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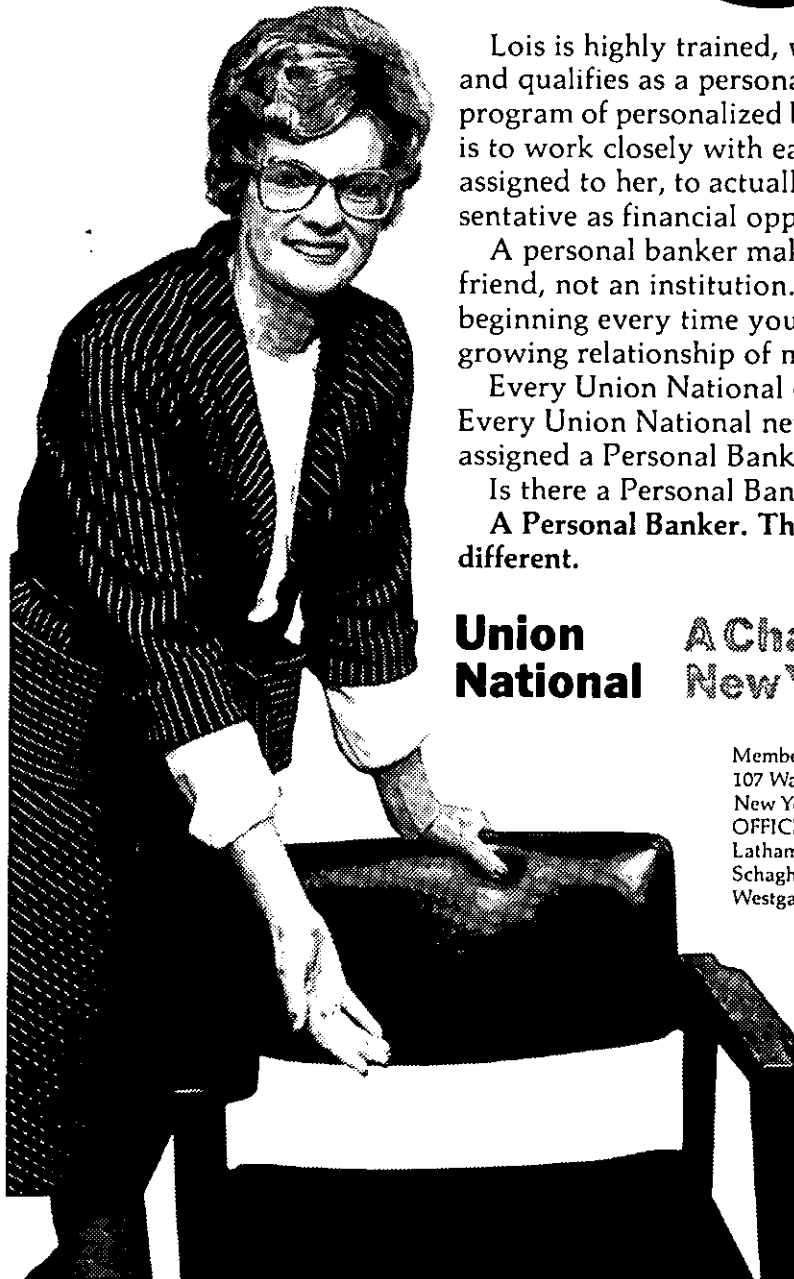
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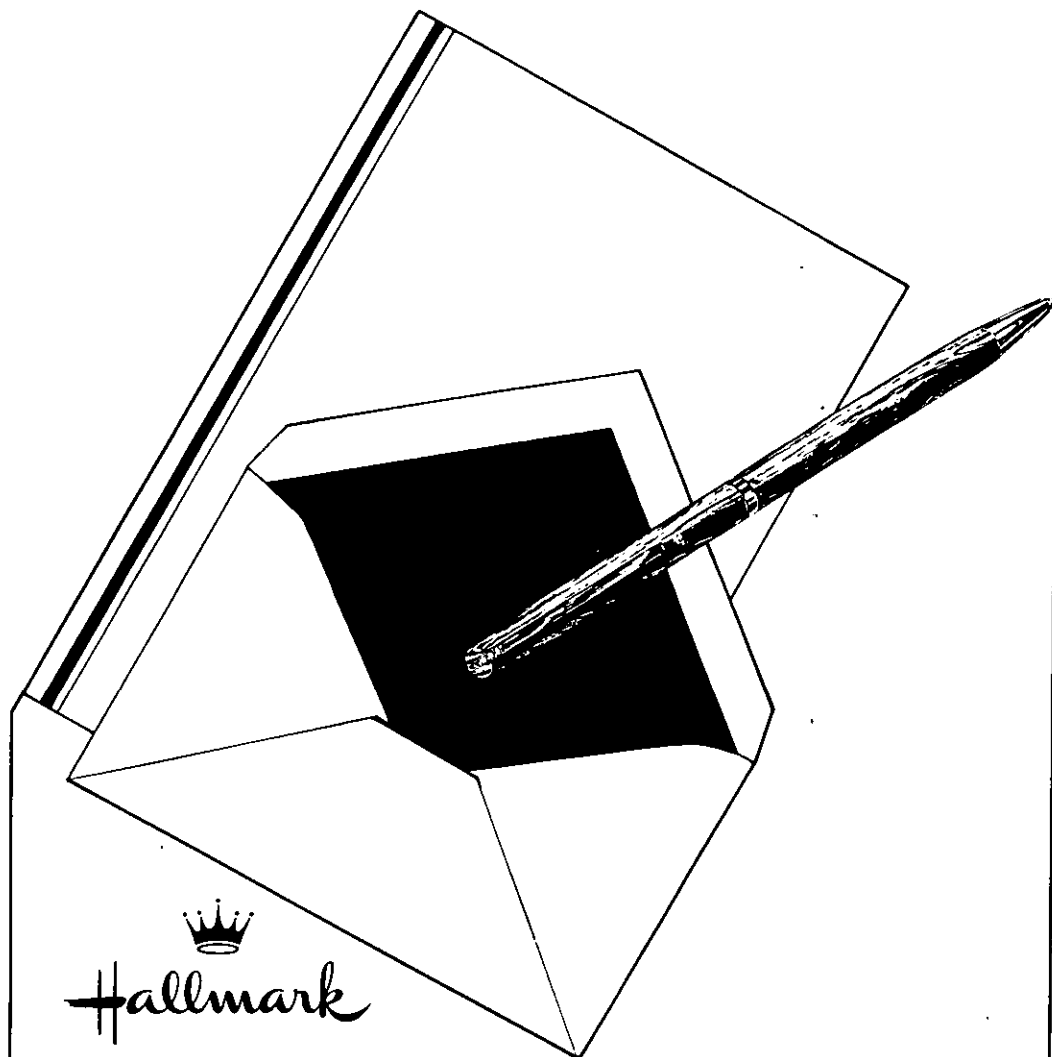


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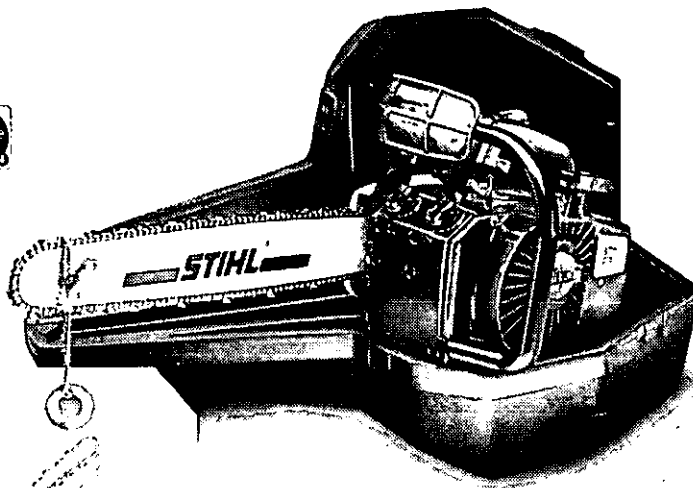
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Bethlehem Jaycees, first and third Wednesdays, Center Inn, 9W, Glenmont, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post 3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesday, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

Glenmont Lions Club, second and fourth Tuesdays, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

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World War I Veterans luncheon, second Tuesday, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, noon. All WWI veterans welcome.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Film: "Virginia City," Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

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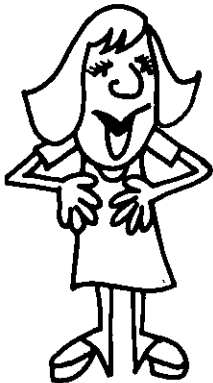
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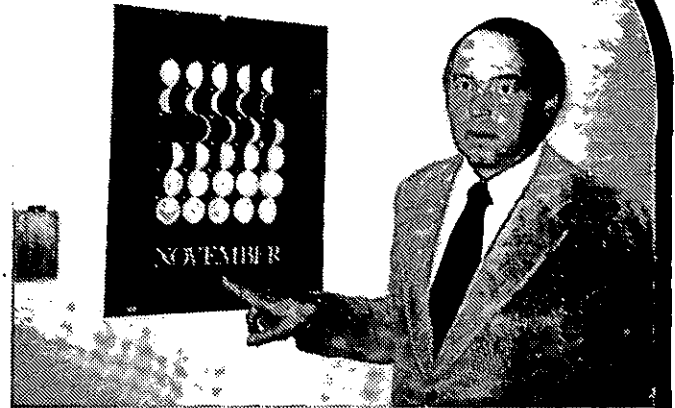
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Film: "Terror by Night," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Passages to Learning, "Creative Photography," special material in Bethlehem Library media center all week.

Story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30-11 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m.

Ray Geiger from Farmer's Almanac, State Bank, Elsmere, 4 p.m.

Story hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30-11 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Delmar Progress Club drama group meeting, Delmar Reformed Church 10 a.m.

