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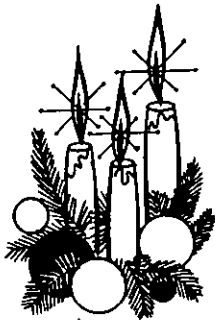
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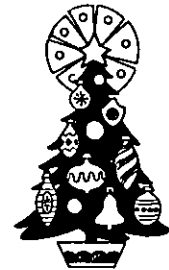


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New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

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

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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.

Albany Chapter Railroad Evangelistic Assn., meets third Saturdays, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:15 p.m.

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 choir Wednesdays 6:45 p.m., senior choir Thursdays 8 p.m., 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.

AARP, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

— Advertisement —

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Town bartender, U.R. Whacko hiccuped, "I can barely stand how he hops around, frothing at the mouth and living a High Life. He belongs in the Guinness book of records fermental cases (or at least 6-packs). His looks are siMiller to Frankenstein when he was a little Schaefer, but I don't want to Harp on his lack of a Piel."



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

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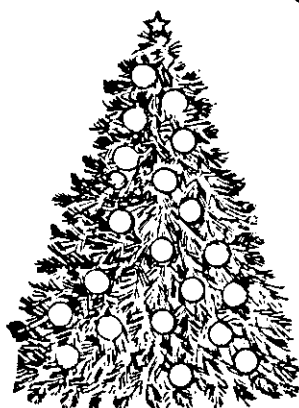


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Town of Bethlehem. Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Planning Board every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals first three Wednesdays at 8 p.m., town hall, 393 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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La Leche League, led by Mrs. Nicholas Barth, meeting at the home of Mrs. Diana Ryan, 20 Penn La., Glenmont, discussing "Nutrition and Weaning," 8:15 p.m. Information, 439-1774.

Christmas party, Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Dept., cocktail hour followed by roast beef dinner, firehouse, 6 p.m.

Christmas dinner, Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Co., fire hall, 6:30 p.m. Members are requested to bring their own place setting. Gifts will be exchanged.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Film, "Brightly of Grand Canyon," Bethlehem Library, 3:30-5 p.m.

Community recycling program, sponsored by United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, back parking lot of the church, throughout the weekend.

Bethlehem Republican dinner, 19th annual Polish Community Center, Albany, 6:30 p.m.

Community Recycling program, Voorheesville Methodist Church, parking lot. For pickups call 765-2895.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Free career and educational counseling, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

Roast beef dinner, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., sittings at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-2566.

Children's Christmas Party, Blanchard Post, American Legion, 1 p.m.

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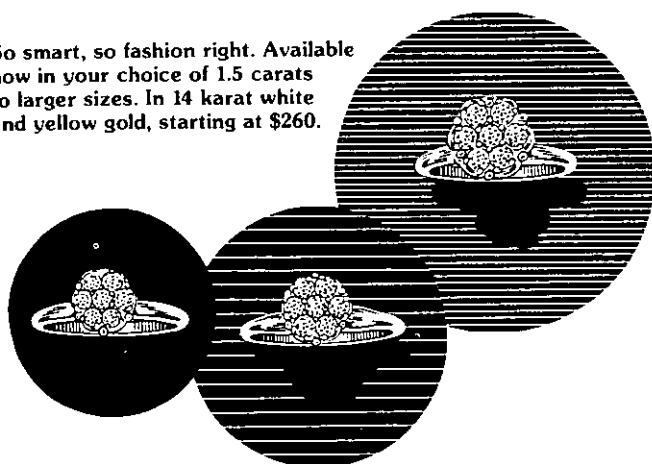
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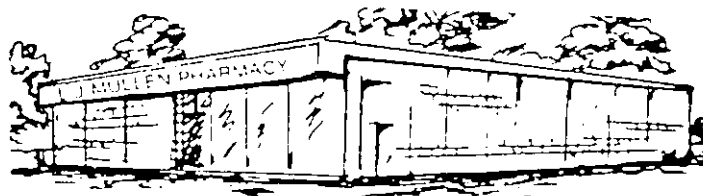
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Annual "Hanging of the Greens," festival, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3 p.m.

Legion egg nog party, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, post rooms, Elsmere.

Festival of sacred Christmas music, Doris Clark, director, Jennie Moak, organist, Penny Moak, flutist; children's choir, Deanna Grubs, director, singing "Lullaby of Mary," following the program will be a reception around the burning yule log.

Slingerlands United Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Rd. 7:30 p.m.

Community Recycling program, Voorheesville Methodist Church parking lot.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Senior Citizens Christmas party, Kiwanis Club, information, 436-8637.

Bethlehem Central High School, Holiday Concert, 8 p.m.

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

Kiwanis Club, La Casa Restaurant, Rt. 9W, 6:15 p.m.

Holiday music, music students of Bethlehem Central High School, Joseph Farrell and Salvator Gangi, directors, auditorium, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

Free career and educational counseling, Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 6 p.m.

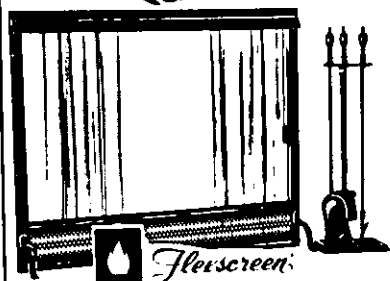
Winter Choral Program, Hamagraal School, 8 p.m.

Book discussion group, "Beggar in Jerusalem," Elie Wiesel, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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Bethlehem Lions Club, La Casa Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. Information, Red Goyer, 439-4857.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Adult information class, final class, "The Lutheran Church, Past and Present," and "An Orientation to Bethlehem," Rev. Warren Winterhoff, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Free career and educational counseling, Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

American Legion, Blanchard Post, board of directors, post rooms, 8 p.m.

Film, "Three Worlds of Gulliver," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Ladies Auxiliary, Slingerlands Fire Dept., 8 p.m.

Puppet show, Mrs. Conley's "Portable Poppets," fairy tale favorites, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Film, "The Phantom Tollbooth," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Film, "Hans Christian Anderson," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Free career and educational counseling, Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, American Legion, Blanchard Post.

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THEATER

"Chile Today, Guacamole," 89th annual Princeton Triangle Club Broadway-style musical revue spoofing contemporary America (on tour), Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Theatre ("The Egg"), **Dec. 18, 8:30 p.m.** Ticket information, 465-7581; also Community Box Office, Colonie Center, 458-7530. \$7, students \$4.

"The Birthday Party," Harold Pinter, Junior College of Albany Theatre Arts Dept., JCA Theatre, **Dec. 15-16, 8 p.m.** 445-1725.

"Child's Christmas," dance fantasy, EBA Contemporary Dance Theater, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, **Dec. 28-29, 3 p.m.** and **7 p.m., Dec. 30, 3 p.m.** \$2, children \$1. 465-9916.

MUSIC

Traditional Winter Concert, Mendelssohn Club of Albany, 75-voice male chorus, guests Thursday Musical Club (Schenectady) women's chorus, Chancellor's Hall, Albany, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Tickets 436-9849 or at door.

"Fantasia on Christmas Carols," College of St. Rose Masterworks Chorale, student soloists, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany **Dec. 17, 8 p.m.** \$2.50, students \$1.

Christmas portion of "The Messiah" and "Halleluja Chorus," St. Paul's Choristers, soloists, instruments, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3rd and State Sts., Troy, **Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.** Offering.

"Nowell Sing We Clear," carol pageant sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., St. Mark's Community Center, Guelderland Center, **Dec. 17, 3 p.m.** \$3. 765-4193.

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.**

LECTURE

"Egyptian Art in the Age of Tutankhamun," Dr. Bernard V. Bothmer, curator, The Brooklyn Museum, Albany Institute of History & Art, **Dec. 15, 8 p.m.**

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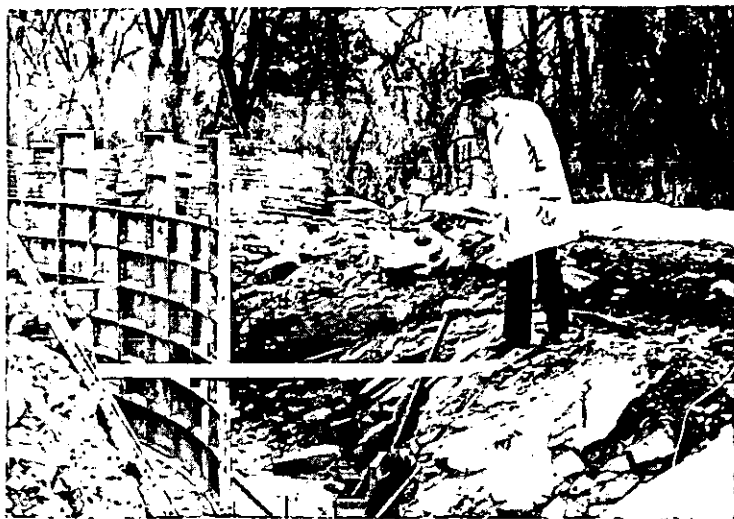


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Supervisor Tom Corrigan, left, with civil engineer Warren Boultelle looks over one end of the T-connection installed beneath Rt. 144 to hook the Job Corps water town into the Bethlehem sys-



tem. Above, Corrigan inspects progress on ringwall for the 3-million-gallon standpipe under construction on Elm Ave., Selkirk.

BETHLEHEM

Hookups closer on water links

Bethlehem's public water system, a sensitive subject in town hall for the past two years, continued to make news, even on routine projects.

There was progress on three separate construction projects in the field last week, while in town hall Supervisor Tom Corrigan, town board members and water district officials continued a detailed evaluation of the bulky engineering reports turned in by the engineering consulting firm of Myrick and Chevalier, retained by the town for long-range planning.

The principal field projects in various stages of completion looked like this as of Friday:

- The town has installed more than 500 feet of a 16-inch water main along the west side of Rt. 144 in Cedar Hill that eventually will extend the original terminus 2,700 feet to Simmons Rd. Included is a connection to provide a permanent emergency hookup serv-

ing the New York Job Corps Center in Glenmont. In the future are plans for a linkup with the Glenmont terminus on the north.

- Water department crews have completed the emergency interconnection with the Albany city system on Kenwood Ave., Elsmere, and are now conducting tests on the pressurized valve that automatically controls any switchover from one system to the other.

- A construction crew on Elm Ave. is racing the calendar in an effort to install the ringwall of the proposed 3-million-gallon storage standpipe authorized earlier this year by the town board. The 130-foot-high steel cylinder is expected to be in service by late summer or early fall.

The Rt. 144 project was motivated more than a month ago when the three wells that supplied the Job Corps center were unable to meet the center's daily water requirements and center officials asked the town of Bethlehem for help. Cor-

rigan, with a nod from the Albany County Dept. of Health, hastily organized an emergency hookup with the Cedar Hill system, which required some 3,000 feet of hose lines loaned by the Delmar and Slingerlands fire companies.

