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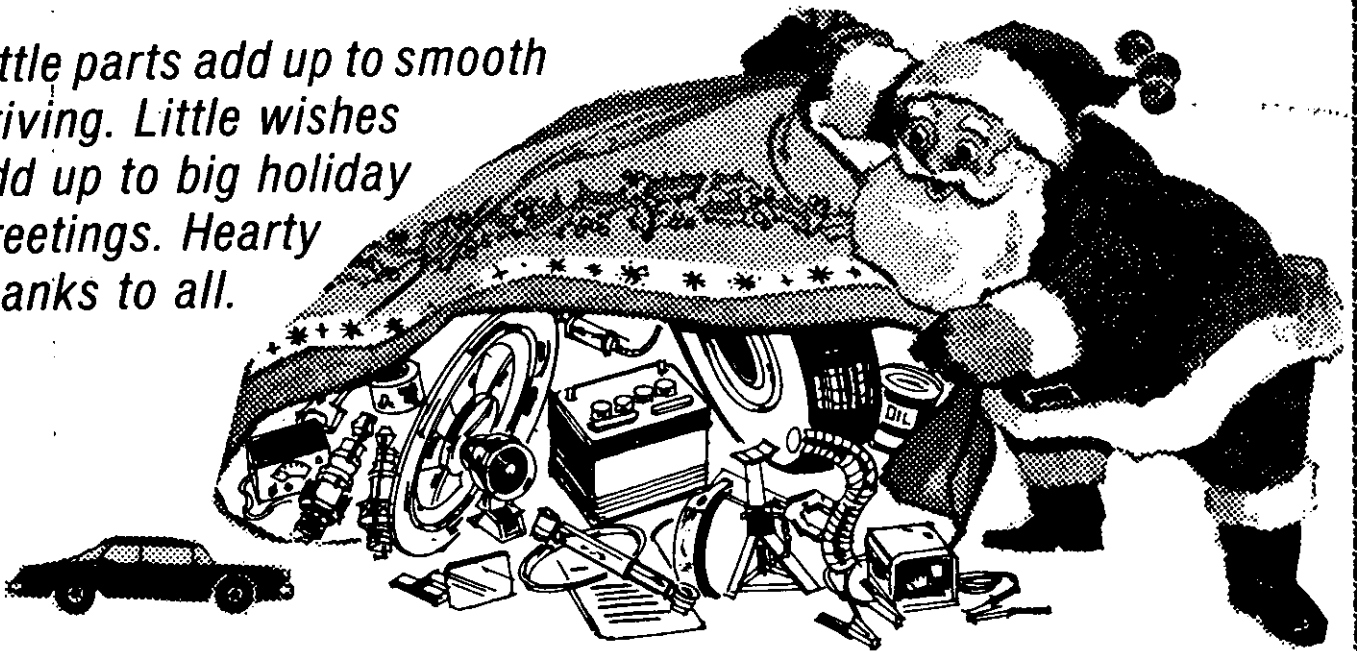


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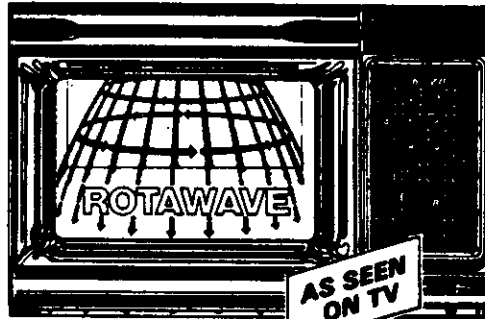
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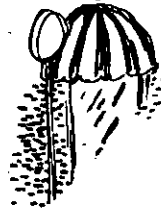
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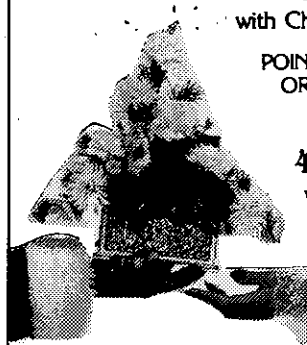
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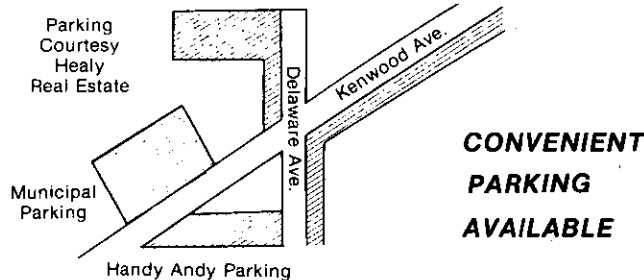
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Special Meeting, Bethlehem town board, Bethlehem town hall, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Western Square Dance, sponsored by the Altamont Station Squares, Hebrew Academy, Rt. 20 in Guilderland, 8-11 p.m.

Recovery, Inc., self-help for ex-mental patients and nervous persons, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Christmas Puppet Show by the Poppy Doodle Puppet Shows, Voorheesville Library, 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Town Board Meeting, Town of Bethlehem, cancelled.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Movie, "The Jungle Book," based on the story by Rudyard Kipling, Bethlehem Library, 2-4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

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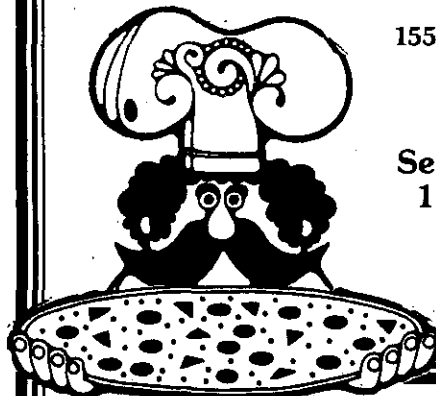
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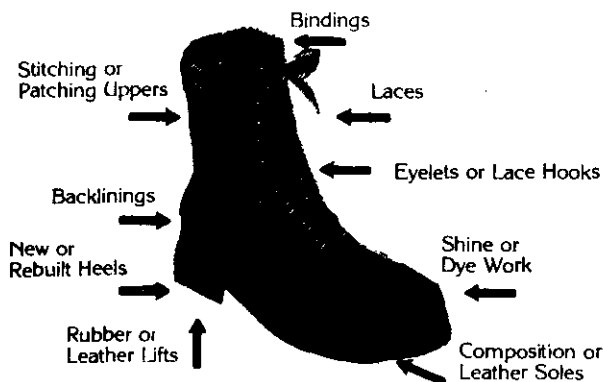
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THEATRE

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"Joe Egg" (Peter Nichols' dark comedy), Capital Repertory Company, Page Hall, Western Ave. at South Lake Ave., Albany, through **Dec. 21**, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Community Box Office or 462-4534 for reservations.

"Cinderella" (Rodgers and Hammerstein musical), Empire State Youth Theater Institute, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Dec. 19**, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Box office 473-3750.

MUSIC

The Mendelssohn Club of Albany, traditional Christmas concert, Chancellor's Hall, State Education Building, Albany, **Dec. 19**, 8 p.m.

Micky Lee (blues singer), the Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 14 Willett St., Albany, **Dec. 19**, 8:45 p.m. Michael, McCreesh and Campbell (folk trio), Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 14 Willett St., **Dec. 20**, 8:45 p.m.

ART

Marion Bers, David Formanek and William B. Schade, exhibition in sales-rental gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through **Jan. 23**, Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Paintings and clocks by Brian Goldstein and Elisa Roth, exhibit and sale at Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, through **Dec. 31**.

"Hamilton Commemorative Exhibit" (paintings of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler), Schuyler Mansion, 27 Clinton St., Albany, through **February**, open Wednesdays through Sundays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibition, 19th Century Cast Iron Stoves of the Albany Area, Albany Institute of History and Art, through **May '81**.

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Classmates watch Shama become a citizen

More than 200 people were crowded into the courtroom when the clerk rose to read the long list of names of men and women from other lands who had come to be granted United States citizenship. Shama sat with her parents, Lois and John Hotchin of Delmar, near the center of the large chamber in the Albany County courthouse and listened to the strange-sounding names of many races and nationalities as the clerk called the roll of 74 adults and one child. She was more than 6,000 miles from her native Bombay and the orphanage in India where she had lived for her first nine years.

On the long austere benches in the rear corner of the room near the door sat 25 of Shama's classmates in grade 4-5 at Slingerlands Elementary School. They had come to see their friend and classmate become a naturalized U.S. citizen. Although the long wait — more than an hour — and the lengthy ceremony tested the patriotism and endurance of 10-year-olds, they were witnessing an emotional moment that made more meaningful everything they had learned and read about American history.

After she had received her certificate from State Supreme Justice Roger J. Miner and a small replica of the U.S. flag from the VFW Auxiliary, Shama happily posed for photos with her class, her teachers and the judge on the staircase steps outside the courtroom. An hour later, back in Slingerlands, the class celebrated with cake and cookies.

This is Shama's second year in the 4-5 class of Mrs. Yvonne Lutkus, a beloved Slingerlands teacher. This fall, leading up to Shama's naturalization ceremony, Mrs. Lutkus divided her class into teams of two and assigned research projects allied with the American heritage.

One team made a list of U.S. presidents, another researched the Constitution and what it is used for, and another team used that hallowed document to draft a constitution for the class. Other assignments included research on the Statue of Liberty, the pledge to the flag, Uncle Sam, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, the Star Spangled Banner and the

history of New York State. Two of the boys made a list of the 50 states, their state flowers, state birds and other pertinent facts. The students interviewed parents and people in the school, from Principal David Murphy, teachers and staff members to John Manning, the school custodian, who had emigrated from Ireland at age 23. The subject of the interviews: what it means to be an American.

"I think we all came out with a new appreciation of what it is to be an American," said Mrs. Lutkus. "We talked about freedoms — newspapers, religion — and many other things. It's been a wonderful experience for everyone. Through Shama

we've seen America in a more meaningful light."

At home on Paxwood Rd., Delmar, the Hotchins celebrated Shama's new status. Through it all, the little, olive-skinned little girl never stopped smiling, taking in wonders she had never dreamed of in Bombay.