Story hour, Clarksville School, 11-11:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Program on alternatives for continuing education, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Interfaith Tea, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 1 p.m., women of Tri-Village area churches invited.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Crafts fair and workshops, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christmas bazaar sponsored by Elsmere Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, Delaware Plaza, 9:30 a.m.

Lunch with Santa sponsored by Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, at the Community Methodist Church, Slingerlands, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$1 per child.

Bazaar sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church at Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Paper drive, Clarksville Community Church parking lot, 9-11 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Delmar Art Group Art Show, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Delmar Progress Club holiday tea honoring new members, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 1-4 p.m.

First part of a three-hour safe driving course, Bethlehem Central High School, Rm. 19A, 7:15 p.m. Must also attend Dec. 7 same time.

Skating week at Bethlehem Library, special print and audio-visual materials available in the media center all week.

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. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"Horse Johnson," comedy-drama, Ensemble Theatre Enterprises, CDPC Little Theatre, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Nov. 18-20, 25-27, 8:15 p.m. \$3.50. Seating limited. Reservations 434-1777.

"Ten Nights in a Bar Room," dinner theater by Theatrical Services Unlimited, Italian Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, Dec. 2-7, \$12.50 includes tax, tip and dinner. Doors open 6 p.m. dinner 7. curtain approximately 8:30. Reservations 372-6888.

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra, concert. Debussy's "Faun" and Brahms No. 3. Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 3, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

Handel's "Messiah," soloists and orchestra, Capitol Hill Choral Society, Chancellor's Hall, Albany, Dec. 9-10, 8 p.m.

Vienna Choir Boys, benefit concert for Holy Names Academy, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Tickets and information, 465-3334.

ART

Exhibition, abstract painter Marion Bers and sculptor Nell Harrison Russell, Center Gallery, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Oct 29-Dec. 3, Mon.-Fri., 12-3, weekends 1-4.

Mini-show of cartoons by Hy Rosen, prize winning Albany cartoonist, Albany Institute of History and Art, through November.

Rhea Athanassiades Bauley, Cypriot painter, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, through Dec. 16, Mon.-Fri. 2-6, closed Nov. 23-27.

FILM

"Ashes and Diamonds," Andreaj Wajda, CDPC Auditorium One, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 (Wed.-Thurs. 8 p.m., Fri. 7:30 and 9:30). \$1.50; students \$1.

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VIEWPOINT

Teachers' union: enough of work-to-rule

Bethlehem Central schoolchildren and their parents, who help pay the tab, have now had more than 10 weeks of the work-to-rule procedure foisted on the community by their teachers' union. During this time Bethlehem's school system, once a model of excellence in upstate New York and now distinguished only by its stature as the most expensive school system in this part of the state, has taken another giant step toward mediocrity and educational indifference.

Meanwhile the quality of education in the once-proud Bethlehem school system has been further eroded while some—but happily not all—members of the local union continue their childish and misguided job actions to attract attention. The impact in the elementary grades has been negligible, but in the Middle School and High School, where there are many pupils who need help and guidance from their teachers and counselors outside the classroom or during free time, are being woefully shortchanged.

Public sympathy for the union, with rare exceptions, is only a few degrees above zero. Parents are disgusted, taxpayers resigned, and students left to wonder why teachers they have been groomed to respect act like juveniles, carrying cardboard signs and grouping in the parking lot for a mass entrance at the start of the day to demonstrate their disdain for district parents who pay them up to \$15 an hour and ante up to \$4,300 a year each for a tax-free retirement.

To their credit, these antics strike a discordant note with a number of Bethlehem teachers. These are the teachers who have pride in their profession, who are happiest when they see their students motivated, and who derive a deep satisfaction when they have a part in solving a personal problem for a student in difficulty.

These are the teachers who are appreciative of their stature as the most economically privileged segment of the community, earning higher salaries than their counterparts elsewhere, receiving increments each year as public employees that employees of private enterprises do not receive, and anticipating non-contributory pensions up to and in

excess of 65 percent that taxpayers in the private sector can never hope to attain.

These are also the teachers who watch the eroding quality of education across the land, brought on by the unconscionable tenure system and by rich unions whose antics like demanding 8-11 percent raises each year guarantee continuation of mediocrity in their profession. By crying about the rising cost of living, they and other unions make certain that the economy continues its upward spiral.

It would be fair and beneficial for the board to grant raises for younger teachers and especially competent teachers, but the union forbids this. Instead, it insists on proportionate raises for the longtime members, more than 60 of whom earn upwards of \$19,000 for a 38-week year, 33 of them more than \$20,000, regardless of their competency.

At the same time, by their apathy, Bethlehem parents deserve what they're getting from the union. No group of parents has marched on the other side of the street carrying magic-marker signs saying, "Teach Our Kids," or "Earn Your Pay." No group of parents has massed in the parking lot (when it isn't raining) and marched on the faculty lounge to say, "Come Off It," or "You're Working for Us and We've Had Enough." Few parents bother to go to school board meetings to say, "Stick with it, we're behind you," or write supportive letters. No group of parents has bothered to organize a counter demonstration to protest a situation that can only hurt their own children each day it is allowed to continue.

Ironically, when and if the teachers get their pay raise, it will be retroactive to July 1, which means that they will collectively reap several thousand dollars of extra pay for each week they have been picketing, marching and refusing to help in the afternoons under work-to-rule. Something to remember when the next school budget comes up for a vote next June.

Enough is enough. It's time to get back to a proper perspective and to the kind of community values that we'd like our children to perpetuate.

BETHLEHEM

Students decry work-to-rule

When students at Bethlehem Central High School were asked in an informal "sidewalk poll" whether the teachers' union work-to-rule procedure was affecting them, some students quickly said "yes" while others said they had not noticed any difference. Under work-to-rule, teachers adhere strictly to terms of their union contract, observe a 7½-hour day and embargo extra activities.

One senior who asked not to be identified said, "If you're falling behind and want extra help, they can't help you. They refuse to help you after school. Maybe this is a petty grievance," he added, "but I'm failing math."

Another student who complained he couldn't get help after school said he was told by a teacher to ask another student for help. Many students cited the problem of teachers "refusing to give help after hours" and one student mentioned the delay in tests being returned after an exam because the teacher wouldn't take the tests home to correct.

Students said they enjoyed watching the teachers assemble in the front of the building each morning and walk in together at 7:30, apparently not wanting to get to work before the appointed contractual minute. One student called the mass morning march "stupid" and another pointed out the practice was abandoned on rainy days, and appears to have been forsaken altogether with the advent of cold weather.

A veteran teacher now substituting occasionally said



It takes the combined school taxes on three homes like these in prime Bethlehem neighborhoods to pay the annual pension benefits alone of one experienced local teacher. Owners of these

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he saw subtle changes in the school and commented that the teacher-student relationship had been undermined since the teachers began working to rule. He added that some students do not feel they have to follow the rules when they see "the teachers playing with them" and he said "some of the best teachers are 'walking along the wall,'" indicating they do not wish to be associated with the unionists.

Students also mentioned "a different atmosphere" about

the high school this year, using the words like "snobbier" and "stricter" to describe the change in teachers. Students who will be facing exams in another six weeks are hoping the work-to-rule will end so they can receive the extra help they need.

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Bethlehem police, responding to a call at 2:30 p.m. Friday that a man was "going berserk" at the parochial school on Adams Pl., rushed to the

school, but the man sped away in a late-model car. The intruder, carrying a hatchet, reportedly threatened an adult outside the building, then ran inside the building. Most of the school's pupil population were in school buses at the time, although a number of grade students were in the classrooms after dismissal.

An hour later, police said, the man turned himself in to Albany police. He was taken to Bethlehem headquarters, where he was arrested by Officer John R. Cox Jr. on two charges of reckless endangerment, a Class D felony. He was remanded to Albany County jail pending a court appearance.

Hub caps stolen.

A total of 10 hub caps were reported stripped from three vehicles parked at apartment houses on Blessing Rd. Saturday night. Bethlehem police said Edward Goblisch of Bethlehem Terrace apartments reported the theft of two locked hubcaps, Lewis C. Frank of Bethlehem Terrace four hubcaps and Joanne Lesser of Meadowbrook Apartments four hubcaps.

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Davitt has been a teacher in high school, college and graduate school. He was director of secondary education for the Diocese of Buffalo from 1954 to 1967. In addition to numerous state and



J. Alan Davitt

national advisory posts, Davitt is chairman of the New York State Conference for Nonpublic Education and a member of the United States Bishops' Committee on Education (USCC). He studied at Ottawa University and the State University at Buffalo and holds degrees from Canisius College and Woodstock College. He lives in Delmar, with his wife, Mary, and six children.

Spotlight to carry TV listings

In response to an enthusiastic reception of the Spotlight's "trial run" of weekly television program listings, this newspaper will carry the listings each week starting with the Dec. 1 issue. Only a few negative "votes" were received among the scores of coupons and phone calls coming to the Spotlight office, convincing us that the feature would be appreciated by many readers.

Only the four channels serving Bethlehem and New Scotland viewers will be listed, thus eliminating the "clutter" of the weekly "TV Dial" listings. Bethlehem Video cable listings will be added later. The lists also will be printed on pages adjacent to the Spotlight centerfold, making it easy for viewers to tear out the center pages each week to keep handy to the TV set.

New manager here

Mike Visconti of Latham has been named manager of McDonald's Elsmere store, succeeding Jack Geary, who has been transferred to a new assignment as manager of the company's Glenville store. Visconti, who has managed 22 McDonald's stores in Georgia, Mississippi and New York State during the past eight years, is 28 and single. His most recent assignment was as manager of the Lake George McDonald's.

Special stamp sale

The 1977 mint set of commemorative stamps, expected to be a popular holiday gift item again, is now on sale at local post offices, the U. S. Postal Service has announced. Designed for members of the non-collecting public as well as collectors, the folder contains all 27 commemorative and special stamps issued during 1977 and a brief description of each issue. The cost is \$4.

