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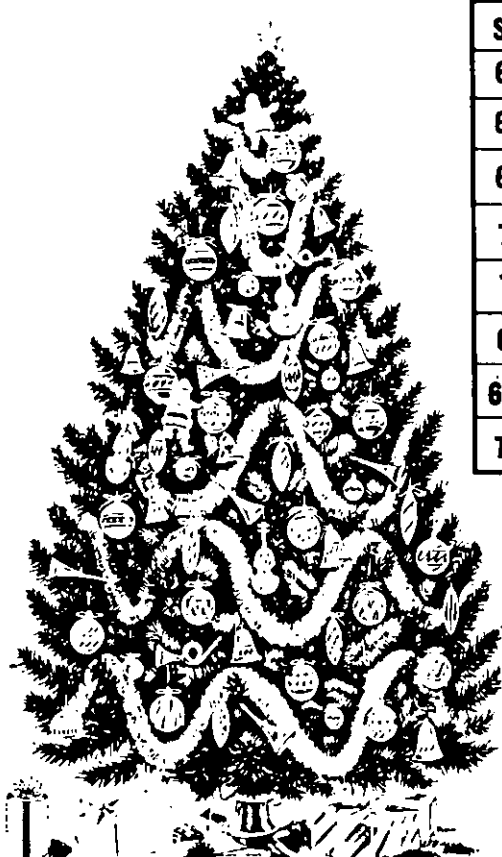
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Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

Monarch Club of Albany meets every Tuesday night at the Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:00 P.M.

Bethlehem B.P.O.E. 2233, first and third Wednesdays, 8 p.m. at the Lodge in Cedar Hill, Rt. 144. Ladies' Auxiliary second Wednesday.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service. School Year Schedule, Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30 P.M. Summer schedule, 8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Telephone 439-2238.

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, open daily during daylight hours. Exhibit room open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Glenmont Lions Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Info: Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

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.

League of Women Voters, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Bethlehem Library Information 439-5786.

Half Moon Button Club of Albany, third Wednesday noon of the month at Bethlehem Public Library. For information 872-0068.

Kiwanis Club of Delmar, Mondays at 6:15 at Center Inn, Glenmont.

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

The Delmar Community Orchestra rehearses every Monday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

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

Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, Sept.-June.

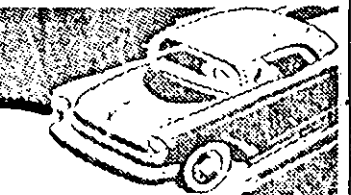
Rosary — St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, every Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

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

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

Sports Car Club of America, first Wed. of each month 8:00 p.m. at the Center Inn, Glenmont, Marie Corrin, 869-6948.

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

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, third Tuesday, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Give and Take Shop. Used clothing, Basement of St. Thomas Rectory. Monday 9:30-11 a.m.; Tuesday 1-3 p.m.; Saturday 10-12 a.m.

Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, Sept.-June, 8 p.m.

Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion, meets first Monday of each month, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8:30 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, second Tuesday of each month, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Game Night, Community Room, Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Pancake supper, sponsored by Sigma Kappa Delta fraternity of Voorheesville, at Neal's Diner, 39 Voorheesville Ave., 4-8 p.m. Tickets at door: \$2 adults, \$1 children under 10.

"Mount Holyoke in a Nutshell," at the Bethlehem Library. Film and discussion, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Public invited.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Movie: "Oklahoma," starring Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones, Rod Steiger, directed by Fred Zimmerman, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Drama group of the Delmar Progress Club, meets at the home of Mrs. Edward Howell, 8 p.m.

Closing Program of the town of Bethlehem Bicentennial Committee, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. Numerous guests, refreshments.

Annual meeting and slide talk on the Catskill fisher by Bruce Penrod, EnCon wildlife biologist, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m. Refreshments, public invited, no charge.



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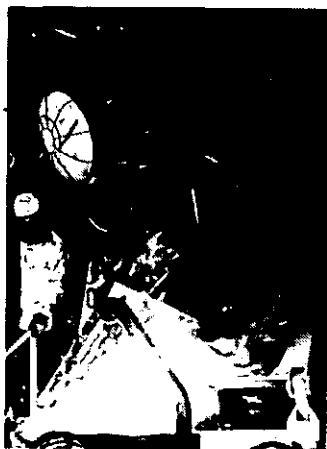
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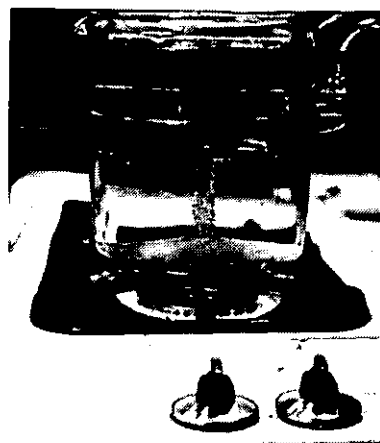
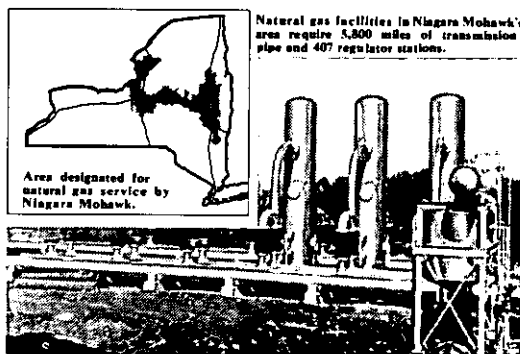
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Public hearing, Bethlehem Planning Board, on the application of Rosen-Michaels, Inc., for building project approval of Section No. 1 of Chadwick Square, a Planned Residential District located on the east side of Wemple Rd., immediately north of Beacon Rd., Glenmont. The proposal is for the construction of 61 townhouse units in the southerly portion of the parcel, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on the application of Dr. Robert Pike, 17 Morningside Dr., Delmar, for variance from Art. VII of the Town Zoning Ordinance. Dr. Pike has an office in his home, and wishes to have his father, also a doctor, practice in that same office although the father does not reside at the given address. Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Assn. meeting, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. Edwin Becker speaker.

