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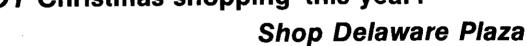
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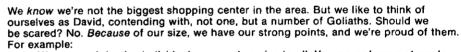
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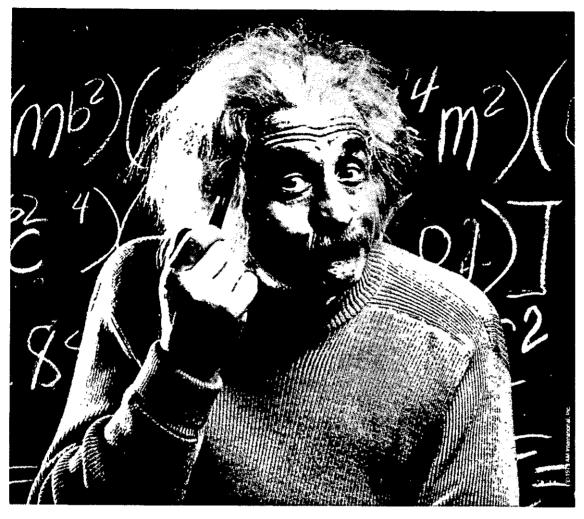
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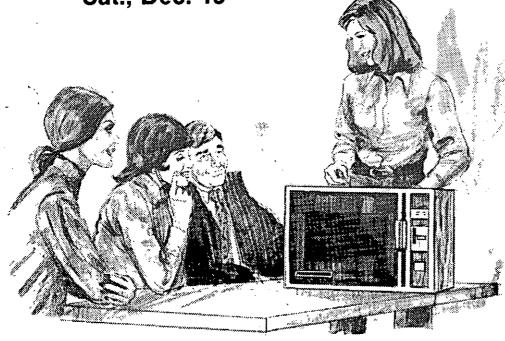


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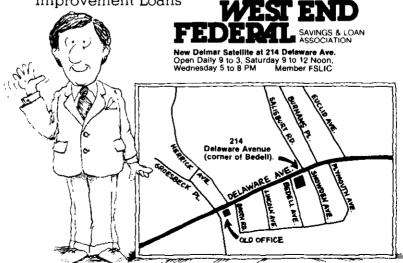
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Christmas Dinner and party, Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, 6:30 p.m.

Winter Music Festival, Bethlehem Middle School, 8 p.m.

Needlework Display, Christmas greens and decorations, Bethlehem Historical Assn., Cedar Hill School House Museum, 1-3 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Needlework Display, Christmas greens and decorations, Bethlehem Historical Assn., Cedar Hill School House Museum, 1-3 p.m.

Christmas concert, featuring the Joyful Noise, Spirit Image, the New Covenant Singers, King's Kids, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Community invited.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 Film. "Stagecoach," with John Wayne, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Festival of Music, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church choirs, 1497 New Scotland Rd., 7 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens, pizza party and neighborhood caroling, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

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

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

Bethlehem Board of Education, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Winter Music Program, Hamagrael School, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors, Cooperative Extension Assn. of Albany County, Resource Development Center, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Florence G. Allen, 20 Plymouth Ave., Delmar, to construct fireplace, Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Christmas dinner and party, Ladies Auxiliary of Elsmere Fire Co. A at the Firehall, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Film, "Way Out West," with Laurel and Hardy, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Christmas Program, children of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Candlelight Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Merry Christmas!



* Holidays THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Film, "Cricket in Times Square," 11-11:30, plus "Cat's Paw: A Star Trek Adventure," 2-3 p.m. Bethlehem Library.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Films, "Really Rosie," 11-11:30 a.m. and "The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm," 2 p.m., Bethlehem Library.

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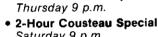
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area arts

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THEATRE

"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.

"The Nutcracker" (Tchaikovsky), The Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Albany, **Dec. 14-15,** 8 p.m. \$7.25, \$6.25, \$5.25, Community Box Office. Group rates, 783-9811.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" (Menotti Christmas classic), University at Albany theatre and music departments, University PAC, **Dec. 15,** 2 and 7 p.m., **Dec. 16,** 2 p.m. 457-8606.

MUSIC

Handel's "Messiah," Capitol Hill Choral Society, with soloists, Judy Rand directing, Philip Schuyler Auditorium, North Lake and Western Aves., Albany, **Dec. 14-15**, 8 p.m. \$4.50, students \$2.50. Community Box Office.

"Nowell Sing We Clear," pageant of pre-19th century midwinter carols, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, **Dec. 16,** 3 p.m. \$3 in advance, \$3.50 at door. 765-4193.

Christmas concert, Chamber Singers, Masterworks Chorale and Bell Choristers, College of Saint Rose, at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Albany, **Dec. 16,** 8 p.m. \$2.50, students \$1.50 at door.

ART

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

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.

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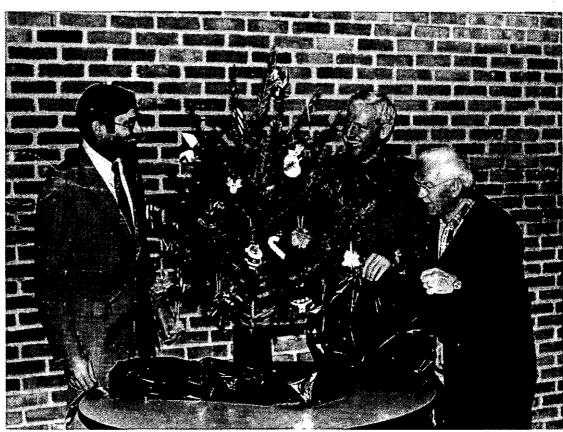
A Christmas story . . . with a twist (part one)

Here's a Christmas story about the little town of Bethlehem (N.Y.), part one. (Part two next week).

On Friday, Dec. 7, Alfred Leonard of Elsmere, venerable member of the Men's Garden Club of Albany, cut a young white spruce tree from his own lot for the young people of Bethlehem. The eight-year-old tree was placed in the children's room at the Bethlehem Library and decorated.

At 4:45 p.m. that same day, on the eve of his pre-dawn departure on an Air National Guard flight to northern Greenland, Bethlehem Justiceelect Peter C. Wenger accepted the tree as a gift to Eskimo children above the Arctic Circle. The four-foot tree was just small enough to fit into the plane loaded with food, fuel, mail and bulldozer parts for the remote outpost in the frozen North, where neither white spruce nor any other kind of tree grows, where at this time of year there is no real daylightjust twilight from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.—and where the winds and snow whistle across the icecap at 100 mph.

The heroes of this Christmas story, of course, are the men of the 109th Tactical Airlift Group of the Air National Guard, a reserve unit of the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Schenectady. Flying a pre-Christmas supply mission in a sophisticated Lockheed C-130 Hercules transport to a DEW (Distant Early Warning) Line radar site is routine for these men, but the flight last Saturday was special: Santa was aboard, red suit, white beard and a big load of toys.



