

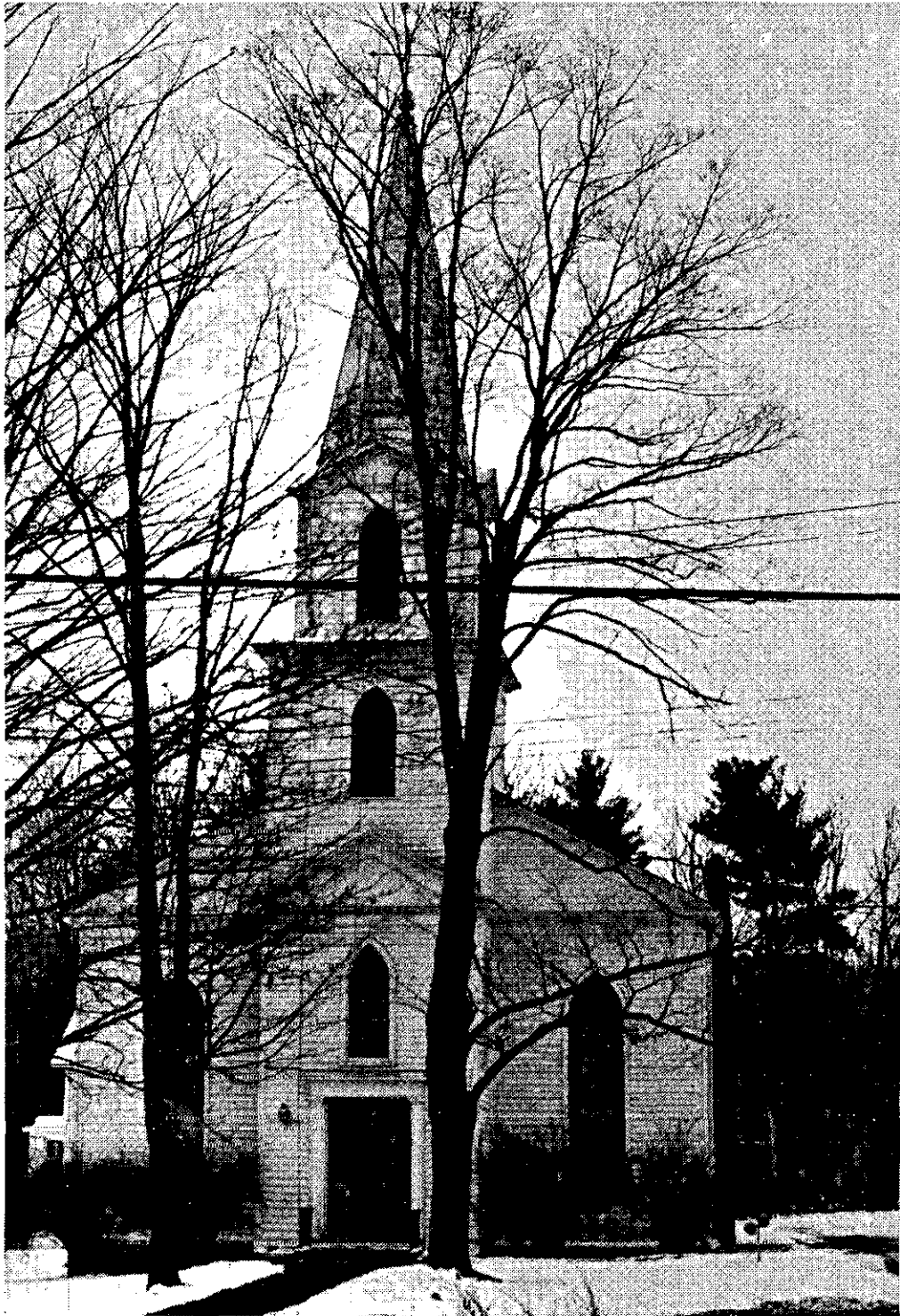
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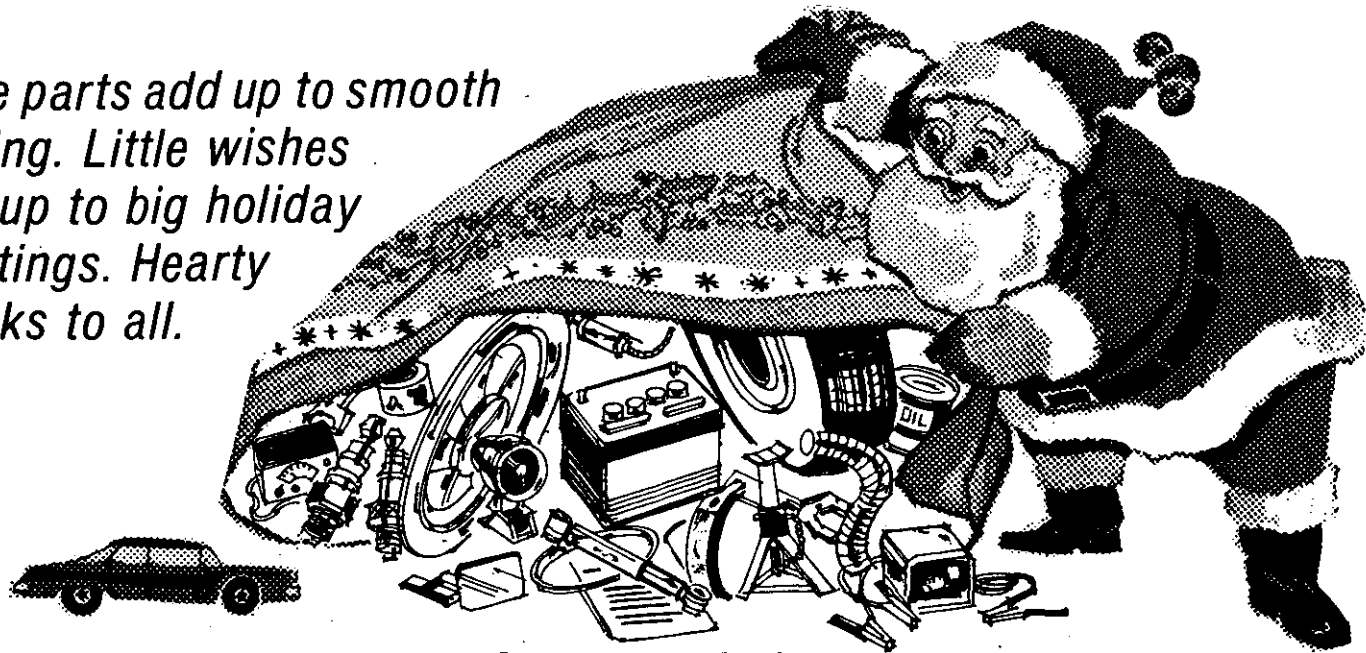
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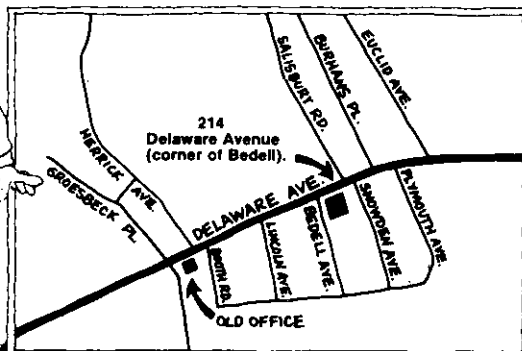
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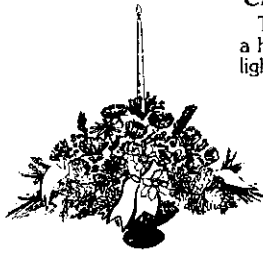
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

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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.