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Police probe vandalism wave

Roving vandals caused a wave of destruction in Delmar neighborhoods over the weekend, according to Bethlehem police reports.

On Friday night, vandals smashed two windows of a car parked in the driveway of 69 Mosher Rd., smashed four panes of glass on a post lamp at 5 Oldox Rd., broke several small panes in the front windows of a house at 12 Darroch Rd. with rocks, broke the left front window of a parked car at 15 Oldox Rd. and two car windows at 48 Oldox, smashed a rear door window of a parked car at 24 Marlboro Rd., and broke post lamps at 21, 33 and 35 Roweland Ave. A split rail fence on the Adams Pl.-Marlboro Rd. side of the Verstandig's Florist property was smashed and removed on the same night.

In Elsmere, Clark Galloway reported that a 20-foot flagpole on the front lawn of his residence at 35 Sunset Dr. was destroyed, and cornstalks were stuffed in the mailbox of a dwelling at 5 Sunset Dr. owned by Robert L. Clarke. On Oct. 10 someone touched a match to newspapers stuffed in the Clarke mailbox, which is attached to the house and is accessible from both inside and outside the dwelling.

Other recent incidents reported to police include a basketball backboard and net pulled down at 25 Dykeman Rd., a rear tire cut on a car parked in the driveway at 10 Hallowell Rd., a rear window at Elsmere Elementary School broken, and a rock thrown through the side window at 211 Delaware Ave.

A tinted thermal pane in the front window of the Bethlehem Library was shattered by a "hard object" earlier this month, police said. The window, 10 feet high and five feet wide, was valued at \$500, according to Officer Daniel J. House who investigated. Over the same weekend, Peter French of Rt. 32, Feura Bush, a contractor, reported more than \$300 damage caused by vandals who poured sand in the gas tank of a back hoe on a construction site at Derry Lane, Colonial Acres, removed the oil filter and smeared clay and mud over the engine of a bulldozer.

Bruce Herbeck of Station WOKO reported that someone shot out the light atop the radio station's tower on Kenwood Ave. the night of Nov. 9. He estimated the cost of replacement at \$400.

Over the weekend a rock was thrown through a thermopane window in the front of a residence at 1562 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, police said.



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George Smede points to Bethlehem Video anchor deep in the ground a few feet from Elsmere Ave. At right is a double anchor used for telephone and power lines on the same pole. A fourth anchor is behind Smede's arm.

Spotlight Photos

CABLE TV Residents cry: anchors away

In the parlance of wire and cable-stringing crews from the telephone company, power company and cable television company, an "anchor" is a four-foot galvanized steel shaft driven deep into the ground near a utility pole. Its function: to anchor a metal stay to support the pole, thus easing the stress from the strong pull of the trunk cable up top.

Installation crews under contract to Bethlehem Video, racing the winter solstice, have been driving hundreds of anchors as they fan out into Elsmere and Glenmont en route to providing cable TV to the town of Bethlehem. They've been planting them as close as possible to existing anchors used by New York Telephone and Niagara Mohawk, sometimes hooking into anchors previously driven by the utilities themselves, as they prepare to string trunk cables and feeder cables on existing poles.

Here and there the crewmen have encountered resistance from homeowners objecting to the steel needles being driven into their yards. Explains

George Smede, manager of Bethlehem Video: "People don't realize that the utilities (telephone and power companies) require anchors for pole support and they have the easements for them. We usually contact the residents to sign a right-of-way form. When they object, we try to find another way to support the pole. When we can't do that, we have to exercise our easement rights."

Four crews are working against the calendar to get the TV system in before severe cold interferes with the schedule. They started five weeks ago from the new tower on Elm Ave. in Selkirk, and last week crossed the Delmar Bypass on Elsmere Ave. and fanned into the Hamagrael area. The work is being done by an Ohio-based contractor, Jackson Communications, which has a strand crew, an anchor crew and two cable crews on the road—one stringing trunk cable parallel to existing phone and power lines, the other splicing in the individual hookups.

Bethlehem Video must have a license for each pole they use, and they pay rental under contract to New York Telephone as custodian. With an average of 40-50 poles per mile, 50-60 in the more thickly settled sections of Delmar and

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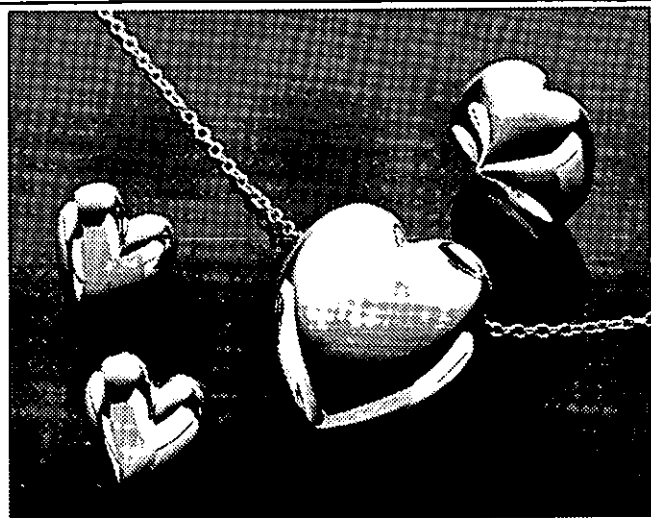
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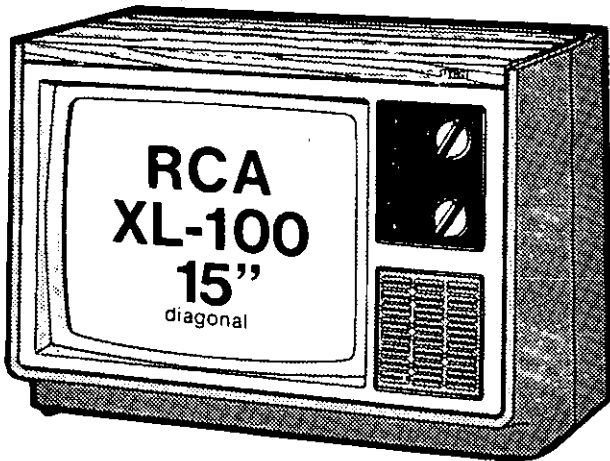
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Cable TV crew at work on Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

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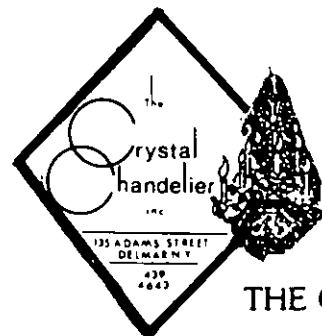
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Elsmere, this means some 5,000 poles, many of them requiring anchors. In some of the newer residential areas the lines run along the rear lot lines instead of along roads and streets, in still others, like Elm Estates and Oakwood subdivisions, they are underground. This week Bethlehem Video is signing a purchase contract for new "trenching" equipment to install nearly 12 miles of buried cable and provide hookups for some 1,000 homes served by underground distribution.

Barry Fuller, director of marketing for the franchise, expects the first hookups to be made sometime between Dec. 15 and Christmas. Cable programs already are flowing into the company's head-end building at the 100-foot tower on Elm Ave. Subscribers will be able to add three additional broadcast channels for most of the time periods during the day

and evening, plus Channel 2, Utica. Cable channels will offer a variety of comedy, sports, movies, educational programs and others. Also available will be Home Box Office for an additional \$8 monthly charge, featuring current movies, live theatre and night club acts. Under a new policy, the Spotlight will carry Bethlehem programming after Jan. 1st, as the service becomes available to more sections of the town. If the crews are able to continue their scheduled pace of installing approximately 25 miles of cable per month, service should be available to the entire town by April.

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Residents fight school rezoning

The Bethlehem board of education will decide at the Dec. 7 meeting whether to approve a change in the boundary lines between Slingerlands and Clarksville elementary schools. Parents showed up at the last board meeting to voice opposition to the proposed changes necessitated by the Brookfield and Apledoorn housing developments.

In a letter to the residents affected by the proposed changes, Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn wrote: "Rather than redistrict just two isolated housing developments, however, the board prefers to have a plan which would provide contiguous and uniform boundaries. The attached map depicts (with the (heavy) line) the area which is being considered for inclusion in the Clarksville Elementary School attendance area."

Families with children in the area to be affected and presently attending Slingerlands as well as existing children, will be allowed to remain in Slingerlands if Dr. Zinn's proposal is approved by the board.

Approximately a dozen parents attending the board meeting voiced disapproval of the changes. Dennis Stevens of Van Dyke Rd. said, "I am opposed to my children attending Clarksville." He said he consulted several real estate agents and it was the "unanimous opinion that redistricting would have an adverse affect on the value of my home."

Several persons said they had bought homes because of the grade school and were also concerned about the seven-mile bus ride. Bill Greer of Van Dyke Rd. said, "Put the new developments in Clarksville and leave us alone." Residents of Brockley Dr., expressed concern that their street would be the next to be shifted to Clarksville.

Further comment is invited at the 8 p.m. meeting on Dec. 7 at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl. A motion to accept the plan was proposed by John Clyne and seconded, but was tabled because two board members were unable to attend the meeting. Cheryl Marks

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Police probing safe burglary

Bethlehem police expect an early arrest in the burglary of the Gulf Oil Co. self-service station at Delaware Ave. and Elm Ave., Delmar, last Monday night in which cash and credit card receipts were taken from a locked safe.

Det. Richard Spinosa and Officer Leonard Ryan are investigating the theft of \$1,187.02 in cash and \$175.28 in credit slips from the double-locked safe. The safe was opened with no force, police said, indicating the intruder had access to the combination and the key to the inner compartment of the safe. The station was closed for the night at 11:05 p.m., police said, and the theft reported by the manager, Eric LaJeune, when the station was opened Tuesday morning at 6:45.

