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Welcome Wagon — Newcomers and mothers of new babies call 785-9640, Mon. thru Sat., 8:30 A.M., 6:00 p.m. so you may have a Welcome Wagon call.

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.

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.

Empire Motor Sports Club, every Thursday at 8 at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Lee Beauregard — 456-0019.

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.

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

"Blithe Spirit," Noel Coward classic, Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 8-30. Wednesdays through Saturdays 8:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays matinees at 3 p.m. Box office 237-7700.

MUSIC

Illum String Quartet, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Jan. 9, 2 p.m. Free to public. 273-0552.

ART

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

Exhibit of assemblages by Olof Haakon Jansson and linoleum prints by Melanie Roitman Snow, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Jan. 9-28, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5. Public welcome.

FILM

"The Seventh Seal" (Sweden 1957), Ingmar Bergman definitive film, two-time international film festival winner, Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$2 at door, reservations 237-7700.

"This Sporting Life," Richard Harris, Rachel Roberts, Albany Public Library Tuesday Night Film Series, Harmanus Bleeker Library, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Free.

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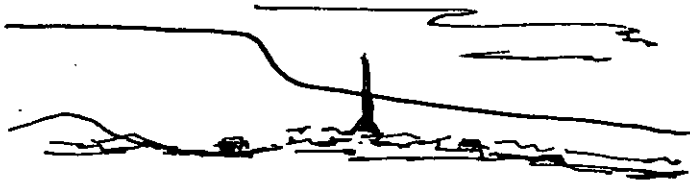
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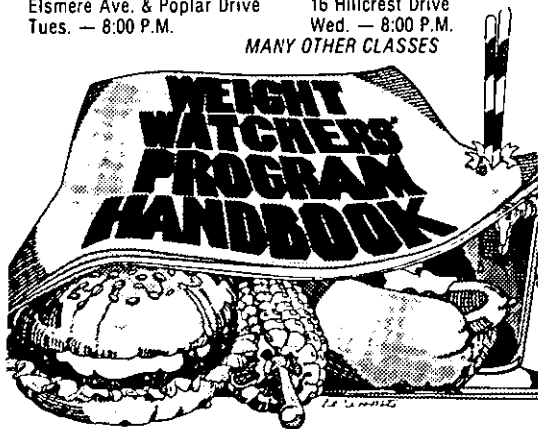
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Ravena: Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Wed. — 8:00 P.M.

MANY OTHER CLASSES



Citizen Band Radio Club, first Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Jim Munger — 463-0275.

Albany chapter, Railroad Evangelistic Assn. meets third Saturday of each month, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:15 P.M.

Onesquethaw O.E.S. meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

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, JANUARY 6

Voorheesville Community Club meeting, St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

Curriculum planning meeting for BCHS pupils and parents, high school cafeteria, 8 p.m. Administrators, guidance counselors and supervisors will be present to discuss and answer questions about course offerings for 1977-78.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Ladies' Auxillary of Bethlehem Lodge B.P.O.E. 2233 will host a group of Women Veterans from V.A. Hospital, Albany for dinner and an evening of games and relaxation, Elks Lodge, Rte. 144, Cedar Hill.

Film: "Nicholas and Alexandra," Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Christmas Tree recycling, Garden Shoppe, Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chamber Music Society, recital of music of baroque period, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m. Refreshments free.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Business meeting, Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Literature Group of the Delmar Progress Club, home of Mrs. Joy Ford, 1:30 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club presents Dr. Monica Bishop's "How to Prevent a Bad Picture," or "What Went Wrong?" St. Stephen's Parish Hall,

8 p.m. Bring your failures. Visitors welcomed.

Cornell Men's Club, social hour with wives, illustrated talk on Scandinavia by Alice Porter, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

No kindergarten classes for Bethlehem Students due to parent-teacher conferences.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Voorheesville First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 7-9 p.m., sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis Club.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Antique Study Group and Garden Group of the Delmar Progress Club, combined meeting and luncheon "Grandmother's Treasures," Delmar Reformed Church, 11:30 a.m.

Ladies Auxillary of Bethlehem Lodge B.P.O.E. 2233, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Monthly meeting, Elsmere Fire Company Ladies' Auxillary, firehall, 8 p.m.