In the state orphanage, totally Indian, there was no exposure to any foreign influence, and no teaching of European and Western cultures. The Hotchins had been writing to adoption agencies around the U.S. without success until a Canadian agency sent photos. "We picked Shama from a picture and description," said Lois Hotchin, a virologist with the



Shama Hotchin, seated next to Mrs. Yvonne Lutkus, Slingerlands teacher, second from left, holds up her naturalization certificate while her class and State Supreme Court Justice Roger Miner posed with her for a photo on the stairway at Albany County courthouse. At far left is Susan Dax, teacher-aid in Slingerlands.

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State Dept. of Health. "The description said she was a happy child, healthy and was attending school."

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At home and at school, Shama learned her first English words. Said Mrs. Lutkus: "We started with nouns and pictures, using the Language Master machine, and Shama would say each one back. Then there were experience stories. A breakthrough in contact came when I showed her a book on India and she saw an elephant. Then she saw a picture of Mahatma Gandhi and held my hand."

Speech therapist Barbara Garbowitz worked with

Shama every day to develop sentence patterns, and volunteer mothers in the class helped with lessons and experience stories. Her classmates still help her with her reading assignments, although she now speaks, writes and reads English quite well.

"The children have been super with her," beams Mrs. Lutkus. "She is now testing at the third and fourth-grade reading level, and is handling fifth grade math material. She's a bright child, and grasps mathematics very quickly."

For Shama, life in America is exciting. "She had always worn dresses, now she loves pants," said Lois Hotchin. "At first, she always wore a flower in her hair, but when she found the other girls didn't, she gave it up."

Shama told a *Spotlight* reporter she didn't like riding in cars, and it took a while to get used to a dog in the house. She still loves hot food — meaning spicy — and the family menus often include chili and tacos.

She's an enthusiastic athlete, loves her bike and swimming, and plays on a softball team in the Bethlehem Tomboys summer league.

Her American mother tells how shy she was at first about putting on a bathing suit, a garment that is alien to Indian concepts of modesty. In the backyard pool on Paxwood Rd., the neighborhood kids finally persuaded her, and she



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jumped into the middle of the pool. Recalls Lois Hotchin: "She then threw herself into the pool again and again, so many times she became ill. I think she practically learned to swim in her first two hours."

Shama says she enjoys the cold weather here, and likes cross-country skiing. She took figure skating lessons last year at Swinburne Park.

Her jet-black hair, dark eyes and perpetual smile have brought new joys to the Hotchins, too. John Hotchins, a researcher in charge of the virology lab at the State Dept. of Health, holds PhD and MD degrees from the University of London and comes from Sutton-on-the-Sea, England. His wife, the former Lois Benson of Chatham, has a BA degree from Albany College of Pharmacy and a master's degree in virology from Baylor University, Texas. They were married in 1971 and have lived in Delmar since 1973.

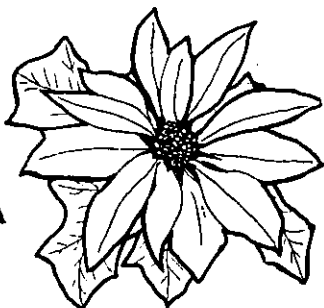


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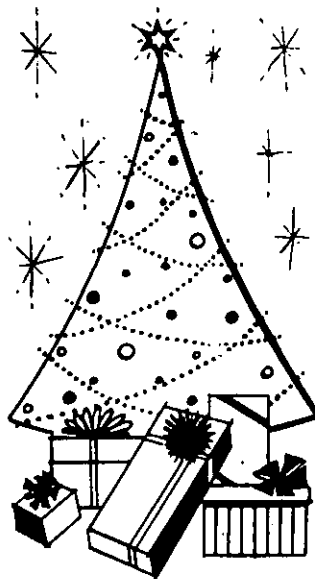
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Town board hears tale of two parcels

The Bethlehem Town Board discovered last week it has a slight problem — part of the land through which a town sewer district 18-inch force main runs doesn't belong to the town.

Unlike many embarrassing problems, this one appears to have a relatively simple solution. The family which now owns the land which the sewer district thought it owned is willing to make a trade.

That resolution was offered by Surveyor Paul Hite, who told the board that the Mauro family wants to build a house on Wigton Road, near the main, but doesn't have enough land to meet the zoning code's setback requirements. Hite proposed that the town swap a parcel it owns adjacent to the Mauro property in exchange for an easement for the sewer main.

The surveyor explained that he discovered the gap in the sewer district's holdings

while researching the deeds for the Mauro property, which had originally been part of a very large block of land owned by the late Harold McGee. McGee sold other land to the sewer district, but somehow this parcel was overlooked.

"It's just something that happened," he said.

The board agreed in principle to the swap and referred the matter to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz.

In other action, the board:

- Adopted resolutions establishing Extension 14, which will enable the town to extend sewer service to six new areas, 10 new areas in the existing sewer district, and the South Albany Sewer District, which will serve about 25 residents in that area. The action followed key financial approval of the \$6.7 million project by the state Dept. of Audit and Control.

- Awarded contracts for fire hydrants and for chemicals for the town water district, but decided not to award contracts for pipes for the water district or for a dump truck for the highway Department because of disputes over the low bids.

- Agreed to discuss a pro-

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posed "facilities policy" for use by the public of town buildings, similar to the policy now used by the Bethlehem Central School District. Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the town now follows the school district policy on an unofficial basis.

- Acknowledged the appointment of Barbara Gypson to civil service status as deputy town clerk. Now filling the job on a temporary basis, she was the highest of the two candidates to pass the civil service examination.

- Received a recommendation from Safety Commissioner Ralph A. Tipple that the speed limit on Murray Ave. from Rt. 32 to Feura Bush be lowered from 40 to 30 m.p.h. A public hearing on the change will be set.

- Conducted a public hearing and then approved the sale of 39 acres of land the town owns in New Scotland, near New Salem, to Clarence J. Coffin for \$52,000. The land was once water district property, but now is of no use

to the town, according to Corrigan.

New dog license system

Bethlehem dog owners should be receiving notification in the mail next year when it is time to renew their dog licenses. For more than 30 years, January has been the time to renew licenses in Bethlehem, but the state has a new system, according to Town Clerk Marion Camp.

Dog owners will receive their notification during the month prior to the dog license renewal date. The owner may renew the license either by mail or at the town hall.

When renewing by mail, address the envelope to Town Clerk, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 12054.

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State sets speed limit for Rt. 85A section

Speed restrictions on a winding stretch of Rt. 85A in the Voorheesville area will be established as soon as highway signs can be posted, according to the State Dept. of Transportation.

In a letter to New Scotland town supervisor Steve Wallace, J. W. Kelly, regional traffic manager for the DOT, said the legal limit would be posted at 45 mph between existing 40-mph zones in New Salem and the village of Voorheesville. The stretch previously was posted at the state's legal limit of 55.

Kelly's letter surprised Wallace with the speed of the state's action. Wallace, who in the past has had to petition several times for speed restrictions on various town roads, said he had submitted the

request for Rt. 85A only last Nov. 3. "That's the fastest response I've ever known," he said. "It sets a record for the DOT."

Wallace said he had requested a 40-mile limit for the two-lane highway, but added: "I'm not complaining."

Yule tree in village

A 20-foot Christmas tree donated by a village resident from his back yard has given Voorheesville's business district a festive holiday look. The tree, gift of Frank Blaisdell of 11 Evergreen Dr., was put up by a village road crew last week at the corner of Main St. and Voorheesville Ave. "It's a very full tree and a beautiful one," said Supt. William Hotailing of the Dept. of Public Works.

Dog warden resigns

Chester Boehlke of Unionville has resigned as dog warden for the Town of New Scotland to take a full-time position with the Albany County Highway Dept.

The New Scotland town board accepted the resignation at its December meeting, but appointed Boehlke to serve for the remainder of the month. The position carries an annual salary of \$5,564.

Supervisor Steve Wallace said the board would seek an immediate successor, but did not have any applications on file.

Boehlke will continue to serve as dog warden for the village of Voorheesville on a part-time basis.

Reservist training

Lt. Stephen P. Longtin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Longtin of New Scotland, has reported to Ft. Belvoir, Va., for four months training in the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Unit. He graduated from Clarkson College in May with a BS degree in civil engineering.

FEURA BUSH

Residents seek a water study

Property owners in Feura Bush have asked the New Scotland town board to explore the possibilities of setting up a public water system in their hamlet.

A petition bearing the names of more than 60 residents was presented to the board at the regular December meeting in town hall. The board deferred action, but Supervisor Steve Wallace said he would schedule a meeting "after the first of the year with interested parties."

There are no public water systems in the vicinity of Feura Bush at the present time, although the Onesquethaw Creek traverses the area on its course from Helderberg Lake to the Hudson, and the Albany city system maintains its treatment plant near the hamlet. Presumably one of the possible options would be a tap into Albany's 48-inch trunk line that feeds the city from the treatment plant.

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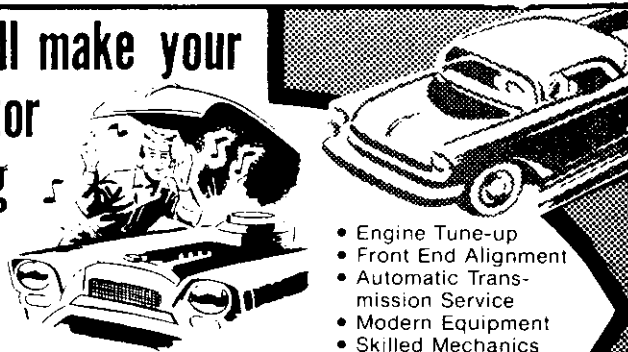
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Voorheesville's public library is planning several activities through the holiday season. A special Christmas puppet show, "The Three Wishes," will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 3:30 p.m. The performance, presented by the Poppy Doodle Puppet Shows, is free and open to all children in the community. To fill in those long vacation hours, the library will show movies on Tuesday, Dec. 30, beginning at 1 p.m. Among the selections to be shown are "Riki Tiki Tavi" and "P.J. and the President's Son."

A "pardon week" between Christmas and New Year's has been declared by the Voorheesville Public Library. During this period, all overdue books that are returned will not be charged any fines. Any fees that are outstanding will be rounded to the next dollar and reduced by 50 percent. Many of the unreturned books are out of print and cannot be replaced.

