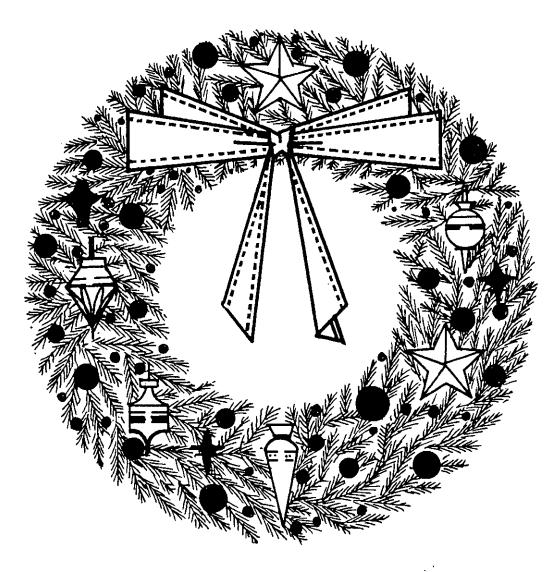
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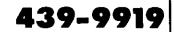
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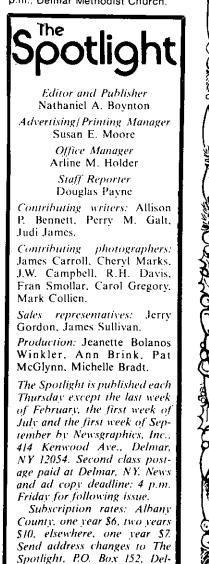


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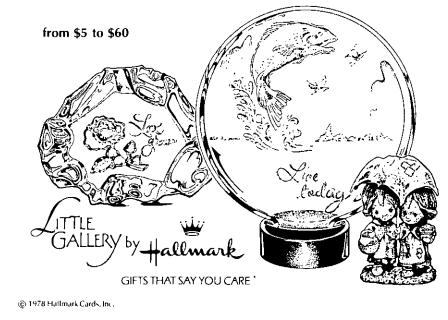


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Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Recreation Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., town hall, Rt. 85.

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

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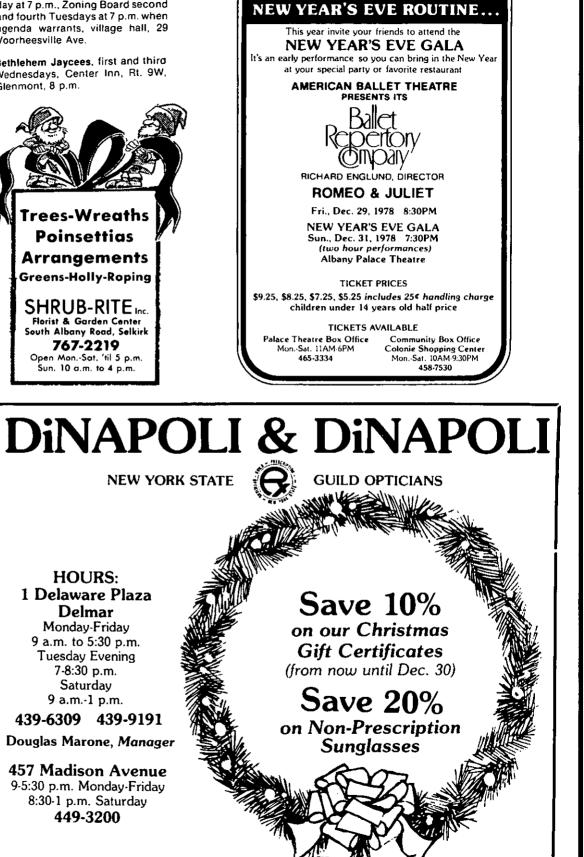
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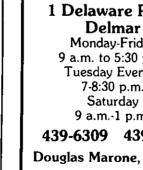
Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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

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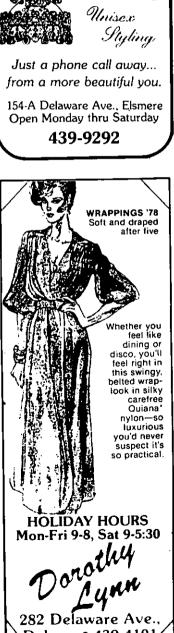
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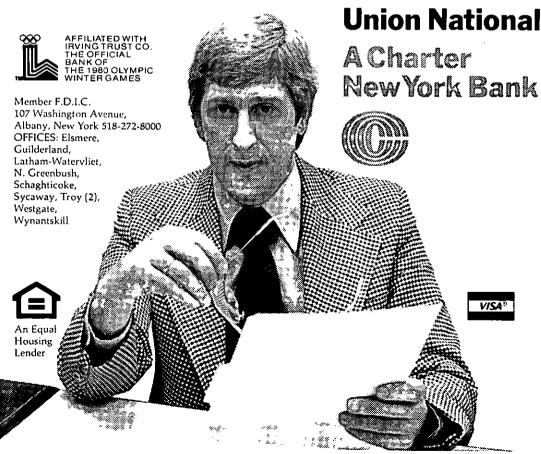
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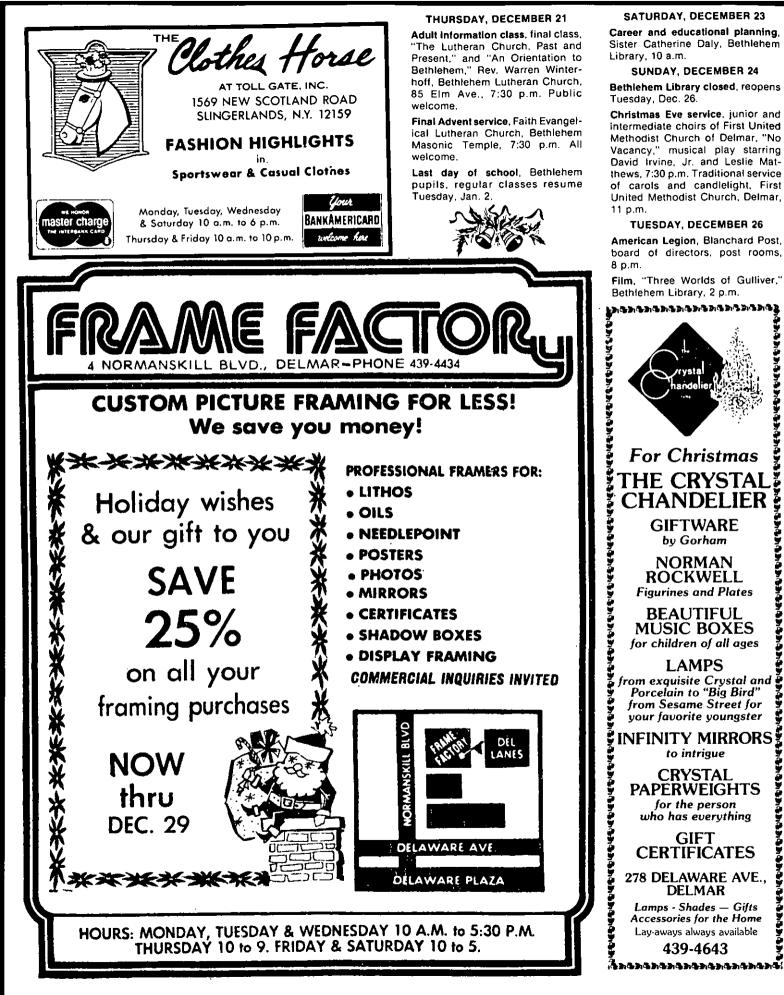
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Career and educational planning, Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

Rotary Club of Delmar, La Casa Restaurant, Rt. 9W, 6:15 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.

