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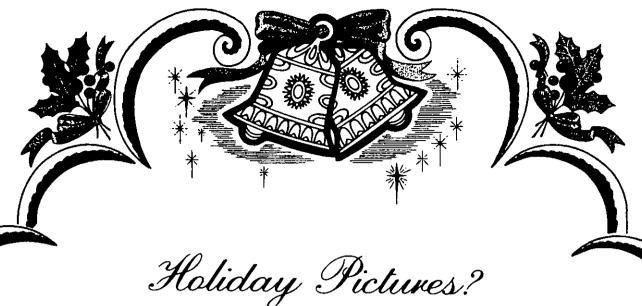
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Town of Bethlehem Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Planning Board every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals first three Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 393 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

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

Selkirk Fire District Commissioners, Selkirk Fire House No. 1, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Christmas tree recycling, free mulch, Garden Shoppe, Feura

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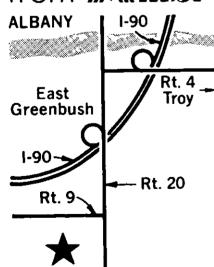
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Film, "Spellbound," with Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

Exer-dance classes for women start. Classes also Tuesday and Friday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. To register, call Mary Reich, 439-2058.

Aerobic dancing classes start, St. Matthew's Old Church, Voorheesville, weekday mornings, some evenings. For schedule, call Judy Arbour, 765-4940.

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Dr.

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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.

Second Milers, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. For luncheon reservations, call 439-3569.

Home economics program, "Short Cut Sewing on Today's Fabrics," Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m. Free.

Film, "Love It Like a Fool: Film About Malvina Reynolds," as part of the Educational Film Library Assn. American Film Festival, Bethlehem Library, noon and 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club. business meeting, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Following the meeting will be card games and bingo.

Monthly luncheon, American Legion, Blanchard Post, Elsmere, 12 noon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Quilting workshop, sponsored by the Voorheesville Library, traditional quilting patterns displayed and discussed, and technique of stitched design discussed, at the Library, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Women Emerging Support Group, women who have completed the library's Career/Life Planning Workshop for Women are eligible to join, Bethlehem Library, 1-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Book discussion group. "Thousand Cranes," 1968 Nobel prize winner by Yasumari Kawabata, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Preschool films, "Time of Wonder," and "Dragon Stew," Bethlehem Library, 10-10:30 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m.

AARP, Tri-Village Chapter No. 1598, speaker, Nathaniel A. Boynton, "Influence of the Media on Public Thought and Action," First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Delmar Progress Club, antiques study group, Bethlehem Library Committee Room, 7:30 p.m.

Registration deadline for cross country ski workshop, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, Information, 457-6092.

Nova: 'Black Tide' (premiere) Thursday 8 p.m. Boston Symphony Orchestra (simulcast) Friday 9 p.m. Inside Albany (premiere) Saturday 7 p.m. Curing Winter Blues (WMHT production—special) Sunday 4:30 p.m. National Geographic Special: 'Gold' (premiere) Sunday 8 p.m. How to Stop Smoking: Part 1 of 5 Monday 6:30 p.m. Owens-Corning Fiberglas supports public television for a better community.

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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

"An Evening of Dance and Theater," first production of Classic and Contemporary Arts, Inc., at 440 State St., Schenectady, Jan. 5-6, 8 p.m. (matinee at 2 p.m. Sat. also). \$2.50, children, SCs \$1, 374-3835.

MUSIC

Midwinter Pops Concert, "Million Dollar Movie Themes," Albany Symphony Orchestra, Palace Theatre, Albany, Jan. 20, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

Concerts at Noon, Julie Kabat, soprano, and Ray Andrews, guitar, Renaissance and contemporary, Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, Jan. 9, noon. Free.

ART

Exhibition, American Decorative Arts, 18-19th century furniture, glass, china, silver, textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 25.

FILM

Audubon Wildlife Film Series, "Galapagos," Niskayuna High School auditorium, Balltown Rd., Schenectady, Jan. 9. 8 p.m. \$3, students \$1 at door.

LECTURE

"American Decorative Arts," Norman Rice, Albany Institute of History and Art, Jan. 11, 12:10 p.m.

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COST OF GOVERNMENT

New Year bonus for taxpayers: tax rates hold steady

Along with Christmas bills, this week's mail carries more than 9,000 tax bills to Bethlehem property owners and another 3,249 to owners of real estate in the town of New Scotland.

In direct contrast to last year, the governmental bite for 1979 is comparatively mild. In Bethlehem, the basic tax rate for the general town budget, state and county shares and highway appropriations is \$56.99 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. That rate is up 31 cents from the 1978 levy, which in inflationary times could be considered better than break-even. New Scotland property owners got even better news; their base rate of \$70.83 is down \$1.35 per \$1,000 from the 1978 levy of \$72.18.