Green for Greenland: Peter Wenger, left, with Tom Corrigan and Al Leonard ready the Bethlehem Christmas offering to the frozen North.

Spoilight

Seems the 109th's commanding officer, Col. Stanley W. Hemstreet of Schagticoke, learned that on a previous Christmas, Santa Claus completely skipped past 1,500 Eskimo orphans in a Greenland village called Angmagssalik. This year, with the tree from Bethlehem, the toys and Santa himself in the person of Sgt. Brian Meany, unit loadmaster, the boys and girls will have an exciting Christmas on the edge of an icecap 11,000 feet deep.

But when the big transport touched down on the landing strip at Kap Dan on the east coast of the world's largest island, it was still 15 miles from the orphanage, a perilous night-long trek by dogsleds drawn by teams of huskies. In anticipation of the visit, local residents contracted for a helicopter to fly the Hercules crew, including Navigator Wenger, Santa, the toys and the Bethlehem tree to Angmagssalik on the Denmark Strait.

That's where we were when the Spotlight went to press, leaving the high drama on the Arctic Circle to instant cameras hopefully catching the joy of those Eskimo boys and girls. This week Major Wenger was scheduled to fly back from the icecap to his family on Lyons Ave., Delmar, where he will have a heartwarming Christmas story to tell Allison, 4, and the twins, Christopher and Timothy, 2,

Join us next week, when we hope to have the concluding chapter of Al Leonard's white spruce and what the garden clubs, Delmar Progress Club and library people did to replace the tree in the children's room at Delaware and Borthwick. With luck we'll have some pictures, too.



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The system's 1979 annual report lists total assets as \$7,034,579,569, up from \$6,371,529,671 at fiscal yearend 1978. The report stated that 43.52 percent of the fund's capital was invested in bonds, 31.24 percent in stocks, and 13.92 percent in mortgages.

Investment income during the fiscal year hit a record high of \$413.6 million. Employer contributions, primarily by the state's public school districts through property taxation, reaching \$571.8 million, also a record high.

Member contributions were up from \$15.3 million to \$16.6 million, but were lower than in 1976 (\$16.9 million) and 1975 (\$17.8 million).

Pension and benefit payments during the year rose to a new high of \$313,946,157, an average monthly payment of \$579 to some 44,000 retired members. Pension payments to public school teachers in New York State are exempt from state income taxes.

The fund's assessment on property owners in local school districts, continuing a steady rise, have been increased from 18.0 percent of payroll in 1975 to 20.5 in 1979, excluding the annual supplemental assessment of approximately 1 percent. The board is expected to approve another increase when it meets in January, boosting the total rate to more than 22 percent of salary of each teacher and administrator in the system.

The nine-member NYSTRS board is composed of five members of the system itself, who represent the teachers' union and school boards, and four members representing the public, appointed by the state comptroller and the Board of Regents. Three of the four public members are bankers. the fourth an insurance executive.



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Clark Disposal Service, which has a contract for trash collections at the big ConRail vards in Selkirk, has applied for a permit to use the landfill facility at a fee to be negotiated.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the board tabled the request until town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz can draft an ordinance that would enable the town to collect fees from commercial users of the landfill.

Corrigan also said the proposed ordinance would restrict use of the landfill to Bethlehem residents. Although most neighboring towns have strict regulations regarding public access to their dumping areas, Bethlehem has not set up a restrictive permit system.

Meanwhile, the town has begun negotiations to purchase a nearby tract of land for use as a future landfill site. The parcel is a privately owned tract of approximately 20 acres

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adjacent to the town's gravel pit on Rupert Rd.

Corrigan said the present landfill has sufficient capacity to serve an estimated five to eight years at its present rate.

Math teachers in class

Bethlehem Central math supervisor Philip Gibbons is currently teaching an in-service course to 25 district elementary school teachers to help them with math instruction skills. The class is meeting on Thursday afternoons for 10 two-hour sessions.

copy deadline for the Dec. 27 issue of the Spotlight has been advanced to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. Notices of club and church group meetings, classified ads and display advertising for that issue will not be The Spotlight office at 414 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will be open until 12 noon on Monday, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Christmas Day. The office will be open from 8:30 to 4:30, as usual, on Monday, Dec. 31. Happy Holidays!



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Holiday settled by school board

Bethlehem Central's board of education has taken the lead in eliminating confusion and family frustration by decreeing that local schools will adhere to the federal rather than the state observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Board members last week authorized the school closing on Monday, May 26, 1980, to comply with the nationwide holiday that provides a three-day weekend for the average five-day jobholder. The traditional date of May 30 falls on Friday in 1980.

Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn told board members at their regular meeting Wednesday that he had been assured by officers of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Elsmere that the post wold shift its annual memorial Day parade to the Monday date next year.

For the past two years the

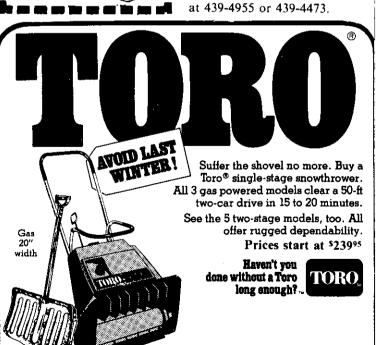
For the past two years, the state Legislature, under pressure from veterans' organizations, has declared May 30 as a statewide holiday. Observance of that date, on which many parades were held, put New York State in direct conflict with the nationwide observance. The split observances disrupted families' travel and recreation plans, and caused confusion in offices, plants, banking hours, mail service and financial markets

Blood pressure screening

The town of Bethlehem will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 10 to 2 and from 7 to 9 Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar. No appointments are necessary. The clinics are coordinated by town board member Ruth O. Bickel. Nurses who would like to volunteer their assistance are invited to contact Mrs. Bickel at 420 4055 or 420 4472



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Stalemate stalls zone shift plea

New Scotland's town board and planning board were scheduled to get together in a joint session this week, with one of the items on the agenda an eight-month-old request for a zoning change on the outskirts of Voorheesville.

The petition for the change from residential to commercial was filed last May 10 by Peter Baltis. Voorheesville land developer, who owns a 7.5-acre tract on the east side of Rt. 155 near the intersection with Rt. 85A. Baltis and his attorney. Karl H. Schrade of Delmar, showed up at last Wednesday's regular meeting of the town board to complain that they had received no word on the status of the request.

The town board previously had postponed action on the request, saying Baltis had not furnished enough information for members to make a determination. Schrade, who has replaced Albany attorney John Cholakis as counsel for Baltis, told the board that "our position is to presume that the petition is approved by default" and asked the board to set a date for a public hearing on the zoning change, as required by

Not so, said town attorney Michael Stafford. The matter is in the hands of the town planning board, which makes recommendations on zoning matters, and the planning board is waiting for further information. Stafford declared

Supervisor Steve Wallace told Baltis and Schrade that as soon as the information is forthcoming and the planning board has made its recommendation, the town board will set the hearing date. Presumably the buck will stop there.

