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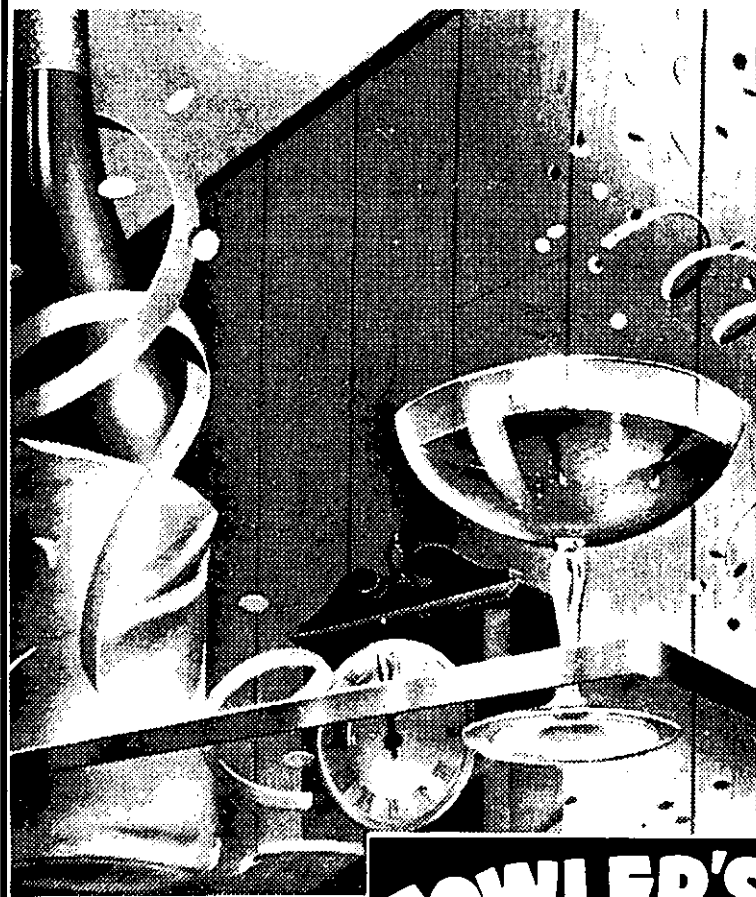
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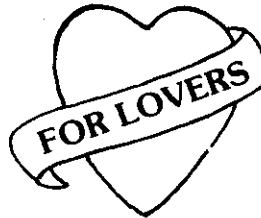
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Film, "Cricket in Times Square," 11-11:30, plus "Cat's Paw: A Star Trek Adventure," 2-3 p.m. Bethlehem Library.

Scholastic Basketball, Voorheesville Christmas Tournament, with Albany Academy, Berne-Knox Central, Taconic Hills and Voor-

heesville, at Voorheesville High School, 6:30 and 8 p.m., JV games at 1 and 3 p.m.

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

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

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Young Snowmobiler's Safety Course, Bethlehem Library, 10-12.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Snow Queen entry deadline, Parks and Recreation Dept., Box 176A, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar 12054.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

Organization Meeting, New Scotland town board, New Scotland town hall 1 p.m.

Organization Meeting, Bethlehem town board, Bethlehem town hall, Delmar, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

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p.m. Report will be presented by the K-12 Arts Committee.

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Public Hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of John and Peter Borst, Albany, to operate a motor vehicle repair shop at 70 Hudson Ave., Delmar, Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Stop-N-Go Foods, Inc., to permit additional gasoline storage at 309 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Bethlehem town hall, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Delmar Progress Club, removing library decorations (Garden Group) Bethlehem Library, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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

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

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Meeting, Cub Scout Pack 272, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

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THEATRE

"Acrobats of Taiwan," company of 75 performers, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, **Jan. 2**, 8 p.m. Community Box Office, \$10, \$8, \$5.

ART

Exhibition of paintings by Robert Longley, Slingerlands artist, Albany Institute of History and Art, **through Feb. 25**.

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Burger King still on pan, but it's on simmer

A community controversy over a proposal to locate a Burger King fast-food restaurant in the heart of Elsmere was heating up last week, but a split vote of the Bethlehem planning board is keeping it on the grill.

For more than a month, board members have been trying to decide whether to send the proposal for a full review under the state's SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) mandate, which would delay the procedure and further frustrate representatives of the Buffalo-based chain, the land-owners who are trying to peddle the property and the real estate people who are trying to swing the deal.

Meanwhile, neighboring property owners fighting to protect the quality of life in their neighborhood have been vociferous in telling the board a full impact review is needed, which is their way of saying "Keep Out."

The hassle was supposed to come to a head at last Tuesday's regular session of the seven-member board, which has been operating with only six members while town officials have been mulling over an appointment to fill the vacancy. But it didn't.

Actually, the man who wasn't there was the key factor in a 3-3 deadlock on the critical motion. "It's embarrassing," admitted Chairman William R. Weber, who has nothing to do with making appointments. So the suspense continues now until the next board meeting on Jan. 8, and there is no assurance the stalemate will be broken. The seventh member is



Adele Strickland and Bettie Lombard lend color to the mountain of Toys for Tots at the Roberts Real Estate office in Delmar.

expected to be in the empty seat by then, but probably won't vote because he hasn't been in on the long discussions week after week this fall.

When the motion came up, Weber, Warren Kullman and Hyman Kramer decided Burger King had submitted enough environmental information and that the impact was not enough to require an EnCon review. Marcia Nelson, Charles Redmond and John LaForte voted otherwise, with Nelson declaring there would be "quite an impact."

Weber said later he was "well aware" of the negative feelings of the public, but insisted on a strict interpretation of the law without being influenced by citizen emotions. "There's a lot of latitude in the law," he said. "If it's not according to the way I read the law, I'm not going to do it (vote for SEQR)."

Burger King has petitioned to establish an outlet on a two-acre tract on Delaware Ave. between Delaware Plaza and

the Roberts Real Estate building. The parcel has frontage on Delaware Ave., which is in a commercial zone, but the rear portion lies in a Residential-A zone.