The difference between the rates in the two neighboring towns could be deceiving: it's due to New York State's equalization formula that carries different percentages for properties of comparable value.

A year ago, Albany County did most of the fiscal arm-twisting, boosting the Bethlehem bite \$7.79 per thousand and the New Scotland bite \$8.66. This year the county added only 7 cents to the basic Bethlehem rate, but still will take 54.7 percent of the total

tax raised in the town. In New Scotland, the county levy is down \$1.64, but 61.4 percent of New Scotland's property tax total will go to the county coffers.

Added to the base rate are various levies for fire districts, sewer districts and, in parts of New Scotland, special lighting and water districts. In Bethlehem, Kenneth Hahn, receiver of taxes, says all the tax rates are down from last year except the 7-cent county bump, the highway assessment, the old New York Central water extension, up 42 cents, and two of the town's five fire districts — Delmar, up a penny, and Slingerlands, up 9 cents.

Hahn also mentioned that a number of Bethlehem tax bills will be lower than last year because of varying drops in sewer charges, ranging from \$20 to \$200.

In New Scotland, five of the six special districts are up slightly, none more than 55 cents. The only exception is the Slingerlands Fire District, down 31 cents from last year.

Other fire district rates are Onesquethaw, up 20 cents; New Salem, up 25 cents, and Krumkill (North Bethlehem), up 28 cents. Clarksville lighting district is up 25 cents,



New Scotland's first computerized tax bills gave Assessor Bill Bailey a long workout in town hall last week. The stacks of large sheets in the foreground are electronic printouts, which had to be indexed, filed and bound in cardboard covers.

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Feura Bush lighting up 55 cents to \$13.69.

Both towns will show a new face on the tax bills. Both switched to computerized billing in 1978, which necessitated a complete transfer of assessment rolls from the traditional system to computer printouts.

New Scotland bills went in the mail this week after a long workout by Assessor William Bailey in town hall assembling the new forms. Delivery of the Bethlehem printouts to Delmar was delayed: the forms were expected to reach town hall this week and will go in the mail early next week. The mailing deadline established by law is Jan. 10.

Deadline for paying taxes without penalty is Jan. 31. There is a 1-percent surcharge

COMPARISON OF 1979 AND 1978 LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES

	BETHLEHEM		NEW SCOTLAND			
	1979	1978	Change	1979	1978	Change
State and County	\$31.20	\$31.13	up 7¢	\$43.51	\$45.15	down \$1.64
Gen. Town and Highway	14.92	15.19	down 27¢	17.66	17.39	up 27¢
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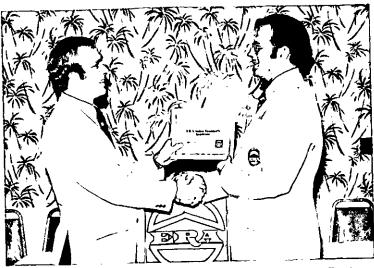
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Walter B. Lotz, Jr., right, sales manager for Twin Oaks Realty, East Berne, receives an ERA training certificate from Bruce Hood after completing a one-week course in Salem, N.H. on computerized home listing techniques.

on bills paid in February, then 1.5 percent.

Niagara Mohawk is the largest property taxpayer in both towns. The power company holds more than 70 parcels of land in Bethlehem, and in New Scotland faces a tab of \$64,973 in taxes this year. thanks largely to the giant transmission distribution center on New Scotland South Rd. and a number of high-voltage cross-country transmission lines in the town.

New Scotland's second-largest taxpayer is the town of Bethlehem's Water District No. 1. The 1979 tax, primarily on land held for the Vly Reservoir in New Salem, is \$42,747.

Other utility taxpayers in both towns are New York Telephone, ConRail, Delaware & Hudson Railroad, American Tel and Tel and Consolidated Gas.

New graduate

Scott Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Andrews of Westfield, Mass., has graduated cum laude from Parks College of Aeronautics, Chokia. III. He is a graduate of Westfield High. His parents both graduated from Bethlehem Central High School. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Altimari, Glenmont, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Andrews, formerly of Delmar. now of Clearwater, Fla.

