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Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, American Legion, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, general meeting, first Mondays, 8 p.m.

American Legion luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, second Thursdays, 12 noon.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Mon.-Fri. 1-4:30 p.m. 439-2238.

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

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesdays, Glenmont Community Church, 8 p.m.

Beta Gamma Rho sorority will do housecleaning, window washing, wall scrubbing and odd jobs. Call Patti McNary, 439-6608 or Marie Raub, 439-6897.

League of Women Voters, Thursdays, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. Information 439-5786.

Dnesquethaw O.E.S., first and third Wednesdays, Masenic Temple, Delmar

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsals every Monday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Delmar Methodist Church.

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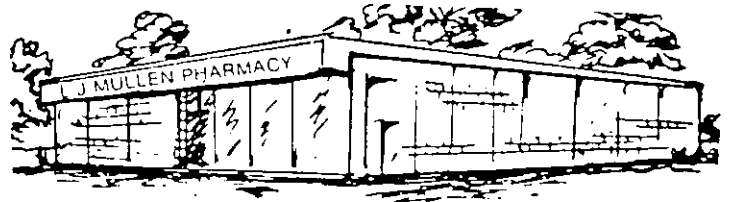
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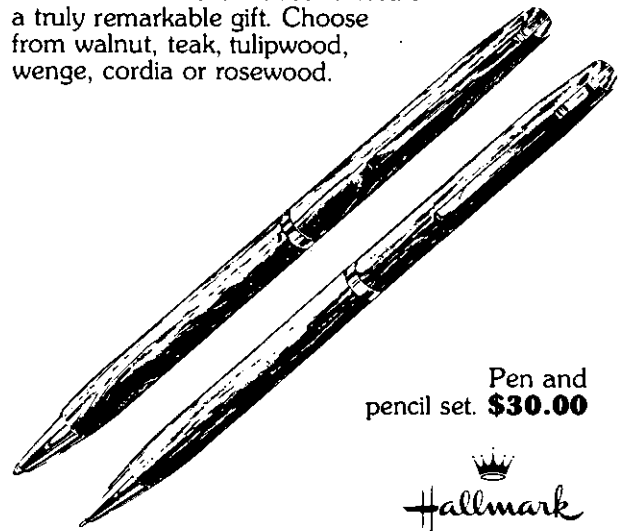
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Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Pl. and Maewin Dr., Delmar. Guests welcome at indoor pistol range Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Information Dave Herbach, 439-4372 or Tom Corrigan, 439-3301.

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Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Recreation Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., town hall, Rt. 85.

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at

7:30 p.m., Planning Board every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals first three Wednesdays at 8 p.m., town hall, 393 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m., Bible class meets Wednesdays 10 a.m., junior

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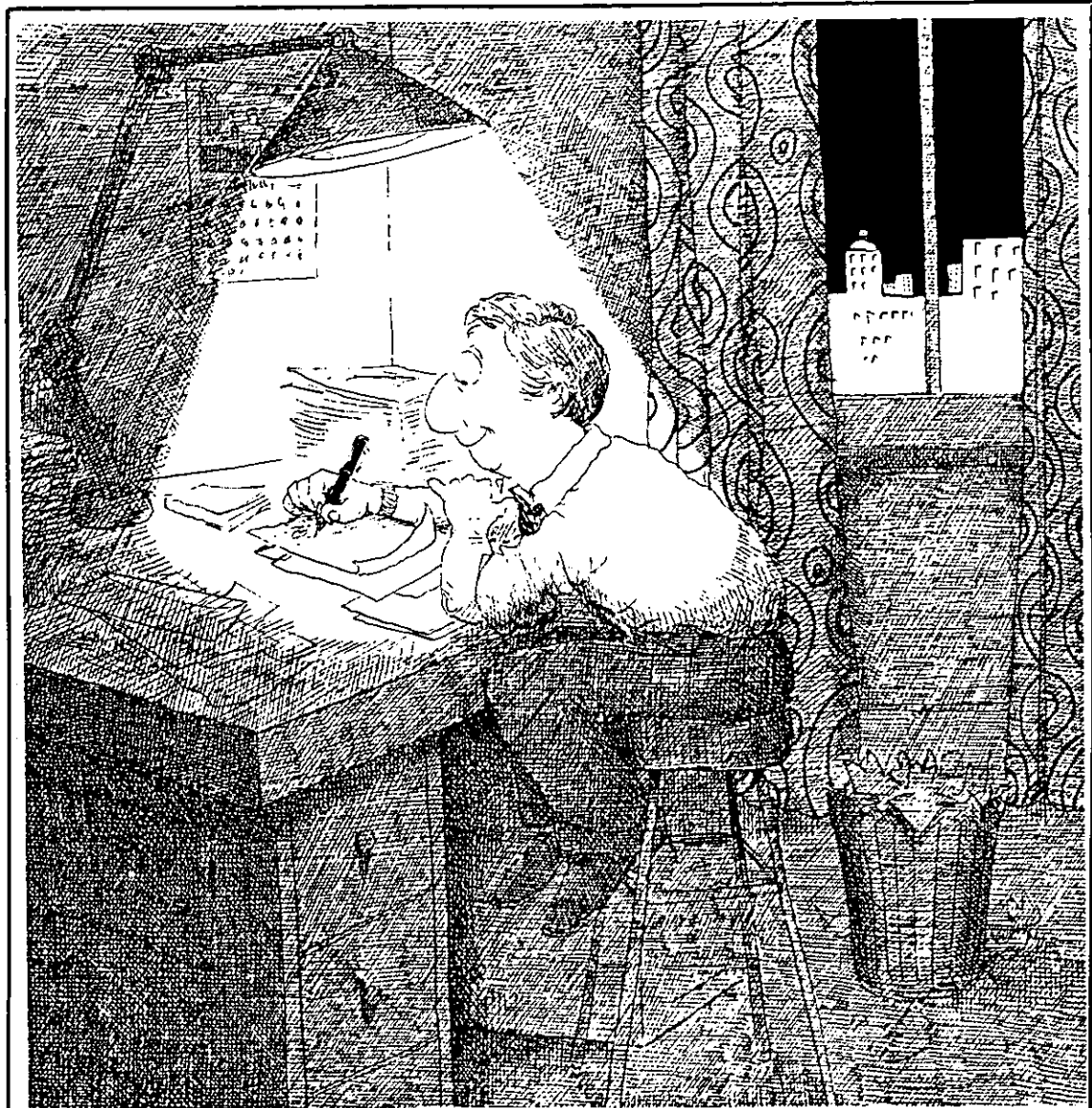
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tral High School cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Adult information class, Rev. War-
ren Winterhoff, "The Holy Christian

Church," Bethlehem Lutheran
Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar,
7:30 p.m.

League of Women Voters, "State
Program—Update and Planning,"
Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. Baby-
sitting provided. Information, Doris
Davis 439-5786.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Church bazaar, featuring a variety
of booths for Christmas shopping,
Faith Lutheran Church, 421 Ken-
wood Ave., Delmar.

Roast beef dinner, home cooking,
Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Beck-
er's Corners, Selkirk, servings from
4:30 p.m. Reservations, 767-2248.

Guided walk, "Winter Water World,"
investigating the changes in the
pond community as winter ap-
proaches, Five Rivers Environ-
mental Education Center, Game
Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m.