Last month the U.S. Dept. of Labor, which administers the center, authorized a permanent connection to be used in times of emergency. Department officials are expected to sign the formal agreement in Washington this week.

The agreement calls for the federal agency to cover the cost of the Rt. 144 extension up to a maximum of \$107,000, plus an annual "standby charge" of \$3,600, in addition to the metered consumption of water from the system.

The interconnection with the Albany system was completed a month ago at the point where the 12-inch Kenwood Ave. main crosses the city's aqueduct at Dumbarton Dr. Albany's 48-inch trunk bisects the length of Bethlehem from the city's treatment plant in

Feura Bush to the city line at the Normanskill gorge.

Engineers have installed a valve system at the interconnection that will automatically release water from one system to the other at a predetermined pressure point. Bethlehem currently maintains a water pressure of 60-70 pounds per square inch; Albany's is approximately 75 psi. Town officials expect the valve to be set at around 30 psi after the tests have been completed.

Corrigan said he expected to formalize the contract agreement with the City of Albany Water Dept. this week.

In college post

Kathleen J. Schurick, daughter of Alan Schurick of Altamont and Mrs. Jean Owens of 102 Dumbarton Dr., Delmar, has been elected to the executive council at the State University at Plattsburgh. As vice president of student services, Schurick, a business management major, will act as an ombudsman between the student body and the college administration.

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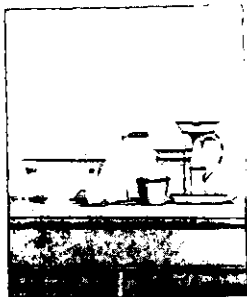
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This year's decorations in the Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria are especially festive. It's an annual project of foodline and kitchen workers at the school.

Fran Smollar

BETHLEHEM

Winter is king at town park

The town of Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park is the site for a variety of outdoor sports once cold weather is here to stay. Use of the park is restricted to residents of the town of Bethlehem.

Ice skating is available in two areas: a free-form recreational skating pond, located in front of the park's pool complex building, and a hockey rink behind the building, where the basketball courts are. Skating is permitted on green flag days; a red flag indicates the ice is not ready for skaters. Flags are displayed on a pole visible from Elm Ave. A warming area is open on green flag days from 9

a.m. to 9 p.m. The ice is lit after dusk.

Snowmobiling courses are located in the area south of the park's maintenance building. Snowmobiling may be done only when there is sufficient snow cover to protect the ground, and riders are asked to steer clear of the Parks and Recreation Office and baseball backstops. Orange flags mark the foul-line markers.

Cross-country skiing is available on two trails, both beginning and ending at the tennis complex. There is a 1.3-mile flat course and a 3.6-mile hilly course for skiers. Skiers are asked to stay north of the park maintenance building and clear of the arboretum to one side of the park's picnic pavilions.

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Cable firm seeks \$2 rate hike

First there was the notice, reported in last week's Spotlight, that Bethlehem Video, Inc. was planning to file for a rate increase, but no amount was specified.

Then came the formal application, received in Bethlehem town hall late last week. The firm, a subsidiary of Adams-Russell based in Waltham, Mass., is requesting a \$9 monthly rate for its basic cable television service. Bethlehem's 3,200 subscribers now pay \$7 a month.

In the formal notice, William C. Henchy, president of Bethlehem Video, told the town board that the company has been losing money on the local franchise, and needs the rate boost to "take the CATV system to a break-even level."

Henchy stated that the systems in Albany and Schenectady pass approximately twice as many home per mile of cable than in Bethlehem. Schenectady has approved a rate increase from \$8.25 to \$9 effective next March 1, and Albany approved an increase to \$8 as of last Oct. 1. The Albany rate goes to \$8.75 on Jan. 1, Henchy said.

The application said the need for rate relief in Bethlehem is based on an audited operating loss of \$3,544 on revenues of \$41,488 in September and an unaudited loss of \$6,137 on revenues of \$39,892 in October. Both figures were given as pre-tax totals.

Henchy said the Bethlehem system, "which is essentially complete except for a couple of short extensions which will only generate about 100 subscribers," will produce continued losses of \$5,000 to \$6,000 a month at the present rate. Construction of the final cable links in sections of the Selkirk area are expected to be complete in the Spring.

The town board is required to hold a public hearing before acting on the proposed increase. No date has been set for the hearing.

Police graduation

Wayne LaChappelle and Cynthia Reed, provisional members of the Bethlehem police department, were graduated Friday from the Municipal Police School in Colonie. They started this week on a new phase of training, road assignments with regular officers. The force currently has 30 members on duty shifts.

Book group meets

The Bethlehem Library's book discussion group will discuss Elie Wiesel's "A Beggar in Jerusalem" Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the adult lounge of the library. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 439-9314.

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Cheryl Marks

CLARKSVILLE

Parents protest classroom shift

Clarksville parents of second and third graders, unhappy with the present class setup, are planning to appeal to the Bethlehem school administration to return to the "regular" arrangement for their children.

Last year projections of over 30 third graders prompted an administrative decision to have two combination classes of both third and second graders in order to balance class sizes. At the beginning of the year only 28 students were registered for third and 27 for second, but the school board went through with the plans.

John McKenzie, one of the 14 parents who met Monday night to discuss the problem, said: "It's not a matter of money or class size. It was an administrative decision that the board prepared the parents for and then stuck with."

McKenzie says that the combination arrangement "aggravates" a situation where a wide range of reading and scholastic levels exist in each class. "The classes are noisy; kids aren't getting their individual needs met, and there is less instruction time than in the combination classes in other schools," he said.

Some parents feel that the combination arrangement would be acceptable if a full-time aide were hired for each class.

The parents have voiced their complaints with the Clarksville PTA, who will take a poll of all involved parents and then take that reaction to the principal of the Clarksville Elementary School and eventually to Supt. of Schools Lawrence Zinn.

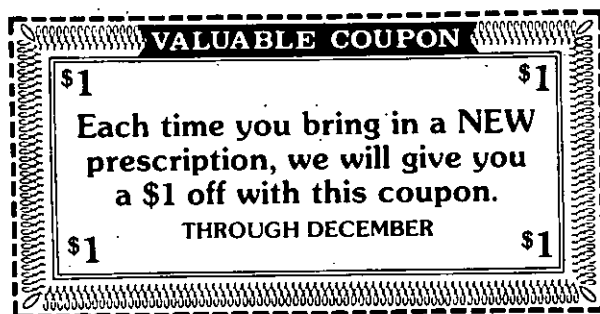
Studied in France

Thomas Milham, a junior from Delmar, studied in France this fall under Union College's "term abroad" program. He lived in Rennes, and pursued an independent study project in the Loire valley and Chartres.

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Builder Bill Weber setting up nativity scene. *Spotlight*

BETHLEHEM

Chamber creche in 20th season

One of Bethlehem's most familiar landmarks made its annual appearance on Delaware Ave. this week—the nativity scene on the lawn of the Delmar Reformed Church.

The three-dimensional set was designed by Tom Dorato, a retired Delmar merchant, 20 years ago, and built by Paul Rivers, a contractor and former Delmar resident, under the auspices of the Bethlehem chamber of commerce.

For the last 17 years the creche has been assembled by William R. Weber, Delmar builder, and a Weber Bros. crew after a town highway department truck has delivered the "flats" to the site from the town garage, where it is stored in between Christmases. Clifford Van Dyke, Delmar electrician who died last month, wired it each year for the past decade. Verstandig's contributed the decorative greens, and a Niagara Mohawk crew connects the lead wire to a secondary on Adams St. If NiMo sends a bill for the seasonal power used, no one knows where they send it or who pays it, if anyone.

The community creche has had at least four locations since it was created in 1958. It spent several Christmases in the front

yard of Guy Smith, Sr., now the town hall annex, several years in front of the residence of the late Howard Snyder on the southeast corner of Elsmere Ave. and Delaware Ave., now occupied by the Bankers Trust Co. branch, and several years on the site of the present town parking lot across the street from the Bethlehem town hall.



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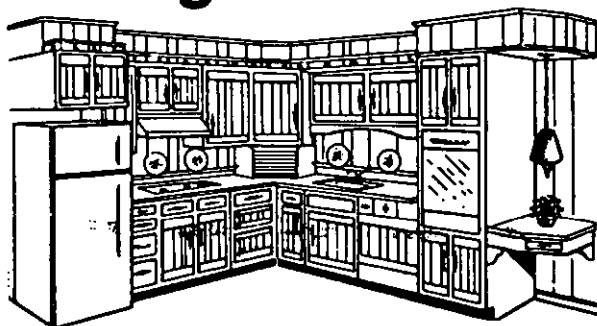
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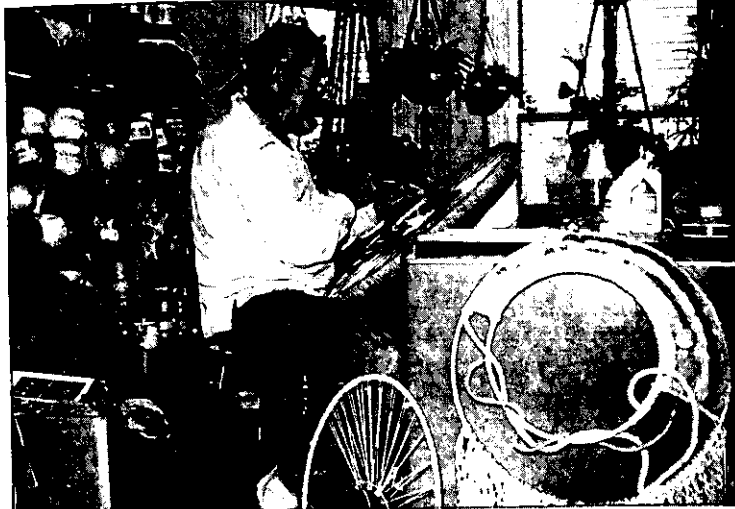
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BC musicians cited

Four Bethlehem Central High School students were selected to participate this year in the all-state orchestra Sectionals sponsored by the New York State School Music Assn. The

two-day event took place in November at Saratoga Springs High School. Andrea Blanchard, George Fuhs, Monika Strauss and Martin Mancuso were the BCHS representatives, and Andrea was chosen to serve as concert mistress.

First aid course

The Albany Area Chapter, American Red Cross is conducting multi-media first aid courses at the Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., every Friday through May 25. The course, which covers all the emergency first aid requirements, runs from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for the instruction.