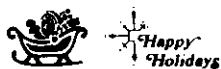
Lucinda Wright, second grade teacher at Voorheesville Elementary School, has been awarded an honorary State PTSA lifetime membership. Miss Wright was presented the award for her significant contributions to the welfare of children and youth during her 40 years as a teacher in Voorheesville. A member of the PTSA for the past 37 years, the educator began teaching in a two-room school house where she instructed second graders and kept the wood stove burning as well. At noon, she walked the students to the present facility for lunch.

Miss Wright has watched and participated in many educational changes and developments through her years of teaching. She is respected by her students and colleagues alike for her devotion to edu-

ational excellence.

The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville, under the direction of teacher Carolyn Williams, is continuing through December its year-long theme of giving and sharing. Among the activities shared by the four-year-olds were the joint decorating of a Christmas tree and bulletin board. In addition to these, the youngsters made tree ornaments, cream cheese modeling dough cookies, gifts and decorations to share with their families.

In preparation for the family Christmas party to be held on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., the busy elves learned carols which they will sing during the festivities. A cookie house constructed by the children will be used as a centerpiece that evening. To instill in them a concern for the unfortunate, they have prepared a food basket for the needy. The highlight of the evening will be the arrival of Santa bearing gifts for all the children present.



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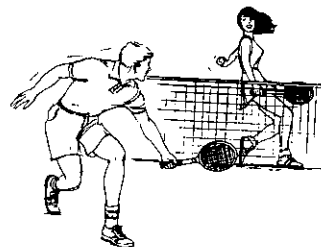
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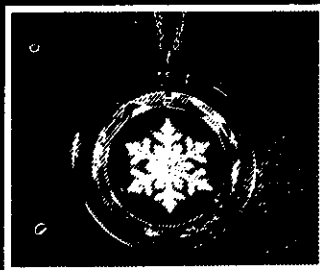
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Two town highways on resurfacing list

A contractor's lobbying group says New York State could save \$2 billion by resurfacing its badly worn paved roads now. But parts of two of the roads the group cites, Routes 9W and 144 in Bethlehem, are already slated for resurfacing next year. And Bethlehem is also one of the sites of an experimental program to extend the life of resurfaced roads.

The lobbying organization, The Road Information Program (TRIP) of Washington, D.C., estimates that New York State has 3,190 miles of main paved roads which need resurfacing at a cost of \$797 million. Failure to do the needed work by 1986 "may require their reconstruction at a cost of \$2.79 million in today's dollars — three and a half times the cost of resurfacing, TRIP estimates."

TRIP's Albany County list shows the Northway, Rts. 157, 157A, 144 and 9W as needing resurfacing on at least some sections.

According to Phil Gallagher, the Albany County resident engineer for the state

Department of Transportation, a section of 144 from Rt. 396 to the Coeymans town line will be resurfaced by an outside contractor next year, budget permitting. And the Bethlehem section of Rt. 9W, with the exception of a section near Miller Road, will be resurfaced by DOT crews, Gallagher said.

The two projects are part of the on-going DOT resurfacing program, which also includes a three-year experiment in Albany County to determine which type and thickness of resurfacing material lasts longest. Gallagher said DOT has already resurfaced parts of Delaware Ave., Kenwood Ave. (near the Four Corners), Rt. 443 (Elsmere Ave. to the Normanskill) and Rt. 85 (the Cherry Ave. Extension to Maher Road) under this program. Next year parts of Feura Bush Road will probably be added, he said.

Pedestrian killed

Francesca Losavio, 65, Selkirk, was fatally injured when she was struck by a car as she was crossing Rt. 396 in front of her house about a mile west of Lasher Rd. at 11:30 a.m. Monday. She was pronounced dead at 12:55 p.m.

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State police at Selkirk identified the driver of the car as Salvatore Clouse, 16, of Coeymans. Investigator E. C. Scott and Tpr. D. J. Dennin said the woman stepped in front of the westbound vehicle. No charges were filed.

Mrs. Losavio, widow of Arcangelo Losavio, was the mother of three sons and eight daughters. She also leaves 24 grandchildren.

Driver faces charges

Bethlehem police have lodged three charges against a driver who was stopped by a patrol car on Rt. 9W at 4 a.m. Friday.

Officer Wayne LaChappelle reported that a car driven by Joel J. Barror, 19, of Cox-sackie, was clocked by radar at 66 mph and was crossing the center lane southbound near Pictuay Lane, Selkirk. Police said LaChappelle found a loaded rifle with the safety catch off and a quantity of marijuana in the car.

Barror was ticketed for driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and

possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle. He was released for an appearance in Bethlehem justice court Jan. 29.

Fire district elections

Four Bethlehem fire districts held elections recently, but the excitement was minimal since all the elections were uncontested.

In Elsmere, Frederick C. Webster got 37 votes. In Delmar, William Contento got 58 votes. In Selkirk, Dan Gagner got 21 votes. And in Slingerlands, William B. Lenhardt got 11 votes. There were no write-in candidates.

Honesty not dead

A Gardner Terrace resident who found a case containing an undisclosed amount of currency and change apparently left by a shopper at a Delaware Plaza store in Elsmere turned the case over the Bethlehem police last week. Police said the money and case will be returned to the owner upon identifying the date, store and amount as well as a description of the case.

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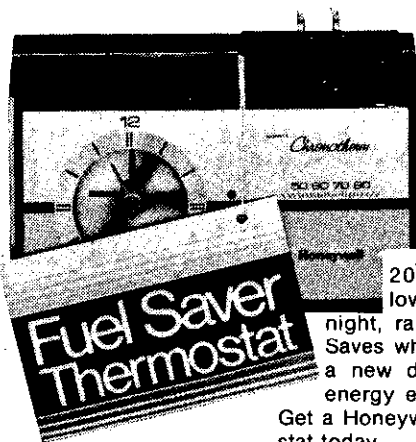
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Town-PBA talks progress

The lengthy negotiations between the Town of Bethlehem and the Police Benevolent Association appear to be heading for an amicable conclusion.

Following another negotiating session last week, the PBA was scheduled to discuss the latest town offer early this week. "The town has gone up and we've gone down," said PBA President John Cox. "With some luck, we hope it will be settled."

Cox said one issue which may delay a settlement is the PBA's request for a dental plan, since figures for the plan are not yet available.

Wohrle attends meeting

Retired New York Army National Guard Lt. Col. Alexandar J. Wohrle of Delmar, of the Capital District of New York Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, accompanied two Siena College ROTC senior cadets to the 1980 annual meeting of the Association in Washington, D.C., Oct. 12-15.

Along with Chapter President retired U.S. Army Reserve Col. John F. O'Connor of Albany, the two students, Cadet Col. Nora Kelly of Roxbury, N.Y., and Cadet Lt. Col. William Keegan of Wynantskill, had the opportunity to speak with the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Edward C. Meyer.



Memorial services for departed brothers were held recently by the Bethlehem Lodge, Order of Elks. From left are Robert J. Hausmann, esquire; Norman Mokhiber, chaplain; George Merkley, organist; Albert Danckert, five year trustee; Joseph Pomakoy, esteemed leading knight; Robert Day, secretary; Frank Hans, esteemed loyal knight; John Bigley, esteemed lecturing knight; Richard Cody, inner guard; Charles Houghtaling, tiler; and Edward Moss, three year trustee.

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The recently-formed New Scotland Elks lodge joined their Bethlehem brothers at their recent memorial service at the Selkirk lodge. From left are Don King, Joe Stracuzzi, Ray LaRose, Happy Mctague, Steve Galusha, Mike Fleming, Chet Boehkle, Ed Donohue, Al Muar, Ray Conger and Steve Basinait.

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According to local real estate agents, nearly as many people as ever are looking for homes to buy in Bethlehem. Not as many as usual are succeeding, but that is not for lack of willingness to pay the price. And even making allowances for optimism, the situation in Bethlehem seems less grim than in the rest of Albany County.

"The basic thing I'd like to get across," says Peter Staniels, manager of Roberts Real Estate's Delmar office, "is that actually it's not as bad as you think."

The prime lending rate, he points out, is always much higher than the mortgage rate, and right now there are mortgages available for around 12 percent. Like most agents contacted, Staniels notes that December is always slow, but that November was "one of the best months we had all year."

There is, of course, no one opinion among real estate people as to the state of the market, or about what the future will bring. Nancy Kuivila, who has her office in Delmar, may be typical of the ambivalence. She has figures showing that real estate in Albany County is down nearly 25 percent this year, and believes that Bethlehem is no exception. But asked about her own business, she admits, "actually, I personally had a good year."

And Michelle Moak of Klersy notes that even with a slow-down in sales, "this year has compared very favorably with last year because the cost of houses has skyrocketed. We're still doing business."

What appears to worry real estate people as much as the

sales situation is the long-term effects of high interest combined with inflation.

"I think people are starting to adjust to the rates," says Wayne Linsley of Picotte. "But it makes it much harder for a first-time buyer to enter the housing market."

"I get very concerned about pricing ourselves right out of the market," says Fred Weber, of Pagano-Weber.

Not just high interest, but also the cost of developing land and building new homes means that many families must lower their sights, take something less than the traditional detached home with a two-car garage. Yet, says Weber, towns like Bethlehem resist the kinds of changes which would mean affordable houses.

For instance, the homes Weber's firm builds now start at \$50,000. But another real estate agent says her big demand is in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range.

"I can't find enough houses in that price range to sell in Delmar," she says.

Enter the variable rate mortgage. It's also called the "renegotiable rate mortgage", but the basic idea is that the bank can adjust the

interest on a mortgage to reflect the increases or decrease in the prime lending rate. Usually that adjustment will come every five years, and there will be some safeguards for both the homeowner and the bank so that neither gets hit too hard by wild fluctuations up or down.

Schenectady Savings Bank will begin offering these mortgages in January, and by the end of the year they may be the only type of mortgage available to most home buyers.

For the people who sell real estate, variable rate mortgages offer a way out of the immediate situation — they mean that money will be available. Interest rates will drop somewhat, but more important, is that the banks will be willing to lend, and thus will reduce the down payment requirements and generally make life easier for borrowers.

The question is, will the buyer accept mortgages without fixed rates? "I think one of the strengths of buying a house was that you could fix the costs," notes a cautious Nancy Kuivila.

"It's a matter of getting used to it," says David H. Philips, manager of Bob Howard's Delmar office. He sees some advantages in a community like Delmar, which has a high proportion of professional people who move often.