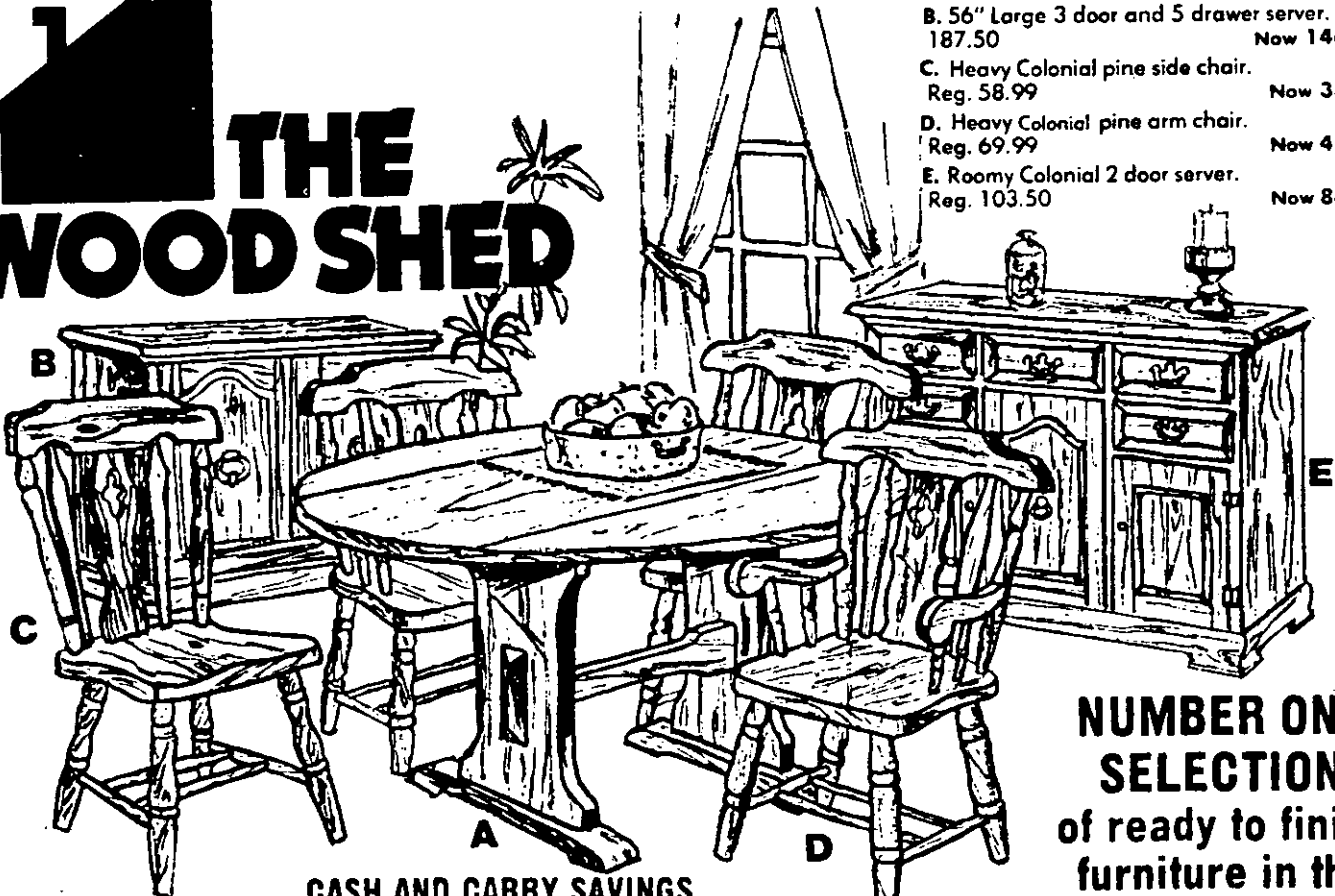
Christmas craft fair, Ladies Auxili-
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Art exhibition and sale, Delmar Art Group, at Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Movie, "My Favorite Brunette," Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Bake sale and Christmas boutique, United Methodist Women of the Slingerlands United Methodist Church, 11 a.m.

Family night pot luck dinner, followed by sacred Christmas concert, "An American Organ Mass," Clarksville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Bring large dish to pass and own table service.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Delmar Progress Club, Annual Holiday Tea, Delmar Methodist Church, 1-4 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Community football dinner honoring Bethlehem Central team, players, coaches, cheerleaders, sponsored by Bethlehem Central Athletic Assn., at Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Reservations by

Dec. 1, Mrs. Barbara Hodom, 439-4513. Public invited.

Annual holiday tea honoring new members, Delmar Progress Club, First United Methodist Church, 1-4 p.m. Entertainment by Thursday Belles of Schenectady. Reservations, Mrs. Robert Darrow, 439-1887.

Red Cross Bloomobile at American Legion Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Babysitting available. Walk-in donors welcomed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

New Scotland Historical Assn., 3rd annual Christmas program and party, Ruth Woodin Baumbach, violin; Elizabeth Boynton, flute; Madelon Pound Herzog and Lynn Herzog, harpists; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson and Mrs. Glenn Durban speaking on Scandinavia, New Salem Center, Rt. 85, 8 p.m. Refreshments. Guests welcome.

Glenmont School municipal program, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Rotary Club, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:15 p.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem planning board, on application of John Schramm, Andover Rd., Slingerlands, for approval of a proposed one-lot subdivision to be located on Andover Rd., Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

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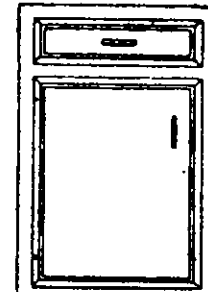
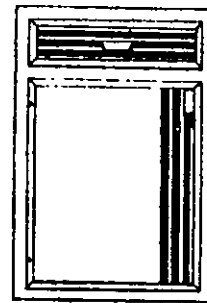
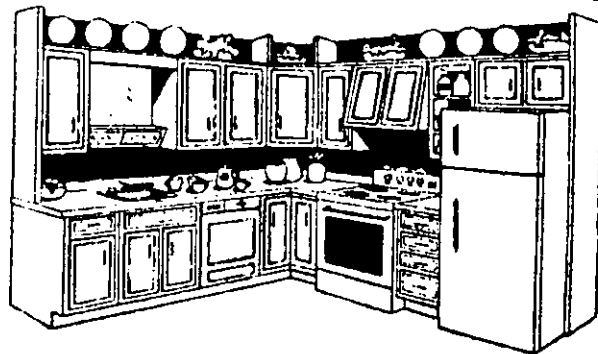
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Bethlehem Art Assn., Robert Longley to demonstrate preparation of museum quality canvas, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Reservations deadline for Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, holiday open house, at home of president, Mrs. Jackie Walden, 32 Tierney Dr., Delmar 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Reservations, Mrs. Peggy Kirchner, 439-1690.

Public hearing, Bethlehem town board, on traffic ordinance amendments, town hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Public hearing, village board of appeals, on application by Benjamin Meyers for special use permit to establish funeral home on Maple Ave. Voorheesville municipal building, 7:30 p.m.

Half Moon Button Club of Albany, election, "Jesse Tree" project, Christmas party, Bethlehem Library, 12 noon.

New Scotland town board, town hall, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem board of education, meeting, 8 p.m., Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. The public is invited to hear a report from the architects who have conducted an energy audit of School District buildings.

Newcomer Dessert, sponsored by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, home of Mrs. Claire Swain, 7:30 p.m. Information 439-9519.

"The Seahorse," Slingerlands Community Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

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Bethlehem Business Women's Club, Christmas party, Normanside Country Club, 6:30 p.m.

Interfaith tea, sponsored by United Methodist Women, organ recital of Christmas music by Rachael Worth, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 1 p.m. Babysitting provided. All women of community invited.

"The Seahorse," Slingerlands Community Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

Adult information class, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, "Baptism," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Chapter, AARP, Christmas luncheon, members and guests, Albany Country Club, Voorheesville, social hour 12-1. Transportation, Fred Klein, 439-3950.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Lunch with Santa, 5th annual benefit for White Christmas Fund, sponsored by Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Children \$1, with or without parents.

Santa Comes to Delaware Plaza, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

"The Seahorse," Slingerlands Community Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Christmas Tea, town of Bethlehem Historical Assn., Schoolhouse Museum, Cedar Hill, 3-6 p.m. Guests welcome.

Annual family holiday program, make ornaments, film, puppet show, carols, refreshments, Bethlehem Library, 2-4 p.m.

Guided walk, "Trees in Winter," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 2 p.m. Warm clothing, walking shoes recommended.

"The Seahorse," Slingerlands Community Players, Unionville Playhouse, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, Creative Arts and Garden Group meet to decorate the Bethlehem Library, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Holiday Open House, Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, home of Mrs. Jackie Walden, 32 Tierney Dr., Delmar, 10-12 and 1-3. Fee plus item for needy Call Mrs. Peggy Kirchner, 439-1690 before Dec. 6.

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

"The Nutcracker," by the Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 1-2, 7:30 p.m.

"Landscape of the Body," adult play, Lab Theater, University Performing Arts Center, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 8 p.m., matinee Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Box office, 457-8606, and Community Box Office.

MUSIC

Concerts at Noon series, oboist Randall Ellis, Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, Dec. 5, noon, free to public.

Two-Piano Recital, Stanley Hummel and Linda Cuneo, Campus Arts Center, Holy Names Campus, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany, Dec. 3, 3 p.m. Free. 438-7895.

University Chorale, works by Haydn and Britten, Main Theater, University Performing Arts Center, Dec. 6, 8:30 p.m. Free. 457-8606.

"The Messiah" (Handel), Capitol Hill Choral Society orchestra, soloists, under direction of Judson Rand, Philip Schuyler Auditorium (former Albany High School), Western, Lake and Washington Aves., Albany, Dec. 1-2, 8 p.m. \$4.50, students \$2.50 at door and Community Box Office.

ART

Exhibition of paintings by Robert Longley and John Lancaster, Arts Center of the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Dec. 3-22, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5.

Historic Courthouses, photographic exhibit, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Dec. 17.

"Young American Printmakers," etchings and lithographs from 20 universities, State University Art Gallery, Dec. 1-20. Tues.-Fri. 9-5, Thurs. 'til 8, weekends 1-4.

FILM

"Summer Paradise" (Sweden), Ingmar Bergman, Recital Hall, University Performing Arts Center, Dec. 1-2, 8:30 p.m. \$2.25, students, SCs \$1.35.