A portable color television set and five small radios valued at \$344 were taken Friday night in a break-in at Van Dyke's

Northeast, 243 Delaware Ave., Elsmere. A pane in a rear window was smashed to gain entry.

Police also are investigating a burglary at the office of the Olympian Gardens housing complex on Krumkill Rd., North Bethlehem, the night of Nov. 15. Entry was gained by breaking a side window. Three small cameras and miscellaneous tools and equipment with a total value of \$455 were taken, police said. Also reported missing were payroll records, a checkbook, savings account passbook and other papers.

National AAU delegate

Arthur F. Young, Jr. of Delmar was in Columbus, Ohio, last week as a delegate to the 90th annual convention of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (AAU). He is director of the annual Adirondack District swimming championships, a three-day meet held in Delmar each August.



Louise Scheper presents checks to Franklin Duran, Hector Rivera and Larry Kilmer.

Cheryl Marks

Contest winners

Corpsmembers from the New York Job Corps Center, Glenmont, received first and second places in a national Job Corps poster contest sponsored by Women in Community Services (WICS). WICS assists with the recruiting of enrollees.

Louise Scheper, regional director of WICS, was at the Center to present checks and ribbons to the winners.

Franklin Duran was first place winner, receiving \$100, Hector Rivera won \$50 for second place and Larry Kilmer won \$10 for honorable mention. The corpsmembers made their winning posters in an arts and crafts class led by Joyce Wexler of Delmar. The posters were on exhibit at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library in Washington, D.C.

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Heads kettle drive

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Truck tires stolen

Thieves carrying their own tools jacked up a highway freight trailer parked at the Big M Truck Stop, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, early Wednesday night and stripped it of six heavy tires and rims, according to a Bethlehem police report. The trailer, owned by Green

Mountain Carriers, was left on blocks after the theft, which took place between 6 and 9 p.m. The stolen items were valued at \$1,100, police said.

Skating club forming

The Albany Academy announces the formation of the Skating Club of the Albany Academy. The program will provide figure skating lessons and open ice time for both the beginning and the experienced figure skater. The program will feature two skating sessions a week, beginning this week and ending Feb. 26. Both family and single memberships are available at a nominal fee, with skaters having a choice of one or two skating sessions a week. For information, call 465-1461.

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Bowlers plan 'Danny' benefit

Bowlers from a wide area will gather at Del Lanes in Elsmere on Saturday, Dec. 10, to participate in an all-day benefit fund-raiser for Danette Mallery.

Danny Mallery, wife of Del Lanes' manager Bob Mallery, managed the restaurant for bowlers, served as a league secretary and was an active bowler until at age 39 she was stricken with a serious form of multiple sclerosis. Her medical and hospital bills during the past year have exceeded \$40,000 and have exhausted all her insurance coverage.

"Danny Fund" boosters are taking entries for a benefit doubles bowling tournament with junior-junior, junior-adult and adult-adult divisions, and are putting on a craft and bake sale, a 5-cent sale, dance lessons and two raffles. The tournament will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will be a two-game handicap event with trophies. Entry fee is \$4 per team.

The drawings will be for savings bonds of \$100, \$50 and \$25 and a "basket of cheer." Donations of money or items that can be raffled can be sent

to the "Danny Fund" in care of Del Bowling Lanes.

Jehovah's Witnesses

Over 100 delegates from the Selkirk congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses attended a two-day convention, Oct. 29-30 at the Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly Hall in Monroe.

Several participated on the program or were involved in convention administration. A baptism ceremony was held where 13 delegates symbolized their dedication through water immersion. Don D. Cecil, district overseer from the world headquarters of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Jehovah's Witnesses in Brooklyn, delivered the keynote address. The next circuit conference is scheduled for the spring in Albany.

Welcome at chapel

The Sisters of the Holy Names at 1061 New Scotland Rd., Albany, welcome all faiths to their prayer facility, St. Joseph's Chapel, in their provincial house, where the sisters share the peace and joy that can be found there for a quiet moment of prayer and meditation. The chapel is open, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Schools plan music festival

Suburban Council music directors are currently formulating plans for a music festival to be held on April 8 at Convention Hall, Empire State Plaza, Albany, representing the 10 area school districts of Bethlehem, Burnt Hills, Colonie, East Greenbush, Guilderland, Mohonasen, Niskayuna, Scotia, Shaker and Shenendehowa. Samuel Ferucci, supervisor of music at the Farnsworth Middle School, Guilderland, is chairman.

Plans for the festival involve the audition and selection of vocal and instrumental students in grades 9-12 from each school district to form a 250-voice choir, a 100-piece symphonic orchestra and a 120-piece symphonic band. Guest conductors include Abraham Kaplan, professor of Choral Music at the University of Washington in Seattle, Pamela Gearhart, director of

Orchestras at Ithaca College, and Col. Arnald Gabriel, conductor of the United States Air Force Band, Washington, D.C.

Young musicians meet

Eleven of 17 new members accepted for the Young Musicians Forum after auditions before a five-member judges panel are from the Delmar area. They are Margo Bloom, flute; Suzanne Felt, piano; Georg Fuhs, piano; Lisette Fuhs, clarinet; Elaine Hernandez, piano; Denise James, voice; Nina Jarmolych, piano; Holly Kay, flute; Erika Lawson, violin; Selina Lin, violin; Barbara Rizzuto, piano; Donna Rizzuto, french horn; Cynthia Short, flute; and Monika Strauss, violin. Among the judges was Henry Carr of Delmar, who auditioned candidates for brass instruments. The Young Musicians Forum meets monthly in members' homes and also gives public performances. The group is

sponsored by the Monday Musical Club, with Mrs. Gareth Miller as senior advisor.

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Marine Pfc. Anthony J. Mauro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Mauro of Leonard Pl., Delmar, was promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. He received the early promotion for his superior performance during all phases of the 11-week training cycle. A 1977 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined



Lt. John Langhauser was commissioned by his father, Gerard Langhauser, in the rose garden at West Point.

the Marine Corps in September, 1976.

Cadet John K. Langhauser was commissioned a 2nd Lt. Armor in the U.S. Army by his father, Gerard A. Langhauser of Clarksville, a former armored officer, in a ceremony preceding graduation from West Point. Lt. Langhauser

was awarded a B.S. in engineering and following graduation from ranger school was stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Marine Pfc. Kevin M. Robillard, son of Joseph R. Robillard of 33 Pleasant St., Voorheesville, has reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Ft. Meade, Md. He is a 1976 graduate of C.A. Bouton High School and joined the Marine Corps in March, 1977.

Debbra J. Shoddy of Clarksville, a member of the 364th General Hospital, was recently promoted to the rank of SP5. Miss Shoddy has been a member of the U.S. Army Reserves for three years. She is a graduate of Mohawk Valley Community College and is employed by New York State.

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Plaza stores open Sunday

A number of merchants at Delaware Plaza in Elsmere will open their stores for Sunday shopping starting Sunday. The stores will remain open through the Christmas shopping season, which will include Sunday, Dec. 18.

A majority of the stores will be open from noon to 5p.m., with some variations. In addition, most stores will extend their hours to include evenings until 9:30p.m. during the pre-holiday season. A complete list of stores and their hours can be found on page 15 of this newspaper.

Volunteer training

A training session for volunteers and all those who would like to be volunteers for the Northeastern New York Red Cross Blood Center will be held on Monday, Dec. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany. The

program is designed to provide volunteers with an over-view of the Red Cross Blood Program as well as training for volunteer positions within the program. Trained nurses and all other individuals interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend the session. For reservations call 462-7461.

University Women meet

Miss Marion Hemstreet, Delmar, president of the American Assn. of University Women, Albany branch, has announced that the group will meet on Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, for coffee and a musical holiday program by the Sweet Adelines barbershop quartet. Women college graduates are invited. Call 456-0668 for information.

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GLENMONT

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Working with the precision and delicacy of a Swiss watchmaker, Mrs. Anita Wahlen handcrafts silver jewelry in the workshop of her Glenmont home. Mrs. Wahlen is from Switzerland, and came to this country five years ago when her husband was a student at San Diego University in California. They returned to Switzerland when Martin Wahlen finished his studies. Their second move to the United States was to the east coast, when Wahlen got a job with the New York State Dept. of Health. She said, "I like it here, now, especially with the children." The Wahlen's have two daughters, 7 and 9.

Mrs. Wahlen first studied metal work a year and a half ago, and at that time concentrated on brass and copper. She took courses at the Arts Center and has since specialized in silver. Working from a studio in her home, she fashions rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and belt buckles out of silver and stones.

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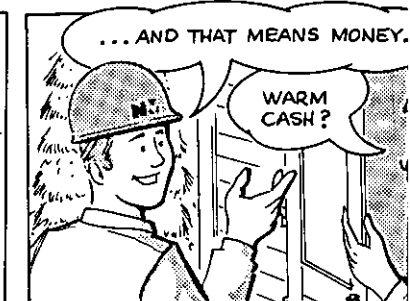
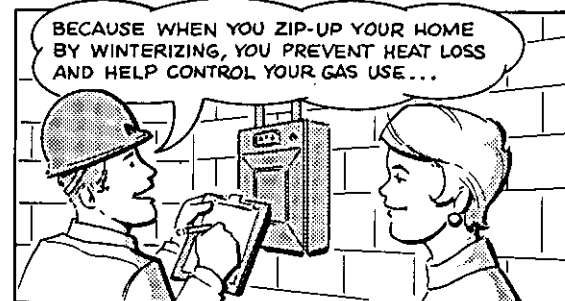
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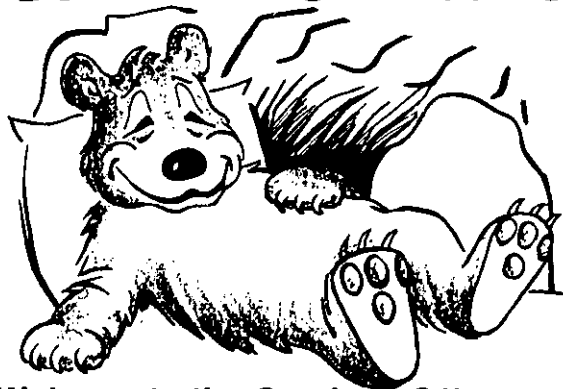
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tools. The petite woman uses an acetylene torch, saws, hammers, files, drills and other instruments in designing the jewelry. A fire extinguisher is also kept under the bench - just in case.

