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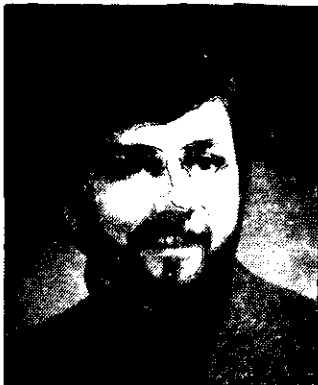
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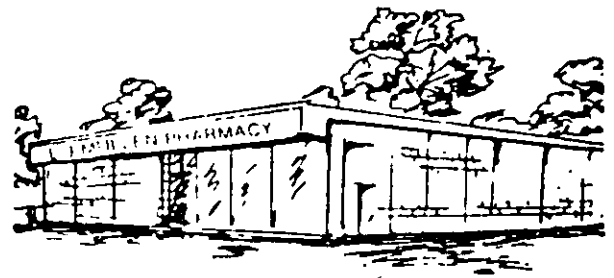
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fourth Tuesdays, La Casa Restau-
rant, Selkirk, 7 p.m. Visitors wel-
come. Information, Ed Hayes,
439-7935.

League of Women Voters, Thurs-
days, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m.
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World War I Veterans luncheon,
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THURSDAY, MARCH 29

**Senior citizens St. Patrick's Day
luncheon**, La Casa Restaurant,
Thatcher St., Selkirk, 1 p.m. Reser-
vations, Ruth Stickler, 439-2694 or
Connie Denn, 439-1386.

Lenten sermons, Rev. Richard Gall,
"Must I Be Alone?" Faith Evangel-
ical Lutheran Church, Delmar,
7:30 p.m.

Science fair, exhibits and demon-
strations by pupils, Bethlehem Mid-
dle School, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Fourth Annual Carnival, Bethlehem
Central Middle School 7th graders,
games, bake sale, raffles, clowns,
school cafeteria, noon to 4 p.m.

Public seminar on 100-percent re-
assessment, Hollis Swett, director,
NYS Board of Equalization, Beth-
lehem Library, 1 p.m.

Bethlehem Babe Ruth registration
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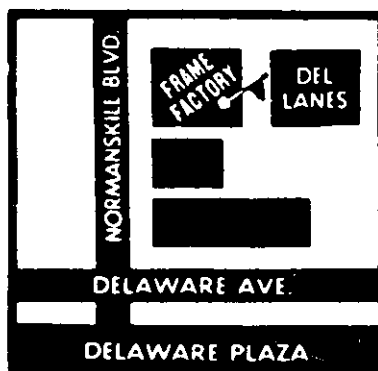
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SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Spaghetti and meat ball dinner, North Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Dept., firehouse on Schoolhouse Rd., 4 to 8 p.m.

Choir program, the Chancel and Youth Choirs of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar present, "Of Time and Eternity," Mrs. Frances D. Smith, director, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:15 and 11 a.m.

Open house, Delmar Fire Dept., display of new ambulance and other equipment, Delmar fire house, 1-4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Annual Art Show, Bethlehem Art Assn., opens at Bethlehem Library.

Preschool story hours, Bethlehem Library, 10-10:30 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Assemblyman Larry Lane's Delmar office at 1 Becker Terr. open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exer-Dance classes, for women start. Classes also on Tuesday and Friday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Registration, Mary Reich, 439-2058.

Village board, annual organizational meeting, village offices, 9 p.m.

Clarksville School Spring Open House, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Informational classes, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, "The Holy Spirit," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Guild of Bethlehem, distributing live plants to residents of Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Rockefeller Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Discussion, "Male and Female Sexuality," Mary A. Berry of the Capital Area Family Resources, Inc., Bethlehem Community Center, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Bethlehem Art Assn., speaker, Robert Vorreyer of Glens Falls, "Judging Paintings," Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible study, Rev. Jack D. Cooper, Glenmont Community Church, at Delmar Reformed Church, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, regular business meeting and first draft of 1979-1980 budget available for review, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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

Delmar Progress Club Creative Art and Antique Group, "Miniatures — Old and New," Natalie Buckman,

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

"Very Good, Eddie!" (1915 Jerome Kern musical comedy), by students of the College of Saint Rose, Twickenham Playhouse, 919-921 Madison Ave., Albany, April 6-8. For curtain times, call 471-5102.

"Ice Capades," all-new spectacular, Houston Field House, Troy, April 3-8. Ticketron.

"Hedda Gabler," New Globe Theatre Company, State University Performing Arts Center, March 30, 8 p.m. \$5, students, SCs, \$3.50. Box office 457-8606.

MUSIC

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3, others, Troy Music Hall, April 2, 8 p.m. 235-6831.

Joan Brennan, soprano, songs and arias, Holy Names Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., March 31, \$3.50.

"Kids' Konzert" playathon, Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany, April 1, 1-6 p.m., marathon faculty recital 2 p.m. Free to public. 438-7895.

Concert, Anna Russell, British comic opera star, Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center ("The Egg"), April 1, 3 p.m. \$10.

ART

Exhibition of Oriental rugs, weavings, tent trappings, Albany Institute of History and Art, through May. Gallery talk by Michael Dunn on April 26, 12-1 p.m.

Exhibition, Graphic Artists of New York, Center Galleries, 75 New Scotland Rd., Albany, April 8-May 12. Opening reception April 8, 7 p.m., music by Nick Brignola and musicians.