LECTURE

Seamus Lynch, Belfast councilman, speaking on "The Situation in Northern Ireland Today," College of Saint Rose Science Hall, 432 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Free, open to the public.

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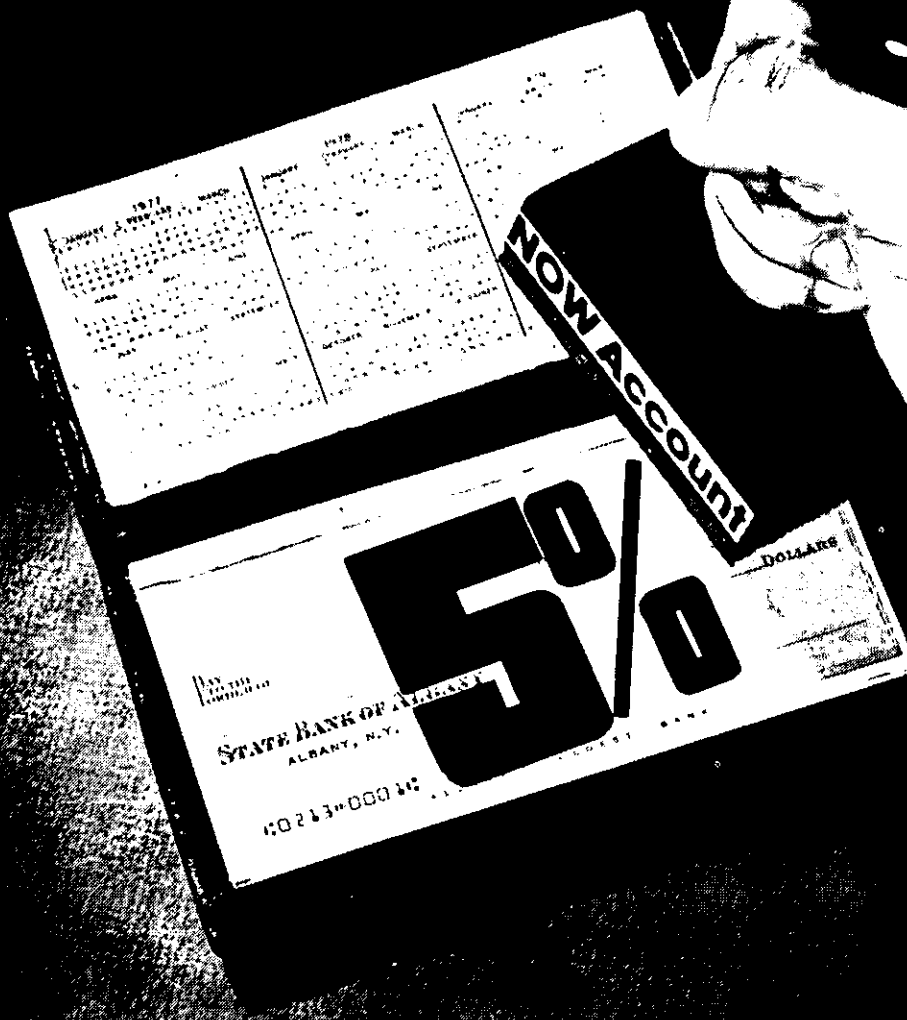
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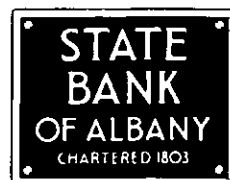
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It's (nearly) a boom year for new housing starts

A tight money market, water restrictions and a growing tangle of government red tape have failed to discourage home builders and subdivision developers in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

John Flanigan, head of the town building department, said the number of housing starts in Bethlehem so far in 1978 is the third highest since World War 2. Walter Miller, building inspector for the town of New Scotland, said this year "is one of the better years for home building."

Housing starts have always been one of the nation's most respected indicators of economic activity.

Bethlehem has issued building permits for 135 single family dwellings and duplexes, six four-unit apartment houses and five townhouse units to date this year. The record was set last year with 189 singles and doubles, six townhouses and 20 apartments. The previous high was 165 units in 1965.

"With the money market the way it is, we didn't expect anywhere near this much activity by the builders," said Flanigan.

Recent trends show an increase in apartment houses, but Flanigan says his department is receiving more applications for single-family dwellings than any year in the past five.

Area builders are rooting for impending legislation raising the ceiling on mortgage rates from 8½ to 9½ percent and loosening the money market for new construction.

But the future doesn't look so bright because tight money is only one of the problems for developers. Construction would freeze unless new water sources are found. Over 5,000 lots in various stages of preparation must vie for the 20 water lots left for the town to allocate. Developers are wary of developing proposals, which can cost thousands of dollars, without planning board assurance there will be water.

"Developers are spending significant sums of their own money before they can even approach a lending institution to get development money," says Paul Hite, land surveyor for several area developers. "It reaches a point where contractors are wondering why they should spend \$100 a lot and then the board could hold up approval because of no water."

According to planning board chairman William R. Weber, water has been allocated to sites that are close to or ready for construction. The board was expected to devote a major part of this week's meeting to an effort to come up with a concrete plan for water allocation.

"I think water will come," says Flanigan of the town's search for water. "I hope it will, but no one knows."

Another hurdle in the way of development is governmental red tape in the form of an environmental impact statement required by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). The new law which took effect Nov. 1, applies to the adoption of a municipality's land use plan or zoning regulations, or the adoption by any agency of a comprehensive resource management plan.

Doug Payne

Art sale slated

The Delmar Art Group will hold its 11th annual winter art exhibition and sale Sunday, Dec. 3, from 11 to 5 at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar. The artists are Helen St. Clair, Barbara Wooster and Suzanne Seaver.

Doug Payne

BETHLEHEM

Garbage pickup too costly? Be grateful!

Of the many services provided by the town of Bethlehem, garbage pick-up, even with its \$100,000 price tag, is a luxury other towns might envy.

Unlike any other municipality, collection crews cover this town of 25,000 population not once a week, but twice a week 52 weeks a year.

But Bethlehem's highway department crews, operating in trucks marked "Sanitation Dept.," won't pick up trash, thus providing a lucrative business for such local contractors as Robert Wright, Charles Whiting and others. Residents have complained that even an inadvertent newspaper tossed in the garbage can at the curb scares off the public collectors.

To rid themselves of their garbage and trash, Guilderland residents must contract, for a fee, with the dozen independent

garbage collectors, or buy a sticker allowing them to dump it themselves at a common land fill. One is expensive, the other a bother.

Except for a small section of the town, residents of Colonie are faced with a similar situation: they must pay to remove their refuse or watch it pile up. Their neighbors in the village of Colonie, however, are fortunate enough to have a weekly refuse service that removes both garbage and trash at public expense.

The Village of Altamont collects garbage only—twice weekly in the summer and once a week throughout the rest of the year. Across the river, in East Greenbush, the only ones collecting garbage are those in the private contracting business.

New Scotland residents have the best of both worlds. It's one

of the few municipalities where the collection crews don't refuse refuse. Not only does New Scotland pick up both trash and garbage once a week year round, but the town board last spring sprung for a brand-new \$46,000 trash compactor, and five months later paid for it in full with federal revenue-sharing funds. That's the truck Supervisor Steve Wallace said would "crush a refrigerator in about 15 seconds."

Some Bethlehem taxpayers feel that the town should add trash to its weekly pickup. Others complain that the \$100,000 tab is too much, and that residents would be better served if the town left the collection business to private contractors. But as long as the garbage is out of sight, most people remain satisfied.

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New Scotland Democratic Club officers, from left: Ken Carhart, Eileen Farley, Marge Cootware, Betsy Cole.

Democrats elect in New Scotland

Eileen Farley has been named president of the Democratic Club of New Scotland in the first election held since the formation of the new organization.

The New Scotland Men's Democratic Club and the women's counterpart merged their organizations in October and now operate as a combined organization.

Other officers chosen on the new slate are Ken Carhart, vice president; Betsy Cole, secretary, and Marge Cootware, president.

Door found open

A Bethlehem Sewer Dept. employee reporting for work at the sewage treatment plant in Selkirk Sunday morning told police he found a front door open at the Nicoll-Sill House. Bethlehem police, who make

regular checks on the historic structure, said there were no signs the house had been entered. Police said the door was secure on a routine check a few hours earlier. The structure, which is owned by the town and often visited by history-minded groups, is unoccupied and contains only a few items of furniture. It is scheduled for renovations by the Bethlehem town board, but cost factors have delayed action.