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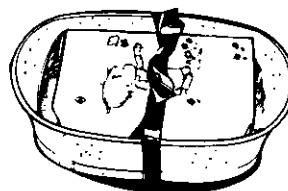


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The bank, which has sponsored the popular weekly feature for a number of years as a community service, has renewed its annual contract with the newspaper to continue the service. The notification was received last week through the bank's advertising agency, Devey, Thompson and Vignola of Schenectady.

Publicity chairmen of a wide variety of local organizations often request their notices be

carried in Community Corner, which appears each week on the inside back cover of the Spotlight.

Blood clinic Tuesday

The town of Bethlehem will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The clinics are under the direction of Mrs. Ruth O. Bickel, a member of the Bethlehem town board.

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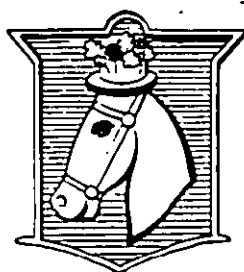


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Exhibiting miniatures

Four residents of the Trivillage area — all members of La Mini Scala, a local club of miniature enthusiasts — have loaned miniature masterpieces

to the Schenectady Museum for a special Christmas show.

Elizabeth Ellsworth of Delmar has many of her exquisite hand-made dolls on display. Each doll is less than one and a half inches tall and beautifully dressed — each in a different costume.

Judy Thompson of Delmar has a delightful miniature display of Santa's workshop filled with toys and other Christmas memorabilia, made to a scale of one inch equalling one foot.

Jack and Ellen Van Dusen of Slingerlands have loaned their beautiful miniature contemporary house to the show. This house is being designed and built by Jack, and was displayed at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga in October.

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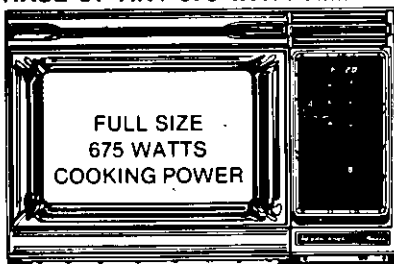
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BETHLEHEM

Town pondering restoration cost

History buffs and sentimentalists feel it's important to restore and maintain structures of historic importance. So do members of the Bethlehem town board, but they're the ones who have to make the tax money go around without bending the town budget.

The board's most persistent historical enigma is the Nicoll-Sill House, also known as the Bethlehem House. The house was built early in the 18th century and was deeded to the town a number of years ago. Among those buried in the private graveyard is Caesar, the family slave, who is believed to be the last person in New York State to die a slave.

The house today is structurally sound, but in need of repair. In a report to the town board last month, Bruce Secor, town engineer, said the most pressing problems are repairs to the roof and porches. "It's

really a wreck," he told board members, and added: "If we don't have the money for a full restoration, let's preserve the brick part."

Board members, conscious of the budget, tabled the matter with the knowledge it will come up again. "No decision here is cheap," said one councilman.

Head music event

Samuel Bozzella and George Smith of the Bethlehem Central School district music staff are co-chairmen of a Suburban Council Junior High Band Festival which will be held on March 11 at the Scotia-Glenville High School. Selected pupils in grades 7 through 9 from all 10 Council schools will perform at the festival. Guest conductor will be Ronald Sutherland of Clarence High School in the Buffalo area.

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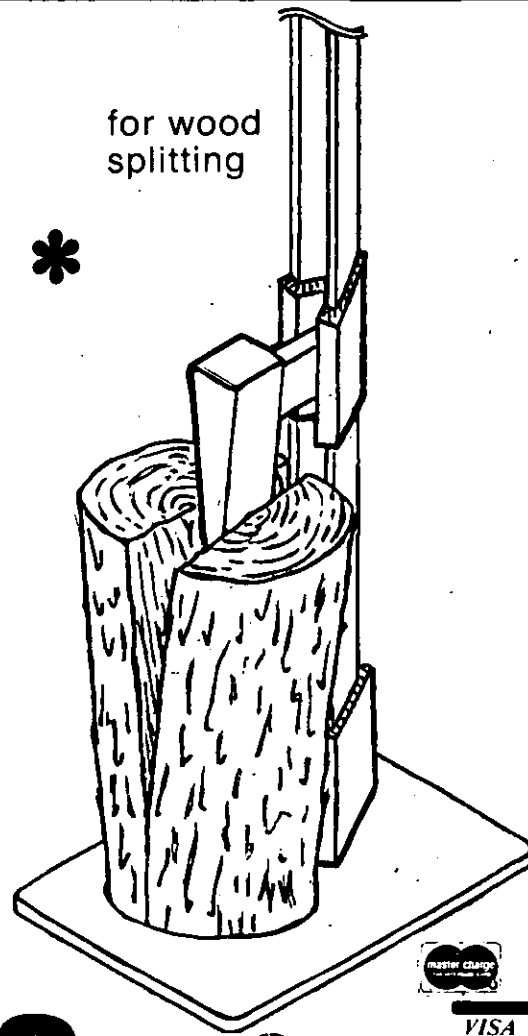
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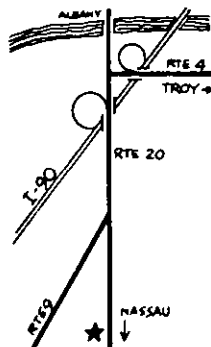
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NEW SCOTLAND State gives nod to post speeds

That old adage of "always a bridesmaid, never a bride" doesn't apply to the town of New Scotland anymore.

After a number of attempts to get the State Dept. of Transportation to post speed limits on several roads in the town had been rebuffed, the town now has had not one, but two similar petitions approved by the DOT.

At last Wednesday's monthly town board meeting, Supervisor Steve Wallace told councilmen and a small audience of taxpayers that two applications for speed restrictions had been accepted in Albany. He acknowledged formal notification from Joseph Kelly, regional traffic engineer, permitting the town to set a 30-mph speed limit on Apple Blossom Lane and Smith Lane off Rt. 85A in Voorheesville, and a 40-mile speed restriction on a section of Spore Rd. off Delaware Tpk.

The town had sought the restrictions after receiving petitions from residents of both areas citing unsafe conditions.

Previously DOT officials had turned a deaf ear to New Scotland requests for posting speed limits on Krumkill Rd. and Normanskill Rd., and had rejected appeals by Wallace on both petitions.

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When photographer Fran Smollar dropped a film off at the Spotlight last week, she saw young passersby doing handstands. She snapped this quick pose by Pat Davis, Steve Woodward, Mike Alexander and Charlie Lynk.

BETHLEHEM

Family swims take a holiday

The final fall session of the town of Bethlehem's recreational swim time will be on Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool. The program, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Dept., is open to residents of the town and Bethlehem Central School District.

Swim times are from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Fees are 75 cents, ages 14 and older; 50 cents, children 8-13, and free for children under 8 when accompanied by an adult.

The swim program will resume on Sunday, Jan. 21 as part of the town's winter program.

Trucker honored

A long-distance truck driver based in Feura Bush has been named "driver of the month" by B&L Motor Freight, Newark, Ohio. Richard L. Clark of Troy, who was presented with a \$50 bond and a letter of commendation, was nominated by his supervisor, Francis E. Carleton, operations manager of the B&L facility on Rt. 32, Feura Bush, for his safety record.

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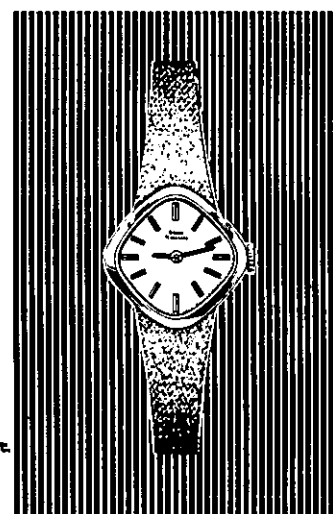
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Ben Meyers makes presentation to Voorheesville's board of appeals. From left, chairman Ed Smith, John Scherer, Marilyn Stracuzzi, Daniel Rey. John Zagrone was hidden from the camera. *Spotlight photo*

VOORHEESVILLE

Reilly clears his last hurdle

A five-month struggle with a mountain of governmental red tape at the local level came to a happy end this week for Herbert W. Reilly, Jr., Voorheesville mortician.

Edward R. Smith, chairman of Voorheesville's zoning board of appeals, delivered the final papers to Reilly Monday night that comprised formal notification of the board's approval of a petition to establish a funeral home at 9 Voorheesville Ave.

The approval, voted last Wednesday behind closed doors and kept secret until the papers could be prepared, is conditional on Reilly's meeting several conditions relating to parking, traffic, lighting and other stipulations.

In effect, the board modified several recommendations passed

on from the Albany County planning board and the village planning commission.

Meanwhile, Reilly was making plans to close on his purchase of the 10-room dwelling on which he has had a purchase option since last summer. The house is owned by Joy B. Misenhimer.

A handful of spectators at the board's public hearing last Wednesday came partially to hear the Reilly decision, which didn't come, and partially to hear the presentation by Benjamin Meyers, Delmar undertaker who is applying for a special use permit to construct a funeral home on Maple Ave.

The board deferred action on Meyers after requesting more detailed information. Meyers outlined his plans, including a

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parking lot illuminated by gas lights. Meyers told board members he would comply with the request "if you put in writing what information you want."

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BETHLEHEM

Board to study energy saving

Like many business ventures, for Bethlehem Central School District to save money on energy this year, it will have to spend money.

The architectural firm of Einhorn, Yaffee and Prescott has presented a study of school district buildings and has estimated that the district could save 30 percent on its \$300,000

oil bill — about \$80,000 — if it invested \$437,000 in energy-saving steps.

The firm also recommended that 10 percent could be saved by reducing lighting, lowering the heat and keeping doors and windows closed whenever possible.

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What price tax savings?

Residents and municipal officials in New Scotland and Voorheesville are joining with those of the Helderberg "hill towns" in protesting the action last week by the Albany County Legislature in trimming seven sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville substation patrol.

"It's the worst kind of economy," declared Mike Ricci, veteran Republican legislator from Voorheesville. "It's a travesty, cutting down the protection of law and order for citizens, all for the sake of a political ploy trying to save \$100,000."

The Legislature, dominated by the county's Democratic machine, last week overrode the vigorous opposition of Sheriff John J. McNulty, Jr. and a host of deputies by approving the county's \$128-million budget. The final version transfers seven jobs from the 60-member road patrol to the undermanned county jail.

Mayor William J. Wenzel of Voorheesville said he had written "a stinging letter" calling the action "totally irresponsible, either willful or incompetent." The outspoken village leader said the legislators "haven't been out here much and don't have any inkling as to what the situation is."

The New Scotland town board last week unanimously passed a resolution protesting the cutback.

The sheriff's department highway patrol operates from the substation on Martin Rd., covering the town of New Scotland, the village of Voorheesville, and the rural towns of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville among other areas. The county's three largest towns, Bethlehem, Guilderland and Colonie, have their own police departments.