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Helicopter awaits a new load of holiday cargo on desolate airstrip in Greenland. Note glacial snowbanks at left. Top, ANG Maj. Peter Wenger, center, braces against the Arctic wind helping fellow crewmen load helicopter on icecap runway.

BETHLEHEM

A Christmas story...(part two)

Our Christmas story about the little town of Bethlehem (N.Y.) and the little village of Angmagssalik (Greenland) is a mix of suspense, high drama international good will, disappointment, joy and success.

Al Leonard's small white spruce and the 1,500 gifts collected by the men of the 109th Air National Guard in Schenectady for those Eskimo orphans reached their Arctic Circle destination on the desolate edge of the Greenland icecap. But Santa Claus and our Bethlehem Justice-elect Peter Wenger of Delmar were stopped cold (literally) by a 60-mile gale and a mountain of drifting snow just a 15-mile helicopter hop away.

We left you last week with the big C-130 Hercules transport taking off from Schenectady at 5 a.m. with food, fuel, mail, and bulldozer parts for a DEW Line outpost in Greenland. Also aboard were a four-foot spruce from Bethlehem, a sackful of toys and the plane's loadmaster dressed as Santa. To avoid the perilous night-long trek around a fjord from the landing strip to the village, local residents had chartered a helicopter to take Santa, the toys and the U.S. air crew to a joyful holiday welcome at the orphanage.

Chapter Two begins with the touchdown on the nearest airstrip to the Eskimo village and a radio message warning of an approaching Arctic storm. The civilian elders told the American military crew that it would be 24 hours before they could shovel four feet of new snow from their runway, but shovel they did.

When the 10-passenger helicopter alighted near the giant C-130, gale winds buffeted the crew transferring the little spruce and the load of gifts from one craft to the other. The 'copter pilot warned that he had fuel for only 10 minutes of loading, and cautioned that the chances of making a return flight from the village back to the Hercules were marginal. The flight captain, navigator Wenger and Santa decided the risks of being "socked in" by weather and being stranded for two months on the icecap were too great.

The crew formed a human chain to speed the transfer of gifts in the teeth of the gale. The wrapping paper, ribbon and labels were stripped from many gifts by the force of the wind, and the tip of the little tree protruding from its plastic bag was stripped of needles.

As the scene unfolded, the women of Angmagssalik were finishing up 24 hours of culinary preparations for a welcoming feast for Santa—called "Yulamom" by the Eskimos—and his helpers, but the storm kept the American visitors away from what would have been a memorable celebration.

As it was, the winds spun the huge Hercules sideways on the liftoff for home a day later. There was no Santa at Angmagssalik, but on Christmas their own Yulamom will be at the orphanage and there will be gifts for every child, along with their first glimpse of an actual tree.

And back in Bethlehem, Al Leonard has cut another spruce for the children's room at the library, which has been decor-



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Stage intern busy

Debra Cohen, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cohen, 4 Pheasant Lane, Delmar, spent

the fall semester as an intern at the Empire State Youth Theatre Institute in Albany. She recently appeared in the group's production of "Cinderella." Miss Cohen, who will graduate next June and plans to continue her studies in drama, has gained experience with the Institute in costumes, props, sets, and lighting in addition to acting. She has participated in BCHS musical groups and as an actress.

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Town shuts door on dormant mall

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After the developers had been granted a couple of extensions and had updated the sign to read "Coming in 1974" and then "in 1975," the Bethlehem town board suggested to the Philadelphia-based developers, Pan American Associates, that they make the sign read "soon" or just "coming."

Lately the billboard hasn't given even that much of an indication, and after last week, the sign itself may be obsolete. At its regular semi-monthly meeting Wednesday, the town board denied the latest request for a one-year extension of the preliminary approval for the proposed plaza granted in 1972.

The town board took the action on recommendation of the Bethlehem planning board.

In suggesting the seven-year-old endorsement be wiped off the books, the planning board pointed out that there have been significant changes in procedures and requirements in considering subdivision plans since the 1972 decision on Southgate.

Last week's action sends Pan American Associates back to Square One in the long procedure of getting the necessary approvals for their plans. Since town officials haven't heard from the developers in several years other than the annual request for another year's extension, no one in town hall expects Pan American to pull out the dusty blueprints and rush back to the drawing boards.

"This doesn't mean we've rejected the concept of the mall," said Supervisor Tom Corrigan. "It just means they have to go through the planning board process over again and meet new requirements."

Pan American has given no reason for the long delay. Speculation is that the delay is due to economic factors, along with the fact that the Town Squire shopping center less than half a mile down the highway has never been able to attain 100-percent occupancy.



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NEW SCOTLAND

**Stalemate stays
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A special joint session of New Scotland's planning board and town board lasted less than half an hour last week and left a petition for a zoning change undisturbed.

Peter Baltis, a controversial Voorheesville land developer, is irked at the town for delaying a decision on the proposed change. Town officials have tossed the ball back to Baltis, contending the next step is his.

Baltis submitted a petition last May 10 requesting a rezoning from Residential (R-1) to Light Commercial (B-1) for a 7½-acre tract he owns at the intersection of Rt. 85A (Maple Ave.) and Rt. 155 (State Farm Rd.) just outside the Voorheesville village line. The town planning board has taken no action on the request, stating it needs more information on Baltis's plans for the parcel. Baltis and his attorney, Karl Schrade of Delmar, appealed to the town board at the Dec. 4 council meeting, and got the same answer: no detailed plan, no action.

In an effort to resolve the stalemate, Supervisor Steve

Wallace called town board members to an informal session with the planning board at the latter's regular meeting last Tuesday. Baltis and Schrade were there, but the only thing the meeting produced was conversation.

Schrade repeated his earlier contention that the town board's failure to act constituted approval, and asked the board to set a date for a public hearing on the proposed zoning change.

"I don't interpret it that way," Wallace replied. "It would be highly irregular for a town board to approve anything that does not show a specific land use and an environmental impact report. We cannot go to the public without something valid to show what they (the developers) are going to put on it. I do not want to act on this petition without knowing what the building plans are."

When it became obvious that no further information was forthcoming from Baltis, Wallace adjourned the session and the meeting room cleared.

When a reporter asked Baltis what he planned to do with the parcel if he got the zone classification changed, he replied: "I have no comment." Schrade

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So the stalemate continues with no further action in the foreseeable future. Robert A. Cook of Slingerlands, chairman of the town planning board, who transmitted that board's recommendation to the town board that the Baltis petition be rejected pending further information, said his position was unchanged. Ditto the town board, which leaves the ball still in Baltis's court.



Robert A. Cook

Gift request tabled

The New Scotland town board has deferred action "until the end of the year" on a request for a \$5,000 donation to Hope House, an Albany rehabilitation facility for people with drug and alcohol problems.