Mrs. Wahlen sells to friends, friend's friends, at craft shows and through Greetings Unlimited in Voorheesville. She has also done repair work on jewelry and has designed pieces around stones customers have brought to her.

As with any craftsmen, she takes pride in her work, and the final touch is to stamp her initials on each creation. It's her way of saying, "I love silversmithing."

Santa is coming to Plaza Dec. 10

Santa's annual visit to Delaware Plaza to greet all his young friends will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 10. This time he is scheduled to arrive by helicopter, weather permitting, but if a North Pole blizzard is swirling that day, he will come in by fire truck.

The exciting event is sponsored by the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn. in cooperation with the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn. Santa will walk through all the stores at the shopping center to chat with boys and girls in the stores, and then will be at Baskin Robbins to receive letters and to be available for personal interviews from his fans. This year there also will be a professional photographer on hand to take photos of children with Santa for a nominal fee.



DEAN'S LIST

University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.-Sandra J. Butcher, Delmar.

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Fellowship winner

Edward Stander, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stander of Elsmere has been awarded a fellowship by the Canadian government to work toward his master's degree in geology. He is studying at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. Stander is a 1972 graduate of Bethlehem Central with a bachelors degree from Brockport.

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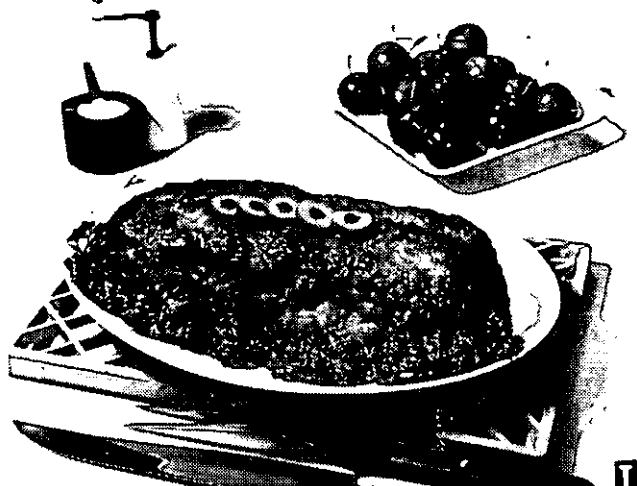
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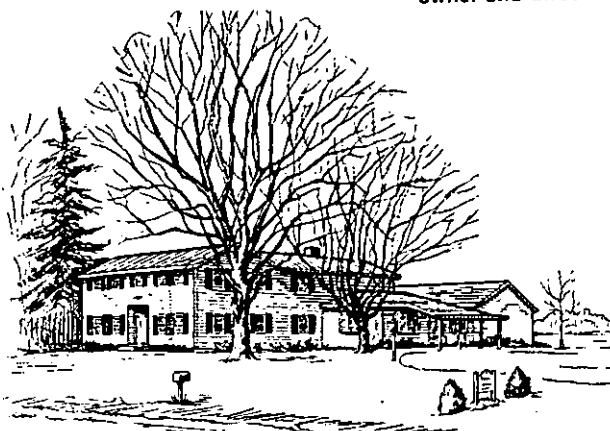
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup cracker crumbs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 recipe glaze

Mix together ham, eggs, cracker crumbs, milk and pepper. Shape into loaf and place in baking pan. Bake in a 300°F. oven for about one hour, basting occasionally with glaze. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Glaze: Stir together 3/4 cup dark corn syrup, 1/3 cup vinegar and 2 teaspoons dry mustard in a small saucepan. Stirring occasionally, bring to boil and boil two minutes.

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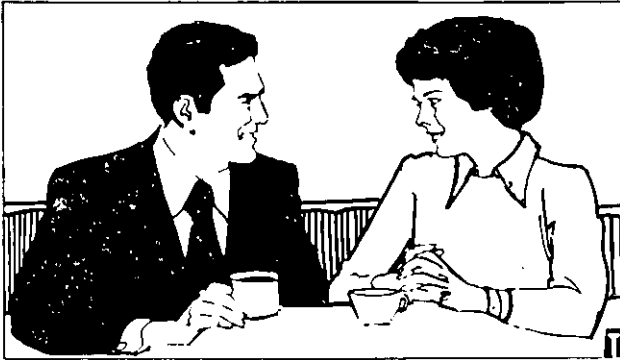
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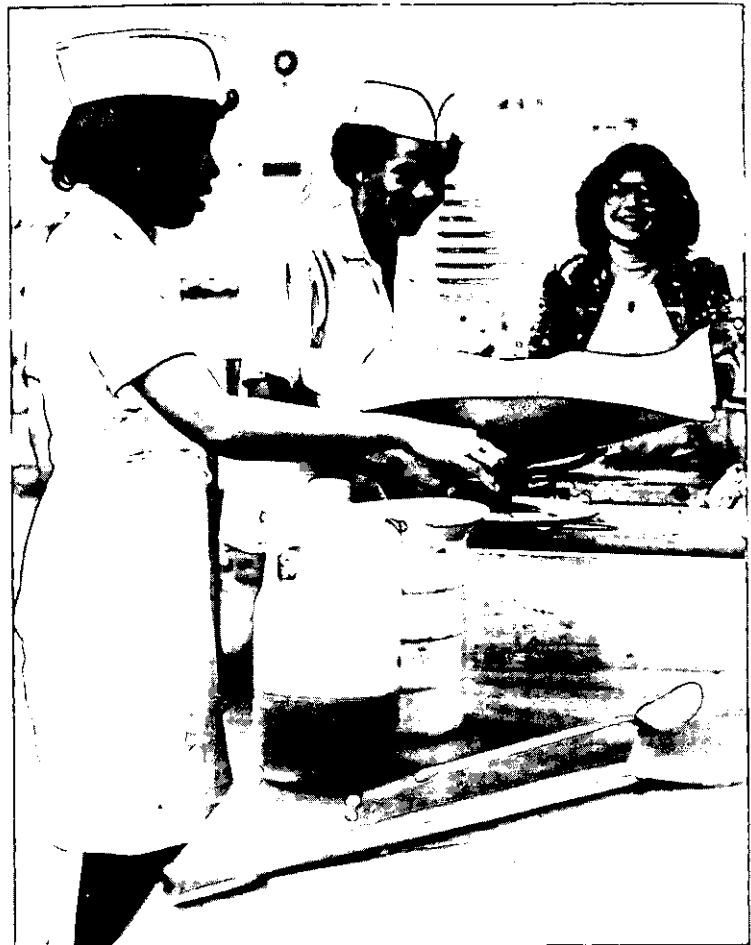
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Job Corps graduates Carolyn Henley and Morgan Davis with Peggy Pinto, food services manager.

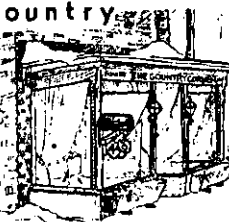
Job Corps graduates

The first two graduates of the New York Job Corps Center, Glenmont have been announced by John N. Acquilano, center director. The graduates, Carolyn Henley and Morgan Davis, studied culinary art. Following

completion of their training, Carolyn was hired by Saga Foods to work in the Job Corps cafeteria and Morgan was employed by Siena College in Loudonville.

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Suspicious fires plague Plaza

Bethlehem police and Elsmere firemen are conducting a joint investigation of a rash of small fires at Delaware Plaza.

Officials declined to attribute the blazes to arson, but indicated the fires were of suspicious origin. Firemen were called to the Plaza nine times last week, including five calls between 5 p.m. Saturday and 3:15 a.m. Sunday. Two were false alarms. Damage in all but one blaze was negligible.

In all cases the fires were either in dumpster bins or in stacks of crushed cardboard cartons in the rear of several stores. A fire last Thursday night damaged utility lines and knocked out phone service to two stores for most of the following day.

New truck approved


The Bethlehem town board has set Dec. 7 for the opening of bids for the purchase of a new dump truck for the town highway department, replacing a 1972 vehicle.

Meeting changed

The Delmar Progress Club's drama group will hold their Nov. 29 meeting at the Bethlehem Central High School auditorium instead of at Bethlehem Library as originally scheduled. The meeting will be at 8 p.m.

First aid class

An American Red Cross advanced first aid class will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at the Albany Area Chapter House, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany. The course will run from 7 to 10 p.m. for nine consecutive Wednesday evenings. Pre-registration is required and may be made by calling 462-7461, ext. 56.



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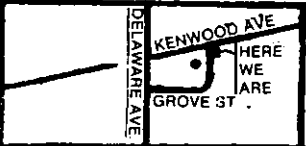
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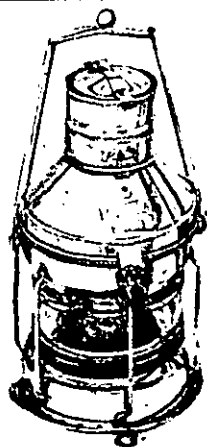
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Prior to joining Tobin, he managed restaurants for the Marriott Corp. in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York State. He is a graduate of Paul Smith's College and a member of the Albany Curling Club. He is married to the former Jean Connors of Troy and has three daughters.