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Dr. Kelly elected

Dr. Clark A. Kelly, Group Leader of Pharmaceutical Testing and Senior Chemist with the Sterling-Winthrop Institute, Rensselaer, is among eleven pharmaceutical scientists and researchers recently elected as Fellows in the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Kelly lives with his family at 22 Huntersfield Road in Delmar.

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Janice Hofaker Tighe
Tighe gets license

Janice Hofaker Tighe, a recent recipient of a New York State Insurance License, and a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem High School, will work towards a certificate to sell additional lines of insurance with her father, Al Hofaker, of Delmar.

Fuel aid available

Low-income Albany area residents may be eligible for fuel bill assistance through the 1980-81 federally funded "Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)", Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. has announced.

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The federally-mandated monthly income guidelines for HEAP grants range from \$395 or less for a single individual to not more than \$1,921 for a family of eight. Additional benefits may also be available for senior consumers, SSI recipients or those receiving public assistance.

Locally, applications for participation in the HEAP program may be obtained through the Albany County Social Services Department at 28 Howard Street, Albany. Interested area residents can also call 800-342-3821, toll-free, for more information.

Madden installed

William Madden of Delmar was installed as Executive Director of the Albany Child's Hospital health care complex on Dec. 11, along with Dr. Charles Poskanzer, who was appointed Medical Director.

Madden, formerly Director of Medical Affairs at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, officially succeeded George Mayers on Dec. 1. Mayers also a Delmar resident, retired from Child's after 20 years as the hospital's chief executive.

Deasy new dean

Glenmont resident Michele Deasy, a Latin and Greek scholar, has been named Assistant Dean of the State University of New York at Albany's College of Continuing Studies.



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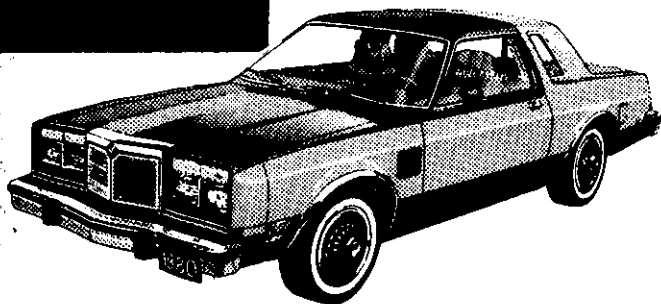
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SWIMMING

Big splash in Voorheesville

For the members of the new Voorheesville - Guilderland swimming team, the experience of winning a dual meet is either rare or unknown. Voorheesville won only one meet last season, and Guilderland didn't have a team.

That's why Friday's 46-37 victory over Hudson Falls in the opening meet of the season was such a thrill. "None of the times were particularly outstanding, but the performance was very good," said Coach Randy Sanderson. "It's one of the few meets they've ever won, and for some of the kids, the first. It was a great way to start off the season. Everybody swam, and I really think we will win quite a few more."

All this excitement took place in the home pool in Voorheesville (Guilderland doesn't have one) after the scheduled opener at Shaker High was cancelled because of technical difficulties at the Latham pool. The new V-G team won six of the 11 events and took 1-2 in four events.

Dirk Applegate, Voorheesville sophomore, won the 200-

yard and 500-yard freestyle events. Carl Renshaw, youngest of the three Renshaw brothers from Guilderland, won the 100-yard backstroke and swam on the winning 200-yard medley relay team. Kevin Anderson of Guilderland won the 100 breaststroke and also contributed his specialty to the successful medley relay team along with Ricky Bult and Andy Renshaw.

Andy Renshaw turned in the best performance of the day when he was clocked in 56.58 in winning the 100-yard butterfly, a new school and pool record. Andy also turned in a brilliant anchor leg in the 400-yard freestyle relay, but his time of 50 seconds flat was not enough to overtake the Hudson Falls anchor who had hit the water long before Renshaw.

But the performance that most excited Coach Sanderson was Chris Martin's second place behind Carol Renshaw in the backstroke. Martin, a Voorheesville freshman, swam the distance in 1:09 flat, his best time ever, and Sanderson

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feels he will cut that down in later meets.

The young coach, a 22-year-old former diver for Auburn (Ala.) University, was also pleased with Chris Card, a Voorheesville sophomore who is one of the five girls on the team. Chris swam in the freestyle relay and placed third in the diving. Said Sanderson: "She hasn't practiced diving much because she's been concentrating on swimming, but neither of the two boys ranked ahead of her had had enough practice to enter the meet. Chris went in for us and won points, and we look forward to her working more on her diving."

In addition to the backstroke, the home team swam 1-2 in the two distance events and the breaststroke. Ricky Bult finished behind Applegate in the 200 and Jeff Anderson did the same in the 500. Mike Quay of Voorheesville was second in the breaststroke.

This week the new team had a Wednesday date at Burnt Hills and will be back in Voorheesville Friday for a 4 p.m. confrontation with Amsterdam.

Christman memorial read

A memorial to Henry Christman, author of "Tin Horns and Calico" who died recently after a fire at his home in North Bennington, Vt., was read at last week's Bethlehem Town Board meet-

ing by Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

Christman's story of the "Anti-Rent Wars" of the 1840s has "influenced the telling and retelling of Bethlehem history," said Corrigan. The revolt against the Patrons who controlled most of the land in Albany and Rensselaer counties was "one of the most decisive triumphs of democratic action in our history."

Christman, a former Albany newspaperman, was well-known to residents of the Albany County hill towns, where many of the most dramatic incidents of the wars took place. In 1975 the Berne Historical Society issued a special Bicentennial edition of the work which was first published in 1940.

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SWIMMING

BC natators win 2 more in a breeze

Bethlehem Central's swimming juggernaut churned to two more easy wins in the Adirondack Swim League last week, submerging Burnt Hills, 54-29, and Amsterdam 58-25, both at home.

So deep and versatile is Coach Jack Whipple's team that after freshman Doug Schulz had won the 200-yard freestyle against Burnt Hills, the coach switched him to butterfly against Amsterdam. Schulz got a second there while BC junior John Reagan was winning the 200 free.

Sam Neff, a senior, was clocked in 23.2 in the 50 free, the fastest time by a BC swimmer since his brother Kenny, now swimming on the University of Santa Barbara

varsity in California, set the pool record three years ago. Sam also won the 100 backstroke in the Amsterdam meet.

Co-Capt. Bob Holland and Mike Nyilis turned in good times in easy victories over Amsterdam, Holland winning the 200 individual medley and Nyilis the 500 free. Dave Seiden, a BC senior, scored his first varsity win, taking the 100-yard breaststroke against Amsterdam.

Two more home meets are on this week's card, Wednesday with Albany Academy, Friday with Troy. On Tuesday the Eagles swim against Queensbury at Glens Falls.

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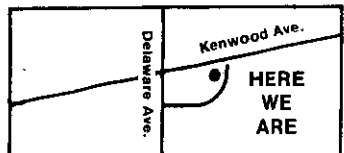


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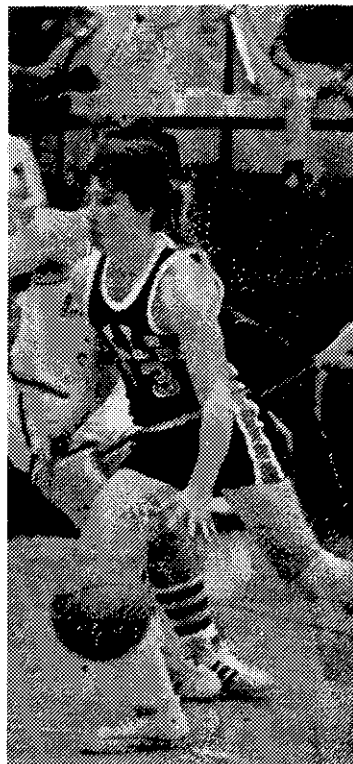
There is hope for BC quint

Bethlehem Central is still looking for its first win after two games, and was facing one of the Suburban Council's best teams in a Tuesday contest in Delmar, but the beleaguered Eagles are giving their fans reason for hope.

"We had a good first half against Scotia and a good second half against Colonie," remarked Coach Jim Tedisco. "One of these days we'll put two good halves together and surprise somebody."

The Eagles got off to a woeful start at Colonie Friday and trailed by 18 at the half. They came alive in the second half, but couldn't close the gap and lost, 57-50. Mike Lawrence got in foul trouble in the third period, but BC still whittled away at the lead. Tim Cookfair canned five of seven from the field, prompting Tedisco to comment: "We'll have to get him to shoot a little more". Six of the eight players who saw action

got into the scoring column. Tedisco was hoping the Eagles could benefit from the home floor Tuesday to give Niskayuna a run. After that, there are two more games before the holidays, when freshman hopeful Pete Gillespie will be back. Gillespie shed his cast last week, and could start workouts by New Year's Day.



Tom Dexter, number 13, drives through the Colonie defenses in last week's game.