VOORHEESVILLE

Villagers get a tax break

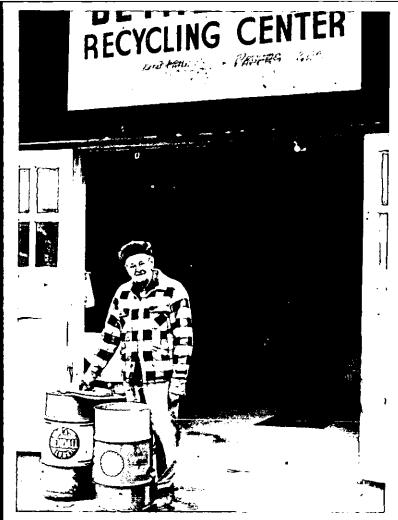
Property owners living within the village limits of Voorheesville pay taxes to the town of New Scotland as well as to the village. This year the town tax rate for village residents and owners of commercial properties is \$61.17 per \$1,000 valuation, \$1.37 lower than last year.

Voorheesville taxpayers are exempt from part of the general town budget, notably for trash collection, and from parts of the highway appropriations, including roadbuilding and machinery maintenance.

A petition by the Voorheesville village board to extend the exemptions to other highway items, including snowplowing and bridge maintenance and repair, was rejected by the town board two months ago on the basis that village motorists use town roads as do town residents.

4-H project starts

Albany County Cooperative Extension will sponsor training for 4-H leaders and the public in how to teach simple home decorating projects to children. The training will take place in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10. For reservations call 765-2327.



William Lang and his pride on Adams St.

SPOTLIGHT PROFILE

Recycling center a treasure trove

Where can you find exotic glass jars and vases, tea kettles, old bibles and even a canteen, all used but in good condition? It's a little known secret that all of these and more, depending on the daily haul, can be found at the Bethlehem Recycling Center, where William Lang operates with the idea that one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Lang moves through his daily routine at the warehouse on Adams St. in Delmar, stacking newspapers and crushing glass, with the vitality of a man much younger than his 60 years.

"Everything in here," he says, gesturing with both hands, "is recycled into something. You have no idea what goes out of here." He points to unique and unexpected valuables, magazines, bottles for

lamps, dishes and calendars. "Everything you get, from vacuum cleaners to hot water heaters, you can save for someone. And everything is free coming in and going out."

His keen eye and compulsive saving has netted National Geographic magazines for the sick, Delmar directories for his drivers, large print bibles for the nearsighted and even mayonnaise bottles for canning.

"One year," he remembers, "I saved 200 bottles for center-pieces for a high school dance."

His small office beside the warehouse proudly displays a letter from a grammar school class which says: "Thank you for showing us how good old things are." That kind of appreciation, he says, "is worth a million bucks."

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That kind of care has helped to make Lang's a smooth running operation. The glass, almost one barrel collected per day, goes to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and even Canada and ends up in light bulbs, fiberglass and even on the road as a kind of pavement called "glassvault" noted for high visibility.

He brings the paper, which eventually ends up in Castleton as cardboard, into the warehouse by wheelbarrow and prefers to pile the stacks himself, keeping the place as neat as a library.

"People come in here," says Lang, "and the women tell me they can walk around here in bare feet. People from out of state can't get over it. They've never seen a nicer or more unique place in the whole U.S."

Doug Payne

GLENMONT

New promotions at Job Corps

Raymond Brown of the New York Job Corps Center staff at Glenmont has been appointed director of the new Northlands Job Corps Center to be opened in Vergennes, Vt.

Brown has been serving as manager of employability assurance at the Glenmont center. His successor here is Robert Gaesser, who has been a counselor and orientation specialist at the Glenmont facility.

The appointments were announced this week by John N. Acquilano, executive director for the two centers, which are operated by Singer Career Systems for the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Job Corps is a residential training facility for youths 16-21.

In other staff appointments at Glenmont, Guy Spader was promoted to avocation-recreation supervisor and Carolyn McGinnis was named to the newly created position of avocation-recreation specialist. Douglas McKie replaces Spader as the center disciplinary officer.

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Delmar attorney James Peter Walsh, center, sits as judge at a mock trial at Bethlehem Central High School as defense attorney Troy Whittington questions Stan Spindler, defendant. Above, the prosecution: John Schmitt and Mike Lewis.

Jim Carroll

Creativity at JCC

A class on "Introduction to Creativity" for women will be held on 10 consecutive Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Albany Jewish Community Center, starting Jan. 11. The course will be led by Jane Kirstel, who also conducts sketching, painting and drawing classes at the center. Registration is open to the public. Information, 438-6651.

Psychic at Library

Ann Fisher, a psychic and medium, will appear on Jan. 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library, Delmar. She teaches in the field of parapsychology at the State University of New York at Albany. She lectures on ESP, aura colors, haunted houses, ghosts and demonstrates her own psychic powers. The program is free.



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Bruce Secor, town engineer, with blueprints for new town hall at the former Delmar elementary school. On the cover: Secor with a young helper, Ron Gazzetta.