Diet Workshop, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Christmas Tree Recycling, Garden Shoppe, Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free.

Cross Country Workshop for novice and beginning skiers, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Registration fee of \$1 must be received by the Center by Jan. 10. Refreshments.

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THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Bethlehem business outlook: cautious optimism

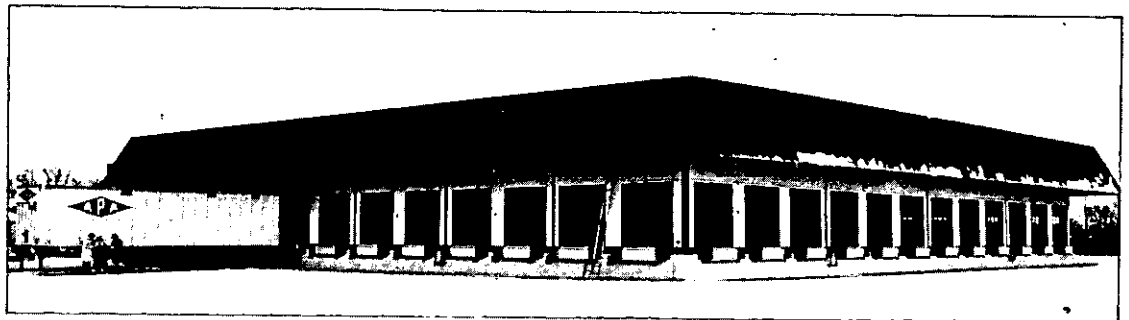
For Bethlehem businessmen the year that was might have been better and the one that's coming is almost certain to be.

A modestly good Christmas buying season put most Delmar merchants ahead of last year's total sales. The majority of local storeowners and managers polled in an informal Spotlight survey expressed guarded optimism for the year ahead despite the usual tug-o'-war of economic factors that have a meaningful bearing on the economic climate.

On the bad-news-first basis, there were such sensitivities as continuing inflation, pressure from oil prices and a steady rise in utility and service costs, the growing ogre of public pension costs and the United Parcel Service strike. On the plus side were the optimism of a new national administration despite its unknown quality, a slow but noticeable improvement in the U.S. economy, the country's happy bicentennial mood and, locally, a growing local economy.

In Delmar, where a substantial majority of retail business in the Bethlehem-New Scotland suburban market is concentrated, there was cautious optimism. A few representative views:

Gilbert O. Drake of D.A. Bennett's plumbing supplies and appliances, observed his business "had a very good fourth quarter. The volume picked up rapidly after Labor Day and we feel this momentum will carry well into 1977."



A-P-A Transport Corp., a New Jersey-based trucking firm, began operations this week in this 30,000-square-foot terminal facility just off Rt. 9-W at Thruway Exit 23. The company, which employs 35 locally, previously operated a smaller terminal in Glenmont.

Luke J. Mullen, proprietor of the area's largest pharmacy and a partner in the Paper Mill, a year-old stationery store at Delaware Plaza, said 1976 was "an excellent year." He added: "People seemed to be happier because of the bicentennial. The mood of the country was lighter, more confident."

Added Jeff Sowers of Delmar Appliance: "A year ago people seemed a bit afraid of where the economy was heading. This year, although the economy hasn't changed much, the public's attitude toward economic conditions seems to be better."

Ken Schenkel, who owns Paul Mitchell's menswear shop and is president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn., said the sales volume in his store showed a gain over the previous year. "The economy can't get any worse," he observed. "It can only get better." Schenkel looks for a better year in 1977, largely due to the change in the administration in Washington.

Schenkel also noticed a rise in consumer credit and more selectivity on the part of shoppers. "During the Christmas season, people were spending more carefully on specific items. They also were turning more toward the specialty stores, the full-service Momma-Poppa-type stores rather than the larger stores."

Herman Rasker, who has had two of the community's leading specialty stores at Delaware Plaza since the shopping center was established 21 years ago, agreed, but added a cautious note: "There is a tremendous amount of merchandise available in the area," he said just a few days before Christmas. "The pipelines are stuffed with merchandise because too many stores have stocked too much." Rasker estimated his 1976 sales would be "about the same" as the previous year when all the figures are in, but noted that "business is spottier" than in other years.

