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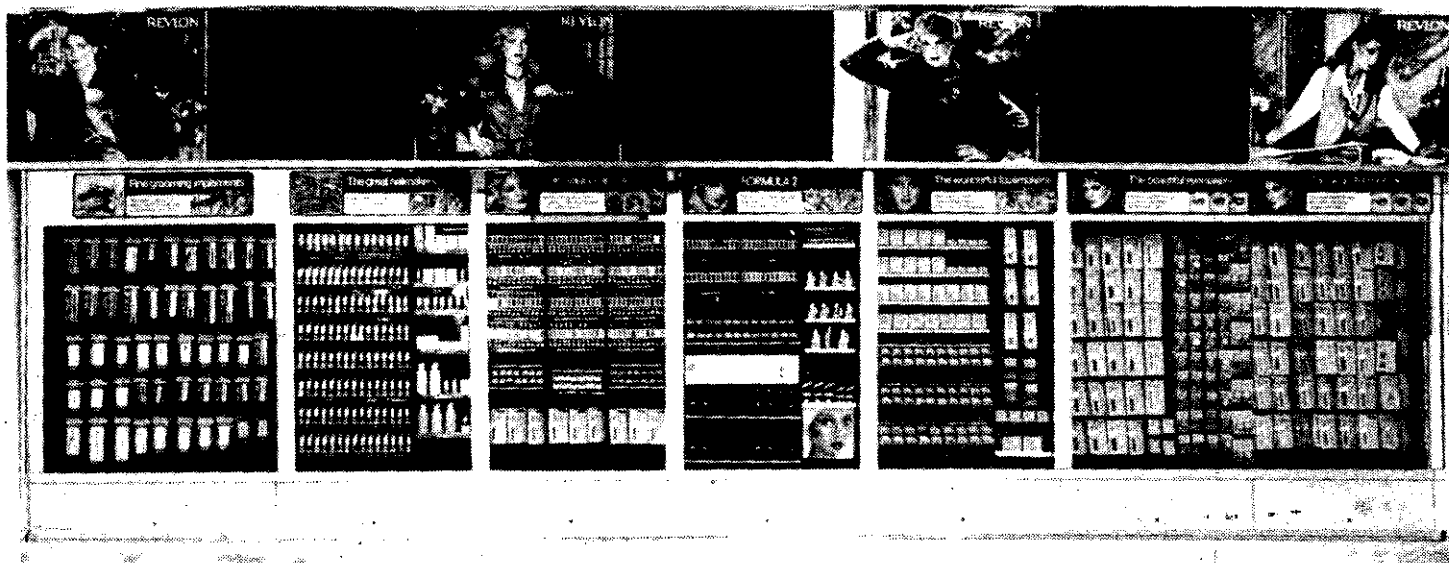
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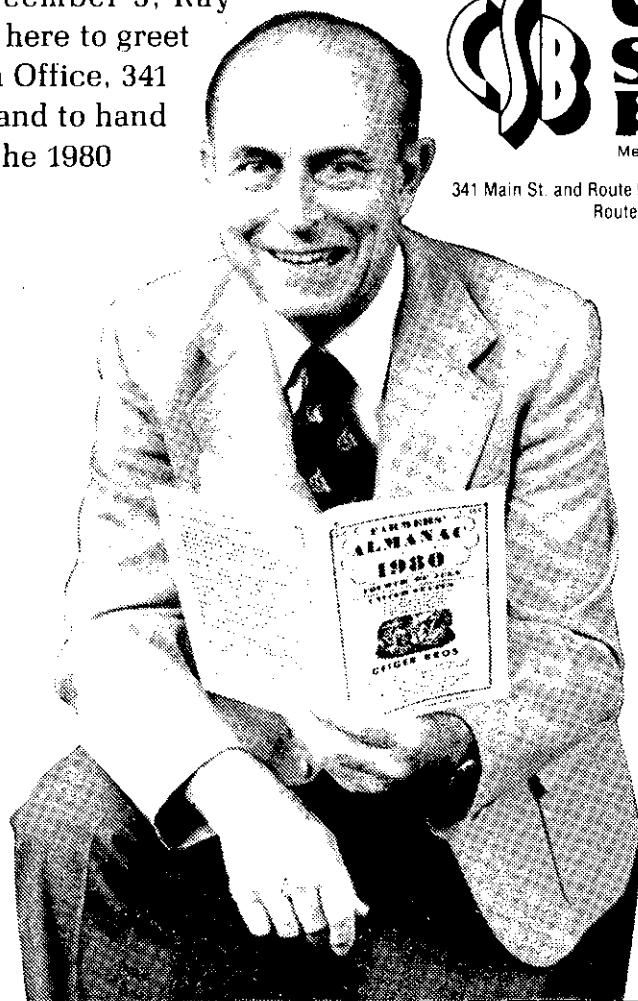
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Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsals every Monday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Delmar Methodist Church.

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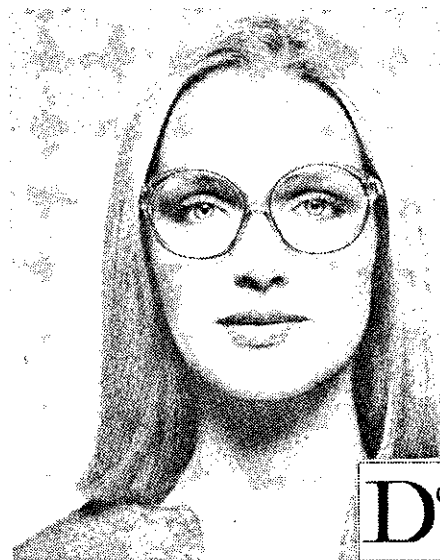
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Town of New Scotland Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Recreation Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

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

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Half-day for Bethlehem Schools grades 1-5 for parent-teacher conferences.

Parent Education Series, Adeline Puzo on dealing with crisis situations, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

"Girl Crazy," BCHS Senior Play, auditorium, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Christian Music Ministries, "family gathering" featuring group singing, inspirational speaker and musical program by Sweet Spirit touring group, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Community invited.

"Girl Crazy," BCHS auditorium, 8 p.m.

Career and Educational Counseling, by appointment, Bethlehem Library, 10-12, 1-2. Free.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Film, "Mark of Zorro," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

"Girl Crazy," BCHS auditorium, 8 p.m.

Advent Workshop, directed by Education Commission of the Slingerlands United Methodist Church, for children of the parish and Albany United Methodist Society, including crafts, singing, a film, and worship service, 9:15 to noon.

Bazaar, Faith Lutheran Church, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

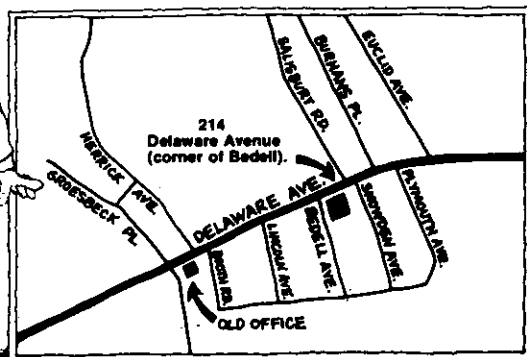
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Ham Dinner, Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, servings 4:30-6:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-0693 or 767-2248.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Winter Art Show and Sale, Delmar Art Group, Roger Smith's paint and wallpaper store, 340 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-5.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Holiday Tea, Stanley Hummel, piano recital, Delmar Methodist Church, 1-4 p.m. Sponsored by Delmar Progress Club.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

Holiday Decorating Clinic, Albany County Cooperative Extension, demonstration by Marge Pritchard on gifts and trimmings using natural materials, Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration \$2, call 765-2331.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

AARP Christmas Party, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, Albany Country Club, social hour 12-1, luncheon 1-2 p.m.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Christmas Cookie Project, AARP, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Coffee at the home of Bobby Papile, 6 Capitol Ave., Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Information, 439-0390.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Nicholas Day Dinner and Christmas program, Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, social hour at 6 p.m. Instrumental program, speaker, and carol sing.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Covenant Players, Philadelphia Church, Russell and Krumkill Rds., North Bethlehem, 8 p.m. For information or transportation, call 489-7300. Admission is free.