Two Democrats joined two Republicans in a resolution to amend the budget to restore the seven deleted jobs, but the motion was overwhelmed by the Democratic majority. The

sponsors were Ricci and Edward Sargent of Bethlehem, Republicans, and Democrats George Harder of Bethlehem and William McNulty of Green Island, the sheriff's brother.

Ricci said the jobs were being transferred to the jail staff, which has been operating some 16 jobs short, and thus has been incurring substantial costs in overtime pay. The jail also has been under pressure from the state for recent suicides and escapes.

Ricci said the overtime costs could be cut by hiring extra help without affecting the overall budget. "You could cut \$10,000 from 20 departments and never feel it," he said.

Most observers attribute the cuts to a political feud between McNulty, a dissident in the county Democratic structure, and Albany Mayor Erastus Corning, boss of the county organization since the death of longtime chairman Dan O'Connell.

The overall budget, however, contained good news for most of the county's taxpayers. It represents a modest pruning from the current allocations. The savings will be reflected in next month's property tax bills: Bethlehem property owners will pay \$30.77 per \$1,000 valuation, down from \$31.13, while the New Scotland rate drops from \$69.31 to \$65.08. All rates are subject to the equalization formulas.

BC wrestlers open

Bethlehem Central High School's wrestling team, led by Bryan Bourque's triumph in the heavyweight class, opened its season by narrowly defeating Mont Pleasant for the first time in Eagle history, 28-27. Helping the team in the close contest were wins by J.B. Rodgers, Andy Hickey, Jeff Herrmann, Alan Marwill, Scott Junco and Bourque.

In their second match the matmen traveled to Averill Park, where they suffered their first loss.

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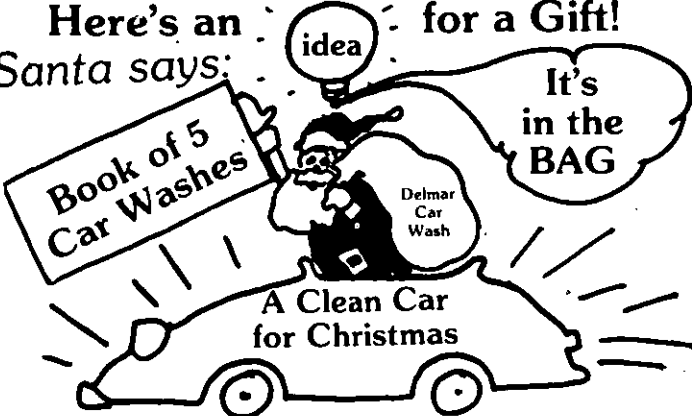
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- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 14 or 16 small white onions
- 6 young carrots, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups strong beef broth or canned condensed broth
- 1 1/2 cups Reine Pédauque Chantespan, Côtes-du-Rhône
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/2 pound button mushrooms or larger ones cut in half
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, snipped

In a large skillet, fry the bacon until crisp, dry on paper toweling and reserve. Sauté beef and onion in the bacon fat until beef is browned on all sides. Remove to a large casserole. Add brown sugar, small onions and carrots to the skillet. Brown and glaze the onions. Remove the onions and carrots to the meat in the casserole. Add flour and stir, scraping up all the brown particles from the bottom and sides of the skillet. Over low heat, gradually stir in broth, raise heat and add wine. Stir well so the sauce will not be lumpy. Add minced garlic, salt and pepper, remaining brown sugar and tomato paste, stirring until mixture is smooth and thickened. Pour over meat and vegetables in the casserole. Cover and place in preheated oven, cook at 325°F., about 2 1/2-3 hours, or until meat is tender. Sauté mushrooms in the 2 tablespoons butter for 3 minutes. Add to casserole. You may wish to serve with buttered noodles, a salad and some homemade bread. Serves 8.

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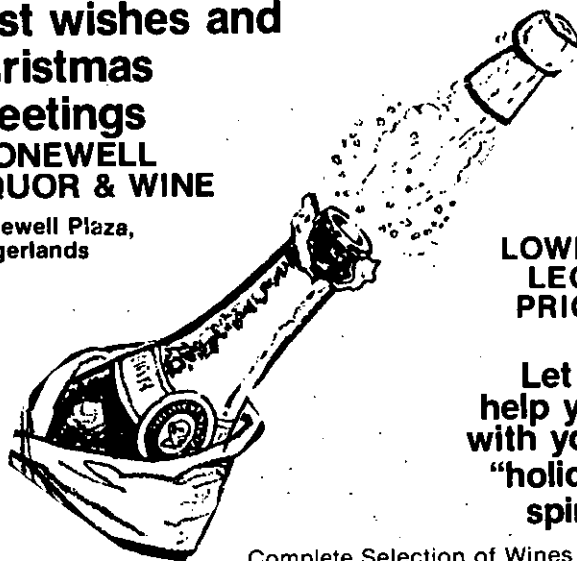
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BETHLEHEM

Town rejects sewage request

The Bethlehem town board has declined to take responsibility for operating the sewage treatment plant on Blessing Rd., Slingerlands.

Last week the Albany County Dept. of Health contacted the town of Bethlehem about the treatment plant serving the residents of Bethlehem Terrace and Meadowbrook apartments, which has had a history of trouble including the dumping of raw sewage into the Norman-skill creek.

Richard Svenson, a health department official said, the treatment plant was presenting "a serious public health hazard."

The First Mortgage Investors Co., the Florida banking firm that foreclosed on the land where the facility is located, refused to assume responsibility for operation or maintenance of the plant. The plant is now temporarily operated by managers of the two apartment complexes.

Most of the Bethlehem councilmen were reluctant to get involved in what has been, up to now, a private business. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said that a minimum of \$2,440 for a chlorinator and other equipment to reopen the plant "would be only a beginning" of soaring maintenance costs to

operate the plant daily. He noted that the selling price of the plant, once \$134,000, had dropped to \$1. "I wouldn't give them \$1.02 for it," he said.

Corrigan said that it costs the town \$2.72 to treat the sewage for a one-bedroom apartment. Residents now are charged \$1.87.

"I wouldn't touch it with a 10-foot pole," said Councilman Ed Mocker, who felt the owners of the apartment complexes were responsible.

But town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz was concerned with the town's responsibility for clean water. "If the plant creates a health problem, it affects the whole town, not just 300 people," he said.

Doug Payne

Community calendar set

Ladies of the New Salem Fire Dept. Auxiliary are sponsoring a new area activity calendar to be put in the entrance hall of the Voorheesville Library to list dates of events sponsored by community organizations. "In this way events can be planned so they do not conflict with other similar events on the same date," an Auxiliary member stated. Churches, school groups, Auxiliaries, Kiwanis, Scouts, and other Voorheesville area groups are urged to list activities and events and check dates ahead of planning.

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A festive yule at library

Under the direction of Mrs. Charles C. Cross and Mrs. James M. Flavin of the Delmar Progress Club, four civic organizations have worked together to bring "Winter wonderland" decorations to the Bethlehem Library. The Bethlehem Art Assn., the Men's Garden Club of Albany, the Bethlehem Garden Club and the Garden and Creative Arts groups of the Progress Club all joined this year's cooperative venture.

Winter and Christmas scenes have been hung in the Borthwick Ave. entrance hall by members of the art association. Contributors were Eleanor Bolduc, Charlotte Dale, Eunice Hunter, Marti Leather, Lillian Longley, Robert Longley, Marilyn Pendleton, Gale Porter, Ethel Pratt and Lorraine Shapiro. Lillian Longley, president of the association, placed the art work, assisted by Dave and Eunice Hunter and Eleanor Bolduc.

The snow flakes that drift from the hall ceiling and hang from branches of evergreen trees were made by the 18 members of the Delmar Progress Club's garden group under the leadership of Mrs. Flavin. She was aided in the designing and cutting by Mrs. Howard Geyer and Trina Lenden, a student at the Bethlehem Middle School.

The trees in the library were donated by Alfred H. Leonard of the Men's Garden Club of Albany. He cut the trees on his 66-acre farm in the Helderbergs, assisted by club members David Ott and Herbert Swane.

Mrs. John Rodgers of the Bethlehem Garden Club decorated the community room with a winter scene, using natural wreaths and a tree covered with snow flakes.

Mrs. J.R. Denny, Mrs. John Mather, Mrs. Elliot Rowley and Mrs. Reuben Warrell of the Progress Club loaned the library the Christmas items in the children's library showcase.

Carnival date set

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Winter Carnival will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the town park. Interviews for Snow Queen will be Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the park.

