirement bond is that a rate of interest can be guaranteed. Almost any private plan would be unable to do this because of laws or simple good business practice.

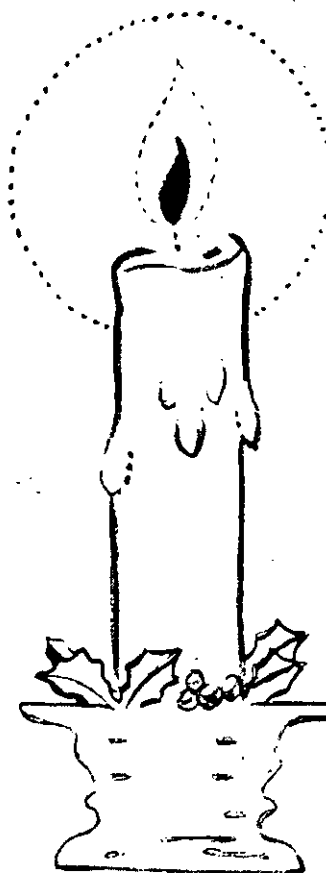
A key disadvantage is that the bond purchaser has to do all the paperwork and book-keeping. In addition the Federal Reserve does not have branches around the corner, and just getting the bond requires special effort.

## Deposit accounts

2. Deposit accounts at banks which can pay various rates of interest depending upon federal regulations and the length of time the customer wishes to leave the money on deposit. The obvious advantage here is a guaranteed return of principal and a rate of interest, which while subject to adjustment, will generally be a current and competitive rate based on money market conditions.

## Insurance annuity

3. Another vehicle for IRA's is the insurance company annuity. These take many forms but basically provide for periodic payments to the company until a certain date or age at which time the insurance company will begin periodic payouts to the annuity holder. The



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primary advantage of the annuity is that it can continue payments for life. A disadvantage for some persons is that certain fees and commissions are deducted from earnings on the fund.

#### Other plans

4. In this last category would be grouped all those plans offered by brokerage houses, mutual funds or others who would receive approval from the IRS for a prototype plan geared to investment in the stock or bond markets. In addition to the tax advantage it is possible in these plans to achieve significant capital gains. On the other hand the recent performance of the stock market has reminded some persons that losses may also be incurred.

Proposals are already being heard in government circles to liberalize the IRA to cover persons whose existing pension coverage is less beneficial than that for an IRA would provide. At present an individual is precluded from having an IRA if he has pension coverage of even a penny a year.

Secretary of the Treasury Simon and others have proposed that the annual ceiling for IRA's be increased. The probable trend will be to raise the ceiling to match that of the Keogh Plan which is presently \$7,500.

## IRA basics:

**Eligibility** — Anyone without tax qualified pension coverage, including the self-employed.

**Contributions** — 15% of earned income annually up to \$1,500.

**Tax Shelter** — Contributions are a tax deduction and earnings are not reported as income.

**Payouts** — Subject to a 10% tax penalty if before age 59½ — plus the amount prematurely taken is then taxable as ordinary income.

Payouts must begin by the year the person is 70½. Can be

in a lump sum or over the persons life expectancy.

**Penalties** — Overcontributions — 6% penalty. Late payouts — 50% penalty. Premature withdrawal penalty is waived in the event of death or disability.

#### BC speakers in sectionals

Three Bethlehem Central High School students are preparing for the sectional competition sponsored by Bi-Centennial Youth Debates after being named first-place winners in a recently held district contest. The students, and their winning categories are: Mark Sander, debating; Mark Netter, persuasive speaking; and Guy Molyneux, extemporaneous speaking.

More than 100 schools in eastern New York State will enter students in the sectional level of the BYD program.

In an earlier competition held at Albany High School, the team of Mark Sander and Guy Molyneux placed third in the Debating event and received a trophy for their school.

The three students are members of the American Issues Forum, a BCHS organization under the sponsorship of Mr. Thomas Collins, Social Studies Supervisor. The group meets weekly to engage in debating and speaking contests.

#### Advanced life saving

Anyone over 15 years of age who can swim 500 yards using the breaststroke, sidestroke, backstroke and front crawl — 125 yards of each — is eligible to join the advanced life saving course scheduled to begin on Jan. 7, at the Bethlehem Central High School swimming pool.