Acrylic Paintings by Pasquale Vottis, National Commercial Bank, Twenty Mall, Guilderland, month of April.

LECTURE

"Endangered Species," Margaret Stewart, State University Biology Dept., State Museum Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, April 3, 12:15-1 p.m. Free. Bring lunch.

Doris Grumbach, author of "Chamber Music," editor-columnist, Harmanus Bleecker Hall, Albany Public Library, April 4, 8 p.m. Free.

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Lenten sermon, Rev. Dennis Meyer,
"What is Profit and What is Loss,"
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church,
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United Methodist Women of Del-
mar, First United Methodist
Church, Delmar, noon.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Ham supper and bazaar, New
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opens at 4 p.m., reservations for
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Madaline Jordon, 765-4145; for 6
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Bake and craft sale, sponsored by
Pioneer Girls of Bethlehem Com-
munity Church, Delaware Plaza,
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Garage and bake sale, sponsored
by the Ladies Auxiliary of the
Delmar Fire Dept., Delmar Fire
Dept., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast,
Blanchard Post, American Legion,
Elsmere, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets \$2.50
at door.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem
Library, monthly meeting, Bethle-
hem Library, 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Delmar Progress Club, drama
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The Albany Tea Party: teachers' retirement

By Nat Boynton

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First of two articles

Eight men and one woman will gather around a conference table in Albany next month with their hands in the pocket of every property owner in New York State.

They'll be setting up to extract more than \$500 million dollars from those taxpayer pockets next year, plus an additional \$5-7 million to cushion the impact of inflation. One of the main items on the agenda is to determine how much that impact will be—and then pass it on to the taxpayers.

Five of the nine will have their own hands in the till, making certain they as individuals are protected from any future inroads caused by the inflationary spiral.

The nine comprise the New York State Teachers Retirement Board. They administer an investment portfolio in excess of \$6.4 billion, and they handle an income from various sources that last year barely fell short of \$900 million.

But the public has no voice—or vote—in who sits on that board, which has a license to reach into the public pocket. It is a modern-day version—Albany style—of the Boston Tea Party, that historic protest of "taxation without representation."

The board meets quarterly to make sure the well is still producing at the proper rate of flow, and holds one or two special meetings at other times during the year. In April they either will vote on tacking another percentage point or two, give or take a few fractions, onto the rate local school districts across the state will have to ante for teachers' pensions for the 1980-81 school year, or they'll do it in July.

That rate now is 21.43 percent of payroll, up from 20.4 for the retirement system's fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, 19.7 the year before, and 18.6 for 1976-77. The rate is determined by a complicated formula computed by actuarial experts that weighs such factors as the cost of retirement benefits, supplemental retirement allowances to pensioners, death benefits and administrative expenses.

Five of the nine members are members of the retirement system itself. Four are teachers, the fifth, a district superintendent of schools. Of the four teachers, three are active

in the teachers' powerful union, two of them on salaried jobs for the New York State United Teachers, AFL-CIO.

The other four seats are occupied by two bank executives, a retired bank executive and an insurance executive. They are appointed by state agencies to serve in a watchdog role on behalf of the citizenry.

But the public's watchdog has no bark and no bite. The actuarial formula sets the rates, and members of the system itself have control of the board.

Salaried unionists are Nicholas Maletta of Bayport, a teacher in the Bayport-Blue Point school district, and Hiram Korpeck, a teacher in the Penfield system in suburban Rochester.

Their union, which has a multi-million-dollar "operating fund" subsidizing more than a score of lobbyists, played a major role in persuading a friendly Legislature to vote new improvements in teachers' retirement benefits, including a generous death benefit.

Frank Wells McCabe, dean of the upstate banking fraternity and a retired financier who formerly headed the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co.'s parent holding company, First Commercial, terms the death benefit "a whopper." McCabe, senior member of the board whose service goes back to 1955, says the major factor in the system's rising costs is the Legislature voting higher benefits.

When the board sets the new rate for the school districts, either at the April meeting or the July meeting, they will be passing these higher costs on to the taxpayers, thus insulating themselves against fiscal erosion from any source.

They need the money. From fiscal 1977 to fiscal 1978 the fund's capital grew from \$5.8 billion to \$6.4 billion, the investment earnings rose to \$355 million and the school districts' chipped in \$516 million.

The 1978 benefit payments to the system's 42,500 retirees was a record \$283 million which leaves a gap of only \$72 million between the payouts and the \$355 million investment income. That's why they have to come to the taxpayers for that extra \$516 million, plus another \$5-7 million to cover rising costs.

Next week: Subsidizing investment decisions.

School election guidelines set

If you're thinking about running for a seat on the Bethlehem school board, here's a fact sheet for you:

- There are three seats up for election this year. Two are for full three-year terms because the terms of Ann B. Patton and John H. Clyne are expiring. The third is for a one-year term to complete the term left vacant when Mary Anne Stringham resigned.

- Each candidate must run for a specific seat on the board. Any number of candidates may run for each seat.

- You may live anywhere in the school district to be a candidate for any of the three board seats. The only qualifications are those that apply to all eligible voters: candidates must be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older, and residing in the school district for at least 30 days prior to the date of the annual election.

- Candidates must submit petitions containing the signatures of at least 44 qualified voters to the district clerk, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, by 5 p.m., Monday, April 23. Petition forms are available in the clerk's office.