The deadlock gave only temporary comfort to the residents who have been battling to protect their neighborhood from the traffic, noise and odors they feel would detract from their daily living. Actually, the current controversy could become academic: the petitioners must still go to the Bethlehem board of appeals for a variance to neutralize the residential zone barrier. According to town hall sources, the only ground for granting such a variance is on the basis of hardship. That, observers say, may be difficult: the two acres in question are owned by two wealthy investors, Norris MacFarland of Slingerlands, who heads a Latham contracting firm, and State Sen. Howard Nolan, an Albany attorney.

BETHLEHEM

Mulligan to sit on planning unit

The Bethlehem town board is expected to appoint Thomas E. (Ed) Mulligan, longtime Delmar resident and present town historian, to the town planning board.

Mulligan, a much-decorated World War II bomber pilot who spent two years as a prisoner of war, is scheduled to be confirmed for the post at the town board's organizational meeting on New Year's Day. The seven-member board has had a vacancy since last summer.

Mulligan retired in 1977 after 30 years in the research arm of the State Senate. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Albany on the Republican ticket in 1953. He worked in public relations for several election campaigns of the late Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

As a B-17 pilot, Mulligan was a first lieutenant in the 203rd Heavy Bomb Group, known as "Hell's Angels," in the Eighth Air Force at Moleworth, England, the first U.S. bomb group assigned to the European Theater. He flew 24 missions without fighter escort in 1943 before his plane was shot down over the Ruhr Valley in Germany on Aug. 12, 1943. He landed safely by parachute, but spent two years in German prisons, including the famous Stalag III, before being liberated by Gen. Patton's army in 1945.

He has served as town historian for five years.

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The non-political politician

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This was a response to Democratic complaints that previous town hall administrations customarily huddled behind closed doors in the supervisor's office for an advance runthrough on the agenda, then emerged to conduct a public meeting devoid of discussion.

Since then the only time the supervisor's door has been closed is when he's not there. In fact, some of Corrigan's associates have hinted that "sometimes he's a little too open."

If there is one person in the town of Bethlehem who should be named Citizen of the Year, it is this 56-year-old retired telephone employee whose trademarks are geniality and municipal foresight.

When he took office Jan. 1, 1978, Tom Corrigan became the titular head of a political organization that had slipped to the brink of losing the supervisor's seat. Opponents talked about Bethlehem's "Republican machine" and an overwhelmingly GOP enrollment elected Harry Sheaffer supervisor in 1975 by the slender margin of 359 votes.

In his first two-year term, moving in his quiet, personable manner, Corrigan achieved a more drastic revision of the

town government than all the administrations combined in the last quarter century. Foremost among his achievements were the ouster of Police Chief Peter Fish, the move to a new town hall and solution of Bethlehem's long-range water supply problems.

The removal of Fish in a civil procedure involving misconduct charges was a courageous move politically as well as emotionally, and has resulted in a major boost in morale in the police department.

The switch from Bethlehem's historic town hall in the old Adams Hotel to the former Delmar grade school has cost upwards of \$700,000, but has opened the way for the transfer of at least three town-owned buildings valued at more than \$125,000 to the tax rolls. When the move is completed early in 1980, townspeople will have a convenient, centralized facility for a range of activities and ample provisions for future growth.

Under Corrigan's guidance, the town has installed a new water storage tank on Elm Ave., conducted an exhaustive search for new sources of supply, and made a long-sought interconnection with the Albany city system in Elsmere.

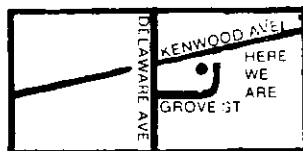
Corrigan, a transplanted Midwesterner, worked for the New York Telephone Co. for 36 years, retiring as a district operations manager with direct



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supervision of 150 employees. He has spent 20 years in municipal service. 11 of them as a town councilman. He and his wife, Kathleen, have six children and seven grandchildren. Last month Corrigan was reelected for the first time in a ballot sweep of classic proportions. The landslide erased all talk of a political "machine" in the townspeople's warm appreciation of a quiet, dedicated fellow working for the long-range good of Bethlehem. One of the reasons he doesn't look like or act like a politician is that he isn't a politician... he's a little too open for that.

DELMAR
Youth center axe shocks proprietor

"I can't believe they turned it down," said a saddened Philip Giacone, Jr., the 29-year-old Delmar businessman who has been seeking permission to operate a teenage recreation center in the vacant Knights of Columbus building on Hudson Ave., Delmar.

"I'm very disappointed," he said after the Bethlehem board of appeals denied his petition for a special exception to the zoning ordinance. The vote was 3-1, with James Ross casting the minority ballot and Orrin Barr abstaining. Barr lives next door to Giacone's parents and has known the applicant personally for many years.

Giacone said over the weekend he had no specific plans, but declared he was "now exploring other alternatives" to provide teenagers with a place to get together.

In its decision, the board said that although the proposal "has a great deal of merit" and that "youth activity programs are needed in our community," it was denying the petition because of limited parking, noise, traffic and the facility's local residential neighborhood. The majority opinion, signed by board chairman Charles B. Fritts, said "appropriate use of residential property will be substantially injured," but noted that the findings were "addressed primarily to the


location and facilities of the proposed use, and not to the use itself."

At a public hearing in November, a number of Hudson Ave. residents voiced concern over the proposal. Giacone said at that time that he would be willing to lease the property for a one-year trial period as well as provide adult supervision and police monitoring along with ID cards and disciplinary regulations.

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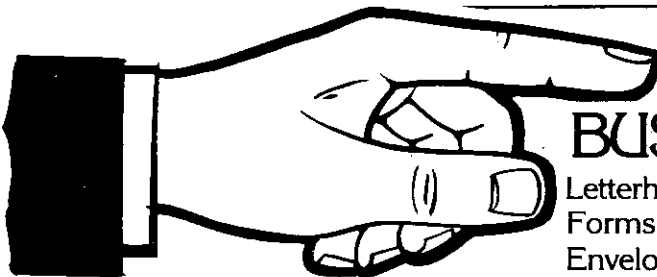
Bethlehem police investigating an abandoned car in a ditch at Wexford Rd. and Tierney Dr., Delmar, shortly after 5 p.m. last Tuesday picked up a 16-year-old Albany youth with a cut lip walking near Roweland Ave. at 5:20 a.m. Police said the youth admitted stealing the car after a radio check listed the vehicle as stolen.