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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

Career and educational planning, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve dinner dance, American Legion, Blanchard Post, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

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

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Delmar Progress Club, garden group to remove Bethlehem Library decorations, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Film, "Spellbound," with Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Library board room, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

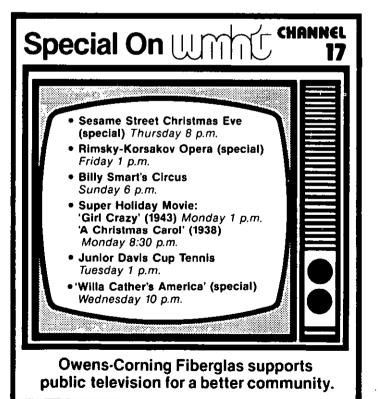
Delmar Progress Club, literature group, Bethlehem Library Committee Room, 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Dr. Carolyn Wright, Selkirk, for permission to create two additional apartments in existing structure at premises, Rt. 144, Selkirk. Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Emily Barnes, Selkirk, to permit the use of a parcel of land located on Rt. 9W, Selkirk, for a commercial enterprise by Robert H. Finke for the operation of a Home-Lite Saws distributorship, including sales and service of small equipment in existing structure and proposed addition. Bethlehem town hall, 8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, Bethlehem Library. Information, 439-7049 or 439-9555.



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—area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"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

Concert, Bob McGrath-Albany Symphony-Octavo Singers, benefit American Lung Association of the Capital District, Palace Theater, **Dec. 23**, 7 p.m., and **Dec. 24**, 2 p.m. Tickets \$4 at door.

ART

- Exhibition, American Decorative Arts, 18-19th century furniture, glass, china, silver, textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 25.
- Exhibition of paintings by Robert Longley and John Lancaster, Arts Center of the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Dec. 22, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5.

FILM

- Fact and Fantasy Film Festival, free children's films at New York State Museum, 2 movies daily at 1:30 p.m., repeated at 3:30, Dec. 26-31. Parking free.
- Audubon Wildlife Film Series, "Galapagos," Niskayuna High School auditorium, Balltown Rd., Schenectady, Jan. 9, 8 p.m. \$3, students \$1 at door.



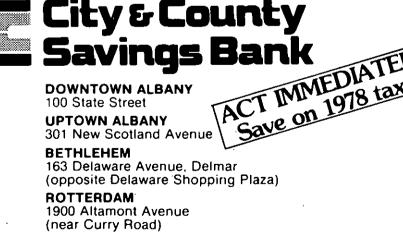
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NEW SCOTLAND Reservoir pumping irks residents with dry wells

Along the craggy limestone ledges on Rock Hill Rd. in rural New Scotland, the runoff from the season's first snowfall last week was trickling into the Vly reservoir in New Salem.

But the total precipitation of barely an inch of snow that turned to a mild rain was only four tenths of an inch, hardly enough to make much difference in the level of the reservoir that supplies Bethlehem's water system.

The combination of the driest year in more than a decade and higher consumption by a growing community has reduced the reservoir to its lowest level in 12 years. As of last week, the water level reportedly was down 11 feet; in 1966 it dropped 15 feet.

In recent weeks scores of homes across the town of New Scotland, which has no public water system of its own, and in outlying sections of Bethlehem have suffered the rare and discomforting experience of having their wells run dry.

For several households in New Salem, running out of water is particularly disconcerting: they look with dismay at Bethlehem Water District No. 1 pumping just over one million gallons a day out of two wells near the reservoir. They have asked Bethlehem officials to shut down the pumps until the water table can be restored and they can get their own wells producing again.

But town officials have declined to turn off the pumps, citing the need to prevent the reservoir's 1.2-billion-gallon capacity from dropping any further, and to assure Bethlehem's four fire districts adequate protection.

Worried homeowners on Meadowbrook Pl., a blocklong dead-end street off New Salem South Rd. in the lee of the Helderberg escarpment a few hundred feet from the pumping don't buy either argument. Charles McKinley, a



Bethlehem's Vly reservoir, looking north toward Rt. 85, New Salem. South pond in foreground.

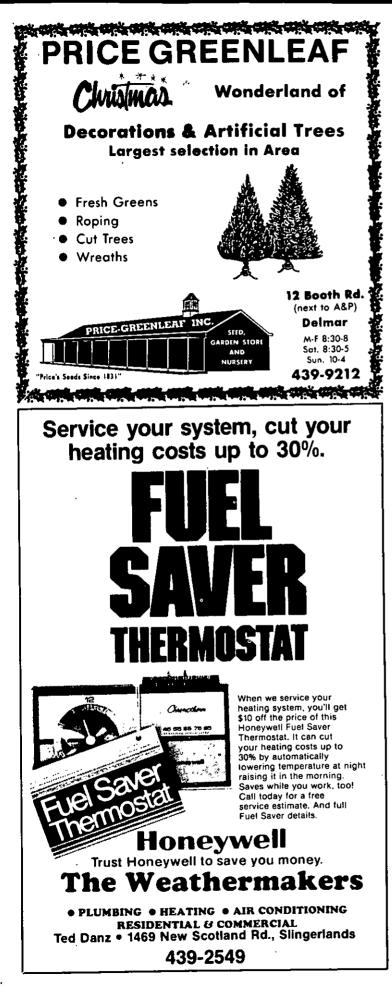
college biology professor, comments wryly: "It's frustrating to think of Bethlehem people taking showers anytime they want, while we can't flush a toilet or draw enough to make a cup of tea."

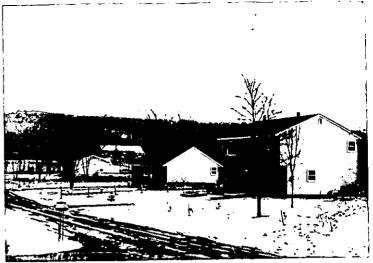
His next door neighbor. James D. Donohue, was the first to "lose" his well. Both Donohue and his neighbor on the other side, Richard Ruby, have infants in their household, Ruby's only 17 days old.

This is the fourth week without water for the Donohues, who catch what rainwater they can from their roof gutters by placing a plastic leafbag in a barrel under the downspout. Donohue's well is 66 feet deep, McKinley's 68. Ruby, with an 80-foot shaft, is still getting water, but he's worried.

The other two houses of the five on Meadowbrook are somewhat older houses with deeper wells. Neither Gregory D. Turek. across from the Rubys. nor Parker R. Evers, a retired insurance man up the street, have had any water problems. Turek said he was unaware of his neighbors' plight. Evers said his well, the deepest in the area at 150 feet, was drilled in 1964.

Joseph Guiffre, Jr. (pronounced Joo'free). Guilderland builder who developed the south side of Meadowbrook Pl. and lived in one of the three houses for three years before selling to McKinley last July, hadn't heard about the water problem until he was contacted by the Spotlight Monday. He said he had drilled the wells for the Donohue and Ruby houses in addition to his own, and had drilled two others nearby on





This is Meadowbrook Pl. in New Salem, looking east. The McKinley residence is in the right foreground, the Donohue family in the center and the Ruby residence (white house) at the end of the street. The dwellings in the background are on Rock Hill Rd. Vly reservoir lies just beyond, cradled between the rise on Rock Hill Rd. and the ridge on the horizon. Spotlight

acreage he had intended to develop. One of these was unproductive, he said, the other produced 50 gallons a minute.

"That was last summer," he said. "It's probably dry now. There's only a small vein, maybe 80-100 feet wide, like an underground stream. You've got to hit it to get water."

Guiffre remarked that the drought probably has killed his chances of developing the area further.

"I'm really surprised," he said. "When I lived there we had all kinds of water, in fact, once I let the swimming pool run for three days."

But he conceded some neighbors have been sensitive about water. When he built a house on New Salem South Rd. two years ago, Guiffre said he

drilled a well across the road to serve the house. The well had a preliminary flow of 10 gallons a minute, he said, so he finished the house, but one day discovered the well had been filled in with crushed stone.

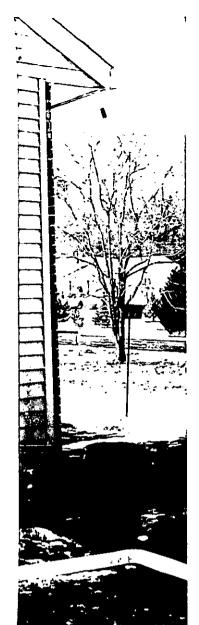
"It was a job to re-drill it," he said. "They threw green pine in the bottom." A state police investigation failed to obtain sufficient proof to prosecute the suspect.