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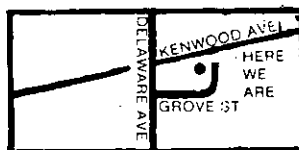


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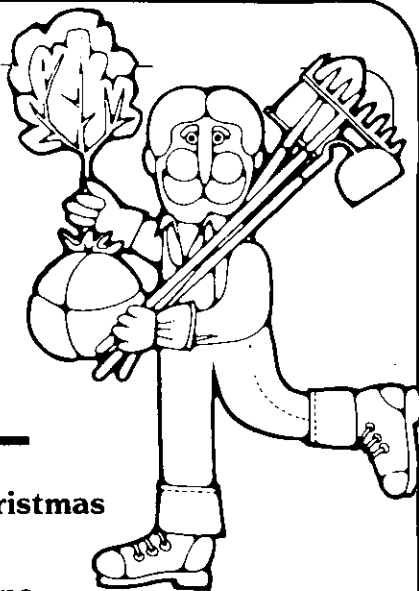
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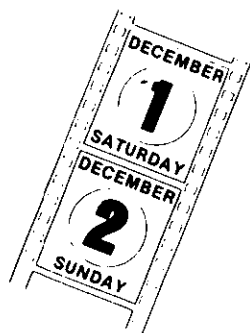
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Winter Walk, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2-3:30 p.m. Participants should dress warmly and wear boots.

Lunch with Santa, Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, at Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, 11:30-1:30 p.m. \$1.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

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

Holiday Cookie Distribution by AARP, First United Methodist Church, with trips to Samaritan Home, St. Catherine's Home for Children, Child's Nursing Home, Bethlehem Festival and shut-in members, 9 a.m. All day.

"Many Moons," presented to the Clarksville School pupils by the Russell Sage College Children's Theater, 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Slingerlands Fire District elections, fire hall, 7-10 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, sale of used equipment and competition, "Encounters of the Circular Kind," St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Second Milers, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Film, "Stagecoach," with John Wayne, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.



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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.

THEATRE

"Boy Meets Girl" (comedy), Studio Theatre, State University Performing Arts Center, Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Box office, 457-8606, and Community Box Office, 458-7530.

"Cinderella" (Rodgers and Hammerstein musical), Empire State Youth Theatre Institute, Empire State Plaza PAC, Dec. 9-12, 14-19 (weekdays 10 a.m., Sundays 2 p.m., Dec. 14-15, 7:30 p.m., special matinee Dec. 15, 2 p.m.) \$6, children, students, SC's \$3. Box office, concourse level, 473-4020.

"Pride and Prejudice," Academy of the Holy Names Drama Club, Upper School Auditorium, 1075 New Scotland Rd., Nov. 29-30, 8 p.m. \$2 at door, children \$1.

MUSIC

New York Philomusica, Beethoven and Mozart, Page Hall, State University downtown campus, Nov. 30, 8:30 p.m. SUNYA and Community Box Office. 465-4755.

Hildalae Gaidzakian, lyric soprano, singing Armenian and Brazilian folk and sacred songs, Carole Friedman, piano, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany, Dec. 2, 3 p.m.

ART

Annual Greens Show, Albany Institute of History and Art, Nov. 30, (3-8 p.m.), Dec. 1, (10-6), Dec. 2, (12-5).

Exhibition, New York Dutch Scripture Paintings, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 28.

Exhibition, Jean Parish Paintings, The Center Galleries, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through Dec. 31.

"Contemporary Hungarian Textiles," unusual exhibition touring U.S., State University Plaza Gallery, downtown Albany, through Dec. 27. Weekdays, 8-6.

FILM

"A Woman's Decision" (Poland), University at Albany PAC, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 8:30 p.m., Dec. 2, 2:30 p.m. SUNYA box office, 457-8606, and Community Box Office, 458-7530.

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BUSINESS

Spotlight bids for Coffeehouse

The Bethlehem Community Center building at 125 Adams St., Delmar, which housed a printing plant before it became a public facility, may soon revert to a printing establishment.

Nathaniel A. Boynton, editor-publisher of the Spotlight, submitted the only bid—an offer of \$42,300 for the property. The town of Bethlehem had advertised Oct. 25 for sealed bids on three municipally owned buildings, and had set the bid opening for 2 p.m. Nov. 26.

Bids also were received for two other properties, the former justice building at 118 Adams St., and the vacated sewer district garage at 70 Hudson Ave., both in Delmar (see separate story). The town board was expected to act on the bids at the regular meeting Wednesday of this week.

The property at 125 Adams St., familiarly known as "the Coffeehouse" after a short-lived effort to establish a youth canteen and recreation center in the building, has been used as a meeting place for the town's senior citizens organization, scout troops, the Village Volunteers life and drum corps, and others. It has also housed blood pressure screening clinics, karate classes, travelogue presentations with slides, and other community events.

The one-story concrete block structure has 3,800 square feet of floor space, most of it in a 85-by-35-foot central area. Two smaller rooms, 24-by-20 and 8-by-12, are located in the

BETHLEHEM

Town real estate: 2 buildings sold, 4 to go

The box score on the town of Bethlehem's venture into the real estate market stands this week at two buildings sold, one with a "live" prospect, two more being transferred to non-profit organizations, and one in limbo.

At its Wednesday night session this week, the town board was expected to accept bids for the Bethlehem Community Center building at 125 Adams St. and the former sewer district garage at 70 Hudson Ave., both in Delmar, and reject a bid for the former justice building at 118 Adams St.

In the process of being transferred are the former town hall "annex" at 397 Delaware Ave., next door to the present town hall, to the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, and the rear portion of the present town hall to the Delmar Fire Dept., which it abuts.

That leaves only the gracious, landmark structure at 393 Delaware Ave. housing the present town hall with an uncertain future.

All six buildings have become expendable with the move to the new 40,000-square-foot town hall in the former Delmar grade school two blocks west of the present town hall. The police department and justice court have been in the new facility for more than a month, and the remaining offices at 393 and 397 Delaware are anticipating a mid-January move.

At Monday's advertised public bid opening for three of the buildings—the two on Adams St. and one on Hudson Ave.—four sealed bids

were received by Supervisor Tom Corrigan. Two were for the one-story concrete block structure at 70 Hudson that has been used as a vehicle maintenance and storage garage.

The high bid was \$26,507, submitted by John D. and Peter D. Borst, proprietors of the Delmar Auto Body Shop at 325 Delaware Ave. The brothers said they were seeking to expand their facilities by acquiring the 78-by-31-foot building. Their bid, which is conditional on obtaining a variance in a Residential-B zone, topped a \$17,000 bid by the National Insulation Co., Inc. next door at 64 Hudson Ave.

Nathaniel A. Boynton, editor-publisher of the Spotlight, bid \$42,300 for the "coffeehouse" building at 125 Adams St. as a future home for the newspaper and its associated printing and typesetting services. Richard VanWoert, Delmar building contractor, and Dr. Albert Apicelli, Delmar gynecologist-obstetrician, bid \$42,500 for the justice building, as a joint investment enterprise.

The town board was expected to reject the latter bid, which was \$15,000 lower than the value established by an appraiser retained by the town last April. There was no indication immediately whether the investors would submit a higher offer this week or in the near future.

The successful bids are subject to permissive referendum for a 30-day period.

front of the building. The structure is heated and cooled by fuel oil.

Boynton told town officials he plans to move his newspaper publishing and commercial printing businesses to the Adams St. address under a long-term lease to Newsgraphics, Inc. The company has had business offices, typesetting and composition facilities at 414 Kenwood Ave.

The sale must be approved by the town board and is subject to a permissive re-

ferendum procedure for a 30-day period.

Although the land on which the Coffeehouse stands was part of the original Stephen VanRensselaer Patroon land, and underwent a number of transfers dating back to Dec. 19, 1850, the building has stood only since 1940. It was sold by the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, now the Delaware and Hudson, to Ward G. Ackerman, Altamont lumber dealer, as a utility building.

Records show that Harry A. and Julia Offricht of Albany

purchased the building from Lewis and Margaret Fursman, 31 Douglas Rd., Delmar, on Dec. 9, 1952. Offricht ran a printing business, the Caslon Press, on the site from 1952 to 1964. The town has held title to the property for about 15 years.

The tract originally included the former schoolhouse that is now the Masonic Temple at the corner of Adams St. and Kenwood Ave. The transfer from the old District 10 board of education to the Masonic order was made in 1929.