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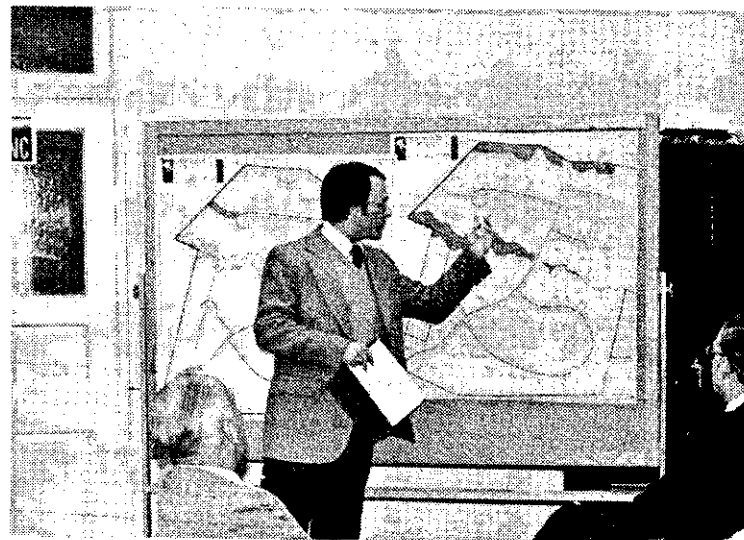
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SLINGERLANDS

Developer gets subdivision okay

A Troy land developer cleared a major hurdle last week when the Bethlehem planning board granted preliminary approval for a controversial 25-lot residential subdivision in Slingerlands.

Morton Jenkins has six months to meet several conditions specified by the board and to file a final plot plan for Havenwood, which features two cul-de-sacs off North Helderberg Pkwy. and Mayfair Dr. in a Double-A residential zone. The board will spell out the conditions in written form next month.

Despite objections from neighboring homeowners, the board declined to open an access to Font Grove Rd. "As far as traffic is concerned, we feel this is the better solution," said William R. Weber, board chairman.

The present proposal would funnel the estimated 60-65 cars from the subdivision directly onto New Scotland Rd., but with increasing traffic it might one day be necessary to make an access to Font Grove Rd., thus converting North Helderberg to a through street.

The vote on the motion to approve was 4-2. Hyman Kramer of Slingerlands and Warren Kullman of Beckers Corners voting in the negative.

The board also received a revised plot plan for Deerfield, another proposed Slingerlands subdivision. Roger Murman, land surveyor for the Rosen-Michaels firm, told the board the new layout reduces the number of dwellings, all one family, from 91 to 85. The reduction, he said, is necessary because of a soils report.

The board previously granted preliminary approval for the 91-lot plan. Murman asked the board to substitute the new layout for the one on file. Because there is no substantial change, there will be no need for a new public hearing.

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Home on leave

First Lt. Charles J. O'Hara is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Hara, in Slingerlands for the holidays. Lt. O'Hara has just completed a three-year tour at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and will report to Fort Benning, Ga. in January for the advanced infantry officers course.

Coffeehouse sale bumps into snag

A Delmar businessman-investor has put the Bethlehem town board on notice that an error in information furnished bidders for the Bethlehem Community Center building should negate the proposed sale.

Through his attorney, George D. Cochran of 28 Carriage Rd., owner of the adjoining property at 121 Adams St., notified the town board by letter last week that the property at 125 Adams St. "is not within the boundaries of the 'C' General Commercial District."

Cochran's attorney, Julie Denison of Albany, also notified the property's low bidder of "this apparent mistake" by copy of the letter. At the advertised opening of sealed bids on Nov. 26, Nathaniel A. Boynton, editor-publisher of the Spotlight, submitted the only bid for the property, and stated that he proposed to move his newspaper publishing and commercial printing business into the building.

Cochran's wife, Mary L. Cochran, operates a commercial printing business next door under the name of Delmar Printers.

In a telephone conversation with the Spotlight, Cochran denied his legal move was designed to block the sale of the building to the Spotlight owner. "We are interested in having an orderly development," he said. "I don't think having two similar businesses next door to each other is the proper way to achieve this orderly development."

Cochran said the purpose of the Denison letter was "merely to disclose that a mistake was made, and to prevent the sale from developing into a problem."

The letter stated that "in our view, not only does this mistake provide sufficient reason for withdrawal of the bid, it may create other questions about the sale. Moreover, such

a mistake also raises doubt about the accuracy of the appraisal of the property."

Boynton's bid was \$42,300, conditional on obtaining approval by the board of appeals for a variance that would provide sufficient parking to meet the requirements of Bethlehem's zoning ordinance applying to commercial buildings.


A spokesman at town hall conceded that Cochran's research supported his contention. Subsequent investigation showed the line between Commercial-C and Commercial-CC runs along the north boundary of the "coffeehouse" property. Printing presses are not a permitted use in Double-C commercial.

The discovery surprised and disappointed Supervisor Tom Corrigan, who has been favoring the sale to lower the tax rate, get the property on the tax rolls and broaden employment opportunities locally. "We had assumed that because the Caslon Press had a printing operation in the building for many years that the building was included in the Single-C zone," he said.

Cochran expressed dismay that his move would be reported in the newspapers. Told

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that a move by a citizen to negate the sale of a public building was news, and that the town board had budgeted anticipated revenues of \$100,000 from the sales of several buildings including the "coffeehouse" property in order to minimize the tax increase for Bethlehem residents, he said: "Your newspaper is not the forum for the discussion of legal issues which may be the subject of legal proceedings, administratively or in court." Then he added: "I can't see how we would get any kind of objective reporting."