On soccer team

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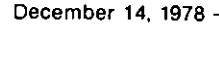
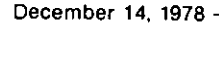
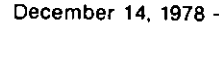
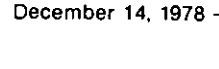
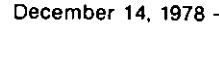
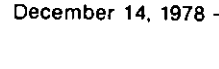
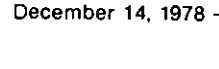
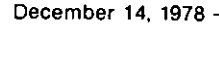
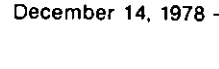
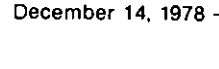
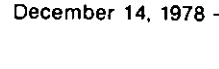
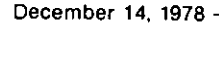
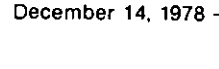
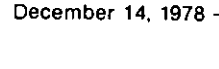
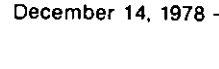
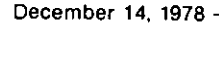
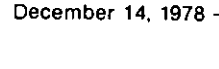
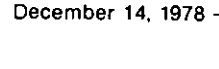
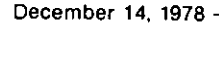
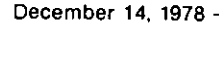
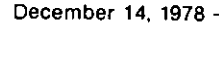
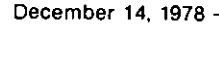
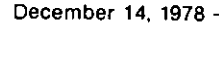
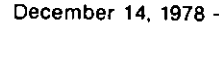
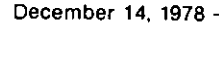
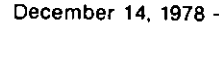
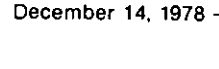
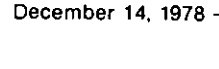
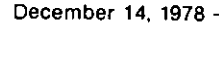
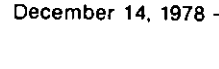
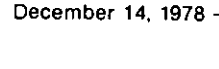
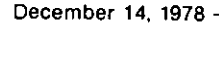
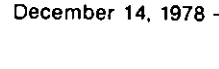
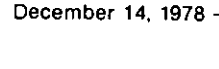
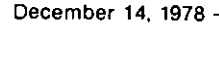
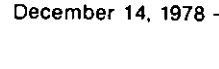
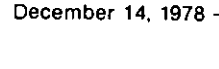
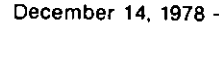
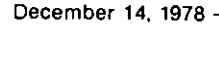
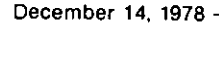
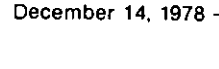
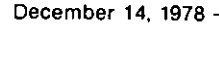
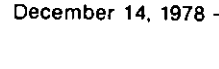
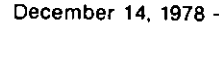
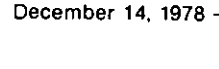
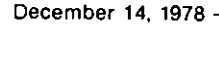
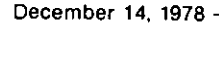
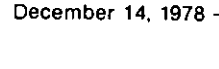
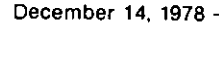
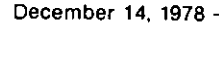
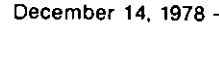
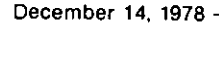
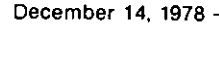
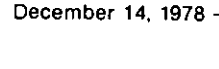
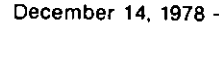
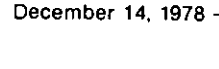
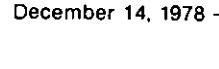
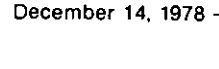
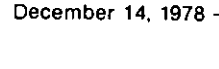
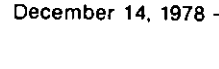
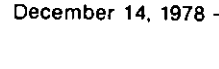
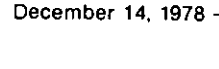
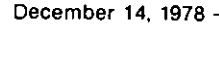
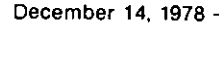
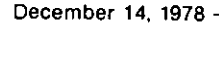
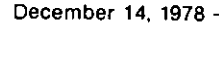
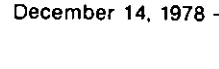
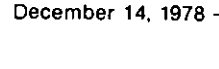
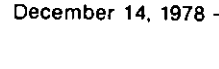
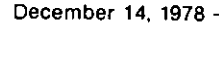
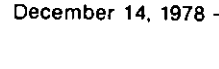
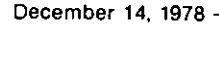
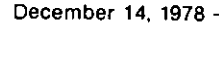
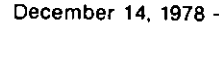
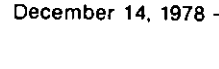
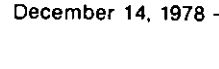
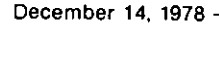
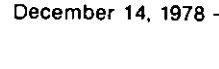
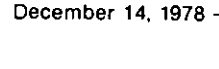
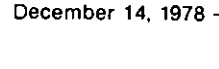
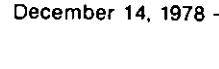
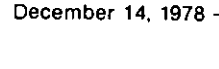
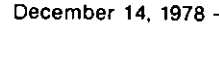
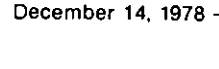
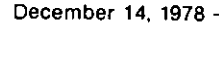
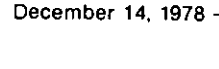
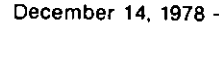
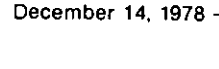
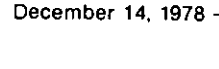
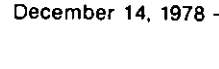
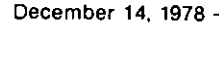
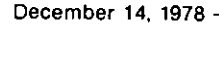
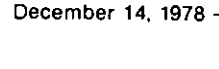
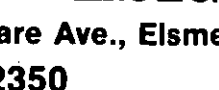
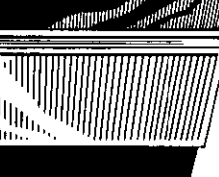
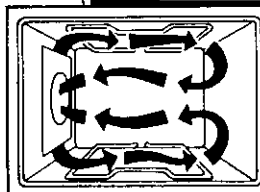
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Groundbreaking ceremony on Delaware Ave. featured Burt Anthony, center, Supervisor Tom Corrigan, right, and Henry Klersy, second from right. Also wielding shovels were David Kling, left, vice president of Burt Anthony Life Associates, and Scott Anthony, office manager for C.B. Clarke Insurance.

Student cited

Lisa Mendel of Delmar, a Skidmore College student, has received approval to pursue a special project during the

January term. She will serve as an intern at the Wildwood School in Schenectady for children with learning disabilities.

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A groundbreaking ceremony was held Friday at 208 Delaware Ave., where Burt Anthony, president of Charles B. Clarke, Inc., plans to open a new office building next June.

Rental offices and parking will be available in the modern one-story complex designed by area builder Henry Klersy.

Anthony, a member of the Delmar Lions Club and a former Hartford special agent, purchased the Clarke Agency in 1967 when it employed one part-time secretary. The agency has grown to eight employees and houses the Voorheesville Insurance Agency and Burt Anthony Life Associates. The latter is a specialized life department operated by David Kling, vice president, offering estate planning, pensions and accident and health insurance.

Anthony is also president of Love, Knox and Meade insurance agencies in Troy, Capital Homes Insurance Agency in Schenectady, and Barbetta Insurance, Clifton Park.



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Lucinda Wright's second graders at Voorheesville Elementary School proudly displayed their own totem pole in the school's main office. Standing are Paul Jamason and Jennifer Torito, kneeling are Joanne Sheridan and Joanne Vilar. *Fran Smollar*

Choir festival Sunday

A traditional choir festival of sacred Christmas music will be presented by the chancel choir of the Slingerlands United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the church at 1497 New Scotland Rd. The public is invited.

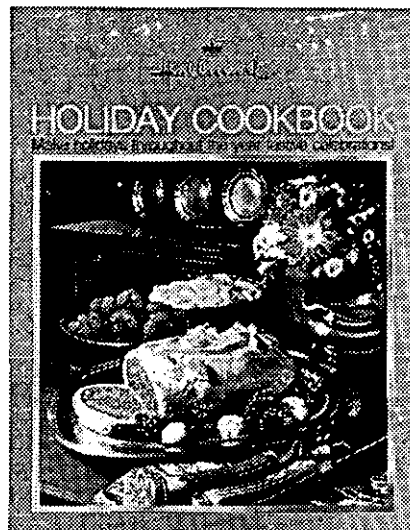
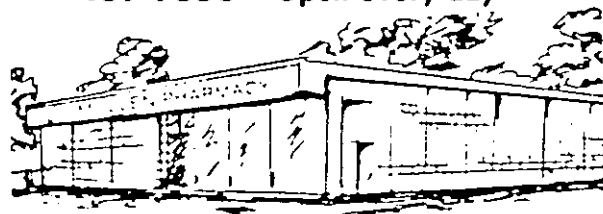
Doris Clark is choir director and Jennie Moak is organist. Penny Moak is the flutist. The children's choir, directed by Deanna Grubs, will sing and will join the chancel choir in singing "Lullaby of Mary."

Following the program there will be a reception 'round the burning yule log, arranged by the music committee headed by the Birchenough. Also on the committee are Lana Reynolds,

Vicki Folger, Jeanne Brown, Douglas Moak, Jane Labrum, Aileen Zimmerman and Barbara Brown. Choir members are Ferne and Gene Horn, Jean and Howard Clayton, Jane and Dale Conklin, Doris and Jack Clark, Margaret Mosher, Peggy Furbeck, Aileen Zimmerman, Bonnie Robbins, Rhonda Ballou, Ruth Patton, Priscilla Roberts, Nancy Burnett, Donald Arthur and Douglas Moak. Singers in the children's choir are Glenn Reynolds, Wendy Reynolds, Margit Finck, Rachel Finck, Lisa Ballou, Jeffrey Ballou, Hilary Jones, Rebecca Jones, Lisen Roberts, Danny Roberts, Tommy Roberts and Wendy Thompson.

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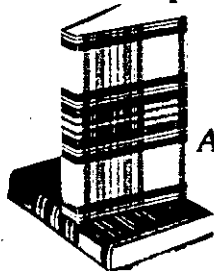
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Students earn typing awards

McGraw-Hill Book Co. has announced that several students from Bethlehem Central High School have distinguished themselves in typing classes by passing official Gregg typing tests.

Qualifying in the typing speed tests were Carol Bangert, Linda Canceleno, Linda Carl, Amy Collen, Mary Crowder, Tammy Keppler, Terri Kleinke, Theresa LaBarge, Patricia McNary, Jane Moore, Sheila Murray, Deborah Plunkett and Denise Sciubba of the secretarial practice class, and Eileen Foster, Theresa Keenan and Maureen McGarry from the office practice class.

Qualifying for the junior typing production tests are Barbara Calvagno, Linda Canceleno, Cynthia Jeffrey, Theresa LaBarge, Patricia McNary, Sheila Murray, Theresa Simon, Carolyn Blair, Linda Busick, Sandra Frattura, Theresa Keenan and Maria Milham. Receiving awards for the senior typing production tests were Carol Bangert, Linda Carl, Amy Collen, Mary Crowder, Tammy Keppler, Terri Kleinke, Deborah Plunkett, Sherry Fink, Eileen Foster, Gina Franckowiak, Donna Jones, Maureen McGarry and Linda Neander.

Christmas spirit

Thieves Sunday night stole a floodlight and a string of Christmas bulbs from the front yard of a Wellington Rd. residence, according to a Bethlehem police report.



Frank W. Warner

Photographer elected

Frank W. Warner of Voorheesville, photographic specialist of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Albany, has been elected vice president-treasurer of the board of directors of the Professional Photographers of America, Inc. The 15-member Board is responsible for overseeing all activities of the 17,000-member association.

Past president and founder of the Capital District Association of Photography in Industry, Warner received its Special Award in 1973. He is also past president of the Professional Photographers Society of New York. He has received many awards.

Recycling drive on

The United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will continue its community recycling program Friday through Sunday this weekend. Bulky items can be picked up through a call to the church office, 765-2895, or can be dropped off in the back parking lot of the church.

Day Care party

Kenwood Day Care and Child Development Center will hold its annual Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W. The event is open to parents, family and all "friends" of Kenwood Day Care.



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Brigid Carroll isn't quite sure about Santa on the jolly fellow's visit to Delaware Plaza Saturday. On the cover: Lisa McRae accompanied St. Nick's Elsmere representative on the trip from the North Pole, via the Elsmere fire house. *Jim Carroll*

DELMAR

Police probing arson in church

Attempts to set fire to St. Thomas the Apostle Church last week failed because candles refused to remain lighted.