- At the annual election on Wednesday, May 23, between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., in the Middle School gym, residents will vote for one candidate for each of the three open seats. A simple plurality (highest number of votes) will determine the winner in each contest.

GOP starts candidate process

Bethlehem Republicans will have at least two new names on the November ballot, when local voters turn their attention to municipal politics in the so-called "off-year" elections.

One of them will replace Councilman William Johnston, Jr. of Delmar as a candidate for the Bethlehem town board. The other will be running for the seat in the Albany County Legislature now held by Earl J. Robinson.

Johnston has informed members of the Republican town committee he will not seek reelection to the town board in order to spend more time with his family.

When he completes his term, Johnston will have served on the board just three months shy of 10 years. He served eight years on the zoning board of appeals, and in April, 1970, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of George Butman, who had resigned to become town assessor. In November, 1970, he won a special election for the remaining year of the term, then was reelected to four-year terms in 1971 and 1975.

Robinson, who also serves on the board of appeals, has indicated he will not run again. He has been named to a nine-member nominating committee by Bernard Kaplowitz, GOP town chairman.

The town committee is expected to endorse incumbents Tom Corrigan for supervisor, Ruth Bickel for the town board, Edward Sargent, Gordon Morris and Donald Munn for the county legislature, and the present staff of elective town officers. The nominations are expected to become official in May.

Besides Kaplowitz and Robinson, the Republican committee's nominating panel is composed of Thomas W. Scherer, Dixon S. Welt, Kathleen Becker, Martin J. Cross, Jr., Charles Redmond, Charles M. Fritts and Brian M. Murphy.

Scouts raising funds

Boy Scout Troop 260, Delmar, will be selling candy throughout the community between March 31 and April 11 as a fund-raising activity replacing the annual spaghetti dinner the troop has sponsored.

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Village may get a new tax cut

When the new village board holds its organizational session in Voorheesville on Monday, one of its first formal actions will be to set a date for the annual budget hearing and a timetable for adoption of a new budget.

As the outgoing board assembled for its final meeting before the changeover, there were positive indications that village taxpayers will get another cut in property taxes. The only question was how much the rate would be trimmed.

"Financially, we're in excellent shape," Mayor William J. Wenzel said last week. "We got through the year with substantial savings and we have a solid surplus."

Wenzel said the preliminary draft of the 1979-80 village budget provides for a tax cut, but added that "it will need further study and evaluation to determine the size of the cut or whether it is prudent at this time to cut taxes in the face of sharply rising costs."

Earlier, the mayor said the board was considering a repeat

of its action two years ago when it doubled property assessments in the village and simultaneously halved the tax rate. The offsetting actions had no effect on tax bills, but moved the village a step closer to the 100-percent valuation decreed by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment to become effective statewide by 1981.

The village board meeting scheduled for Tuesday night of this week will be the last for Trustee Richard Huber, who was defeated in a three-way election race for two board seats last Tuesday. When the new board holds its organization session on April 2, Richard Langford will be sitting on the five-member panel for the first time. The meeting will start at 9 p.m., an hour later than usual.

Leos to canvass

Members of the Bethlehem Leo Club, a community service organization sponsored by the Lions Club, are planning to sell plastic bags of various sizes door-to-door in April as a fund-raising project. The project is the first of its kind for the local chapter, which was organized last September.

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BETHLEHEM

Swim programs start in April

Registrations for three swimming programs sponsored by the town of Bethlehem are being accepted at the Parks and Recreation Dept. office at Elm Ave. Park or by telephone, 439-4131.

The programs are:

- Tiny Tot Swim, for children 4-6, meeting Tuesday and Thursday in four 30-minute sessions each day, beginning April 30. There is a \$10 fee.

- Youth Stroke Improvement will begin on April 3 with Tuesday and Wednesday sessions at Bethlehem Central High School and Thursday sessions at the Middle School. Students are to meet three days a week, for one-hour sessions at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. There is a \$7.50 fee and enrollment will be limited to 25 per session.

- Diving classes will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday from April 9 through May 21. There is a \$7.50 fee, and classes will be limited to 15 students.



Greg Blanchard, Bethlehem Water District serviceman, used this detector to locate a broken service line at the New Scotland postoffice on Rt. 85 Friday.

Spotlight

'Battle of the Books'

The Bethlehem Library will hold its first annual "Battle of the Books" on Saturday, April 7, at 2 p.m. in the library. Teams from the Bethlehem Middle School and St. Thomas School will compete in a "college bowl" format. A plaque for the winning school will be awarded. The questions for the "battle" are based on a prescribed list of 100 selected books.



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DELMAR

Students stage no-smoking day

In the halls and classrooms of Bethlehem Central High School the buttons were worn in a one-day effort to clear the air.

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"Lungs at Work—No Smoking."

"Yes, I Mind if You Smoke."

The no-smoking day on March 14 was sponsored by the BCHS student senate, and drew support from students, teachers and staff. About 55 students signed a petition promising one day's abstention and about 150 students sprouted various "I.Q." buttons. Most of the petition signers quit for the day and others followed suit and quit on their own.

Mark Peek, student senate president, admits that the no-smoking day achieved only moderate results, but he considers it a success. "We didn't think it would work, but we're happy with the results of our first no-smoking day."

Peek feels the novel approach to the program, based on humor and awareness in-

stead of harping on smoking's dangerous aspects, was the reason for its success.

"We've been preached to about smoking since we were in the fifth grade," says Peek. "And there isn't anyone in this school who doesn't know it is dangerous. We used a different approach — the humorous angle — because kids get turned off when the dangerous angle is harped on."