Most local stores were hurt by the drawn-out UPS strike,

which for most merchants came at the crucial time of year when shelves must be stocked for Christmas trade.

It will be a while before the final totals are computed. But local businessmen agreed it was a competitive year. "I've never seen a year where the big discount stores cut their prices so steeply," commented one. With few exceptions, the spread of Sunday store openings in Delmar, legal for the first time, was disappointing both commercially as well as morally.

In the community at large there were indications of growth and change. The real estate market was spotty, home building was about normal, but Bethlehem communities and the expanding residential sectors in the Voorheesville area underscored the desirability of these sections as places to live and raise families.

"Our home mortgage lending in the Tri-Village area in 1976 was favorable, and we look forward to an equally fa-

avorable year in 1977," said Frederick W. Stolz, president of City & County Savings Bank, which has an office in Elsmere. Added Stolz, a Delmar resident: "Nineteen seventy six saw a sharp downward trend in interest rates available in the marketplace. Since savings bank rates paid on deposits remained reasonably static, inflows of deposits into savings banks were at a high level, thereby enabling savings banks to meet the home buyer's mortgage needs with high-percentage mortgage loans."

Peter Farrell, vice president and chief economist of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., told Capital District business reporters last month that "the bulk of available evidence points toward a continuation of economic recovery in 1977." Farrell believes inflationary pressures have lessened, and feels that if Jimmy Carter can achieve a tax cut, it would stimulate U.S. economy and give consumers and businesses some extra spending power in the coming year.

A number of new businesses opened during the year. Among them: the Rocking Chair Traveler, Crystal Chandelier, Courtside Tennis Shop, Ari Isolino's menswear, the Golden Acorn, Lena's Children's Shop, Flowers by Thomas and Forget-Me-Not Gifts.

Meanwhile the household checkbook continued to be sensitive to price trends, state and local tax changes as well as federal, and foreign and domestic policy shifts. Local taxes will be about the same, Albany County taxes will be up and everyone will keep a wary eye on Governor Carey and the Legislature when the new state budget is unwrapped later this month.

Appointed by town

Mrs. Alice Cirillo of Delmar has been appointed by the Bethlehem town board to be secretary of the town planning board. She succeeds Mrs. Catherine Mosmen, who retired last week from the full-time position.



Raymond J. Kinley, general chairman of United Way Campaign of Albany Area and senior vice president of State Bank of Albany, right, accepts \$1,200 check from International Harvester Foundation. Presenting check at bank is R.M. Ross of the IH regional offices, Albany.

JOB CORPS Town to appeal seminary ruling

Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer and the town of Bethlehem were expected to file an appeal this week in a last-ditch effort to block establishment of the New York Job Corps Center in Glenmont.

Chief Judge James T. Foley of U.S. District court denied on Dec. 22 the town's petition for a show cause order against the U.S. Dept. of Labor, which has leased the 240-acre Our Lady of Angels seminary on Rt. 144 and has given the Singer Company a contract to set up and administer the rehabilitation center for 275 disadvantaged youths. The town's suit, in which Sheaffer joined as a private citizen and resident of the town, was based on the DOL's failure to make an environmental study before signing the lease.

Foley's 25-page written opinion concluded with a statement that "by no means is this writing intended to minimize the justifiable concern for family protection and security shown by the families of the town of Bethlehem. But the law has been followed in the administrative determination and the decision must be accepted."

Sheaffer met several times last week with Harry B. Rezzemini, Bethlehem town attorney, and John W. Tabner, Albany lawyer who argued the town's case in district court in November. Over the weekend, as the Spotlight was going to press, Sheaffer said he had not reached "a solid conclusion, but it is most likely we will appeal."

Foley's ruling gave the town until Jan. 5 to file an appeal. That deadline expires Wednesday of this week. The town board was scheduled to meet two days earlier (Monday) for its annual organization and business meeting, but was not expected to take any action on the Job Corps suit. Sheaffer pointed out last week that town law does not require board approval of such a decision. He thus was empowered to file the appeal on behalf of the town as well as in his own behalf.

