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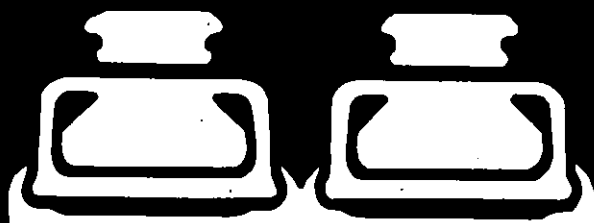


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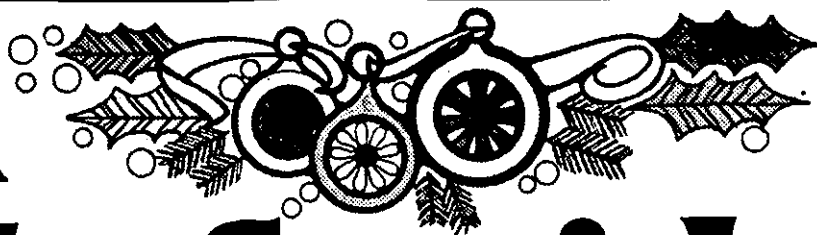
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**Monarch Club** of Albany meets every Tuesday night at the Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:00 P.M.

**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.

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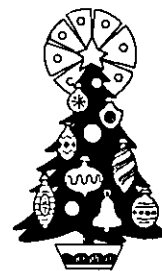
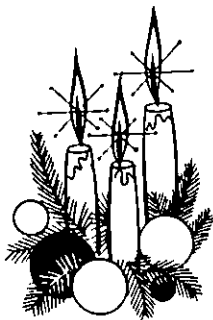
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**Glenmont Homemakers** meet third Wednesday of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 p.m.

**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 Monday, 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.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

**General Membership meeting**, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Albany Motor Inn, Rte. 9-W, Glenmont, 12 noon.

**Bethlehem Middle School Winter Music Festival**, Part II, School Auditorium, 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Round and Square Dance** with the Tune Weavers, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Beckers Corners, 9-1.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

**Christmas Party**, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Beckers Corners, 7:30 p.m. Bring gift of \$1 value for grab bag.

"**Legend of the Lone Ranger**," the original story, Bethlehem Library, 10:30 a.m.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

**Annual Christmas Concert**, Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

**Christmas Party** for Bethlehem senior citizens given by Kiwanis Club and wives, Center Inn, Glenmont.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter**, AARP, Christmas luncheon, Albany Country Club, 12 noon. Car poolers meet at town parking lot, Kenwood Ave.

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic**, Coffee House, Adams St., Delmar, 11:30 a.m., 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 7-9 p.m.

**Blanchard Post American Legion**, Christmas Dinner. Post Rooms, 7:30 p.m., cocktails 6:30 p.m. Bring gifts for grab bag.

**Slingerlands School Choir Concert**, school auditorium, 7:45 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

**Public Hearing**, Bethlehem town board, to consider amending traffic ordinance to include a section to cover snow seasonal parking on all town streets and highways from Nov. 1 to April 15, town hall, 8 p.m.

**Public hearing**, Bethlehem town board, to consider repeal of state law permitting up to 50 percent real estate tax exemptions for new businesses and existing businesses making improvements or expansions, town hall, 8:15 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

**The Bethlehem Library** will close at 5 p.m., and re-open on Monday.

**Bethlehem town hall** will be closed all day.

# 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

"**Babes in Arms**," revival of Rodgers-Hart 1937 musical, Cohoes Music Hall, Tuesdays through Sundays, 8:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 3 p.m. through Jan. 2. Box office 237-7700.

"**The Nutcracker**," ballet spectacular featuring two principal dancers from the New York City Ballet with members of Ballet North and the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Palace Theater, Dec. 19, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets \$6, \$4.50, \$3.50 by mail from Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany 12207, or box office Monday through Saturday, 10-4. 465-4755.

#### MUSIC

**Mendelssohn Club**, traditional Christmas concert featuring male chorus and guest groups, 45-voice Troy Musical Arts Women's chorus and 15 boy choristers from the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, at Chancellor's Hall, Albany, Dec. 17, 8:30 p.m. Tickets 436-9849 or at door.

#### ART

Exhibition, paintings and drawings by Albert Handell, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Feb. 6.

#### FILM

"**It Happened One Night**," 1934 classic starring Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable, and "**Our Daily Bread**," 1934 depression-era film directed by King Vidor, Cohoes Music Hall, Dec. 20. Tickets \$2, senior citizens \$1. Box office 237-7700.

"**Captain Sinbad**," Albany Public Library Family Film Series, Pine Hills branch, 1000 Madison Ave., Dec. 17, and Harmanus Bleecker Library, 19 Dove St., Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Free.

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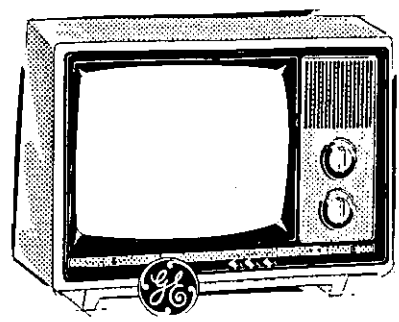
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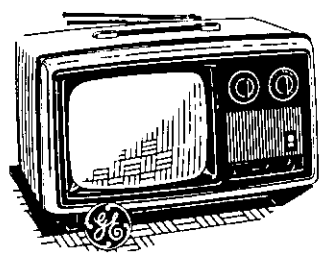
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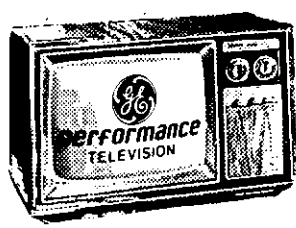
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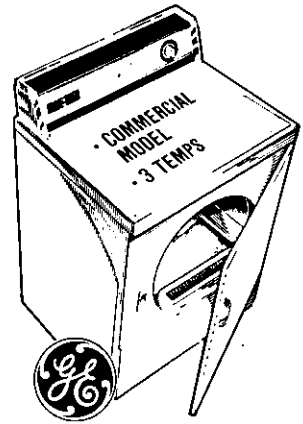


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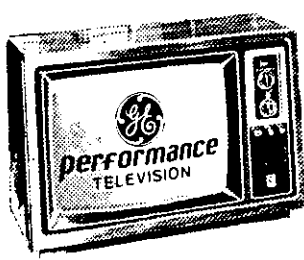


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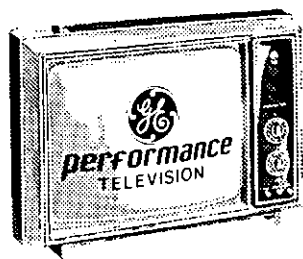
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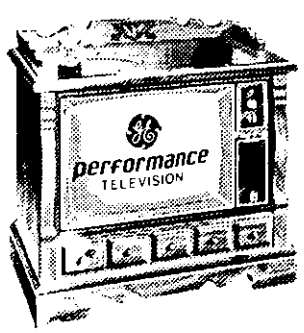
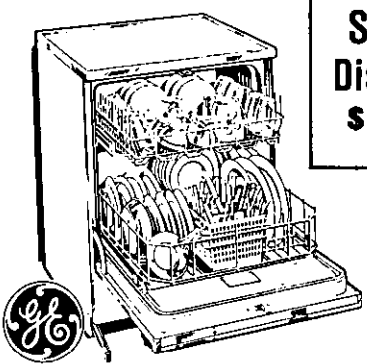
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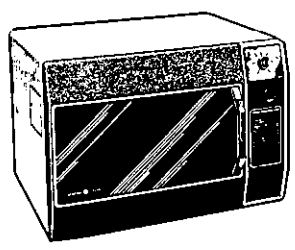
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## ASSESSMENT GIMMICK

# Bethlehem not so sure of business lure

In its desperate attempts to stem the exodus of industries from New York State and to encourage businesses to locate and expand in the state, the Legislature has designed a new law offering cuts in property taxes as an incentive to corporations large and small.

The new provisions, signed last week by Gov. Hugh L. Carey, authorizes local governments to reduce real estate taxes by as much as 50 percent for new businesses and for expansions and physical im-

provements of existing businesses. For New York City's five boroughs the cuts can be up to 95 percent.

The laws are effective immediately and can be applied retroactively to construction projects begun since last Jan. 1.

But the ploy of luring new firms by trimming taxes has not been welcomed behind the pillared facade of Bethlehem's town hall. Gilbert Houck of Selkirk, chairman of the board of assessors, has recommended repeal of the law locally on the

basis that it discriminates "against the fellow who was in business here last year."

The law gives the town the right to authorize a 50-percent tax exemption the first year and reduce the exemption by 5 percent a year for 10 years. The business involved must meet the requirements of being new or expanding, and must have an assessed valuation in excess of \$10,000.

If the town board fails to repeal the law, it will be mandatory for the town to approve

any application that qualifies for the exemptions.

Last week the board scheduled a public hearing on Houck's repeal recommendation. The hearing, set for 8:15 p.m. next Wednesday (Dec. 22), is almost certain to attract a crowd. Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce members are expected to discuss the matter at their monthly meeting today (Thursday) and will consider taking a stand on the issue.



Andrew L. Jones

Mary Pat Weller was one of several Clarksville girl scouts raffling a special Christmas tree at the Plaza Saturday.

## ELSMERE

# Sunday shopping a mixed blessing

Delaware Plaza's first experiment with Sunday store hours has been a modest commercial success but from the standpoint of store personnel something less than that.

Most of the owners and managers of stores that have opened for Sunday afternoon shoppers feel they were forced into the innovation by the aggressiveness of the area's giant shopping malls. "It's our only protection against that kind of competition," said one merchant. "We want to offer our local shoppers an opportunity to stay in their own community if they want to shop on Sunday."