Jack D. Rasmussen, who lives in that house now, is also apprehensive about the Bethlehem pumping nearby. He joined McKinley and Donohue last week when they met with Bethlehem officials in Delmar in an attempt to persuade the town to suspend the pumping. Paul Wagner, director of

operations for the water dis-



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trict, says the two pumps are needed "to maintain the reserve." Says Wagner: "We can't jeopardize fire protection and our reserve and lose a million gallons a day. The state has given us no restrictions on how much we can pump."

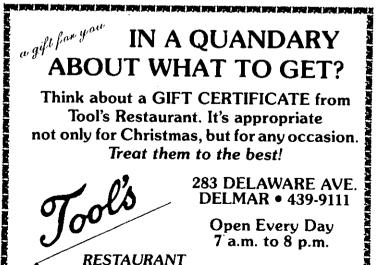
Wagner added that "we want to be good neighbors," and said the meeting with the New Salem residents was informative. Also present were Bruce Secor, town engineer, and George Myrick, consulting engineer.

Wagner said no relationship between the town pumps and the exhausted wells in New Salem had been established. "There may be hundreds of people on this aquafer (water table)."

Guiffre, however, declared water district reports and reports on test wells clearly show the wells Bethlehem is pumping are on the same aquafer as the Meadowbrook Pl. wells.

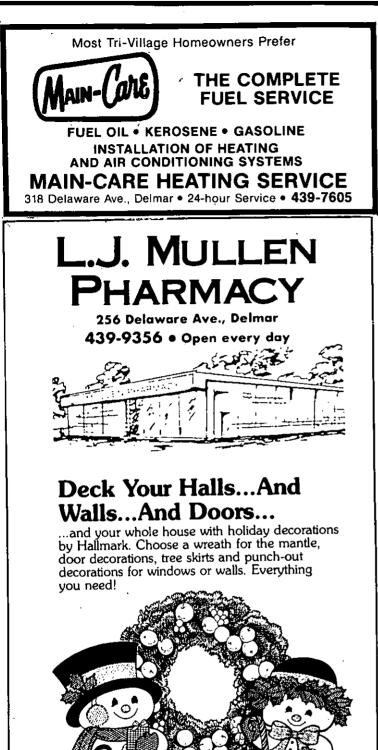
Bethlehem's wells, located less than a mile from the Meadowbrook Pl. dwellings, are at the same approximate level and depth. Wagner said in six weeks of pumping, the pumps were at the 12-foot level. Last week they were moved one foot deeper. "We won't be concerned until we reach 30 feet, because then the water source tends to drop faster," he added.

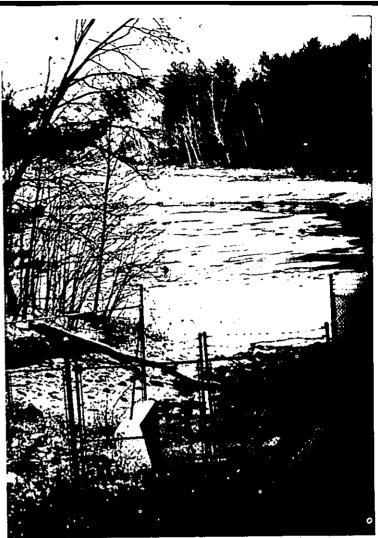
Last month the reservoir's north pond impoundment dropped so low (40 percent of capacity) that engineers opened



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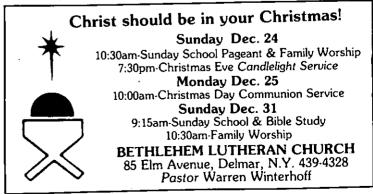


Part of the Bethlehem reservoir, currently at a 12-year low, but catching runoffs from the Helderbergs (culvert in foreground).

the control gate in the "neck" leading from the south pond. That reduced the level in the south pond by three feet, Wagner said, before last week's precipitation.

Anything to do with the water system is a sensitive subject in Bethlehem town hall. The town water supply was the key issue in the 1977 local elections, the Albany County Dept. of Health has instituted a control procedure on new homebuilding in Bethlehem by rationing water tap allotments, and the town is investing funds in an intensive engineering search for new sources of water.

If current test wells in the Schermerhorn Island area of Cedar Hill and a new test well at Clapper Rd. and Rt. 9W, Selkirk, do not meet projected consumption requirements, the town will face major decisions that include the possibility of



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turning to surface water as a source. Here the alternatives are the Hudson River or Onesquethaw Creek. Each option has its pluses and minuses.

Meanwhile residents who depend on wells are praying for heavy precipitation before the ground freezes too deep to absorb the water content. So are Bethlehem officials, eoncerned over the level of the Vlv reservoir, but here the town has an advantage: the reservoir is an effective catchbasin for the snow runoffs from the Helderbergs.

Schools close

Today (Dec. 21) is the last day of school for all Bethlehem Central pupils before Christmas vacation. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2.



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Dolfin swimmers star

Five members of the Delmar Dolfins Swim Club took nine first places in Adirondack District AAU meets at Johnstown and Saratoga Dec. 9-10. Lynn Apicelli won four events, butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and individual medley in the girls' 9-10 class; Janet Shaffer took the girls' 11-12 backstroke and IM, while Scott Apicelli and Laura Biggs each won one event at Johnstown. Joyce Shen captured a first, second and third in events at Saratoga. Other award winners were Steve Jensen, Susan Mallery, Pierre LaBrage and Becky Friedlander.

Office closing

The New Scotland town hall will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 22, for the holiday weekend.



BUSINESS Young builders plan a future

Two young Delmar men who own Keystone Builders think of their general contracting business as a "community service" where the personal touch on the small jobs often leads to bigger ones.

"We found that people were having trouble finding firms to handle the small jobs, fixing door knobs or window panes," says co-owner Tony Tubiolo, 27, of 371 Kenwood Ave. "We provide a community service because we do jobs that other contractors won't touch."

"We hope quality work turns the small jobs into big ones," says partner Steve Bolduc, 27, of Maple Ave. They offer complete maintenance and repair for the home owner from roofing to siding to limited masonary work, where "nothing is too big or too small."

"Lots of people find they can't handle even the smallest jobs," says Tubiolo. "One guy broke three or four panes before he took the entire window into us to fix. We fixed it in one hour, making him happier than a lark because he didn't have to buy any more glass."

Keystone Builders, a twoyear-old business which operated out of the owners' homes until they moved to their new quarters at 239 Delaware Ave., has relied on word of mouth for

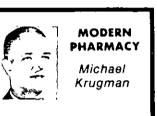
Happy Holidays to All Our Friends L.C. SMITH LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT 154-B Delaware Ave., Delmar 439-9746 Next to Delaware Plaza + Len Smith, owner most of their business, which has always been steady.

"We haven't had a bad reference in two years," says Tubiolo, who plans to add another man to their staff of five employees. They work six days a week through the year, and do their job estimates at night. This hectic schedule is no problem for these ambitious entrepreneurs.