Bethlehem Central Board of Education informational meeting, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m. A report will be made on the Middle School Evaluation conducted last year. Public invited.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club's annual Christmas dinner party. Normanside Country Club, entertainment by the Bethlehem Middle School Choir.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Game Night in the Board Room of the Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

Closing date for 10th annual Bethlehem Art Assoc. juried show currently at the Library.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Holiday Dinner, family style, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Becker's Corners.

Bethlehem Republican Committee 17th annual dinner, Thruway Hyatt House, hospitality 6 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Craft Fair sponsored by the Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club of the Town of New Scotland, Voorheesville Elementary School, Rt. 85-A, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Telephone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

- "Life With Father," Cohoes Music Hall, through Dec. 5. 237-1675.
- "Women in (and out of) Love," one-woman show by Suzannah Scher. State University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Dec. 10-11, 8:30 p.m. Box office 457-8606. Tickets \$3, \$2.
- "Willoughby Chase Murders," world premiere, local cast directed by Judy Swire, Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12, 8:30 p.m. 474-2332.
- "Never Too Late," comedy, presented by Theatrical Services Unlimited, dinner theater, Italian-American Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, Dec. 3-7. \$11 admission includes veal parmigiana dinner and wine, 7 p.m., show, tax and tip. 372-6888.

MUSIC

- Joint concert, State University symphony orchestra and university chorus. SUNYA Performing Arts Center, Dec. 7, 8:30 p.m. Free tickets at box office, by mail or phone. 457-8606.
- Robert Conant, internationally known harpsichordist, Siena College Campus Center Theater, Dec. 12, 4 p.m. 783-2431.

ART

- 10th annual juried show, Bethlehem Art Assn., Bethlehem Library, through Dec. 3.
- "Far Eastern Art in Upstate New York," Albany Institute of History & Art.

FILM

- Monday evening film series, "Bicycle Thief" (Italy, 1949) and "Forbidden Games" (France 1952), international award classics, Cohoes Music Hall, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. 237-1675.
- "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Sandy Dennis, Siena College Audiovisual Center, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. 783-2337.
- "Distant Thunder," (India), State University Recital Hall, Dec. 3-4, 8:30 p.m. 457-8608.

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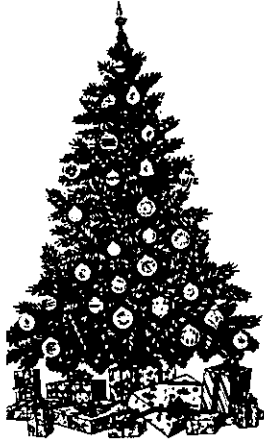
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Annexation: taxation without information

A New Scotland property owner seeking to have his land annexed by the village of Voorheesville will make another try following an adverse decision by both town and village boards.

The boards, each composed of five members, voted unanimously in concert to reject the annexation petition of Peter Baltis following an hour-long joint public hearing last week. The vote was greeted with applause by an audience of 75 residents at Voorheesville High School auditorium.

John Cholakis, an Albany attorney representing Baltis,

said he would file a revised petition that would show a more comprehensive and detailed plan for the commercial and residential development Baltis proposes for a 20-acre tract he owns at the junction of Rts. 85A and 155 just outside the village corporation line. Voorheesville Mayor William J. Wenzel, who chaired the joint hearing by both town and village boards, had suggested just such an approach when Baltis was unable to provide any specific information on how he intended to develop the site.

Board members and spectators who had read a Nov. 4 re-

port in the Spotlight quoting Baltis as saying he planned to use the land for 18 residential building lots were told by Cholakis that the prime use of the land would be for a commercial shopping center. Cholakis had little information and no details on the plans.

Most of the residents who spoke at the hearing voiced opposition to a commercial development, particularly homeowners on Apple Blossom Lane and Smith Lane, which abut the Baltis tract. "If the property is annexed," commented Diane Wight, 4 Apple Blossom Lane, "control (of its

land use) would then pass to the village and there would be nothing we who live next door could do about it."