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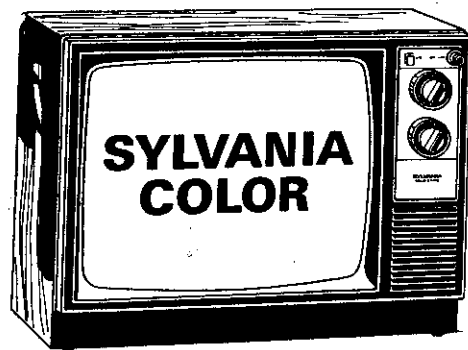
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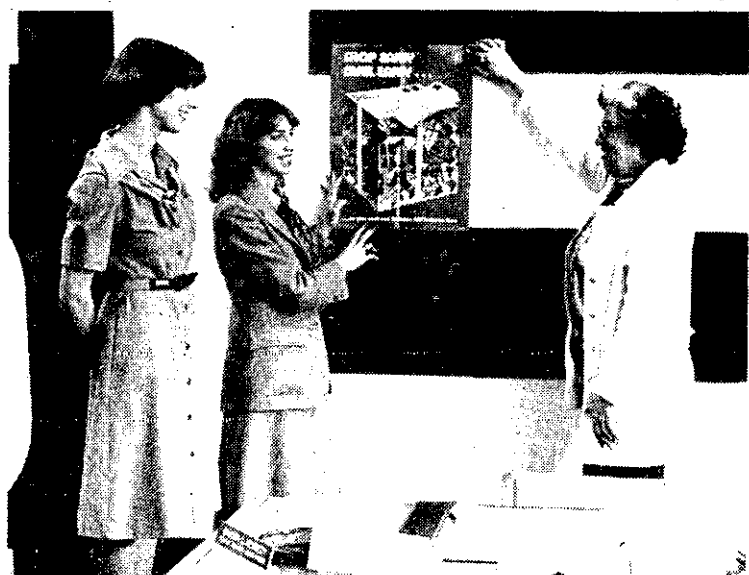
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Elsmere merchant Alan Hilchie, left, gives his support to a local campaign to "shop early and mail early" for the Christmas season. With him is Delmar Postmaster Henry Betke. *Spotlight*



In Glenmont, Sandra Kennedy, Community State Bank branch manager, left, and Sue Myers of Scott's Hallmark store pose with Postmaster Edna Faulkner at the Town Squire shopping center.

Merchants boost holiday drive

Bethlehem merchants have lent their support to a national campaign called "Shop Early and Mail Early" sponsored by business associations and the U.S. Postal Service.

The Delmar drive was kicked off last week by Alan D. Hilchie, Elsmere storeowner, who is treasurer of the New York State Council of Retail Merchants. The campaign is designed to minimize the Christmas mailing crunch and avoid a last-minute rush that in

past years has often clogged postoffices and caused delays in deliveries.

Postmaster Henry Betke of Delmar and postmasters in smaller postoffices in Bethlehem and New Scotland have urged mailers to prepare parcels properly. A Postal Service release listed corrugated fiberboard boxes as "excellent," and reinforced bags and paperboard boxes as "acceptable depending on the physical characteristics of the item being mailed."

NEW SCOTLAND Town studying landfill shift

New Scotland taxpayers are in for a new financial burden if and when the town board is forced to shift its landfill operation to a centralized facility in Albany operated by the county.

Board members are expected to receive a report on a detailed engineering study of environmental control of the present landfill on Upper Flat Rock Rd. at their December meeting next Wednesday at town hall. The report will be given by Michael Stafford, town attorney. The study by LaBerge Associates, Colonie engineering firm, was commissioned by the town in compliance with an order by the Albany County Dept. of Health and the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation issued to all municipalities in the county.

The county plan calls for a common incineration facility that would replace local landfill operations handling garbage and refuse.

Supervisor Steve Wallace said New Scotland would seek state or federal funding to cover the substantially higher costs of the changeover. Wallace said it would cost "a couple hundred thousand" to close the present landfill and build a transfer station to receive trash and garbage.

The transfer station concept would involve a site of several acres in New Scotland that would have a large compactor and bins into which people driving to the site would dump their refuse.

The central facility in Albany would charge the towns on a tonnage basis, Wallace said. Added to the cost would be the daily trips to the central site.

"It all takes money," he said. New Scotland's present budget for the landfill operation is \$50,000. The figure does not include the cost of the town's collection service. The town's compactor presently makes roadside pickups once a week.

Holidays at the Museum

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn. annual Christmas Silver Tea will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., from 3 to 6 p.m. Jean Lyon and Mary Van Oostenbrugge will be hostesses.

The theme, "A Christmas Tapestry from Past to Present," will be carried out in displays of old needlework—sampler, crewel and needlepoint, as well as Christmas decorations and greens. As an added feature this year the museum will remain open Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 11-14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

In Voorheesville, The Spotlight is sold at the Grand Union and Voorheesville Pharmacy.



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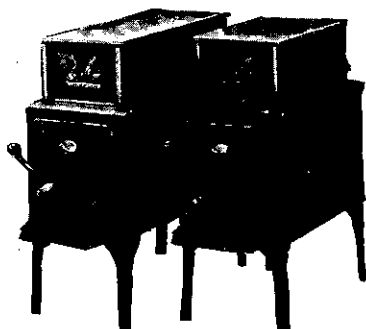
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BETHLEHEM

Chamber sets up consumer bureau

The Bethlehem chamber of commerce is preparing to handle consumer queries and complaints through a newly established Better Business Bureau.

W. Gordon Morris, Jr., chamber president, said the action stemmed from a series of customer complaints that had recently come to the attention of chamber members. "We are committed to promoting Bethlehem businesses and enhancing the community's business environment," he declared. "This means not only encouraging local people to support local stores and agencies, but attracting new customers to Bethlehem businesses. One of the ways to do this is to make sure our service to consumers is as good or better than can be found elsewhere."

Alex Snow, a partner in the Olof H. Lundberg-Tucker Smith insurance agency, Elsmere, heads the new chamber unit. The customer complaints should be addressed to the Bethlehem chamber of commerce, PO Box 133, Delmar.

Revenge too late

A well-aimed rock was thrown through the left front window of the former Bethlehem justice building at 118 Adams St. last week, according to a police report.



Frank W. Warner

Photographer elected

Frank W. Warner, State Farm Rd., Voorheesville, photographic specialist for the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. at Albany, has been elected first vice president of the Professional Photographers of America, Inc. Warner will serve a one-year term on the current board of directors beginning in January, 1980—the association's centennial anniversary.

Warner is vice president-treasurer of the 15,000-member association. He is past president and founder of the Capital District Association of Photography in Industry, and received its special award in 1973. He is also past president of the Professional Photographers Society of New York, and has received many awards.

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Town is facing gasoline pinch

Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan has issued a memorandum asking the town's department heads to "examine very closely our fuel requirements" with an eye to cutting back gasoline consumption.

Corrigan said he had been advised by Agway Petroleum, the town's supplier, that Bethlehem's allotment of gasoline for November had been cut to 65 percent of the 1977-78 base. During the current oil allocations by major refiners, distributors have been using the 12 months from November, 1977, through October, 1978 as a base period.

Corrigan pointed out that monthly deliveries for the town's fleet of trucks and cars have ranged from 85 to 90 percent of the base period's deliveries. The town made two appeals last summer for supplemental allocations, and has made a new appeal this month.

"We don't expect to reach the 80-percent level," Corrigan said.

The supervisor called department heads and key town officials together last July for a detailed examination of the fuel situation. At that time, he told the meeting that "we must assure ourselves and be prepared to stand an audit" by the State Energy Office that the town is complying with "all rules, regulations and laws affecting our operations."

Driver arrested

Earl D. Judd, 52, of Parker Rd., Selkirk, was arrested on a drunken driving charge after his car snapped a utility pole and spun into a ditch on Rt. 144 and Mosher Rd., Glenmont, shortly before 7 p.m. Saturday. Police closed the road to commercial truck traffic for four hours because of live wires dangling from the suspended upper portion of the pole. Investigators said Judd's car, northbound on the highway, ended up facing south on the northbound side of the road, with part of the pole beneath the car some 40 feet from the point of impact.

Holiday tea Monday

A piano recital by Stanley Hummel will be the highlight of the Delmar Progress Club's holiday tea at 1 p.m. Dec. 3 at the First United Methodist Church.