"No problem keeping up. Working hard will be a benefit when we're a little older and can't climb on roofs," says Tubiolo. Doug Payne

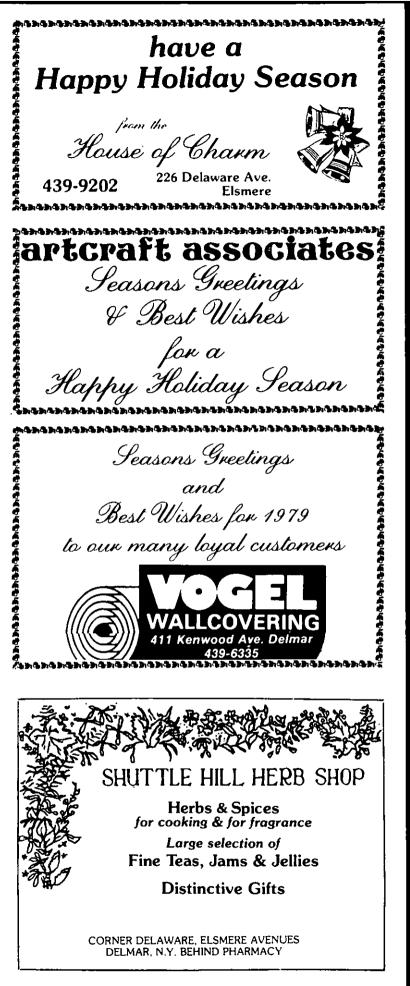
Yule trees stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of approximately 30 Christmas trees from the side of Shaffer's fruit market. 65 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, last Thursday night. The trees were valued at \$450.



amb is rich in the polysaturated fats that heart experts say raise cholesterol levels and increase the possibility of heart attack and stroke. Now Irish food scientists say they have found a way to make lamb safer. They feed suckling lambs a polyunsaturated milk substitute. Chops taken from lambs fed this way contain up to ten times more polyunsaturateswhich are safer-than normal lamb chops, but taste the same. "Such lambs (are) commercially feasible," say Dr. J.F. Connolly and his colleagues. "so that it should now be possible to formulate special diets aimed at lowering the blood lipid (fat) levels in man."

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BETHLEHEM **Builders seek** street access

Bethlehem's seven-member planning board was expected to make a decision this week or next as to whether to back down on a restriction placed two years ago on a Delmar

Biatess Corp., developers of the Brookfield subdivision off Delaware Ave, west of Brocklev Dr., asked the board for permission to open up a new street, Grantwood Rd., to give the development access to Brockley Dr. The reason for the request: of the seven houses built or under construction on the 77-acre site, the first scheduled for occupancy is near Grantwood Rd., which would connect Brookfield's main artery, Longmeadow Dr., with

When the planning board granted final approval to the layout in 1976, one of the conditions was that Grantwood would not be cut through until at least 10 houses in the development were occupied. The restriction was placed to meet strong objections from an organization of Brockley Dr. homeowners, who anticipated a major increase in traffic from heavy construction vehicles and from the cars of Brookfield

The subdivision, one of the largest in the Bethlehem area. has 131 single-family homesites on 44 acres. Another 33 acres

have been devoted to a planned "green area" along a ravine that cuts through the tract.

BETHLEHEM Firemen eveing town hall move

When the Bethlehem town hall is vacated in the projected move to the new town hall in the former Delmar grade school, members of the Delmar Fire Dept, want to take over part of the historic building.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan acknowledged that Delmar's fire commissioners have asked to purchase the rear portion of the present town hall, which abuts the firehouse. That portion of the building currently houses the tax collector's office, offices of Bethlehem Water District No. 1, and the town assessor's office. There is no second floor in that section. which also has a corridor leading to side door.

Ironically, the fire company once owned the entire building, and some years ago built the addition to the original structure that the fire commissioners now want to purchase.

The town board has made no decision on selling all or part of the building when it moves to the new town hall. The firemen's proposal has several built-in complexities: the present structure has only one heating system and one water and sewer connection. As an added complication, the only access to the building's basement is in the rear section.





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BETHLEHEM Town seeks U.S. evidence on Fish

The town of Bethlehem has filed papers in federal court seeking return of evidence used in the prosecution of a former Internal Revenue Service employee.

David A. Goldstein, of New York City, who has been serving as special assistant town attorney in the town's investigation of suspended police chief Peter Fish, filed the routine motion as a preliminary to reinstituting civil disciplinary proceedings against Fish.

Fish, who has been suspended with pay since March, is under indictment by the Albany County grand jury on five counts of misconduct in office, including four felony charges, but the district attorney's office has not set a date for trial.

The drawn-out legal technicalities that have delayed the start of the trial have made Bethlehem officials restless, hence their desire to reopen their own proceedings to oust the beleaguered chief from his \$21,000 job. The local prosecution was suspended last April at the request of the district attorney and the U.S. Attorney's office in Albany, both of whom wanted to investigate certain phases of the case on their own. Bethlehem authorities turned over a thick file compiled in Goldstein's investigation, including voluminous transcripts of testimony that resulted in the town filing 34 charges against Fish.

Albany County grand jury on The recent conclusion of the license was revoked, but did five counts of misconduct in U.S. Attorney's prosecution not answer the summons, office, including four felony against John Terko, former police said.

IRS employee, for illegally obtaining and allegedly turning over copies of the joint federal income tax returns of ex-supervisor Bertram Kohinke and town justice and former town attorney Harry B. Rezzemini to Fish has cleared the way for the town to resume its own proceedings against the chief on several of the 34 charges.

Terko was fined \$1,000 and placed on probation by a federal court in Syracuse in the Form 1040 proceedings.

Driver arrested

Ernest W. Duncan, 40, of Medusa was arrested by Bethlehem police last week on a bench warrant issued last June 6. Duncan was ticketed April 16, 1977 for driving while his license was revoked, but did not answer the summons, police said.

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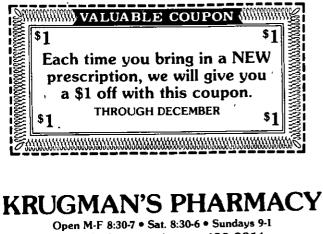


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Town hopeful on new well

Bethlehem's continuing search for water has unearthed another source in its own backyear: well water.

A preliminary pump test on the 127-foot deep artesian (flowing) well on the Charles Emery property at the intersection of Clapper Rd. and Rt. 9W in Selkirk has yielded 50 to 100 gallons of water a minute.

The well, which has a sixinch casing extending down 127 feet where it meets bedrock, is expected to yield up to 72,000 gallons a day, according to Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

The first water from the well, which had been dormant for two years, came up cloudy at first. Town officials were encouraged, however, when the water cleared after 12 hours of pumping.

"The Emery well looks promising." says Bruce Secor, an engineer with the town. "The water still has to be treated, and we may have to go deeper to get better quality water."

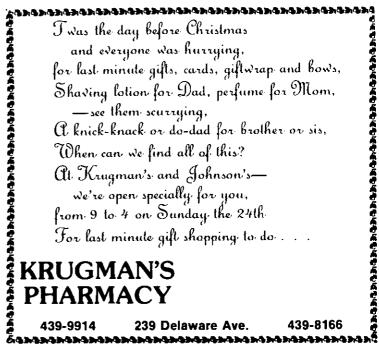
The town has authorized the engineering firm of Myrick and Chevalier to supervise a \$400 pump test to determine the quality of the water before the town invests in another 100 feet of drilling. Hall and Co. was to conduct the test early this week. Secor sees the problems with well water as a "quality-quantity tradeoff." Of more than 50 wells the town has drilled over the years, some as deep as 250 feet, many have yielded a great quantity of undrinkable water while others only a small amount of good water.

Secor stresses, "We're looking for water in the ground that meets the state standards for drinking water."

If the Emery well water is considered satisfactory, the town will consider setting up an eight-inch test drill, a "big step," according to Corrigan, that could cost \$20,000.

Meanwhile at another well in the Schermerhorn Island area, pumping was begun and then abruptly halted when a transformer broke down. Before the transformer went out, the pump, which was to be run for minimum four week test а period, pumped at 520 gallons per minute - three-quarters of a million gallons per day, and was still below the well's maximum potential. Secor said the yield was high but that the water may have high quantities of iron. "It's too early to tell," said Secor about the feasibility of the site. Doug Payne





DELMAR Voters approve pumper purchase

Commissioners of the Delmar Fire Dept. have been given a green light by fire district voters to float a bond issue and purchase an aerial ladder pumper for 1981 delivery.

In an unusually heavy turnout in the annual fire district elections last Wednesday, two propositions on the Delmar ballot were overwhelmingly endorsed. The proposition to authorize purchase of the ladder truck at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 was passed, 159 to 32. The second proposal, authorizing a bond issue of \$75,000 and taking another \$75,000 from the department's capital reserve fund, was approved, 161 to 34.

The turnout of 195 voters far surpassed the totals in recent district elections. A year ago, the annual election drew 57 voters, compared to 106 in 1976 and 58 in 1975. A special refer-



endum on Nov. 2, 1977 drew only 30 voters to the polls.