Added Thomas E. Rezza, 16 Smith Lane: "If this property is commercially developed, it would butcher the hell out of Apple Blossom Lane."

Donald W. Smith, retired, of Maple Rd., told the board members that he would have no objection to a residential development on the tract, but declared that "now that I know there is a plan to develop a commercial enterprise on 85A, I am opposed to it."

Speakers at the hearing who opposed the project gave such reasons as drainage problems, negative impact on property values, traffic and safety for children, effect on the village water supply, esthetic values and local tax considerations. Baltis had previously declared his prime reason for seeking annexation was to connect his proposed development to the village water system.

Village property owners are exempt from certain town taxes but pay others in addition to village taxes. In general, they pay somewhat higher taxes than do town residents, but get more services, including a water system.

'Deck the halls' Dec. 7

The garden group of the Delmar Progress Club will decorate the Bethlehem Library for the holidays on Tuesday, Dec. 7, starting at 9 a.m. Members are asked to bring wire cutters, scissors and sandwich. Mrs. Robert Carr is chairman of the "Deck the Halls" project.



Bethlehem students visited Cobleskill Ag-Tech College recently and heard Prof. Todd Piller, professor of business, and other college officials. From left are Joanne Fiato, Linda Waidelich, Sue Young, Mary Lou Valentino, Kit Lambert, Kelly Catellier and Diane Tunney.

PLANNING BOARD

Glenmont housing hearing is set

Bethlehem planning board will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on plans by an Albany developer for a 61-unit townhouse development on the east side of Wemple Rd. north of Beacon Rd. in Glenmont.

Preliminary plans filed by Rosen-Michaels Inc. call for three to six units in each cluster of single-family dwellings. The proposed development is known as Chadwick Square, and has been designated Planned Residential District 8 by the board.

The board has granted final approval to the Equinox Construction Co. of Voorheesville to build a 36-unit apartment complex on the northeast corner of the Kenwood Ave.-Cherry Ave. Extension inter-

section in Slingerlands. The project has bounced around the planning board and zoning board for nearly a year. In the late stages the builder agreed to move the access road on Kenwood Ave. 40 feet to the west to comply with a state recommendation for traffic flow.

Insurance firm elects

Charles F. Nevins of Delmar, who joined Burt Anthony Life Associates earlier this year, has been elected vice president, according to an announcement by Burt Anthony, president of the firm and of C.B. Clarke Insurance, Delmar. Nevins, a graduate of Dartmouth College and a Navy veteran of the Korean War, is a member of the Blanchard Post, American Legion, and a coach of Bethlehem Pop Warner football. He and his wife, Muriel, and three children live at 10 Herber Ave.

ZONING

Parking lot plan denied by board

The Bethlehem board of appeals says a Delmar developer should design smaller buildings instead of increasing the size of a proposed parking area on land he owns near the Four Corners.

Norris MacFarland, owner of Delaware Plaza who plans a bank-restaurant-store development on Delaware Ave. opposite the Delmar postoffice, had applied for permission to extend the proposed parking lot in order to meet minimum parking requirements for the commercial complex. He needed the variance because the portion of his property abutting Adams Pl. lies within a residential zone.

In other actions the board granted a variance for a garage addition in Slingerlands and denied a garage application in Delmar. It approved the petition of Julia and Kurt Wagner, 103 Font Grove Rd., to construct a garage within seven feet of their sideyard property line, three feet under the legal minimum. There was no objection from neighbors.

Cynthia Drake of Delmar asked a variance to add garages to both sides of a duplex house she owns at 104 Poplar Dr. The proposal would violate the 16-foot sideyard minimum in that zone by 8 1/2 feet. The board rejected the petition and

said the garages could feasibly be located elsewhere on the property.

State to install By-pass stoplight

New York State will install a three-color traffic light at the intersection of Rts. 335 (Elsmere Ave.) and 32 (Delmar By-pass) at an early date, possibly in January.

The State Dept. of Transportation has received several requests from citizens and agencies to replace the present flashing signal with a three-color signal. Joseph W. Kelly, supervisor of regional traffic engineers, confirmed the department's decision in a letter to Lloyd (Bud) Wilson, director of parks and recreation for the town of Bethlehem.

Kelly said the department's surveys of accident reports and a traffic count confirmed the need for the new light. It will be a traffic-actuated signal with large lenses. The intersection is currently served by a blinker flashing yellow to By-pass traffic and red to Elsmere Ave., which requires a double-stop for Elsmere Ave. cross-traffic.

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce traffic committee recently requested a synchronized three-color signal with a tripping device, the same type selected by the department.

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campus. He reports directly to John N. Acquilano, center director. Both are with the Singer Company's Education Division, the center's administrative contractor.

Corbin comes here from the Breckinridge, Ky., Job Corps Center, where he was administrator of health services for Singer. He is single and a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College at Owensboro, where he earned a BA degree in history and business administration. He received his masters degree in school administration from Murray State University at Murray, Ky., in 1970.