Spotlight

BETHLEHEM

New town hall renovation speeded

The sounds of children no longer fill its empty corridors, but the sounds of silence are broken these days as town employees change the former Delmar Elementary School into the future town hall.

By springtime the first employees, chiefly members of the Police Dept. and some town officials, will move into the renovated school building on Delaware Ave. at Borthwick Ave.

Work is in its early stages and there are many reminders of the original function of the building. Drinking fountains are only knee-high, the bathrooms accommodate only small people, and gaping holes remain where sinks and blackboards have been removed.

Five years ago the town began to look into the possibility of either buying a new town hall building at a projected cost of \$3 million, or adding onto the present site, according to town supervisor Tom Corrigan. After the Delmar School was closed in 1975, the town decided that its size and location were ideal and eventually bought the 1926 structure from the Bethlehem Central School District for \$65,000.

In the renovation, as little as possible will be changed to preserve the spaciousness and original room layout, thus making it suitable for larger and older people.

On either side of the main entrance on Delaware Ave. will be the offices of town supervisor and town clerk. Next to the town clerk's office, at the corner of the building's east side, will be the town board meeting room, and around the corner the offices of the Receiver of Taxes and Youth Bureau.

The west wing of the building, added in 1953, will become police headquarters, with the new court room in the old cafeteria and the judges' chambers in the former kitchen.

The gymnasium will be preserved for public use through the Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

On the second floor will be the proposed Public Works Dept. The quarters assigned to the planning board and the board of appeals face Delaware Ave., with office space for the Building Dept. and the Planning and Appeals Dept. and an employees' lounge facing east. The assessor's and comptroller's office will face Borthwick Ave.

In eight weeks town personnel will begin replacing all windows in the school with insulated translucent panels to insure energy conservation. The windows, with a 24-inch thermal panel in the bottom, will cost \$66,524, but will pay for themselves in five years in

savings on natural gas and air conditioning bills, according to Bruce Secor, the town engineer who directs the project from his office in the school building.

Secor says general floor layouts of the departments will be finalized next week. Meanwhile plumbing has been removed and soon the drainage work on the Borthwick side of the building will begin. In January bids will be accepted to excavate the basement of the west wing at a projected cost of \$65,000, thus providing new basement flooring, storage and a temporary detention center for the Police Dept.

Doug Payne

Crossing light—at last!

After more than a year of effort, mostly spent cutting through governmental procedures, Elsmere grade school pupils are starting the new year with a crossing light on Delaware Ave. opposite the school. The light was requested by the Elsmere School Community Organization (ESCO), spearheaded Mrs. Marti by McSharry, Elsmere Principal Richard J. Herrmann and Charles Grover, the crossing guard. Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan said it "took a while to get the permit from the State Dept. of Transportation, then get the equipment and get it wired and checked out."

Tailgaters beware

An experimental electronic monitoring and sign system to warn motorists who are following too closely to the vehicle ahead will become operational on Rt. 7 in Latham today (Thursday). Installation of the signs at six sites will include vehicle detectors, electronic analyzers and overhead signs that read "Following Too Closely When Lighted,'



Leads church course

Rev. Sherwood Carver of the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, will be one of the instructors in a 10-week lay speaking course sponsored by the Troy Conference of the church. The sessions will be held at the Calvary UM Church, Balltown Rd., Niskayuna, on consecutive Sundays from 7 to 9:15 p.m. starting Jan. 14.

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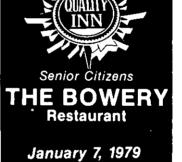
Whatever changes might be forthcoming as a result of the new editorial administration at the Capital Newspapers will be sufficiently long-term to make the transition hardly noticeable.

To beef up the news coverage of both the Albany Times Union and the Knickerbocker News. Publisher J. Roger Grier last Fall imported a veteran Washington newsman, Harry M. Rosenfeld, to take over as resident editorial chaperone for both papers. Grier, with former publisher Robert M. Danzig looking over his shoulder from the Hearst Corp.'s New York headquarters, gave Rosenfeld his first charter: increase local news coverage by 50 percent. Presumably coverage of national and international news, the area in which both papers fall down so miserably, will follow.

Although no one will ever know whether the chicken or the egg came first, Grier's move to bring in outside help topside apparently was made easier by the retirement of John Leary, executive editor of the Times Union. Far less transparent was the parallel departure of Leary's counterpart on the evening side, Robert Fichenberg, executive editor of the Knick.

Fichenberg, embittered at being passed over when Grier was brought in two years ago from the non-Hearst Trenton Times as publisher, exploded when he was dealt the ultimate wound, the appointment of Rosenfeld as the overall editor of the Albany properties. That straw collapsed the camel's back, and Fich went out to get himself a job elsewhere. Few can fault him for that.