Photography Information

The ninth week of special materials in the media center of the Bethlehem Library will highlight photographic equipment and techniques. Special audio-visual and print materials will be available the week of Nov. 28.

Variety show on

The Institute on Man and Science in Rensselaerville will host another performance of the Rensselaerville Variety Show at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Guggenheim Auditorium.

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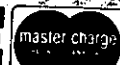
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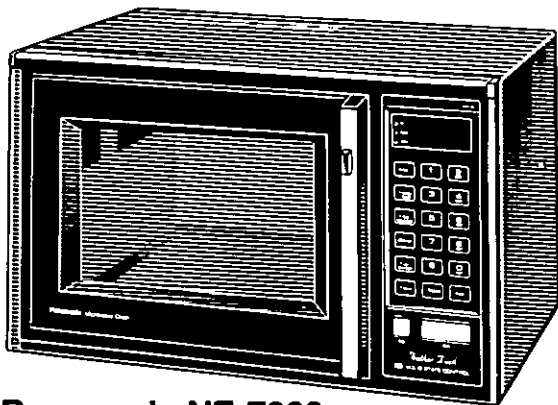
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THE PRIMROSE PATH

Nothing has contributed more to my embroidery than my love of flowers. I enjoy them as much in my embroidery hoop as in my garden but I'm a purist who likes to see flowers embroidered with their own leaves and in their natural colors.

An embroidered flower-of-the-month is a charming birthday greeting. Here, a primrose to give someone with a February birthday.

My own primrose, designed for a flower-of-the-month series, comes in shades of orange and yellow with olive green leaves. I used three shades of yellow, although there are no more than two in a single flower, two shades of orange and three shades of olive green.

Each flower is started in Long and Short stitches done on a hoop. Start each flower in the deeper of the two shades. Yellow flowers will be done with either pale and medium yellow, or medium and deep yellow. Paler flowers look most natural near the top and left side of the picture, which reflects the light source. Begin at the center of the outside edge of each petal, so the direction of your alternating Long and Short stitches ray naturally toward the flower center.



Your second row of stitches, still in the same color, all will be long, each stitched into the tip of a short stitch above. These in turn clearly signal where the third row of stitches, in the paler tone, will be placed.

The star-shaped patch in the primrose center is con-

trasting . . . deep orange for yellow flowers, deep yellow for orange flowers. In either case, that "star" is embroidered in Buttonhole stitch, the points of the stitches radiating into the center of the flowers. The heart of each flower is a cluster of French Knots; olive green in

Elsa Williams will reply to readers' questions of general interest in her column but all questions will be answered personally. Write to Elsa Williams, Box 3788, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017.

the orange flowers, deep yellow in the yellow ones.

Slanted Stem Outline stitch (done with thread above the needle) in deep green makes the stems, while the leaves are Long and Short stitches, all slanted toward the center vein. The deepest shade of green falls next to the vein on one side of the leaf, with the opposite side (where the light falls) the palest.

Dear Elsa,

A beginner in needlepoint, I decided to make a sampler in squares of different stitches on No. 10 canvas with three strands of crewel yarn. I'm disappointed because it's so uneven. The yarn doesn't cover in some places, and in others the canvas shows through. How do you know how many strands of yarn to use?

Y.M.

Dear Y.M.,

The only way to be sure is to try a swatch of each stitch in the border of your canvas. Vertical stitches tend to need thicker yarn than slanting stitches. Sometimes a row of tiny Back stitches can fill a gap nicely. Sometimes yarn frays because you've used too long a thread . . . and toward the end, it doesn't cover well. Painting your canvas when you're going to do a big area of dark background can also help keep the white canvas from gleaming through.

E.W.



High School. The groom is a graduate of Averill Park High School. They are both employed by Albany County Nursing Home.

Following a reception at Bavarian Chalet, the couple went on a trip to Florida, they are making their home in West Sand Lake.

Ensign takes bride

Janie Sue Endick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Endick of Manhasset Hills, L.I., was married Oct. 9 to Ensign Peter J. Pagano, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Pagano of Delmar. Rabbi Michael Rosen performed the ceremony at the Terrace On The Park in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

The couple are graduates of the State University of New York at Albany. The bride, who holds an MA degree from Hofstra University, is a speech therapist in the Mystic, Conn. schools. Ensign Pagano is a nuclear engineer, stationed in New London, Conn.

Postal carrier exam

An examination for substitute rural carrier in the Delmar post office will be held

in Albany, according to an announcement by the U.S. Postal Service. Application deadline is Nov. 25. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, have a driver's license and safe driving record, and furnish their own vehicles. Starting salary ranges from \$60 to \$72 per day, plus an equipment maintenance or mileage allowance.

Eck program

Eckankar, a meditation technique, will present an "Afternoon of Eck" at the Bethlehem Library at 1p.m. on Nov. 27. The afternoon will include original Eck music, poetry and featured speakers. The film "The People of Eck" will also be presented.

Mrs. Chester A. Melius Jr.

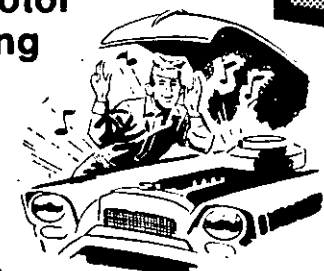
Voorheesville wedding

Margaret Anne Michele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Michele, 1 S. Main St., Voorheesville became the bride of Chester A. Melius Jr., son of Chester Melius Sr. and Mrs. Mary Scooler of Troy, in a 3p.m. ceremony Oct. 23 at St. Matthews Church, Voorheesville.

Mary Michele Vance was the matron of honor and Pat D'Arpino and June Burton were bridesmaids. Paul Melius was his brother's best man and guests were seated by Mark Michele and Frank Fisher.

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Books for shut-ins

SIS is the Bethlehem Library's shut-in service, a free delivery service to handicapped, aged, shut-ins and those unable to visit the library. Books, magazines, records, jigsaw puzzles, framed art work

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Playing the leads in the fast-moving musical are Cheryl Hurwitz as Lili, Mitch Strominger as Paul the puppeteer, Tim Fitzgerald as Marco the magician, and Irene Radzysinski as Rosalie. In supporting roles are Jeff Green, Dan Berkowitz, Wade Komisar, Wendy Huszar and Paul Losacco. The chorus has roustabouts who dance and do acrobatics, and there are harem girls, clowns, jugglers, a dog trainer, a strongman and a stiltman cavorting across the footlights during the performance.

The production is directed by Alan Grosman of Albany with William Bauer of Albany as music director. Robin Yaguda is student director and Wendy Huszar and Cindy Waggoner as assistant choreographers.

Committee chairmen for the play are Libby Johnson, stage crew; Donna Zeilman, makeup; Cindy Cohn,



Mike Cronin and Dave Howell practice their juggling acts for "Carnival" whenever and wherever they can, mostly in the hallways at the high school. At right are roustabouts Paul Lierheimer, rear, and Stew Harro. On the cover: Fran Johnson swings Marit Snow in one of the lively dance numbers.

James Carroll

publicity; Beth O'Leary, lights; Ranece Benenati, set construction and design; Judy Shaw, programs; Cathy Hays, tickets; Mary Lenseth, costumes; Robin Keyes, props, and Darlene Hendrickson, ushers and refreshments.

Tickets at \$3.50 and student tickets at \$2 are on sale at Mullen's Pharmacy, the Paper Mill and at the BCHS auditorium box office.