He joined the Breckinridge staff in 1965 shortly after the center opened and moved progressively in the educational part of the program to become administrator of the center's 43-bed hospital. His administrative responsibilities there included providing medical, dental and optometric services for a student body of 2,300.

Aide begins duties at Job Corps

Forest M. Corbin, a Kentucky native whose appointment as director of administration at the New York Job Corps Center at Glenmont was announced in the Nov. 11 issue of the Spotlight, has assumed his new duties at the former Our Lady of Angels seminary

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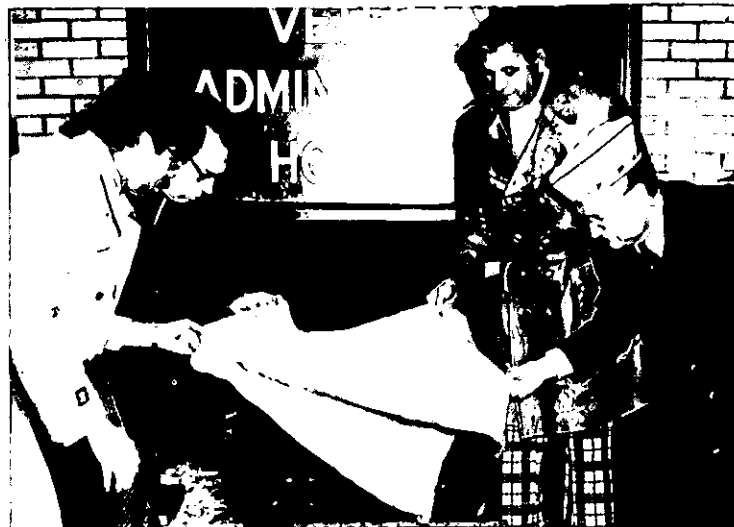
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Progress Club tea

Delmar Progress Club will honor new members at a holiday tea Dec. 6 from 1-4 p.m. at First United Church of Delmar. The program will feature "harp and verse" presented by

Corky Christman of Duaneburg, Schenectady harp instructor and well known harpist with local orchestras and groups. Mrs. Lewis Welch is social chairman and Mrs. Lyle Schoenthal program chairman.

A Christmas appreciation

When the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Dept. meet for their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 9, the firemen will be on duty — in the kitchen and serving the meal. The dinner will be at the fire hall at 7 p.m., preceded by cocktails at 6:30.

GOP dinner planned

Bethlehem Republican Committee will hold its 17th annual dinner on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Thruway Hyatt House. Serving will follow a hospitality hour starting at 6 p.m. Bernard Kaplowitz is president of the committee.

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FISH volunteers have busy year

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At the annual meeting last week, FISH counted 55 telephone volunteers and 107 drivers on both daytime and night "shifts," 47 cooks and 15 babysitters available for emergency duty. Even at that, the organization is seeking additional telephone and driving volunteers to handle the calls. "They get little publicity," said Ann Patchen of Delmar, a member of the board of directors. "We are viable, but not too visible." She also noted that the Guilderland - Voorheesville chapter had to dissolve this fall.

Officers elected at the meeting were Polly Mathusa, president; Joanna Conway, vice president; Theresa Dexter, treasurer, and Carolyn Parker, treasurer. Board members are Ann Marie Dullea, outgoing president, Elaine Palmer, Rossanna Zinn, Ann Patchen, Marjorie Eilertson, Alfred Meyer, J. Peter Walsh and Shirley Morrison.

Craft fair planned

Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club of the town of New Scotland will sponsor a Heritage Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Voorheesville Elementary School. The fair is free to the public and will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booths are available for \$5. Only original work of exhibiting craftsmen will be accepted. For information call Mrs. Ruth Briggs, 16 North Grandview Terr., Voorheesville, 765-3117 after 5 p.m., or inquire at Central Savings & Loan, Voorheesville branch, during office hours.

2 schoolhouses changing hands

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk board of education has taken actions involving two school buildings no longer used by the district administration.

Board members last week approved the lease of the former Feura Bush school to the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Center for the balance of the school year. The center, which works with handicapped youngsters, currently has no building for its program.

The board also set a deadline of Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. for opening sealed bids for the purchase of the South Bethlehem schoolhouse. The minimum bid was set at \$45,000. The board also specified that if the use of the building by the purchaser required approval of the Bethlehem board of appeals, the buyer will have 45 days from the date of the bid acceptance to obtain clearance from the zoning board.

Stratton to speak

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton will give a slide talk on his recent trip to China at the Retired Men's Fraternity luncheon Dec. 2 at the Holiday Inn, Rt. 5, Albany.

5 Rivers plans annual meeting

Bruce Penrod, wildlife biologist with the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation, will present an illustrated talk on a project to restore the fisher to the Catskills at the annual meeting of Five Rivers Limited at 8 p.m. Tuesday. The public is invited to the program at the Five Rivers environmental education center on Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

The fisher is one of the few predators that kills and eats porcupines. It was eliminated from the Catskills in the 19th century, and EnCon is sponsoring a program to bring it back to the area.

The program is free and refreshments will be served. There will be a brief report on the year's progress at the center, and election of officers. For information call 437-6096.