Musical entertainment

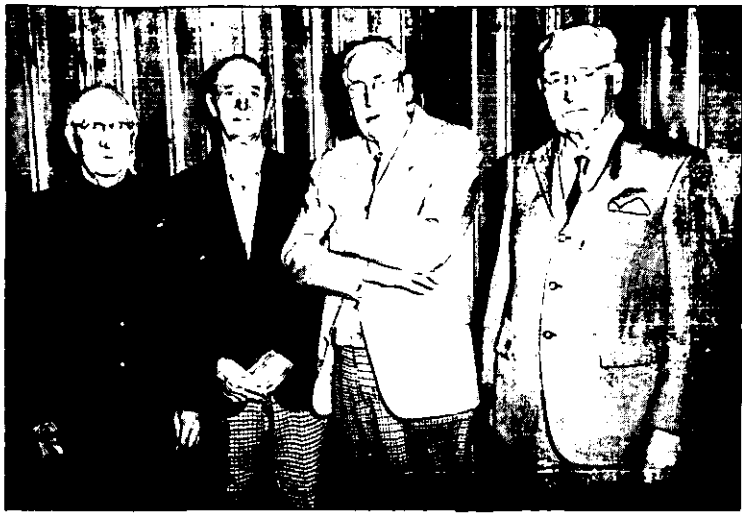
American Association of University Women, Albany branch, will meet on Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., for coffee and music by the Albany High Troubadors. Angie Sherman and Mary Beth Spina are chairmen for the event. For information, call Dorothy Reissig, 439-2938.

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Four charter members of the American Legion were honored at the Veterans Day luncheon at the Blanchard Post, Elsmere. Clifford Allanson, left, Howard S. Maguire, Norman Bender and Winthrop T. Robinson joined the Legion the year it was organized (1919). Robinson was the first commander of the Blanchard Post when it was organized in 1930. All four 60-year members now live in Delmar. *J.W. Campbell*

BETHLEHEM Board to hear energy report

Three architects from the Albany firm of Einhorn, Yaffee and Prescott will give a public report at next week's Bethlehem board of education meeting on steps that might be taken to make school district buildings more energy efficient.

The firm, commissioned last spring to conduct the energy audit, followed up on a study done earlier by a lay citizens' committee. After doing their own on-site investigations, the architects in late October submitted a 393-page written report that includes recommended conservation modifications and cost estimates.

The firm also has supplied the board with information on possible sources of funding for

many of the projects, including federal grants administered by the New York State Energy Office.

Presenting the report after the School Board's regular 8 p.m. business meeting Wednesday at the Educational Services Center will be Dennis Landsberg, Andres Prescott and Steven Einhorn.

Defacing a schoolyard

Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau investigators, interviewing an undisclosed number of juveniles, have identified the culprit who painted part of the Elsmere School blacktop red last week. Police said the young vandal, whose name was not disclosed because of his age, also smeared paint over game diagrams in the playground area of the schoolyard. Damage was estimated at \$75.

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'Seahorse' coming to the playhouse

Opening curtain for the new Slingerlands Community Players production of "The Seahorse" will rise at 8:30 on Wednesday at the playhouse on Delaware Tpk., Unionville. The play will have seven performances, Dec. 6-10 and Dec. 14-16, with the Sunday curtain at 7:30.

Eleanor Koblenz, critic for Kite newspaper with several direction credits, directs the new play. "The Seahorse" is a love story that has moments of

drama, tender and ribald, and of comedy. It is a two-character play — a sailor portrayed by Dick McGrath, and the proprietress of a seaside bar, played by Pat Timm.

Timm last appeared in Schenectady Civic Theatre's production of "Born Yesterday," in addition to many other area stages, including Caffe Lena and Ensemble Dinner Theater. McGrath has appeared onstage in Unionville in numerous productions, the latest of which was "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Bell ringers coming

Delmar Progress Club will honor new members at their annual holiday tea Monday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. The program will feature the Thursday Belles under the direction of Helen Henshaw. The Belles are from the Thursday Musical Club of Schenectady and have been ringing since 1960. Social arrangements have been made by Mrs. Lyle J. Schoenthal, assisted by Mrs. Philip Moore. The program was planned by Mrs. Lewis P. Welch, Slingerlands. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Robert P. Darrow, Elsmere, 439-1887.

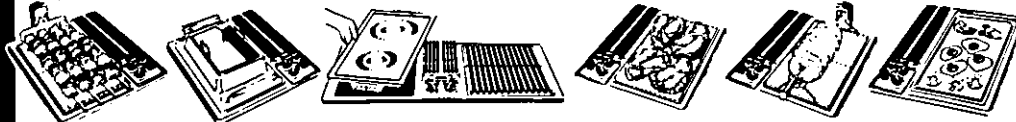
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BETHLEHEM

Tipple asks new police structure

Bethlehem's town board is looking into a proposal to establish a new level of responsibility in the organizational structure of the police department.

Public Safety Commissioner Ralph A. Tipple last week asked the board to create the rank of inspector to assist the chief of police in the administration of the department.

Tipple suggested the salary for the new rank should be "about halfway between captain and sergeant" or roughly in the \$16,000 range. He said the addition of the new level in the command structure "would save about \$4,000 by cutting back on overtime."

With Bethlehem's police chief under suspension and facing trial as a result of five charges in three indictments by the Albany County grand jury, the police department has been administered by Capt. Robert Foster as acting chief. The department has four sergeants who, according to Tipple, serve in the capacity of shift supervisors.

The commissioner said that the department "needs someone to be second in command of the police force, to be responsible to the captain, the commissioner and the town board." The new officer, he said, "would enable us to eliminate some of the overtime of the (acting) chief of police."

In his presentation to board members, Tipple did not mention the town's suspended chief, Peter Fish, by name or by position. He said the proposed alignment, which would list three officers with ranks higher than sergeant, "will still have only two commanding officers."

Although the commissioner declined to elaborate, the proposed realignment is based on the prospect of Fish's dismissal from his \$21,000 job. In that event, Foster presumably would be named chief, with the inspector as his second in command. There was no indi-

cation whether the rank of captain would be continued in the event Foster is appointed chief.

Nor was there any indication whether the new position would be appointive or would come under Civil Service. Since Fish's job is classified by Civil Service, Foster presumably would have to qualify for the promotion by examination under Civil Service procedures.

Lunch with Santa

The Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club will hold its fifth annual 'Lunch with Santa' at the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children may visit Santa and have a lunch, with or without their parents, of hot dogs, potato chips, cold drink and homemade Christmas cookies for \$1. Proceeds will go to the White Christmas Fund, providing for needy Bethlehem residents.

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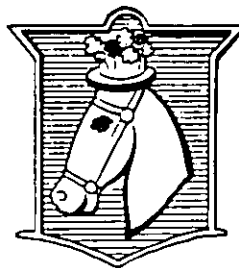
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Santa will arrive at the shopping center aboard an Elsmere fire truck just as red as his Christmas suit. His ETA is 10 a.m., and he will be making the rounds of all the stores in the Plaza until 1 p.m.

The big fellow with the red nose said last week he hopes all the kids will come out to greet him when the fire pumper pulls into the parking lot. He says he's going to try to get everybody's Christmas list, and he's going to talk personally to every boy and girl he possibly can.

Oh, another important thing: if you haven't mailed your Christmas letter to Santa by next Saturday, take it to the



Santa Claus

Plaza with you and give it to him personally. In the meantime, you've got a whole week to write him in care of the post-office nearest your house.

Santa's visit is sponsored by the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn. and by the Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau.

Flag for Brownies

Nathaniel Blanchard Post, American Legion, Elsmere, last week presented an American flag to the Brownie troop at Slingerlands elementary school as part of the post's continuing community program. The presentation was made by Charles O'Hara, past commander of the post.



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The club is an active member of the New York State Association of Young Republican

Clubs and has a membership of over 100 young people who have become an integral part of the Albany Republican effort in the past few elections. Any young people interested in

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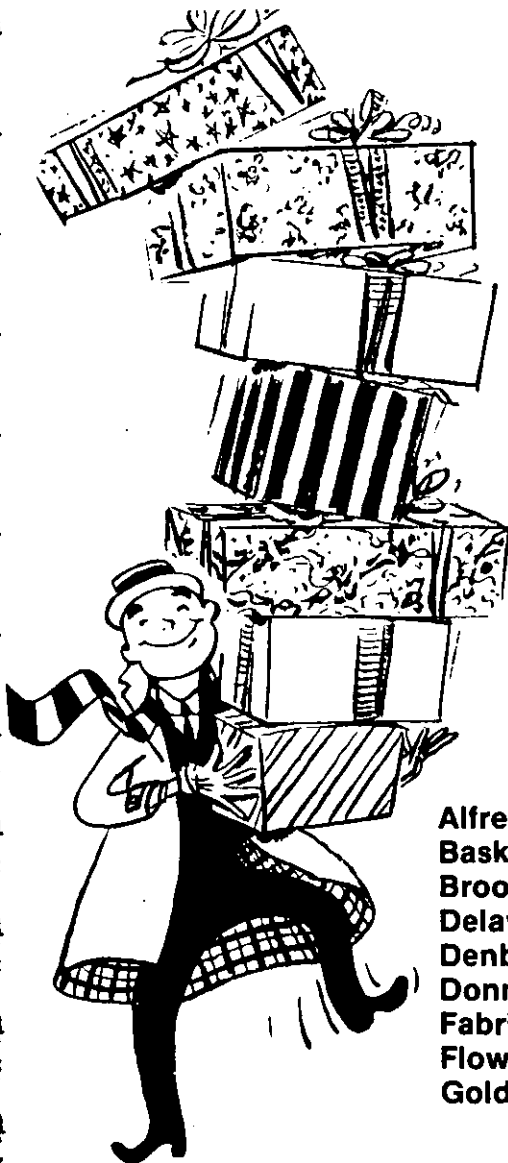
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BETHLEHEM

Town to honor BC football team

Members of the community will pay tribute to Bethlehem Central High School's championship football team at a dinner to be held on Monday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany.