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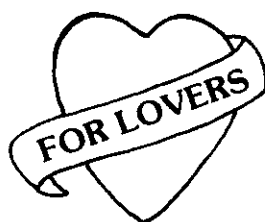
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Church bazaar Saturday

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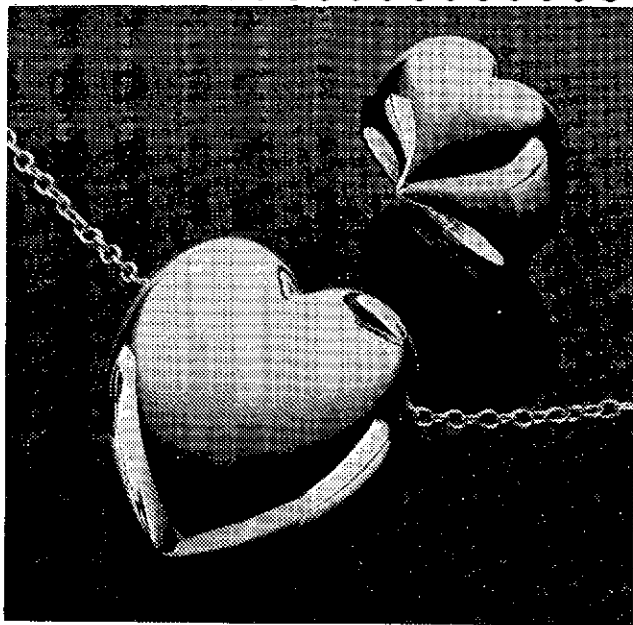
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- 6:30—Story Time from Bethlehem Library
- 7:00—Capital District Living Barbara Meffert
- 7:30—WAGIT, Prim Oliver
- 8:00—Video 80, Bob Hebler
- 8:30—Poetry Reading from Bethlehem Library
- 9:30—Bethlehem News & Views, Kathi Quinlan

Tuesday, Dec. 4

- 3:00—Bethlehem News & Views
- 3:30—Story Time
- 4:00—Faith for Today
- 7:00—Carla Page Presents
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Driver, 19, charged
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A Schenectady driver faces possible action by the Albany County grand jury as a result of a highway crash that killed two New Scotland residents.

Albany police said David J. Kershaw, 19, ran a red light at the intersection of Rt. 155 and Washington Ave. Extension at 2:40 a.m. Saturday and crashed broadside into a car carrying four New Scotland residents.

Roger J. Nachbar, 19, of 2193 New Scotland Rd., driver of the second car, and John Carmody, 19, of 35 Bayberry Ct., Voorheesville, were fatally injured. William McCann, 19, of 2008 New Scotland Rd., was listed in serious condition at Albany Medical Center Hospital with head injuries after being thrown from the car. The fourth occupant, Kimberly McCormack, 18, of 1944 New Scotland Rd., was reported in fair condition at the hospital.

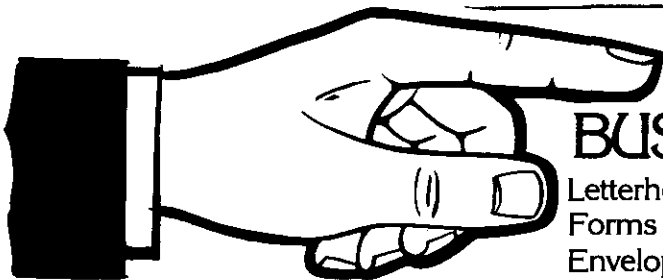
Kershaw and one passenger in his car were unhurt, police said. A third occupant was given emergency treatment at St. Peter's Hospital and released.

Authorities at the Pine Bush station of Albany police charged Kershaw with two counts of criminally negligent homicide, driving while intoxicated, driving without a license, speeding and running a red light. He was held without bail at Albany County jail to await a preliminary hearing in Albany Tuesday of this week.

Police said Nachbar was driving south on Rt. 155 and making a left turn onto Washington Ave. Extension when his car was struck broadside by Kershaw's car, which was proceeding west on Washington Ave.

Art show Sunday

The Delmar Art Group will present their 12th winter art show and sale on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10 to 5, at Roger Smith's paint and wallpaper store, 340 Delaware Ave., Delmar.



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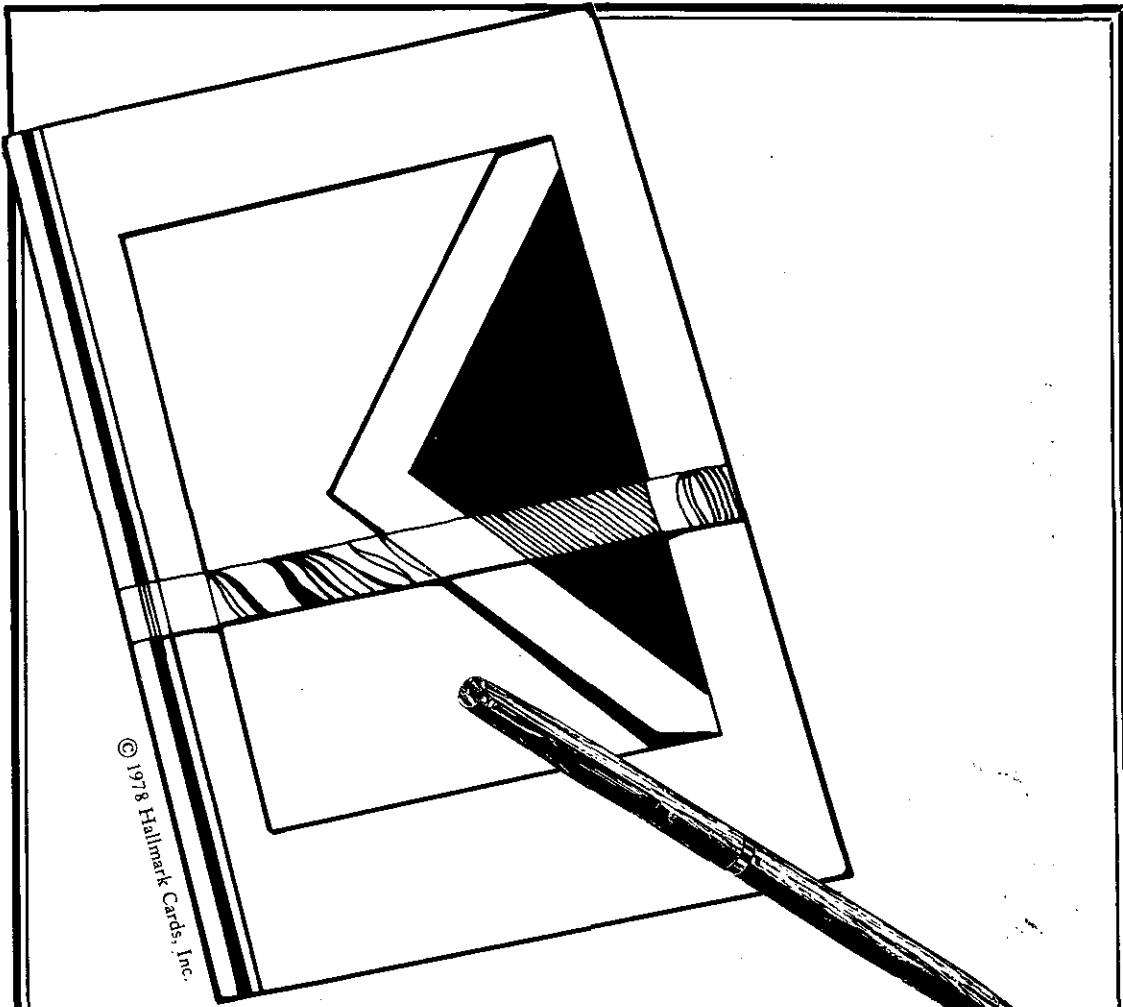
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BUSINESS

Pharmacists wary of new drug law

The senior citizen had made the trip down from one of the Helderberg "hill towns" to have a prescription filled at the New Scotland Pharmacy in Slingerlands. The prescription called for Tylenol No. 3, and was signed by the physician.

Behind the glass partition above the counter, Tom Longtin, pharmacist-owner, noted that the doctor had penned his signature in the lower right-hand corner, where the form states "substitution permissible."

The actual interpretation is, explains Longtin, that substitution is mandatory. "I had Tylenol No. 3 on hand, but it just happened I had no substitute. I could not legally give it to the man. I felt bad, because he had come in from Berne."

The incident illustrates a fundamental flaw in the state's 1978 generic drug law, which changed the format of the familiar prescription forms, a pad of which always seems to be at hand on a doctor's desk or in his shirt pocket. The new form provides a line for his signature in both the lower left and lower right corners.

The law states that when a physician specifies a brand name in his prescription to a patient, he must sign on the left-hand side, which instructs the pharmacist to "dispense as

written."

Vincent R. Rehbit, owner of Tri-Village Drugs, Inc., Delmar, points out that when the physician signs on the left, "we cannot legally dispense a generic drug—we must dispense what is written, regardless of the cost." When the signature is on the right, regardless of the brand-name specified by the doctor, the pharmacist must make a substitution—any brand.