Now both chairs are vacant, and are likely to remain so. There may be no immediate need to appoint an "executive editor" on either of the two dailies. Rosenfeld, whose first chore was to assume the helm of the Times Union, is directing both papers, and has a man-



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The departures of the two men who have administered the news side of Albany's two dailies for more than 20 years present a sharp contrast in personalities and modi operandi. Fichenberg is the flambouyant, aggressive, fiercely professional editor, volatile and emotional in his dealings with staffers and people; Leary the quiet man who came and went each day without fanfare, crossing the city room to his executive enclosure hardly noticed by those at toil.

Fichenberg was the prototype of controversy, his road on the Knick littered with the bodies of his subordinates. During his tenure the Knick went through city editors like a teenager through breakfast cereal. In his periodic staff shuffling, he had the clout to complete the extradition of virtually all the Knick's battlescarred newsmen and editors, including such respected names as Bill Skirving, Duane La-Flesche, Bob Illingworth, John Schoolfield.

Sometimes the banishment was cruel: Skirving, a top-flight reporter of the old police court and firehouse school, assigned to do a meaningless column of the "around-town" variety; LaFlesche, a longtime reporter and city editor from the K nick's heydey as a Gannett paper, a gifted writer whose book reviews attracted a wide following, was exiled to a harmless atoll writing feature stories from the South Mall. His deep talent flourished here, but the humility broke his heart and he, like the others, chose retirement.

The most prominent survivor s Arvis Chalmers, dean of Capitol Hill's political analysis, also from the old school. Chalmers was silenced as a television voice on Channel Six, but wen back on the tube two lays after Fichenberg's new job n Washington was announced.

On the morning side, Leary's echnique was so diametrically he opposite that in any given

crisis in the Times Union city room, the kind of emergency alert that is typical of any newspaper, the common comment was that "this wouldn't have happened if John Leary were alive."

At the typewriter, the two men also were poles apart: Fichenberg is a prolific writer, using his column and his byline for long dissertations—he travelled widely and wrote in detail of his findings and his viewpoints. Leary confined his compositions to editorial-page prose, and a Leary by-line would be a collector's item.

Rosenfeld's path to restoring the Knick and building the Times Union into a first-class newspaper has several pluses and minuses. The two papers have abundant reportorial and writing talent, with a fine combination of young journalists and experienced hands. The roadblock is on the second floor of 645 Albany-Shaker Rd.—how many additional column-inches will the publisher and the Hearst corporate tower allot Rosenfeld for the presentation of news and pictures? Or will the policy continue to keep over-proportionate pressure on the bottom line of the accountant's ledger, thus continuing the Hearst chain's most productive money-machine? The key is the ratio of advertising space to news space, and unless somebody up top bends a bit, Rosenfeld's professional perspiration may be a wasted exercise.



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The surprise Christmas Eve storm brought good "packing snow," the kind that calls for snow sculpture. Among the more artistic snowpeople around town—and there were many—were one on Brookview Ave. (cover) and this one on Delaware Ave., Delmar which was decapitated by vandals before the rains came New Year's weekend.

Board may hold on filling vacancy

Bethlehem Central's board of education may hold off taking any action in filling the vacancy caused by the departure of Mary Anne Stringham of Delmar.

Mrs. Ann Patton, president of the seven-member board, said that Mrs. Stringham had not submitted a formal resignation, but was expected to do so shortly. Meanwhile, she told friends and associates that she planned to resign upon moving with her family from Delmar to a new home in Portsmouth, N H

Mrs. Stringham was elected to a five-year term on the board in 1975. Her term was due to expire in June, 1980.

Mrs. Patton said the board probably would not embark on the time-consuming procedure of holding a special election to fill the vacancy prior to the annual school balloting in late May. The board also has the option of appointing an interim member to serve until the Spring elections.

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Tennis clinics on

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a series of tennis clinics, beginning Jan. 15. The classes will be held on Monday nights, with lessons for beginners from 8 to 9 p.m., advanced beginners, 9 to 10 p.m. and intermediates, 10 to 11 p.m. The limit is eight students per session. There is a \$15 fee. Registration must be made in person, at the department office, Elm Ave. Park, between 7 and 9 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8.

Senior Citizens resume

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club will meet at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar.



Exer-dance classes start in Bethlehem and Aerobic dance classes in Voorheesville next week. Elaine Richter, Norma Kirkman and Muriel Welch, above, keep fit with Mary Reich in Delmar, while Voorheesville's effervescent Judy Arbour conducts Aerobic dancing sessions each weekday morning and some evenings. For information, call 439-2058 (Exer-dance) or 765-4940 (Aerobics).