Choir entertains club

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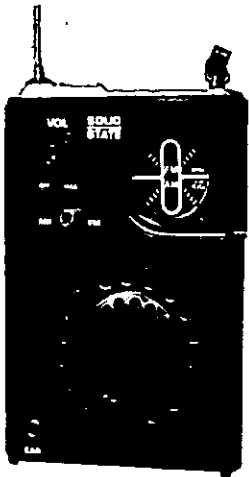
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For the first time in 22 Christmas seasons, some Delaware Plaza stores will open their doors for Sunday shopping. Of 20 retail establishments at the Elsmere shopping center, 14 will observe Sunday hours between noon and 5 p.m. for four weeks starting this Sunday.

Ken Schenkel of Paul Mitchell's men's store, president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn., said association members felt the move was necessary to combat increasingly aggressive competition from larger shopping centers in the area where stores are open Sundays. Said Schenkel: "This gives Bethlehem shoppers an opportunity to do their shopping right here in the home community and not have to travel to shop. It is especially convenient for women shoppers who can go nearby for an hour or two while their husbands are watching the pro football games on TV."

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Dick Matarrese, a managing partner at The Paper Mill, said he started observing Sunday hours three weeks ago. "It has been very successful," he said. "We took the step to maintain what we feel is our share of the market."

A year ago a clothing store chain operation, Peter Harris Clothes, shattered a local tradition by challenging the so-called "blue laws" prohibiting Sunday commerce. Peter Elitzer, president of the Harris firm, opened his Delmar store for five hours on the five Sundays before Christmas. Town of Bethlehem officials and police took no action at the time, primarily because no formal citizen complaint was received. Last summer the State Supreme Court overturned the "blue" laws by declaring them unconstitutional. Elitzer opened his Delmar store last Sun-

day and plans to continue Sunday hours until Christmas.

Bethlehem town officials and a number of local residents have expressed strong opposition to Sunday commerce, but the court ruling has left them without legal recourse.

Scouts on alleys

Sporthaven Lanes in Delmar will be one of 20 Capital District bowling establishments to donate alleys and services for a three-county Boy Scout bowl-a-thon Friday morning. Co-operating establishments will donate two games plus the use of bowling shoes to each participant. Each Scout will secure three cents or more for each pin knocked down. Proceeds will go to the Governor Clinton Council for its work with area youth. Special recognitions will be accorded the boys who are top dollar earners.

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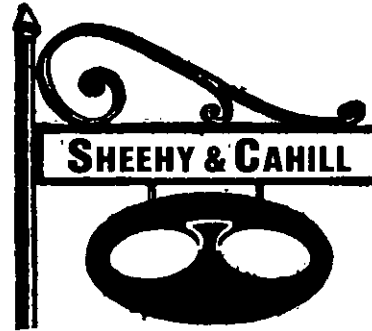
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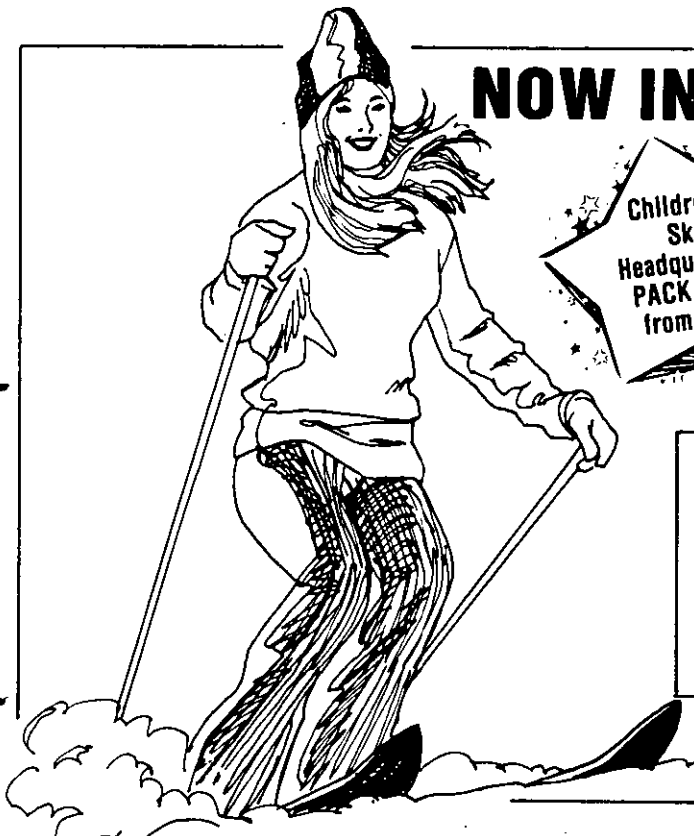
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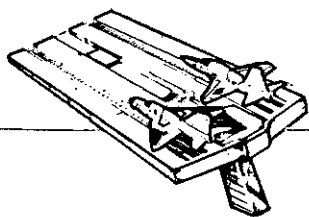
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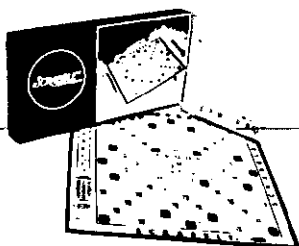
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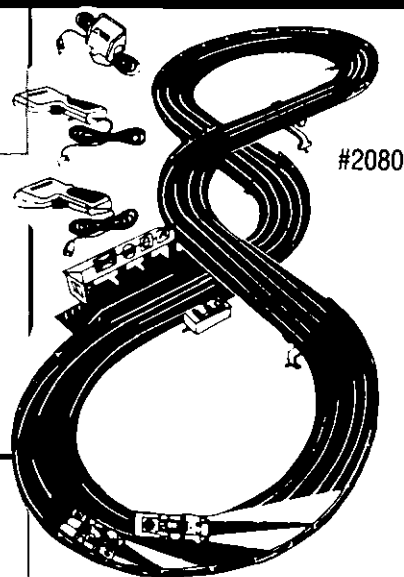