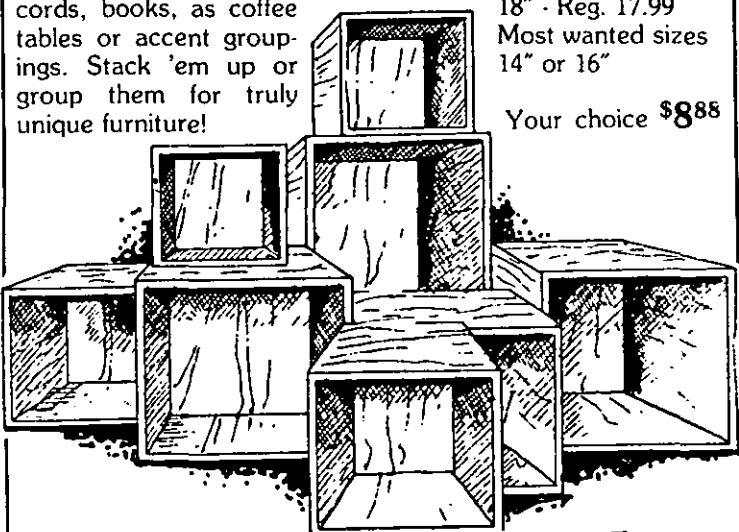


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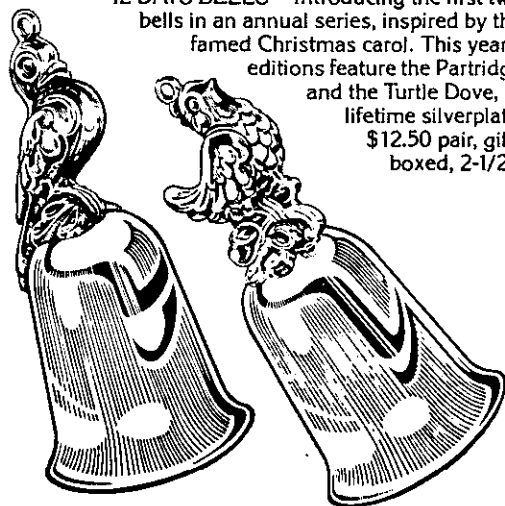
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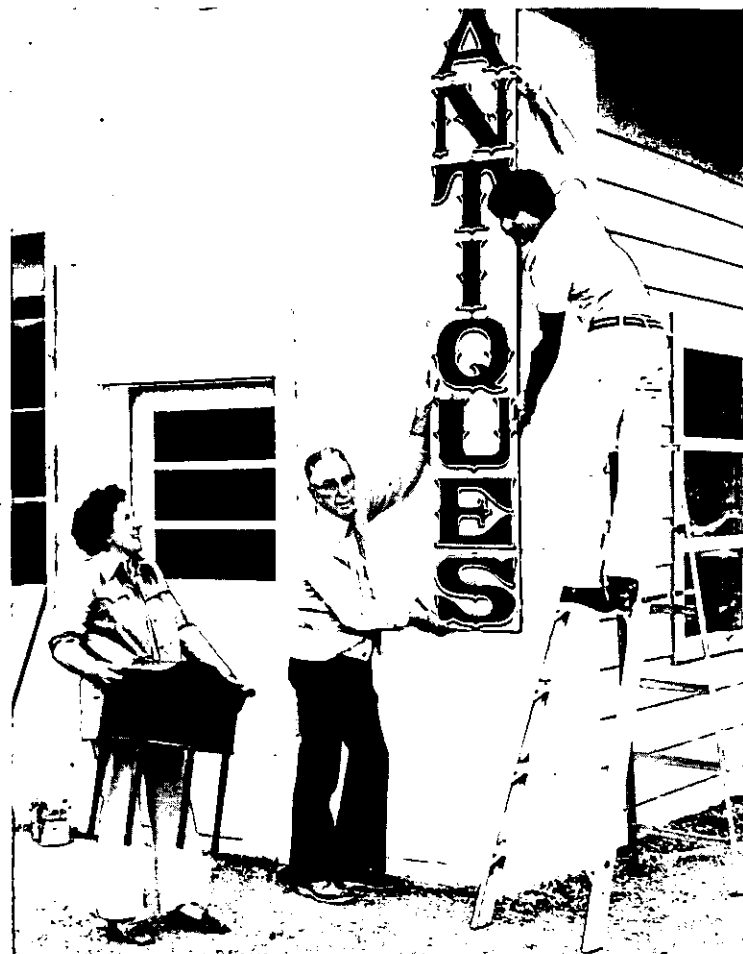


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BUSINESS

Antique experts open new shop

Two local residents whose experience in the field of antiques led them to form a partnership have opened an antique store in Elsmere. June Benjamin, a member of a longtime Delmar family, and David Mason of Clarksville put out their sign last week at 159 Delaware Ave. in the near corner of the L. C. Smith building in space occupied for many years by the Spotlight under the former management.

Mason grew up in Clarksville, graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1967 and from Cornell University in 1971. He has been working at the Delmar Animal Hospital and also has been buying and selling antiques for several years. Mrs. Benjamin has been an independent antique dealer since retiring five years ago from the Village Shop, where she worked for 11 years. Her husband was the first manager of the City and County Savings Bank's Bethlehem office.

In addition to carrying antiques and collectibles, the new shop will include a library for a search and reference

service. The enterprise plans to expand into antique furniture at a later date.

Interfaith tea

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar will hold their annual Interfaith Tea on Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program chairman is Mrs. Warren Beaven and the Rev. and Mrs. Ashley Calhoun of the Middleburg Methodist Church will present a musical program. Mrs. Harold Kelp and Mrs. Robert McConnell are co-chairmen for the tea. Babysitting will be provided and women of all Tri-Village area churches are invited to attend.

4-H club busy

The Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Delmar, has started the cooking project "Breakfast Is Ready." The club also has two new members, Loretta Romero, 9, and Laura Tidd, 10. The group elected Erin Donnelly president, Loretta Romero vice president, Aryan Shaye-gani treasurer, Lorinda Russo secretary, Brenda Gravlee news reporter and Laura Ridd song and recreation leader.

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Wayne Trimm hands the painting he has donated to the Heldeberg Workshop raffle to Lorna Klein to hang at the library.
Cheryl Marks

Artist donates wildlife painting

Wayne Trimm, environmentalist and art director for Conservationist magazine, is one of the craftsmen who has donated to the Heldeberg Workshop raffle. Trimm started with the Conservationist 24 years ago and is a book and magazine illustrator with degrees in biology and wildlife ecology. He has been active with the Workshop and also teaches nature drawing and painting at SUNY at Albany.

Other area artists have contributed photographs,

graphic designs, pottery and etchings. Contributors to the raffle include V. Remington Rich, Freda Wilson, Greg Therriault, Norm Hagadorn and Paul Dombrowski.

Twenty-one separate raffles will be held and tickets are 50 cents each or 21 for \$5. The art pieces are on exhibit at the Bethlehem Library. Tickets are available by calling 765-4494, 765-4508 or 439-6225.

Christmas bazaar

If you haven't had time to make any Christmas gifts or if you want to freeze some homemade goodies for the holidays, shop at the Faith Lutheran Church's bazaar at the Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. There are booths featuring crafts, home canned goods, baked goods, white elephants and toys. There is also a special booth to keep children occupied while parents shop.

In ACT production

Three local residents are appearing in Albany Civic Theater's upcoming production of a musical version of "Cinderella" Dec. 14-18. They are Jenny Stringham of Delmar, playing the part of the herald, Christine Macaione of Feura Bush, playing the role of the cat, and Sherry Grenz of Delmar, a member of the singing ensemble.

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BUSINESS

Hilchie to build stores to lease

Construction of a 4,200-square-foot building to house two retail stores on property adjacent to Hilchie's American Hardware in Elsmere is scheduled to start early next month.

Garth K. Hilchie, who purchased the property at 239 Delaware Ave. from Robert Sowers last July, said the structure with street-level retail area and a lower level will be similar in architectural style to the present Hilchie's building. The proposed building will be situated near the rear of the tract to permit maximum parking areas. The door to the lower level will face the Caretaker Shoppe.

Leases for the retail space in the building were scheduled to be signed this week by Michael Krugman of Delmar and Wayne Johnson of Voorheesville. Krugman plans to move Krugman's Delmar Pharmacy from 361 Delaware Ave. at the Four Corners to the new address. Johnson, an employee of the former Grover's store in Delaware Plaza, plans to open a stationery store in the new building. The structure is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in April.

The building, which will have a 60-foot frontage and will be 70 feet deep, will extend 19 feet into a non-commercial zone at the rear of the lot. A public hearing on the necessary application for a variance has

been scheduled for Dec. 7 by the Bethlehem board of appeals.

Christmas crafts

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary is having a sale of handmade crafts suitable for Christmas gifts at the Delaware Plaza on Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Christmas wreaths, door decorations, pot holders, jiffy towels, aprons and macrame flower pot holders are among the gifts that will be available.

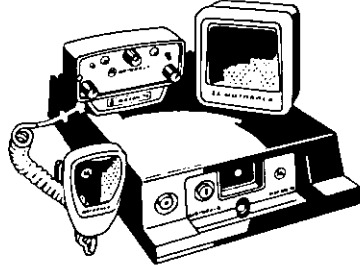
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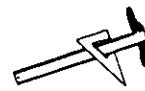
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Juried show winners

Winners in the Bethlehem Art Assn. juried show have been announced. Carol Turner won first place with an acrylic. Barbara Messina second place with a water color. Helen St. Clair third with an acrylic and Herman Rasker fourth with a pastel. Honorable mentions were given to Allen Yarinsky and Robert Lange for photographs. Prizes were donated by Northeast Framing, Delmar Toy and Hobby Shop, Arlene's Artist's Materials and W. L. Coughtry.

A new business for New Salem

For most of his 37 years, Gil Houk has been close to the soil. His family lived in Selkirk, but at an early age he went to live with his grandparents to help them on their farm in Voorheesville and graduated from Voorheesville Central High School.

After nine years with Gardenway Manufacturing of Troy, makers of Troy-bilt rototillers, most recently as vice president of sales and service, Gil Houk has established his own business. He has started with Anything Groes as exclusive distributor for Eastern New York for a new concept of nourishing house plants. Anything Groes is a trademark for a system patented by Bill Skaife of Dubuque, Iowa, that enables house plants to grow faster and greener while standing in water at all times. The principle involves an inner perforated pot, an outer pot, a deep

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Houk started a promotional program this week, working out of his home on Rt. 85, New Salem. He and his wife, the former Shirley Hamlin of Delmar, have two children. His father, Gilbert Houk of Selkirk, is Bethlehem town assessor. His grandmother, Mrs. Florence Hempel, died last month at her home on Depot Rd., Voorheesville.

Lunch with Santa

The Bethlehem Junior Women's Club will hold its fourth annual lunch with Santa at the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands on Dec. 3. The event is open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children with or without their parents, can visit with Santa and have a hot dog lunch. The \$1 admission will be donated to the White Christmas fund, providing for deserving Bethlehem residents.

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Cheerleading squads for Bethlehem's three Pop Warner football teams captured two second places and one third place award in the annual post-season competition that drew an entry list of 37 teams.

The youngest of the three divisions, the cheering squad for the Bethlehem Vultures team in the Pee Wee Division, won second place in the judging at Burnt Hills Nov. 12. Members are Rachel King, Peggy Stornelli, Kim Reed, Katie Whitney, Lisa Verstandig, Kim Riley, Barbara Oropallo, Michelle Conway and Jenny and Jerry Hausmann.

The Junior Midgets (Bethlehem Hawks) cheerleaders who placed third were Kristin Bosse, Jill Riley, Becky Porter, Ann Pietrykowski, Kelly Oathout, Meg Manion,

Martha Hayes, Kathleen Grady, Annette DiBiase and Elizabeth Berenger.

The Midget Division squad that supports the Bethlehem Hawks won second place in their division. They were Betsy Eck, Linda Thorndike, Brenda Berlin, Janell Simpson, Patty Sharer, Cathy Sanderson, Carron Rutnik, Kathy Roth, Jane Misher, Beth Jeram, Nancy Hanill and Kim Dillo.