The dinner, sponsored by the Bethlehem Central Athletic Assn., a community booster group, is open to the public. For reservations call Barbara Hodom, 439-4513, by Dec. 1 or mail checks for \$7.25 per person, payable to BCAA, at 117 Orchard St., Delmar.

Players, coaches and cheerleaders will be guests at the dinner. The team completed its regular season undefeated and untied at 9-0, winning the Suburban Council championship, before losing the Sectional Class A playoff to Bishop Maginn.

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NEW SCOTLAND

Heldervale water bonds to expire

For homeowners in the 26 dwellings in the Heldervale section of Slingerlands just off Rt. 85 in the town of New Scotland, 1979 will mark a milestone.

This will be the last year property owners will have to ante a surcharge for their water system. The \$12,900 bond issue floated in 1953 will be paid off as of next Sept. 1, which will eliminate an extra levy of approximately \$25 per household. The fee varies by assessed valuation.

The 25-year bond issue financed the installation of water mains and laterals in the residential development when the town of New Scotland set up a special water district to serve the subdivision. New Scotland has no municipal water system, but property owners who live along New Scotland Rd. have been able to hook into Bethlehem Water District No. 1. Bethlehem draws its water supply from the Vly reservoir in New Salem via a transmission trunk beneath Rt. 85 en route to Bethlehem.

The yearly tab for the Heldervale system has been \$620 for principal and interest, plus the cost of regular water bills paid to the Bethlehem district based on household usage. After 1979, Heldervale residents will pay only the metered costs billed by Bethlehem.

Susan Elliot engaged

Mr. and Mrs. William Eliot of 20 Heather Lane, Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan L., to David J. Stoller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stoller of Rochester.

Miss Eliot is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is attending St. Lawrence University. Her fiancé, also a student at St. Lawrence University, is a graduate of Penfield High School.

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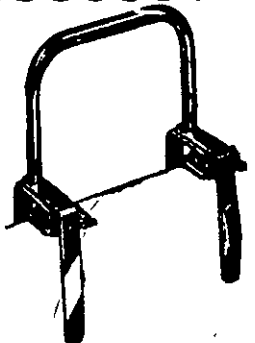
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Advent workshop

Some 15-20 children from the "inner city" of Albany will be guests of the Slingerlands United Methodist Church at the church's annual Advent Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:15 a.m. to noon. The children, sponsored by the Albany United Methodist Society, will have a worship service, work on Advent craft projects, see a movie and have

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NEW SALEM

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The water of the Vly Creek reservoir must have seemed so clear, yet so far, to the Steven Chan family, who have been without drinkable water for a year though their house in New Salem overlooks the reservoir.

When the Chans moved into their home a year ago, they found that their well didn't provide adequate water for daily needs. They turned to the town of Bethlehem, who offered their new neighbors water from the town's New Salem treatment plant.

Now the Chans drive to the plant a few times a week, filling five gallon plastic jugs with the family's drinking water. But they were forced to do their laundry and bathe at the homes of relatives.

To alleviate the situation, the Bethlehem town board recently

authorized the use of raw reservoir water from the Vly that the Chans will have to pipe and treat themselves. Very soon, for the first time in a year, the Chans will be able to get drinking water from a household tap.

"Now that we have water, we really appreciate it," says Mrs. Chan. "It's very hard to be without it, and you don't know how hard it is until you're without it. Bethlehem has been the best neighbors and we appreciate it." *Doug Payne*

Harassment II

An Elsmere resident whose home was damaged by a rock thrown through a window at 4 a.m. on Nov. 10 has been vandalized a second time this month. Vincent Caccamo, 20 Elsworth Pl., told Bethlehem police a fence on the side of his house was ripped out sometime after midnight Friday. Police are investigating.

Learn your trees

A guided walk entitled "Trees in Winter" will start at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Five Rivers Environmental

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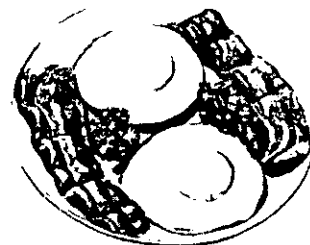
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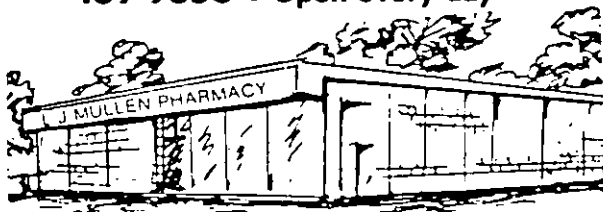
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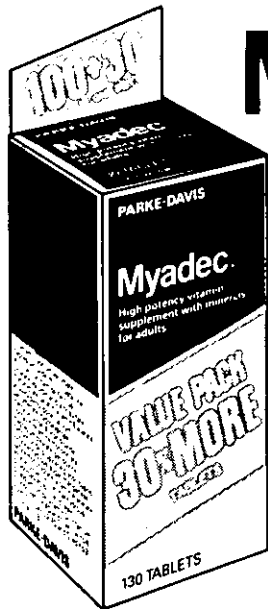
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SELKIRK

Man, 26, jailed in axe attack

A woman cab driver narrowly escaped death and two men escaped with superficial injuries when a Selkirk man went berserk with a double-bladed axe just before dawn Sunday.

Bethlehem police said Frank J. Boyer, 26, of 154 Winnie Rd., Cedar Hill, climaxed a heated argument with his wife by chasing two visitors from his home with an axe, then swung the weapon at the cab driver as she was trying to accelerate her vehicle out of range. Police said the axe blade crashed full force into the wire mesh partition behind the driver's seat inches from the back of her head.

The two passengers avoided the blow by ducking in the rear seat as the axe smashed through the left rear window.

Police identified the driver as Susan Thomson, 24, of Albany. The two passengers, who police said had been invited by Boyer to his home after a night of drinking with Boyer and his wife, were not identified immediately.

Boyer was arrested by Officers Paul Roberts and Chuck Rudolph of Bethlehem police, assisted by state troopers from the Selkirk substation and by Officer John R. Cox, Jr. of Bethlehem who had been called as a backup. Boyer was arraigned in Bethlehem town court before Justice Harry B. Rezzemini on two counts of reckless endangerment, first degree, second degree assault, and all felonies, and one count

of criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. He was remanded to Albany County jail for court appearance at a later date.

Bethlehem police gave the account of the incident: the Boyers invited their two drinking companions to their home late that night, but when Boyer got into an argument with his wife he ordered them to leave. The visitors called a taxi. As the cab arrived, one of the men who had been waiting in the hallway of the house allegedly told Boyer to stop attacking his wife, whereupon Boyer reportedly grabbed the twin blade axe and ran into the yard swinging the axe at the fleeing visitors. Both were struck, the axe glancing off the right arm of one man and the left arm of another, inflicting minor cuts and contusions.

As they entered the cab and the vehicle started to leave, the report continued, Boyer ran alongside the cab on the left and allegedly swung the weapon wildly at the side window. The blade shattered the window and crashed into the wire divider inches from the driver's head, police said.

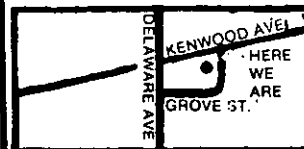
Help on Pine Bush

The Pine Bush Intermunicipal Steering Committee needs more citizen experts to help develop its specialized study task forces. Anyone with specialized knowledge who is willing to assist should contact the chairman, Robert Cook, at 50 Wolf Road, Albany, or at 457-7430. Cook is a resident of Slingerlands.

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Triangle show coming

The Princeton Triangle Club including Albany on its annual Christmas tour of the East and Midwest by the nation's best known college musical stage organization. The troupe will stage its 89th musical, "Chili Today, Guacamole" Monday, Dec. 18, at the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Theater ("The Egg") under the auspices of the Princeton Alumni Assn. of Northeastern New York. Among those serving on the committee under the chairmanship of John Hanna, Chatham, are John G. Underhill and Russell S. VanDuzer of Slingerlands, Nathaniel A. Boynton of New Scotland and Carl E. Kouhey of Feura Bush. Tickets will be on sale next week.