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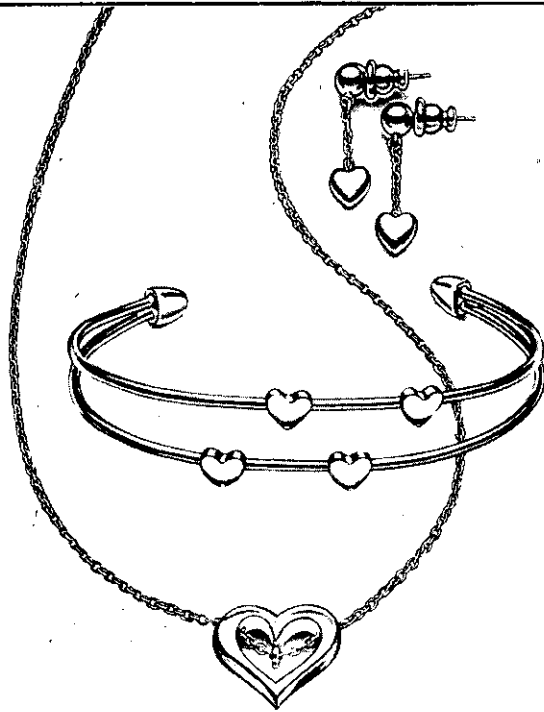
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Choirs to sing at yule pageant

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar, will celebrate Christmas with a novel musical fantasy on Christmas Eve at 7:30, Entitled "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies," the pageant with contemporary sound views the events at Bethlehem from the point of view of God's smallest creatures.

The drama is under the direction of Mrs. Sydney Smith, music director. Music will be provided by the junior and intermediate choirs. Soloists will be Lisa Clark, Marnie Harvith, Susan Warner, David Ashe and Van Thorne (percussion). Narration will be by Janet Shaffer.

At 11 p.m. there will be a service of scripture, carols and poetry led by the youth and chancel choirs. Soloists will be

Martha Casper, Eleanor Haverly and Henry Marks.

On the Sunday before Christmas, Dec. 23, the Methodist Church will provide two services of morning worship. Dr. Leon Adkins, Jr. will complete the Advent series of messages by preaching "Remembering to be a Child." The junior and intermediate choirs will sing at 9 o'clock, while the youth and chancel choirs will sing at 11. Members of the community are welcome at all four services. Child care will be provided on Sunday.

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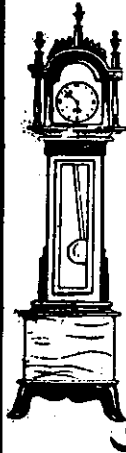
Mary L. Vail of Delmar has been chosen for membership in the Periclean honor society at Skidmore College. She is a senior and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jordan Vail, 60 Wisconsin Ave. Membership is recognition of academic achievement.

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'Inauguration' rites

Swearing-in ceremonies for the new town administrations in Bethlehem and New Scotland will be held on Jan. 1, New Year's Day. As in previous years, New Scotland will hold its organizational meeting at 1 p.m., Bethlehem at 4 p.m.

New Scotland's administration will be unchanged from the present, while Bethlehem will have only one new member, Councilman W. Scott Prothero. The public is invited to both ceremonies.

Arrested in incident

Bethlehem police have charged David J. Irwin, 21 of Meads Corners, Feura Bush, with disorderly conduct and criminal nuisance stemming from the investigation of a highway accident that injured Officer Gerard DeMeur of Delmar. Police said DeMeur was driving a police patrol car on Rt. 9W in Glenmont at 8:10 a.m. Dec. 6 when Irwin allegedly leaped on the trunk of a car just ahead. When DeMeur slowed to investigate, the report stated, the police cruiser was struck from the rear by a dump truck driven by Laverne G. Frasier, 39, of Schenectady. A police spokesman said Irwin, a member of a construction crew at the scene, "created a hazardous situation for a number of people." DeMeur is recovering from a whiplash injury. Frasier was not charged.

Town hall closing

Bethlehem town hall will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, as well as on Christmas Day, but will be open for regular business hours on Monday, Dec. 31.

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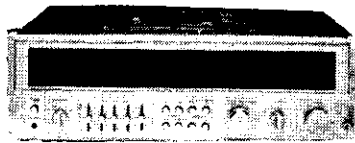
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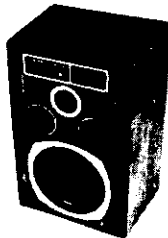
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Water: city tap solves problem

Bethlehem's engineering consultants say that the town's interconnection with the city of Albany's main aqueduct is the best long-range solution to the problem of assuring an adequate water supply.

George Myrick and Paul Chevalier, who have been studying Bethlehem's water situation for many years, have told Supervisor Tom Corrigan and the town board that current negotiations with city officials for an emergency stand-by tap should be extended to include a long-range contract.

The engineers' report to the town board concluded that:

- Albany can supply immediate supplemental needs.
- After completing certain improvements to the city's system, Albany will be able to meet Bethlehem's long-range supplemental needs.
- Bethlehem requires pumping, storage and new transmission lines in order to properly utilize water obtained from the city.
- The immediate and long-term cost of buying water from Albany is lower than the cost of

developing a new source of supply from the Hudson River.

Corrigan and Albany officials have been working on drafting legal language and terms for an agreement that would enable Bethlehem to purchase water from the city during dry spells or periods of high consumption. The town last spring completed the interconnection with the 48-inch Albany trunk line that traverses the town from the city's treatment plant near Feura Bush to the city line at the Normanskill. The connection was made at Kenwood Ave. and Dumbarton Dr., Elmsere.

Myrick and Chevalier listed the required improvements to the Albany system as the addition of a reservoir at Silver Creek near the Alcove Reservoir, expanded treatment facilities at Feura Bush and improvements to the transmission system.

Corrigan said the town would have to develop additional storage facilities and construct a pumping station in the vicinity of the Conrail yards in Selkirk. These facilities would be necessary, he said, to

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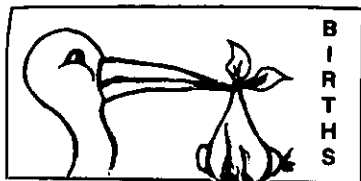
supply water to the Bethlehem system in the event the Albany line was "down" for several days.

Bethlehem officials for several years have been seeking alternate sources of water to supply the town's system, and have drilled and tested several exploratory wells. Town board members consider the cost of developing a system drawing water from the Hudson or from the Onesquethaw Creek watershed as prohibitive.

Myrick and Chevalier also have been studying the effect of adding one foot to the present flashboard atop the holding dam at the Vly Reservoir in New Scotland. Bethlehem's prime source of water. The town board last week authorized continuation of the study based on what would happen in the event of "the worst possible conditions"—a 19-inch rainfall within a 24-hour period. Any addition to the flashboard, which would permit raising the level of the reservoir, would require approval by the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

Mat tourney slated

The Albany YMCA open wrestling tournament will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5.



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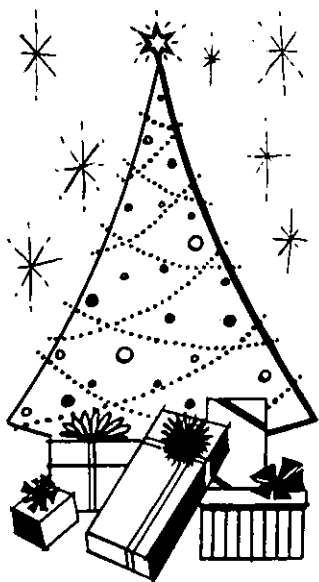
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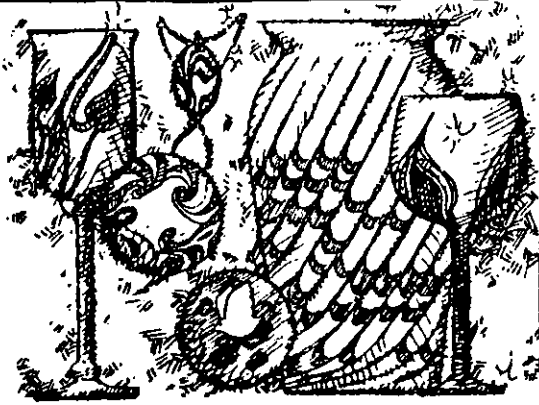
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An Iranian looks at Iran

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Such are the thoughts of Keyvan Ghovanloo, an Iranian who with several partners operates Bartke's Restaurant on Rt. 9W in nearby Ravena. Like most Iranians in this country, Ghovanloo has been caught up in the turmoil surrounding his homeland's treatment of American hostages. But, so far, he and his family have been unscathed. "We have nothing to do with the crisis," he commented. "We want everyone to know."