One example of the program's result was the decrease in the number of girls puffing away in the girls' room, a common smokers' hangout for girls between classes. A quick check showed only two girls smoking where it was not uncommon to find 20 or more, according to Peek.

Charles Gunner, principal of Bethlehem Central, was equally pleased with the program's low-key approach. "The kids weren't taking cigarettes out of kids' mouths. They were making the kids think. It was an awareness day."

Gunner had high praise for the students' efforts. "I thought it was a success. Some people expect all people to suddenly stop smoking and it won't happen. But it did get people thinking some." *Doug Payne*

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BETHLEHEM

Town studying ban on smoking

There may never be a town-wide referendum on whether to prohibit smoking in stores, restaurants and other public places, but there is a possibility of a public hearing on the subject.

The matter, however, is not yet on the front burner at town hall.

The controversial subject arrived at 393 Delaware Ave. in the form of a letter from Mrs. David C. Briggs of Delmar requesting the town consider imposing a ban on smoking in public places. Mrs. Briggs cited a law to this effect recently enacted in Howard County, Maryland.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan's response was to dispatch a letter to Howard County asking for a copy of the local law. Last week the voluminous copy arrived in Delmar, entitled: "Howard County Indoor Clear Air Act of 1977." It was sent

without comment by J. Hugh Nichols, county executive, from his headquarters in Elliccott City, Md.

If the proposal should ever win the approval of the town board, the first step would be a public hearing. If that came to pass, it would be held in the second-floor hearing room in the town hall, where smoking is prohibited during public sessions.

Play-a-thon benefit

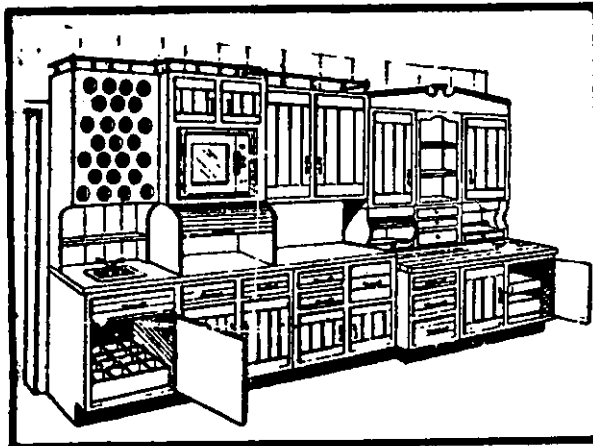
Music students at the Holy Names Campus Arts Center will be playing pianos and other instruments on April 1 from 1 to 6 at the center to raise money for music scholarships. The public is invited to join in the free festivities, which will include a "kids' concert" by guitarist Izzy Reinish at 1:30 and a marathon gala recital by the music faculty at 2.

Women scientists meet

The annual guest day of the Dana Natural Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Museum, Cedar Hill. Dr. Richard Hauser of Slingerlands, professor of biology at SUNY, will speak on "Galapagos Island, Gems of the Biological World."

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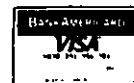
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Town Clerk Marion Camp buys the first two tickets for the annual Bethlehem Lions club pancake breakfast from Maynard (Red) Goyer, club president, right, and Richard Clark, first vice president. The breakfast is Sunday, April 8, from 8 to 1 at the American Legion hall, Elsmere.

Spotlight

Speaks on miniatures

Natalie Buckman will describe "Miniatures — Old and New" to the Delmar Progress Club's creative art and antique group on Wednesday, April 4, at 1 p.m. She will show part of her extensive collection of doll houses at the meeting, to be held in Bethlehem Library.

Wins music scholarship

David Brickman, a Bethlehem Central High School junior, is the winner of first prize in the 16th annual Stefan Scholarship competition sponsored by the League of the Schenectady Symphony for area high school students. David, a violinist, is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brickman of Delmar and a student of Lois Fishman. The top three winners will receive cash awards and David will play his winning selection at the Schenectady Symphony's April 27 concert at Linton High School.

Nursery school openings

Slingerlands Nursery School is accepting applications for 1979-80 classes. The school has separate classes for 3-year-olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 4-year-olds on the other three weekdays, and features field trips and well-equipped indoor and outdoor play areas. For information, call Connie Turner, 439-7910.

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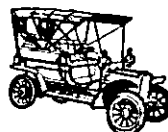
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VFW Ladies Auxiliary Council Past Presidents Marie Wright Privler, left, and Margaret Westphal, center, and Past District President Valarie Mosley of Elsmere helped raise funds for cancer research with a cookie project. Mrs. Mosley was chairman of the recent spring conference March 18 at Colonie, conducted by State President Leota Hermann. Mrs. Westphal was chairman of the cookie project. Delmar Auxiliary 3185 was cited for 100-percent membership and received the department flag.

BETHLEHEM

Police step up war on crime

Bethlehem police have established a new departmental unit with the sole purpose of cutting down the incidence of crime in the town.

Officer Frederick J. Holligan has been reassigned to the police youth bureau and placed in charge of the department's crime prevention unit.

Inspector Richard LaChapelle said Holligan will "utilize all facilities of the Bethlehem police department and the State Dept. of Criminal Justice Services." He said the unit's mission is to reduce crime and to "make people more aware"

of how they can enhance their own personal security and the security of their homes and businesses.