In other local fire district elections, the usual small turnouts endorsed the slates of fire commissioners, most of them incumbents. There were no contests on any of the local ballots,





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VOLLEYBALL **Injuries** costly to BC sextet

The Bethlehem Central girls varsity volleyball team finished in a tie with Niskavuna for second place in the Suburban Council and looked like a strong contender for the Section 2 title going into preliminary tournament action last week. But the team felt the loss of two senior starters sidelined with injuries, and fell to Albany High in Saturday's quarterfinal round.

Coached by Carol Walts, the varsity ended the regular season," Mrs. Walts said, "but once we got going things seemed to fall into place."

The Eagles' prospects for the Sectionals looked good until Jo Van Woert broke an ankle during practice just a day after teammate Mary Touhey fractured a toe, and neither was able to participate in tournament play. The remaining regulars and several nonstarters were called upon to compete and won several games before falling to Albany High.

Varsity members included seniors Anne Dalton, Edie Eyres, Lynn Pellerin, Theresa Simon, Kathy Harder, junior Carrie Howell and her sister Mary, a sophomore, who"literally won one of the games by herself," according to Mrs. Walts. "Some of the girls who were called in as subs did very well and did a lot to help us get as far as we did."

The junior varsity, coached by Nancy Smith, also finished second in the Council with a record identical to the varsity's. The freshman team, coached by volunteer Terri Houck, went undefeated and won the Suburban Council championship outright.

Jessica Treadway

Reformed Church services

Two services will be held Christmas Eve at the Delmar Reformed Church. There will be a family candlelight service at 7 and the traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service at 11. Members of the community are invited to attend, and to see the unique Chrismon tree in sanctuary.

Lutheran services

Christmas services at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 24 and at 10 on Christmas Day at 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. The last Advent service will be at 7:30 tonight (Dec. 21).

Yule lights taken

Someone stole two sets of Christmas lights from the front yard of 39 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, between midnight Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday, according to Bethlehem police.



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DELMAR Pedestrian hurt in bike incident

An elderly Delmar resident was injured when he was struck by a bicycle and thrown to the ground while walking on Fernbank Ave. near his home last week.

Bethlehem police said Edward H. Andres. 73, of 7 Sylvan Rd. suffered cuts and bruises about the face and forehead when he was hit shortly after 5 p.m. Wednesday by a bicycle being ridden by Brian Matuszek. 82 McGuffey Lane, a student at the Bethlehem Middle School. The boy's age was not given.

Police Youth Bureau officers said the accident was "regrettable but unavoidable" in that Andres was wearing dark clothes and the light on the boy's bike "didn't shine that far ahead."

Shoplifter sought

Bethlehem police are looking for a shoplifter who took a stereo frequency booster from a shelf at the Radio Shack store in Glenmont last Saturday. The item was valued at \$99. The theft was not reported until Wednesday. Media Rare An occasional Spotlight commentary on the world of radio, TV and newspapers by Perry Galt

Of all the radio airwaves in these precincts, the most Christmas-minded in a classical sense is WAMC, the non-commercial radio stationed operated by the Albany Medical College.

WAMC, found at 90.3 on the FM band, is celebrating its new listener-funded stereo broadcasting equipment with what probably is its best Yuletide programming in 20 years on the air. If you are seeking a restful Christmas, you can get it here two ways-one by tuning the children in to some age-old classics, and two, by filling your house with the beautiful holiday sounds of oratorios. including the Messiah, and symphony orchestras, plus several classic dramatizations.

On Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon. Robert J. Lurtsema's Morning Pro Musica will offer a Christmas program for children, including Christmas with the Vienna Choir Boys and Hermann Prey. At noon. Folk Festival U.S.A. will present "Nowell Sing We Clear" from Guilderland Center.



At 2 p.m., the Metropolitan Opera, live from Lincoln Center. will offer Humperdinck's Christmas classic for children of all ages, "Hansel and Gretel."

At 9:30 p.m., Dave Brubeck celebrates Christmas south of the border with "La Fiesta de la Posada," a Latin-flavored jazz cantata featuring Brubeck himself, his trio and orchestra, two mixed choirs, four vocal soloist and a mariachi band. And from 10:30 to midnight, The Jazz Decades will sound a nostalgic note with "Music for Christmas." This will include such sugarplums as Louis Armstrong chuckling his way through "Jingle Bells" and many other appropriate jazz delights from the past.

On Sunday, from 7 to noon, Morning Pro Musica will be highlighted by Daquin's "12 Noels" and Bach's "Christmas Oratorio." At 8 p.m., a Holiday pageant of music and Miracle Drama offers "Annunciation" and "The Second Shepherd's Play" from the Wakefield cycle.

At 10 p.m., John Obetz will



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play Christmas music on the 109-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints in Independence, Mo. At 10:30, in "A Smithsonian Christmas," James Weaver, harpsichordist and concert director of the Smithsonian's Division of Musical Instruments, will play and comment on unusual Christmas music.

On Christmas morning, from 7 to noon, Morning Pro Musica will include "12 Noels" by Saboly, Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols." nine Israeli folk songs by Nieman and, crowning the morning, Handel's "Messiah."

At noon, O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi" will be heard in a musical setting by Don Gillis.

At 12:55 p.m., Queen Elizabeth will address the Commonwealth in her annual Christmas message.

At 8:30 p.m., Robert Page will conduct the Cleveland Orchestra's annual Christmas concert with the Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus.



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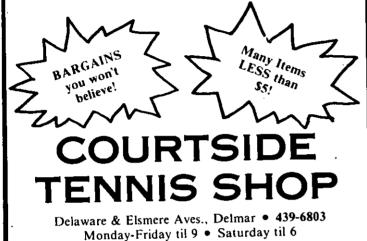
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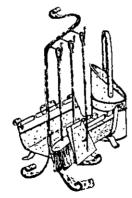
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FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY A wealth of Christmas traditions

by Allison F. Sennett

Red and green are the traditional colors of Christmas, even though each year sees a sprinkling of silver and blue or gold and white among the decorations.

The hanging of greens is the symbol of eternal life. Green is the color of nature, and early pagan man had great reverence for nature and the forces which governed it. He felt that spirits lived in the trees and greenery of the forest and fields.

The Christmas tree originated in Germany, tracing its origin from the tree worship of the early German tribes. Martin Luther was the first to put lighted candles on a tiny fir tree. This tradition stems from the old tale that on the night of Christ's birth, all the trees of the forest suddenly bloomed and bore fruit. The German settlers to America introduced the Christmas tree to our culture, but it did not become a universal symbol for all of us until after the Civil War.

Other common greens of Christmas are the holly, ivy, mistletoe, boxwood and bay. Holly, with its green leaves and red berries, symbolized the "burning bush" of Moses or the crown of thorns to people of the northern regions of Europe. The Teutonic peoples believed that green leaves and garlands kept away evil spirits. In Italy, holly was associated with the Blessed Mother, and was believed to have grown over the paths where she walked.

In the Middle Ages, both in France and England, the mistletoe was viewed as a symbol of God's forgiving grace. The mistletoe, hanging in the house, also became the place under which a maid could be kissed. The tradition is that when the maid received a kiss, she was given one of the white berries as a token of good luck.

The legends surrounding St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, are quite varied. From the Scandanavian countries comes an ancient pagan belief that the Norse goddess, Hertha, descended into the house through the smoke of the fire, and from this evolved the idea that Santa Claus enters our homes via the chimney. Gifts are delivered by the elf "Jule-Nissen". In England children hang up their stockings at "Yule", to be filled by Father Christmas. In Germany he is Kristkingle, or Christkind, and is dressed in white robes with a golden crown and wings. In Holland, Sinterklaas arrives on December 6th, riding through the streets on his white horse, and leaves gifts for the children in the wooden shoes by the chimney. In France "Le Petit Noel"

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comes down the chimney to fill the children's shoes with gifts.