Noting that the planning board had a scheduled session at 7 p.m. Tuesday of this week, Wallace called a meeting of the town board for 8 that night in









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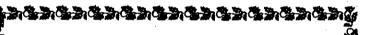
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Peter Baltis, right, with attorney Karl Schrade at town board session in New Scotland.

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an effort to move the Baltis petition closer to a showdown.

Baltis has asked a change in the zoning for his parcel from R-1 Residential to B-1 Light Commercial. In recent years he made two attempts to have his land annexed by the village of Voorheesville in an effort to tap into the village water system, but he was turned down each time by joint action of the New Scotland town board and Voorheesville village board, the last time in 1977. At that time he stated he had plans for a small shopping plaza development on his land, but in the current petition he has not indicated what kind of commercial development he proposes. In any event, he will have to provide his own water supply.

ELSMERE

Flames rout 4

A fire believed to have been caused by a cigarette drove four occupants of an Elsmere house into the yard Friday morning.

The blaze at the residence of Edward J. Rook, 12 Greenock Rd., caused extensive damage to the interior and contents on the first floor. Elsmere Fire Co. officials said most of the damage was in the living room and kitchen of the split-level dwelling, with heat and smoke damage throughout the house. There were no injuries.

Theft at library

Police are investigating the theft of a \$44 cassette player from the Bethlehem Library media center on Dec. 4-5.





Douglas Welt of Delmar, right, will participate in an instrumental program at The Albany Academy Dec. 13. Others in the photo are Charles Tedeschi, music teacher, Charles Matthews and John Battin. Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon S. Welt.

BETHLEHEM

Money crunch slows building

Soaring interest rates and rising construction costs have put a crimp in building activity in Bethlehem, according to permits issued at the town hall.

With single-family home building slumping sharply, the trend has shifted to apartment building, which is showing a steady increase after four years of inactivity from 1973 to 1977.

John Flanigan, town building inspector, says the 1979 figures reflect a shift away from single units toward a combination of large homes and small apartments. With mortgages so hard to come by, he continued, people who can afford any size home can generally afford a large one, while those who cannot get mortgages turn to apartment living.

Flanigan's statistics show that construction of one-family dwellings hit an all-time peak with 175 permits in 1977, fell off to 133 in 1978, and further slumped to 82 this year. During the same period there was one permit issued for a six-unit town house project in 1977, one permit for a five-unit town house in 1978 and none this year.

Over this span, apartment activity was 20 units (five fourunit buildings) in 1977, 24 units last year and 14 units in 1979. Permits were issued for 10 duplexes in 1977, 20 in 1978 and eight this year.

On a larger scale, there is a cycle in building in Bethlehem. Peaks have occured in 1950, 1955, 1965 and 1977, systematically lengthening the period between each outbreak of home building. On the average, however, about 100 new homes are constructed per year, and it could be a long time before the construction height of 1977 is surpassed.

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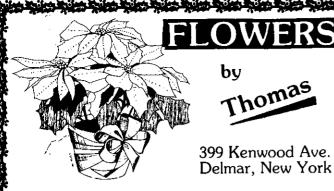
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GLENMONT

Anyway, it was a wild animal

A woman driving on Rt. 9W in Glenmont Sunday morning thought her car had struck and killed a large shepherd dog. Vincent L. (Jim) Spinosa, proprietor of Van Allen Farms store nearby, called Bethlehem police for her.

Moments later, when Henry G. (Bud) Hillman of Clapper Rd., Selkirk, stopped at the store, Spinosa mentioned the incident. Hillman's response: "That wasn't a dog, it was a coyote, and I just put it in my pickup truck. It has been dead only a few minutes."

Arthur Taylor, town dog warden, and the police blotter in Delmar listed the victim as a "coy dog," but Hillman insisted it was a coyote. He said he had shot "true coyotes" each fall for the past two years, and said a coyote was captured by a Glenmont farmer near Dowerskill village four weeks ago. All were afflicted with mange.

Hillman, a trapper for 45 years, said he picked up the coyote's carcass after checking his traps, which yielded a fox—his seventh this year—and four muskrats.

Faces weapon charge

When Officer Wayne D. LaChappelle responded to the complaint of a Delmar woman who told police a window of her car had been broken in a parking area near her apartment, he noticed a 14-inch "billy" club similar to a police nightstick lying on the front seat. He arrested Diana Marie Keezar, 19, of 351 Delaware Ave., on a charge of criminal possession of a weapon, fourth degree, and ticketed her for an appearance in Bethlehem justice court tonight (Dec. 13).

Book available

"An Adirondack Sampler," the paperback book by Bethlehem science teacher Bruce Wadsworth, can be purchased at the Bookshelf at Stuyvesant Plaza, Herman's on Wolf Road in Colonie, and Clapp's at Twenty Mall in Guilderland.

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BETHLEHEM

Water district sells property

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The house, located on Rt. 85 in the town of New Scotland, has been vacant since the retirement of Marshall Frisbee as supervisor of the Bethlehem water treatment plant nearby. About two and a half acres of land are included in the sale.

The buyers are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Kusel. Purchase price was listed as \$39,000. The transaction is subject to a permissive referendum for a 30-day period starting Dec. 6.

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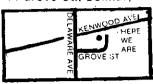
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Nursery school musicians on TV

A group of 4-year-old "musicians" from the Tri-Village Nursery School in Delmar will be on the television featue "PM Magazine" next week. The program is scheduled to be aired at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18, on Channel 10.

A typographical error in the Spotlight article on the TV producers' visit to Delmar last week gave the date of the program as Dec. 10 instead of Dec. 18.

The filmclip highlights the teaching method of Ruth Powers of Delmar, a disciple of the Orff-Schulwerk method of introducing music. The concept is an elemental approach to music literacy originated in Saltzburg, Germany, by composer Carl Orff, Orff founded his own institute in 1963 to conduct training programs basing his technique on movement, rhythmic "language" and specially designed pitches percussion instruments that can be used to involve the children in active participation.

Miss Powers is a certified Orff specialist. The television production focuses on her interpretation in teaching the Tri-Village school's four-daya-week class of 4-year-olds.

On the cover:

Many Bethlehem Middle School pupils are busy rehearsing for a musical presentation of "Tom Sawver" on Jan 18-19 at the school. Carol Hernandez, who plays Becky Thatcher, smiles demurely as Jeremiah Manning, playing Tom Sawyer asks: "Hey, Becky, you ever been engaged before?" The public will be invited to attend the two evening performances.

Photo by L. Spelich

Federal funding sought

The Bethlehem Central business education department has recently submitted two federal grant proposals to the State Education Dept. for equipment funding. One would provide for purchase of word processing equipment for training of students in the office procedures course, and the other would make computer instruction available to distributive education students. Each grant. if approved, would be worth about \$40,000.

Shoplifting charged

A 17-year-old Delmar youth faces a court appearance following his arrest by Bethlehem police on a petit larceny charge. Police said the youth, whose name was withheld, was accused of taking \$10 worth of various merchandise from the Albany Public Market last Wednesday.