But they insist they will do the Sunday bit only for the Christmas season and at no other time of year.

Observed Jack Miorin, a partner in Record Town at the Plaza: "Sunday business hasn't

been bad, probably as good as any weekday squeezed into five hours. For me there's no additional overhead, but I would only do it in the month of December."

Ken Schenkel, owner of Paul Mitchell's men's wear store and president of the Delaware Plaza Merchant's Assn., said his business was "quiet the first week, very good the second, and we expect good volume this week." But Schenkel said he would definitely not open Sunday "for any other holiday but Christmas."

George George, owner of the Plaza Pharmacy, has kept his store open Sunday afternoons for the first time. He regularly is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to serve the usual Sunday pharmacy and Sunday newspaper trade, but this month has extended his hours to 5 p.m. "I'd say the extra business has been

satisfactory, primarily because with the other stores open there is enough extra traffic to make it worth while."

When the question of Sunday openings came up at the November meeting of the merchant's association, the vote was split. A number of stores, particularly single-store family-owned businesses, have remained closed Sundays. "We need the day off," said one merchant. "It's all right for the chains, but not for our small staff," said another. "I don't believe in Sunday business," said a third.

One Plaza store manager observed that his Sunday business had been "fair, but we have reason to believe we're still doing six days business stretched over seven days."

Adds Jack Miorin: "It's like a ball game. Someone stands up and everybody else has to stand up to see what's going on."

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### 393 DELAWARE 3 retirements at town hall

Three new faces will replace three familiar faces at Bethlehem town hall on Jan. 3. The changes are occasioned by the retirements of three members of the town government's staff. Retiring as of Dec. 31 are Kathleen Becker, secretary of the board of appeals; Catherine Mosmen, secretary of the planning board, and Elizabeth Wiley, a member of the Water Dept. office staff.

Kay Becker worked for the Delaware & Hudson for 29 years and took her present job on a part-time basis four years ago. It is now a full-time job. She was born and raised in Lansingburgh and came to Delmar 21 years ago. Her husband, Chester J. Becker, retired several years ago as manager of personnel and labor relations for the D&H.

Kay Mosmen came to Delmar from her native Middle Granville in 1938 and took a job with the state. She started

working for the town of Bethlehem in 1953 and served in several capacities on a part-time basis. Her assignment with the planning board started in 1958 when the board was empowered to approve housing subdivision plats, and several years later grew into a full-time job. Her husband, Arnold, is a general contractor. She has a son, Arnold Jr. of Delmar, and two grandchildren.

Betty Wiley came to Delmar in 1966 after 12 years in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and took a full-time job with the Water Dept. She plans to stay in Delmar: "I like this town," she said last week.



Spotlight photo  
Elizabeth Wiley



Spotlight photo  
Retirees Kay Mosmen, left, and Kay Becker in town hall

### A busy season in grade schools

The five grade schools in the Bethlehem district are making their special efforts for the holiday season musical ones.

Clarksville grade school has sponsored a canned food drive to help make this the merriest Christmas for area families. Two bake sales have been planned to raise money to buy additional food. Their music program features a special treat as the third grade class acts out "Twas the Night Before Christmas" while the fourth and fifth graders sing the words.

Along with class parties, the Slingerlands school choir will be busy as they entertain two days in a row. The evening program on Dec. 21 will be fol-

lowed the next day by a song-fest in which the entire school will be singing familiar carols.

The Glenmont school's music program includes students playing instruments, as well as the choral selections. A Christmas tree has been set up and the students are making ornaments for it.

Hamagrael students are enjoying a tree that was set up in the lobby of the school. Holiday activities at the school are centering around a Mexican theme. Like the other schools, their music program will be presented twice.

The Elsmere grade school is in the middle of a canned food drive that has received outstanding support in the past. The choir will present an evening concert and a

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school-time concert for classmates.

Individual classes throughout the district have been busy

writing about the holiday season and making decorations and presents to pass the time as they wait for the 25th.

ial card is not interchangeable with other senior citizen ID cards, and she stressed that the card must be presented to receive the discount.

Countywide over 8,000 seniors are in the program. A senior citizen desiring a discount card can have a picture taken 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily at the department's office, 600 Broadway. Pictures will again be taken locally on a date to be announced.

For a photo session in Delmar last month, the Spotlight was misinformed that the cards were available free, and regrets inconvenience caused when people arrived at the coffeehouse and were told of the fee. There is a \$2 charge to cover the expense of printing the cards and directories.

An updated directory of stores, garages, restaurants, etc. offering discounts will be available in February. It is expected that there will be 500 to 700 listings. Merchants are urged to call 445-7511 and offer discounts to senior citizens.

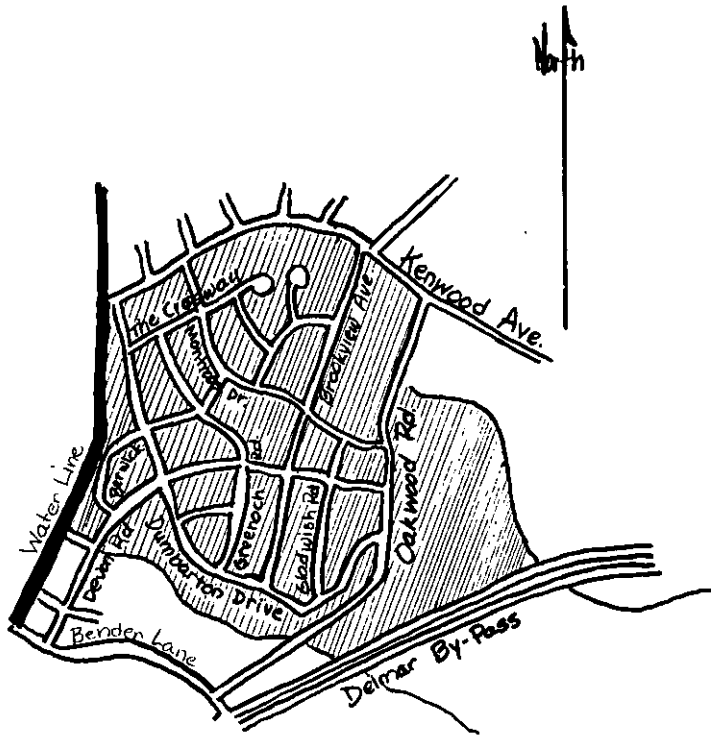
## GLENMONT Planners delay subdivision action

A few more details remain to be resolved before the Bethlehem planning board can grant final approval to plans for the 35-lot Glen Manor subdivision proposed for a 10.5 acre tract in Glenmont.

But the board is expected to wrap up those details at next Tuesday's regular session in town hall. Last week the board extended the approval deadline two weeks in order to work out solutions to several drainage problems in conjunction with state engineers.

The project is located on the south side of Feura Bush Rd. west of the intersection with Rt. 9W and adjacent to the Bicentennial Woods development. A. T. Zautner and Son Inc. is the developer.

No objections to the project were raised at a public hearing on the project in late October. The area is zoned Residential Single-A.



## KENHOLM Planners to air Delmar upzoning

A petition by a group of Kenholm Gardens homeowners to rezone their neighborhood from Residential Single-A to Residential Double-A will be the subject of a public information meeting in town hall next month.

The Bethlehem planning board has scheduled an open session for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 to sound out the reactions of residents of the area on the proposal to up-grade the zoning classification.

"The meeting will be informational only," said board chairman William R. Weber. "No action will be taken until we have studied all aspects of the request." He also noted that the procedure for a zone change requires a public hearing — and action — by the town board.

Residential A zone requirements include a minimum of

8,500 square feet for a single-family dwelling and 14,500 square feet for a duplex unit. Residential AA requires a minimum of 10,500 square feet per lot and is restricted to one-family dwellings.

Approximate boundaries of the area in question are Kenwood Ave., the water line, Bender Lane and Oakwood Rd.

## Discount cards given to seniors

Approximately 300 Bethlehem residents are registered with the discount program sponsored by the Albany County Dept. for Aging. Photos were taken at the Adams St. Coffeehouse recently for the picture ID cards. Cardholders receive discounts of up to 50 percent from over 300 area merchants.