Christmas Eve in Spain is Noche Buena and there is gay carnival dancing in the streets, ending with Midnight Mass. In Italy, the good witch Befana is the traditional gift bringer on Epiphany, January 6th. This tradition stems from the journey of the Wise Men, bound from the East for Bethlehem to visit the Christ Child and bring him gifts. In Italy and France, the manger scene, fashioned of carved or plaster figurines, illuminated by candles, is the symbol of Christmas; rather than the Christmas tree.

The garlands of Christmas tell their own story of ancient traditions. The figure of St. Nicholas, by whatever name he is known in various parts of the world, is a symbol of the kind and generous heart.



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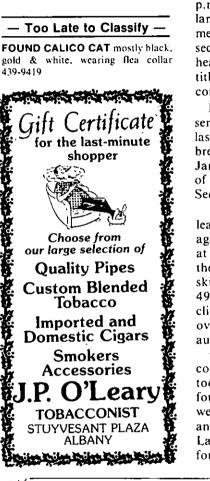






Musician elected

Grace Shen, Delmar pianist, has been elected vice president and treasurer of the Young Musicians Forum, which provides young musicians with a learning atmosphere for performing and appreciation. The group, sponsored by the Monday Musical Club, has accepted four new members after auditions, and enters its third year with a membership of 21.



BASKETBALL

Too many fouls plague Eagles

Bethlehem Central's varsity basketball team has a twogame holiday tournament at CBA next week before returning to the Suburban Council dogfight.

The Eagles are paired with Bishop Maginn in the opener of the four-team elimination at 7 p.m. next Thursday. Guilderland of the Suburban Council meets the host team in the second half of the doubleheader. The winners meet in the title game Friday after the consolation preliminary.

Bethlehem meets Mohonasen at home Friday night in the last outing before the holiday break. When classes resume in January, it will be a steady diet of basketball right down to the Sectionals.

Bethlehem was 2-1 in the league going into Tuesday's test against front-running Shaker at Latham. The Eagles split their two games last week, skinning by Guilderland, 50-49, and dropping a 59-57 cliffhanger to Burnt Hills in overtime in their home inaugral.

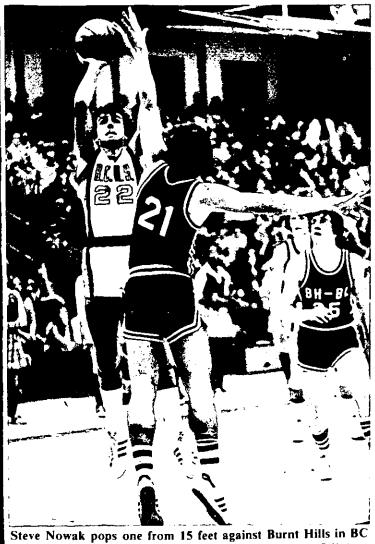
Coach Jim Tedisco has been concerned with the problem of too much fouling. John Sica fouled out of both games last week, and two starters, Sica and sophomore forward Mike Lawrence were exiled in the fourth period against Burnt

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Steve Nowak pops one from 15 feet against Burnt Hills in BC home opener.

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Dog license time is here

Dog owners in the town of Bethlehem may purchase 1979 dog licenses now, according to town cleik Marion T. Camp. State law requires that all dogs over the age of six months be licensed.

License fees are \$2.35 for each male or spayed female dog: \$5.35 for unspayed female dogs. Licenses may be obtained at Bethlehem town hall. Delmar, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. In addition, licenses may be secured by mail. Mailed applications should include a stamped, selfaddressed envelope.

Graduate on the job

Jeffrey Young, a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, was assistant freshman football coach at Guilderland Central High School during the past season. He received a BS degree from Springfield College in August, majoring in physical education and coaching.



Local boy is boss of folly

Last minute shoppers were startled to see eight tiny reindeer up in a tree. What to their wondering eyes should be seen? Why, it's jolly Ima Dreamer, 17, the other star of Bethlehem.

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Town scrooge U.R. Whacko caroled, "This will sleigh you but I think Ima's losing his touch; he couldn't even work in Rudolph."

VOLLEYBALL **Blackbird** spikers sweep Sectionals

A cohesive, hard-hitting band of volleyball players at Voorheesville Central High School has brought home the school's first Section 2 championship in girls' sports.

.The Blackbirds swept their 10-game Central Hudson Valley League schedule without a loss and were 14-1 overall. Their only setback came at the hands of Guilderland in a non-league matchup at Voorheesville, but coach Robin Lock's unit gained revenge by taking the return match at Guilderland.

In the Class C Sectional ournament, Voorheesville was eeded No. I, which earned them a first-round bye. In the semifinal they blistered Corinth, 15-2, 15-5, and in the championship game they overpowered Canajoharie, 15-8, 15-13.

Three seniors did most of the piking, led by co-captains Wendy Kohler, an exceptional erver, and Joyce Jacobson, a alented receiver who can spike and serve. Senior Jackie Larabee also was a strong spiker.

Three juniors will form an xperienced nucleus for next ear's team. Melanie Sembrat. lescribed by Lock as "our best ll-around player," Beth Casey, lso versatile, and Patti Arthur, he team's best setter and best

defensive player, will make the 1979 Blackbirds tough to beat.

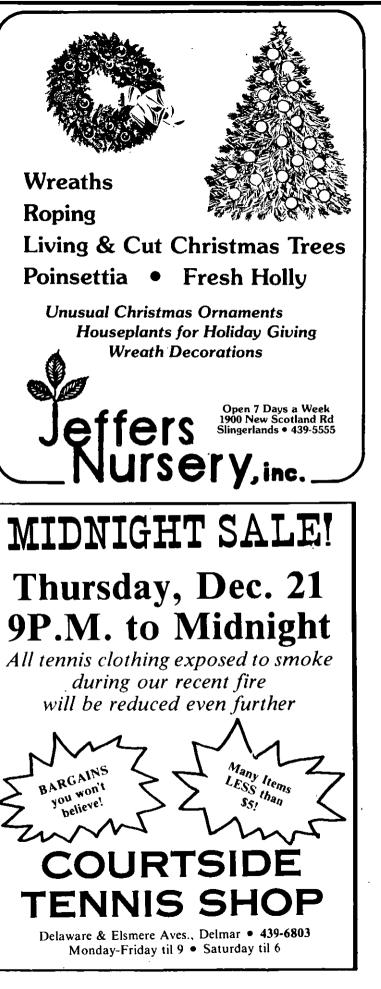
Kim McCormick and Monica Rathke, both seniors, carried the brunt of the relief duties on the 12-member squad.

Lock, a member of the school's physical education staff, has been at Voorheesville eight years and has coached volleyball for seven of them. She also coaches the field hockey team.

Solar talk slated

"Solar Energy" will be the topic of a speech by James Healy at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, This is the first in a "Speaker Series" sponsored by the town's Parks and Recreation Dept. There will be no charge.







Delmar realtor cited

Robert Cohn, of Delmar, a past president of the Albany County board of realtors, has earned the professional designation of S1R, Society of Industrial Realtors. Cohn is a certified commercial investment member of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, a past president of the Delmar Rotary Club, and active in statewide professional organizations. To earn the S1R designation a realtor must have actively engaged as an industrial real estate broker for at least eight years, pass an examination and complete special courses.

Named security chief

John R. Domanico, town of Coeymans police chief, has been named security supervisor at the New York Job Corps Center in Glenmont, effective Dec. 16.

Domanico will continue as town police chief throughout the year, and will replace

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In a letter to Supervisor John T. Biscone, Domanico said: "It is my intention to complete as many outstanding cases as possible." by Dec. 16. He requested a six-month leave of absence without pay, from the duties of chief of police.

New year at town hall

The town of Bethlehem will hold its organization meeting at 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 1, at the town hall, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar.



DELMAR Church presents a musical play

The junior and intermediate choirs of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar will present a unique Christmas Eve service on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. The musical play entitled "No Vacancy" is in the style of the popular musical "Godspell." The story follows the lives of the innkeeper and his wife on the night of the Holy birth.