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BETHLEHEM

Students plan new publication

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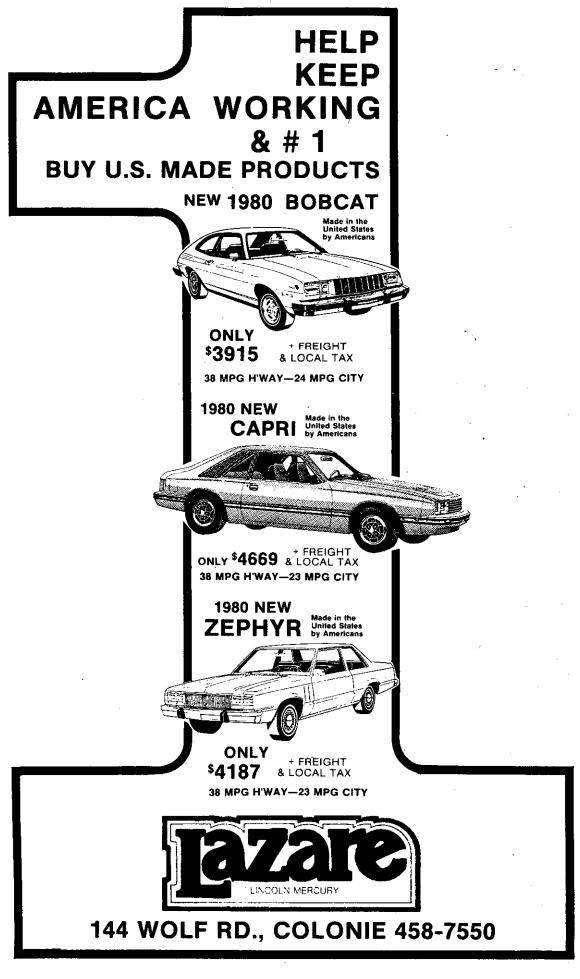
The yearbook, scheduled for distribution next May, will contain 10 pages of individual photos of 8th graders and 38 pages of candid photos and information about school activities and personnel.

The student council, advised by special education teacher Jesse Braverman, hopes for a large sale and will donate any proceeds to help fund school activities.

Enlists in Air Force

Robert J. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick, 56 Alden Ct., Delmar, has entered the U.S. Air Force delayed enlistment program, and is scheduled to leave Jan. 2 for basic training at Lackland AFB, near San Antonio, Tex. He is a 1978 graduate of the Bethlehem Central High School, and will receive transferrable college credits during his training.





Students at seminar

Bethlehem Central High School students Philip Giltner, Hilary Wiesner and David Tedeschi recently participated in a program on SALT II sponsored by the State Education Dept. and the Capital District Council for the Social Studies as an observance of United Nations Day. Students from schools throughout New York State attended the session, and Tedeschi was elected to serve as a discussion leader. Elfrieda Textores, a BCHS social studies teacher, accompanied and advised the local contingent.

Ski package offered

"Any skier who can't beat the price of a day lift ticket is a novice and deserves to pay his dues." This observation by one veteran skier reflects the numerous specials and ski packages offered by area clubs in conjunction with most of the major ski areas. Stratton Mountain posts the highest one-day lift ticket at \$18 and, with most areas close behind, consumers need to take advantage of ski packages more than ever.

Here in Delmar, the Two For One Club of America, whose president is Joseph Rheal, offers a plan that includes 41 lift tickets that are good when the user is accompanied by a skier who purchases a ticket of equal value at Adirondack, Bousquet, Haystack, Hickory, Jiminy Peak, Prospect Mountain, Royal Mountain, Magic Mountain, Willard Mountain and Windham Mountain ski areas. This \$390 value is available to members who pay the \$25 dues, according to program director, Nancy Levine.

Another package available this season (which ends April 30) is offered through the VIP Ski Club, a division of Two For One. VIP members receive ten tickets to Jiminy Peak, good any time through Dec. 29, Monday through Friday from Dec. 30 to Feb. 18, and any time after Feb. 19. Membership is \$28 and expires April 30, 1980. Anyone who purchases both the Two For One and VIP plans pays only \$35, a savings of \$18.

For details, write Two For One Club of America, Inc., PO Box 406, Delmar, or call 456-7556.

On bank board

Wayne D. Freihofer of Loudonville hs been elected to the board of directors of the West End Federal Savings and Loan Assn., which has a satellite



Wayne D. Freihofer

office at 214 Delaware Ave., Elsmere. Freihofer is vice president of operations for the Charles Freihofer Baking Co., a member of the firm's board of directors, and a former captain in the U.S. Army Reserves. He is a graduate of Albany Academy and Cornell University.

2 youths arrested

Bethlehem police arrested two Glenmont teenagers on charges of disorderly conduct following an incident at the Town Squire shopping plaza at 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Officers said the youths, whose names were not released, engaged in a shoving match and used obscene language.

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Holiday mails moving briskly

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Slingerlands Postmaster Don Yetman said, 'an awful lot of parcels have been mailed early, 15 to 20 sacks a day."

Glenmont Postmaster Edna Faulkner noted that postage sales are up, and the mail volume is growing, but said she had been too busy to check against last year's figures. In any event, early mailing is a welcome relief to postal employees, making the seasonal rush a little less hectic.

Co-op board meets

The next meeting of the board of directors of the Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County will be held Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 in the large kitchen meeting room at the Resource Development Center in Voorheesville. 都是都是都是都是都是都是都是都是都是都是

Police officer hurt

Officer Gerard P. DeMeur of the Bethlehem police department suffered a whiplash injury when the patrol car he was driving was struck from the rear by an empty dump truck on Rt. 9W, Glenmont, just north of the Corning Hill intersection at 8:10 a.m. Thursday. DeMeur was driving south near a Niagara Mohawk temporary work area when he saw a youth leap onto the trunk of a car ahead. As he slowed the patrol car to investigate, his vehicle was hit from behind. Police identified the driver of the truck as Laverne G. Frasier. 39, of Schenectady. The investigation is continuing.

Jewish film slated

An award-winning film on the 250-year history of the Jewish people in Eastern Europe, "L'Chaim . . . To Life," narrated by Eli Wallach, will be shown on WTEN. Channel 10, Sunday, Dec. 16, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The showing is sponsored by the regional committee of Women's American ORT (Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training), which has a number of members in the Tri-Village area.

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Stage troupe alive, living in Delmar

The old Warrick Hotel on Delaware Tpk. hill in Unionville will no longer be the home of the Slingerlands Community Players, but rumors of their dissolution are greatly exaggerated, according to spokesman Bob Lange of Delmar.

It is true that after 28 years of performances, declining attendance and monetary problems led the group to cancel this season's performances, and they sold many of the properties and costumes they had accumulated over the years. But, they plan to hold on to the \$800 proceeds as well as the major part of the revenue from the sale of the playhouse—it's on the market—in the hopes that interest may be revived in the spring.

"We've had a big problem getting people to come out 'to the boondocks' to our plays," Lange said. "For some reason there seems to be an invisible barrier at the High School." In the past, many of the supporters came from " . . . Latham, Ballston Spa . . . all over the place." But economic factors have taken their toll. "With the gas crunch, people simply lost intefest," he observed.