Keyvan is married, and moved to Ravena after living in

Delmar and attending Bethlehem Central High School, where he played on the soccer team three years ago. While he is torn between ties to Iran and feelings for his new home, the dark-eyed businessman has plenty to be grateful for. "I have no fears," he said. "I'm a Christian and God will take care of us. All my family is here in America."

The business his restaurant does has not changed appreciably since last year, though Ghovanloo suspects that "locally, maybe the town, the people who know we are Iranian, may be staying away." Generally, however, he has the support of the people around him. "I think our customers realize," he smiled, "that if they have a bone to pick, it's 3,000 miles away." He continued: "This is why I love the United States. Sure, the news media has made a big deal of this, but

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people still come in and say they understand, they sympathize with us. One man came just because he read the newspaper, to offer sympathy."

The U.S. Immigration officials have been less sympathetic in their treatment of one of Ghovanloo's partners. Nassar Raisdana and his family of three were among the latest area Iranians to be rounded up in the U.S. crackdown on those with expired visitor's visas. Raisdana faces possible deportation, and has already been unable to cash retirement checks drawn on the account of his Iranian employer of some 30 years. And, because of his ties to American business in Iran, he fears persecution upon his return to Tehran. His return would mean forfeiting the \$50,000 he has invested in Bartke's.

Ghovanloo also fears for his partner's safety, knowing what turmoil his country must be in. But, in remembering life under the Shah, he recognizes the pressures that led to the uprising.

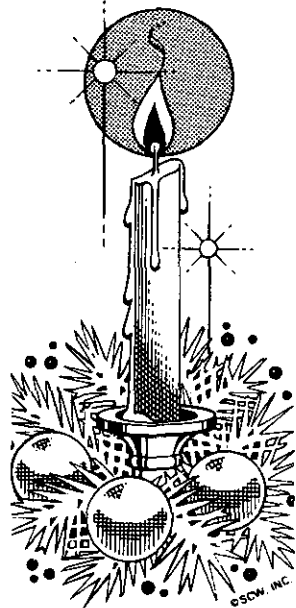
"In Iran," he said, "you couldn't even trust your own sister to talk to. You couldn't sit and talk like this, no way." Much of the problem stemmed from the Shah's harsh regime, which included, according to Ghovanloo, the enlistment of high school youths for internal espionage. "He (the Shah) was not what I'd call 'just.' You'd

have to ask that of someone who had lost a son or a daughter. People in this country don't know what was going on. They think everything was peachy. But, you look at all those billions of dollars the Shah has . . . he must have stole."

Keyvan fumbled briefly for an analogy. "Say I came to this country and stole the Son of Sam and took him home and gave him the best I had to offer. Sick or not, I don't know how easy it would be for the people or the government to forgive that. And the parents of those he killed . . . I don't know."

Although he loathes the methods his countrymen are using, Ghovanloo feels that Iranians need to show the world they have a reason to be angry. "The people are emotional," he continued. "They don't understand all the politics. They're like a lion with a wound. I don't think they'd listen to Khomeini if he told them to let the hostages go. The

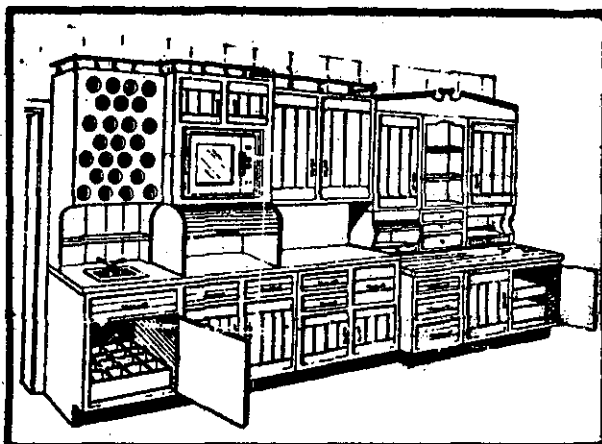
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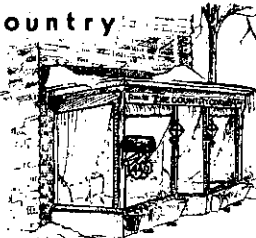
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Iranians are too caught up in the events to be controlled."

It is still not quite business-as-usual at Bartke's, although the employees there give their whole-hearted support to the Ghovanloos. An air of unease persists. "A low percentage of people have called to give threats," said Ghovanloo. "I'm trusting in God to protect us because there might be one crazy guy—and that's all it takes . . . But Jesus Christ is taking care of us all."

He reflected a moment on that statement, growing pen-

sive, then said: "My one wish is that these people held hostage are home for Christmas. Maybe what this country should do is just pray. That's something they've never tried—getting everyone to pray. Don't turn on your headlights or tie handkerchiefs to your cars, just everyone pray for peace and a solution to the Iranian crisis." With a little of the Christmas spirit, that might be enough.

Alan Boyce

Cutting speed limits

The Bethlehem town board has set Jan. 9 for a public hearing on reducing speed limits on Blessing Rd. and Schoolhouse Rd. to 30 miles an hour. The traffic recommendation from Ralph A. Tipple, commissioner of public safety, also included parking restrictions on Borthwick Ave., Delmar, and a stop sign on Peel St. at Fairlawn Ave. in Selkirk.

Yule trees stolen

Bethlehem police are looking for three men who cut down two white spruce trees on the property of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem off Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill, at 11 a.m. Friday.

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BETHLEHEM

Town revising dog ordinance

The Bethlehem town board is in the process of drafting amendments to its animal control ordinance in order to comply with new state regulations.

The board also will revise its fee schedule for dog licensing.

At their meeting last week, board members authorized Supervisor Tom Corrigan to enter into a contract agreement with the Mohawk and Hudson Humane Society for shelter services that are mandated by new amendments in the state's Agriculture and Markets Law. The agreement will spell out the services to be provided to the town, including retention of stray dogs until the animals are claimed, adoption procedures and euthanization.

Snow plow added

The Bethlehem town board last week approved the purchase of a snow plow for the town highway department at a cost of approximately \$2,700.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Sunderland of Delmar announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine L. Isaacks, to Robert E. Reilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond P. Reilly of Valley Stream.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Union College. She is a systems analyst for Securities Industry Automation Corp., New York City. Her fiancé is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., and is a third-year student at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. A September, 1980, wedding is planned.

Yule lights stolen

A thief stripped Christmas light bulbs from a string on a lamp post in the yard of a Dumbarton Dr. residence in Elsmere, according to a Bethlehem police report.