Meanwhile Singer Company officials continued to build the staff and complete planned renovations at the riverfront campus in Glenmont. At full strength the payroll is expected to be approximately 92 persons, most of them from the Albany metropolitan area. The first complement of Job Corps enrollees is expected to arrive



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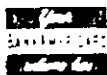
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BETHLEHEM Board appeals variance ruling

The Bethlehem board of appeals has filed an appeal of its own in a court struggle with a Slingerlands homeowner. In an eleventh-hour action on the final meeting of the year, board members voted to fight the State Supreme Court's reversal of an earlier decision by the board denying a petition by the homeowner for a variance under the zoning law.

The homeowner, Eugene N. Ouderkirk, 1545 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, had sought a variance to convert part of the basement of his home into a one-bedroom apartment. The large dwelling already has a small apartment in addition to the living quarters for the Ouderkirk family. The board last April denied the request, citing that the special exception "would not be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district . . ." Ouderkirk, who had presented a petition signed, he said, "by everyone who could see the house" that said they didn't object to the proposal, appealed the ruling and won a reversal in November from Judge George Cobb. Now the board is appealing that decision.

Cobb also upset the board's denial of a petition by Juris VanCans, 1509 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, for approval to build a four-unit apartment structure on land he owns at the intersection of Jericho Rd. and Elm Ave. A four-family dwelling converted with board approval several years ago already stands on the site.

Cobb voided the board's rejection of the VanCans re-



Bethlehem Central students have presented a mural to the residential unit of the Oswald D. Heck Developmental Center in Niskayuna. BC students included Kristan Congemi, Barbara Spinosa and Terry Bassett, 3rd, 4th and 5th from left, Ruth Burroughs, 4th from right, and John Miner, 2nd from right.

quest and told the petitioner he could resubmit his application.

Benefit ski race

Albany Ski Club, which has a number of Tri-Village members, will sponsor a dual slalom ski race open to all skiers regardless of ability Jan. 9 at Snow Valley ski area, near Manchester, Vt. The \$9 entry fee includes a \$5 donation to cerebral palsy and an all-day lift ticket. The event is open to skiers 18 or older. Information 785-7167.

Regina, where are you?

Among the 259 persons on the Internal Revenue Service annual Capital District list of unclaimed income tax refunds are a couple with a Delmar address, another with a Clarksville address and three persons who live or once resided in Voorheesville and Selkirk. Unclaimed checks can be picked up by Garrie L. and Judith C. Whalen of Delmar, David and Harriet Krieger of Clarksville, Elizabeth A. Hallenbeck and Regina W. McGrath of Voorheesville, and Caroline A. Abbott of Selkirk.

An open forum on Job Corps

An open forum in the form of an informational panel discussion on the subject of the New York Job Corps Center

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John N. Acquilano, director of the Job Corps youth rehabilitation center, will discuss the center's program for 275 enrollees of both sexes who will spend an average of six months at the facility. Also invited to be on the panel are representatives of the Glenmont Neighbors Assn. and the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Nathaniel A. Boynton, editor-publisher of the Spotlight, will serve as moderator for the question period.

DELMAR
Centennial flag tells a story


One hundred years ago the presidential candidate with the most popular votes lost the election, Colorado became the 38th state and Josiah Utter bought a flag.

The flag was purchased just prior to election day in 1876 by the grandfather of Carson J. Utter, 28 Douglas Rd., Delmar. In that year, Samuel Tilden, the Democratic candidate for president, ran against Rutherford B. Hayes of the Republican party. The campaign was dirty and close, and remained that way even after election day, until some "political negotiating" swayed three southern states to vote for Hayes.

The flag is a reminder of the bitterly fought race in which Hayes became the new president with only one vote more than Tilden in the electoral college.

"My father was a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat," reports Carson Utter, "and he would relate the story many times told by his father about the 1876 election."

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Cornell Club meets

Members of the Cornell Men's Club and their wives will meet Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library for a social hour and a slide lecture on Scandinavia by Alice Porter of Delmar.

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New Scotland town board sits for a portrait at a New Year's Day organization meeting. From left, seated: Robert Patterson, Supervisor Stephen Wallace, Town Clerk Corinne Cossac, standing, Wyman Osterhout, Kenneth Tice, Charles Houghtaling.