Karen Sullivan of the Dept. for Aging, said that this spec-



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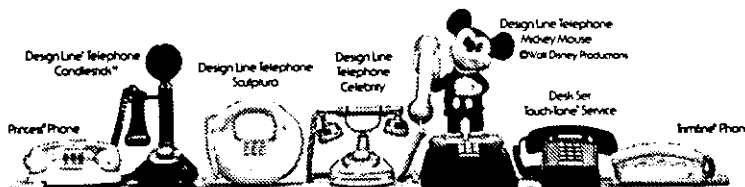
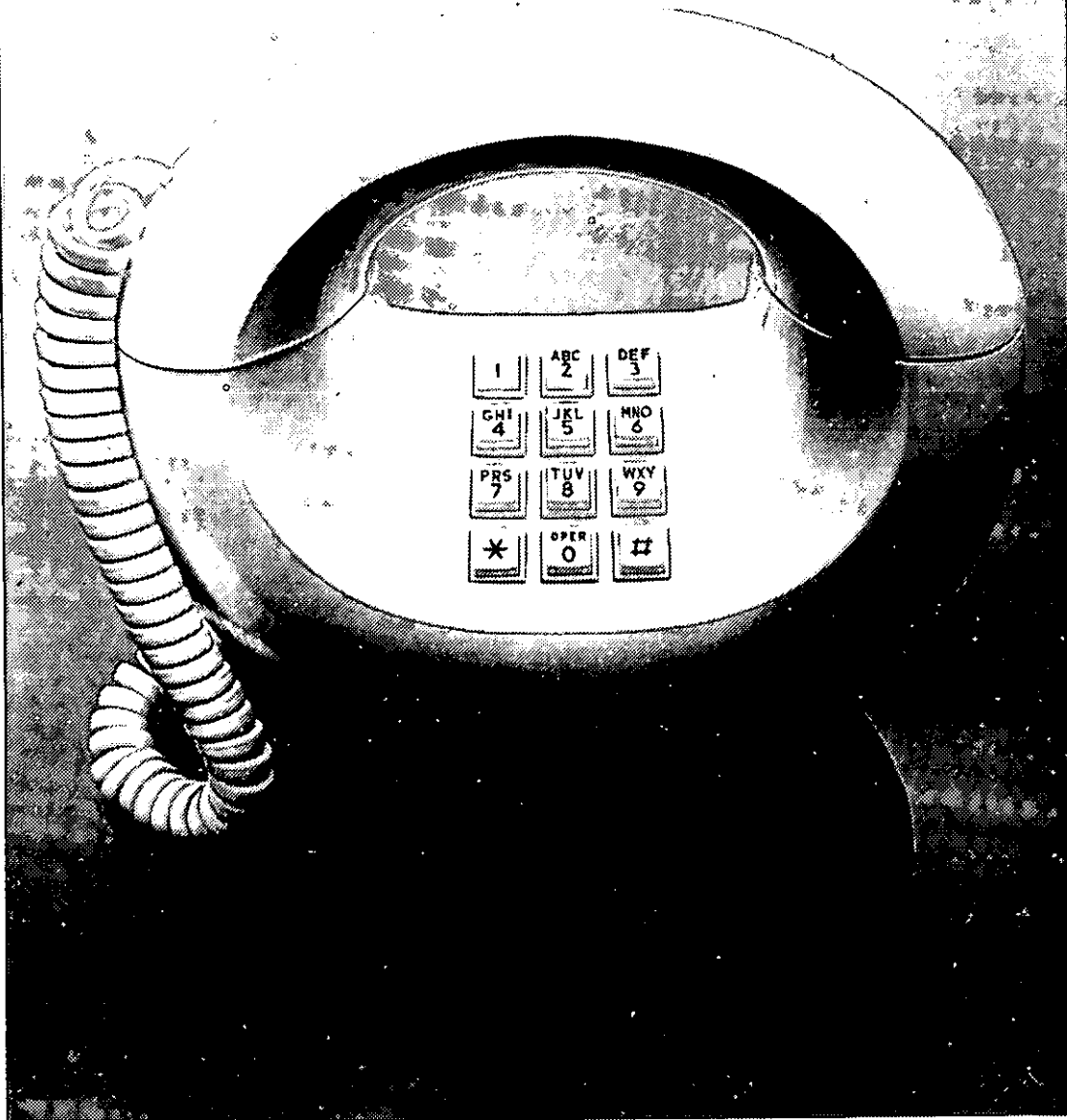
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It was a big day for the very young at Delaware Plaza Saturday when Santa arrived in an Elsmere fire pumper. Debbie Hulslander, 2, of Albany, gets a handshake from the great man himself as Officer Dick Valentine looks on. Right, Michael Fabe of Glenmont, just 2, held by his grandmother, Anne Osterhout of East Berne, at the Paper Mill, tells Santa he wants a snowmobile for Christmas. On the cover: Stephanie Dannenberg, 3, of Elsmere, treasures a candy cane Santa gave her personally.

*Photos by Andrew L. Jones*

#### ELSMERE

### Santa tells why he has a beard

Santa Claus was busy at Delaware Plaza listening to lists of "I wants," soliciting promises of good behavior and answering questions.

One of the children was curious about old Rudolph. "Do you really need him?" Santa replied, "I don't see as well as I did 400 years ago, but Rudolph has very keen eyesight and so he keeps us on track. With our busy night we couldn't afford to get lost."

The next youngster in line listened in, and then wanted to know about Rudolph's nose. Santa explained, "At night, his nose is just about the most powerful light. You can't look straight at it. That's why it is so important to go to bed early on Christmas Eve." Santa ho-ho-hoed and added, "I guess that's why there have never been any photographs of us."

A young child, bundled up in a red snow suit looked like she might have been a junior Santa Claus. She cried at first and wasn't very interested in sitting on Santa's lap until

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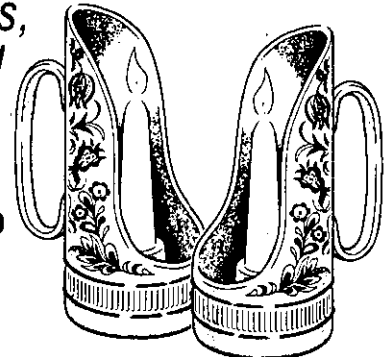
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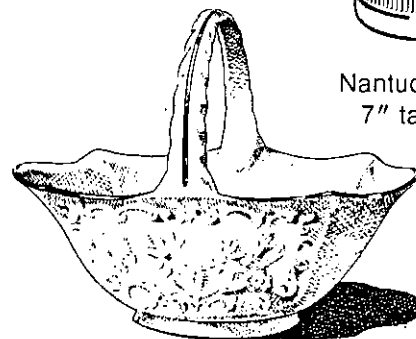
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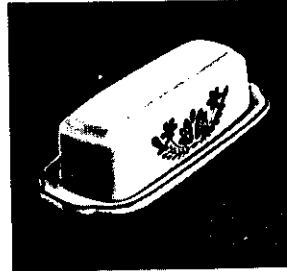
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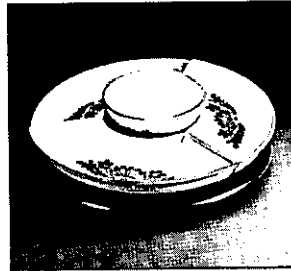
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Santa asked what she wanted for Christmas. She answered Santa's question, then asked one of her own. "Where's Mrs. Claus?" Santa hugged the future women's libber and said, "You want to know a secret? Mrs. Claus doesn't like to fly. Isn't that ridiculous?" Then he chuckled a little and added, "Besides, Mrs. Claus is quite plump, and I need all the room in the sleigh for lots and lots of toys."

Another child started playing with Santa's woofy, white beard and said, "What's this?" Santa asked her not to pull too hard, and then continued, "You know how your mother is always telling you to dress warmly? Well, so did my mother. My face gets so cold at night, but if I wore a ski mask over my face, some people wouldn't recognize me. If I wore a scarf, I'm afraid I'd leave it at someone's house. Can you imagine if I had to go looking for my scarf? That's why I have a beard. It keeps me toasty warm, and I can't lose it." The little girl earnestly offered to put one of her scarves near the chimney for Santa. Santa's eyes danced as he declined the offer, but added, "Of course it's always nice when someone puts out milk and cookies. I get a little hungry, you know."

With that Santa laughed another ho-ho-ho and excused himself to return to his toy shop.

**More 'Babes'**

An unusually large advance ticket sale for the Rogers-Hart musical, "Babes in Arms," which will be on stage at the Cohoes Music Hall through Jan. 2, has prompted the addition of one additional performance during each week of the run, according to Louis J. Ambrosio, the Hall's executive director.

Tuesday evening performances at 8:30 on Dec. 21 and 28 have been scheduled to accommodate the large number of people who wish to see this show, which features some of the best music by Rodgers and Hart.

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Planning Legion bloodmobile visit: from left, Elizabeth Fris, Carolyn Tweedie, Mary DeGross (front), Joanne Lotz, Nancy Willison, Elaine Cohn.

### Planned bloodmobile

Mrs. John Willison of Delmar was coordinator of arrangements for the Dec. 14 visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile to the Blanchard Post, American Legion, Elsmere. Mrs. Harold Tomlinson coordinated recruitment, Mrs. David Schwartz scheduling and Mrs. John McColl was officer of the day. The unit was on Poplar Dr. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Social service for handicapped

"A child's place is in the home" might well be the motto of the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services (ERDS). This state-sponsored social services agency works on the community level to help develop mentally disabled children and mentally retarded persons of all ages.

Instead of sending handicapped or retarded children to

institutions, ERDS develops programs on the local level, and involves professional staff, parents and volunteers to offer stimulating, enriching and instructive experiences.

Unlike the formidable buildings that characterize most state schools, ERDS programs are often conducted in the child's home, a nearby church or a BOCES center. In this area the cerebral palsy center is also utilized for swim programs and physical and occupational therapy. Through these community level programs, the child is spared the trauma of institutional life, and his family can offer supportive help.

Disorders are many and varied and include any problem that interferes with the development of the child. Emotional and behavioral problems, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and brain damage are some of the



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developmental problems ER DS deals with.

ERDS sponsors a wide range of programs from pre-schools to adult work activities. There are socialization opportunities in which a group goes out to dinner to a restaurant and swim programs co-sponsored by the Red Cross. The Bethlehem town park hosted a recreation program this summer, and special scout troops are also part of ERDS.

ERDS is sponsored by the New York State Dept. of Mental Health, and as a state agency the services are available without cost. The only charge is when a problem is diagnosed as something that is not covered by an ERDS program. For instance, if it is discovered that a child has a speech problem, he may be referred to a clinic at the hospital. ERDS has no control over the prices charged at the hospital, but clinic fees are usually pro-rated according to income.

Parents of ERDS participants have formed a consumer board to serve as advisors to ERDS and to encourage families to take advantage of the variety of available services. Mrs. Joyce Welch, 61 Brockley Dr., Delmar, a member of the board, suggests contacting ERDS "when something doesn't seem right to you."

The south Albany area is served by an office at 159 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Parents suspecting a developmental problem of any severity are urged to contact ERDS at 439-7661.

#### On college team

Patricia McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCall, 27 Woodmont Dr., Delmar, a freshman at Slippery Rock (Pa.) State College, played No. 2 singles on the women's varsity tennis team this fall. She was one of nine first-year players on the 15-member team, which will lose only two players by graduation next year. She



**Trish McCall**

is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, where she played first singles on the girls' varsity, and was co-director of the Bethlehem recreation department's summer tennis program.