Bethlehem police are looking for the person who lit the full complement of 100 candles on the east side of the church about 4:15 last Wednesday afternoon, then put several candles under the church bulletins and tried to set them afire.

Detectives said the attempt failed when the candles burnt themselves out. The vandal also lit a candle in one of the pews in the church and set the bench down, but this candle also went out, police said.

Rev. James Daley, pastor of the church, one of the largest parishes in the suburban area, told police no one apparently

noticed the intruder lighting the banks of candles. Fr. Daley said he would lock the side door of the church in the future so that anyone entering the church could be seen from the parish office.

Advanced lifesaving

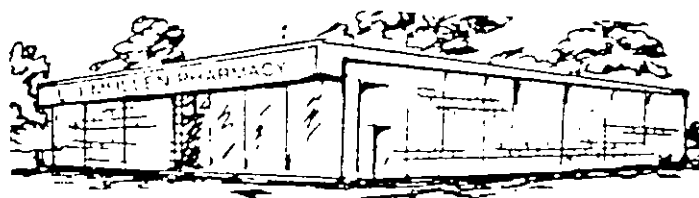
The Albany Jewish Community Center will present an advanced lifesaving course beginning Jan. 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The course will run for eight weeks and is open to all strong swimmers 15 and older. American Red Cross certification will be awarded on successful completion of this course. Preregistration is required.

Tree cut from yard

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a four-foot spruce tree cut from the lawn of 507 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, Sunday night.

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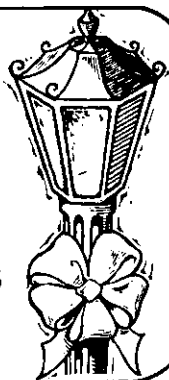
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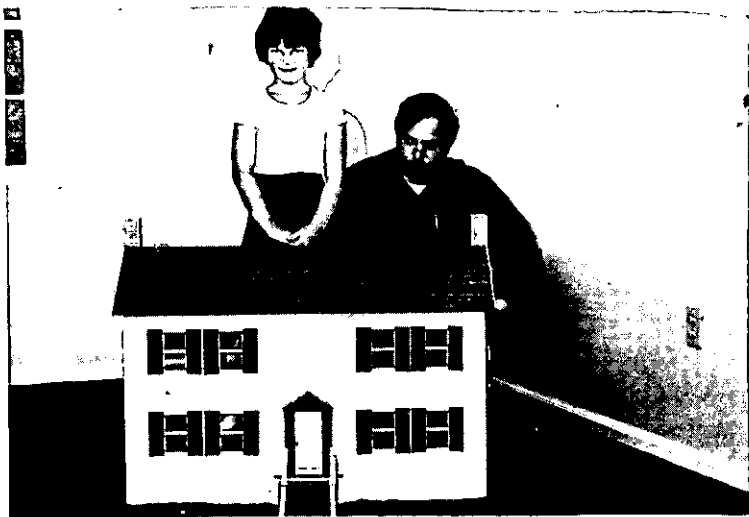
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Tom Dobert with new homeowner Melissa Klein

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SPOTLIGHT PROFILE

New home market: dollhouses

To buy a house for \$300 most people would say is impossible. Except for Thomas and Mary Dobert of Delmar, who construct doll houses in their home, and people who have Dobert productions.

"I could almost go into this full time, but it just wouldn't be fun any more," Thomas Dobert said. "This is a nice hobby to get me away from everyday work."

To build a house Dobert style, working on weekends from December to May, takes about three weeks to six months. The couple has outside distractions: Tom Dobert is president of the Tri-Village Little League and Mary Dobert is vice president of the Bethlehem Tomboys girls softball league.

For the past six years the Doberts have built various miniature homes for their family and friends. All of the houses are assembled with wood screws because once the structure is completed is must be disassembled for decorating. After the walls and floors are trimmed, the house is reassembled and clapboard siding is applied to the exterior.

Their first doll house was built out of necessity when their daughter pleaded for one and those available in stores were either too expensive or of low quality. They soon discovered that furnishings to scale (the

standard doll house scale is one inch to one foot) were not available. Items like wallpaper were chosen carefully so as not to appear too large for a room. However, the Doberts persevered and their initial endeavor was completed in three weeks.

Since then the dexterous duo has constructed numerous houses, including a rustic general store. This structure is made of wood the Doberts had to sand down because the only available wood was too thick. Store items include tiny pots and pans, cakes and silverware.

Now their experience is legion and their latest production exemplifies their skilled craftsmanship. It is a green house, approximately 2½ feet high with black shutters, slate-colored linoleum front steps, and two genuine brick chimneys.

Inside there are hardwood floors, hand-made windows and doors, and endless details including molding. Everything in the house is proportioned, and contains blue and white gingham wallpaper, bathroom accessories, a hanging Tiffany lamp and a staircase connecting the two floors.

The ultimate doll house is presently being constructed by the couple for their daughter. When completed the four-sided house will be wired for electricity, which can be regulated by miniature wall switches.



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The Men's Garden Club of Albany, which has many Tri-Village members, won a special award at the annual Greens Show at the Albany Institute of History and Art with this unusual exhibit. The display was called "Just for the Birds."

J.W. Campbell

Since this house is extravagant compared to most, the cost will be about \$1,200.

Now that the hobby has become so popular, scaled accessories can be purchased in Kingston and in Manchester Center, Vt. According to Parade Magazine, this is the fastest growing hobby in the country. There is even a magazine, Doll House News, which sells products and acts as a forum for builders who are in need of certain items.

"If you get into this hobby it's fascinating and you can meet people all over the United States," Mary Dobert said.

Jean Sharkey

Little Folks shop, Verstandig's and the Jerry Jonas Garden Shoppe. The club, which has many members from the Tri-Village area, each year plants window boxes in the Delmar business district.

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Just for the Birds'

The Men's Garden Club of Albany's display, "Just for the Birds," received a special citation at the Albany Institute of History and Art's annual Greens Show. The exhibit, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and prepared by Chairman Conrad J. Robert, was helped by contributions of props from three Bethlehem businesses, the

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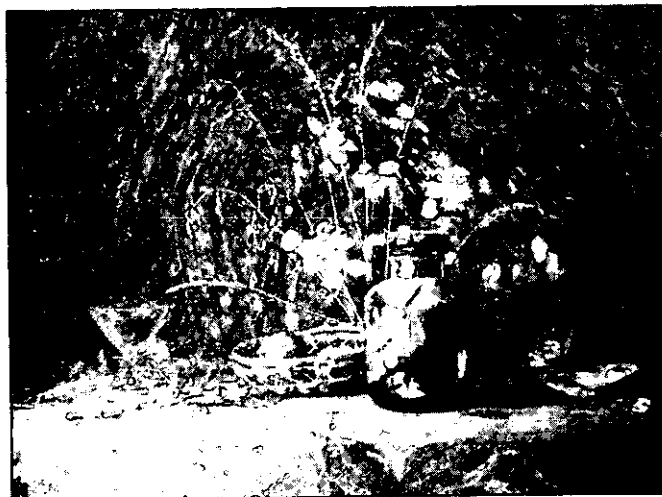
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ELSMERE

Police tracking a 'snow' burglar

Bethlehem detectives are investigating an Elsmere burglary in which the suspect is believed to have used a toboggan.

A burglar or burglars broke into the Delmar Beverage Center on Delaware Ave. late Saturday night or early Sunday by knocking out a panel at the bottom of a garage door on the east side of the building, police said. Detectives said the size of the hole indicated the suspect was "small."

James Vinci, manager of the center, said eight cases of imported beer were taken, each containing four six-packs.

Police said toboggan tracks found near a bush in the rear of the store led across the Delaware & Hudson tracks to the rear of the American Legion post on Poplar Dr., through the yard of St. Stephen's Church, and along two nearby streets to an Elsmere address. The address was not disclosed. The investigation is continuing.

Police balk suicide

Bethlehem police, responding to a call at 2:47 a.m. Monday found a North Bethlehem woman semi-conscious from an overdose of pills on a bed in the front room of her apartment and her daughter, Andriana, 2, crying in a crib in the back room. Officers John R. Cox, Jr. and Richard LaChappelle called the Western Turnpike ambulance, which rushed her to the Albany Medical Center emergency room. She was treated and listed in good condition.

Police identified the victim as Margaret Blesser, and said she told them she had taken four different kinds of tablets in her attempt. The woman also told police she had been separated from her husband, had previously attempted suicide by the same method when she was 14, and had had four recent operations that had left her in a depressed frame of mind.



William Gearhardt
Heads Siena alumni

William Gearhardt, 21 Brookview Ave., Delmar has been elected to a two-year term as president of the 1,006-member Capital District chapter of the Siena College Alumni Assn., Inc. The local organization is the largest of 18 Siena alumni chapters throughout the nation.

Gearhardt, who holds both graduate and undergraduate degrees from Siena, has been chairman of the business education department of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Schools since 1957.

SERVICEMEN In The NEWS

Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher B. Selkirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Selkirk, Rt. 144, Selkirk, has graduated from Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) School at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Cpl. Selkirk joined the Marine Corps in January 1977.

The U.S. Air Force has promoted Edward C. Zabel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Zabel of Feura Bush to staff sergeant. Sgt. Zabel is serving at Ghedi AB, Italy, as an aircraft armament systems specialist. He is a 1972 graduate of Greenville Central High School. His wife, Patricia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tracey of Delmar.



Tom Fiato is surrounded by Scotia defenders as he meshes two points in basketball opener. On the cover: Jim Giacone banks in a jumper on a pass from Joe Rutnik. *R.H. Davis*

BASKETBALL

Early tests for ambitious Eagles

There's nothing like finding out right at the beginning of the season how things are going to be. Bethlehem Central's basketball team, untested in its opener at Scotia, goes against the two teams given the highest rating for the Suburban Council crown in the next five days, games that will give first-year coach Jim Tedisco a measurement on the Eagles chances this year.

BC was booked at Guilderland and Tuesday of this week. Always a tough court to win on, entertains Burnt Hills in the home inaugural Friday night, and travels to Shaker next Tuesday. The early odds are on Shaker for the title and Burnt Hills for the most likely challenger, but anything can hap-

pen in the long grind through March.

"I've never been in this league before," says Tedisco, Union College's all-time basketball immortal who moved to the Delmar aerie after a stint at Bishop Gibbons. "But I do know that we can be a factor in the race."

The Eagles had a patsy in their season debut at Scotia Friday, but it won't always be like this. They played a strong defensive game, which brought particular joy to Tedisco, out-rebounded Scotia by 35-23, and won easily, 68-45.

"We had good team defense," commented Tedisco. "We helped each other a lot, forced

turnovers, and put a lot of man-to-man pressure on them."