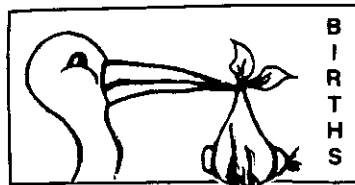
A town hall source estimated the sale and the property going on the tax rolls would affect the town tax rate by "somewhere between 55 and 60 cents" per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Cochran, an attorney himself, said the Delmar printing business and a new enterprise formed to establish a monthly newspaper in the northeastern section of Albany County were part of "a number of business interests" he has in this area and in Florida.

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Vandals

Bethlehem police are investigating three incidents of malicious mischief in the Colonial Acres section of Glenmont within an hour Wednesday. At 10:15, someone hurled a log of wood at the window of a family room on East Bayberry Rd., breaking the glass. At 10:30 vandals tore at least two strings of lights from a community Christmas tree at the entrance to Colonial Acres, and at 11 p.m. two persons were seen fleeing on foot after taking a pine wreath from the front door of an East Bayberry Rd. residence.

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Delmar's May Blackmore, a transplanted Canadian who was instrumental in founding one of the earliest career education programs in the nation, has a natural talent for getting herself involved in many committees and programs for causes in which she feels a strong commitment... high school guidance, job counseling, liaison with community employers, Girl Scouts, chamber of commerce, recreation programs and half a dozen professional boards and committees.

In her daily routines, Mrs. Blackmore applies more than 25 years' experience to the guidance office at Bethlehem Central High School. Says Charles Gunner, BCHS principal: "She's very diligent, extremely hard working and very interested in the students."

Adds Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn: "She's very cultured, a good example of what we're trying to achieve."

May Blackmore's special talents and her dedication to what she feels is her mission became apparent at the outset of her career. She was born and grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan, an urban oasis on Canada's vast horizon-to-horizon wheat-bearing prairies. She brought a University of Saskatchewan degree in education and a BA in English from Queens University in Kingston,

Ont. to her first job as a Middle School English teacher in Regina, became assistant principal in her second year, and then became the first woman in the province to be named to an administrative post in a large, two-county school system near Regina.

She took the job as a young bride while her husband went off to college in the U.S., but a year later she joined him at the University of Illinois. "I wanted to teach, but as a Canadian I wasn't qualified," she recalled the other day. "So I became executive director of the DuPage County Girl Scout Council."

Four years later May and Bill Blackmore, now William Blackmore, M.D., found themselves in Texas, where Bill joined the staff of the University of Texas Medical School and May became an English teacher in the Dallas school system. Within two years May was chairman of the English department and had an MA degree in counseling and guidance from Southern Methodist University.



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and with active people, so we built a house here."

Now, nearly 17 years later, they live in that house on Hartwood Rd. and use it as a base for their many activities and for their lifetime hobby, extensive travel. They have journeyed through many countries of the world—in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America—once took six weeks on a globe-



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May Blackmore's office is familiar to students.

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girdling junket, and last summer spent three weeks in Hong Kong and mainland China.

May Blackmore got a job teaching English at Bethlehem Central High School before the house was completed. After four years in the classroom she switched to guidance. Seven years ago she applied for a federal grant for career education for the school system, and when it came through, she created and directed one of the pioneer programs of its kind in the U.S. That program is now part of the regular program for Grades 9-12. One of its by-products is the "shadow" con-

cept, in which students spend time with Bethlehem business and professional people getting an inside view of the "outside world" they face after graduation.

Her interest in helping young people make the transition from the classroom to the working world has motivated many of her community activities, notably as a member of the board of directors of the Bethlehem chamber of commerce, the board of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, a member of the New York State Employment Counselors Assn., the Empire State Organization of Youth Employment, and a board member of the Capital Region Business, Industry, Education and Labor Council. She served many years on Bethlehem's recreational council, appointed by the town board, and was in the forefront of the development program that built the town's fine swimming pools and other facilities. She is also remembered for her work on the small group of citizens who served as the Bethlehem Bicentennial Committee in 1975-76.

"This is a terrific community," she insists. "It has a population of interested, active people." When a visitor in her office praised the quality of Bethlehem's school system, her comment reflected her ingrained faith in the teenage scene: "It's not the school that makes the system, it's the parents who do so much to contribute to it."

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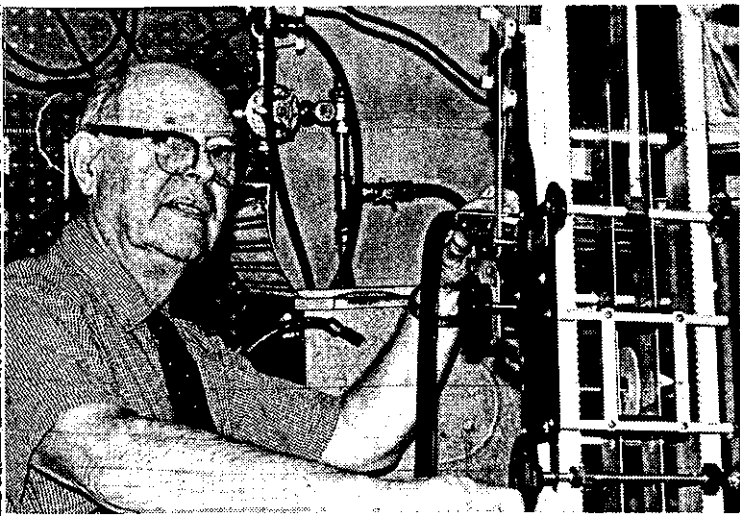
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Wally Campbell in his Delmar darkroom.

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Senior citizens are a special breed of society, more populous these days than ever, more active than ever. Delmar's J. Wallace (Wally) Campbell is a walking exponent of the Senior Citizen Activist.

At 74, Wally Campbell has been retired for nine years and has been busy ever since. His philosophy: "Get a hobby and pursue it. When they retire, everybody should know what they're going to do."

Wally's hobby is photography, which has made him a familiar figure in town. He gives tirelessly to people and to organizations, who call on him to take a picture for publicity, or just to help. He earns a small supplemental income photographing weddings and doing some commercial portrait work.