"Usually doctors write a trade name, which is more expensive," notes Rehbit.

A generic drug is a basic drug, such as aspirin or penicillin. There are many brand names for aspirin and other generic drugs, but in many cases, Brand A and Brand B may be substantially more expensive—or have higher quality—than Brand X.

Dominick Matarrese, pharmacist who is general manager of the L.J. Mullen Pharmacy in Elmsmere, the area's largest, feels that price is not the most important factor in the buying habits of the average customer. "We are a brand-oriented society," he notes. "People want all the things that go with a brand, which is why they buy a certain car. With brand names they know they're getting certain quality, more services, all of which costs money . . . things like the integrity of the manufacturer, his policy on returns."

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slip on the right, pharmacists at Mullen's dispense the least expensive major brand, says Matarrese, rather than the cheapest generic drug on hand. "We think this is more in keeping with what people want."

Matarrese agrees with Longtin, Rehbit and other pharmacists that the law should be changed, but adds: "The idea of buying generic drugs cheaper makes some sense, but in the long-term, will it meet the total health requirements of our country?"

Major drug companies, he points out, regularly hire teams of physicians who work full-time researching new uses of new drugs, finding more effective treatments and applications, and searching for ways to modify the drugs and make them better. "This costs money, along with the expensive laboratory research that developed the drug in the first place," he says. "If more than half the drugs now are sold by companies who do only one thing—production—and can make the drugs cheaper, what will happen to the companies that have invested in the laboratory research and developed the drugs we all love? How do you equate that with cost?"

Longtin feels that most physicians are unaware that by signing the prescription slip on the right side they are depriving their patient of the specific brand-name drug prescribed. "I don't think there's a pharmacist around who objects to the generic law as a concept, but the way it stands, it is written wrong."

Observes Rehbit: "A good generic law would be a good thing for everybody and it would be economical. We need a law where the patient has a choice of whether he wants the brand name or a generic drug." Under the 1978 law, the patient has no such choice. Longtin says his attorney friends, with whom he has discussed the mandatory aspect in informal conversations, believe the law is unconstitutional on the ground that it takes away freedom of choice.

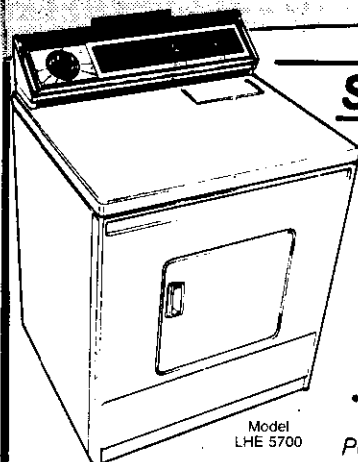
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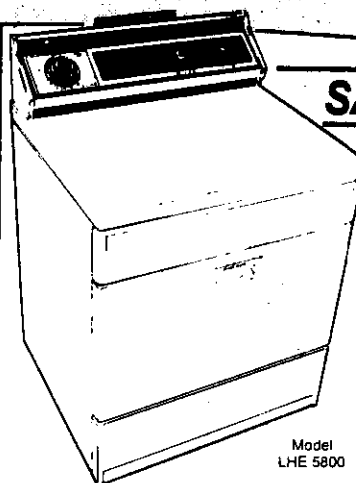
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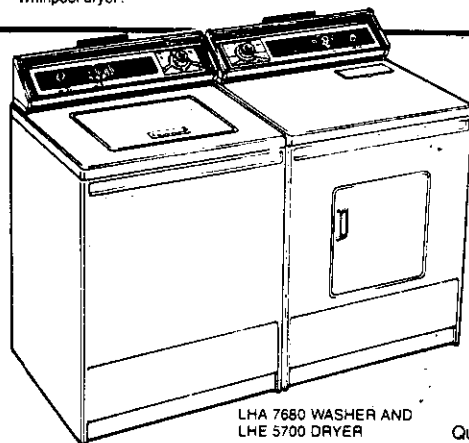
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Burt Anthony, president of Burt Anthony Associates, has had an insurance article published in a nationally circulated magazine called "Rough Notes." Anthony's article was entitled "Sell Total Accounts By Using Each Producer's Strengths" and appeared in the September issue.

Anthony, a graduate of the State University of New York at Utica, has been in the insurance business for 25 years. A former special agent of the Hartford Insurance Group, he is coordinator of the licensing insurance course sponsored by Siena College. He and his two partners, Robert Halton and Martin Keary, have purchased 27 agencies and have offices in Delmar, Troy, Clifton Park and Schenectady, as well as a life department with a full-time staff. Leading companies in the agency are: Hartford, Travelers, Kemper, General Accident and Unigard.



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DELMAR

Archer, 19, bags 10-point buck

Two years ago, 17-year-old David Lovelace spent many hours tracking deer with a bow and arrow in the wooded ravine behind the Girl Scout headquarters in the Driftwood Bldg. off Delaware Ave. in Delmar. His vigil was rewarded when he hit a 12-point buck with an arrow, but the wounded animal fled.

David tried to track his prize through the light snow cover, even after nightfall. When he returned the next morning, he found the spot—close to Delaware Ave.—where someone had finished off the buck, dressed it and had disappeared.

Last week David, now a student at the State University College at Cobleskill, came home for the first time this semester to celebrate his 19th birthday with his family in Delmar. He was due back at college Sunday night, but in the afternoon he had his first chance to take his bow and hunt for deer.

This time, hunting in his favorite ravine, he brought down a 10-point buck with a single arrow. It was just before dusk on the final day of the bow season.

David is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewis Lovelace, 75 Brockley Dr. An ardent outdoorsman, he will receive an associate degree from the Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill in the spring, majoring in fisheries and wildlife biology.

Earns degree

Carol S. Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Burnett, 11 S. Helderberg Pkwy., Slingerlands, has completed requirements for graduation with a bachelor of arts degree in absentia from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. Mrs. Church, who now lives in Rochester, majored in speech. She is a graduate of the Bethlehem Central High School. She will be recognized at the college's commencement June 1.

Bus trip planned

The League of Women Voters of Albany County will charter a bus to New York City Saturday, Dec. 8, to enjoy the city's glittering holiday season. Members and non-members are welcome to purchase bus trip tickets at \$15 round trip. The bus will leave from the Washington Ave. peripheral lot, directly across from the state office complex in Albany, at 8:30 and will arrive at Radio City Music Hall about 11:30. On its return, the bus will leave from Radio City at 8. Because seating is limited, anyone interested is urged to contact Carolyn Lemmon, 474-4800 days or 465-7817 after 6.

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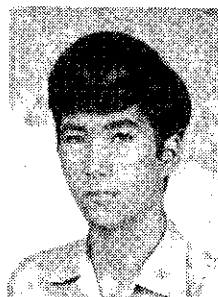
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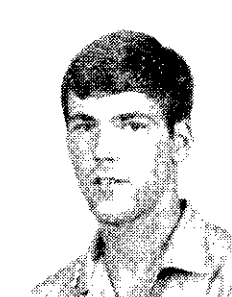
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Academy cadets cited

Six Bethlehem seniors at Albany Academy have been chosen as officers in the cadet battalion. Anthony J. Cordi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony A. Cordi, Maher Rd., Slingerlands, and Robert F. Verstandig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Verstandig, Darroch Rd., Delmar, have been named captains. David A. Boehm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil A. Swift, Darroch Rd.; F. Lee Castleman, son of Dr. and Mrs. James F. Castleman, Westchester Dr. South; Michael J. Frangella, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Frangella, Forest Hill Rd., and Thomas O. Gamble III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Gamble, Jr., Westchester Dr., have been named lieutenants.

Cordi, an honor student and winner of the Sergeants Drill Medal, is co-chairman of Exploration Week, co-captain of the track team and a member of

the football team. Verstandig, who plays American Legion baseball, is captain of the Academy hockey team and a member of the football and baseball teams.

Boehm works part-time in Delmar and is an acolyte at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He is on the Academy tennis, soccer and drill teams and was winner of the platoon drill. Castleman has won both drill and battalion medals and is a member of the golf, track and drill teams. He has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Frangella is co-captain of the football team and is employed by Frangella Mushroom Farms, Inc. Gamble is president of the Survival Club, a member of the drill team and the color guard. These boys and others named to the program will be given responsibility for training younger boys.