#### BETHLEHEM

### The ice is 'fine at Elm Ave. rink

If ice skating is your thing, watch for the green flag at the Elm Ave. Park. It means the ice is fine.

Bethlehem skaters can enjoy both recreational skating and hockey at the park. The skating areas are open to residents of the town from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, weather permitting. The ice is lit from dusk to 9, and a warming area is open for skaters from 9 to 9.

Lloyd R. "Bud" Wilson Jr., director of the Parks and Recreation Department, advises that the red flag means the ice isn't ready for skaters.

The park also has a snowmobile course, featuring a varied terrain. The course is well marked and located south of the administration building. Snowmobilers are asked to use the snowmobile course only when there is sufficient snow

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**Volunteers needed**

Albany Red Cross needs volunteer drivers to transport handicapped children and adults to therapy classes and treatment centers. To volunteer call Lisa Evans at the Red Cross, 462-7461.

**Bank dividend declared**

United Bank Corp. of New York, a holding company whose affiliates include the State Bank of Albany, has declared a quarterly dividend of 37.5 cents a share payable Jan. 3 to stockholders of record of Dec. 13.



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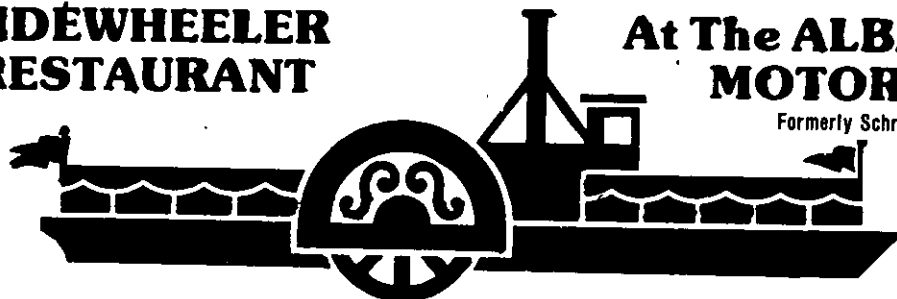
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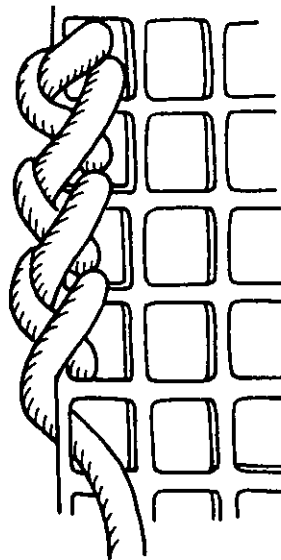
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After you've chosen the design, planned the colors and watched your stitches progress into a glowing "work of art" does finishing it off sometimes become a problem? If so, you're not alone because that's where a lot of expert embroiderers encounter difficulties.

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After you complete a piece of embroidery, turn the extra canvas in to the back, leaving a clear two-thread margin to be worked as a border. With the wrong side of the canvas toward you, secure your thread using several adjoining stitches and working from left to right. Make sure the canvas holes are neatly lined up so that front and back canvas holes are in a direct line with each other.



Bring your needle from the back of the canvas through the first hole and draw it toward you. Then, going back over the canvas, take a second stitch

toward you through the second hole of the canvas. Place your needle over the canvas fold again and come through the first hole a second time, then progress to the third hole. After that you'll develop a rhythm — back for a stitch through the second hole and head for another through the fourth, back to the third and ahead to the fifth, back to the fourth and ahead to the sixth.

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After you complete your edging, take another two or three stitches over those you first sewed to make sure the edging is secure. You'll find this forms a neatly plaited edge.

To bind two pieces of canvas together as you do with the two sides of an eyeglass case, baste them together, wrong sides facing each other with the holes in the canvases exactly lined up. Then bring your thread up from between the two pieces of canvas and proceed with the edging stitch as described above.

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Dear Elsa,

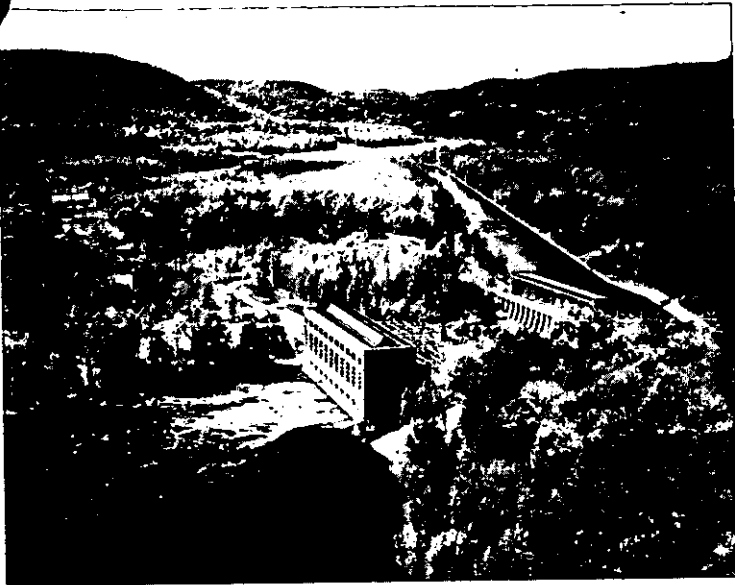
What is counted thread embroidery? Can I use charts for this as I do when I'm embroidering on canvas?

O.P.B.

Dear O.P.B.,

Counted thread embroidery is exactly what its name implies — embroidery done on even weave fabric (with an equal number of vertical and horizontal threads and not so fine that your eyes have difficulty in counting the threads). The fabric is unmarked and you follow the charts by counting the threads for each stitch you take.

E.W.



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Voorheesville residents have their own water system, several industries and 19.8 miles of paved streets that Mayor William J. Wenzel says "have proper drainage and have been rebuilt the right way." The village's Dept. of Public Works has done this in the last four years, and Wenzel proudly points out that the roads "are holding up and we may have the best streets of any village in the state."

Ironically the community's largest neighbor, the so-called Tri-Village area of Bethlehem that comprises Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands, has no village as such. Last year a group of Slingerlands residents disgruntled over the turn of

events in the controversy over the proposed Lyndhurst housing subdivision explored the possibility of secession from the town of Bethlehem to establish a village government of their own, but gave it up.

Actually, that's how villages are born. Voorheesville was incorporated as a village May 8, 1899, when residents decided their small cluster of houses, stores and hotels should have its own government. In those days Voorheesville was small but bustling. Farmers in the Helderberg "hill towns" came in for supplies at the feed mills, stayed overnight in one of several hotels, and made the long trip back the next day. Two major railroads, the New York Central and D&H, crossed in Voorheesville.

Setting up the village water system was a major step. The records go back only to 1910, but the original supply from the "Livingston springs" in the lee of the cliff at Indian Ladder on the Helderberg escarp-

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Mayor William J. Wenzel, second from left, with trustees Milton Bates, left, and William F. Gray, and Justice Robert Murphy, right.

### Grange events set

Bethlehem Grange will hold its Christmas dance Friday at the grange hall, Beckers Corners. Music will be 9 to 1 by the Tune Weavers. There will be games for non-dancers and hot refreshments. Tickets are available from Randy Drobner and Calvin Susser, and at the door.

The Grange will have the annual community party on Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be by the Junior Grange. Members are asked to bring a gift of \$1 value for the grab bag.

### JCA students cited

Norman Hulme of Delmar, Marcia Ann Davidson of Feura Bush and Donna Pate of Selkirk are among 20 students at Junior College of Albany inducted into Lambda Tau, the JCA chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national two-year college honor society.

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ment was used until 1973. Today wells on Voorheesville Ave. and Grove St. supply the village, but the trustees have serious plans to develop a reservoir on village-owned land on the mountain that may some day include a reservoir and a filtration plant. Livingston springs, says one official, still have an abundant flow although the quality has slipped, and a filtration plant would fix that.

In addition, a one-million-gallon water tank on high ground on Swift Rd. just outside the village guarantees a three-day supply by gravity feed in the event of an emergency.

### Taxes are separate

Voorheesville's 3,200 residents pay taxes to the village, the town of New Scotland and the Voorheesville Central school district. They pay less taxes to the town than do New Scotland property owners outside the village, but their overall tax bills are somewhat high-

er. That's because they have more services, including the water system, a fine park system, a summer recreation program and two trash collections a week in summer. "Our town tax gives us the privilege of using the town dump," remarked one villager.

The village has an annual budget of some \$300,000, which maintains the water system, a volunteer fire department under Chief Larry Dedrick, the public works department, the library, parks and the playground program. There are five full-time employees, including Blanche Monaghan, who is village treasurer, and Judith Gray, who is village clerk.

Public Works Supt. William Hotaling supervises a stable of two dump trucks, two pickup trucks, a backhoe, front-end loader and sweeper. He has two assistants.

The village board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Four trustees, elected for two-year terms, are paid

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Voorheesville village office is second floor front above garage no longer adequate for village trucks and equipment.

\$750 annually, the mayor \$1,450. The village has a seven-member planning board, a five-member zoning board of appeals, an eight-member youth recreation council and a five-member conservation advisory council, all of which meet regularly. The roster includes a building inspector, village attorney, dog warden and constable.

Wenzel, now in his seventh year as mayor, is a vice president of Walter Motor Truck Co. who came to Voorheesville from New York City when the company moved its factory here in 1958. He has worked 30 years for Walters, the largest industry and employer in the village. Other prominent businesses are Rothbard's Crannell Lumber, a ready-mix plant and several warehouses and distributor firms.