NEW SCOTLAND Cook new head of planning board

Robert Cook, Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands, is the new chairman of the town of New Scotland planning board. His appointment went into the books at the town board's annual organization meeting on New Year's Day along with a routine agenda of business matters.

Cook succeeds Robert Husband, who retains the chairmanship of the zoning board of appeals. Reappointed to town posts were Walter Miller, building inspector, James Ryan, town attorney, Fred Edmunds, zoning attorney, and Geraldine Foote, director of the senior citizens' center.

In a surprise move, the board deferred the retirement of Michael Ulion as town assessor for one month in order to com-

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plete the tax collection period. Ullion, who was scheduled to retire Dec. 31 after more than 25 years' service, agreed to stay on until Jan. 31.

The board also appointed Arthur Leland town constable. Leland, who previously served in the post, recently retired from his job with an oil company. He succeeds William Houghtaling.

No 'scare buying' in beef price hike

A newspaper report that U.S. consumers face a rise in beef prices was apparently ignored in the Delmar-Voorheesville area last week.

A spokesman in headquarters of the A&P Tea Co. in Albany reported "there was nothing unusual about the buying patterns" of local consumers. Albany Public Market managers declined comment and the Grand Union executive offices were closed for the holiday on Friday, the day after the news story appeared.

At the Stonewell Shopping Center in Slingerlands, Sam Falvo, proprietor of one of the few independently owned meat businesses in the area, reported meat purchases were heavy last week, but he said that was normal for the holiday season. There was no indication of "scare buying" as a result of the story, Falvo said.

SPORTS

Blackbirds face toughest test

A combination of Coach Howard Smith and a steady team effort has turned Voorheesville Central's basketball picture from mediocre to bright. The Blackbirds now stand 6-2, have a tournament trophy in the showcase and are improving every week.

On Friday the Birds will have to fly high. They play the league leaders on an alien court, and must contend with a 6-5 center who is averaging 15 points a game. The opponent is Waterford, currently 7-1 on the season, and the beanpole is Jim Eaton.

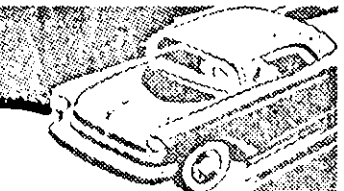
In holiday tournament action the Blackbirds took second place in the Middleburgh tournament and won the Christmas tournament at Cobleskill. They turned back the host team, 58-49, in the opener, and took Shalmon Central, 69-61, in the championship game.

PTA grade meeting

Voorheesville PTA will hold its second general meeting of the year Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria. Thomas Vandermoulen of Fulton-Montgomery Community College will be the speaker.

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The sessions will allow interested persons to ask questions about Empire State's individually designed college program. Empire State College is the non-traditional college of the State University of New York that allows persons to study in times and places that fit conveniently with personal responsibilities.

Diet session planned

An open meeting will be held by the Diet Workshop next Thursday (Jan. 13) at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. Diane Green, area director for the Diet Workshop, will describe how workshop mem-




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Third graders meet the eye: Mrs. Howard Anderson with Mary Heathwaite, left, and Howard Anderson in Glenmont.

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Third graders at the Glenmont Elementary School have been studying about eyes. To aid their study, cow eyes were obtained and the students were able to see and touch the specific parts of the eyes.

With the help of trained parent volunteers, the cow eyes were dissected and the children handled, mounted and labeled the various parts. Some children were less enthusiastic than others about handling the large eyes, but one girl said, "It's not gross, it's very interesting."

This activity is part of the

Berkeley Health Model, and is a pilot project in the Glenmont school for possible district-wide implementation. The Berkeley Health program is being used in other grade levels.

Three Glenmont staff members went to California this past summer to be trained in the third grade health program.

Consumer talk slated

Gwen Bymers, professor of consumer economics at Cornell University, will speak to local members of the National Council of Jewish Women on Jan. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mayfair's Community Room, 151 Wolf Rd., Albany. The

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Lamaze classes start

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Delmar student cited

Richard Scoons of Delmar has been initiated into Epsilon Pi Tau, the international honorary professional fraternity in industrial arts and vocational education. He is a junior majoring in industrial arts teacher education at the State University of New York College at Oswego. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. Scoons is the son of Clifford J. Scoons, 11 Albright Pl.