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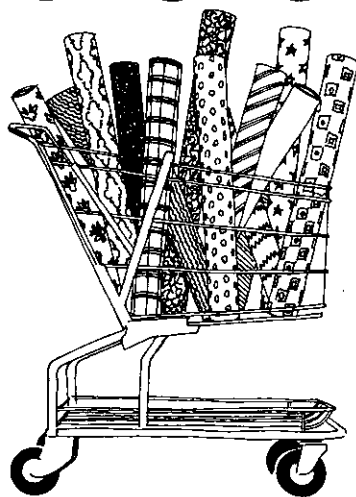


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4th graders get election spirit

Among his other electorate laurels, Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan seems to have won a landslide in Grade 4 at St. Thomas School in Delmar. A hand-lettered poster in his office proclaimed: "Congratulations to Mr. Corrigan! You won in our class election, too. Perhaps we'll see you when we visit the police station."

Written in the margin were multi-colored personal messages from the students. Matthew Patterson wished him "Good luck with your new job." Michelle Washburn voiced the sentiments of most of the class when she wrote: "I'm glad you won because I voted for you."

Typical of the other comments were: "I'm glad you won. I told my Mom & Dad to vote for you and they did," and "Mr. Corrigan, I think you're great!"

Others who signed the poster were Chris Saba, Michelle Conway, Jim Wetra, Erik Cline, Matt Harvey, Peter Jeram, Jan Merriman, Paula Dundon, Krista Romonski, Angela Crisafulli, Mark Mirra, JoAnn Tompkins, Maurine O'Connell, Jeff Pesnel, Susan Norton, David Portman, Lisa Herrmann, Brian Brunhofer, Pam Cashin, Aileen Burke, Katy McGrity, Maryann Pallante, Jessica Long, Emily Weber and Michael Carlson (who added "I'm new").

Consulting unit workshops

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Consultation Center of the Albany Diocese will offer an afternoon of workshops at Bishop Maginn High School, 99 Slingerland St., Albany, on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1:30. A workshop on "Stress: Friend or Foe?" will be presented by Susanne Breckel, with Catherine Casey and Rev. Kenneth J. Tunny of the center staff. A session on "Death and Dying: Life and Living" will be conducted by Rev. John J. Malecki with Inge Corless and Dr. N. Michael Murphy of St. Peter's Hospice, Albany. Participants will have the opportunity to attend both workshops. The afternoon is free and open to the public.

The facility is a non-profit mental health center, which provides professional psychological counseling services to individuals and groups.

Israeli jewelry here

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SO. BETHLEHEM

Cemetery vandals sought by police

Bethlehem police are looking for youthful motorcycle and trailbike riders in the South Bethlehem-Spawn Hollow area for questioning in a reported cemetery vandalism last Friday night.

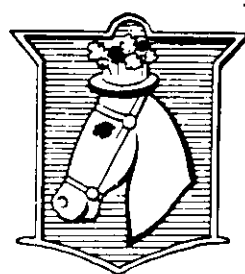
Detectives said three six-foot sections of an Anvil metal fence were knocked down in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on the north side of Rt. 396 in the hamlet of South Bethlehem.

The barrier was erected recently to prevent local youths from riding their motorcycles through the cemetery.

The metal fence was valued at more than \$250, police said. They theorized the fence was knocked down by cycle riders who resented authorities blocking off a popular trailride route.

Christian drama slated

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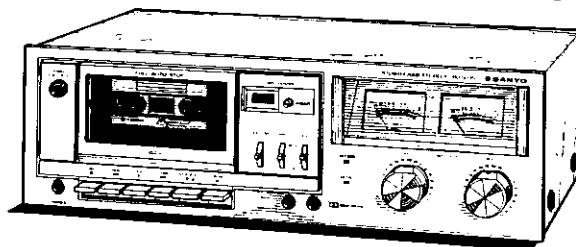
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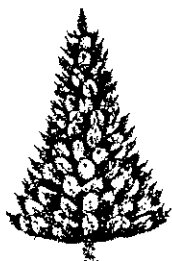
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BETHLEHEM HOUSE

A gracious landmark in Slingerlands

by Allison P. Bennett

One of Slingerlands' better known and long time residents, Miss Ruth Miner, recently reminisced about the town and her former home at 1599 New Scotland Rd. The memories she evoked of an earlier day were so interesting that we want to share them with our readers.

Let us begin the story about 1885, when several wealthy men operated a milk business for their own use, known as the Albany Milk Co. They had a fleet of delivery wagons and supplied dairy products to their own families and friends. It proved to be a bit much to handle, so through acquaintances they brought William Miner up from Dutchess County to manage the business, and eventually it was given to him.

Mr. Miner devoted himself to it thoroughly. By 1913 he had built up several other routes and the company was the largest milk distributor in Albany. The horses and wagons were stabled on Broadway. One of Mr. Miner's good friends, but also a competitor, was Mr. Stephens, who lived on the large farm beside the Normanskill at Normansville, near the present Delaware Ave. viaduct (yellow house and out-buildings). Mr. Stephens developed several farms, from which

grew the Normanskill Dairy business in Albany.

While Mr. Miner was in business there were other ventures which he pursued in relation to the milk business. He and several others, among them Mr. Drislane, a wholesale grocer, and Mr. Hosler, who owned a well-remembered ice cream business, formed their own ice company. They cut ice on the Hudson River and stored it in their own ice house in north Albany. This supplied the ice for their respective businesses.

Another Albany institution that many of us remember, the Hagaman Baking Co., began at this time also. Mr. Hagaman was peddling pies in Albany from a basket which he carried on his arm. He encountered Mr. Miner driving along the milk route and saying that he was tired, asked for a ride in the milk wagon. During conversation he asked if Mr. Miner had a horse that he could use in making his rounds with the baked goods. To illustrate the good faith and the manner in which men of Albany did business in those days, let it stand for the record that Mr. Miner said he would send Mr. Hagaman a horse, he could try it out, and if it suited him, keep it and send the payment in due course of time. This was accomplished and within a few years Hagaman and Co. was



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By 1914 Mr. Miner decided to retire from business, so he gave it to two faithful employees, as the business had been given to him. Later it was sold to Borden and Co.

By the mid-1890's the Miner family had moved to "the country"—Slingerlands. Since Ruth Miner was then a baby three months of age you might say that she is a true "native" of the Town of Bethlehem.

By 1914, her father, having retired from the milk business, was looking for something to do and purchased the Charles Bender property at 1599 New Scotland Rd., almost across the street from where the Miners were living. The land was a productive fruit farm, with large apple, cherry and peach orchards surrounding the house on New Scotland and Font Grove roads. At this time

Font Grove Rd. was called Oliver Lane.

Mr. Miner had definite ideas about the kind of home he wanted to live in. He hired a German man, an able carpenter, to assist him, and together they set about the remodeling project.

The original house had been built about 1870. Its high ceilings and heavy moldings were in the Victorian fashion, and it was surrounded by a white picket fence. Mr. Miner raised the roof to add the third story and the tower was constructed, with a room that led off of the third floor. The large front porch and porte cochere over the driveway were added and the entire roof of both house and porches covered with red ceramic tiles which came from Pennsylvania. Also coming from that state were the concave windows in the library, which was also new construc-

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tion. Fireplaces were installed in various rooms and in the dining room a bay window was added with stained glass inserts over the bay. That room and the library have Tiffany-type chandeliers with leaded glass and mother-of-pearl inlay. Mr. Miner installed an imposing staircase with two landings and mahogany handrail. The hall and stairway were wainscoted, and the front entrance door is Honduras mahogany with beveled glass. The kitchen was enlarged and a breakfast room added, and new bathrooms and heating systems were installed.

Always interested in agriculture, Mr. Miner cultivated an extensive vegetable garden and also dabbled in farming with cows, guinea hens and chickens—and of course, horses, which his son Kenneth and daughter Ruth loved to ride. The two young people took extensive horseback rides, as far away as to Bennington, Vermont and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, stopping at local inns along the way for bed and meals. Ruth, with her pony and cart, met her father's evening train at the Slingerlands station each day and drove him to the house. Sometimes, while playing with her friends, she would forget the hour, but when the pony heard the whistle of the train, he would automatically start for the railroad station.

Mr. Miner took down the orchard to make more extensive lawns and driveways. He

also moved the barn back so that it faced Font Grove Rd., and installed a garage for the new-fangled automobiles that were beginning to be a necessity. He became friends with Mr. Danker, the florist and landscape gardener of Albany, and Danker himself laid out the rose gardens and shrubbery. The rose gardens are in two semi-circles, centered by a bird bath. At one time they contained 285 rose plants. There was a flower border 300 feet long by 15 feet wide that contained magnificent specimens of hollyhocks, giant delphiniums and other perennials.