Spring cleanup starting

The town of Bethlehem Highway Dept. will conduct its annual spring cleanup on weekdays from April 2 through April 27. During this period trucks will circulate through the town, collecting discarded items and spring cleaning refuse. Items for disposal should be left at the edge of the street. Highway Supt. Martin C. Cross, Jr., advises that heavy items, such as washing machines, water heaters or refrigerators, cannot be removed.

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The 1978 Horton MR 500, which cost over \$70,000 totally equipped, has already answered more than 100 calls since Jan. 1. For Amos Bastiani, the captain of the department's rescue squad, the money for the ambulance—a virtual hospital on wheels—was money well spent.

"We cured the town as soon as we put it in service," says Bastiani proudly. "This ambulance has every kind of equipment to do just about everything. Statistically, it saves 24 percent of those who used to die on the way to the emergency room."

The heart of the ambulance and the key to its life-saving capabilities is the mobile advanced life support system. The system, designed and developed as an offshoot of the U.S. space program, has a biotelemetry radio that establishes two-way communication between the paramedic at the scene and the doctor at the hospital. A victim's EKG and other vital information can be transmitted instantly to the hospital, where a doctor can analyze it and then

prescribe medication and proper treatment.

"In layman's terms," Bastiani explains, "it means bringing the hospital right to the accident scene. We can simulate the emergency room in a hospital 10 minutes before we arrive there."

With its complete store of medications, shock suit, cardiac monitor and defibrillator, the ambulance can bring Capt. Bastiani's expert rescue squad of emergency medical technicians and paramedics to the scene in a matter of minutes.

"We can simulate the emergency room in a hospital—only 10 minutes earlier," Bastiani says. "And for victims of shock trauma, cardiac arrest and drowning, it's the difference between life and death."

And for the people in the town who donated the money that made the purchase of the ambulance possible, Bastiani has two words: "Thank you."

Doug Payne

Authority to speak

The Town of New Scotland Historical Assn. will meet on Tuesday, April 3 at 8 at the Center in New Salem. Mrs. Laura Lyon, who has been to the Holy Land five times and has a collection of over 400 crosses, will speak on "Crosses of the World." Anyone interested is welcome.

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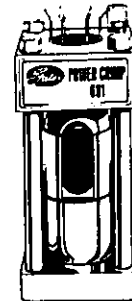


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BETHLEHEM

Concerts feature school observance

The Bethlehem Central Music Dept. and the Bethlehem Music Assn. will feature the statewide "Music In Our Schools Week" April 2-8 with an all-district Orchestral Festival Concert in the Bethlehem High School auditorium on Thursday, April 5, at 8 p.m.

The concert, directed by Dr. Myron Kartman, chairman of the string department at Northwestern University, will combine for the first time, the newly formed all-district fifth grade string orchestra which has been rehearsing under the direction of Mary Blanchard and Donna Lawrence, and the Middle and High School orchestras.

Each group will perform separately, then join forces for Karl Korte's "Song and Dance," a piece especially composed for students of all levels.

Dr. Kartman, who has performed with the New York Philharmonic and other major orchestras, will be the featured soloist at the faculty recital at Bethlehem High School auditorium at 8 p.m. on April 3.

The celebration will continue on Monday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Palace Theater with an Albany Symphony youth orchestra for fourth and fifth graders and on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Palace with a concert for sixth graders.

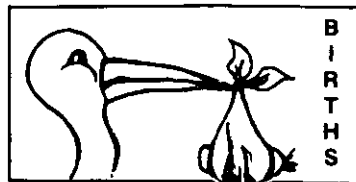
The Bethlehem Central Music Dept. has invited the public to attend music classes, rehearsals and special music activities throughout the year. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Doug Payne

To our readers:

Effective with the April 5 issue, the newsstand price of the Spotlight will be 25 cents a copy. We regret the necessity for the increase, the first of its kind since 1973.

There will be no increase — for the time being, anyway — in the price of a mail subscription, \$6 for one year, \$10 for two years within Albany County.



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Boy, Mark, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Panthen, Voorheesville, Feb. 23.

Girl, Jennifer, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nall, Voorheesville, Feb. 21.

Boy, Anthony, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Battle, Slingerlands, Feb. 23.

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Dealers cut back in gasoline pinch

In the wake of skyrocketing gasoline prices and real or contrived shortages, the message from retailers in the Bethlehem area is pointedly clear: motorists beware.

The recent price rise has been called "unprecedented" by Jim Benton, executive director of the Gas Retailers Assn. of Northeastern New York, who blames the increase on wholesalers.

"There has been a greater rise in the wholesale price of a gallon of gas — about five cents — in the last 30 days than the price increase for the whole year of 1978," Benton says.

With the average price of a gallon of gas in the town in the 75-cent range and rising, the cost of gasoline will almost certainly shoot up to a dollar a gallon by summer, according to an informal survey of many of the service station owners in the area.

Aside from \$1 gas, the possibility of weekend closings, continued shortages and lines at the stations make the situation look bleak. Most service station owners feel that there's no relief in sight.

"High prices and shortages have put more heat on everybody," says Bob Woodside of Pat and Bob's Mobil in Delmar. He offers a prediction that few of his counterparts would dispute: "It will probably get worse before it gets better."

Hal Morgan of Delmar Sunoco on Delaware Ave., who has watched the wholesale price of gas rise one cent a week for the past two months, agrees that the shortage will become more acute. "If I could get more gas, I could sell more," Morgan says. "And there's going to be a worse shortage in Delmar this spring."