His skill with a camera and in his own basement darkroom is evident in his comfortable apartment, where he lives with his wife, Miriam. He is especially proud of his photos of dogs, particularly a five-week-old puppy on a seven-inch stool and a magnificent color portrait of a collie. He doesn't shy from the difficult assignments: he once rigged two ladders with flashbulbs to get a color photo of the 12-by-18-foot David Lithgow mural in the lobby of the Wellington Hotel in Albany, photographed the entire 75-voice Mendelssohn Club

onstage at Chancellor's Hall, and printed a 16-by-20 color portrait of the late Msgr. Raymond Rooney, former pastor of St. Thomas Church in Delmar.

Wally Campbell grew up on a farm in the Catskills, attended a one-room school near his home in Durham, Greene

County, that had 22 pupils in eight grades, and went to high school in Brooklyn (Boys High). "We had to board anyway to go to high school, and the nearest was 22 miles away, so I went to Brooklyn," he recalled.

He attended RPI and joined the New York Telephone Co. in 1927. He spent the last 25 of his 50 years in the engineering department, mostly in radio broadcast work. During World

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Wally and Miriam Phillips of Lynbrook, L.I., were married in 1931 and settled at 31 Hawthorne Ave., Delmar, where they brought up twin sons and a daughter. They moved to the apartment on Village Dr. in 1977. They have 12 grandchildren. Their son, J. Phillips Campbell, lives in Delmar and teaches at SUNY-Cobleskill. Kenneth W. Campbell is an engineer with the G.L. Jordan Co. in Kennebunkport, Me., and Ellen Campbell Carter, who has a PhD. degree in chemistry from RPI, lives in New Orleans with her husband and two children.

As if photography and an active family weren't enough to keep him busy, Wally drives for the Red Cross as a volunteer one or two days each week. He was president of the local AARP chapter for two years, is active in St. Thomas Church and the Second Milers, and conducts a training course for instructors in the AARP-sponsored defensive driving course.

In Glenmont, the Spotlight is sold at Atchinson's Superette, Heath's Dairy and Van Allen Farms.

MUSIC, STAGE A love affair with the arts

Residents of Pinedale Ave. in Delmar know Edith S. Dappert as a wonderful neighbor who, with her husband, Col. Alonzo P. Dappert, often entertains neighbors as well as world travelers. Their home is filled with pictures of the famous, and their memories are rich with experience. There is seldom a theatrical or musical performance in the Capital District that this attractive couple does not attend.

They moved to the area in the early Thirties. As a teacher, and having two daughters, it was natural that Edith Dappert became involved with community activities, and that eventually she would be responsible for the organization and operations of the Children's Theatre in Delmar. Professionally, she has put Delmar on the theatrical map; through her efforts, the area has seen and heard Ruth Draper, Hal Holbrook, Ernestine Galbraith and other distinguished performers. She arranged for the first upstate professional performance of the famous Ferrante and Teicher duo piano team—

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and for Hal and Mary Holbrook's performance of Mark Twain. She has served as theatrical agent for National Concert Artists, Sol Hurok Agency, Harold Peat Lecture Bureau and the Redpath Lecture Bureau. And, because of her connections, she has been instrumental in bringing to the Capital District many wonderful productions such as the Mexican Folklorica, Arturo Rubenstein, and innumerable plays and concerts.

"Nothing one learns is ever wasted," Edith has been known to say, and her life proves it. Her appetite for the theatre began when she studied Shakespeare under Dr. Kittrege, head of the English department at Harvard. She also took other courses that year in Boston when her husband was in the Harvard graduate school of engineering.

"When we came to this area, I always seemed to be on the program committee of every organization I belonged to . . . and after the experience developing the Children's Theatre, I had made many contacts in New York." It was through one of these contacts that she was asked by a New York concert-lecture bureau to be its representative. Her home address became her office . . . and through the war years, when her husband was away, she was hard at work booking and arranging programs.

For 25 years she served as

tour director for the famous National Players from Catholic University of America in Washington. This company has played in Japan and several European countries, and the fine work she did for them was recognized last year when Col. and Mrs. Dappert traveled to Washington for the 25th anniversary of this group. Their silver anniversary program announcing the plays scheduled for the 26th year was formally dedicated to Edith L. Dappert, whom they designated as "one of the leading concert managers of the country."

At another point in her life, her good friend Tom Patterson, organizer of the Canadian Players, who perform at Stratford-on-Avon in Canada, asked her to represent them in New England and New York.

She was one of the first members of the Albany League of Arts, serving with its founders, Lewis A. Swyer, Duane LaFleche and other distinguished citizens of the Capital area. She was a member of the steering committee for the Saratoga Performing Arts and on the theatre advisory committee for the New York Council on the Arts.

As a member of the board of the Albany League of Arts, Mrs. Dappert has been responsible for yearly scholarships made possible by an endowment for this purpose from the estate of Edgar Van Olinda, former Albany Times Union drama critic. Each year, students are auditioned for these scholarships and carefully screened. They study at the Malden Bridge School of Art, at the Seagle Music Colony and others. Mrs. Dappert also serves on the board of the Seagle Colony, founded many years ago by Oscar Seagle, a famous American baritone.

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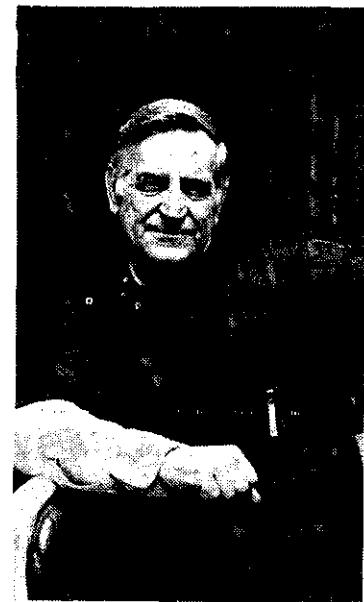
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For the past year and a half Al Cappetti has quietly clipped hair in his barber shop on the narrow Main St. of Voorheesville. Before that, there was another shop on Rt. 20 in Guilderland, where he worked for nearly 20 years, but, on evenings for the past 11 years he could be found in high school gymnasiums and auditoriums, far from the snipping of shears, as a caller in the fast-paced world of square dancing.

And fast-paced it is. In the Capital District, he says, "you could square dance every night of the week if you wanted to and could get there." And callers often come close to doing that.