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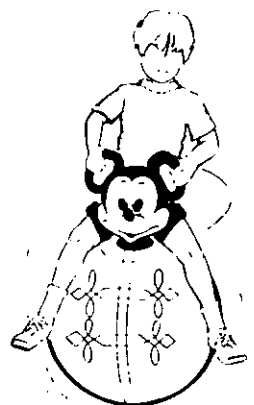
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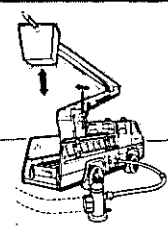
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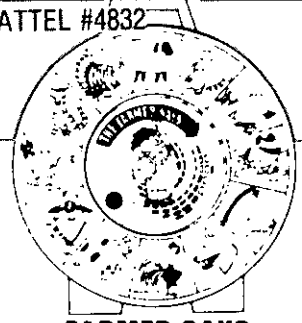


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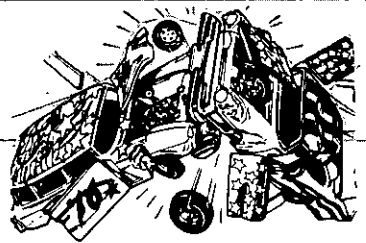
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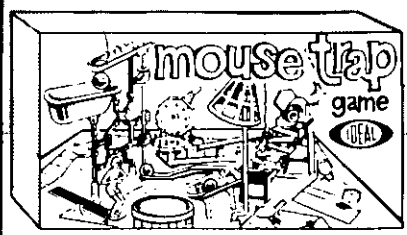


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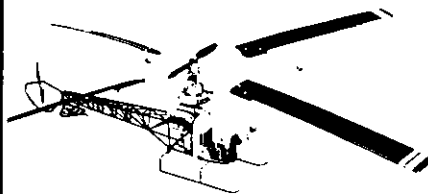
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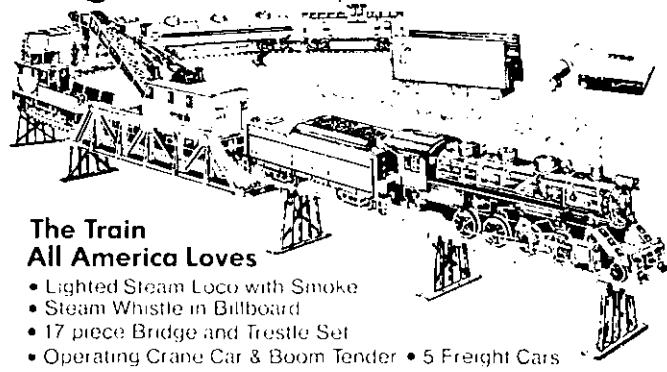
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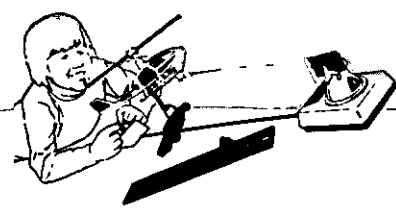
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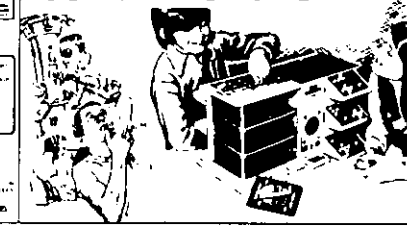
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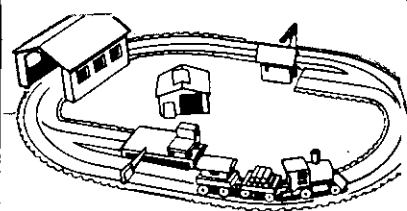
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Musicians in concert

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Delmar educator heads SUNYA unit

Dr. Harry L. Hamilton of Delmar has been named chairman of the Department of Atmospheric Science at State University of New York at Albany. Dr. Hamilton has been at the university since 1965 and as chairman will lead a department with one of the largest graduate programs at SUNYA.