The gasoline shortages, felt by most retailers, have hit the "unbranded dealers" the hardest, closing stations like the Gasland stations on Rt. 85 in Slingerlands, on Southern Blvd., Albany, and on Rt. 9W at Becker's Corners, Selkirk.

The closing of area stations has only aggravated the problem for stations like Ken Parker's Exxon on Delaware Ave., and Joe Keller's Mobil in Glenmont, which have been restricted by their distributors to 1978 gasoline allocation levels.

The pinch has caused Parker to close his Delmar Exxon for the past few Sundays and threatens weekend service. Keller already has been forced to curtail hours due to shortages.

"A lot of customers want to know where they're going to get gas," says Keller. "And a lot of them shop for price now, but they have to buy somewhere, so they'll be forced to pay a higher price."

Benton suspects that the shortage is a result of increased demand, up 3.6 percent since March 1977, and industry hoarding, which creates a false scarcity.

"I suspect that the oil companies have been withholding product from the market — the economic incentive exists and I've never known them to

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Spotlight

resist," he says. He also suspects the U.S. Dept. of Energy, which has come under increasing public criticism, is looking the other way while major distributors hold back supplies waiting for a better price. This kind of stockpiling may be creating false shortages, some dealers say.

"These shortages," says Benton, "may be helping consumers to swallow higher prices. They might think 'maybe I'm lucky to get any gas, so I'll pay the higher prices'."

Benton feels that the situation is not as bad as it may appear.

"It's not time to panic yet," he warns those worried about

shortages and long lines reminiscent of 1974 embargo days. "We're only experiencing a 5-percent shortfall for the Capital District, and we won't get lines till it reaches 10 percent."

Even if prices reach the \$1 a gallon level, Benton feels that gas will still be cheaper here than in other parts of the world.

"We hear a lot of screaming over the years, yet it seems the demand keeps rising in the face of these rising costs." He feels the federal government should work to reduce this accelerating demand. If the present situation continues, he warns, "We're going to wind up with a federal energy program designed by the oil companies."

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Photo by Fran Smollar

Church school is host

Children and teachers of the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church school will hold an open house at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 1. There will be displays and refreshments. Donald Roberts is superintendent of the study program and Mrs. Rhonda Ballou is chairman of the education commission. Teachers include Mrs. Elaine Loder, Mrs. Nancy Relyea, Lori Grubs, Mrs. Grace Thompson, Mrs. Jerilyn Luther, Mrs. Cynthia Abele, Donald Ballou, Dr. Irwin Conroe and Robert Johnson. Assistants are Laura Luther, Penny Moak, Robin Grubs, Dede Grubs, Jack Moak and Carolyn Johnson. Deedra McBride is church school secretary.

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Church family supper

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church has invited Eunice Milks, coordinator of the newly organized Seamen's Agency at the Port of Albany, to be the speaker at a Family Night supper at the church on March 30 at 7:30. The New Scotland church has been participating in a fund drive by area Presbyterian churches to support this agency and other services. The Seamen's Agency helps visiting seamen with telephoning, banking and mail service as well as providing a reception area in which to relax while their ships are in port.

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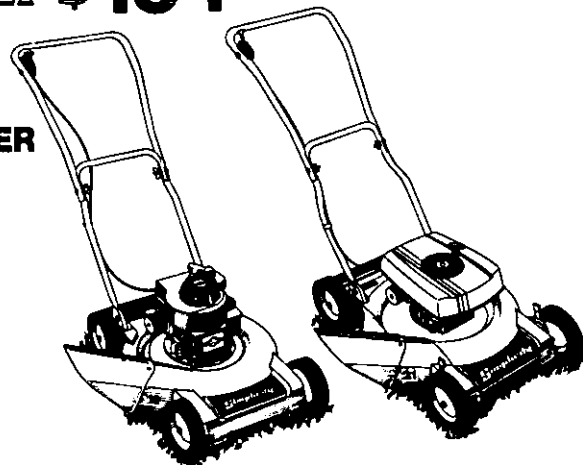
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ON STAGE

**A Delmar actor
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On the cover: John O'Hern of Delmar, left, with Marisa Lee Miani and Joseph Kilgallen in a scene from "Harvey."

John A. O'Hern, Jr. of Delmar opens this week in the Riverview Productions dinner theater presentation of "Harvey," the Mary Chase comedy, at the Willows Country Club in Rexford.

O'Hern, a Saint Michael's College graduate, was active for three years in college theater and has appeared locally with the Slingerlands Players, Albany Civic Theater, Theatrical Services Unlimited and recently finished a tour with the Empire State Youth Theater's production of "The Lark."

O'Hern, along with several community theater people, found that working in "The Egg" at Empire State Plaza was a very different experience. "There an actor's job is to act," he said. "Everything else is taken care of by professionals."

In community theater the actors often help with other aspects of putting a show together, such as building the set, rounding up costumes and props, and doing their own makeup.

"The bond between the community theater people and the professional actors was ex-

tremely close," he added. "We brought the enthusiasm we felt at being offered the opportunity and they brought the serious approach a pro has for his craft."

O'Hern is currently taking acting lessons at SUNYA twice a week from director Craig Belknap and actress Marie Thomas, both brought in from New York to teach a course set up for community theater people. An off-shoot of this course is a projected summer repertoire group using professional stars supported by community actors.