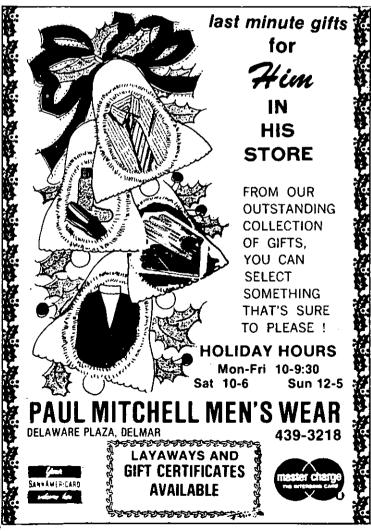
Cast in the leading roles will be David Irvine, Jr. as the innkeeper and Leslie Matthews as his wife. The cast includes Jeff Ritz, Jeff Nichols, Pam Hall, Marnie Harvith, David Ashe, Amy Zick, Andy Tomlinson, Brian Obach, Tom Denham, Glenn Castle and Jason Tilroe. The production is under the direction of Mrs. Frances Smith, director of music, and the Rev. Gary Reuthinger, minister of education.

Later in the same evening at 11 there will be a traditional service of carols and candlelight. The chancel and youth choirs will share six anthems of the season.

A live nativity will precede the first service.

Holyoke benefit set

Mount Holyoke College alumna in the Albany area are sponsoring a "theatre night" Friday evening, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. at Cohoes Music Hall to benefit the scholarship fund of the college in South Hadley, Mass. Eugene O'Neill's play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night," will be performed and tickets at \$8 are mostly taxdeductible. Call Carol Bullivant, 439-3902, or Sally Izzard, 439-7121, in Delmar for information or tickets.









"The Joyous Gift" pageant at Bethlehem Community Church drew a capacity audience on Dec. 11. Cheryl Marks

'Y' hoop league set

Starting Monday, Jan. 8, the Albany YMCA will be running an adult men's basketball league on consecutive Mondays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., open to members only, 18 years and older.



Teenage music deadline set

Applications for the Albany League of Arts—Albany Symphony Orchestra 1979 solo music competition must be in the League office by Jan. 5. Open to students of piano or instrument in grades 9-12 who either live or study music within a 50-mile radius of Albany, the contest is designed to select the best music students in the area. Past winners are not eligible.

Winners of this year's contest will be heard in a special Youth Awards Concert with the Albany Symphony Orchestra at the Performing Arts Center of the State University of New York at Albany on March 4.

For application forms, contact the Albany League of Arts at 135 Washington Ave., Albany.





The community's newest Brownie troop gets a flag from llanchard Post, American Legion: Alexander Woehrle makes resentation to co-leader Sheila Valenti at Elsmere School. photo by Chervel Marks

New Brownie troop

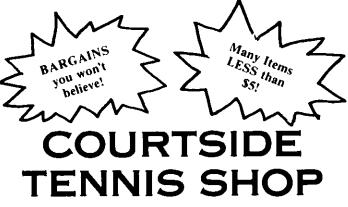
The Tri-Village area's newest Brownie Troop may be its argest. Troop 638 had its ormal investiture Dec. 5 at Ismere School with 27 memers, all second graders at the chool. The troop received an American flag presented by Alexander Woehrle of Blanchard Post, American Legion, Elsmere. Co-leaders are Mrs. Janet Brockley, Mrs. Michelle Zeno, Mrs. Nancy Roberts and Mrs. Sheila Valenti.



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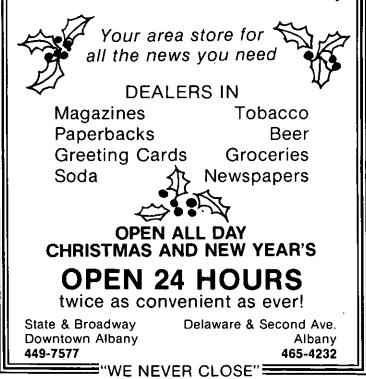
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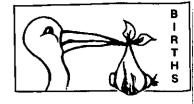


BUSINESS Glenmont gets a stereo store

Glenmont's newest retail store has opened in a 3,100square-foot location at the Town Squire shopping center at Bethlehem Center, featuring stereo sound equipment by major manufacturers.

The Audio Sound Cellar, Inc. is owned and operated by Ken and Karen Holsopple, a Schenectady couple who previously owned a CB sales operation in that city. With them in the new enterprise is Joseph Shuba. Sales manager is Bob Irwin, Jr. of Coxsackie, former manager of the Radio Shack in West Coxsackie. Irwin previously worked for Sounds Great in Colonie.

The new store carries a line of records and tapes along with stereo components, and plans a series of audio clinics featuring demonstrations by representatives of brand-name companies.



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Daniel, to Mr. and Mrs. George Winters, Voorheesville, Nov. 27.

Girl, Leslie, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cavalieri, Selkirk, Nov. 28.

Boy, Kevin, to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Greer, Selkirk, Dec. 2.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Jeffrey, to Mr. and Mrs. James McQuide, Delmar, Nov. 17.

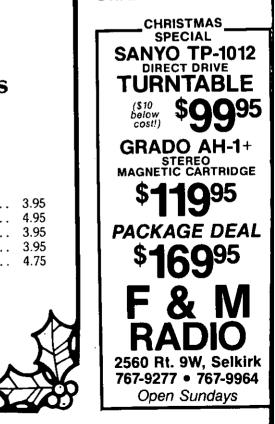
Girl, Jamie, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knuth. Slingerlands, Nov. 19.

Boy, Howard, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heesch, Selkirk, Nov. 21.

Girl, Karen, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kirk, Voorheesville, Nov. 21.

Girl, Karilyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson, Voorheesville, Nov. 25.

Girl, Sarah, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Svenson, Delmar, Dec. 2.



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Decorating the Library: two unidentified workers from the Delmar Progress Club do their annual stint. Cheryl Marks

Principal elected

Charles A. Gunner, principal of Bethlehem Central High School, has been elected a ommissioner of the Middle states Association of Colleges nd Schools. The association provides evaluation and accreditation services to colleges, universities and secondary schools in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia and overseas schools.

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For one weary of the muchdiscussed "commercialism" of Christmas, there's an answer to the gift list: flowers! One thoughtful friend of ours sends one dozen red roses to his wife each Christmas Eve ... a lovely tribute! And, for the shut-in, even one rose is appreciated.

With this in mind, we decided to tour local flower shops to see what's new and different.

The Flower World arrived at the Delaware Shopping Plaza only last May. The manager, Kathie, said she had been a nurse and had always enjoyed gardening and people. She commented: "The next best thing to making people comfortable, is making them happy." Folks who attended the Christmas Open House at Flower World, on the 10th, saw evidence of that philosophy



throughout the store. For example, there is a special sitdown area where Kathie invites prospective brides to relax and discuss every detail of their flower-plans. There are special ceramic planters and flower holders for which she shopped a craftsman's stock. There's a very nice gift for a hospital patient: a hurricane lamp candle holder surrounded with sprays of German statice, pine cones and berries.

"The hardest thing in this business is to get quality flowers from the wholesalers. I insist on the best and shop for them every day, often visiting several places to find just what I want." There is a personal touch at Flower World. We wished Kathie and her helpers a Merry Christmas and headed for a similar shop out toward the Helderbergs.

"Memories are made at Kirk's" is the by-line we see often in advertisements for Kirk's, located just beyond the Stonewell Shopping Center on New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. When we first knew this enterprising couple, we met a landscaper and his wife placing a most attractive brown sign out front, working on their garden-level shop and finally, the doors to Kirk's were opened!

It's been open just one year, and since their first Christmas, the Kirks have added fresh flowers to their fine selection of dried flower arrangements, and

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For an apartment dweller, There's a "Miss Holly," a charming holly lady to hang on the door. For the couple with a new baby. Liz has created a Toyland motif with a rocking horse carrying a pretty greens arrangement. "I like the Christmas gifts which can carry through the months for persons who are shut-ins." Liz commented as she showed me one that she especially likes. On a wicker round base, with an amber lantern holding a candle in the center, she has used natural dried materials, with bittersweet and wheat added. t's a pleasant arrangement.