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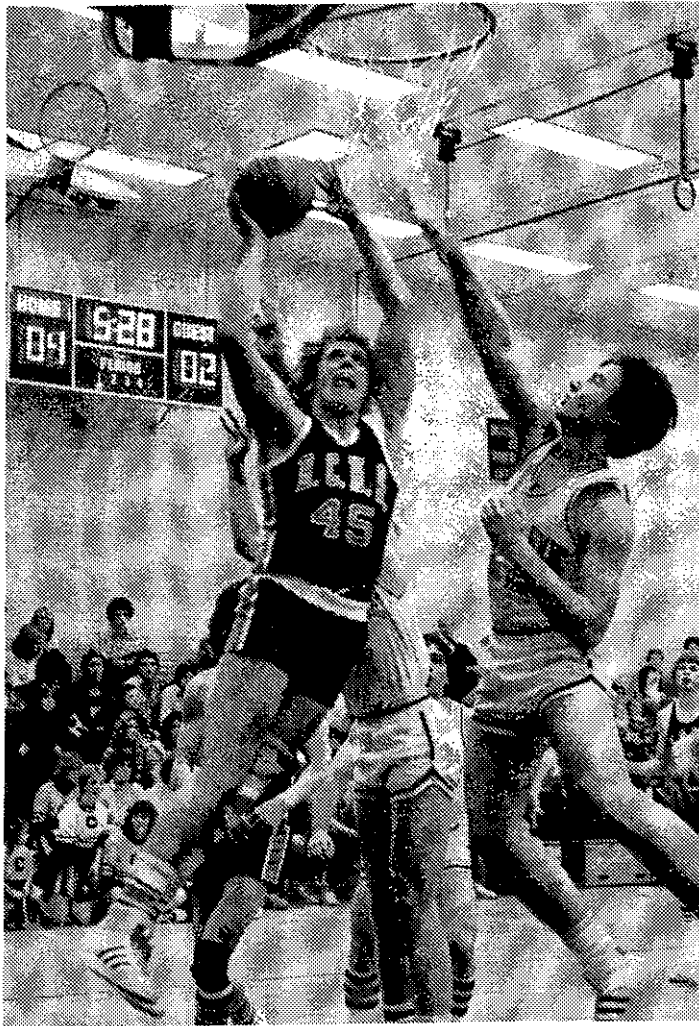
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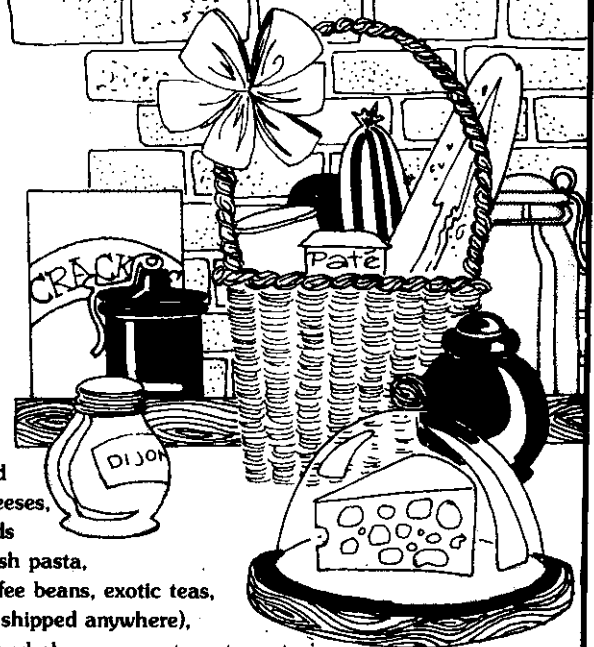
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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds find winning formula

Two victories in three games in a single week has turned the season around for Voorheesville Central's basketball team.

A 41-38 triumph over Ravena on Tuesday, a good first half against a strong Cohoes team Friday, and a tense 57-55 victory over a speedy Duanesburg quintet Saturday have given the Blackbirds a new outlook.

At Cohoes, the Blackbirds had an 8-point lead with a minute left in the first half. They tried to hold the ball for the last shot, but the leather got away and they went to the locker room with a skinny 27-24 margin.

That didn't last long after intermission. Cohoes outscored the Birds by 21-10 in the third quarter and 20-12 in the fourth for a 65-47 verdict. "We were cold," said Coach Mike O'Brien. "We turned the ball over too many times, and we couldn't solve their three-man front. We should have won, and we'll get them when they come to Voorheesville."

Again at Duanesburg the next night, the Blackbirds started strong and then had to hang on for life. They had a spectacular 20-8 first quarter, shooting 70 percent from the floor. ("It was beautiful," said O'Brien.) The hosts then switched to man-to-man and cut Voorheesville's lead to 31-22 at the half. The gap narrowed in the third to 44-37, and Duanesburg had a 55-52 lead with three seconds to go, but Paul Probst got in close for a three-point play at the buzzer and meshed his foul shot.

In the three-minute overtime, the Blackbirds gave up a basket before Probst got in for a turnaround layup to tie. Again the Blackbirds flirted with the buzzer, and this time it was Jim Riviello who launched a jumper from 18 feet. The ball swished into the cords as the game ended.

"We played very well together," commented O'Brien. "Duanesburg was our best 'team game' and it showed what we can do when everybody doesn't get their own ideas."

Chris Clark continues to be the team's most consistent scorer. He has 14 against Ravena, 15 at Cohoes and 16 at Duanesburg. The scoring has been remarkably balanced, with Greg Picard, Probst and Riviello contributing double numbers or close to them each game. The Blackbirds also go a strong



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performance from Jim Harding, who came off the bench when Picard got in foul trouble at Duanesburg.

The Blackbirds, now 1-3 in the Colonial Conference and 3-4 overall, entertain Mechanicville Friday and Duanesburg in an afternoon game Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL

BC spikers win league tourney

Two pressure-packed wins have propelled Bethlehem Central's girls volleyball team to the top of the Suburban Council heap, with the Sectional shootout scheduled for Saturday at Ravena.

The Eagles went into last Saturday's Suburban Council tournament at Shenendehowa at 10-1, half a game behind Shaker's 11-1, and were seeded No. 2 behind Shaker. After dusting off Niskayuna, 2-0, BC edged Shenendehowa, 2-1, then outlasted top-seeded Shaker, 2-1, in a barn-burner that went to 15-13 in the third game.

"It was an endurance battle," said a happy Coach Carol Walts. "The pressure was on with every play."

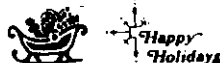
On Monday, BC again came through, squeezing past Shenendehowa for the third time this season. This time the deciding game went to 16-14. The triumph tied the Eagles with Shaker for first place in the Council, with the final match Wednesday at home with Mohonasen. The regular season ends today (Thursday) with a tri-match at home with Ravena and Troy as a tuneup for Saturday's Sectionals, where the Eagles again will tangle with their most potent tormentors, Shenendehowa and Shaker.

The team is led by Mary Howell, a tall senior who is the area's top volleyball player. "Mary is super," raves Coach Walts. "All the girls have come a long way. It's a nice group of girls to work with, and it's been a wonderful season."

Dolphin swimmer places

The Dolphins had one representative, Drew Patrick, at the Marist Swim Club's Christmas meet last weekend. Several hundred swimmers from Long Island, New York City, Westchester and Ulster counties participated.

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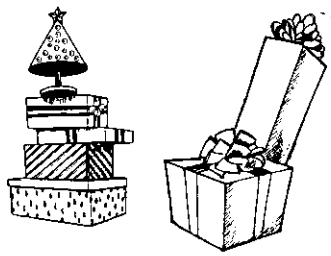
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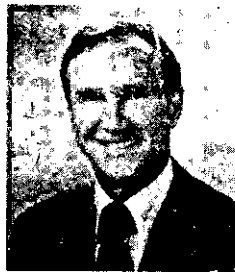
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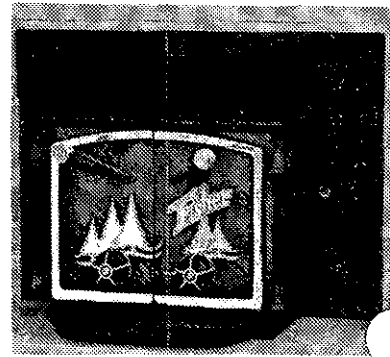
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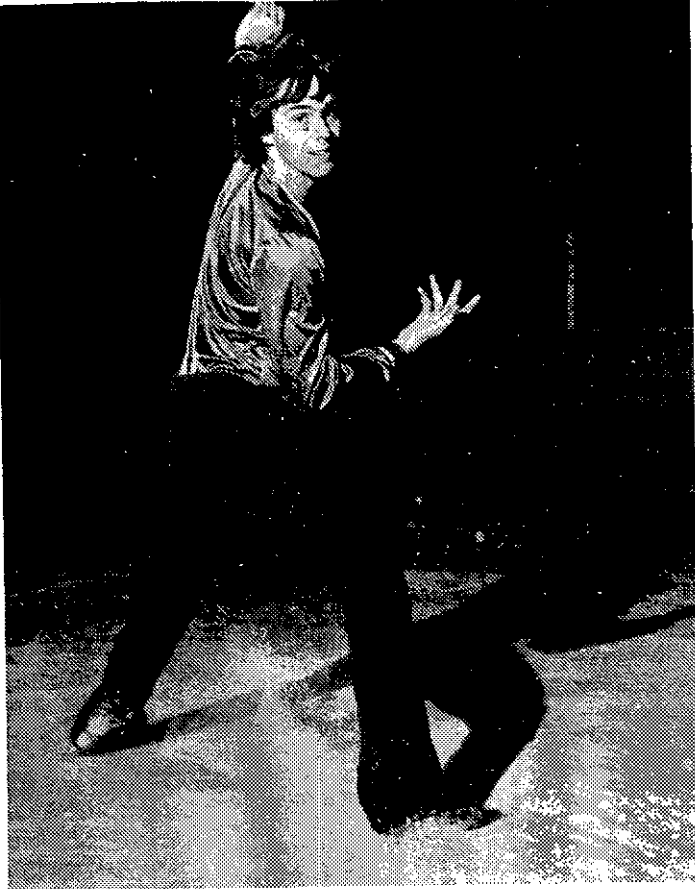


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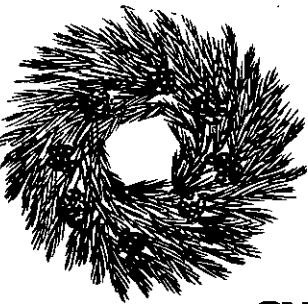
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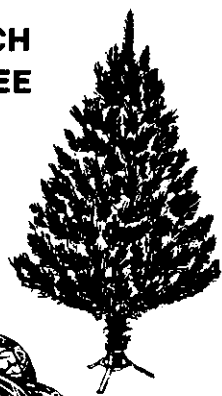
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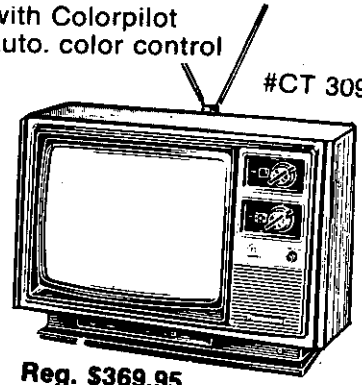


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Lobsters snapping at first in league

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The team, sponsored by Jack's Oyster House, notched back-to-back 4 to 1 victories over Kirby Hannan's Golden Knights (Adels-Loeb Jewelers) and Don Flynn's Independents (Rose and Kiernan). The Lobsters have been getting depth and balance, with strong play from Don Castle, Ed Quinn, Dave Taylor and Captain Jones.