"I've been a guest caller as far as Syracuse, Rome, Utica, Cooperstown, Pennsylvania, New York City, Vermont and Massachusetts," he said. But, as for pay: "Sometimes it pays



Al Cappetti

well and sometimes it doesn't. It does help supplement my income in the shop."

Cappetti, who lives in Knox, became interested in square dancing in 1964 when a friend in Clarksville started the Altamont Station Squares. The club folded after two years, but he and his wife, Ginny, were hooked and went on to join the Latham Circle Squares. From there, Al's interest took off.

He went to school in Westfield, Mass. to study calling with Gloria Roth. For nearly a year he commuted from his home, often returning at 4 a.m., but in November of 1968 he was "graduated." His first act was to re-start the Altamont Station Squares.

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His clubs take up plenty of time. For beginners, "lessons normally run from September to March or April, then they start a workshop that runs 13 weeks." His clubs have elaborate graduation ceremonies in which badges for the club are conferred. "Once they have graduated," he said, "they can dance anywhere in the world. All square dance language is the same. Foreign countries even teach it in English."

Cappetti's wife is also heavily involved in the square dance circuit. She and Al recently began teaching ballroom (or "round" dancing) in the hour before the regular 8-11 square dancing begins. And there are always annual events to prepare for. Beside dancing twice a month, each club has the opportunity to meet at a big ball where they can dance with different partners under several different callers. This year, the bash will be at Guilderland High School on Feb. 14.

Cappetti, a graying, energetic man, carries all his own equipment when he calls. Records, speakers, record player and microphone spread about him and blend into the flashy setting where the women spin about in full calico skirts and the men sport gaily colored western shirts, and he directs them into the night.

The next day finds him bright and early in the barber shop in Voorheesville. "I like the homey atmosphere here," he smiles. "The village, the town... I hope to be here for a long time, or 'til I retire, anyhow."

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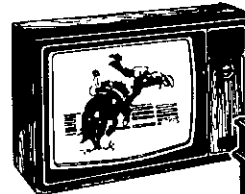
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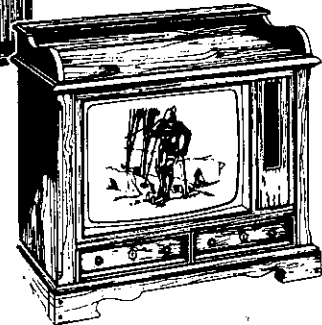
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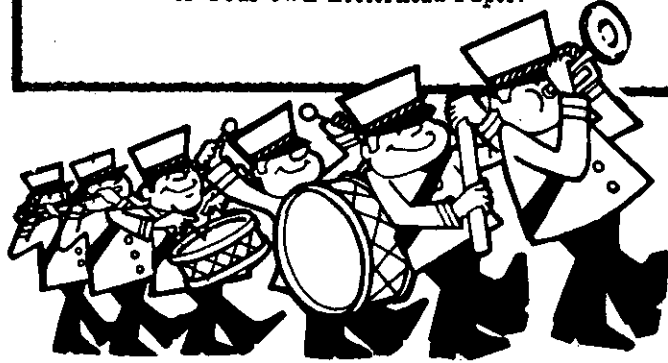
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When she's in a cheerful mood, which is 99 percent of the time, Mary Scott likes to pass out a yellow handbill to her friends. The flyer, bearing a drawing of a tiger, reads: "If the meek shall inherit the Earth, what will happen to us tigers?"

The only thing that mild-mannered Mary, wife of an Episcopal minister, and her husband, Rev. Keith Scott, have in common with tigers is their determination to make a success of their new venture, a full-fledged commercial printing business. For both it is a dramatic change of career and a definite right-angle turn in their daily lifestyle.

An ordained Episcopal priest becoming a printer? It has happened right here in the past year. Keith was 45 and Mary 33 when they bought a PIP franchise and set up their presses in September, 1978, on Central Ave., Albany, just west of the Northway. The business has "taken off" and they are running day and night like—well, tigers.

What inspired the rector of the well-known Episcopal parish of St. Peter's By-the-Sea in Narragansett, R.I., to leave his pulpit after 10 years?

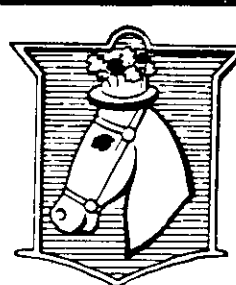
"I wanted to do certain kinds of ministry," he said in the midst of a hectic pre-Christmas bustle in his busy print shop. "I had to create an independent financial base to do ministry in adult education and evangelism as well as be in business."

The business opportunity Keith and Mary decided on was PIP—Postal Instant Press—an innovative concept founded by a Los Angeles printer. PIP put a business package together 12 years ago and offered exclusive geographic franchises to independent entrepreneurs. Says Keith: "The business opportunity looked right, and there was an attractive franchise available in Albany. We bought the franchise and a house in Slingerlands and came here."

The Scotts used 10 years of equity on their house in Rhode Island to buy the franchise, obtained loans to capitalize the business, and borrowed for their mortgage on Union Ave. South, Slingerlands.

PIP has been a success from the start, primarily because of hard work and long hours put in by the Scotts. "We both like the business, and we like being in business together," says Mary. "We started with one press. Keith did the printing and I worked a little less than half time. We now have two presses, three and a half employees besides ourselves, and I work a six-hour day five days a week, plus some weekends."

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A native of Rochester, Keith Scott graduated from the University of Rochester with a degree in history and from the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Mass., with a masters in divinity degree. He served parishes in Ohio and Rhode Island before moving here.


Mary was born in Old Greenwich, Conn., grew up in Barrington, R.I. and graduated from Keuka College. She ran a nursery school for six years, has been a social worker and is skilled in wheel-thrown pottery. The Scotts have three children, Perrin, 10, Sarah, 9, and Sam, 4, all in Slingerlands Elementary School.

Does Keith have time to do ministry in all this bustle? "Oh, yes," he says. "I'm also doing some Sunday 'supply' as well as adult education and evangelism. I hope someday to do a lot more."