The Miners were always devoted members of the Republican Party and opened their home and grounds to the Women's Republican Club of Bethlehem many times for lawn or garden parties, as they were known in the 1920's and 30's. At one such party there were 608 people, with an organ playing music, donated by Tebbutt's Funeral Home. Punch for this gathering was made in milk cans donated by Bob Westervelt, who had a milk route at that time.

Of course, in the early days the road that passed the Miner home was the Albany-Rensselaerville and Schoharie Plank Road, the present New Scotland Ave. One side of the road was planked, the other dirt. Ruth remembers riding on



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Mr. Miner had many years to enjoy the fruits of his labor, as he lived to be 95 years of age.

In 1973 his daughter Ruth decided that a smaller house would better fit her needs. The house and land was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker. Their five children enjoy the spaciousness of the many-roomed house. The Parkers have modernized the kitchen with new floor and cabinets, but kept the old wainscoting and stained it to match the cabinetry. They stripped the wood in the butler's pantry, but otherwise the old home is much as it has been over the years—a landmark in the charming hamlet of Slingerlands.

School play on stage

The Academy of the Holy Names Drama club will present Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" on Thursday, Nov. 29 and Friday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Academy Upper School Auditorium, 1075 New Scotland Rd., Albany. Tickets are \$2 at the door, \$1 for children.

Tea for newcomers

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will host a coffee at the home of Bobby Papile, 6 Capitol Ave., Elsmere, on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Area newcomers and new mothers are welcome. Call 439-0390 for information.

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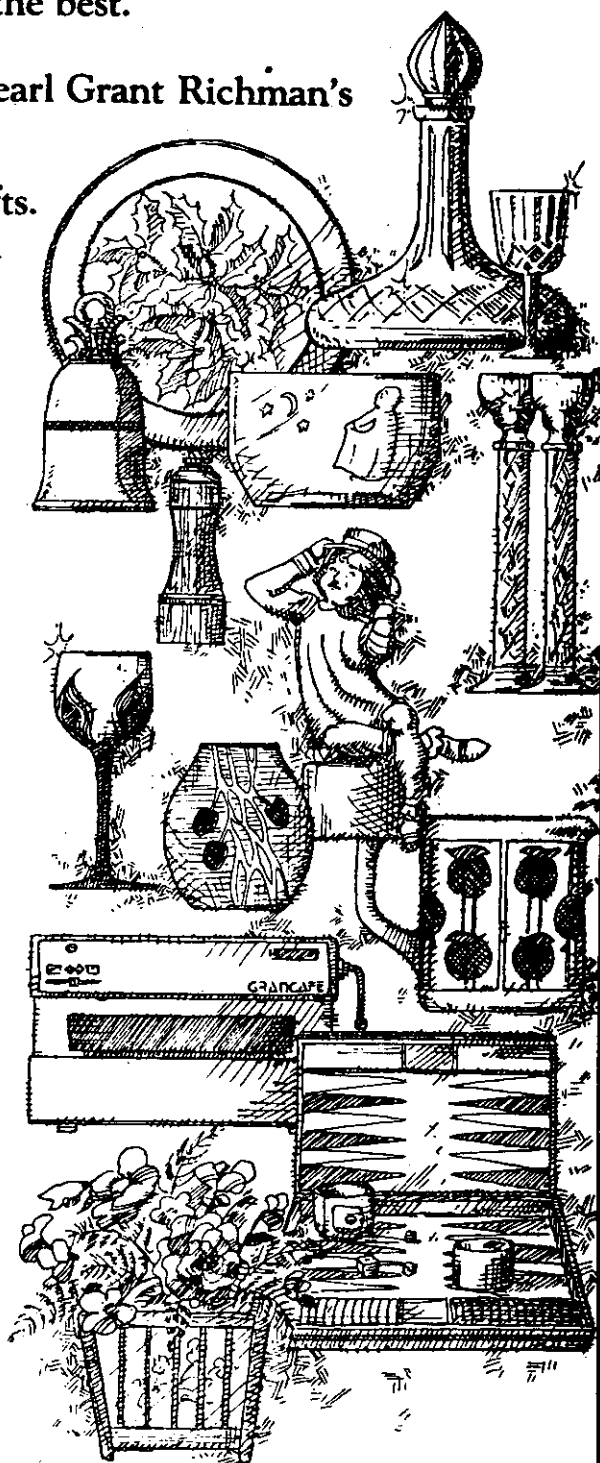
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was passed by unanimous vote of the convention, called for the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers to support inclusion of funds for renovating the New York State School for the Blind in Batavia in the proposed 1980-81 state budget. The budget now before the Legislature has no provision for this project.

Joy of Stitching

by ELSA WILLIAMS

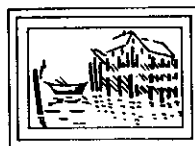
FOR THE MEN IN YOUR LIFE

There's an extra measure of pleasure in embroidering a gift for someone you love though sometimes finding exactly the right thing to make for the man in your life poses a problem.

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For a boating buff embroider his boat — sail or power — like a painted miniature set into a small seascape. Make it realistic even to the name painted on the stern. Or you might want to do a stylized boat, worked in applique. Even the most recent needlework vogue, Pulled Work, can be used not only for the central motif but for a decorative border and legend.



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day racing toward you.

Take your time. Choose colors that appeal to him, a pictorial subject you know will please him. Plan a project appropriate to his lifestyle and design a picture that tells a story about it. This could be as small as a match box cover for a pipe smoker's desk, a cover for an appointment book, a checkbook cover.

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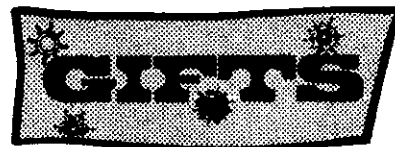
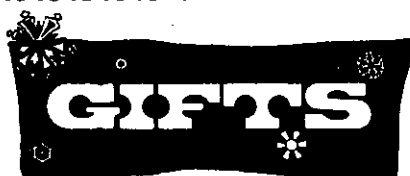
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BASKETBALL

Eagles lofty, but can they score?

Bethlehem Central will start perhaps the tallest front three in the Suburban Council when the league scramble gets under way next week, but Coach Jim Tedisco is hoping they can get a lot of experience in a hurry.

"We can have a good year," says Tedisco, starting his second season at the Eagles' helm. "They're hard workers, have a good spirit and they like each other. It depends on how fast they mature."

Maturity is BC's short suit. Mike Lawrence, a 6-4, 190-pound forward, is the only returning starter. Tedisco has three back from last year's second unit, has brought up two promising players from last year's freshman team, and is grooming two beanpole juniors for front-line duty.

The latter are Joe Fox, 6-4, who has never played competitive basketball, and Tom Keppler, 6-5, who played freshman ball two years ago but sat out last season. Keppler has been favoring a balky knee and needs to build up its strength. He will see part-time duty for a while.

With Lawrence, Fox and Keppler up front, the Eagles will have the altitude to control the boards and they will be tenuous on man-to-man defense, one of Tedisco's specialties. He will choose his starting guards from Rick Wassenaar, a 6-1 senior from last year's bench, Tim Cookfair, a 5-9 junior who can shoot from the outside, and Tom Dexter, a 5-9 sophomore who is fast and has scoring potential.

The other sophomore is Steve Gillespie, 6-4, who has been starting while Keppler mends. The Eagles don't have

to give away any height with Gillespie in there, and he could also spell Fox when Keppler is ready for full-time.

Up from the junior varsity are Cookfair, Bill Kerrigan, 6-1, Kris Attarian, 6-2, Tony Papile, 5-11, all juniors and all forwards, and Chet Boehlke, a 6-5 senior.

Bethlehem looked fair in a scrimmage Saturday at Ravena. Berne-Knox was due in Delmar Tuesday and Bishop Gibbons Friday for more scrimmaging before the Eagles buckle down for the Council opener Dec. 7 with Scotia at home.

With height under the boards—BC could have five 6-footers on the floor at one time—Tedisco may go more for the fast break this season. "We should have good rebounding, and if we can get it out to the guards, we'll be down the floor in a hurry."

Tedisco's style is a motion offense with four or five options. The accent is on patience. He trains his charges to keep passing until they get the good shot.

Footnote for the future: Tedisco is starting his Saturday morning basketball clinics for 7-8 graders this week, a month earlier than usual. Last year the training sessions didn't get underway until January.

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Exhibit at bank

Jane DuBrin Navilia, Altamont artist, is featured in an exhibit of paintings, watercolors, sketches and acrylics in the lobby of the Community State Bank branch in Glenmont.