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Postal workers honor retirees

More than 70 members of the U.S. Postal Service and their families honored two recent retirees at a testimonial dinner at LaCasa restaurant, Selkirk, on Oct. 29

Presentations of cash gifts were made to Donald Cooke and Al Melick. In addition, a plaque was presented to Cooke for 40 years of government service, and a message was read from Regional Postmaster General Frank M. Sommerkamp. A large tiered cake at the head table was prepared by Carol O'Connor of Delmar. Chairmen of the event were William Vandenburg and Thomas O'Connor.

Don Cooke was one of the three original mail carriers who



Donald Cooke

began their rounds in Delmar and Elsmere when the Delmar post office instituted home delivery 36 years ago. In those days mail was delivered twice a day. Cooke, who lives at 40 Hudson Ave., is busy in his retirement: he has taken a job in the cafeteria of Albany Law School.

At the dinner Postmaster Henry Betke exhibited a plaque received by the Delmar postoffice from the National Safety Council representing the nation's highest safe-driving award.

Retirement Income Credit

Some older Americans may want to amend their 1976 income tax returns to claim the retirement income credit that has been extended through 1976, the Internal Revenue Service says. The Tax Reduction and Simplification Act of 1977 gives eligible taxpayers the option, for 1976 returns only, of choosing either the new tax credit for the elderly or the former retirement income credit. For 1977 and subsequent years, only the tax credit for the elderly may be claimed.

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Sage promotes Delmar faculty

Two Delmar residents have been appointed department chairmen at Russell Sage College for the academic year 1977-78. They are Edward McAllister, associate professor of psychology, and Nancy Farina, assistant professor of physical therapy.

Prof. McAllister, who joined the Sage faculty in 1967,

received his BS, MS and PhD degrees from the State University of Albany, the coeducational division of Russell Sage.

Prof. Farina received her BS from the University of Rochester, a certificate in physical therapy from Columbia University and her MS from Russell Sage. She has worked as a staff physical therapist at Albany Medical Center and at Ellis Hospital.

Cited as scholar

Bruce Harro, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dale Harro, 10 Sylvan Ave., Delmar, has been elected to membership in the Wheaton College scholastic honor society.

Craft fair coming

The Bethlehem Library is sponsoring a craft fair and craft workshops on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The fair will be in the morning and following a lunch break the workshops will begin at 1 p.m. The free events will include pottery, woodworking, quilting, rugmaking, crochet, int. knitting, ceramics, macrame, ornaments and wreaths.

Delmar couple wed

On Nov. 12, Patricia M. Thompson and Michael G. Wilcox were married at St. Thomas Church, Delmar. Rev. Gregory Weider officiated at the 12:30 p.m. ceremony.



Mrs. Michael Wilcox

Parents of the couple are Kathleen Thompson, 46 Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar; James Thompson of Luzerne, and Donald Wilcox, 319 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, and the late June Wilcox.

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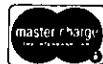
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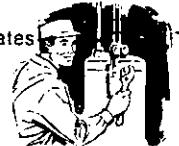


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
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There has been some rather strong language and frayed tempers over the one-way traffic made necessary by the repairs to the expansion joints of the Normanskill viaduct on Delaware Ave. Residents were upset by a report that this condition will prevail through June, although plans call for completion of one lane before a winter shutdown that will

permit two-way traffic. Presently the traffic flow is controlled by a red, amber and green light that alternates the direction of traffic in the single lane every 60 seconds. The frayed nerves are caused by motorists who try to beat the amber light, thus delaying the long line at the other end.

Nov. 21, 1962

Bethlehem Central seniors will stage Mark Twain's satirical classic, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" Friday and Saturday. The musical is directed by Sydney Turner, and choreographed by Richard Feldman. Rolland Truit is musical director. The lead roles are played by William Morgan, Sheila Doyle and Barbara Carroll.

The new Fellowship Hall wing of the Delmar Presbyterian Church will be dedicated at a special service Sunday, six years to the day after the congregation was organized by the Presbytery of Albany. The new building in Delmar was first occupied by the Presbyterians Oct. 15, 1961. Rev. George Phelps, pastor, will conduct the special service.

Nov. 23, 1967

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Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is addressed to the Teenagers of the Town of Bethlehem:

I would, first of all, like to congratulate most of you for your good behavior on Halloween evening. I realize that Halloween is a time for tricks as well as treats and it is great fun to do a little rabble-rousing. I'm still young enough to remember the fun I had and the "daring" feats my crowd did.

However, I do draw the line at the destruction of property. Trash cans can be picked up, shaving cream wiped off and soap removed, but what we can't replace are our children's pumpkins--carved with a great deal of patient excitement and joy. Ours were placed outside our door by our children for all of you trick-or-treaters to share

and enjoy in the spirit of Halloween.

I wish that the children who took my children's pumpkins--only to smash them in the road--were the same people who had to explain why they did so to two little boys, aged 5 and 6. Because I do not understand why myself, it was very difficult to explain what enjoyment you derived.

My only hope is that the feeling of deflation my children felt upon seeing this happen will remain with them through the years to come and that they will thus renew their respect for other people's property.

Laurel J. Cahill

Delmar

Calendar drive

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my fellow firemen and firewomen and all the residents of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Protection District for their generous support and their understanding due to the

problem with the printing of the calendars. The drive exceeded all of our expectations in these times of high costs. Again, many thanks to all who made the drive the success it was.

*Walt Myers, Jr.
Drive Chairman*

Clarksville

Recommending a center

Editor, The Spotlight:

Delmar: You've got the chance to kill two birds with one stone as far as the Delmar grade school is concerned. You've got the place and the need for it.

The town of Bethlehem has its problems, like any other suburban town. But now we've got the first real chance to help sooth the frustration causing them.

First of all we've got the teenagers. The proper answer is not to institute more meaningless laws or give more boring lectures about their evils. The trick is to find something which is relevant

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(not insulting) and interesting enough that it will not only draw their attention away from non-constructive activities, but also offer practical advice as to better ways to enjoy life.

Secondly, for those 20 and older, a community center would be a nice place to get quick confidential advice about where to go for information on handling a divorce, conquering a drug problem, and/or just someone to talk to about a problem. On the other hand this would be a great opportunity for someone who wants meaning in life, to be able to love and care for teenagers or young adults. Let's just say, understand them!

For "older teenagers" who don't want to be stuck at home because of what social security dictates, you could use the center for socializing, or as a place where you can offer needed advice to someone who needs it, not to mention meaning to your own life in the process.

In effect, what I think we need is a center which provides counseling, advice, and

socializing! A place where you could hash out problems, and also have fun participating in social activities. I think we need this type of facility badly!

*Kenneth Daniel McIntyre
Barrington College*

Barrington, R.I.

Light bulb sale

Editor, The Spotlight:

President Richard T. O'Connell and all of the members of the Bethlehem Lions Club thank you for the publicity which you graciously gave to our recent 1977 annual Lions Light Bulb Sale. The project was completely successful and we sold all of the bulbs.

We also thank our Tri-Village friends who purchased bulbs or made cash donations. We regretted that we could not visit every home but our project, understandably, is limited by available manpower.

See you next year.

*Sylvester J. Bower
Secretary*

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Community Corner

Lunch With Santa

The Bethlehem Junior Women's Club will hold its fourth annual Lunch with Santa at the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands on Dec. 3. The event is open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The children can visit with Santa and have a good lunch, with or without their parents, of hot dogs, potato chips, cold drink and homemade Christmas cookies, all for the price of \$1.00. The proceeds of this event will be donated to the White Christmas Fund, providing for needy Bethlehem residents.

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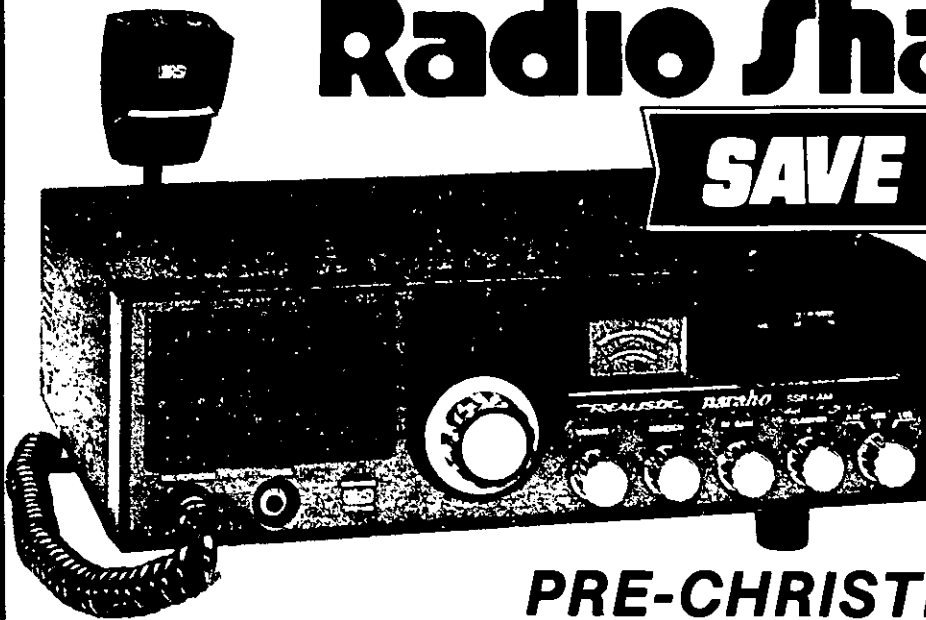
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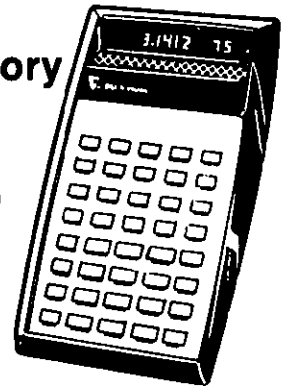
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