Furniture donations

Mobile Community Service Project, a division of St. John's Center, 37 So. Ferry St., Albany, has broadcast an appeal for usable furniture and household furnishings for underprivileged families. Needed items include kitchen chairs and tables, living room chairs and couches, single and double beds and bed frames, dressers and bureaus, rugs and carpets and household sundries. Information call 472-9091.

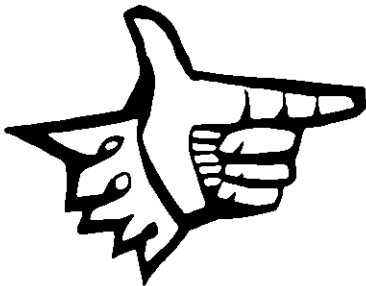
Nurse's aide course

The Albany Area chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a free nurse's aide course for volunteers who would like to assist at local hospitals. The 30-hour course will begin on Monday, Jan. 10 and will run for two days — Mondays and Wednesdays — each week, for five weeks, at the Red Cross chapter house on Hackett Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon. To register call Lisa Evans, 462-7461, extension 75.

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Mrs. Dahne, who served as "on call" assistant to the Go-Getter chairman, and as board marker and area manager during Auction Week last year, has also been active in the WVIA TV Auction in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She is a graduate

of Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

Mrs. Dahne is chairman of the Stitchery Group for the Welcome Wagon Club in Delmar, and is a member of the Capital District chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America.

The WMHT/Channel 17 Auction, scheduled for the spring, is a major source of income for the public television station.

Elected Phi Beta

Eloisa Leconte Ernst, 24 Rowland Ave., Delmar, a sociology student at State University of New York of Albany, was initiated into the national Phi Beta Kappa Society last month. Matthew Elbow of Delmar, a history major, is secretary on the first slate of officers to be elected by the Albany campus chapter, which was chartered in 1974.

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That one defeat came at the hands of arch-rival Rome Free Academy in 1974. Another surprise came last week at the Southern Division Adirondack Relays when a double disqualification cost Bethlehem that meet for the first time in eight years. The meet went to Shaker, an earlier victim of the BC powerhouse. Veteran coach Jack Whipple carries a list of



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credentials that would make any coach envious. Since assuming the varsity helm in 1971, Whipple has coached 10 All-Americans, five Sectional team championships, 15 Sectional champions and a countless number of Sectional finalists.

The loss of All-Americans Kirk Harmon and Dennis Fitzpatrick last June was accompanied by the graduation of five other top notch swimmers. Where as most teams would be experiencing rebuilding years by such a loss, this year's squad is certainly not ready to write this season away. Leading the 1976-77 team are returning All-Americans Ken Neff and Lorren Elkins.

The team is highlighted by the fact that many of the swimmers can swim different events.

Distance freestylers are Lorren Elkins, Andy Neff, Bill Reagan and frosh Drew Hyde. Those who will see action in the individual medley are Ken Neff, Elkins, Steve Steele and Steve Lazare. The sprint freestylers are Brian Spindler, Mark DeLaney and Dave Dean.

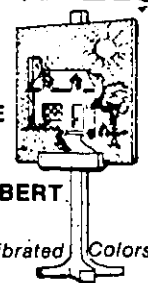
Perhaps the most vulnerable area is the diving. The loss of Craig Lindell and Randy Sanderson has left a huge gap to fill. Mark Sillito and Missy Dempf are improving steadily and should provide points in this event.

The butterfly events will see Steele, Lazare and Tim Fitzpatrick while the backstroke races will be handled by Ken Neff. The breaststroke are Elkins, Bob Tartaglia and Pearce Raeder. Both Elkins and Neff are the "kings" of the metroland in these respective events. There are two relays that will be comprised of the four fastest swimmers.

Whipple has his cast swimming for the team rather than for the individual. "I feel," says Whipple, "that the success of our team can be attributed to the willingness of our swimmers to give of themselves for the well-being of the team." Another reason for his teams success is the amount of time his teams spend practicing.