Through five rounds, the Lobsters trail Phil Ackerman's Paper Mill team by only one game. Roger London's Keeler Motor Car team is tied for second, and Mom's Stereo Warehouse is two games out in fourth.

In individual performances, London and Louise Halle remain undefeated in league singles play, and Linda Rubino continues to pick up points for the Discoverers.

John Dunigan, of Ravena High School, is the first junior to get a starting assignment in doubles playing for the Golden Knights.

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These and other skills will be taught locally in an eight-week course by Margie Wood, who has presented similar training over the past several years to hundreds of area parents. The course, sponsored by Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School and Tri-Village Nursery School, will be primarily geared to parents of children in the early grades, although all ages will be discussed.

The P.E.T. course will begin Jan. 19 at First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7


to 10 p.m. Other sessions will be Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 16, and 23, and March 16, 23 and 30. Cost is \$55 a person or \$85 a couple.

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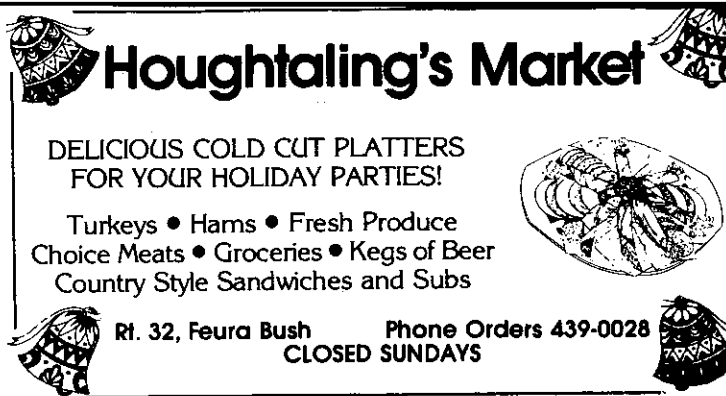


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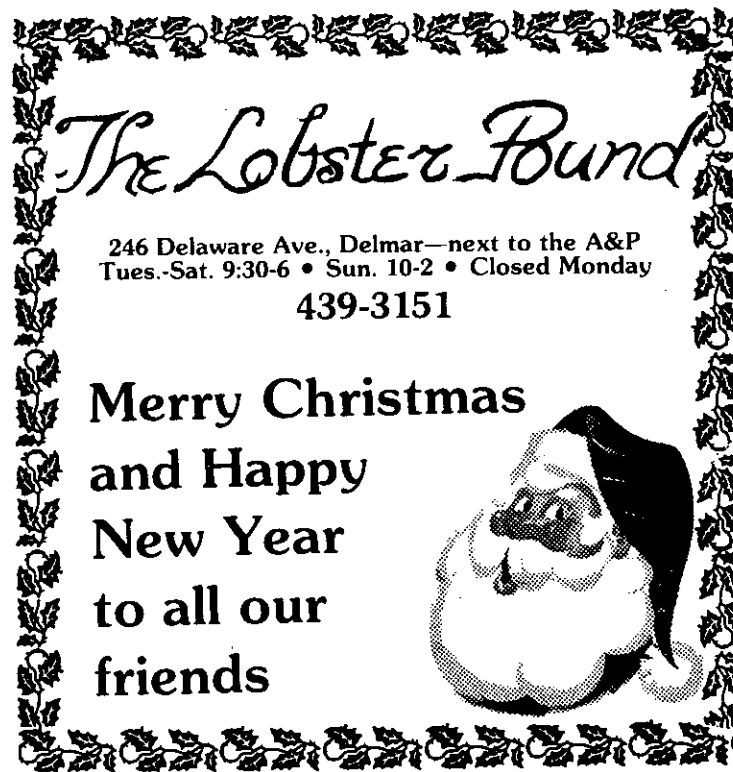
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Shop Talk

by Judi James

"Why don't you write about the Village Shop?" she said.
 "I will," said I, and promptly made a date to shop talk

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with Sandy Effron, who has just recently been made manager of this shop for gifts and gourmets in the Delaware Shopping Plaza, succeeding Brad Kilmer who will be moving to Maine.

I always have shopped at the Village Shop — as most of us here in the Tri-Village do — but suddenly was brought up short when I realized that right here in our town is one of the best sources and complete lines for items such as the Pfaltzgraff pottery (goes right into oven and microwave ovens too and is now on sale at \$7.95 for a five piece place setting). Also, that here one finds the areas most complete stock of Wilton Armatale and pewter.

There is much to talk about in this store: pewter, copper, china, glassware, linens, and a complete bath department which carries only the Fieldcrest top of the line. They have lamps, butcher tables, some nice sculpture and interesting boutique items.

But right now everyone at the Village Shop is excited

about the gourmet department. With men, as well as women taking a great interest in cooking, we'd like to pause here a moment for many of the items would make wonderful Christmas gifts with long-lasting pleasure. The Cuisinart food processor has become a classic. It's a great help in cutting food preparation time. The Village Shop is proud to sell this item. But right now they're quite excited about the new Solait machine which is considerably less expensive. It seems it makes marvelous cream fresh for sauces and fruit toppings. It also turns out cheese, yogurts, etc. and there's a good selection of cookbooks and cooking utensils.

In line with this, the Village Shop has begun a series of demonstrations in cuisine in the store. Recently Edyth Guyer of their staff showed some nice tricks in making hors d'oeuvres. Future demonstrations will include one on Chinese Cooking (in February), and a Japanese cooking class. Call the store

for the schedule.

While wandering around the store I inquired just how much of an effort they make to buy "goods made in the United States". Sandy answered that they make a great effort to do so, and talked about the popularity of the colonial table linen woven in Chicago (they've some smashing bright red cloths for the holidays). She said that their Leacock linens also are domestic.

Travelers like to take with them the handsome Courroc trays made in California. One shelf is entirely made up of these sophisticated gold on black waterproof trays which take up so little space in luggage.

The Andersons, Maine's artistic potters, have made some nice animals which the Village Shop finds very popular for gifts: seals, cats, horses, etc. But...on the import side, there are some fantastic collectors items from the Artesania Rinconada...designed by Jesus and Javier Carvajales of Montevideo, Uruguay.

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They have become known for the personality, character and originality. For example, there's one series of the "pure bred dogs" and their animal series ranges from the ostrich and Polar bear to the domestic cows, turtles, donkeys and kittens.

The Village Shop has a little section devoted to men's gift items, and recommend their leather traveling sets, their bar items and wine racks in particular. I sort of liked the basketball back stop for his wastebasket.

The Village Shop was started in a very small fashion, as an adjunct to the Town and Tweed store which Helen and Herman Rasker founded over twenty five years ago when the Delaware Plaza was new. It became an individual store some twelve years ago, and now its reputation for quality, variety, and service is unique and well known.

So, if you like personal service, items which are in stock (not on order!) clerks who know their stock and can advise on the use of the merchandise just stay right here in the Tri Village for your shopping. You'll enjoy the Village Shop. They'll enjoy helping you...to choose. They'll wrap the item and even deliver them for you.

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Mrs. Carolyn Brown, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Stephen Eliot was best man for his brother. A dinner for the family followed the ceremony.

Mr. Eliot graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and St. Lawrence University, and works in Leesburg for Burroughs Business Machines.

Mrs. Eliot is a graduate of Boston University and is director of Physical Education at the Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Va.

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Mrs. Donald McD. Slingerland, Sr. of Elsmere has accepted the chairmanship of the Memorial Hospital Fund Raising and Public Relations Committee, Board president Jacob Herzog has announced.

Appointed to the hospital Board of Trustees in 1971, Mrs. Slingerland has been active in various board committees and chairs the House Committee and serves as second vice president of the Board.

She was also one of the founding members of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, an organization of community

members serving the hospital. She is past president of the Auxiliary and a life member. Mrs. Slingerland is a graduate of Russell Sage College and serves as a college trustee as well as chairman of the school's physical plant and member of the Executive Committee and Executive Board of Development.

Herzog said the acceptance of the fund committee chair by Mrs. Slingerland is a positive beginning for Memorial's second year of fund raising. In 1980, the hospital raised more than \$100,000 in support of services and programs.

Posman a graduate

Abigail E. Posman, daughter of Jean Posman of 59 Meadowland St., graduated with a B.A. Magna Cum Laude from Boston University on Sept. 25.

Her brother, Clifford, will receive his M.D. from Michigan State University School of Medicine this December. After a six-month residency in Internal Medicine at Ford Hospital in Detroit, Clifford will begin a five-year orthopedic surgical residency in July, 1981.

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Each lesson lasts two hours and will include an indoor slide program, demonstration and an outdoor walk. The lesson will explore the wildlife community in winter, including animal tracks, homes, and other signs. "Snowshoeing and Winter Ecology," available to the older students, includes an investigation of nature in winter.

The lessons will be offered from Jan. 12 through March 13. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. A small fee is charged to cover supplies and instructors' salaries. For information, call 457-6092.

Tax credits for seniors

A greater number of senior citizens in New York may be eligible for income tax credits as a result of legislation passed in the State Legislature's special session.

According to Assemblyman Larry Lane (R-Windham), persons over 65 years of age and earning \$13,500 a year or less will soon be eligible for a credit against their 1980 state income taxes amounting to as much as \$250 a year. Under the old plan, persons earning more than 12,000 were not eligible for benefits and the top credit was \$200 each year.

The assemblyman also noted that a large number of senior citizens have not been taking advantage of the "circuit-breaker" law.