From time to time an effort is made to bring in more industry to ease the tax load

for property owners, but not everyone approves of this tactic. "Voorheesville has all the earmarks of a fine, prosperous community that is a pleasant place to live," says Wenzel. "We've been getting along just fine and maybe we shouldn't try to change it."

There may be a change coming up in the next few weeks, but not of major impact. Two residents of the town of New Scotland who own approximately 20 acres adjacent to the village limits at the junction of Rts. 85A and 155, have petitioned for annexation. Peter Baltis, who owns most of the tract, wants to qualify for the village water system so he can build houses and a shopping center. Village and town boards rejected the petition at a joint hearing last month, but Baltis said through his attorney he would make a new try. If he is successful the village of Voorheesville will be larger and the town smaller — by 20 acres.



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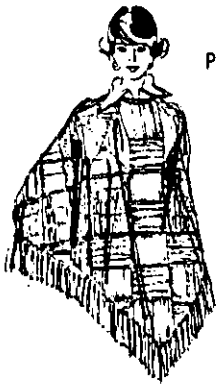
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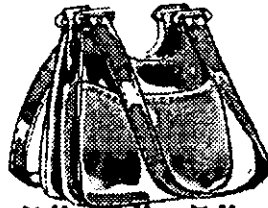
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- 4 cups Rice Chex cereal (bite-size crispy rice squares) crushed to 3 cups
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  - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
  - 2 cans (10 3/4 oz. each) condensed cream of mushroom soup
  - 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
  - 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon onion juice
  - 1 jar (2 oz.) pimiento, chopped and drained
  - 2 cups cooked rice
  - 1 package (10 oz.) chopped broccoli, cooked and drained
  - 3 1/2 cups cooked, cubed turkey or chicken
- Combine cereal crumbs and 1/8 teaspoon marjoram. Mix in melted butter. Set aside.
- Combine soup, sour cream, marjoram, seasoned salt, onion juice and pimiento. Stir in rice, broccoli, turkey and one cup cereal crumb mixture. Turn into a 2 or 2 1/2-quart oblong casserole. Sprinkle remaining cereal crumbs over top. Bake in 350° oven 30 minutes. Garnish with parsley, pimientos or cherry tomatoes. Makes 8 (one cup) servings.

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### Publisher visits here

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### SPORTS

#### A tough week for Eagles five

The early success of the Bethlehem Central Basketball team will be tested this week by two tough Suburban Council contests. After hosting Niskayuna on Tuesday, the Eagles travel to East Greenbush Friday to challenge Columbia. After winning only two games the entire season last year, Columbia already has a 2-1 record.

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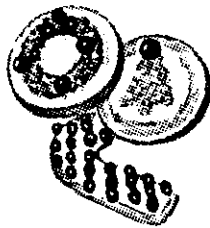
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concentrate on defense tomorrow night. If BC gets by these two games successfully, they will be looking forward to hosting undefeated Burnt Hills on Wednesday.

The Spartans, like BCHS lightly regarded in pre-season forecasts, have compiled a 2-0 record so far. Burnt Hills, Shaker and Bethlehem are currently tied for the Suburban Council lead.

Coming off a close game with Scotia, Coach Dale Walts plans to have his team ready for the upcoming schedule. The Eagles battled back from the short end of a 46-42 score for a 56-54 win. A key layup by Bob Engleman along with Dave Bursey's block of a Scotia shot with one second remaining gave the Eagles their second straight victory. Bursey was the high scorer for the second time with 17 points.

Lorren Elkins

### A hard test for 1-1 Blackbirds

Voorheesville Blackbirds, 1-1 after two weeks of league play, will play host to the Averill Park Warriors Friday night. The Warriors have a good-sized team and are expected to make a strong run for the league title.

"This is a very important game for us," commented Coach Smith. "We must cut down on personal fouls and we've got to continue to improve our shooting."

The Blackbirds won their home debut last week, taking Coxsackie-Athens, 72-63. Mark Michele led the scoring with 21 points, followed by Mike Fredette with 16. Voorheesville also won the jayvee game, 55-41.

## Your dog needs a town license

When you're getting your holiday shopping wrapped up, don't forget a gift for Fido: a 1977 dog license.

Town Clerk Marion T. Camp reminds residents of the town of Bethlehem that all dogs must be licensed for 1977 by Jan. 1. Licenses are available from the town clerk at town hall, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. License fees are \$2.35 for each male or spayed female dog, \$5.35 for each unspayed female dog. A veterinary certificate or an affidavit is required for spayed female dogs, unless appropriate certification is already on file with the town clerk.

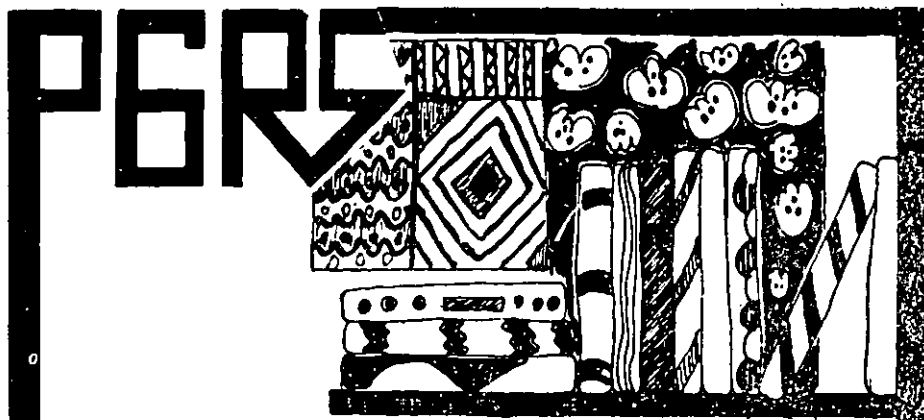
License applications can also be mailed to the town clerk. During dog census month, October, two dog enumerators visited dog owners in the town of Bethlehem. The enumerators left licensing information and pre-addressed envelopes with dog owners, so that these people could renew their dog licenses by mail. Those who wish to renew by mail should send a check covering the fee and made out to the town clerk and self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Owners who were not at home when the dog enumerator called are still bound by law to obtain a license for their dogs. If you have a dog, get his new license now. It'll be a good Christmas gift.

## Kiwanians active

Delmar Kiwanis Club bell-ringers will man a Salvation Army kettle at Delaware Plaza Saturday. Walter Laut is chairman of the project. Key Club members will man a separate kettle. The annual Kiwanis Christmas party for senior citizens will be held Monday at the Center Inn.

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### Flames level house

A nearly completed one-family dwelling under construction burned to the ground early Sunday morning on Forest Hill Rd., Slingerlands.

The house, owned by Clayton Kass, was unoccupied. Slingerlands Fire Dept. crews, responding to an alarm called in by a neighbor at 4 a.m., found the house enveloped in flames. Delmar Fire Dept. members assisted at the scene. Cause of the blaze was not known, and no estimate of the loss was available.



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## BC volleyball girls unbeaten

Bethlehem Central's girls' volleyball team winds up its season this week and heads for the Sectionals Saturday at Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park.

The Eaglette spikers came into the final week undefeated with three games remaining. A highlight of the season was a trip to Binghamton for an eight-team tournament, won by Windsor. Bethlehem finished fifth in a highly competitive event.

The team is coached by Mrs. Dale Walts, wife of BC's varsity basketball and soccer coach. Joyce Van Heest is the team's power hitter and top spiker. The team is blessed with good height and speed, qualities that have kept the team undefeated for the past two years in local competition.

The JV record is two wins and two losses. Four seniors will be leaving the team next year. The Frosh record is two wins and two losses. They are benefiting from having their own coach. The players look promising as good volleyball players for the future years.

Both are graduates of Johnstown High School.

Mrs. Case is a graduate of the State University College at Potsdam and has taught in New York and Massachusetts. Her husband is district manager for Procino & Rossi Corp.



Jane Ellen Rinehart  
Larry E. Macomber

### Wedding is planned

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Rinehart of Oldwick, N.J. announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Ellen, to Larry Edward Macomber, son of Mr.

### Nursing scholarships

Laurie L. Pelham of Bethlehem Central High School and Carol A. Eck of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School have been awarded two of the 11 Regents scholarships won by Albany County residents in the 1977 nursing scholarship competition. They will receive an award of \$250 a year for up to five years at a professional nursing school in New York State.

### Janet Grover wed

Janet E. Grover of Westboro, Mass., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Bauder of 106 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, and Douglas C. Case of Ravena were married Nov. 25 at Christ Lutheran Church, Johnstown.




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Miss Rinehart is a graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School, Annandale, N.J., and Centenary College for Women, and attended Moravian College. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and will receive a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Lafayette College in June.

A September, 1977, wedding is planned.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Stanton entertained at a reception at the Mohawk Golf Club, after which the couple left for a wedding trip to Canada.

Mrs. Keeble graduated from Linton High School and attended Massey Junior College, Atlanta, Ga., and Albany Junior College. Mr. Keeble graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attended Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam. He will continue his education at the State University of New York at Morrisville, where the couple will be at home after Jan. 1.



**Mrs. Douglas W. Keeble**

**Bride of Delmar man**

Mary MacDonald Stanton of Schenectady and Douglas Warren Keeble of Delmar were married Dec. 7 in a candlelight ceremony at the First United Methodist Church, Schenectady. Rev. Arthur R. Melius officiated at the double ring service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin MacDonald Stanton Jr. and was given in marriage by her father. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert William Keeble, 8 Haddington Lane, Delmar.

Miss Mary Kelly Gafford of Woodstock, Vt. served her cousin as maid of honor. The bridegroom's sisters, Miss Lesley Keeble and Miss Alison Keeble, were bridesmaids.

David Vogel of Delmar was best man. Ushers were Carl Losacco, Norman B. Hulme and James Bochenek, all of Delmar.