Lange feels part of the solution, if one is to be had,

may lie in a change of location. "When and if we put on more productions, it will be more in the heart of Delmar where people are more likely to come."

If past performances are any indication, the Slingerlands Community Players would be a commodity well worth keeping. Beginning with their 1951 opening play, "The Male Animal," which was presented at the Bethlehem Middle School. the troupe began collecting followers. In 1955 they transferred to the newly-constructed Bethlehem Central High School, and it was not until 1968 that their burgeoning store of costumes and props pressed them to purchase the old hotel on Delaware Tpk.

In the past 10 years, the small theatre has been packed for productions like "Exit the King," "A Man for All Seasons," "Macbeth" and "A Long Day's Journey Into Night." Often, according to Lange, first-time patrons became religious followers, appearing at play after play, and the troupe gained a reputation for what the Albany Knickerbocker News called "quality on a shoestring budget."



Bethlehem Cable Channel 16 Monday, Dec. 17 (all times p.m.)

6:30-Story Time

7:00—Capital District Living

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8:30—Panorama

9:00—Live Wire, with Boom Boom Brannigan

Tuesday, Dec. 18

3:00-Faith for Today

3:30-Story Time

6:30—Christopher Closeup

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7:00—Carla Page Presents 7:30—Financial Planning

8:00-Energy Update

Vandalism charged

Three 17-year-old Guilderland youths were arrested last week by Officer A.S. Arduini of Bethlehem police on charges of criminal mischief. Police charged the trio with damaging four mailboxes on Beverly Dr., North Bethlehem, with a vehicle shortly after 2 a.m. Saturday.

Local artist featured

The work of Delmar artist Helen St. Clair is on exhibit at the Framer's Workshop, 1524 Central Ave., Albany, until Jan. 6.

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Local artist exhibits

An exhibition of paintings by Slingerlands artist Robert Longley is being shown at the Albany Institute of History and Art through Feb. 25. Longley's paintings, mostly landscapes and still lifes, are realistic with an emphasis on color and natural light effects, though he considers himself a contemporary painter, his work is rooted in the traditions of French and American Impressionists.

Longley's paintings have been shown in various regional and national exhibitions. An opening reception will be held on Dec. 16 from 3 to 4 p.m.

4-H club formed

The newly formed 4-H club called the Talented Tigers met Nov. 16 under the leadership of Mrs. Noreen Rightmyer of Glenmont for their first project meeting in "Food Let's Begin." Officers for the coming year are: president, Lynne Silber; vice president, Melissa Rightmyer; secretary, Kim Haack; treasurer, Nancy Frattura; song and recreation, Kim Dale, and news reporter, Patricia

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Homegrown video horizons open

The Visual Arts Production (VPA) Club of Bethlehem Central High School is widening its horizons with the addition of a public access television channel plus complete programming from Bethlehem Video, the local cable television company.

Media technician Nick Viscio currently oversees the closed-circuit and video taping network that allows students at the high school access to programs from Madison Square Gardens sporting events to in-session debates of the House of Representatives. He also supervises studentoriginated programming that includes foreign language skits and social studies dramas in which students assume the roles and reactions of President Carter and the Avatollah Khomeini.

The public access channel at the school, however, has not seen much action, partly because of technical difficulties and partly due to scheduling problems. The system was planned so that educational programming could be broadcast from the school at any time to the Delmar, Glenmont, Elsmere and Slingerlands area. A faulty modulator (for which a new one is on order) means that Viscio may broadcast, but only when he notifies a technician at Bethlehem Video to adjust the present unit.

Meanwhile, Viscio has placed the VAP Club's latest project—a news program combining school and community events to be broadcast on the access channel-on "hold." The club is involved in WRGB's Student Spectrum programs, which allow schools access to network airwaves, has helped the Delmar Progress Club with a tape-slide presentation for the Energy Exposition at the Empire State Plaza in November.

Club members also are waiting for a film they produced last vear to be finished with titles and credits, hopefully in time for the All-State Media Festival to be held in April.

"The competition is really good," said Viscio. "It gives winners a scholarship for a four-week course at Buffalo State in media production."

The club has other things in the offing, once they acquire the necessary equipment. "We really don't have adequate

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facilities for good productions," said Viscio. In order to allow students to do fully scripted productions, they need an effects generator and better mixing equipment for editing film and sound. He hopes to get funding from external organizations, but many of them feel that television in the schools is extravagant.

"Actually, it's not," Viscio insists. "The programs we have, even with our current equipment, are comparable to those of schools like Guilderland (which has a complete studio). We're making very good use of what we have."

Many of the club's future plans center on better use of the public access time. Viscio has already discussed possible production of sporting events from the school, but that is still on the drawing board. Some coaches have been using the video equipment themselves as a tool to analyze games after they are played, but in order to do effective play-by-play coverage, new mobile cameras would be needed.

Still, with the access channel in full operation, production can roll once more.

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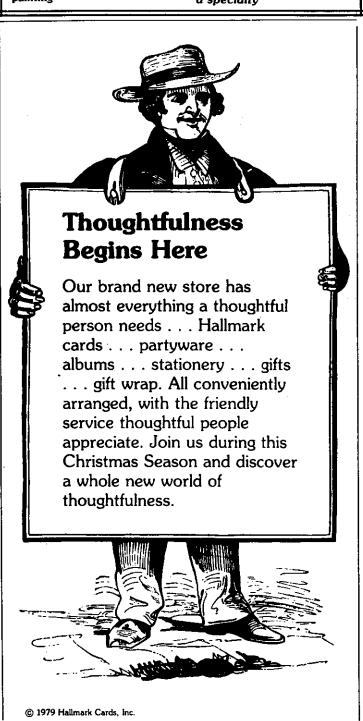
School board 'coffee'

Bethlehem Central school board member Marjory O'Brien will hold monthly "coffees" at her home at 29 Preston Rd., Delmar, beginning on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. Referring to her promise to help strengthen communications between the schools and the community, Mrs. O'Brien said she hopes the meetings which had been initiated by her predecessor, Mrs. Mary Ann Stringham, will provide an opportunity for parents and other taxpayers to discuss their concerns about the school district in an informal, unstructured atmosphere. "I want to know what people are thinking and I hope I will be able to provide a stronger link between the community and the school board," she said.



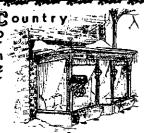






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Farm Bureau President Richard McGuire, left, presents highest award to Daniel M. Dalrymple and his wife, Esther.

DELMAR

Dalrymple cited by Farm Bureau

Daniel M. Dalrymple of Delmar received New York Farm Bureau's highest honor, the Distinguished Service to Agriculture of the Empire State Award, in ceremonies Wednesday night at Ellenville. The presentation was among the highlights of the Farm Bureau's annual meeting. Over 700 farmers from the state's 52 agricultural counties and representing all farm commodities produced in the state were on hand.