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A small core of fyfe and drummers are organizing in the Selkirk-Delmar area. The newly formed group calls itself the Royal Regiment and is looking for new members.

Some of the musicians were formerly with the Village Volunteers. The Royal Regiment is a slightly older age group than the Volunteers, and the Regiment hopes to challenge its members with more difficult pieces.

The Royal Regiment has performed locally, in Connecticut, and at Ft. Ticonderoga. At these musters, the group's half a dozen members are augmented by musicians from other corps.

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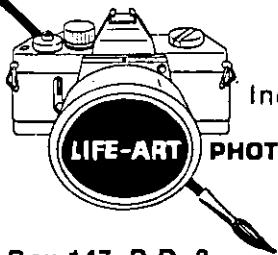
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Dec. 22 — Delmar, 97 Adams Pl., furnace (smoke).

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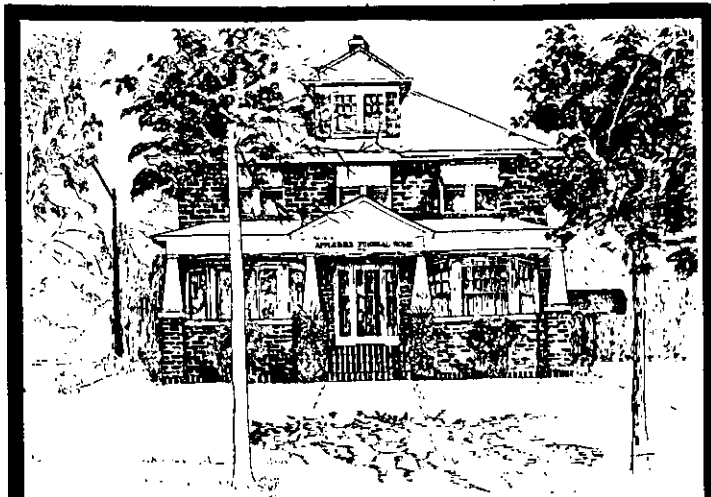


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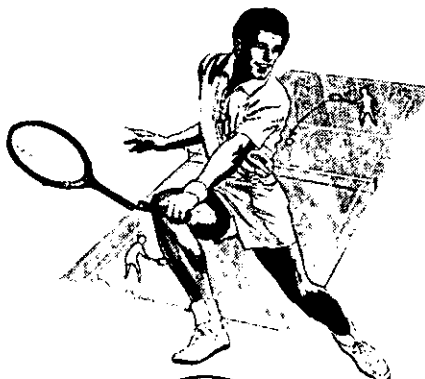
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Educational responsibility

Editor, The Spotlight:

Janet Butlin's letter in your Dec. 9 issue cites the need for greater state aid for education, since "mandated and contractual obligations for school districts . . . have increased irrespective of declining enrollments."

I judge from this that the annual "grubbing for dollars" game is starting earlier than ever this year, with the education lobby anxious to spread the word that education costs should increase more or less in proportion to the declines in student achievement scores and decreasing enrollments.

I do join with Janet Butlin in advocating letter writing to our legislators. When we realize that for several years now teacher and administrator gains in salaries and fringes have far outrun not only the cost of living and inflation needs, but the gains of those in the so-called private sector, we need to ask our legislators and school board members to

use some newfound restraint in these areas, combined with a new willingness on the part of educators to accept responsibility for their work. By contrast, new cries for state aid simply honor the reluctance of many school board folks to curb the most expensive education system in the world.

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Toy drive success

Editor, The Spotlight

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We would also like to express our appreciation to the establishments that allowed us to place collection boxes in their stores.

Thanks to everyone who helped bring the joy of Christmas to the underprivileged children.

Delmar *Scott Roberts*
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Community Corner

Next Wednesday is "Service Day," a longstanding tradition for members of the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club. It's the day when members pool their efforts to assist a community organization or service.

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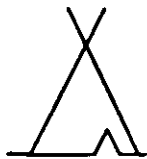
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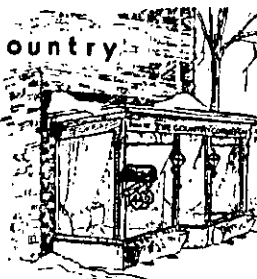
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