**Mrs. James A. LaChance**

**Ann Pellerin**

The wedding of Ann Elizabeth Pellerin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Pellerin of 31 Bender Lane, Delmar and James Anthony LaChance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Shulenburg of Albany, took place on Nov. 6 at the Delmar Reformed Church.

Margaret Dalton of Delmar was the maid of honor and Albert Delgiacco of Schenectady served as best man.

The bride graduated from Bethlehem Central and is associated with Stewart's Bread and Butter Shops. The groom attended Albany schools, served in the U.S. Army and is now employed by Walt's Submarine Shops.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk.

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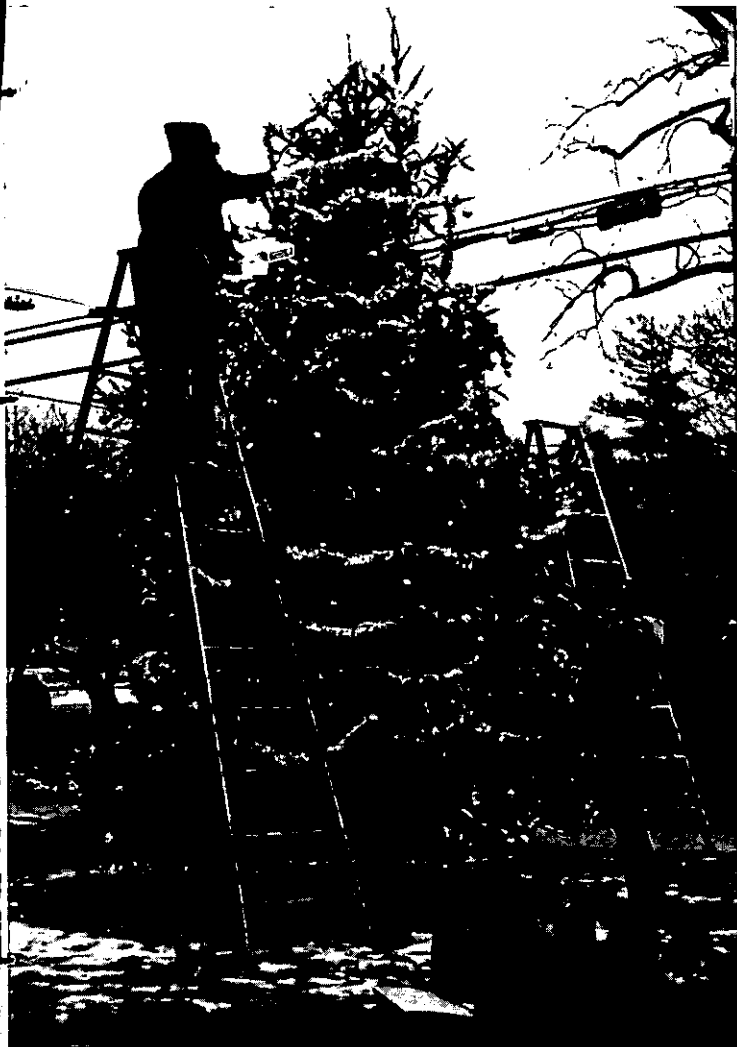
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### VOORHEESVILLE Library waives overdue fines

Voorheesville Public Library has set aside the week of Dec. 20-27 for a Christmas gesture. Mrs. Jane Salvatore, director, has announced that overdue books returned during that week will not be charged for late return.

"This applies to all books, especially those that have been overdue for a long time," she said. She urged everyone who has overdue books to return them because they are needed by other people. "Please return your overdue books," she added. "You will be doing everyone a great favor."

### Village Volunteers elect

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps will have their annual Christmas Party at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The Corps enjoyed a successful Bicentennial year and is already rehearsing weekly in preparation for a busy 1977 marching season.

New officers are: president, Lynne Perry; vice president, Samuel Ciccio; secretary, Doris Keeble; treasurer, Carol Willey; quartermaster, William C. Bub, Jr.; business manager, John Williams; music master, Buz Olsen; representatives, Lauren Johnson, Cynthia Brown, John Thompson and alternate Barbara Allgaier.

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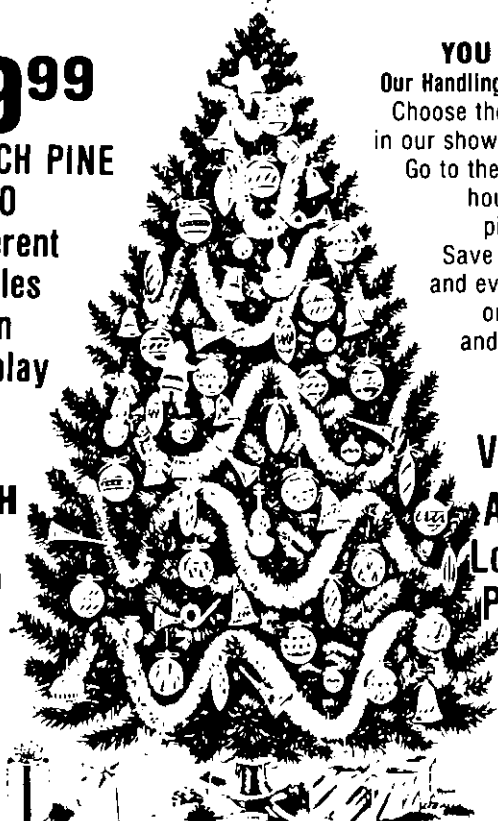
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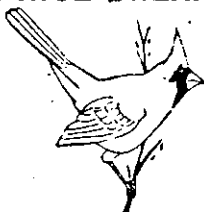


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Water management conference: Frank Leavitt, Scott Snover, William R. Weber at town hall.

### Planners study drainage control

A key consideration in drawing plans for new subdivisions is control of surface water run-offs into established stream beds. The concept of water management is "fairly new," according to William R. Weber, chairman of the Bethlehem planning board, and one that requires study by anyone involved in planning residential developments.

Last week Weber met with Albany County and U.S. government representatives to get a closer understanding of water control methods and techniques. At the session were Frank Leavitt, Albany County soil conservationist, and Scott Snover of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Albany office. Purpose of the meeting was to acquaint local planners with the latest concepts and to familiarize county and federal officials with local subdivision problems.

Leavitt is an outspoken advocate of water management as a necessary step to avoid erosion, flooding and sediment buildup in stream beds carrying runoffs from new subdivisions. One solution is temporary ponding, but Weber was quick to point out that this method of water control "would have to be compatible with residential development before the board will consider it as a solution."

In Weber's view the session with Leavitt and Snover was an informative one. "We brought to Leavitt's attention some of the problems we encounter. He understands our problems better now, and we have a better understanding of his."

### Eagle thinclads had fair season

Despite an eighth-place finish in the Suburban Council, the 1976 Bethlehem Central cross country team had several bright moments. Early in the season the team, coached by John Nyilis, made an impressive showing at the Schoharie Invitational. Dave Rathjens, Chris Costigan and John Nyilis finished 4th, 5th and 10th respectively and brought the team trophy home along with the hopes of a winning season.

This was not to be the case, however, as the team dropped four meets to Suburban Council foes before another strong showing in the Lansingburgh Invitational. Bethlehem finished first with strong individual performances by Rathjens, Costigan, Nyilis, Glen Stagnitta and Paul Garvin. Placing five runners in the first 20 was good enough for the team trophy and a first place finish out of eight schools.





*Spotlight photo*

A television set from Van Dyke's Northeast will be presented to the Bethlehem Senior Citizens for their Adams St. clubrooms on Dec. 16 by Ben Meyers, left, of Meyers Funeral Home, Maurice Van Dyke of Van Dyke's Northeast and William Vivian, manager of community relations, General Electric plastics plant, Selkirk.

### GLENMONT A 'final' chance for 9W mall

Bethlehem's town council is showing signs of running out of patience with the developer of a major shopping center project on Rt. 9W in Glenmont.

When Pan American Associates of Philadelphia requested a one-year extension of the town board's previous approval for Southgate Mall, it marked the seventh time the board has had to amend the original action.

The board last week granted the extension of the construction starting deadline to Jan. 15, 1978. This time, however, the board included a recommendation that this would be the last time it would give an extension until firm commitments are obtained on the project.

### In college orchestra

Linda Stewart of Delmar is a violinist in the Ithaca College Orchestra, which has scheduled several concerts this month. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stewart, 17 Tierney Dr., and is a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

### Course planning session slated

Bethlehem Central School pupils and their parents are invited to attend a curriculum discussion program on Thursday, Jan. 6, in the High School cafeteria.

Purpose of the annual program is to help pupils plan their class schedules for the following year. The discussion will be directed by Principal Charles A. Gunner, and all supervisors and department chairmen will be present to answer questions about courses.

To help pupils make informed choices about what courses to take, the school also provides classroom visits by guidance counselors, information from teachers, and individual conferences between pupils and/or parents and the pupil's guidance counselor.

### Police radio contract

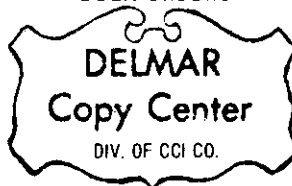
Bethlehem town board has awarded a \$16,189.50 contract to Motorola Corp. for new police radio equipment. The contract covers a base station repeater for \$3,720, base station for \$1,892.50 and console control center, \$10,577.