They also moved the ball well in Tedisco's pattern of short passes, quick moves and a minimum of dribbling. Bethlehem shot 51 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the penalty stripe. Joe Rutnik canning 21 and John Sica 20 with 12 rebounds. Jim Eckhardt had a "perfect night" with 3-for-3 from the field and 2-2 on the foul line.

Dog and ducks

A Selkirk resident has asked help from Bethlehem police and the town dog warden to prevent further loss of ducks from his property. Raymond A. Salisbury of Jericho Rd. complained to police that 15 ducks valued at \$5 each have been taken in the last two weeks. He told investigation officers that a neighbor's dog was seen last Thursday morning with a duck in his mouth, but that the dog dropped the duck when he was called home.

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Sat. Dec. 16	Wrestling, Varsity Tournament at Oxford
Mon. Dec. 18	Frosh Wrestling, Ravena, home 4 Indoor Track, Washington Ave. Army 7 JV Swimming, Troy, away 4:30
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Barbara Hodom shares a victory smile with Coach Art Ritchko at football celebration.

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FOOTBALL

Boosters toast BC champions

More than 125 parents and resident fans turned out last week to pay tribute to Bethlehem Central's Suburban Council championship football team.

Town Justice Roger Fritts was toastmaster at the event.

but it was Principal Charles Gunner who stole the show with an appropriate adaptation of a Christmas classic. Without further ado, we offer the text, furnished by the author by special request:

'Twas the end of August and the season had begun,
There was so much to do and nine games to be won.
The team was alive with vim, vigor and spirit,
Coach Ritchko was so proud—the team could just feel it.

While the townspeople were nestled all snug in their beds,
Visions of championship danced in their heads;
'Cause the Bethlehem Boosters with Hodoms and the rest
Had assured us this year's team would be the very best!

When down on Delaware Avenue there was such a clatter,
All eagle fans assembled to see what was the matter.
The players were there practicing so hard and so long,
With their effort and sweat we knew nothing could go wrong

They blocked and they tackled to get ready for the season,
All that passing and punting had a carefully planned reason.
To the coaches and parents it was quick to appear,
That we had a real good club—a team without fear!

With smooth Steve Nowak so nimble and quick,
We had a great quarterback to make the team click.
More rapid than eagles, the players, they came
The coaches whistled and shouted and called them by name.

Now DeAngelis and Nevens and Ritchko and Flynn,
On Muller, on Hodom, on Costello and Hannmann.
Go Giacone, go Junco, go FitzPatrick and Howell
—our fans we'll enthral.

We'll be the league champions—we're goin' to win them all.

As many teams before the mighty Eagles fell,
Each team knew it went through the fires of hell.
So on to the championship—the teammates—they flew,

With the bleachers full of rooters—and their parents too.

We travelled to Colonie for our first season's treat.
It was a struggle at first, but the victory was sweet.
Then we trampled old Nisky and shouted in glee,
We ran and we passed and scored four by Giaccone.

Burnt Hills had us at halftime—we were in trouble all right,
But the running of Nevens and DeAngelis saved us that plight.
Then came Guilderland—both teams without a loss,
But when the game was over, the Bethlehem Eagles were boss.

We whipped Whitesboro, Shaker and Shenendehowa
in the rain.
And Scotia and Columbia we treated the same.
An undefeated season! The boys all wanted that most!
They accomplished their goal and could rightfully boast.

Brian Bourque, oh did he block, and Herman was so tough,
Hodom was aggressive, and Shaw was quite rough.
Nevens was quick and Connolly could hit,
Field could punt and McMillan gave them all a fit.


Hines was so fast and Reeves could run,
While Barclay and Morrell showed how it was done.
Alas! Coach Ritchko had a broad smile and was filled
with pride.
As were Sodergren and Blanchard who stood by his side.

They were happy and proud, a right spirited team,
We all shouted when we saw them—they fulfilled their dream.
An undefeated season gave them right to one more game,
Although they lost to Maginn, they carry no shame.

These guys were great and went straight to their work,
As they followed the leadership of tri-captains
Nowak, Nevins and Bourque.
To team manager Leonard and junior team players
not mentioned in rhyme,
You played so terrific and have one more year's time.

We brought them here tonight to shout their acclaim
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But I heard them exclaim, ere they slipped out of sight
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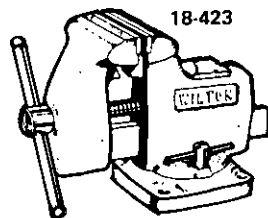
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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds draw bead on title

Two games do not a season make, as the old Wooden proverb reads, but at Voorheesville Central, the basketball boys are talking about a genuine run for the Central Hudson Valley league championship.

"We can win the league if we play the kind of ball we did Friday," opined new coach Mike O'Brien.

The Blackbirds will find out in a hurry whether they have a chance. They had a non-league test at Rensselaer Tuesday and face a big one at Waterford Friday, where they meet a team that already has beaten perennial champion Catskill.

Voorheesville frittered away the home opener, losing by two points to Tamarac in the last 17 seconds, missing a 1-and-1

foul situation and a technical, then giving up a turnover. But last Friday, things went a lot better, in fact, in the second half the Blackbirds looked like they could beat the world.

It was 33-all at the half against Averill Park, with three Blackbirds in foul trouble. After the intermission—get this—Voorheesville shut out the visitors for nine minutes while pouring 27 straight points through the cords.

Tim Lewis, Steve Smith and Craig Gleason, three familiar names from last year's powerhouse, led the bombardment. Mike O'Brien might not forget that for a while.

"We wanted every loose ball, every rebound like it was life itself. If we play like that, we'll be hard to stop."



A ribbon-cutting for Cohn Yaguda Cronin's new Delmar office: from left, John Thompson, office manager; partners Robert Cohn and Robert Yaguda, Supervisor Tom Corrigan, Robert Cronin and Noel Olsen, general manager of CYC's residential division.

BUSINESS

A new location for realty firm

Cohn Yaguda Cronin dedicated an expanded real estate office in a new Delmar location last week, inviting Supervisor Tom Corrigan to cut a ceremonial ribbon and other local businessmen and friends to a reception and a tour of the new facilities.

The firm has moved from 321 Delaware Ave. to larger quarters on the first floor of a leased building at 231 Delaware Ave. CYC also has recently doubled its sales staff with more than 20 representatives working out of the Delmar office.

All three partners, Robert Cohn, Robert Yaguda and Robert Cronin, are Delmar residents. Their firm, headquartered in Albany, is the largest full-service agency in the Capital area with a staff of 120 fulltime employees and associates. The parent firm encompasses residential, management, commercial, appraisal and cleaning companies operating shopping centers, apartment projects and parking lots as far distant as Newburgh and Plattsburgh as well as residential sales.

Pecan sale on

The local Smith College Club is conducting its annual sale of pecans for the benefit of the club's scholarship fund. The club makes an award each year to an area girl attending the college in Northampton, Mass. For information and orders, call Mrs. Susanne Hudacs, 439-7570, or Mrs. Barbara Boynton, 768-2695.

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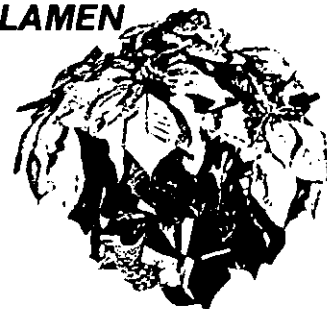
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Mrs. Gall's kindergarten at Voorheesville Elementary School made their own Indian outfits, plus shakers and drums. Below, three little Indians practice a tribal chant.

photo by Fran Smollar

Full program at JCC

It's registration time at the Albany Jewish Community Center on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1-4 p.m. The winter session offers a blend of old and new programming, including these for children: Preschool program including crafts, music dance and gym for 2-5 year-olds, junior classes for grades K-4, such as modelmaking, cooking, ceramics, TV workshop and creative stitchery.

For adults there is hand-building in clay, quilting, pottery, music, and others.



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Newsman in class

C. Robie Booth of the Capital Newspapers' "Action Line" column spoke recently to students in consumer education classes of the Business Dept. at Bethlehem Central High School. He talked about con-

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Media Rare

An occasional Spotlight commentary on the world of radio, TV and newspapers

by Perry Galt

Bob King's death last week was reported routinely with other obituaries without the special recognition he deserved. It was his perseverance that gave the Bethlehem community an unusual newspaper.

No other suburb in the Albany metropolitan area has the community togetherness of the Tri-Villages, through a combination of geographic compactness, an exemplary school district that has unified families and generations in mutual pride, and a weekly newspaper that has become a local household institution. Loudonville doesn't have this unity, nor has Latham, nor Guiderland, nor Colonie...nor do they have a comprehensive newspaper of their own.

In his zeal as an advertising super-salesman, a role that eclipsed his role as publisher, Bob King promoted locally owned small businesses in their constant struggle against the multi-outlet cut-rate chains, national and metropolitan giants that threatened each home-grown enterprise. He knew exactly how the big supermarket chains forced each neighborhood grocer out of business, and he watched with frustration as the Mack

Drugs and the Brooks people moved in on the Mullens and the Krugmans, as the Big N's, Sears and Barkers cut into the Hilchies and the Garden Shoppes, and the multi-million-dollar Colonie malls lured Tri-Village shoppers away from hometown businesses in Delaware Plaza and nearby Stuyvesant Plaza, businesses with a personal touch.

It hurt most when these big stores had no time for his newspaper, turned a deaf ear to his pitch for an ad that would enable him to continue serving his community, saying: "We've got to use the Albany papers and the 50,000-watt radio stations...sorry."

But they weren't too busy to take money out of the community while explaining why they couldn't contribute to Little League, fire departments, high school yearbooks, Girl Scout bake sales, the Bethlehem chamber of commerce, an ambulance fund. "It's against our policy."

Over the years, Bob King built the Spotlight from a skinny six-page circular carrying meeting notices, local classified ads and space advertising from the small businessmen at the Four Corners

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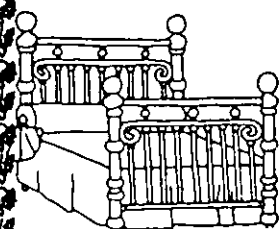
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and along Delaware Ave., to a solid community newspaper. He was too busy to write a news story, so he hired Levere Fuller to be his editor-reporter, and the prolific and productive Fuller daughters set the type, laid out the pages and got the mechanicals to the printer on time week after week. He never missed an issue in his 18 years as publisher.

In December, 1972, Bob and the Fullers put out a 72-page Spotlight, a monumental achievement for a small community. In 1973, a prosperous year for everyone, the Spotlight averaged 44 pages, buoyed by local merchants.

A glance at the files showed it full of local pictures, of news of local organizations, of local people, engagements, weddings, graduations, news of church and civic organizations, high school teams. People wrote letters to the Spotlight when they were aroused over some development in town hall, or in the community.