Meanwhile, O'Hern's current acting assignment introduces him to an imaginary six-foot rabbit. The dinner-theater presentation of "Harvey" plays March 29-31 and April 5-7 at The Willows (formerly Valhalla) on Riverview Rd. in Rexford, one mile east of Rt. 146. Dinner is at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. For reservations call 399-2345.

Church supper and bazaar

The Women's Guild of the New Salem Reformed church will hold their annual spring ham supper and bazaar on Saturday, April 7, starting at 5 p.m. in three settings. Reservations will be through Madaline Jordan, 765-4145, for 5 p.m. and through Dorothy Campbell, 765-2774, for 6 and 7 p.m. The bazaar will open at 4 p.m. and will feature handmade articles and baked goods.

School window damaged

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There's a strong accent on youth on Bethlehem Central's varsity team as a 22-year-old coach begins the long task of restoring BC to the dynastic pinnacle it occupied in the late 60s and early 70s.

Phil Ackerman, a home-grown disciple of Don Camp, the retired coach and architect of the dynasty, is working with an enthusiastic squad of 50 players that includes only three seniors. That kind of situation ensures a flow of talent for the next several years.

The three veterans are Dave Tomlinson and Matt McCall, who played varsity singles last year, and Chip Schanz, an experienced doubles player. McCall and Schanz are co-captains.

Three juniors, Brian Segel, Adam Yarinsky and Erik Hall, are battling for singles slots. John Matuszek a junior, and Jim Lenden, a sophomore, have been playing doubles together for nearly a year, and shape up as the Eagles' top doubles team.

Then there are Scott Rukwid, Debbie DeClemente, Dave Reusswig, Jeff Elletson and others who have a good shot at making the varsity team in singles or doubles.

Ackerman is high on freshman Jeff Goodman, who he considers "a certain starter" in the singles lineup. "He's been working hard all winter," says the coach. Tennis is a way of life in the Goodman household: brother Matt played No. 1 singles for Bethlehem last year.

"It's a young team, inexperienced, but there's definitely a lot of talent," says Ackerman, looking over the sea of eager faces with racquets poised for action. "We're going to pick 20 players to practice with the varsity 5-6 days a week. We'll have two auxiliary teams of six to 10 players each, who will play on alternate practice days. On Mondays we'll have a full-team practice, and all of them will come to our meetings."

That format evolved from Ackerman's reluctance to cut the squad to a workable number. "I don't want to make any cuts, especially when I look at all the freshmen and sophomores who are working so hard and playing so well."

Ackerman's problem is that there are places for only 12 players in an interscholastic match: six singles and three doubles. To keep his proteges in competitive trim, he permits auxiliary team players to challenge varsity players. "Our top players aren't immune to challenges," he says.

Bethlehem people aren't accustomed to seeing BC tennis teams go 5-4 in the league and 8-7 overall, which happened last year. There are lots of reasons: a surge of interest in other towns, all-winter drills by rival players at indoor clubs, and a deterioration of Bethlehem's junior program, which perennially has started with the fifth grade.

For the past three years Niskayuna, Shenendehowa and Shaker have been muscling into the scholastic tennis hierarchy. Niskayuna has succeeded Bethlehem as the Council and Sectional kingpin, Shenendehowa has the talent depth



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and Shaker the individual standouts to cause confusion topside.

Ackerman will be running Saturday morning junior programs for grades 4-8 with coaching help from his varsity players. This is the formula Don Camp used to mould that Bethlehem tennis dynasty, and at 22 Phil Ackerman is keenly aware that a systematic program to develop tennis players in the 10-14 age groups will bring those Suburban Council and Sectional trophies back to 700 Delaware Ave., where, he says, they belong.

Babe Ruth signups

Registration for Bethlehem Babe Ruth will be held on Saturday, March 31, at the Bethlehem Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Babe Ruth baseball is open to boys from 13 to 15 years of age born between Aug. 1, 1963 and July 31, 1966. Tryouts will be held April 28 at the Bethlehem Middle School at 9 a.m. Anyone unable to register on March 31 should call 439-2102.

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On college team

Ellen Vogel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis R. Vogel, 99 Greenock Rd., Delmar, an Ithaca College senior, was a member of the college's varsity bowling team during the past season. The team took fourth place in the recent state tournament.

Vandals damage fence

Rene Facchetti, proprietor of Chez Rene Restaurant on Rt. 9W, Glenmont, reported to Bethlehem police that sections of a wooden fence on his property were torn down during the night of March 25.

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There were many rollicking pirates in the version of "Peter Pan" staged last week by Patty Burnham's first grade at Voorheesville Elementary School. In the front row, from left, are Joann Baldwin, Lara Fredele, Sherri Frender and Megan Smith. Standing are Tim Machia, Alvin Chu, Joe Tyrell and Shawn Throneburg, and in the rear, Sarah Wilkes (face hidden), Ricky Oliver and Peter Sheehan.

Photo by Fran Smollar

Re-assessment seminar set

Hollis Swett of Delmar, director of the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment, will conduct a public information seminar on the effects of 100-percent property assessment on individual taxpayers on Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Library. The seminar, which is free, is co-sponsored by the Bethlehem Senior Citizens and Klersy Realty, Delmar.

Sub sale for musicians

Members of the Bethlehem Central wind ensemble and orchestra are taking orders house-to-house for their annual submarine sandwich sale. The subs will be delivered Saturday, and also will be sold at Delaware Plaza and Mullen's Pharmacy at \$1.35 each.