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Delmar couple wed

Mary Lou Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Bennett, 80 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, became the bride of John Paul Terko, son of Mrs. Robert P. Terko and the late Mr. Terko, 21 Bedell Ave., Delmar, in a 5 p.m. candlelight

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ceremony in the Delmar Reformed Church on Nov. 24.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joyce DeVelder of the Delmar Reformed Church and Rev. George Kenyon of St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany.

Jill Terko of Delmar, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Debbie Gall of Voorheesville and Nancy Caruso of Delmar. Richard Shattuck of Locust Valley was best man, and ushers were Kenneth Gall of Voorheesville and Stephen Caruso of Delmar.

A reception followed at the Albany Country Club.

Mrs. Terko, a graduate of Russell Sage College, is employed as a learning specialist aide at Grand Isle Elementary School, Grand Isle, Vt. Her husband graduated from State University of New York at Brockport and is a physical education and science teacher at Alburg School, Alburg, Vt. He was a member of the Delmar Blue Jays baseball team for the past two seasons.

The couple are making their home in Grand Isle, Vt.

Carole Atchinson bride

Carole Atchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atchinson of Glenmont, and Russell Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Craig of Schenectady, were married on Nov. 10 at the First Church in Albany. Officiating at the double ring ceremony were Rev. David Boyce, pastor of the Newtown Reformed Church, Elmhurst;

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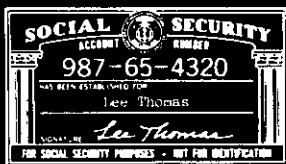
Rev. William Cameron, pastor of the First Church in Albany, and Rev. John Califano, pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Lonsville.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by Vicki Moeller of Rochester, matron of honor, and Christa Apicella of Scotia, Sharon Handershot of New

Jersey and Krinstine Stalker of Ravena, bridesmaids. Dr. James Craig of West Point was best man for his brother. Ushers were Alan Moztek of Schenectady, Frank Martini of Albany and Willia, DeGraff of Virginia. "The Wedding Song" was sung by Frank Hans of Selkirk.

Mrs. Craig is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. Her husband is a graduate of Mohonasen High School, Schenectady, and will be studying to complete his master's degree in public administration at the State University at Albany. Both are employed at the Oswald D. Heck Developmental Center in Schenectady. The couple will make their home in Schenectady.

questions and answers



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Q. I'm a college student. I've been getting social security benefits several years on my late father's record. But I'll reach age 22 in March. Will my checks stop then?

A. You can get social security benefits to the end of the semester or the quarter in which you reach 22 if you're a

full-time student in school and remain unmarried.

Q. I plan to turn the operation of my small hardware store over to my son and just work there part time. Can I do this and still get social security benefits when I reach 65 this summer?

A. This will depend on your earnings, hours worked, the extent to which you continue to manage, and other factors. You should discuss your plans in more detail with the people at any social security office.

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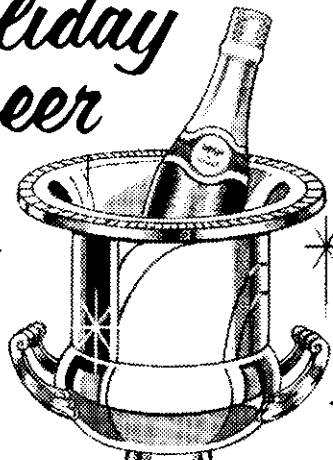
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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Joanne: an all-sport all-star

Around Bethlehem last year, Joanne Van Woert would have been anyone's choice for "Athlete of the Year." The quiet 5-foot-10 Delmar girl was anything but quiet when it came to her participation in sports. She played varsity tennis, volleyball, basketball, field hockey and softball during her years at Bethlehem Central High School, and her athletic prowess brought the attention of *Sports Illustrated* in July of this year.

A star in every sport, Joanne drew the highest praise in softball after leading the team to a 24-3 three-year record that included pitching a perfect game and two no-hitters in her senior year. *Sports Illustrated* pointed out her outstanding 0.41 ERA and 268 strikeouts in 190 innings while batting .540 as the keys to the Bethlehem Central Eagle's success.

Now in her first year at Yale, Joanne has already moved from the JV to the varsity field

hockey team, scoring five goals as the team placed a disappointing third in the Ivy League, but sixth in the East. But, in such a demanding college, much of her attention has been on her studies.

"It's pretty difficult," she said. "Practice is at 3 and you don't get back until around 7:15. Then you spend the whole evening from 7 to 12 studying."

Though she hasn't officially declared her major, she is leaning toward biology, in hopes of going into sports medicine or in some way relating it to coaching. "They don't have a physical education program here," she noted. "So I would have to go for a coaching masters after graduation."

It makes sense that Joanne would never be far from a softball field or a basketball court. She was "very much a tomboy" and began participating in organized sports at the age of nine or ten. In the years

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that followed, she tried several sports and excelled in most of them. "I never tried skiing," she smiled. "I was afraid of breaking my ankle, but I ended up breaking it anyway during volleyball." That break, which kept her out of the volleyball and basketball seasons her senior year, was one of the few blemishes on her sports career.

At Yale she hopes to continue in several sports, but five is an impossibility. "Tennis is a year-round sport," she shrugged, "and this year I wasn't ready to go to double sessions of practice between field hockey and basketball." But she eagerly anticipates the opening of her favorite season—softball.

She is pleased with the university. "Our field hockey coach has played for 17 years for England and coached the U.S. Men's team," she said. "You couldn't ask for much better. And, they treat women's

sports really well there. Everything is equal, even though there is a big football program. We get the same pre-game meals and our own locker rooms."

Joanne feels it is unfortunate that Yale has gone division I "for prestige reasons." With no scholarships, she feels the school may have trouble competing with schools like Springfield, which has several full scholarships for each team. Field hockey, she added, has a chance anyway.

Of her coaches past and present, Joanne Van Woert has only praise. "All the coaches have helped me," she said. "I enjoyed every sport I played." And, while she is not sure what she will be doing upon graduation, she says she'd be happy coaching "any of the things I've played before." That covers a lot of ground.