The Distinguished Service Award is given each year to one person who has made extraordinary contributions to the agricultural community throughout his or her life. In presenting the award, Farm Bureau President Richard Mc-Guire paid tribute to Dalrymple for his 20 years of service as a county agent in Seneca and Niagara counties.

Dalrymple's success and leadership as a fruit grower in Niagara County was also recognized. The award recipient built and operated the first controlled atmosphere apple storage facility in Western New York. He was also an officer in the New York State Horticultural Society.

Dalrymple served as assistant commissioner of agriculture in New York in the 1960s. He was an agricultural consultant for the Environmental Protection Agency from 1972 to 1974. Presently, he is secretary-treasurer and lobbyist for the Council of Agricultural Organizations.

Born and raised on a farm in Chemung County, Dalrymple was educated in a one-room schoolhouse and worked his way through Cornell University, graduating in 1928.

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Music at Clarksville

The Clarksville School presented its winter music program this past Tuesday with the theme of "Peace to All," and, for the first time, members of the orchestra accompanied the choral group. More than twothirds of the pupils in grades 1-5 at Clarksville are in the school choir, and many are also learning to play musical instruments.

There is a new Musicians Club at Clarksville this year. Interested pupils from all grades meet once a week with music teacher Donna Lawrence to practice playing the recorder and create musical compositions.

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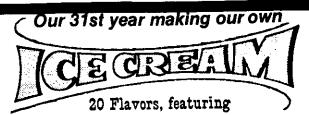
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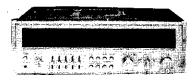
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Debbie Kleinke, FBLA president, left, and Elizabeth Bennett. DECA president, right, flank Cindy Junco, project coordinator, and Peter Staniels of the Bethlehem chamber of commerce.

BETHLEHEM

Students take on chamber project

Two Bethlehem Central student organizations will join forces on an ambitious community service project to help the local chamber of commerce compile a business directory.

Members of the BCHS chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will embark

on a town-wide canvass in which they will contact all businesses and service agencies in the town to gather information necessary for the directory. Cindy Junco, coordinator of the student project, said that "many small businesses, some of which have no 'store front' identification" will be included in the directory.

Peter Staniels, manager of the Delmar office of Roberts Real Estate, is coordinating the project for the chamber. Said Staniels: "We feel the directory is needed to inform residents of the resources offered within the town of Bethlehem, and to encourage residents to use the available resources as often as possible before taking their business out of town.'

Serving with Staniels on the chamber committee are May Blackmore and Arthur Henahan, both of Delmar, Robert Pierson is the faculty advisor for DECA and Mrs. Barbara Linford for FBLA.

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by Judi James

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That barn is part of their present business. Al began raising vegetables and plants, and in 1942 the Verstandigs opened a retail store at the Four Corners. Then, in 1959, they opened the new shop at 454 Delaware Ave... on the site of the Taylor barn. The final addition was in 1973 when they added a large room.

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stop in Verstandig's florists on Delaware Ave., Delmar, which held open house that day. From 9 in the morning until 6 at night, the parking lot was filled and visitors arrived. Most of them left feeling that Christmas time had come to Bethlehem. They had visited old friends and savored the beauty of flowers, unusual gift items and of a rare and wonderful blending of creativeness.

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in front of that a nice selection of English Cuthbertson dishes and little Anri dolls perched here and there. Another table holds some replicas of the old copper heating pots which have been filled with candles. Candles of all sizes abound in the store . . . as do all accessories for Christmas entertaining and decorating. This is the work of Bertha Verstandig. Bertha Verstandig loves dolls and she has some rare and most beautiful ones which are collectors items. You'll see them as you walk through the store: there's Hilda, a lovely creature with an "anticipating" expression which entrances . . . she is charming with her bonnet and hand-embroidered gown. She is a creation by Shader who has faithfully reproduced the German and French dolls. Each part is signed and dated. Each doll is perfect. There is the Rechnagel doll gowned in grape velvet with a plumed bonnet. These are beautiful ladies and entrancing young boys—gowned authentically and all to be cherished.

On a more droll note: be sure to look at the clever Anli dolls. We especially treasure the little

grandmother and grandfather (both about two feet tall) who are holding between them a basket filled with other baskets and are looking very knowing about the whole holiday parade.

Browse on: there are Hummel figurines and lovely items, from Hungary and China. There are special little pieces in Limoge. And we particularly liked a little turtle . . . a similar one resides in the home of Helen Mosher, who is part of the delightful and knowledgable staff at Verstandig's. She uses hers for mints and says the dish is always a conversation piece! There's a charming Limoge tea set in green . . . a very special item for the collector of miniatures.

There has been a big market for the Chinese pieces, be it a i Ming horse, a silk screen or a lovely print, you will be delighted with the choice. Delph from Holland is displayed too. . . as is a fine collection of crystal pieces from France and Germany and Belgium.

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particular, with one which looks like a fine mahogany chest. It is topped with a glassed case wherein elegant ladies bow and twirl to the music of the Victorian world.

All is not serious, though: You'll love the whimsey of the two gold reindeer, which would be wonderful on table or mantle. They each have a red velvet saddle and a bow splashed across each of their necks. Another lovely bit for holiday decor: a grand piano topped with clusters of apples and rolled sheaths of antique pages of music. The little lady who plays this instrument is happily sitting on the piano stool on one side, while on the other side her companion with expression of bliss—plays the violin!

There's so much more we could describe, but before we finish this, we must tell you about a few of the decorating items for your home. We especially like the simplicity of the braided straw door pull which had a cluster of bright red apples at the top. Equally charming was an antique frame. Into this had been inserted some red burlap and a few sprigs of holly. This would make a wonderful gift for

someone . . for after Christmas has passed, the red and green could be removed and great-grandma's picture would be perfectly framed!

Verstandig's is a family affair. Son Bob succeeds his father in the business. He maintains just the right temperature in the greenhouses for the perfect growth of the plants. (He tells us that he keeps the greenhouses about 60-65 degrees, but as soon as the plants bud, the temperature is lowered. Right now the poinsettas are kept at about a 55 degree

Bob Verstandig, his wife and his two sons all pitch in when business is heavy. Bertha does all the display and most of the buying. She has several helpers, too... and most of the staff has been there a long time and take a special interest in the work. When flowers or arrangements are needed for the home, they will go to the home and design special creations if necessary. "We try not to have the same things in homes and for that reason we buy limited quantities and are always on the lookout for the unusual." It all adds up to creativity. This is the place for browsers . . . for ideas . . . for perfect decor.

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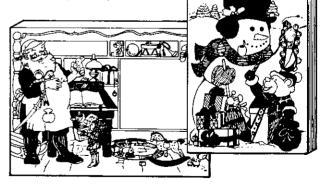


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Teachers on project

Two members of the Bethlehem Central science department recently worked as editors on a solar energy education project, a collection of classroom activities relating to solar energy. The guidebook will soon be available to science teachers across the country.