Peter Christopher, senior Red Cross certified instructor, said the rugged life saving course will run for 10 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. Interested swimmers can register by telephoning the Red Cross water safety unit, 462-7461, extension 57.

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Mr. and Mrs. William L. Childs, 4980 New Salem Rd., Voorheesville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Lacy Childs, to Gregory Mark Winn, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Gerald Winn, 30 Part-ridge Rd., Delmar.

Miss Childs is a candidate for January graduation at the

Clayton A. Bouton High School and has been accepted at West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing, Oak Park, Ill. Her fiancé graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attends Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

No wedding date has been set.

**Laura Roff to wed**

The engagement of Laura Jean Roff and Alex R. Verardi, both of Delmar, has been announced by the prospective bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roff, Elsmere Ave., Delmar.

Miss Roff is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by the Capitol Motor Inn. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Verardi, Royal Blvd., Delmar. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed at Latham Auto Body.

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Robert Longley in his Slingerlands studio

### Galleries recognize Slingerlands artist

A Slingerlands artist who won't be 25 until January has been accepted for exhibition at the National Academy of Design, New York City, and by the Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Robert Longley, 1623 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, and several other artists attracted the attention of connoisseurs in an exhibit at the Cape School Group show at Gallery Roberge, Provincetown, Mass., this past summer. He is one of a very few Albany area artists to be selected for the National Academy show, and the first to be chosen from this area in several years.

A graduate of Boston University in fine arts, Rob Longley has studied with Henry Hensche at the Cape School of Art, with Betty Warren at the Albany Institute of History and Art and at Malden Bridge School of Art, and with Richard Goetz at Malden Bridge.

He has exhibited at the Al-

tamont Art Show, Young Artists Show at the Albany Institute and the Kirkland Art Association Juried Show in Clinton, N.Y. He has also exhibited at the Legislative Office Bldg. in Albany and the Schuylerville Historical Association. He won first prizes at the Altamont, Schuylerville and Legislative Office Bldg. exhibits.

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cinnati has acquired several of his paintings from the Cape School show, and has pledged to accept a number of others as they are completed.

Robert Longley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Longley of Slingerlands. Mrs. Longley is well known in local art circles.

## Macbeth coming to playhouse

A fiery-haired Macbeth will lead the Slingerlands Community Players through this dark Shakespearean tragedy scheduled for production in early February. Red Sutton, a veteran area actor who has previously appeared in Players' productions "The Homecoming" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," will take the stage as Macbeth, with Eileen Schuyler, a newcomer to Slingerlands, as Lady Macbeth. Ms. Schuyler has previously appeared at the Cape Anne Playhouse in Massachusetts and the MIT Kresge Theatre.



Macbeth and his lady are portrayed by Red Sutton and Eileen Schuyler in the Slingerlands Community Players production of the Shakespearean tragedy.

Basing his concept of the script upon the conflict within the mind of Macbeth, director Phil Rice has formed the cast into an ensemble, with most performers playing two or three roles.

Familiar community theatre faces comprise much of the cast

of "Macbeth" — Richard Walsh, Michael Steese, Sydney Turner, Michael Lee Sharp, Lenny Brenkus, and Terry Moore. Special arrangements are being made for student performances and student group ticket rates. For information call 439-7373.

## Nordic ski workshop

A cross-country skiing workshop will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and also from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no charge for participation, however, persons wishing to attend must register in advance for one of the sessions by calling the center at 457-6096.

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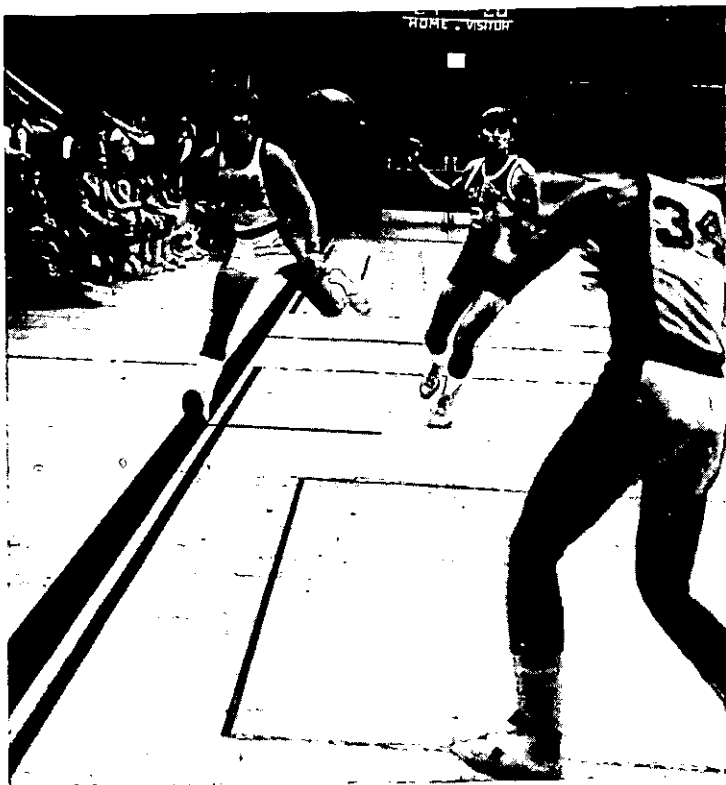
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Fast action (in vain) in BC's home basketball opener.