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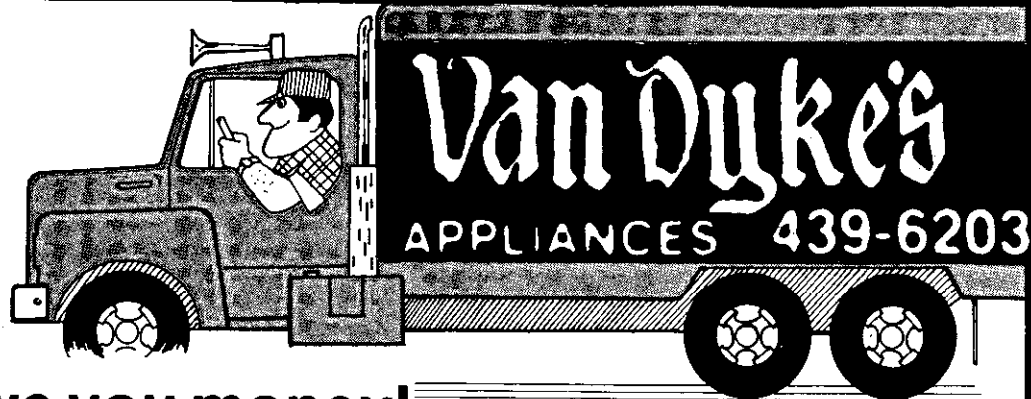
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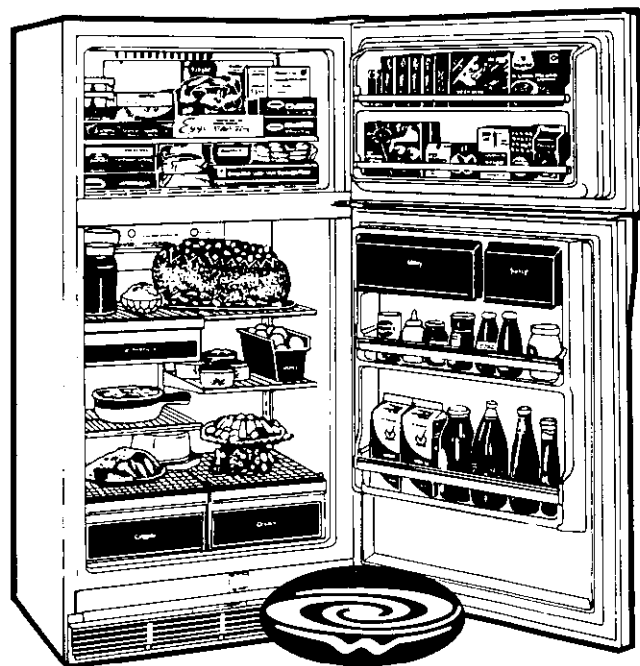
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Japan a nation of contrasts

By Allison P. Bennett
(Second of three parts)

During our stay in Japan, we were often struck by the contrasts.

For instance, while most of the architecture in the Japanese cities is high rise and apartment complexes, the shrines and temples are intriguing and give a flavor of Old Japan. Most Japanese are Buddhists or Shintoists, and the burning of incense plays a large part in their worship and is supposed to have magical powers.

I followed the actions of a grey-haired man and, putting my hands in the smoke from the brazier, waved it toward and around my head, in the

hopes of restoring my hair color to black—certainly hope it works. There are also fountains of water at the temples and worshippers drink the water or rinse their hands in it, and these waters are believed to have special powers. The Great Buddha at Kamakura, constructed of bronze plates in the 12th century, is a reassuring sight to its many worshippers.

The city of Kyoto is a national treasure of Japan, with over 600 shrines and temples. It is an artistic and intellectual center that has a pleasing valley setting. Its palace was built in the 16th century by the first Tokugawa Shogun and is now a national

museum.

The Japanese countryside, which we observed while riding in the quiet comfort of one of the many 130-mile-an-hour Bullet Trains, is covered with houses set among small rice and vegetable patches, with industry everywhere encroaching upon the pastoral. The foliage and shape of the abundant maple and evergreen trees is particularly lovely, and adds much to the pleasant scenery of this tiny country which is not as large as the state of California.

It is a long flight from Japan to Bangkok, Thailand, and we arrived there in the early evening. Enroute, our tour guide had told us it had been raining for days in Bangkok and as we flew in we looked down upon flooded fields. Enroute to the hotel,

our bus drove through streets knee-deep in water, with only the central part of the city having dry pavement.

When you look at a map of Southeast Asia, you realize that Bangkok is situated on a gigantic flood plain draining rivers from as far away as Mongolia. As in every other part of the world, the people are moving from the countryside into the city and Bangkok has no place to drain away its wastes and waters. It is called "the Venice of the East," and like that famous city, it too is gradually sinking into the ooze.

The heat is oppressive, very humid, the temperature never getting below 60 degrees at the coolest season. We were mere puddles every time we ventured outside the air-conditioned stores and hotels, but it was worth it all to see the sights of this city—and the smells.

All along the sidewalks were street vendors selling exotic fruits and vegetables, and cooking fish and meat snacks over charcoal braziers. Their food looked more inviting than what we saw in Japan, but for a tourist to partake of it would be almost instant poison, and the same would hold true for the many open-air native restaurants. Unfortunately, poverty and uncleanness seem to be a universal part of underdeveloped countries, and one must accept it or stay at home.

The sights were well worth the long trip—the Thais are very artistic in their painting and woodcarving. The Royal Palace was an architectural gem in its own exotic manner, with curving roof lines, gold, stone and tile inlay work. Gold and gold-leaf are everywhere, in palaces, solid gold statues of Buddha and elsewhere within the many temple precincts. It seems as if the wealth of the country has been put in the king's and national possessions and the temples, while the people live a very simple life.

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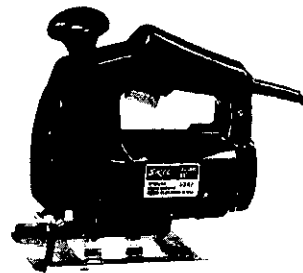
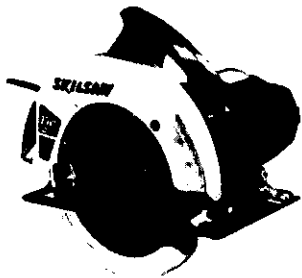
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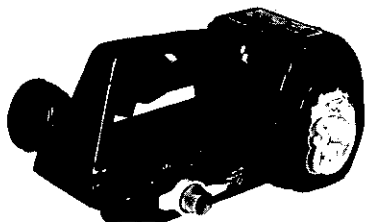
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ing. Here thousands of people live in flimsy wooden houses built on stilts to raise them above the water level. Of course, while we were there, the flood conditions had put the water into the first floor of many of these, but the people were still living in the houses. There is a great deal of commerce carried on along the waterways, with men and women selling all sorts of goods directly from their boats. Imagine having the fruit and vegetable lady or the meatman paddling up to your door!

The Thais are smiling and friendly people who seem to like Americans. They fought on our side in both world wars, and we are supplying them arms for their present border warfare. The country is surrounded by hostile governments, so one wonders just what the future will hold for this somewhat languorous tropical nation.

The rain stopped while we were in Bangkok, and the airport did not become flooded, so we were able to fly on to our next destination—Singapore. This is another big, modern Asian city situated on its own island. It is the "Garden City" of the Orient, and prides itself on its cleanliness and has stiff laws to keep it so. It is full of expensive stores with things to buy from Italy, Germany and Paris, and we soon learned that New York is not the only place to find Gucci and Pucci.

Orchard Road is a sophisticated street with elevated, planted sidewalks and park benches. It even sports a McDonald's, which reminded us more of a Paris sidewalk cafe with its umbrella tables, except that the food is the same as can be found in Delmar.

Singapore's harbor is a busy place, with a ship arriving in port every 13 minutes.

The culture is largely Chinese, since these people settled here as early as the 15th century, but there are also Malaysians and Indians in

profusion, as well as a smattering of other races. The streets are colorful with people in western dress, the Indian women in saris, Chinese women in samfoo (jacket and trousers) and the Malay men and women in their long and short sarongs. The weather is always warm so the flowers and foliage are profuse and lovely.

The city is full of new high-rise office and apartment buildings, interspersed with older British colonial government buildings, and it has great sophistication. In the older, native residential quarters, the architecture was reminiscent of that found in the New Orleans French Quarter.

NEXT: Bali and Hong Kong.

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On the cover:

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Award to Dr. Richards

Dr. Arthur H. Richards of Glenmont recently received the 1980 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Rochester Institute of Technology's (RIT's) College of Science. Richards, a 1958 graduate, received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

Richards is currently a research scientist in the toxicology department of the New York State Department of Health. After graduating from RIT, he continued his studies at the University of Rochester, where he obtained his Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1971.

In addition to his research duties, Richards is also an adjunct assistant professor of biochemistry at Albany Medical Center.

The award is presented annually to a graduate of each of RIT's ten colleges who has made a noted professional contribution to his field. Dr. Richards resides on Brightonwood Road with his wife and two daughters.

New investigators named

New York State Troopers Kenneth T. Cook of Loudonville Headquarters and Brian O. Thomas of the Selkirk station, both of Troop G, have joined the Bureau of Criminal Investigation staff of investigators. They are among twelve officers to receive promotions in the BCI, all effective Dec. 4.

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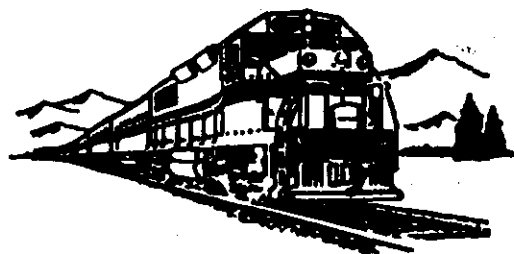
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1 cup all-purpose flour	3 tablespoons margarine or butter
½ teaspoon baking powder	4 teaspoons milk
¾ cup margarine or butter, softened	½ teaspoon peppermint extract
2 eggs	3 drops green food coloring
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring	1½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
1 package (14 oz.) Salada® 4 Minute Fudge™ mix	2 tablespoons margarine or butter
¼ cup chopped walnuts	2 tablespoons water

1. Stir together flour and baking powder. Set aside.
2. In large mixing bowl, beat the ¾ cup margarine, eggs, vanilla and 1½ cups of the Fudge mix until smooth and creamy. Stir in flour mixture, mixing well. Stir in nuts. Spread in greased 9 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan.
3. Bake in oven at 350° F. about 40 minutes or until tests done. Cool slightly.
4. In small saucepan, melt the 3 tablespoons margarine. Add milk, peppermint extract, food coloring and sugar, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat. Spread over warm brownies. Chill until firm.
5. Melt the 2 tablespoons margarine in small saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in water and remaining Fudge mix. Place over low heat. Cook 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Quickly spread on chilled filling. Let stand until fudge is firm. Yield: 36 squares.



Servicemen in the NEWS

Army First Lt. William E. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Warner of 41 Montrose Drive, Delmar, participated in "Certain Rampart", a field training exercise held in the center of Bavaria, West Germany, in September.