Two pianos Sunday

Stanley Hummel and Linda Tuncio, well known area two-piano team, will give a free concert at the Campus Arts Center on Holy Names Campus in Albany, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. Hummel is a Delmar resident.

Trio arrested

Bethlehem police arrested three 22-year-old men in a car parked on Devonshire Rd., Slingerlands, at 11 p.m. Friday. Nicholas J. Frangella of Slingerlands was charged with possession of marijuana. His two companions, Peter L. Diagiotti of Voorheesville and Kevin W. Conway of Albany, were charged with loitering.

Channel 17 call-in

Louis Rukeyser, television economic commentator, will visit WMHT Tuesday, Dec. 5 for a live, call-in show about the stock market and what's ahead for the economy. The host of public television's popular "Wall Street Week" will answer viewer's questions in a 90-minute special beginning at 8 p.m.

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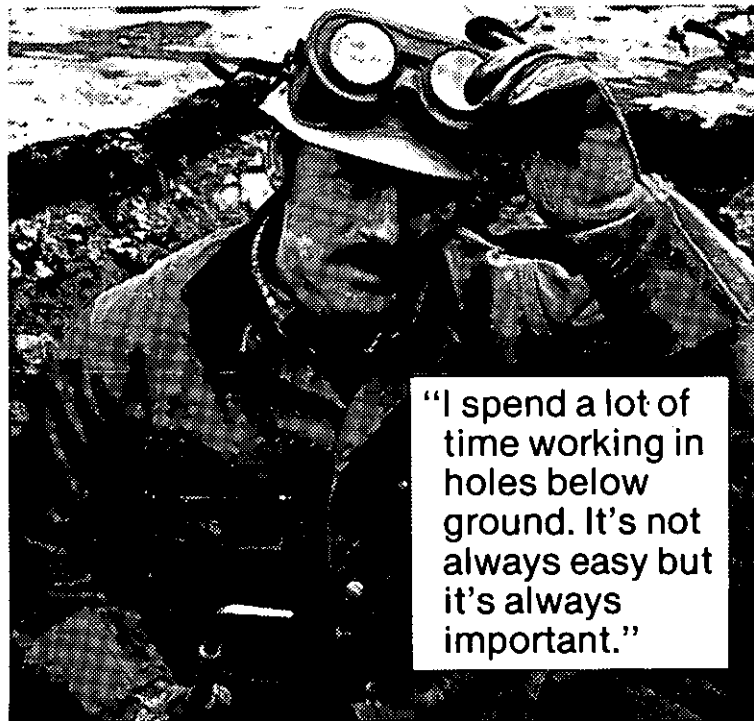
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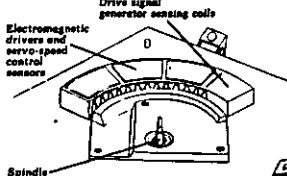
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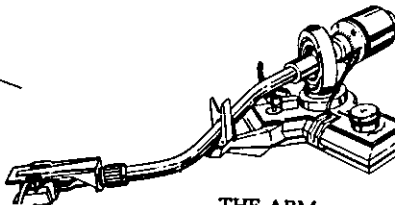


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State honors combat heroes

On the cover: Commissioner James P. Melton left, presents special plates to Francis S. Currey, center, and Peter J. Dalessandro. Photo by Carol Gregory.

A Bethlehem resident and a former Bethlehem resident are among the six living winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor making their home in New York State.

Last week the state's Dept. of Motor Vehicles paid tribute to these six holders of the nation's highest award for bravery in action by issuing them special automobile registration plates. In a ceremony in Albany, DMV Commissioner James P. Melton presented the special plates personally to the three war heroes who live upstate, including Francis S. Currey of South Bethlehem and Peter J. Dalessandro of Loudonville, a former Delmar resident.

The third recipient was Forrest L. Vosler of Baldwinsville, Onondaga County. Three other recipients who live in the New York City metropolitan area were honored in a similar presentation downstate.

The plates bear the legend "Medal of Honor" and were authorized by the Legislature effective Oct. 1 of this year. They are issued without charging the usual \$15 fee.

Both Currey and Dalessandro were awarded the Medal of Honor for outstanding gallantry under enemy fire during World War 2. Sgt. Currey's action was with the 120th Infantry near Malmedy, Belgium, Dec. 21, 1944. Dalessandro, a technical sergeant with the 39th Infantry, was cited for action near Kalter, Herberg, Germany, Dec. 22, 1944.

Melton, himself a veteran of the war, remarked that "service to your country is a proud duty in itself. These men have added an extra measure of bravery and selflessness for which can only try to honor them."

Bloodmobile at Legion

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Blanchard Post, American Legion on Poplar Dr. on Monday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-in donors will be welcome. Dot McColl will be officer of the day, assisted by Lois Riedell, chairman of volunteers; Ann Tomlinson, donor recruitment, and Nancy Willison. Babysitting will be available.

Craft sale nearby

A holiday craft exhibit and sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at Presidential Estates, off Rt. 155, Guiderland. The event features jewelry, pottery, macrame and quilting.

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BASKETBALL

New patterns for BC quint

Bethlehem Central's basketball squad is rounding out its third week of pre-season drills this week with a mixed outlook on its prospects in the rugged Suburban Council race.

The Eagles have suffered heavy graduation losses, and now are regrouping under a new coach, Jim Tedisco, a former Union College All-American. With the new coach comes a new system, featuring short passes and "lots of picks."

Tedisco insists he doesn't have a system as such. "It's just a basic movement offense," he said the other day. "We've got to recognize various defenses and learn how to work against them. The emphasis is on quick, spontaneous reaction to certain situations."

Tedisco believes in "quick, short passing, and we must help each other set up picks. There won't be much dribbling, and the players have got to play unselfish basketball."

On defense, Tedisco favors an aggressive man-to-man, which he says, "helps kids work together instead of the zone. We'll be talking to each other on defense, working with each other, and you can bet we'll be aggressive."


Tedisco, coming to Bethlehem this year from Bishop Gibbons in Schenectady, has only one starter back from the team that finished second in the league last year before being shocked in the Sectionals. He is Tom Fiato, a ball-handling guard who will be a third-year starter. Other veterans are John Sica, a 6-3 forward who is the best shot on the team, and Joe Rutnik, a 6-1 guard-forward. They are all seniors, along with Jim Eckhart, 6-3, and Jim Giacone, 6-1, the team's strongboy. The Eagles will count on Sica, Eckhart and Giacone for rebounding.

Also in the plans are Steve Nowak, the football quarterback; Mike Lawrence, a 6-3 sophomore who Tedisco says "has a real shot at being a starter," and John Oskan, a 6-5 senior out for basketball for the

first time. Lawrence played freshman ball last year, is a strong rebounder and should mature well. Oskan needs smoothing on fundamentals, the coach says, but has "good raw talent."

Rounding out the 13-man squad are Bruce Oliver, Rick Wassenaar, Chris Elliott, Bob Marshman and Tom Budzyna, the latter a 5-11 junior from West Virginia. The team opens Dec. 8 at Scotia.

In his four years at Union, Tedisco broke every scoring record on the books at the college. He coached Gibbons for five years, serving also as athletic director, guidance counselor and health teacher. At Bethlehem he is teaching math in the Excel program.



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Pupils in William Vinson's fifth grade at Voorheesville Elementary School cooked a complete Thanksgiving dinner last week, then sat down and ate it in style. For some individual reactions, see opposite page...
 Photo by Fran Smoller

Crafts for children

A demonstration on children's craft projects will be held

Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at Forget-Me-Not gifts and crafts 257 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The program, geared toward scout leaders, teachers and parents, will feature low-cost holiday decorations and gifts that can be completed by young children. Janice Glanzrock who conducts children's craft classes at the shop, will lead the demonstration.

Holiday event slated

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold a holiday open house at the home of its president, Mrs. Jackie Walden 32 Tierney Dr., Delmar, on Tuesday, Dec. 12. There will be two sessions: from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Call Mrs. Peggy Kirchner at 439-1690 before Dec. 6. A \$1 fee and a non-perishable food item for distribution to needy families are requested. Babysitting will not be available.

Lawn lights taken

A Slingerlands resident who had set out two floodlights of the lawn of his home on Fong Grove Rd. for Christmas lighting discovered them missing at 5 p.m. Saturday. Bethlehem police said the fixtures were removed after wires had been cut and the lights pulled from the ground. The vandal or vandals also unscrewed a spot light from a socket on the front of the house, police said.