Town board meeting

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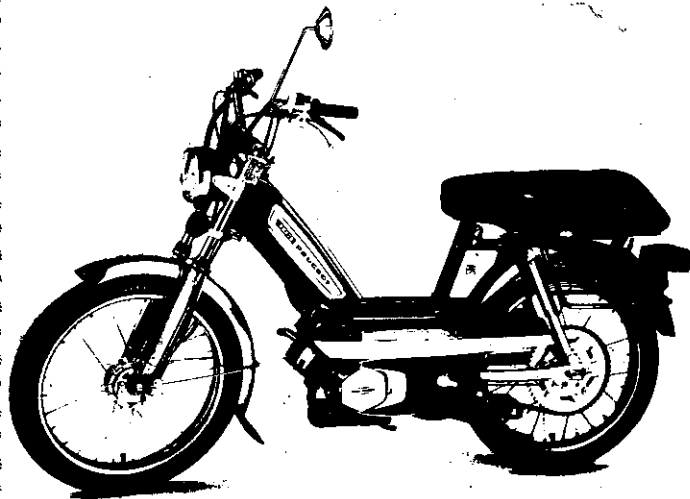
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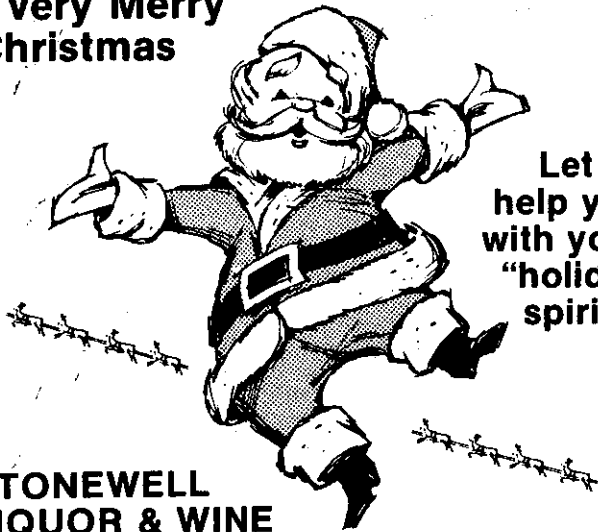


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House could open the entrance door barely 12 inches, but managed to wedge himself through, tearing his uniform shirt in the process.

Within minutes four other police cars pulled up with sirens wailing and lights flashing. Someone trapped in the building thought the car was part of a holdup attempt, and pushed the robbery alarm from inside.

That's different from a burglar alarm, but the excitement was about the same.

Meanwhile House had called for a radio check on the license plate of the guilty car. It came back to an Elsmere resident, but the owner could not be found. House promptly summoned a tow truck to move the car and free the people trapped in the horse betting parlor.

The tow truck arrived just as the wife of an Elsmere attorney returned to her car. She was told that because of the alarm and creating a hazard, she would be responsible for the towing bill.

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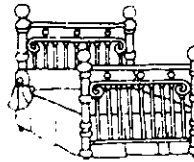
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Scouts' exchange had 1,000 items

The annual Winter Sports Mart put on by Boy Scouts of Troop 75, Delmar, was bigger and better than ever, according to Scoutmaster Roger Sutliff. Sales of used sports equipment were up 25 percent from last year, and estimates are that over 1,000 items were sold during the two-hour sale on Nov. 17.

"The general support from the community at large and from area merchants and businesses is the key to the success of the mart," Sutliff said. "The tremendous cooperation and effort on the part of the troop's 19 boys and their parents makes it all possible."

This year's sales were helped considerably by donations from area merchants and businesses. Donations and assistance were received from McDonald's Restaurant of Delmar, Meyers Bicycle Center of Slingerlands, Roxy-United Cleaners of Elsmere, The Spotlight, Trail North of Latham, Herman's Sporting Goods of Colonie, and from area individuals. Ski lift tickets, auctioned off at the mart, were donated by ski operators at Hunter Mountain, Jiminy Peak Magic Mountain, Mount Snow, Sugar Bush and West Mountain.

Proceeds from the mart will be used to support the troop's activities over the coming year. During the next seven months, trips and outings are planned for a "Klondike Derby" weekend and a two-week campout at Camp Rotary in Poestenkill, a weekend campout at Partridge Run in Clarksville, a backpack bicycle trip to Saratoga, a visit to the battleship "Massachusetts" in Fall River, Mass., and a sightseeing trip to Washington, D.C.



Our Wish for the Christmas Season is Peace and Goodwill to everyone. That is the spirit and the meaning of Christmas which celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace. Have a Happy and Holy Holiday.



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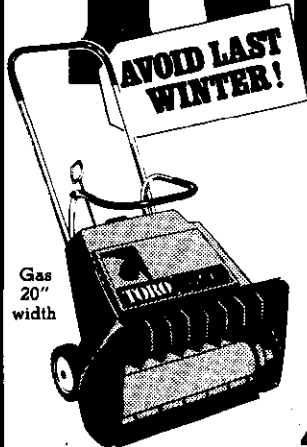
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Library Lines

by Kay Ann Cassell

Begin planning for winter sports and winter vacations at the Bethlehem Public Library. "Sports Conditioning" by Frank O'Neill with Bill Libby tells you how to get in shape to do your best and to prevent injuries. This is one of several new books aimed at general physical fitness for the amateur athlete.

You might also be interested in "Dr. Creff's 1-2-3 Sports Diet," which is based on Creff's eight-year nutritional study of 15,000 athletes. He recommends a diet to make you look and feel better with only a secondary interest in weight loss.

For the skier, "The Skier's Year-Round Exercise Guide" by Theo Dee Slusky (Stein & Day, 1979) illustrates both stretching and strengthening exercises for every part of the body and discusses conditioning for both downhill and cross country skiing.

Books on ski techniques aimed at all levels of skiers from "Let's Learn to Ski" by Gene and Barbara Tinker for beginners to "How to Become an Expert Recreational Skier" by Rudd Pyles and Peter Musser are owned by the Library. The more advanced skier might want to consult "Freestyle Skiing: The Fundamentals" by John Mohan, Walt Hiltner and Bruce Barthel, which includes both step-by-

step instructions and photographic illustrations. If you're thinking of introducing your children to skiing, you might want to read "Skiing With Kids" by Christi Mueller Northrop, which provides information on clothing, equipment, teaching children to ski and places to ski with children.

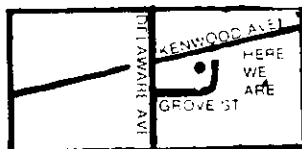
Many ski resort guides are available. "Skiing the Best; A Guide to the Top 50 Ski Areas in the U.S. and Canada" by Miles Jaffe and Dennis Krieger includes information on the accessibility of the area, the skiing conditions, area accommodations, restaurants, night life and facilities for children. "Skiing USA: A Guide to the Nation's Ski Areas" by Lucy M. Fehr lists over 700 ski areas in 38 states. For each area, Fehr provides information on the location, address, rates, lifts, ski lessons, and a variety of miscellaneous data. Closer to home, "Roxy's Ski Guide to New England" by Roxy Rothafel describes the New England ski areas listing specific advantages and disadvantages for each. A list of radio stations to check for ski reports is a unique feature. "25 Ski Tours in Western Massachusetts" and "25 Ski Tours in Connecticut" are two of many books on area cross country trails. Both rate the difficulty of the trail, provide a map and written description of the trail and indicate the distance. If just a leisurely weekend in the snow country is your goal, try the Berkshire Traveler Press's "Country Inns and Back Roads." Many inns



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are open in the winter and provide a variety of winter activities.

If skiing is not your thing, you might like to look at the Library's books on snow camping. "The Complete Snow Camper's Guide" by Raymond Bridge includes information on clothing, camping and cooking on snow, snowshoeing, how to make your own equipment and

a checklist of supplies. Similar information is provided in "Cold-Weather Camping" by Ray Stebbins, which also suggests such outdoor activities as ice fishing, tracking and photography.

For more information on winter sports and winter vacations, ask at the Library's Reference Desk.