PPA program here

Sixteen area teenagers have joined the newly organized "teen advisory board" of Planned Parenthood of Albany and Rensselaer Counties, After two months of planning, their first community-wide activity will be an evening program for young adults at the Bethlehem Library, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30. Those attending the program, entitled "Are You Ready?" will view a movie and

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Spreading joy

The Delmar/Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) recently shared a special holiday experience with residents of the Child's Nursing Home, and other patients at Child's Hospital. Albany by bringing them gaily decorated containers of homemade cookies. Mrs. Dorothy Robinson of Delmar, was AARP chairman for the activity. The group also distributed homemade baked goods to the Good Samaritan Home in Elsmere and the St. Catherine Center for Children, and plan on making this an annual event.

According to Marilyn Cline, director of volunteers at Child's. it was Bob Reuter, a member of AARP, who came up with the idea. "Bob and his group," said Mrs. Cline, "add a special touch to their visit by their enthusiasm for helping other people."

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Tim Lewis, foreground, hemmed in by all five Berne-Knox starters, gets off a shot from the baseline as his Voorheesville teammates eye the rebound. The camera, catching nine players in one frame, shows Jim Finnigan (40), Steve Smith (24) and Craig Gleason (44).

R.H. Davis

BASKETBALL

Blackbirds in heavy traffic

Things are crowded atop the Central Hudson Valley basketball league with four of the six leams jammed into the driver's seat with 2-1 records, and the way it looks now, it will take a while to get the snarl unravelled.

With everybody getting back nto action Friday, the fourway tie won't last beyond the 11 o'clock news, but the relief will be only temporary. The circuit s so well balanced that any eam can beat any other team in he league on any court on any night, which means that someody has to put together four or five in a row to get anywhere, and that could be tough.

Voorheesville Central enterains Catskill Friday in a game hat wil push the loser out of he crow's nest, but probably only temporarily. The Blackbirds blew hot and cold in their econd annual Christmas tour-

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nament, dropping a sloppy game to unbeaten Berne-Knox, 56-53, before taking the consolation game, 62-46. They now resume league action with a 4-3 mark overall.

"We were flat against Berne-Knox," commented Coach Mike O'Brien. "Both teams played ragged ball, they missed opportunities and threw the ball away. Berne-Knox got themselves together after a while, but when we did, it was too late."

The Blackbirds cut B-K's 12-point lead to two late in the game, but the damage had been done. The second night, however, was a different story: Voorheesville got out in front early, opened up a seven-point lead at intermission and widened it to 11 points after three quarters. "We couldn't seem to put 'em away, but it really wasn't close," said O'Brien.

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two-night festival. Tim Lewis had 12 and 16.

Berne-Knox went on to win the tournament, taking Taconic Hills in the championship game.

The holiday action produced one change in O'Brien's strategy.

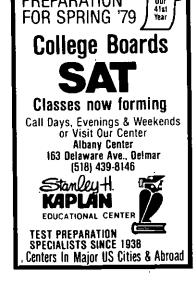
PREPARATION

Jim Finnigan, a senior who missed last season because of an appendectomy, has muscled into the starting lineup, and will be on the floor for the opening tap against Catskill. Finnigan had six points in the first game and nine in the second.

Tom George, the Blackbird's gifted football and diving star has been added to the 10-mar varsity squad as a replacement for the injured John Harding.

Welcome Wagon event

Elizabeth Martin will demonstrate "The Art of Making Up" at the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon luncheon Thursday, Jan. 18, at 12:45 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Fran Wingardner, 439-0690, by Jan. 11. For babysitting services call Mrs. Barb Prudic, 439-7291.



BASKETBALL

BC quint back in loop action

Arch-rival Niskayuna, last year's Suburban Council and state Class A champions, pay their annual visit to Delaware Ave. Friday (Jan. 5) as basketball action resumes in the Suburban Council.

Bethlehem Central finished hird in the four-team Knights of Columbus tournament at CBA over the holidays, losing o Bishop Maginn, 74-71, in the irst round, but swamping Duilderland, 81-56, in the conolation. The Eagles are 4-3 overall, 3-2 in the league.

BC had a cold first period gainst Maginn and trailed, 25at the quarter. The Eagles ame back strong in the second alf, fell behind again by 18 oints, then cut it to three at the

Coach Jim Tedisco used the ull-court press in his favorite nan-to-man defense, and later aid he would work more on his tactic for the new semester.

John Sica had a fine tournahent in Albany. He pumped in 6 and 28 points in the two xercises, won the Sportsmanhip Award and was named to he tourney all-star first team. oe Rutnik also was named to he all-stars.