A specialist in micrometeorology, the study of mass and energy exchanges near the earth's surface, he is currently conducting research on the energy availability in the wind at various locations in New York. He also teaches graduate and undergraduate meteorology courses. Dr. Hamilton returned to SUNYA last year from a leave of absence spent as a specialist on atmospheric problems for the General Electric Company in Schenectady.

Piano recital held

Three students of Renato Rolando, Delmar piano teacher, participated in a recital sponsored by the Albany Music Teachers Assn. recently at the Women's Club, Albany. They were Bruce Foster and Kevin Hendrick of Delmar and Jeanine Krzanowski of Cedar Hill.

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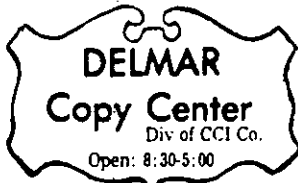
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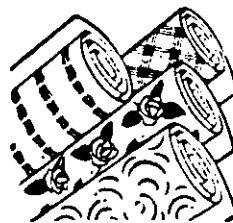
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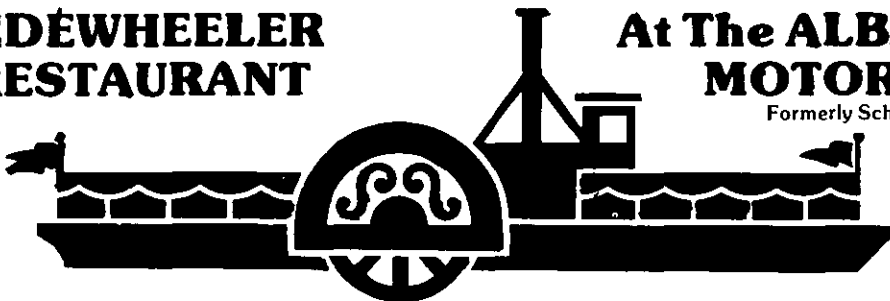
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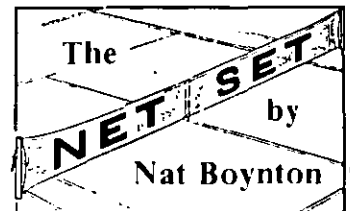
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With a gallery of some 120 watching through the glass upstairs and downstairs, Inderjit Singh of Schenectady and Louise Halle of Clifton Park swept all four finals of Sanford Lavine's \$2,200 invitational. Singh, a 36-year-old GE engineer, won the men's singles and men's doubles (with Barry Negri). Halle, a 28-year-old housewife-tennis teacher, won the women's singles, and the moment you saw Singh-Halle on the mixed doubles draw-sheet you could kiss that one goodbye.

Seldom has a tournament attracted so much local interest, and seldom have so many exciting matches been played, especially as the tourney got into the cash-dollar stage. The only exceptions were when Singh and Halle

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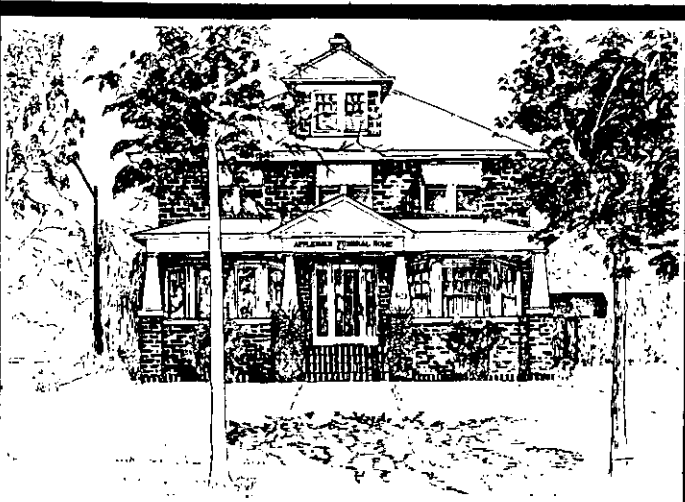
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went to work. They merely overpowered everything in their paths. Singh played 14 sets overall, Halle eight, and neither lost a set. Halle dispatched Sue Romeo, 15-year-old Albany County singles champion, 6-0, 6-0, in the quarterfinals and Anna Means, an experienced tournament player from Niskayuna, 6-0, 6-0 in the semis.

In the final she had a little more difficulty with Diet Lussenberg, the 18-year-old Ravenna exchange student from Holland who had upset top-seeded Bobbi Steger of Elsmere in a three-set semifinal struggle. Diet went on the attack and stung Louise time and again with whiplash forehands to the corners, but she also missed too many lines and couldn't cope with Louise's great retrieving and steadiness. Halle, who teaches at Capitaland Tennis Club in Guilderland, is tentatively ranked No. 10 in the East in women's singles. This gifted athlete also was ranked third in the U.S. in the javelin before she suffered an injury and took up tennis.

Dick Balsam and Walter Gould, two of Delmar's tennis stalwarts, directed the tourney and distributed Lavine's autograph on checks. Singh collected \$500 and Halle \$375, the runners-up \$100 each, and so on. It was such a success that there is certain to be a repeat next year.