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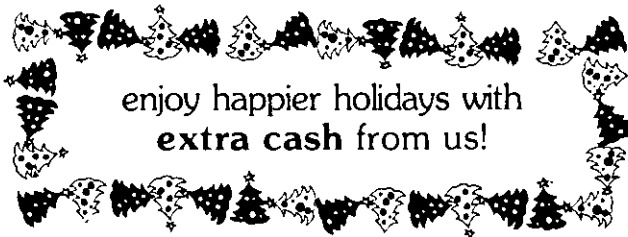
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**A new twist to an old problem: Paul Wagner on Kenwood Ave.**

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The markers are installed to give the hydrants a four-foot protrusion above snowbanks, particularly when the street plows are operating. "Hydrants

must be kept clear at all times,-- says Paul Wagner, director of operations for the Water Dept. "This is not always easy when the plows are working, but the markers tell where a hydrant might be buried, which saves firemen time searching for it in a snowbank."

Wagner said youngsters walking along the street often grab the flag and wind it around the taps, posing a real hindrance to firemen. It's also expensive.

"There are literally hundreds out there," he said. "At \$3 a piece, it's a shame so many get bent."

**FIRE CALLS**

Dec. 4 — Car accident, Rt. 144, Selkirk Fire Dept., Slingerlands Rescue Squad.

Dec. 8 — ConRail yards, Selkirk Fire Dept.



Red Cross Motor Unit chairman Samuel Weiss accepts a gift of \$196 from Mrs. Joan Scheu of the Assn. for Retarded Children as Mrs. Norma Weiner, the organization's secretary, looks on. The money was contributed by the adults who are driven daily to the association for therapy by Red Cross volunteer drivers.

## Memorial planned for Tony Dankert

Friends, coaches and former teammates of Tony Dankert plan to dedicate a trophy case at Bethlehem Central High School for the Boston University football star who died unexpectedly last month in a rare medical reaction to anesthesia. The Tony Dankert Scholarship Fund has also been started and has received contributions totalling over \$900.

Tony was an outstanding defensive and offensive player on the '73-'74 BC team. In his freshman year at BU he was on the varsity team and started every game as a linebacker. Paul Kemp, BU football coach said, "Tony was one of the finest young men I have ever worked with and was probably as fine a linebacker as BU has ever had."

The trophy case will include a list of the scholarship recipients, Tony's football jerseys from BU and BC, a football autographed by his BC teammates, a picture and a commemorative plaque.

The committee in charge of the trophy case and the scholarship fund include Tony's former football coaches Art Ritchko, John Sodergren, and Dave Blanchard, former BC graduates Joseph Deity and Sam

Whiting, and Jim Plummer and Mrs. Dan Furey. Checks may be made out to the Tony Dankert Scholarship Fund and sent to any member of the committee.

## A skating pond for New Scotland

There's an official government-financed skating pond in the town of New Scotland for the first time. It was scheduled to be in operation this week, weather permitting, and the December climate gave every indication it would cooperate.

The town board voted at last week's regular meeting to install a skating pond adjacent to the tennis courts at Voorheesville Central High School. In a matter of days the pit was scooped out and the vinyl liner fastened in place.

The pond measures roughly 80-by-80 feet and holds five inches of water, which hopefully will maintain a solid state most of the winter.

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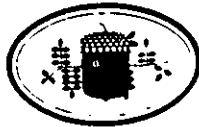


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Tony Kusky, president of the Capital District Bowling Proprietors Assn. shows Explorer Scouts Adam Mendell and Marit Snow of Delmar how a ball should be thrown. Scouts in Albany County held a Bowl-A-Thon to raise funds for the Gov. Clinton Scout Council. Area bowling centers donated two free games to Scouts. The Scouts secured sponsors who paid one to give cents for each pin knocked down. Area lanes cooperating with the scouts included Sporthaven in Delmar and Ravena Lanes.

**Rink supervisors named**

Five skating supervisors have been appointed by the Bethlehem town board to part-time jobs with the Parks and Recreation Dept. for the winter season. They are: Philip Ackerman, John Meany, Linda Klett, Anthony Haas and David J. Paepke.

**Gets realty license**

Arthur Sanders of Delmar recently was licensed by the State of New York as a real estate broker. He is with the firm Klersy Realty Inc. Prior to his entering real estate, he was in the graphic arts field for 34 years.

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The Christmas Eve caroling started with the original owners, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Bailey, now living at 53 Lyons Ave.

At first there was a problem that no suitable tree was available to decorate and gather around, so a Christmas tree was propped up in the yard. One of the trees on the property eventually grew into a nice evergreen and inherited the responsibility of serving as the focal point for the singing. Now the problem is that the 30-foot tree is becoming unwieldy to decorate.

Mrs. Negley Norton, 534 Huron Rd., is an enthusiastic supporter of this neighborhood project. Although she would like to be a less active participant, she said, "I get involved each year, anyway."

The neighbors are good about providing help. Mrs. Norton said a few phone calls would get the replacement bulbs needed for the strings of lights.

Flyers will be going out to residents of the Kenaware Park area. Neighborhood children will distribute about 200 papers encouraging families to take

part in the half hour of caroling.

For the past several years, Lee Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Bailey, has directed the choir from atop a ladder. He will be home from the University of Chicago this year and again will lead the voices through familiar carols.

In the past, Santa Claus, bearing a striking resemblance to Alan Guard, 66 St. Clair Dr., has arrived in a Volkswagen convertible. Santa distributes candy canes and advises the youngsters to return home and go to sleep so he can visit them. Santa will be back again this year.

Bob Johnson, the new owner of a 17-year-tradition, thinks the idea is "tremendous" and is "delighted" to share his tree.

The carol sing will be at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Neighbors are invited to meet this famous tree, which Dr. Samson once thought of cutting down, until neighbors convinced him he couldn't.

*Cheryl Marks*

**Elks name chairman**

Donald S. Peck has been named scholarship chairman of Bethlehem Elks Lodge by William Laver, exalted ruler. The Elks National Foundation and New York State Elks Assn. sponsor a scholarship-leadership competition that includes 38 awards for New York State of \$500 each, open to high school seniors and college students up to junior year.



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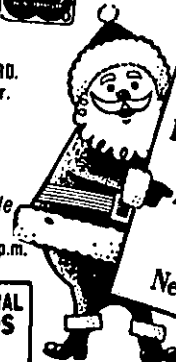
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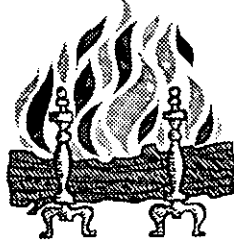
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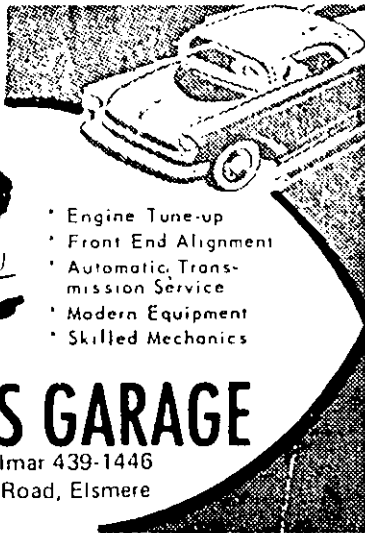
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Signups for court time will take place at the Parks and Recreation Dept. office, Elm Ave. Park, beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 3, on a first-come, first-served basis. Court time will be available to groups of four players for one-hour sessions. Only one session will be available per group of four players. The 10-week indoor tennis program will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, beginning the week of Jan. 10.

**In college program**

James Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, Southwood Dr., Slingerlands, has joined the Computer Society at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he is a student. A 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he is majoring in electrical engineering.

**Police cars for sale**

Bethlehem's town board has authorized Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer to sell five police patrol cars that have been "retired" from the road.

**New streets approved**

Bethlehem town board has accepted portions of two new streets in a Glenmont subdivision currently in the early construction stage. The streets are Jefferson Rd. and Penn Lane in the Bicentennial Woods residential project. The acceptance, made under a \$13,000 bond posted by the developer, is a formality that means Abco Inc. of Douglaston, L.I. can proceed with construction.

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#### Academy names trustees

Bernard F. Connors, a New York State businessman, and Stephen M. Kiernan, Albany lawyer, have been elected to the board of trustees of the Albany Academy.

#### Jewish singles party

Metro Jewish Singles will have a Chanukah get-together Saturday at 8 p.m. at Temple Israel, New Scotland Ave., Albany. There will be games, cards, bingo, door prizes and dancing.

#### Regents reward local winners

A total of 73 Bethlehem Central High School and 10 Voorheesville High School seniors have been awarded Regents scholarships in the annual competition announced this week. Twenty BC students and four

from Voorheesville were named alternates.

Bethlehem Central placed four in the list of Albany County's five highest scores. Of 330 winners from the county, Marc W. Diamond of Guilderland Central was highest with a score of 286. The next four places were taken by William J. Longabaugh, 487 Haskell Pl. (280), Harriet L. Komisar, 11 Darroch Rd. (278), Guy D. Molyneux, 139 Marlboro Rd., (277), and Miriam J. Goldstein, 88 Dumbarton Dr. (276) all of Delmar.

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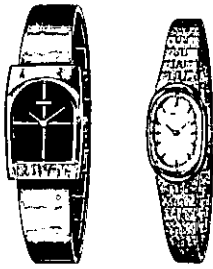
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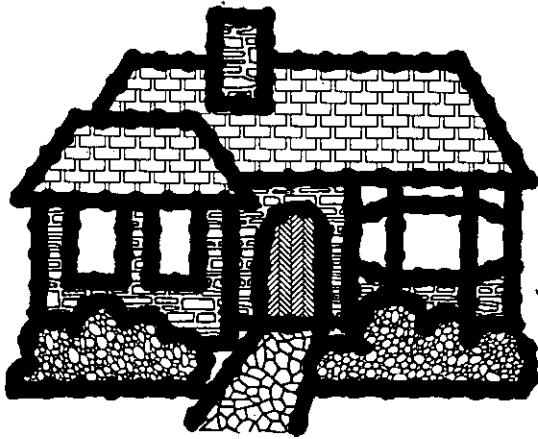
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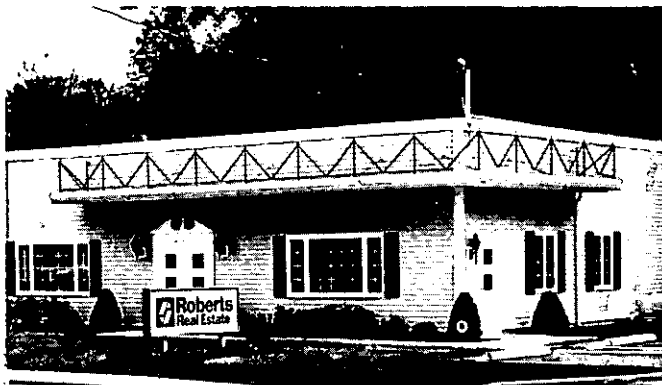
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### Editor, The Spotlight:

It has long been our belief that Delmar is a fairly modern-minded town, which attempts to comply with the needs of the community. There is however, one grossly neglected area in our town's revision, that being the general attitude toward sororities and fraternities.