Arrested at school

An 18-year-old Bethlehem Central High School student wasn't quick enough in an attempt to hide 32 grams of marijuana under his coat at the approach of Asst. Principal Max Karp at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday. Police arrested the youth, whose name was withheld, on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Snow Queen deadline

The deadline for entries for the 1980 Winter Carnival Snow Queen contest is Monday, Dec.

31. The event, sponsored by the Bethlehem chamber of commerce, features prizes of a \$75 savings bond to the winner, and \$50 to the first and second runner-ups, plus trophies for each. Resumes addressed to Snow Queen, Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept., Box 176A, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, should be in the mail this weekend. Prizes will be awarded Jan. 19.

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Mrs. Warren and her husband, William, a researcher for the New York State Dept. of Health, live on Game Farm Rd., New Scotland, with their children, Leslie, a Bethlehem Central High School senior, Steve, a sophomore, and Jennie, a seventh grader.

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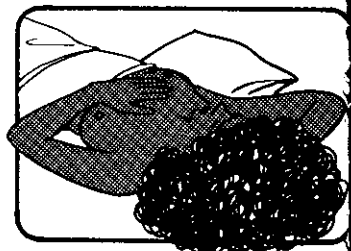
**McTague rejoins
Blackbird quint**

Voorheesville High will have 6-foot-5 Marty McTague back in uniform for its third annual Christmas basketball tournament tonight (Thursday) and Friday.

The Blackbirds can use his height after dropping the third straight Central Hudson Valley League game, 60-59, to Averill Park at home. Voorheesville led all the way, was up by 11 in the second half, but frittered it to five with 4:25 left and to one point in the final minute. Then a couple of fouls and the Parkers won it.

Jim Rivello played the best game of his career, strong on defense and scoring 22 points. Chris Clark also had a good game on defense and beat the boards.

The Blackbirds have drawn Albany Academy in the tournament opener at 8 p.m. following Berne-Knox and Taconic Hill at 6:30. Coach Mike O'Brien's scouting report on the Academy: they're not as big as Voorheesville, but they are quick and play an excellent man-to-man. "It should be interesting," he said.



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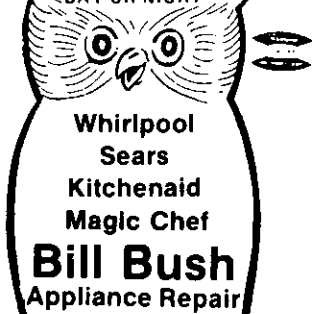
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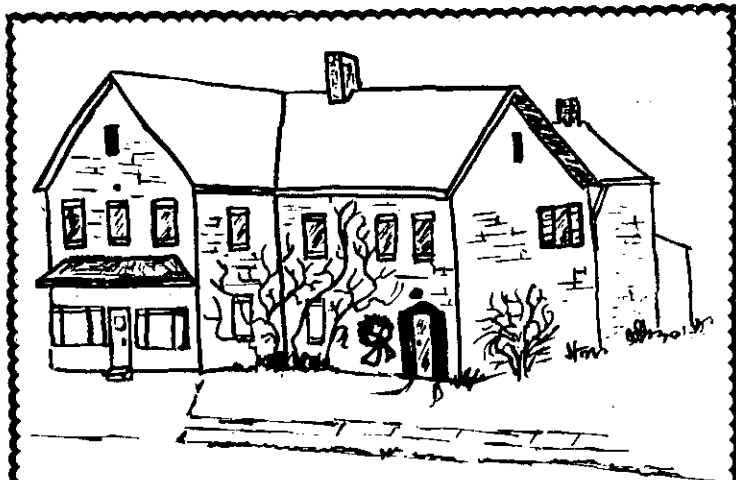
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Eagles seeking tonic in tourney

Coach Jim Tedisco is hoping the annual K. of C. basketball tournament at Bishop Maginn High School this weekend will produce the one thing his Bethlehem Central varsity needs most—that first victory.

The Eagles are winless after three Suburban Council starts, and desperately need a triumph to bolster their confidence. "We're learning each time we play," observed Tedisco. "We played pretty well against

Shaker, and did the best job we could, but we're still a young team. The first win will be good for us."

Mike Lawrence, the only veteran in the starting lineup, canned 19 points against Shaker, defending champions who appear headed for another title. Two sophomores, Tom Dexter and Steve Gillespie, are coming along well, Tedisco says, but adds: "You can't teach experience."

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Dec. 31, 1959

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Mrs. Albert Ehrenfreund, chairman of the Garden Group of the Delmar Progress Club, announced the first meeting of the year to be held on Jan. 4 at the Delmar Public Library.

Dec. 31, 1964

The Albany County Pistol Club was among the newest in the Tri-Village area, located at the end of Winne Pl. near the Little League ballpark. Dan Lanzetta was elected president and Ev Wilson, vice president.

Steeffel's of Delaware Plaza advertised men's suits on sale for \$47.89 with slacks for \$12.69.

At the opening of the new Star Super Market in Del-

mar, the following were on hand: Carman Trefelletti, president of Star Markets; Frank Abate, store manager; Carl Vassallo, owner; Bertram E. Kohinke, Bethlehem supervisor; Scott Jackson, president of Bethlehem chamber of commerce; Mrs. Vassallo and assistant store managers Arnold Ante and Jerry Russell. The store is located at 406 Kenwood Ave., just behind the Texaco station at Four Corners.

Dec. 25, 1969

At a steering committee meeting, the Welcome Wagon Club of Voorheesville appointed Mrs. Milton Mounts of Salem Hills as president.

The problem of adequate street lighting was the major concern at a brief Voorheesville village board meeting recently.

Supt. of Public Works George Hotaling reported that plans had been sent to the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. for changes in the light placement in the village.

Glenmont Elementary School third graders Gail Pollard, Bobby Marshman, Greg Allbright and Eric Beebe were photographed making stockings as a part of the community-wide White Christmas celebration.



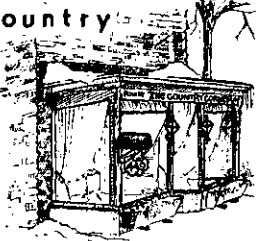
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