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Other squares on the quilt depict Washington Park, State University campus, Rt. 787 interchange on the riverfront, the Pine Bush, lower State St., the South Mall, Albany's "center square" section and the Quack-enbush Sq. area.

Among the colorful details in the quilt are such touches as the Karner Blue butterfly in the Pine Bush panel, triple parking on State St., highway and Thruway markers on I-787, Volkswagens in the D&H yards at the Port of Albany, a flag that flies free from the embroidered square of the State Education building, and a Freihofer horse-and-wagon at "center square."

Barbara Boynton of Slingerlands has been the project's coordinator and has drawn and designed most of the squares. The applique work, including occasional embroidery and

creative stitchery, has been done on the individual squares by the church women. In the Slingerlands contingent are Lillian Shultz, Eleanor Adams, Lillian Longley, Sally Brownell, Melissa Palmer, Jean Joel, Florence Harris and Connie Van Heuven. Other contributors include Barbara Welt of Delmar and Elizabeth Ralph, a former Delmar resident now living in Albany, and Eleanor Moore of Coeymans.

The quilt will be exhibited for the first time at the St. Peter's Church Christmas Fair at 107 State St., Albany, next Thursday, starting at 10 a.m. A spokesman for the church said it will be on display at various locations until Jan. 15. It will be sold by special arrangement through the church after that date.

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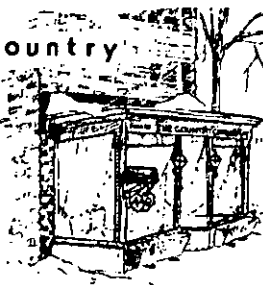
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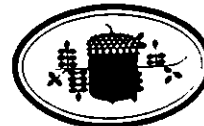
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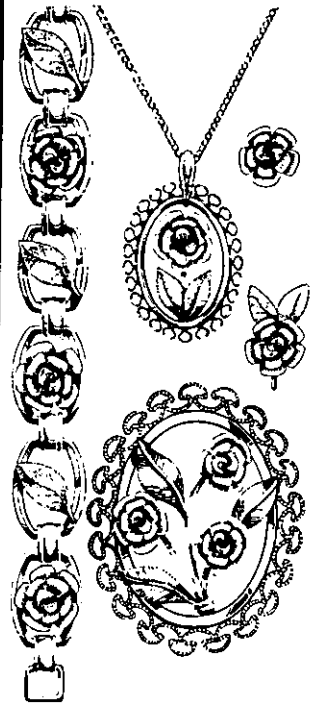
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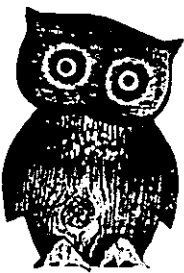


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Miss Andrea Easton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jane Breslin, Linda Evans and Cathy Doyle. David McNeil was best man for his brother. Ushers were James Doyle, Paul Hatton and John Field.

The bride is a graduate of Colby College, Waterville, Me. Her husband, a graduate of Colby College and Wesleyan University, is attending

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A reception followed the ceremony at the Americana Inn. The couple is residing in Arlington, Va.



Mr. and Mrs. John R. Crabtree

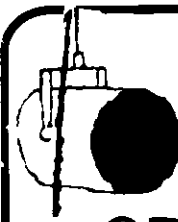
Delmar man takes bride

Miss Catherine Lee Bicknell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison C. Bicknell Jr. of Saratoga Dr., Scotia, and John Reese Crabtree, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Crabtree of 67 Lansing Dr., Delmar, were married Aug. 28 in the First Reformed Church of Scotia. Rev. Harold Schut officiated.

Escorted by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth A. Bicknell, as maid of honor, and Mrs. Catherine D. Andreen as matron of honor. Robert W. Morrow served as best man. Ushers were Harrison C. Bicknell III, brother of the bride, and Alan H. Crabtree, brother of the groom.

A reception was held at the Woodlin Club in Scotia, after which the couple left for a honeymoon in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. Crabtree received her BA degree in history from the College of Wooster and her permanent teaching certificate from Colgate University. She is a personnel assistant at the Carl Co. Mr. Crabtree, an alumnus of the College of Wooster, is a student in the electrical technology program at Schenectady County Community College.



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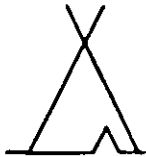
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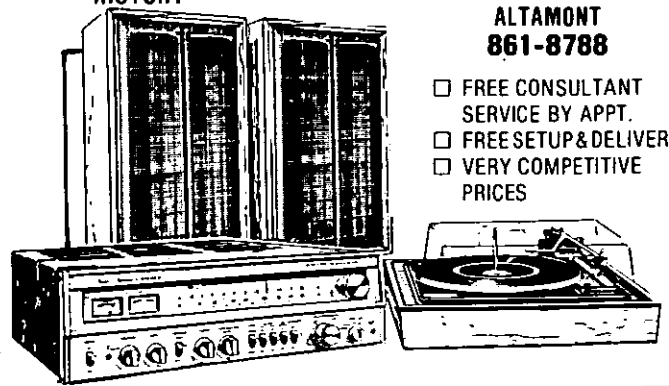
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