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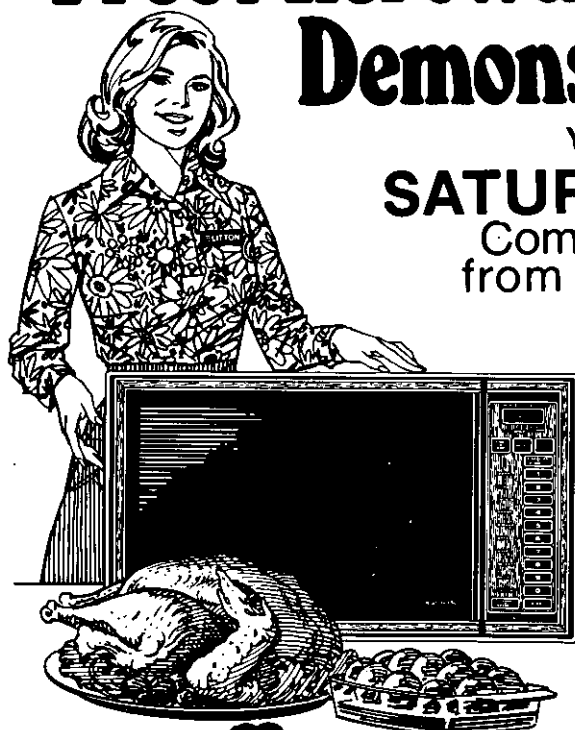
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BETHLEHEM Judge puzzled by Davis case

Judge John Pennock has called for further testimony in a legal action brought by a 26-year-old woman who is suing the town of Bethlehem for passing her over in appointments to the town police force. Lynda Jacinski Davis contends that she was denied the appointment on discriminatory grounds despite the fact that she had the highest mark of all the candidates on the Civil Service examination for the position. The town board appointed five provisional officers to the police department last October, including the woman.

Davis, a security guard at the State Capitol in Albany, was married between the time she took the exam and the time the appointments were announced. Pennock admitted that the case had unusual aspects, and he asked for further information behind closed doors. He has not set a date for the private hearing.

Bank dividend

United Bank Corp. of New York, parent company of the State Bank of Albany, has declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$.425 per share of common stock payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 8.

Dessert for newcomers

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will host a Newcomer Dessert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the home of Mrs. Claire Rain, 42 Brightonwood Dr., Delmar. For information, call 439-9519.

Shot breaks window

A shotgun slug believed fired by a deerjacker last week shattered the windows on a storm door and kitchen door of a Wemple Rd. residence, according to Bethlehem police. Investigators said the slug struck a kitchen cabinet and landed on the stove. No one was injured.

'Messiah' in Albany

The Capitol Hill Choral Society will present its traditional performances of Handel's "Messiah", on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at 8 p.m. in the Philip Schuyler Auditorium (former Albany High School), North Lake Ave., Albany. Judson Rand is director.

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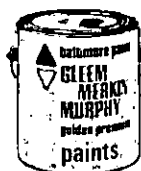
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The GOP elephant served as a prop when the committee arranging the 19th annual Bethlehem Republican met to finalize plans. Nancy MacDonald and Marjory O'Brien are co-chairmen of the event, to be held Friday, Dec. 15, at the Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. Edward Dominelli and Merwyn Atwood are in charge of tickets and seating arrangements. The dinner is open to the public. *J.W. Campbell*

DEATHS

Clifford Van Dyke

Funeral services were held in Albany Monday for Clifford Van Dyke, a self-employed electrical contractor who was active in a number of local civic organizations.

Mr. Van Dyke, 58, died unexpectedly in his sleep Nov. 24 at his home, 4 Pine St., Elsmere. He was born in Coeymans and had lived in Elsmere for 33 years.

He was a leader in senior citizens' activities, a commissioner of the Elsmere Fire Co., and a member of the Bethlehem Lions Club and Nathaniel Blanchard Post, American Legion. During World War 2

he served with the United States Marine Corps.

He leaves his wife, Lottie G. Van Dyke; two daughters, Mrs. James Loder of Clarksville and Claire K. Van Dyke of Elsmere; his mother, Mrs. Clarence Oliver of Speculator; a sister, Mrs. Shirley Benn of Selkirk, and two grandchildren.

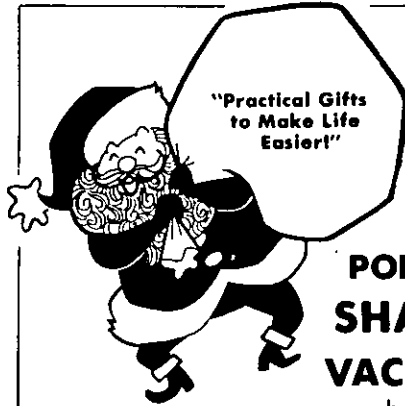
Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery, Clarksville.

Christmas event set

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its annual Christmas party at the Normanside Country Club on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Marge Ryer is hostess. Sybil Selkirk and Leah Murphy will entertain.

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Shop Talk

by Judi James

Christmas has come to Hilchie's! The homey brick and sea green front with its wide, shuttered windows suggests preparations for Christmas with two tiny red velvet-clad tots decorating the tree!

If you're beginning preparations for Christmas, you might visit the Hilchie Hardware Trim-A-Tree center early so that you can satisfy your shopping need and have time to savor the beauty there.

And, if you haven't the foggiest notion what to buy for the man in your life, here are some ideas we've pre-shopped for you!

Is he a traveler? They have a nice little clock radio which closes to make a compact traveler just about six by two inches. Takes up little room in the suitcase, will not break, and is a great companion. Or, he might like one of the Panasonic cassette tape recorders which are now on sale at just under \$35. (We shopped three other stores and find this is an excel-

lent price.) We like this one because of its simplicity. It's uncomplicated to operate, and doesn't need a mike for recording. So, the man-of-your-life could dictate into it easily — or the grandparents in your life might like it for "taping letters back to you and the family!")

Speaking of "talking back," Ann and Alan Hilchie tell us that their police scanners are becoming extremely popular... especially with elderly couples. They want to know what's going on in the outside world, and the scanners keep them informed of accidents, fires and general reports concerning their neighborhood. (Just remember, keep them out of your car, where they're against the law!)

And let's not forget the youngsters in this department. Any child would love one of the Morse Code Walkie Talkies. They sell for under \$12 and fascinate the adventurous young.

We trundled down to the Caretakers Shoppe at Hilchie's to see what there'd be for the handyman of the house. A mystifying array of items was there... everything from power equipment, snow blowers and chain saws to screwdrivers. (And, Mr. Hilchie informed this unlearned "handy-person" that the ball screw drivers are popular again! I promptly jotted that down with the heading "great little stocking stuffers.")

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on, but right now Hilchie's is a good selection. You know, living in the Tri-Village area has such a warmth about it . . . there's the friendliness of the small town and the familiarity of a well-loved home. The Hilchie family opened their store just 25 years ago next March. Al and Ann and son, Garth, and daughter, Dale, are very much a part of the scene when you shop there (Al's father is retired, and Garth and Dale are third generation in the business). Ann Hilchie helped me find the right matting for some pictures I was framing recently. As we worked, I commented on the time she was spending with me over my little problem.

"Most people come in with a problem of some sort . . . whether its finding things like ties, custom-mixing paints, or ornaments for the home. We like to be known as a store with care," says Ann.

Life is never dull. The Hilchie family is especially appreciative that the Tri-Village area retains its small-town atmosphere. For instance, there was the chuckle-day when a little girl approached one of the clerks and asked for some Susan screws. Perplexed, the clerk decided to call the child's mother.

"Susan screws?" he puzzled. "No, I didn't . . . oh, gosh no—told Debby to ask you for Molly bolts!" Can you imagine that happening in one of the big discount chains?

And, one Hilchie employee was in Woolworth's one day and asked for an item they said wasn't stocked. But the helpful clerk said, "Oh, go to Hilchie's, they have everything!"

Hilchie's has new neighbors adjoining them, continuing the theme of community businesses locally owned. A drug store, a stationery store and the Community Service Division of Keystone Builders have been added. Incidentally, with bad weather coming on, it's nice to have the Keystone Builders in the area, for they tell me no job is too small. They'll pop in to fix the roof, the plumbing, the electricity . . . you name it, big or small, they fix it! And Cohn Yaguda Cronin Realty has relocated back there, too, although not affiliated with the Hilchies.

Have you any shopping problems? Do you need shop-talk solutions for your Santa Claus list? Well, just check out your list, write us a note, and we'll "put one finger aside of our nose, search out the answer, and put it in prose!" With that bit of silly Santa scribbling, we'll just look for your letters and say happy shopping, happy daze!

At arson seminar

Robert Wiggand of Glenmont, chief of the Selkirk Fire Dept. recently attended a seminar on arson investigation techniques sponsored by Inona College and Corporate Security Services at New Rochelle.

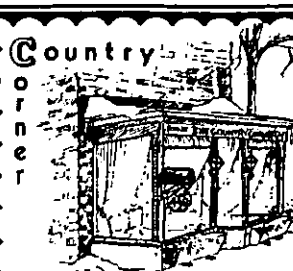
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Lutheran bazaar on

Homemade craft items, home-canned fruits and vegetables, a white elephant booth, toys, games and refreshments will be available at the Faith Lutheran Church, AELC, annual bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circle of Faith, the church's women's organization, has prepared a variety of items and baked goods under the chairmanship of Beverly Krugman and Christine Allen.