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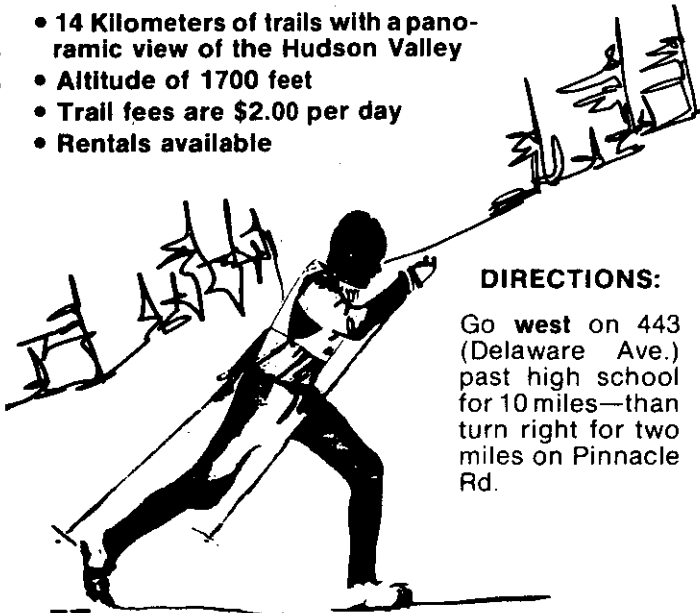
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by Judi James

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*We think of the people who
make up our life...*

*Who make it so much better,
despite daily strife.*

*It's to them that we dedicate
our column today.*

*Thank God for their kindnesses
along life's way!*

It all dawned on me as I
wondered, befuddled, through
shopping lists which had gotten
slightly muddled! So many
people are kind and do so many
wonderfully thoughtful things
that we round out our '79
Spotlight column with a nod
here, a nod there, and a great
deal of gratitude for all of our

fine merchants of Bethlehem
Town.

The Delaware Shopping
Plaza is so filled with fine stores
and their Merchants Association
has shared joy by bringing
Santa there, too. Each store
offers an excellent selection as
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any one of the stores is a good
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However, as one proceeds
down Delaware Ave., here are
some ideas for gifts which
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suggestions we have from this home center, with its bright atmosphere and friendly, helpful salespeople.

The Craft Corner, at 231 Delaware, has a good idea for you. Rather than buying a youngster a ready-made item, Bobby Burrows, who owns the shop, suggests you give a kit to make a little rug. There is one called the Berger kit...a German shepherd dog is the main focus of the canvas design. If you buy the yarn at the Craft Corner this month the canvas is half price.

A basket of skeins of yarn would be a good gift too. And, if you'd like your gift very special, call Bobby ahead of time and she will assemble a crewel kit or one for an afghan for your special creative person.

Mullen's Pharmacy has so many good small items that it is hard to select. However, some little figurines caught our eye—they are copies, and sell for under \$10. Also, the selection of jig-saw puzzles is fantastic. Designed for all ages and interests, you're sure to please with one of these! Incidentally, there are some fine stocking stuffers here—things like gold personalized letters which glamorize notes or parcels, and cosmetics—of course!

Right behind Mullen's the Herb Shop offers ideas galore. They have copies of the old fashioned German and Austrian tree ornaments. To hold the homemade cookies you'll

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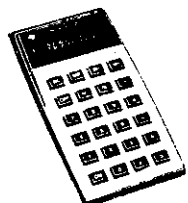
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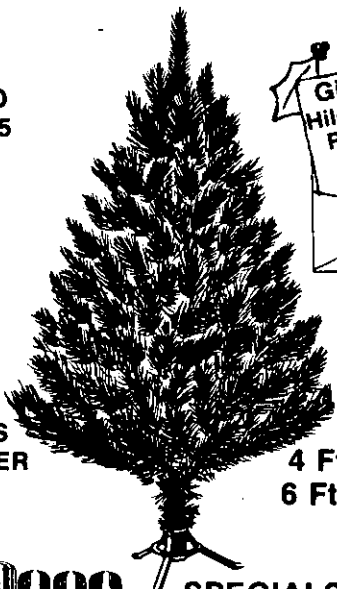
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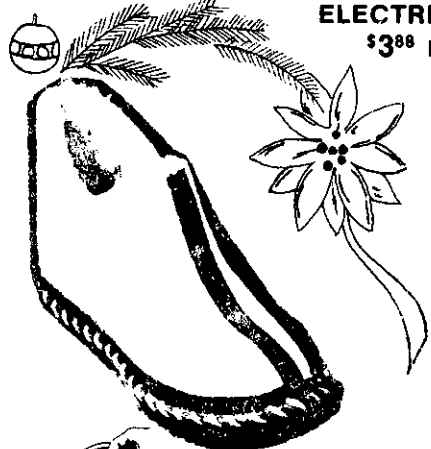
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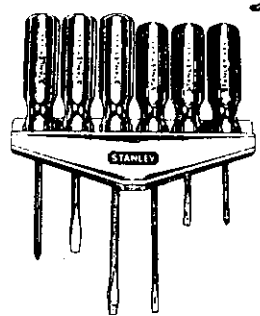
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At Christmas, or at any time of the year, an Herb Shop especially created wreath of dried material is a lovely remembrance. Attractive paper napkins, notepaper, gift tags, and a nice selection of miniatures makes this store a very special one to the shopper who lives to give the personalized, unusual gift.

Do you have a gardener on your list? By all means see the water meters Price Greenleaf has. They tell how much moisture is in a plant and sell for

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There's not a woman on the list who wouldn't like some pretty lingerie. So, we remind you that Dorothy Lynn specializes in this and has some lovely robes too. If you can't get there in person, telephone Betty Spooner or one of her friendly helpers and they can pick out something pretty for you.

And . . . on this line, we searched all over for a good cable-knit cardigan sweater and found a good selection at

the Delmar Department Store at the Four Corners.

Something for the man in your life? A basket can be purchased at the Golden Acorn and filled with innumerable things. One suggestion might be to go to the Golden Acorn at the Four Corners and buy a picnic basket to fill with a variety of wines. We suggest this particularly after stopping in to welcome Bill Turner, who has just purchased the Delmar Wine and Liquor store at Four Corners. He has a varied selection and like Ed Spain at Fowler's, will help you select the proper wines for the holiday occasion.

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We hope we've hit on something that will make your last minute gifts fun to buy and joys to receive. And, folding up our little shopping list, we wish you—and each one at your home—a holiday of love and thoughtfulness.

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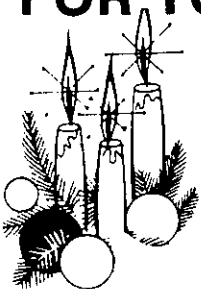
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This will mark the first time a second color (that is, anything other than our conventional printing ink) has graced the pages of your community newsweekly in its 24-year lifetime.

The "people issue" is also a Spotlight "first." It won't be a very thick issue, because many local advertisers who so strongly support the Spotlight throughout the year have pretty much exhausted their promotional budgets in the pre-

Cars deflated

Bethlehem police said vandals let air out of the tires of cars parked at a Devon Rd. address in Delmar and a nearby residence on Berwick Rd. between 8:30 and midnight Friday.

Christmas buildup, but it will be an interesting issue. Featured will be profiles of many people you know or should know, friends and neighbors who have given something of themselves to making our community a better place in which to live, worship, bring up children, retire or help others.

If you are not a regular subscriber, make sure your favorite newsstand or store saves you a copy.

In the meantime, the people who take classifieds, sell ads, set type, make up pages, shoot pictures, write stories and handle your printing needs wish you a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

Locked car entered

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a stereo tape player and two speakers from a locked car parked on Winne Rd. the night of Dec. 2. The loss, valued at \$370, was not reported until last week.