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Michael C. Martin, 32, of 3 South Main St., Voorheesville, was arrested Friday on a warrant issued by Bethlehem Justice Roger Fritts. He was arraigned on a charge of petty larceny and released pending an appearance in Bethlehem justice court Dec. 20. The police report did not specify the cumulative total of the shortages since Martin was hired at the market two months ago.

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Voorheesville basketball coach Mike O'Brien, left, with his three returning lettermen at a workout this week. From left are Jim Riviello, Joe Probst and Harris Crawford. The Blackbirds open at home Tuesday against Rensselaer.

Spotlight

BASKETBALL

Blackbird quint faces rebuilding

On the door from the gym to the locker room at Voorheesville High School is a poster quoting Snoopy, that classic comic strip character, as saying: "It doesn't matter if you win or lose—until you lose."

Voorheesville basketball players trooping through that door will hopefully win more than they lose in the season that starts next week, but in the view of Coach Mike O'Brien, there are several "ifs" in the picture.

The Blackbirds have only two returning first-line players and one from last year's second unit. Says O'Brien: "We've got a little bit of everything, but not in the degree I'd like. We're strong in attitude and willingness to work hard to play together as a team, but we could use more height, more speed and more shooting."

Back from last year's 14-6 Class C Sectional quarter finalists are Joe Probst at 6-2, Jim Riviello, a 5-11 junior who made the varsity as a 10th grader, and Harris Crawford, a 5-10 guard who saw spot duty last year. Crawford, a strong 175-pounder, has knee problems.

The biggest "if" is Marty McTague, a 6-5 senior who has been declared eligible once he completes several academic requirements. McTague suffered a severe knee injury in the Sectionals two years ago and sat out last year after re-injuring the knee in an outdoor pickup game three days before practice began. McTague has undergone extensive surgery and rebuilding, and O'Brien is hoping his full eligibility will come through.



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Wed., Dec. 5 Girls Volleyball, Colonie, away, 6:30

Clinic on decorating

Marge Pritchard will give a presentation and demonstration on holiday decorating, gifts and trimmings with natural materials at an Albany County Cooperative Extension clinic Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 at the Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville. Pre-registration is requested with a \$2 fee. To register call 765-2331.

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before the opener with Rensselaer at home Tuesday.

The other big "if" is Don Kinisky, a 6-1 football player who was a basketball starter at Warsaw in Western New York last season. Kinisky received a bad ankle sprain in football and was in a cast until last week. O'Brien is hoping he will be healthy by Christmas.

McTague's height and Kinisky's experience are the key to the Blackbirds' chances. With both doing their thing, Voorheesville "will be a contender for the Central Hudson Valley League title, otherwise we'll be competitive," says O'Brien.

Until either or both are ready, the starters could be Probst, Crawford, Riviello and two players up from the jayvees. They are Chris Clark, a junior who needs time to adjust to a faster league and a different offense, and Paul Probst, Joe's younger brother, a sophomore who is a good jumper but needs work on ball handling and defense.

That lineup would give O'Brien three six-footers up front.

Also scrambling for starting positions are two newcomers and three ex-jayvees, all juniors. The newcomers are Joe

McCarthy, a 5-10 guard out for basketball for the first time, and Mike SanGeorgi, a baseball and football player who is only 5-8 but quick. "They're hard workers and are coming along fast," says O'Brien.

Up from the jayvees are Bob Flynn, Mike Casey and Greg Picard. A fourth junior is Matt Taylor, 5-11, who has a hand fracture and will be out another three weeks.

"These guys have a fine attitude," says their second-year coach, who in basketball season drives 90 miles a day between his home in Colonie, his teaching job in Coxsackie and his coaching job in Voorheesville. "They are a pleasure to coach."

The Blackbirds looked better than Bishop Gibbons in a scrimmage in Schenectady Saturday. Gibbons was due in Voorheesville for another scrimmage Tuesday, and this Saturday the Blackbirds will mix with Chatham and Ichabod Crane in a three-way workout. The season opens next Tuesday with Rensselaer at home. The first league game is Friday, Dec. 7, at Catskill.

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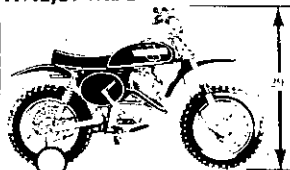
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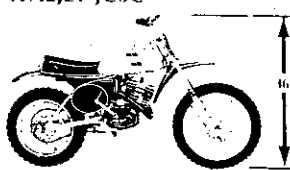
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VOLLEYBALL

Eagle spikers win 4 straight

Midway through its season, the Bethlehem Central girls' volleyball team has posted a 4-1 record after an opening loss to consistent Scotia.

With only two players returning from last year's varsity team, BC has come together to defeat Colonie, Columbia, Shaker and Guilderland on the way to a second-place standing in the Suburban Council behind undefeated Shenendehowa. The two teams played at Shenendehowa on Tuesday, but the results were not available in time for publication.

The Eagles play Niskayuna Dec. 4 at 3:45, then have return matches against Colonie Dec. 5 at 6:30 and Scotia, where they will have the opportunity to avenge their first loss, Dec. 7 at 3:45.

The JV squad, under the direction of Coach Nancy Smith is currently 3-2 on their season.



Ray Geiger and his Almanac

Famous editor coming

Ray Geiger, editor of the Farmers' Almanac, will make a personal appearance for two hours Dec. 3 in the lobby of Catskill Savings Bank's main office to autograph copies of the 1980 edition of the Almanac. Called the "most interviewed man in America" Geiger has appeared frequently on radio and TV shows, including the "To Tell the Truth" and the Today show.

Geiger, who lives in Lewiston, Me., has been publishing the Almanac for 45 years. The Almanac is a collection of witticisms, anecdotes, humor, helpful hints, calendars, weather prognostications, tide tables, moon phases and other handy information.

Music all-stars

Seven Bethlehem Central High School students were selected to participate in the All-State Festival sponsored by the New York State School Music Assn. Nov. 16 and 17 at Saratoga Springs High School. The students and the groups they performed with are: Suzanne Felt, second trumpet, Symphonic Band; Erik Lawon, violin I, Henry Peyrebrune, string bass, and H. Georg Fuhs, cello, Orchestra; Catherine Castellani, alto I, and Kelley Maginnis, alto II, Festival Choir, and Leland Maurello, bass I, Concert Choir.

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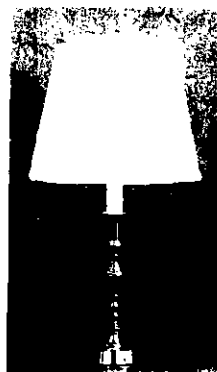
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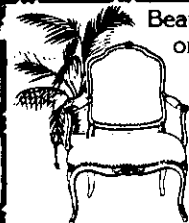
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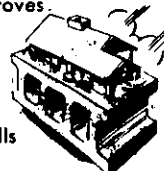
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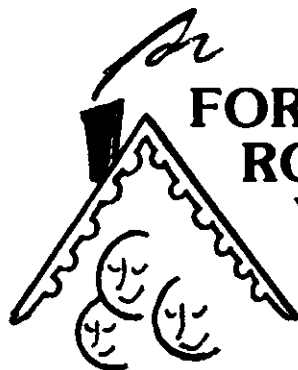
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settled, but I have been so busy living I haven't had the time! However, today, listening to the news... gloom, wars, energy crises, the shrinking dollar and poor Jimmy Carter... it occurred to me your readers might enjoy the second episode in the "Saga of the Birds."

We moved, bag, baggage, grandmother, teenagers and all, to Costa Rica three years ago and have been happily settled in Ranchos Maricosta. Our experiences deserve a book. They have not only been exciting but, at times, hilarious. The only flaw was our inability to find easily-accessible, registered beach property. Probably a blessing in disguise. It made us look to Colombia (another democratic republic, where, it turned out, it cost even less to live than Costa Rica).

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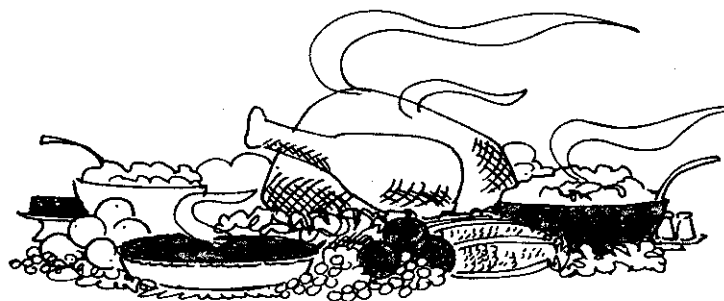


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