Tom Atkinson, science supervisor, and Jane Cappiello, a Middle School science teacher, were among a group of educators who put the descriptions of learning activities into publication form. Funds for the project were provided by the U.S. Dept. of energy in conjunction with the State Education Dept.'s Bureau of Science Education and the State University of New York at Albany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center.



DEATHS Charles A. Oliver

Charles A. Oliver, a former businessman and active civic leader, died Dec. I at St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness. He was 85 and lived at 49 Marlboro Rd., Delmar.

A native of Old Chatham, Columbia County, Mr. Oliver was a past president of the Schuyler-Hudson Auto Corp. and former general manager of the John D. Wendell Leasing Corp., Albany. He served in the U.S. Army air corps in World War I, and served as price executive of the Albany District Office of Price Administration (OPA) during World War II.

He was a trustee of the Albany Savings Bank and later was named honorary trustee. He helped found the Delmar Businessmen's Assn., served as its vice president, and later became executive secretary and president of the Bethlehem chamber of commerce. He continued to attend meetings of the chamber of commerce until shortly before his death.

Mr. Oliver was a 63-year member of Bethlehem Lodge No. 1096, F&AM, a past president of the Albany Rotary Club, a member of the University Club and a member of the Nathanial Adams Blanchard American Legion Post. He leaves his wife, the former Lillian King, and a son, Robert K. Oliver, both of Delmar.





One of the lucky people who had a chance to chat with Santa on his annual visit to Delaware Plaza Saturday was Robbie Carr.

In stage production

Bethlehem Central staff and students were represented in the recent production of "Gypsy" by the Four Seasons Dinner Theater in Albany. The musical was directed and choreographed by Dick Feldman, a BCHS English teacher, and the male lead role, Herbie, was played by Tom Watthews, a

BCHS biology teacher. Leslie Duncan, a June BCHS graduate who is now a freshman at SUNYA, appeared as Electra, one of three strippers. Will McGarrahan, a junior, and Jay Kerness, a sophomore, had featured roles as singers and dancers. Chris and Carolyn Smith, also BCHS students, were responsible for many of the lighting effects.

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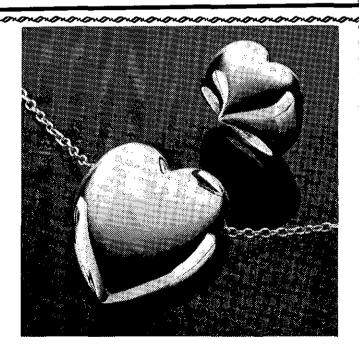
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JCC signups start

The Albany Jewish Community Center will combine registration for its winter classes with a Participation Day Dec. 16, Sunday, at the Center, 340 Whitehall Rd. Registration will run from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mini classes and demonstrations by instructors will begin at noon and offer a sampling of the courses, which included crafts, photography, music, occult, yiddish, dance and physical education. For information, call 438-6651.

Graders to have own hoop league

Bethlehem's five elementary schools will have their own junior basketball league this season under the guidance of Jim Tedisco, BCHS varsity coach who heads the district's development program.

Tedisco has issued a call for interested fifth graders in the Clarksville. Slingerlands, Hamagrael, Elsmere and Glenmont schools to report to the High School gym from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday to register for the program. The league will operate Saturday mornings at those hours, with sixth and seventh graders having their own league from 10:30 to noon.

The former Union College star has directed Bethlehem's basketball clinics since taking over the varsity coaching job a year ago.

College concert set

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Blackbirds eve another net title

The Voorheesville High School girls volleyball team may well be on the way to another Sectional crown this vear under the direction of their coach of eight years, Robyn Lock. But, in the back of their minds, beyond just winning the title, ther are memories of returning to a closed and darkened school after their victory last year.

In the wake of the victory celebration the town put on for the Sectional-championship Voorheesville football team, Coach Lock commented, "The kids were really upset. It left them feeling really down, as if they weren't worth anything."

She hesitates to put the blame on "sexism" because volleyball is a "minor" sport, often overlooked regardless of the sex of the players. "There's never any coverage in the newspapers," she points out, "At least not in the Times Union and the dailies." Since last year's slight, though, she has seen an upswing in community interest. "As far as the community is concerned, support for us has really increased. People are beginning to realize that it really is a dynamic game and not just your gym class experience."

VOLLEYBALL

BC earns spot in net tourney

Two wins in three matches last week have lifted the Bethlehem Central girls' volleyball team to an 8-3 record in the Suburban Council and a berth in the Class A Sectionals at Niskayuna.

The Eagles polished off Niskayuna and Colonie in straight sets, but again ran into a grinder against Scotia. The 2-I loss on the home floor Friday was the second in the two-game series. BC is clinging to third place in the league behind 10-1 Shenendehowa and 9-2 Guilderland. The final league match was scheduled for Wednesday of this week at Shaker.

Display at museum

The Bethlehem Historical Assn. will display old needlework, Christmas decorations and greens at the Cedar Hilil Schoolhouse Museum on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, from 1-3 p.m.

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WRESTLING

Eagle grapplers divide 2 matches

Bethlehem Central's varsity wrestling team opened with a disappointing 27-20 loss to perennial power Averill Park. However, two days later, the Eagles rebounded and defeated the Voorheesville Blackbirds, 43-15. Led by nine returning lettermen, and with a strong rookie turnout, the season promises to be both exciting and successful.

The varsity lineup is: John Herrmann (98), Joe Conway (105), Andy Hickey (112), Jeff Herrmann (119), Dave Ruslander (132), Steve Essex (138), Mark Dean (145), Alan Marwill (155), Jim Wolfe (167), Dave Lloyd (177) and Steve Mollinsek (215), J.B. Rodgers at 105 pounds and Tom Callanan at 126 will give the Eagles

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added strength when they return to the lineup. Co-captains are Dean and Ruslander, with Rick Poplaski returning as head coach.

Also with a 1-1 record, the JV team looks promising, led by new Coach Greg Catalano. The JV squad includes Eric Bryant, Alan Tinsman, Mark Errichetti, Tom McTague, Chris Edwards, Aaron Lieberman, Dan Chambers, Jeff Lindsey, Norman Drapeau, Nico Castaldo, Craig Wiltsey, Atlie Mendleson, Paul Dorsey, Ford Clark, Bill Acquario and David Beottcher.

The JV and varsity squads travel this week to Hudson Falls, then the varsity heads for Oxford for the annual Clyde Cole tournament, which has been expanded this year to include 16 teams.

Christmas concert Friday

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, will host a Christmas concert by Christian Music Ministries, Inc., entitled "Love Came Down," on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:30, Participating will the The Joyful Noise, Spirit Image (formerly Naphtali), The New Covenant Singers and King's Kids.



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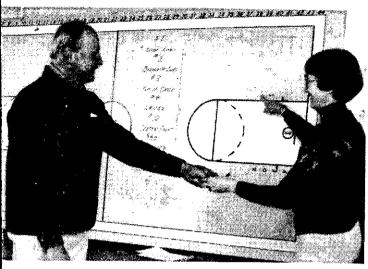
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Family swims end

The final recreational swim for residents of the town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central school district will be held at the Bethlehem Middle School from 1 to 4 Sunday. The program is sponsored by the town's Parks and Recreation Dept. and will resume during the winter program.