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Hockey on Ch. 17

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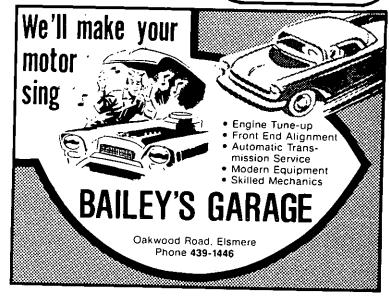
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Airman Jeffrey T. Hodder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hodder of Glenmont, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He will now receive specialized training in aircraft equipment maintenance at Chanute AFB, III. He is a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and holds an associate degree from Hudson Valley Community College.

Marine Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Robillard, son of Joseph R. Robillard of 33 Pleasant St., Voorheesville, has reported for duty at Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Base, on Guam. A 1976



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Jeffrey T. Hodder

graduate of C.A. Bouton High School, he joined the Marine Corps in March, 1977.

George T. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Green, South Rd., Selkirk, has completed recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. A 1978 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, he joined the Navy in March, 1978.

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Shop Talk

by Judi James

"Nutrition is a personal matter: it can determine how you look, act and feel, whether you are grouchy or cheerful, homely or beautiful, physiologically and even psychologically young or old: whether you think clearly or are confused." Inother words, according to Adele Davis (to whom we attribute this lead paragraph), "Let's Eat Right to Keep Fit."

Never did words sting-tothe-quick as those do, following the indulgence of our gastronomical whims during the holiday season! It's once again time to reassess our habits, possibly acquire some new ones, and to set out to feeling our best and avoid winter's blahs!

With this in mind, I stopped in a shop called Tidd-Bits, ocated on Delaware Ave. right across from Tool's restaurant. It's a natural foods store with a numan interest story. A very courageous lady named Terry Tidd and her family and friends un the shop.

Inside the store there's an roma of herbs and grain. I ound shelves well stocked with tems such as raw wheat germ, orn meal, nuts and teas. There vere vitamins galore, and lactid (to reduce lactoss in milk). There were books on subjects uch as "Eat more to lose more," he "No Aging Diet" and "Diet or the Expectant Mother." and...there were pamphlets! One pamphlet, published by

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the American Health Education Foundation, discussed the topic "Protect Your Heart with Vitamins." Noting the value of Vitamin E as a natural anticlotting agent in the blood, it names Vitamin B-15 as the sensational headline grabber in the new nutritional revolution (it's present in small amounts in most seeds, natural foods and brewer's yeast). Research has been done on this vitamin by scientists in Russia, Germany. France, Spain and Japan, and it now seems that B-15 works by increasing the amount of oxygen available from the blood...

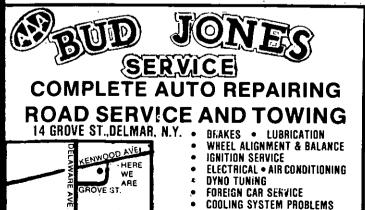
We stop there...for we are not wise in the way of medicine and we are not recommending. We are simply reporting the fascination we acquired with the value of natural foods when we shopped the Tidd-Bits store.

Terry Tidd, who moved from Burnt Hills to Delmar has had some first-hand experience about her own diet in these past two months. Terry has three children (11, 7 and 4). Her husband is an employee of New York State, and she has found that when she sticks to her diet (mostly vegetarian) she feels lots better. When we talk with her, she wasn't feeling well, and she said: "For the past several months I've been too busy to strictly adhere to my diet, and now I'm having trouble." She believes that raw fruits and vegetables, with vitamin sup-

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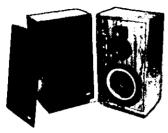




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439-27 5 403 Kenwood Avenue Delmar, New York plements, are good for her. "My husband still likes meat and potatoes, though, and I give them to him a couple of times a year..."

In response to what items are most in demand in her store, she responded that wheat germ, bran, granola and flour rank high.

It's an interesting store to browse. Terry told of one woman who insisted she wanted a description of each tea in the shop...so. Terry just brewed up some hot water, and a sampling session was on!

We don't advise your asking for quite that amount of tender-loving-care, but we do think you'll find "food for thought" taken quite literally when you venture in the Tidd-Bit store. Nutrition can be a fascinating subject. Food fadists have been on the scene for some time. Maybe it's a good time to read up...to shape up...to feel our best, and to give our best in this...a new, wonderful year.!

Delmar couple engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory J. Dole of 45 Delmar Pl., Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Daniel J. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Scott of i Center Lane, Delmar.