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Methodist womens' luncheon


The United Methodist Women of Delmar will hold a luncheon on Thursday, April 5, at 12 noon. Sister Cecelia Holbrook, an associate professor of education and the social sciences at the College of Saint Rose, will speak on China.

Lecture on sexuality

The town of Bethlehem will sponsor a discussion on "Male and Female Sexuality" by Mary A. Berry of the Capital Area Family Resources, Inc., at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar. Admission is free.

Spaghettl at firehouse

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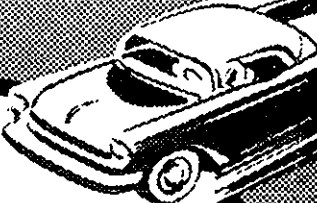
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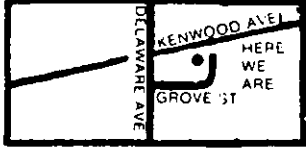
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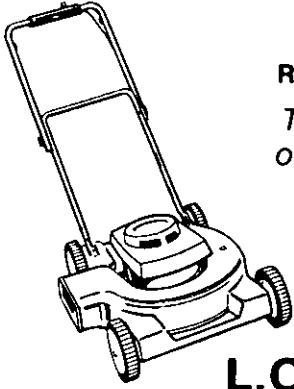
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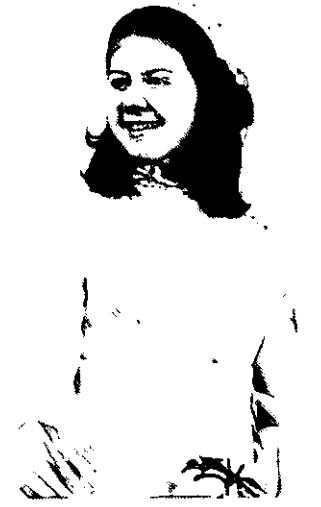
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Mrs. Nathaniel W. Mishkin

Business women meet

Kaye Sorenson of Albany will give an illustrated talk on Arizona at a meeting of the Bethlehem Business Women's Club on April 4 at 6 p.m. at the Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

Judith LeVie bride

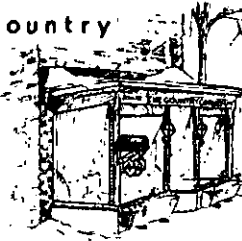
Marriage vows were exchanged on Sunday, March 11, at the Americana Inn, Albany, by Judith Eleanor LeVie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. LeVie of Voorheesville, and Nathaniel William Mishkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mishkin of Rockville Center. Rev. William H. Ritterberger of Albany officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by Christine Houston as maid of honor and Deann and Michele Greco as bridesmaids. Jeffrey Beeman was best man and ushers were Roy and Jay Lieft.

A reception was held at the Americana Inn following the ceremony.

Mrs. Mishkin is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Voorheesville, and Cornell University. Her husband is a graduate of Cornell University and is a doctoral degree candidate at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. The couple will make their home in Hamden, Conn.

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Spotlight

At League conclave

Delmar residents Doris Davis, Joyce Laiosa, Andree Marr and Libby Schapire, members of the League of Women Voters of Albany County, joined 300 League members from all parts of the state at the LWV's 41st legislative conference March 19-20 in Albany. The delegates heard Lt. Gov. Mario Cuomo, Education Commission Gordon Ambach and Assembly Leaders Arthur Kremer and James Emery, and lobbied their representatives on several of the League's action priorities.

Church supper Saturday

The Clarksville Community Church Sunday School will have a roast beef dinner Saturday, March 31, at 4:30 p.m. No reservations are required.

Dumping at night

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On lecture series

Dr. Margaret Stewart of New Salem, a member of the biology faculty at the State University of New York at Albany, will give an illustrated lecture on "Endangered Species" at the New York State Museum on April 3. Her presentation is part of a series of noon-hour lectures called "Tuesday Topics" on a variety of subjects. The series will run from Feb. 20 to April 17.

Garden club expands

The Helderview Garden Club has opened its membership to residents of the New Scotland-Voorheesville area and nearby communities. The club, which meets the third Thursday of each month at the Albany County Cooperative Extension in Voorheesville had previously accepted members only from the Voorheesville Central School District. JoAnn Donohue, Swift Rd., Voorheesville, 765-4400, is president of the club.

Mrs. Bernard Mulson of Berne will lead a workshop on "Flower Pines" at the next meeting on April 26. Club members also have scheduled their fifth annual plant sale for Saturday, May 12, at the Grand Union, Voorheesville.

Grandmothers celebrate

The Capital District Grandmother Club No. 865 celebrated its fifth anniversary with a mother-daughter dinner on March 15. Attending were 18 grandmothers and 24 daughters and daughters-in-law. The club, which meets monthly, participates in March of Dimes and contributes locally to the care of retarded children. Thelma Ballard of Delmar is a co-founder.

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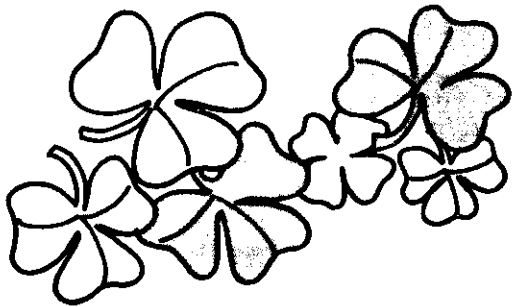
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