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SWIMMING

BC tankmen win first 2 meets

Bethlehem Central took 1,3,4 in the last three events to break open a close Adirondack Swim League dual meet at Burnt Hills Friday for its second straight win of the new season.

The Eagles, taking up where they left off in their championship season last year, sank Hudson Falls, 50-23, in the opener and took Burnt Hills, 96-76. This week they swim at Amsterdam High Wednesday and entertain Voorheesville Friday.

The score was fairly even against Burnt Hills until the 500-yard freestyle, where Mike Nylis, Larry Carroll and

Tammy Lynk, all juniors, churned home first, third and fourth respectively. In the 100 backstroke it was sophomore Jay Henahan and juniors Kim Meinert and Bill DeFrancisco in the same order, followed by Bobby Holland winning the 100 breast and Dave Probst and Chris Mackey coming in third and fourth.

Holland, who also won the 200 IM, and Henahan, who took the 200 free, were double winners.

Children's program

The Sunday School children of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, will present their annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

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Eagle trackmen have high hopes

Bethlehem Central's indoor track team is hoping to continue its banner season of 1978 (when the Eagles went 19-7) as returning seniors Judy Parker for the girls and Pat Higgins for the boys lead the team into the eight-week season.

In this, the fifth week of practice, assistant coach Mike Bourdeau sees BC as one of the better teams in the league. In a league consisting of 24 teams, to feel this way about not only his varsity squad but about the JV and freshmen as well is strong praise indeed.

Bourdeau faces more than the opposition of the competitive league, however. He must also, along with new head

coach Joel Melnikoff, contend with sharing gym space with wrestling, basketball and other sports. In bad weather, runners are sometimes confined to running four miles through the school corridors. And, with 80 team members, it is often difficult for the two coaches to provide the individual attention needed to each member of the team.

Melnikoff points out several strong track and field threats within the team. Judy Parker, who won nearly everything in girls' cross country this year, will be competing in the mile. Pat Higgins, another cross-country standout, will also provide steady scoring for the Eagles, but many more members will contribute their talents.

Melnikoff looks for big things from Bill Street, a fine

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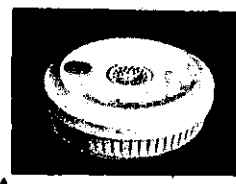
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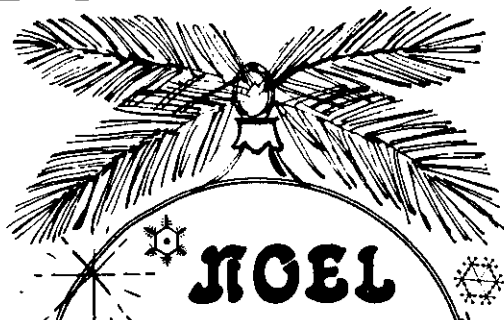
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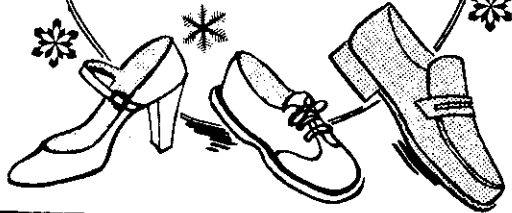
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runner who is a sophomore. In addition, there are Andy Gould and Dave Sielawicz running middle distances, Bob MacArthur and Dan Horn in the pole vault, Mike Fasulo in long jump and triple jump, and Walt Waidelich, who competed in decathlon during the outdoor season and can fill in well at any position.

The team is developing under a relaxed atmosphere that seems to be paying off, with both coaches predicting another good season.

New Tomboys slate

Dennis Chin has been elected president of the Bethlehem Tomboys girls' softball league for the 1980 season. Others on the new slate of officers are: vice president Teresa Lawlor; secretary, Ricki Bastiani; assistant secretary, Phyllis Richards and treasurer, Bob Brooks. Other board members are Chris Behrens, Gerald Burke, Cheryl Dennin, Joan Dunston, Patricia Fritts, Joan Plunkett, Vince Rehbit, Lynn Riley, Bob Rosenfield, Joan Talmage and Irving VanWoert. Player representatives are Lauren Harder and Mary Nyilis. Registration for the coming year will be held in March and the girls will take to the softball fields in May.

FOOTBALL

Blackbirds, RCS join new league

Voorheesville High School and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School will become members of a new 13-team football conference if preliminary plans are finalized at a Feb. 4 organizational meeting.

The Capital Football Conference will be formed from the present Colonial Conference and Southern Conference. Ravena has been playing in the Colonial Council and Voorheesville in the Southern.

Tom Buckley, veteran coach at Voorheesville, and Mark Cunningham of Watervliet are co-chairman of the committee setting up the proposed merger.

The new league will be divided into two divisions: the Colonial Division and the Southern Division, selected on the basis of size and geography. Each division is balanced essentially between Class B and Class C schools. The Colonial Division would include members geographically located in the northern Albany section: Albany Academy, Averill Park, Lansingburgh, Mohon-

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The league will feature inter-division play aimed at selecting champions of each division. Open date and crossover games are also scheduled throughout the conference.

The final game of the season will feature a playoff for position rankings by every member school. Divisional champions will play each other for the conference title and every other member team will play its counterpart in the standings from the opposite division. The new conference will also feature junior varsity competition at the 9th and 10th grade levels.

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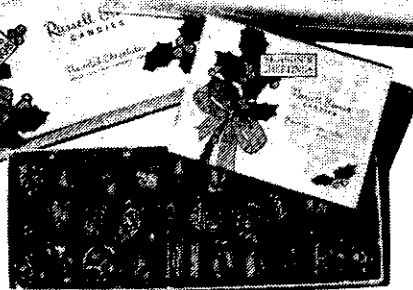
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Greg Picard pushes in two points for Voorheesville as Joe Probst (42) awaits rebound. *R.H. Davis*

BASKETBALL

Blackbirds host holiday tourney

Basketballs will be bouncing and flying day and night in the Voorheesville High School gym next week when Coach Mike O'Brien's Blackbirds entertain three visiting teams in their third annual Christmas tournament.

Berne-Knox will be back to defend the title it won last year. The other two are first-timers, Albany Academy and Taconic Hills. The tourney will be on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27-28, with a doubleheader each night at 6:30 and 8, and the jayvee teams playing at 1 and 3 p.m. Thursday's winners will meet in the championship game Friday at 8. Thursday's losers

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Voorheesville is off to its slowest start in years and was still looking for its first league victory as it prepared for an invasion by Averill Park Tuesday of this week. "They're big and can move," said O'Brien over the weekend, hoping his team can have a hot night and gain some confidence.

The Blackbirds got into the win column for the first time Tuesday with a 53-35 triumph at Ravena. It was a sloppy game with turnovers galore, and was close until the fading moments when Jim Riviello made three key layups that put the game away. The Probst brothers, Joe and Paul, had 12 points apiece to lead the scoring.

Back in the Helderbergs Friday, the Blackbirds ran into a hot-shooting Cossackie-Athens combo and absorbed a 60-43 loss, leaving them 0-2 in the Central Hudson Valley League and 1-3 overall. The visitors led by four points at the

half, then opened it up in the second half. Said O'Brien: "They shot 65 percent in the game. They were hot. They had a 3-2 zone we couldn't crack, and they beat us on the boards. We couldn't move the ball inside and we weren't hitting from the outside."

O'Brien, trying to get his young team worldly wise in a hurry, scheduled a scrimmage for Friday, and is bringing in an old foe, Waterford, for the work session. The two rivals are now in different leagues and no longer play each other.