Wins DAR award

David Propp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Propp. 86 Devon Rd., Delmar, has been named as one of two winners of the Tawasentha Chapter DAR Good Citizens Awards for 1979-80. He is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School.

The announcement by Mrs. H. Carlton Kelley, Jr., regent. and Mrs. Graham Redmond, award chairman, also named Dawn L. Shafer of Altamont, a student at the Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, as a

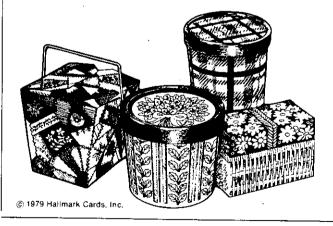
winner. The award is made to high school seniors chosen by fellow students and faculty. Winners are submitted for consideration by regional and state committees in the national contest, in which a \$1,000 scholarship is awarded.



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BASKETBALL

Eagles facing question marks

One game does not a season make, but Bethlehem Central's opening scuffle in Suburban Council basketball gave indications this may be a long season for the proud Eagles.

However, it depends on how you look at Friday's 52-46 loss to Scotia in overtime. The gloomy guy would see it this way: Scotia is nowheresville, and we've got to beat all of these mediocres to go anywhere. The optimist would see it this way: BC opens with the greenest team ever, its two best players not even in the gym, and a technological fluke (repairable) spoiling a chance for the winning basket at the final gun.

Whichever way you look at it, there are certain facts that are undisputable. One, BC opened its rebuilding season with its two best players sidelined: Mark Lawrence, its only returning veteran, flattened with a strep throat all week, and Joe Keppler, the altitudinous junior counted on for board-clearing, discovering he has to sit out the whole season to give his balky knee a chance

got to fix the timeclock on the home side in the BC gym. because it doesn't work, and that gives every visiting team a distinct advantage. Three, the Eagles have to become mature in a hurry—their mistakes caused by inexperience sabotaged any hopes they had of winning in the overtime. Despite the outcome, Coach

to rebuild. Two, somebody's

Jim Tedisco was cheerful. "I thought we played well, considering we had two sophomores and three juniors on the court most of the time, and it was the first varsity game for every one of them," he said. "I thought the whole team did a good job. We played man-toman and got in foul trouble This will be a difficult year, but we can't get disappointed."

The foul trouble hurt. Scotia canned 20 of 25 shots from the penalty stripe. BC had only eight shots and made four.

In the final minute of regulation time, Tom Dexter flicked in the tieing bucket with 50 seconds left. The Eagles got the ball with 31 seconds left and se up to take the final shot at the 10-second mark, but the erration clock gave Tedisco the wrong reading. The result: a desper ation shot at the buzzer missed and sent the Eagles into the disastrous overtime.

Sophomore Tom Dexter had 16 points to lead the scoring.

Coming up is Burnt Hills there on Friday and Shake here on Tuesday. When the Bison come to Delmar, loca fans will have a chance to se not only the league and Sec tional champions, but the legendary Sam Perkins, the area's closest approach to a basketball superstar.

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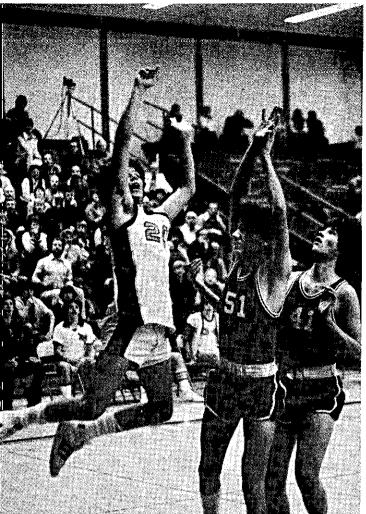
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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds learning the hard way

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O'Brien believes that "we're starting to jell" and bases his optimistic view on the team's spirit. "These guys have a great attitude. They get beat by 34 points, and in the locker room they say, 'what time is practice tomorrow, coach?'"

That was after a humiliating trip to Catskill, where the Blackbirds were blistered, 83-49, by what may become a championship team. Voorheesville fell behind quickly, 20-6, mostly on steals stemming from inexperience. Said O'Brien: "It was a catastrophe with their personnel. They used a 1-2-2 three-quarter press, they let us bring the ball up and then jumped us with a double team. They were so quick it worked wonders."

Joe Probst was the only veteran player in the Voorheesville lineup. Harris Crawford started and saw limited duty with his injury. O'Brien



Harris Crawford

used three juniors and two sophomores a large part of the game, and vows it will be different when Catskill plays the return match in Voorheesville. Hopefully Don Kinisky and Marty McTague will be back in service before then.

Earlier, the Blackbirds dropped their home opener, 63-52, to Rensselaer in a non-league pairing Tuesday. Voorheesville drew within five points twice, the last time with four and a half minutes remaining.

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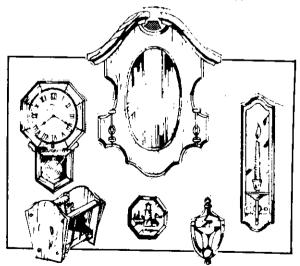
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Humane hunting

Editor, The Spotlight:

There must be numerous Spotlight readers who shar with me the intense feeling of sadness upon seeing the article devoted to the exploits of the bow and arrow nimrod who

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wounded a deer which eluded him and survived who knows how many days of torture until death mercifully ended its agony.

A good clean shot from a rifle is one thing, practicing marksmanship which frequently only wounds, leaving the victim to escape temporarily and experience untold misery before it dies, is quite another. It might be well if the brave young hunter confined himself to inanimate target practice with his archaic weapon, which would be more humane than his present goal of brutally subjecting defenseless creatures

mous with his current "sport."
Rather than commend such acts as heroic, complete with picture portraying a triumphant stance above a slaughtered beast, innocent and unable to retaliate, perhaps some consideration should be given to preserving the few we have left, or at least to destroy them a humane manner.

to the kind of death synony-

This comment comes not from a weak-minded fanatic, but from one who deplores needless cruelty, of which there is a horrifying abundance around us. Surely there are substitutes for the "pleasure" of gnoring a helpless animal's plea for compassion.

(Mrs.) Ethel Fay

New Salem

State conservationists carefully control deer hunting in relation to herd populations threatened with winter starvation. There are also rigid regulations regarding the brief bow and arrow season. The deer wounded in the incident of two years ago lived only a short time, possibly a few hours or less.

Ed.

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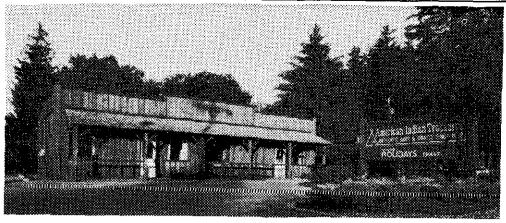
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