Miss Dole is a 1976 graduate



Kathleen M. Dole

of Bethlehem Central High School and is currently attending the Junior College of Albany in the legal secretarial program. She will graduate in December, 1979.

Her fiance is a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and will be graduating in May of 1979 from Cornell University with a degree in business administration and marketing management.

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Holiday mail volume rising

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Henry Betke, Delmar postmaster, said the cooperation of the public in mailing early "was fantastic this year." People not only got their cards and gifts into the mail early, but they did "a superior job on the packaging, the best we've ever seen," he said.

As a result, the Delmar postoffice had not had a claim — up to last weekend — for damaged parcels, most of which stem from inferior wrapping and sealing.

Preliminary figures indicate the volume of outgoing mail at the Delmar postoffice was up approximately 2 percent while the incoming mail was up about 1 percent from last year, Betke said. He also noted a resurgence of parcel post and in the use of "priority" mail to expedite delivery.

In Slingerlands, Christmas mail increased to double the normal volume and was up 15 percent over the same holiday period last year. "We always have a good turnout," said Richard Boyle, officer in charge at the Slingerlands postoffice. "But the mail seemed to move faster than expected. The people started mailing earlier, right after Thanksgiving."

Boyle stressed that the increased volume of mail didn't prevent "good service." In most instances his office was able to

assure next day delivery for all mail within a 100-mile radius, and normal two-day service for deliveries at greater distances.

Although the mail in the Selkirk area was up over 80 percent over everyday volume, Selkirk carriers had no problem coming through on time.

"In the last few years we campaigned for spreading the mail out," says Lou Picarazzi, Selkirk postmaster. "We campaigned to get the mail out early and there was a steady stream of mail right through the holiday season. People didn't wait till the last minute and that's just the way we like it."

Doug Payne

X-country workshop

A cross-country ski workshop will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, Jan. 20. Staff members from Trail North will discuss and demonstrate cross-country techniques and equipment. Participants are encouraged to bring their own skis. Separate sessions will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fees will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Refreshments will be provided. Preregister by Jan. 17 by calling the Center at 457-6092.

Don't forget mulch!

The Garden Shoppe's annual public service offer of recycling Christmas trees for free mulch for spring gardens takes place Saturday, Jan. 6, on the premises on Rt. 32, Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont. Residents are urged to bring their tree, plus containers to take home wood chips for mulch. Free coffee will be served.

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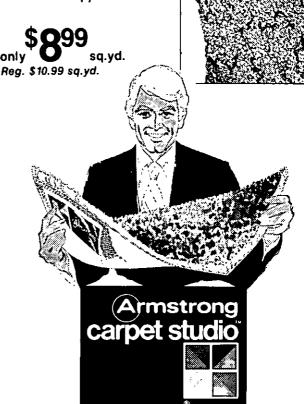
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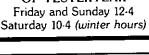
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Pelaware Tpk. plows

Editor, The Spotlight:

Where were the plows on Delaware Tpk, between Delar and Clarksville on Christ-

I realize what a hard job it is or the men who drive the lows to work all night, espeially on Christmas Eve, but it eems to me that their job arries the responsibility to eep the road clear or at least alted or sanded during severe forms.

It seemed the the plows must ave skipped our Rt. 443 on Thristmas, with the result that a number of cars got stuck on the long, steep hill coming out of Unionville and the long hills coming into Clarksville. I would think that road superintendents must realize how difficult these hills are, about as difficult as any main highway in Albany County, when it snows or freezes, hence they must have some sort of priority. It only takes one stalled car to tie up a long hill in the country.

I can understand on Christmas Eve how they could take several hours to get the roads plowed, but not half a day or a whole day on such an important highway. Let's hope the plows will be out on the difficult hill sections early next time, and keep an eye on their condition as long as the storm keeps up.

Name submitted

Clarksville

The Albany County Highway Dept. is responsible for plowing state highways as well as designated county roads. Amos Hallenbeck, county

highway commissioner, conceded that the Delaware Tpk. situation was extremely bad. He explained that the delay was caused primarily by (1) the difficulty in rounding up road crews on Christmas Eve. particularly since the severity of the storm caught weather forecasters and highway departments by surprise, and (2) the fact that two of the plows assigned to highways in the town of New Scotland got stuck in the Helderberg area. which took them and several other plows out of service for several hours Christmas morning. Mr. Hallenbeck also promised to keep a closer tab on Delaware Tpk. Ed.

Lunch with Santa

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Thanks to all who made such a happy holiday season!

Barbara Leonard Secretary Bethlehem Junior Women's Club

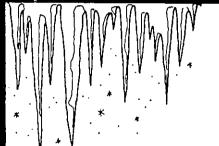
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