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VOLLEYBALL

**Eagles second
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Bethlehem Central is poised to make a strong bid for the Section 2 girls' volleyball championship in the post-season eliminations Saturday at Hudson Valley Community College after finishing in the runner-up spot in the Suburban Council tournament last Saturday.

Coach Carol Walts thinks the Eagles have a chance despite their 2-0 loss to powerful Shenendehowa in the Council tourney. "The kids played well as a team," she said. "We've had some sickness, and Mary Howell injured her ankle in the last game of the regular season, but we are improving every week. I think we could be a definite threat in the Sectionals."

BC defeated Colonie* and Guilderland by 2-1 scores before the final game Saturday. Last Tuesday the Eagles wiped out Shaker, 2-0, to finish 9-3 in the league, good for second place behind Shenendehowa 11-1. The jayvees were 4-8.

Students elect slate

Officers of the Bethlehem Central chapter of the Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) for this year are: president, Beth Bennett; vice president, Cindy Junco; class vice presidents, Jeff Orvis, Sharon Paul and Floyd Appleby; treasurer, Sue Gilligan; secretary, Sondra Weigand; historian, Laurie O'Connell; and publicity chairman, Colee Close. Forty-five members of the club attended the recent dinner meeting of Region 4 at the Polish Community Center in Albany. The new officers for 1979-80 were installed at the meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem at the Town Hall, 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on the 9th day of January, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respects:

I. By Amending Article I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding thereto a new paragraph (nn) to read as follows:

(nn) Fairlawn Avenue is hereby designated as a through highway and a stop sign shall be erected at the following entrance thereto:

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II. By Amending Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1, Maximum Speed Limits, Paragraph (c) Thirty (30) m.p.h. by adding thereto:

50. Blessing Road between New York Route 85 and Krumkill Road.

51. Schoolhouse Road between Krumkill Road and the Guilderland Town line. and

III. By Amending Article IV, PARKING, by adding a new Section to be known as Section 6, to read as follows:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of the following chemicals for the Bethlehem Sewer District for the year 1980.

(1) Approximately 60,000 pounds (dry weight basis) of Ferric Chloride solution. Shall have a FeCl₃ content of not less than 28% or no more than 47%. Ferric Chloride solution shall be sewage treatment grade and bid prices shall be submitted for material meeting the following minimum specifications:

Specification

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Bid prices shall be submitted on a dry weight basis (price per hundred weight) and shall itemize the F.O.B. shipping point material price, shipping price and total delivered price.

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Bid prices shall be submitted on a weight basis (price per ton) for the specification stated above and shall itemize material price, shipping price, and total price.

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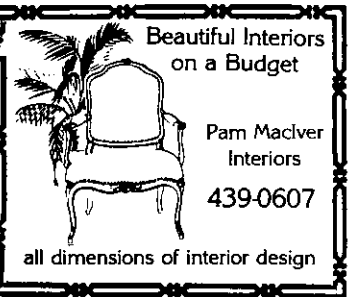
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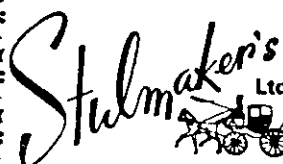
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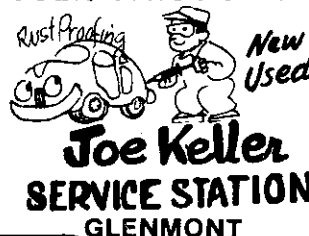
Servicemen in the NEWS



Airman Daniel Martin

Airman Daniel F. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Martin of Delmar, recently graduated from basic training with honors and has completed security police training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. He has been assigned to a unit of the Strategic Air Command at Dyess Air Force Base, Tex. Airman Martin is a 1979

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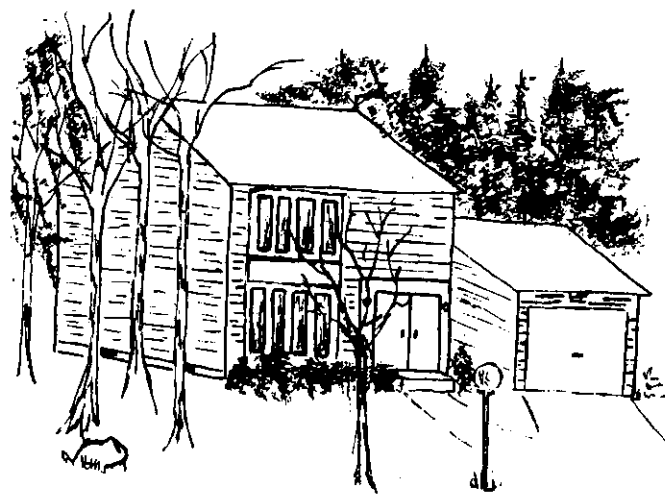
James J. Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salem J. Simon, 85 Cherry Ave., Delmar, has entered the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School at Colorado Springs, Colo. The 10-month school, designed to help students pass the Academy's strict entrance examinations, provides advanced instructions in English, mathematics, physical education and military training.

Marine 2nd Lt. Henry A. Digeser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Digeser, 35 Greenock

Rd., Delmar, has completed the motor transport officers leadership course at the Marine Corps base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Marine Corps in May, 1978.

Delmar Marine cited

Marine Cpl. Anthony J. Mauro of Delmar will carry an outstanding record of achievement from one continent to another when he returns to the United States on a rotating assignment in January. The son of Antonio and Geraldine Mauro, 78 Hampton St., Cpl. Mauro joined the Marine Corps upon graduation from Bethlehem Central High School, was assigned to the Marine detachment in Great Britain in January, 1978, and was promoted to corporal last February. Last Spring he finished first in his class in a Royal Marine commando course at Lympstone, a British Marine training center, and he has served as captain of his detachment's rugby and soccer



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That 'amor' letter

Now it can be told: along with scores of others, the Spotlight editor has been duped by a slick promotional scheme that turned up in the Nov. 29 Vox Pop. You recall the letter from Costa Rica, signed by a Juanita Bird, wishing all of us here salud, dinero and amor—inviting us to write for more information on the blessings of retiring to Costa Rica with a beach cottage in Colombia.

Our journalistic countenance is crimson, but not quite as red as it would have been had not the letter been such a beautiful con. Small wonder many editors across the U.S. were taken in.

The con became suspect when several readers, seeing Juanita's warm words in Vox Pop, brought in the *Cape Codder*, a prestigious weekly sporting the identical letter. It remained for Lillian Kirchner, postmaster at New Scotland 12127, to blow the cover.

Mrs. Kirchner sent us a clipping from the Dec. 7 *Federal Times* containing a letter to the editor from a reader in Albuquerque. That reader, the letter stated, wrote to Mrs. Bird for "the specifics...type of living quarters available, medical facilities, transportation, food costs, etc."

This time the reply was typewritten on a commercial letterhead. Enclosed was a professionally printed brochure, "Introduction to Colombia." A short time later, an outfit named Paramount International Ltd. sent more material, including a form with the heading, "Agreement of Sale."

in which Mrs. Bird is listed as the seller.

I suppose I should be angry that Mrs. Bird and her associates "used" many publications for personal gain, or mad at myself for going for the sting. Actually, I can't take either to ask: Mrs. Bird was diabolically clever by beginning her letter with "several years ago I wrote you about....and you asked I write you more...." (any editor would see a story in a local family on an unusual adventure.)

We'll be on our guard in the future. Meanwhile, all we can do is warn our readers the cons on, and pass the word to fellow editors in the New York Press Assn. to do some Bird-watching of their own. NAB

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