For years these groups have been looked upon as unruly, destructive cliques with undetermined purposes. No one has attempted to point out the attributes these clubs have sought to achieve over the past few years.

To begin with, sororities and fraternities are the only organizations in our community run totally by teenagers. All possess respectable treasuries and all employ some form of parliamentary procedures at meetings. At present we comprise over 100 members, easily one of the largest groups present at the high school.

To contradict the statement labeling us as purposeless, we offer the following indications that sororities and fraternities are concerned and useful facets of our town.

• At various times during the year we work for charitable causes, i.e. Thanksgiving baskets for the poor, Christmas caroling and toy drives for the underprivileged, and visits to area elderly homes.

• Participation in the bicentennial parade this past May.

• Sponsoring dances, ski trips, and baseball trips which can be attended by any interested student.

Injurious hazings and destructive conduct by sororities

and fraternities have been for some time a thing of the past. We wish now to be known as organizations pursuing friendship and recreation for a vast number of Delmar youth.

*Theresa Malone, Sigma Theta Epsilon*  
*Meg Macdonald, Beta Gamma Rho*

*Bill King, Tau Epsilon Psi*  
*Andy Waugh, Sigma Kappa Delta*

Delmar

## A canine protests

### Editor, The Spotlight:

Being a native of Delmar, I believe I have a right to speak my piece about a subject that is clearly tied to me — the "leash law."

While I was raised in Chicago, I hear I've become a popular figure in the vicinity of the Four Corners where I get walked regularly three times a day. A goodly number of your readers have come to recognize me. Many motorists honk their horn for me as they drive by smiling. Some motorists have stopped to pass the time of day with me. Ever so many others on foot, especially children, have reached out their hands and, I believe, their hearts to me. I'm that sheep dog, "Tatters," who visited your office a few months ago and had my picture taken.

I have no qualms with the leash law. It's a good law. What does disturb me is that I find some of our townspeople have a lack of knowledge about it. This comes to my attention from recent remarks about it to my walker. For example, there is a member of the "fair sex," as they used to call it, who becomes abusive to my walker whenever we appear in her presence. She thinks I should be walked on a leash. Then there is, of all people, a school crossing policeman who hollered to my walker, "You better get him on a leash!"

If they, or any others of like mind, would read the leash law, readily available at the town hall, they will find it states: "Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any owner of, or any person

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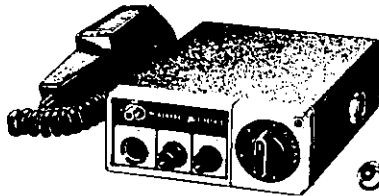


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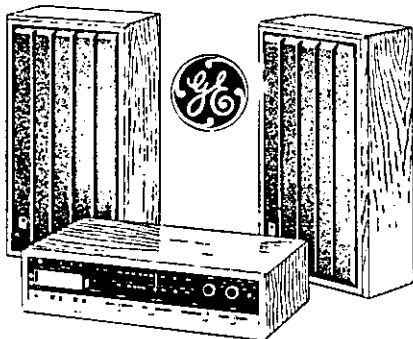
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harboring any dog in the Town of Bethlehem, to permit or allow such dog to: A: Run at large unless said dog is restrained by an adequate collar or leash or unless accompanied by its owner or a responsible person, over 12 years of age, able to control the animal —” The italics are mine.

Sir Wellington Tattersall  
Delmar c/o Woehrle

**Praise for firemen**

Editor, The Spotlight:

We wish to express our most sincere appreciation to the members of the Delmar Volunteer Fire Dept. for their quick action, efficiency and kindness when our furnace caught fire on Dec. 2. We are deeply grateful that such fine men are serving our community so unselfishly and courageously. They certainly deserve our support.

The Solembry family

Delmar

**Fish volunteers**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to thank you on behalf of all the Fish volunteers for the splendid publicity in the Spotlight. We are delighted and believe it will help our cause.

Delmar Ann Patchen

**The Coffeehouse**

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to the youths who felt there is a lack of entertainment in Bethlehem: you are invited to visit the Bethlehem Coffeehouse. We are a non-profit, student-run organization that presents musicians for all residents of Bethlehem. Our concerts are generally folk oriented (i.e. music similar to that played by Don McLean, David Bromberg, who have both appeared at the Coffeehouse, and Pete Seeger), although we have presented rock and jazz groups. We hold about two concerts a month and we try to provide a country dance in addition.

Presently, we feel people in the town are not aware of the

Coffeehouse and your letter strengthened our convictions. We strongly urge those who find themselves hypnotized by a television on the weekends to do themselves a favor and drop in on a concert. As for the street nomads, you now have a warm building to gather in and time music to cure your boredom.

Information on performances can be found in the Spotlight, in the Knickerbocker News, and on numerous posters located through the town, such as: Sat., Dec. 18, Gif Jamison and Marc Watson; Sat., Jan. 8, John Saxe, and Fri., Jan. 14, Neil Rossi.

The Bethlehem Coffeehouse is located at 125 Adams St. across from the police station and we hope to see you there.

Members of the  
Bethlehem Coffeehouse  
Delmar (names submitted)

**CSEA vs. RCS**

Editor, The Spotlight:

With regards to your article in the Dec. 9 issue of the Spotlight, I feel certain vital facts were left out for one reason or another.

First of all, the purpose of the CSEA news release and open letter to the taxpayers was to get information on what the new building was to be used for. The rumor we were trying to put to rest was that the new building was to be used for the housing of buses owned by Brennan's Transportation of Cohoes. Your article still failed to put to rest this rumor. Perhaps if the board had put their purpose in black and white before our article (which the News Herald printed in its en-

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(y) appeared, there would have been these rumors. Secondly, "the comprehensive file" which I believe Dr. Mack is referring to was printed in the News Herald 12/76. This article still did not state what the new building was to be used for. Why leave it up to three public meetings, that many may not have been able to attend for one reason or another? The best way to dispel these rumors was to get the answer in black and white, which the board should have been better able to do. Also, I was told at the recent board meeting that a simple call to the board office would have settled the matter. However, for over two weeks I have had a list of questions submitted, to be answered, and still, to this date, have not received a reply.

As to the information given in the article in the Spotlight concerning the costs of drivers, it should be pointed out there is more involved than the cost of drivers. Brennan must pay taxes on gas and parts for his buses that the district doesn't. I feel your release dealing with this matter was of gross incompetence and very bad journalism, especially when you had

a news release and open letter from the CSEA which was never published.

Very truly yours,  
Ravena H. Eugene Tryon

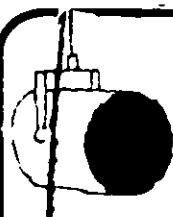
*Mr. Tryon is president of the Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk unit of the Civil Service Employees Assn. (CSEA). The Spotlight article presented statements from both sides in order to report on the status of the controversy. We used the pertinent facts from the CSEA material, and we plead "not guilty" to the charge of "gross incompetence and very bad journalism."*

#### Enjoyed article

Editor, The Spotlight:

We think the article "Blitz on Fritz" was an excellent one. Mr. Perry Galt writes well and we enjoyed it. It has not occurred to us that Capital Newspapers was trying to eliminate such weeklies as the Spotlight and others. The Helderberg Sun has never had too much appeal for us, but we do enjoy our village weekly, The Spotlight. We wish you continued success in publishing it.

Delmar C. McLaughlin



## SPOTLIGHT on community corner

### Christmas Music

What is Christmas without music and singing?

The chancel choir and chapel singers of the Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, will present their annual Christmas concert and musical program Sunday at 7:30.

The choirs will be directed by Doris Clark, who will also sing folk songs to a guitar accompaniment. Douglas Moak will be featured soloist, and Jennie Moak will be organist. Others on the varied program are Cynthia Short on the flute, Phyllis Willey on the fife and Rhonda Ballou, pianist. Burning of the Yule log and refreshments will follow the service.

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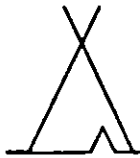
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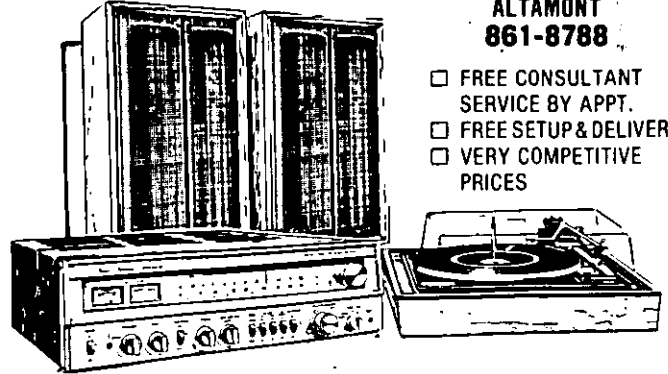
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