Then the momentum turned.

In 1974 a nationwide business recession caused advertisers to tighten their budgets. Levere Fuller died. On top of all this and a health problem of his own, Bob King himself was hit by the very pincer he had long fought—the big-time oc-

topus constructed to eradicate the neighborhood enterprise.

In King's case it was the Hearst-owned Capital Newspapers, spawning a new device to bulldoze small competitors—the low-budget giveaway weekly with cut-rate ads.

Albany publisher Bob Danzig aimed his first artillery barrage at King's Spotlight, offering Delmar advertisers low space rates and an inflated circulation—the Helderberg Sun.

For a while it worked. The advertising volume tailed off and the Spotlight became thinner, but Bob King kept his little paper afloat until he could transfer it to a new publisher, take his first vacation in 18 years and recoup his own health.

That was three years ago. Last summer, Bob, a widower, got married and took a job far less strenuous than battling weekly deadlines. He stopped in the Spotlight office from time to time, occasionally reminiscing how close the Helderberg Sun came to achieving its goal of wiping out the first of several Albany County weekly papers. "I see they're taking off after the Altamont and Ravena weeklies now," he said only two weeks ago, chuckling.

His funeral was on Wednesday, the day the Spotlight comes off the press and goes into the mail, the day Bob for 18 years used to start on his rounds of the shopkeepers. Other people do that job now, but they wouldn't have that opportunity if Bob hadn't given his paper so much of himself all those years. "It was," his wife, Pat, said last week, "the love of his life."

A taste of Spain

About 175 Spanish students from Bethlehem Central recently attended a presentation of flamenco singing and dancing at Russell Sage College in Troy. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Roberta Glatz, who organized the activity, Mrs. Ida Catalano and some parents.

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Shop Talk

by Judi James

However he did it, Santa came right down a fire pole in the Elsmere fire house, hopped on their clean-as-a-whistle pumper, and off he went . . . to Delaware Shopping Plaza. All by special Santa-arrangement with the Plaza Merchants Assn. and the Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau. The kids were all there, with their letters for Santa, and everyone had a good time.

This was no ordinary visit from old St. Nick. It was warm with community spirit—the spirit of love and respect for one's fellow man, the spirit of the first Bethlehem.

Santa got right into things. Hopping off his fire-truck, he stopped in to see all the merchants there. (Probably he visited DiNapoli-DiNapoli to see Doug Marone and make sure he wasn't looking at the shopping center with "rose colored glasses!" And, surely he didn't resist the temptation of a Maskin-Robbins ice cream cone!)

Twenty-three years ago, when the Plaza was first built,

four merchants moved right in. They were Town and Tweed, Lewanda's Jewelers, Mele's Beauty Shop and the Little Folk Shop. Since then Town and Tweed has established a

second store (The Village Shop) and chains such as Woolworth, Denby's, Toy and Hobby, Record Town and Grand Union have appeared, all doing thriving business and

all, eventually, joining the Plaza Merchants Assn.

Ken Schenkel of Paul Mitchell's has been president of the association for a number of years. We interviewed him and



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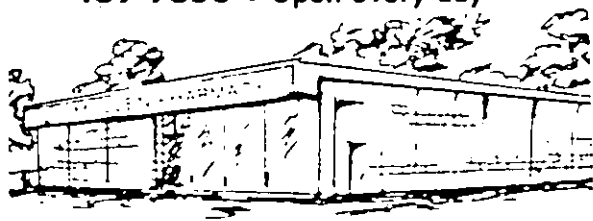
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PAPER MILL

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learned that the merchants are very interested in having the public use the plaza for more than just their shopping. Ken told us the Association had tried to have a giant pep rally for the Eagles before their football playoff, but that there was another school event that night. "Maybe next year," he mused. "The art show was a great success, and we will always be open to ideas from the citizens out here for uses for the Plaza."

As I tripped on out the door in my hurry to see where Santa was heading, I said to this haberdasher, "What's a girl to buy for the man in her life this Christmas?"

"Shirts with button down collars are in," he said. "You might look at one of the sports coats (many of them have elbow patches of leather), or a scarf (he must have guessed the size of my budget!)." He's a very sincere president with a fine store for men, and we took the opportunity to thank him and the association for bringing Santa.

But, how about that old elf? He had zipped into Lee's Chinese Restaurant for a quick cup of tea and some chicken egg drop soup. He was heading

right into the Plaza liquor store when I caught up with him!

"Santa!" I admonished. "The children..."

"Oh, I always stop in here and give a candy cane to Arlene Devine and her son, Peter," he said. Just as we entered, a woman was saying goodbye to the proprietors. "I just love stopping in your store. It's so warm, and friendly... and crowded," said she.

With a tug on Santa's coat, we pointed out the Toy and Hobby shop's great array of toys.

"We have to keep hoppin' to keep them supplied," he said, leaning over to hug one of the kids who was there watching that Tuneville Player Piano! And, speaking of pianos, Santa was so pleased to find some good music books and records in Record Town. He was determined to rustle through the shop to see if his favorite record, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," was there. But we distracted him by pointing out the charming windows at the Town and Tweed.

"Mary Reich does those, you know," he bobbed. "She has great talent, that lady, and they tell me she has been making these windows for the last 15

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years!" Everyone stopped to admire the things in those windows and we saw several men jotting down items in their little notebooks!

Mr. and Mrs. Lewanda were down there waving to Santa, and of course we had to murmur that diamonds are a girl's best friend, and that Donald Lewanda is a member of the Diamond Masters of America and designs fascinating pieces of jewelry.

Passing the Little Folk Shop, Santa stuck his head in the door and said, "Do you people still say that you're the friendliest, most helpful people?" Yes, indeed," was the response. "We try to stock everything children need in clothes, but we think its most important to give special personal help." (I'll bet that answer of those clerks into Santa's good persons" book!)

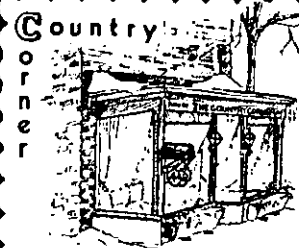
Noting that he can't fill grownups' stockings when they're "hung by the fire," Santa pointed out a lot of things that could be stocking buffers. The Plaza Pharmacy fascinated him with their mustache and beard comb. (They have innumerable things for the stocking—from cosmetics to candy!) And, how Santa laughed at the tiny, tiny mustache comb they have at the Village Shop! Another item he found there was called a "night writer" . . . it's a pen with a light for the person who awakes with THE idea and has to

write it right down there in the night!

We went over to Rogers Sports Shop, too, and admired the great array of things for the sports minded person. It was in the Flower World, though, that Santa found some mistletoe and decided he'd have to take that and one of their nice Christmas flower arrangements back to the "little woman up there at the Pole." He also picked up some nice wrapping paper and some special Christmas candles at the Paper Mill next door.

Santa tried on some new boots in Donnelly's Shoe Shop, too. Giving a wave to the people at Alberts' as we went by, old Santa seemed bent on scurrying back across the Plaza. He was sniffing the good aromas of the homemade soup and apple pie at the Honeycomb Restaurant!

"Oh boy, Betty Guilianelli and Jean Hart can cook almost as well as Mrs. Claus," he confided, "and isn't it great to have homemade foods?" He sat down to a bowl of vegetable



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soup. "Oops!" He spilled the soup on his hat which he'd taken off.

"Never mind, Santa," I told him. "I'll run it right over to Fabric Care and they'll have it cleaned up in no time at all."

We left him there, laughing and talking with Ken Schenkel and telling him that to walk along the open mall there at Delaware Plaza is a joy!

"We try to be helpful and to keep a personal touch out here," Ken said. "We try to be a 'momma-poppa' shopping center that has such a variety of items that no one need go to the big metropolitan malls!" That's true hometown spirit!



Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Hoffman

Wed 40 years

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hoffman, 19 Borthwick Ave., Delmar, were honored at a party celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary Nov. 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Voorhees, 49 Union Ave., Slingerlands. The party was given by Mr and Mrs. Albert T. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees, relatives of the Hoffmans.

Singing to shut-ins

"Piping Rock," a Bethlehem Middle School choral group, will present a special program at the Good Samaritan nursing home in Elsmere at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. The group is directed by Eloise Scherzer.



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Leche meeting

The Albany Southwest La Leche League, led by Mrs. Nicholas Barth, will meet Dec. 1 at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Diana Ryan, 20 Penn La.,

Glenmont. The topic for the meeting, the fourth in a continuing series of four, will be "Nutrition and Weaning."

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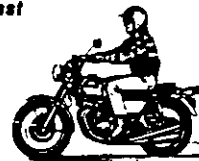
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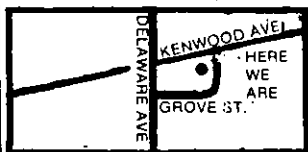
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Siegel is a graduate of Trenton State College and received an MBA degree from New York University. He pursued additional graduate work in public administration at NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science. He joined the Albany

Medical College in 1964 as business manager and controller. His most recent appointment was made in 1970. He is active in professional organizations.

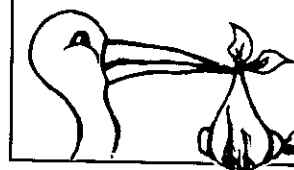
Siegel and his wife, Florence, are the parents of three children.

Holiday concert

Music students of Bethlehem Central High School and their directors, Joseph Farrell and Salvator Gangi, have tuned up for the holidays and will offer festive music for the community in the school auditorium at 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Recognition for champions

Editor, The Spotlight:
An article in the Nov. 30 issue of the Spotlight was titled, "Town to Honor BC Football Team." I always enjoy reading about athletes who are rewarded for their accomplishments.

However, why do most parents, teachers and the rest of the community make such a fuss over one boys' varsity team that wins the Suburban Council?

The girls' varsity teams at Bethlehem Central have had many Suburban Council championship teams recently and they have not had dinners sponsored by the athletic asso-

ciation in their honor for a particular sport.

In 1976, the girls' varsity volleyball team was undefeated in the Suburban Council and also won the Class A-AA championship in Section 2. The girls' varsity basketball team was the Suburban Council champion and Class A winner in the Sectional tournament in 1977. The varsity softball team was also a Suburban Council champion in 1977. In 1978, the girls' varsity basketball team and softball team each were co-champions of the Suburban Council. The varsity softball team also won Class A-AA in the Sectionals in 1978. This past fall, the girls' varsity tennis team shared the Suburban Council title with Shenendehowa and won the Class A-AA Sectional tournament.

The girls' athletic teams at Bethlehem Central deserve the same publicity, banquets and recognition that the boys' teams receive.

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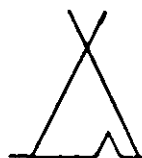
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