## A rough start for BC five

Although Bethlehem Central High School's varsity basketball team has been having its share of troubles so far this year, one player who has stood out in the early going has been Mark Groblewski, the Eagles' 5-11 guard.

Mark, the second shortest player on the team, has been working hard to get good shots, and this has paid off for him. He is averaging 14.8 points per game and has hit on 26 of his 55 field goal attempts for an excellent 47.3%. Despite his short stature, Groblewski also leads the team in rebounds.

"I concentrate on being a team player and helping out on defense, and this enables me to

get more rebounds. I've learned to control my style of play. I used to be more of a run-and-gun type player, but now I'm thinking more on the floor and being more sensitive with my shots," said Mark.

Bethlehem's 76-55 loss at Burnt Hills last week was the fourth in a row for a team that has yet to win. In that game BC's rebounding problem was again apparent as Burnt Hills won the battle of the boards, 46-32.

The Spartans also canned 53 percent of their shots, compared to Bethlehem's 38 percent. Pete Walsh's 12 points were high for the Eagles. *Bob Tate*

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### Democrats seated in New Scotland

Two Democrats were scheduled to take seats on the New Scotland town board on New Year's Day for the first time in 46 years.

Kenneth Tice, town Democratic chairman, and Charles Houghtaling, who upset incumbent Republicans in the November elections begin their terms this week. The Republicans, who have held all four seats and the supervisor's chair for nearly half a century, still hold the balance with three seats, including holdover supervisor Steve Wallace.

The board was scheduled to meet briefly for its traditional organization session on Jan. 1, transact routine business and adjourn early.

### Lane in Ravena

Assemblyman C.D. "Larry" Lane, one of this area's representatives in the Legislature, will be at the Coeyman's Town Hall, Ravena, at 8 p.m. Tuesday for another in his "Listen In" series of public pulse-taking.

Lane has been hoding public forums throughout his district since early fall. The object is to bring state government closer to the people, to assist constituents with problems and to gather suggestions for the 1976 legislative session.

### Classes at AJCC

Registration for winter adult classes is now in progress at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd. Registration ends Jan. 2. Classes start the week of Jan. 5.

Some new classes this winter are tap dance and jazz dance, parent-child design, fair fighting techniques for couples, puppetry workshop, career planning for women, indoor gardening and sculpture.

### Art meeting changed

The Bethlehem Art Association has changed the date of its next meeting. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. instead of the usual first Wednesday.

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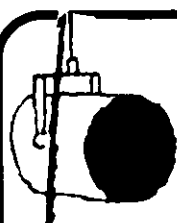
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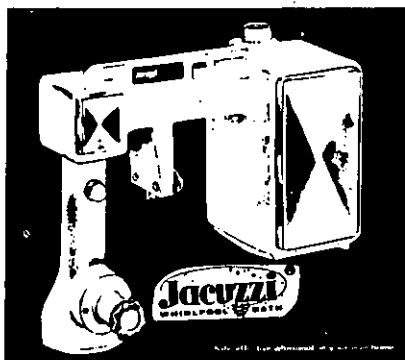
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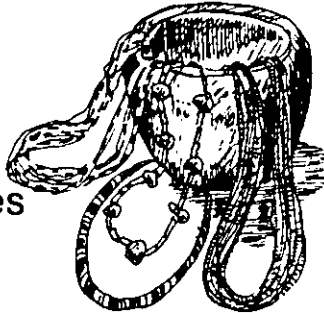


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