Other committee members include Natalie Holmberg, Sweet and Sour booth; Helen Voightlander and Ruth Swam-

borg, bake sale; Marie Wrigley and Pauline Ouderkerk, refreshments; Christa Nusser, homemade crafts; Esther Korn, white elephant booth; and Doris Roweland and Carolyn Bennett, toys and games.

New Scotland program

The Town of New Scotland Historical Assn. will hold its third annual Christmas program and party at the Center for New Salem on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. Mary Baumbach, program chairman and pianist, will accompany a group of musicians, including Ruth Woodin Baumbach, violinist; Elizabeth Boynton, flutist; Madelon Pound Grave, harpist, and Lynn Herzog, Irish harpist. Speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, representing Denmark and Finland, and Mrs. Gler Durban, representing Norway and Sweden. The program will close with carols. Scandinavian cookies, eggnog and coffee will be served by Mrs. William Graves, hospitality chairman. Mrs. Nathaniel Boynton and Mrs. Howard Marsh.

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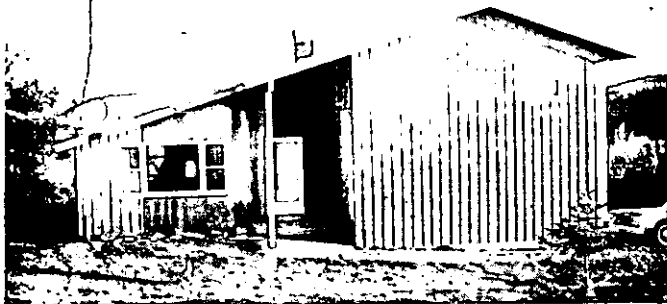
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Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to abridgement by the editor, and must be signed. Names will be withheld on request.

Have a heart!

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have sent the following letter to the Bethlehem town board:

How could you?

How could you seriously consider the Onesquethau Creek water project described in the Nov. 16 issue of The Spotlight?

How do you plan to "relocate" those lovely fieldstone fences which were probably built by 1700 or soon thereafter? On your map they may be just small dots located north of the Onesquethau Creek Rd. They may be off the beaten track, but to many of us, they are of tremendous value.

In case you are not familiar with town of New Scotland history, let me remind you. Nearly 100 years ago Teunis Slingerland and his son-in-law, Johannes Appel, purchased nearly 1,000 acres from the Indians. This purchase was recorded in Albany on May 13, 1685.

We aren't sure that the elder Teunis ever lived here but we know that his sons, son-in-law, and presumably his daughter lived here.

In 1695 Johannis Appel was

apparently still sheriff in Albany, but on Oct. 13, 1701, he borrowed 50 pounds at 8 percent interest for two years. In doing so, he mortgaged his house and lot on Parrel Street in Albany. Should this be lost by fire, he further binds "my lands where I now dwell at Onitskotha on the kill which flows out by Barent Pieterse Coeymans in said Colony of Rensselaerwyck." (*Early Records of Albany Deeds 1678-1704*, by VanLaer, page 391) It is generally agreed by students of old maps and deeds that the more southern dot on your map is the house that was once his home. The newer second story part of the house bears the date 1717. It is obvious that the lower stones are of older vintage.

A little further up the stream is an equally interesting stone house. Deeds dated 1847 and later refer to it as the "homestead farm" and some of us believe it may well have been the dwelling place of Cornelius Slingerland, son of the earliest purchaser. At any rate it has been passed from generation to generation in the family and is now occupied by the great (6 times) grandson of Cornelius. In it he and his wife are raising the 10th generation.

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I am relieved that the Hudson River project seems to be more feasible from a financial viewpoint, but even if it weren't the historic aspect should also be considered.

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*Mariha Slingerland
(Mrs. Harold Slingerland)
New Scotland*

Call for experts

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your recent headline, "Should we tap the Hudson River," is a question that requires a comprehensive study of the community's total water system. What are the long range water needs to meet industrial, commercial and domestic growth? What are the legal, political and economic advantages in constructing the additional facilities in the town of New Scotland? How dependable will the quality of the drinking water delivered to the consumer be in view of the known and unknown toxic chemicals discharged into the Hudson River? What impact will oil barges and other waterborne commerce have on water treatment plant construction? Does the present rate structure for existing water system encourage conservative use or wastage of the community's water resource? Are there other alternatives that should be considered, such as purchasing water from the Albany city system or developing a regional system to serve areas in the towns of New Scotland and Bethlehem?

Fortunately, the community is blessed with many professionals in the fields of engineering, chemistry, biology, medicine, law and economics. The town board should avail itself

of this resource by appointing citizen's water advisory committee to make a thorough study of the water system including the report submitted by the engineering firm Myrick and Chevalier.

I also urge professionals interested in serving on such committee to write or call Town Supervisor Corrigan regarding your willingness to participate in this community problem.

*Irving Grossman, P.
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Supervisor Tom Corrigan said last week the town board has received several letters on this situation, including one from a local resident with a suggestion like yours, that thorough studies be made of the Hudson proposal. Rather than a citizen's committee, Corrigan says that he will make the complete report mentioned in the Spotlight article available to any interested resident, and that all suggestions and comments, practical as well as professional, will be evaluated by the board and the consulting engineers. Ed.

Stop!

The Spotlight is sometimes asked why we don't use such terms as "chairperson" or "salesperson" in tune with the new passion to eliminate any trace of sexism from the language. The reason is that when people tamper with the language beyond the normal pace of its deterioration, they might not know where to stop.

The 1979 Farmers' Almanac quotes a Mrs. Zielinski as suggesting that if we carry the practice of installing "person" for "man" to the extreme of changing "woman" to "wope" son" and "human" to "hupe" son" we should also do away with the word "son" because it unmistakably identifies the subject as male. In the spirit of unisexism, we should subst



the neuter "it" for the male offspring.
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The possibilities seem endless. You take it from there. We say, "Stop!"

Cutting school costs

Editor, The Spotlight:
Mr. Werner Liebich's letter in your Oct. 12 issue advocated a modest increase in class size as a means of controlling the ever-rising school taxes in the town of Bethlehem, and cited a counter-opinion survey made by the board of education in 1977. This survey showed that a majority of the voters favored larger class sizes at all levels, by margins of more than 2 to 1. Before Mr. Liebich mentioned this survey I had never heard of it, but have since studied the complete report, which anyone can do in the Bethlehem Public Library. It seems significant to me that the proposals to increase class size were by no means the

only cost-cutting measures favored by the voters polled.

The board listed 22 ways of reducing costs and asked voters which they would favor if economic conditions made cuts necessary. Only three of the 22 ways were disapproved by the voters; these were two proposals to increase walking distance for elementary and high school students and a third proposal to reduce remedial reading services. On all of the 19 other proposals, those favoring cost cutting outnumbered those favoring the status quo by substantial margins; on 14 of the proposals, the margin was more than 2 to 1.

What this says to me is that a whole lot of people in this school district think that something should be done about school taxes that continue to rise even though school enrollment is declining and the present enrollment of about 4,000 is down nearly 1,000 from the peak.

Back in World War 2 so many of the men of draft age in Bethlehem were newlyweds

that to meet its quotas our draft board was taking married men before they were being tapped in neighboring boards. Many of these once young folks have stayed in town and are now part of the relatively high percentage of people on retirement incomes that cannot be negotiated upward every so often. Very likely these folks account for some of the economy-minded majority revealed by the survey.

A teacher in the Bethlehem school district has been quoted as saying, "If they can't afford the town of Bethlehem any more, why don't they move out?" One good reason might be that having paid the taxes that built the schools that educated the children of their generation and those following, they think they have a right to stay where their friends and, not infrequently, their children and grandchildren are. I doubt if any one of them would vote for a proposal they thought would seriously affect the quality of education offered by our fine schools. But I do think they

would favor a school board more responsive to the whole community.

For the school board seems to have paid little heed to its own survey. With rising costs and dropping enrollment, costs per student here are higher than anywhere else in the Capital District.

It is true that some of the 22 cost-cutting measures listed by the board would have little effect on the total budget, which this year is over \$11½ million. But one that would have a marked effect on the more than 70 percent of the budget that goes for salaries and fringe benefits is the one proposed by Mr. Liebich — modest increases in class size.

Its benefits can easily be achieved without financial hurt to any teacher. All that is needed is a will on the part of the board not to replace all of the teachers who, for one reason or another, leave the Bethlehem school system each year.

Wayland F. Richardson
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Community Corner

Interfaith Tea

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar will hold their annual Interfaith Tea on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. Rachael Worth, organist, will play selections on "The Sounds of Christmas." The tea will follow in Fellowship Hall. Dorothy Kelp and Patricia McConnell are co-chairmen. Babysitting will be provided. Women of the community are invited.

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