Our visit was interrupted by neighbor who came in with a charming pottery duck to be massed with Christmas greens and some deep red carnations. "This is fun" Liz smiled. "I

njoy creating beauty."

Back in Delmar, we gazed with enchantment into the vindow at Verstandig's. "You egin to get excited about christmas when you see things ike this," exclaimed another bserver.

The animated dolls were ecorating the tree and noding blissfully as the tinsel was dded. Nearby, a roly-poly teddy bear was rocking in his chair with Mrs. Santa's hand giving it a little push! And . . . past the holly and the greens and the snow-kissed wreaths, a life-size Santa gazed from his place in the other window, turning and waving to all who passed!

Inside this florists' shop on Delaware Ave. is such a great selection of flowers, gifts and materials for decoration that it is eye-boggling! We decided, after looking at all the Annalee dolls that the Toth dolls (foot high characters — no two alike. and signed) and the Arnis figures (carved from just one block of wood by Ferrandiz) and viewing the paperweights, the dolls such as the musical doll which rocks her baby, that after Christmas we would ask for an interview with Mrs. Verstandig, the dean of our area florists.

As for now, at Verstandigs they are busy with so much: decorating St. Thomas Church, the local banks, St. Mary's Church in Albany... and, so important to Tri-Villagers, the marvelous life-size creche which beckons people to Bethlehem town from the lawn of the Reformed Church.

We toured on down to Kenwood Ave. where our stop at



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Flowers by Thomas was brief. "I haven't time for you," he said. (Shades of Christmas past!)

But Tom Oro did take a little time, though, to answer my question: "What gives you the most enjoyment in your business?"

"Going to the bank," he leveled! But then continued, "That's a fact, but I get my greatest satisfaction going to the nursing home, and I thank God we have them. The Good Samaritan will receive something from us for all to share. We have enjoyment from working with them. Their staff will make corsages for all those nice little ladies. And, lady, you just tell people not to forget the old people."

I thanked Thomas and Marion and respected their limited time at this busy season.

.J. MULLEN

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No "bah humbug" there ... they too care and share!

It's the intimate touch of the small shop, created by Kathie, Liz, the Verstandigs and the Oros that reflect the friendly spirit and the beauty of nature's own gifts that makes us realize the very special joys of the Christmas season.

Here's wishing you Happy Holidays at your house! Merry Christmas!

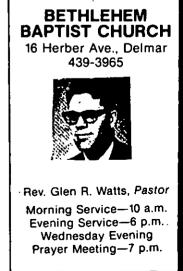
Senior citizens elect

Mrs. Ruth Stickler has been elected president of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens. The group meets each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar.

Other officers are: Edward Miller, first vice president; Robert May, second vice president; Mrs. Margaret Morlock, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Beatrice Myers, treasurer; Mrs. Ethie Morway, historian; Mrs. Florence Maher, publicity, and Mrs. Delia Milham, tour director.

in sales post

Mrs. Elizabeth Kraus of Delmar has been appointed area director of local advertisers and subscription sales for Woman Locally, the new Capital area monthly magazine published by Christopher Apostle, Albany business executive. Mrs. Krause was a sales representative for World Book and was formerly with Xerox Corp.







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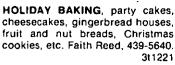
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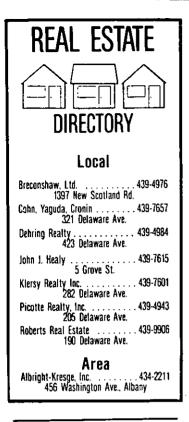
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Deborah Anne Diringer, aughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. obert Diringer of Rochester. nd Burton F. Segel, son of Mr. nd Mrs. Raymond Segel, 60 rockley Dr., Delmar, were arried Aug. 27 at Temple rael, Albany. Rabbi Havvim ieval officiated.

Mrs. Richard Hanes of Rohester was her sister's matron honor. Bridesmaids were isa Bailey of Red Creek, Mrs. enneth Segel of Albany.

sister-in-law of the groom, amd Marla Kahn of Albany, cousin of the groom. Kenneth Segel was best man for his brother. Ushers were Samuel Kaplan of Albany, Robert Diringer of Rochester, brother of the bride, and Richard Hanes of Rochester, brother-in-law of the bride.

After a reception at Temple Israel, the couple left on a wedding trip and now make their home in Troy.

Mrs. Segel is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Alfred University, and is working for a master's degree in geology at RPI, Troy. Her husband graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and Alfred University, and is studying for a master's degree in business education at RPL

BC teacher elected

William Cleveland, social studies teacher at Bethlehem Central High School, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Council for the Social Studies. He will serve as chairman of the committee on racism and social justice.



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

Praise for volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The book fair committee of the Voorheesville Parent Teacher Student Assn. wants to take this opportunity to thank the 60 volunteers who worked in all areas of this project and the community for their generous support. Because of this excellent cooperation, approximately \$800 has been placed in our PTSA general fund for use in the elementary school.

Judy Ramsey (Mrs. Richard) 1978 Chairman

Voorheesville

Unwanted delivery

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have sent the following letter to Supervisor Corrigan, with copies to my councilman and town attorney. I feel the problem is of sufficient annoyance to the townspeople that measures should be taken to curtail it. Perhaps if those persons similarly annoyed will also communicate their annoyance to our town officials, a first step can be taken toward passage of prohibiting ordinance.

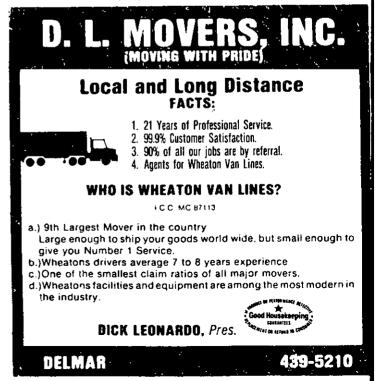
Thomas Corrigan, Supervisor Town of Bethlehem Sir:

In my letter to you dated Oct. 11, 1978, I brought to you attention the annoying, unwanted residential delivery of advertising flyers and the fac that this has persisted over a long period of time despite numerous phone calls and certified letters to the offenders.

Today for the fourth time it as many weeks, I have met the individual making these deliv eries and asked that they skip my home. Each time, my address was noted and the sug gestion made that I notify the advertiser. Phone calls to the advertiser continue to be ig nored and trying to get the message across via certified mail has only served to subsid ize the postal department.

I had suggested in my previous letter that the town o Bethlehem should consider a prohibiting ordinance such a that existing in the town o Rotterdam.

I can understand that th town council and you as super



isor have had to deal with eighty, expensive and timeonsuming political issues and hat my concern is considered a rivial matter by comparison. I annot understand that, at the ery least, receipt of my letter ould not have been acknowdged.

As an elected official, you pted to cope not only with the ig problems, but all problems f concern to your constituncy. Is the Republican admintration no longer interested in ur lesser concerns?

Mary M. Silver belmar

Supervisor Tom Corrigan ys he responded to Mrs. ilver by mail the day he ceived the above letter. He as, promised to look into the atter. The town board has ad at least one other comlaint. Ed.

ethlehem's creche

fitor, The Spotlight: Your article in the Dec. 14 botlight on the origin of the tivity scene erected each year

1 Delaware Ave, omitted ention of two men who made portant contributions in its nstruction some 20 years

Two art teachers who have nce left the Bethlehem Central school system drew the figures, cut them out of masonite and painted them. One was Joseph Todak, the other was Leon Schenker. They put in several hundred hours between them, working after school in the industrial arts shop of Bethlehem Junior High School, now the Middle School. I believe the town, or the chamber of commerce, paid for the materials, and you are correct in crediting Mr. Tom Dorado for designing the set.

We put the set up that first year in a blinding snowstorm at night because time was running out on the deadline. In fact, we put it up while the backdrop was still being painted, and it was so cold the paint froze instead of running.

I would appreciate your not using my name.

B. H.S.

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A telephone call to the writer failed to persuade him to authorize use of his name, but he did consent to initials. Ed.



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