The second largest in the 1980 series of NATO's Autumn Forge maneuvers, the exercise involved over 41,000 troops from West Germany, Canada and Denmark, including 12,000 personnel from the U.S. Army Europe's 1st Armored Division.

Dennis F. FitzPatrick, son of Eugene F. and Frances E. FitzPatrick of 6 Roweland Avenue, Delmar, has reported for duty with the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps in Ithaca.

FitzPatrick is a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Brian Spindler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Spindler, 30 Longwood Drive, Delmar, is studying at the Goethe Institute in Germany this fall.

A senior at the College of Wooster, Ohio, Spindler will have the opportunity to tour sites in Germany after completing an eight-week language training program. He will receive three college credits for his overseas experience.

Marine Pvt. Keyvan Ghovanloo, son of Madsour and Khdiso Ghovanloo of 158 Lasher Rd., Selkirk, has reported for duty with 2nd Force Service Support Group located at Camp Lejeune, N.C. A 1975 graduate of Bethlehem High School, Ghovanloo joined the Marine Corps in June, 1980.

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**PTA 'involvement'
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Barbara Coon thinks a parent-teacher association should do more than hold meetings. She sees it as a way to educate parents and enrich the education of the students.

Since becoming president of the Glenmont School PTA this year, Mrs. Coon seems to have made a real start toward achieving those ambitious goals—not by herself, but by getting a lot of parents involved.

"We've gone from little organization to being a very organized group," she says.

When her daughter, Jenny, aged seven, first entered the Glenmont School, Mrs. Coon says, "I went to find out when PTA meetings were held and found that they weren't regularly scheduled. I thought they should be."

In what she terms as the "start-up" year for the PTA, Mrs. Coon says "a lot of new people have become involved, committees have been formed, and we have the full support of the administration."

Along with an increase in attendance at meetings, which are now held once a month, Mrs. Coon says the product of the group's organization efforts include monthly programs that are held after each meeting.

Intended as informational programs for parents, they've included such topics as resources for gifted and talented children, drug abuse, and educational testing. An upcoming program in January will deal with sexual awareness. "The basic theory," says Mrs. Coon, "is that if you haven't discussed sex education with your child by the time he's six, you've bombed out. And I know quite a few parents of fifth graders who haven't done this yet."

Glenmont School Principal Donald J. Robillard agrees with Mrs. Coon's feeling that the PTA offers people "a forum, a chance to get involved."

"We've always had a very active group," Robillard says. "Our present group follows state guidelines more closely, which means following a more formalized approach than in the past."

Robillard says he's observed an increase in a variety of areas, and a "thrust toward providing information and learning situations for parents."

He says that along with staffed committees and more effort to inform parents of upcoming meetings, the PTA is bringing speakers from outside the community to discuss special areas during the monthly programs.

"They've also become actively involved in after-school programs for students," he says. "For instance, paid instructors from outside and within the community are holding six or seven different classes that run from around 3 p.m. to 4 or 4:30."

The classes, Robillard says, include French, Spanish, ceramics, theatrical production, movement and dance, taught by experts on the subjects.

More than 100 students have been involved in the after-school program, which is completely PTA sponsored. They "are exposed to a number of things which they wouldn't normally get," Robillard says. "I don't think it's very likely that a student would have the chance to take ceramics, or learn a language . . . It creates options that probably wouldn't have been there otherwise."

Aside from educational opportunities the program provides, Robillard says he also feels there are social benefits from the classes. "There are some classes with cross-age level groupings, which provides for a broader contact among students. It's also a non-competitive, fun-type activity, the outcome of which will be some learning."

Along with the after-school program, Robillard says the Glenmont PTA offers an "Active Parents as Reading

Partners" project in which parents pledge to read 15 minutes a night with their child for seven consecutive nights. Awards and pins are then presented in school to children who have successfully completed the reading.

An in-school creative writing program staffed by volunteers, also PTA sponsored, provides students with a story idea and a "writer's area," in which volunteers help them develop the story, which eventually becomes a book which the students hand-bind.

"The kids make their own cover, so it actually looks like a book," Robillard says. "Then the librarian puts a card pocket inside of it, and it becomes circulated material in our library." He says 18 volunteers and approximately 50 students are involved in the writing program.

"The key to a successful PTA," Robillard says, "is parental involvement. The more they learn of what's offered, and how it's offered, the better able they are to supplement and support these offerings.

"A lot of communication among parents involved in the school," he adds, "goes over



Lillian and Robert Longley of Slingerlands are two of the artists showing their work through Christmas at the recently-formed cooperative gallery, the Artists' Gallery in Albany's Robinson Square. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m.

the back fence, which may or may not be accurate. Active involvement gives them a better perspective of the actual school program."

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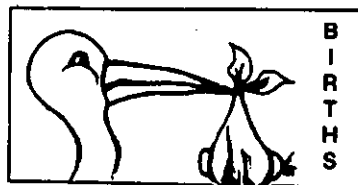


Helping to usher the winter season in, 11-year-old Edward Ashley does the honors at a cider and doughnut party at the Albany Medical Center's Division on Oncology. Sharon Boehlke of Unionville, left, Dr. John Horton, head of the Division of Oncology, and head nurse Angela Sheehan of Delmar enjoy the refreshments provided by Indian Ladder Farms, the Stewarts Store in Delmar and Burger King.

Separation group starts

Albany Jewish Family Services will run a group for separated and divorced men on six Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., beginning in January.

Led by Allen Yasgur, the agency's executive director, the group will focus on loss, family relationships, legal aspects, parent-child relationships, dating and community acceptance issues. For more information, contact Yasgur at 482-8856. A personal interview is a prerequisite for participating in the group.



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The Scottish connection, Selkirk style

Alan Lawrie, a builder who lives in Selkirk and used to be quite a rugby player, was driving north on the Thruway with his wife and daughter one warm day this summer when he saw a highway sign that intrigued him. He headed for the exit and thereby ran into an adventure.

If Bethlehem people reading this item pause to try to recall if they know any Selkirk builder named Alan Lawrie, they can stop right now: Alan lives in Selkirk, Scotland, and the roadside sign he saw at Exit 22, proclaiming Selkirk, N.Y.

Some weeks later, back in the British Isles, Lawrie showed the lads at the fire station a batch of beer mugs given him at the Selkirk, N.Y. firehouse. The local paper in Scotland got hold of the story, Alan sent the clipping to his new friends in the States, and Marilyn Picarazzi passed it along to the *Spotlight*. Here's the story as told by Alan, who had flown to Toronto with his family to visit his brother:

"We travelled south to Philadelphia one day and on the way back were astonished to see a signpost to Selkirk. We didn't think our navigation was that far out, so we decided to investigate.

I'm a volunteer fireman here and when we eventually arrived in the town we came across a fire station. It was closed but, as we were anxious to shake hands across the sea with some fellow 'Selkirk firemen' I decided to inquire at the post office - across the road."

"The next step could only happen in America-and a small town like Selkirk with a population of around 550. The postmaster-a Lou J. Picarazzi was also the chairman of Selkirk Fire Department. He was delighted to hear where we came from, and he's heard of our Selkirk and even has pictures of the Market Place Post Office!"

"As part of their 50th anniversary celebrations on Aut. 12, 1978, Selkirk (New York State) Fire Brigade had special half-pint beer mugs made. He gave us all one, including 10 for the lads at our fire station, and took us back to his house to fill them up!

We spent the afternoon beside his swimming pool, and he invited all his friends and relations round to see us. It soon developed into a party and we had to scrap our intended destination of Ottawa that night, eventually staying in a beautiful log cabin at Blue Mountain Lake."

"The Fire Brigade in Selkirk, USA, has answered more than 2,000 calls since its foundation in 1928 and now has 50 volunteer firemen standby. They have three machines-one a 1928 Childs model, their first acquisition-but only two are used. Compare this with Selkirk, Scotland, 5,000 population, 10 firemen and one machine!

Lou now wants to organize some exchange trips for the children of both towns, and we're looking into this possibility at the moment-we're

definitely going to keep in touch."

Chris Selkirk reports

Marine Sgt. Christopher B. Selkirk, son of Ronald J. and Judith Selkirk of Route 144, Selkirk, has reported for duty at the marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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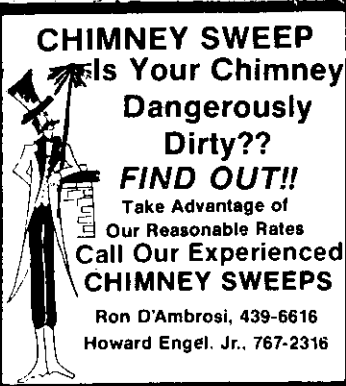
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Publicity problems

Editor, The Spotlight:

The *Spotlight* has become a matter of concern and disappointment to many in the Tri-Village area. Sixteen years ago the *Spotlight* was read cover to cover by almost every resident. Articles and pictures submitted were almost always printed and the people relied on the *Spotlight* for local information as well as good publicity. This is no longer true.

Organizations and people's articles and pictures are often completely ignored or have to wait five to six weeks to be printed. Years ago the *TU* and *Knick/News* also were reliable, while today most local news has been eliminated, although the *Sun* is proving to be fairly reliable.

Hopes rose in Bethlehem when Bob King sold to Nat since the weekly had gone downhill when Bob wasn't well. The editorial, historical and local business articles, fire and police information were good additions, but it is quite strongly felt that too much space is used for sports, Voorheesville and a small group of organizations at the expense of much local news of people and many organizations.

I, and others, would like to see a real newspaper for Our Town. Hopefully, perhaps, with Mr. Ahlstrom's experience and Nat's knowledge of the area and people, the *Spotlight* once again can become second only to the Bible in Bethlehem reading material.

Joan L. Laffin

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We consider our primary commitment to the community is giving publicity to every civic, charitable and non-profit organization in Bethlehem, New Scotland and Voorheesville. In order to fulfill this function, we depend on those organizations themselves through publicity chairmen or interested members. Often the reason one organization will get more articles and photos than another is the difference in the degree of cooperation of the organizations themselves. This is their hometown paper.

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Sensitive to needs

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thanks so much for including our 'Silhouette' release and picture in the Nov. 6 issue of the *Spotlight*. It helped make the event very successful. It's nice to know that there still is a newspaper that is sensitive to the needs of the local area. Thanks again.

S.G. Drumm
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Fluoridation by choice

Editor, The Spotlight:

Of course fluoride helps protect teeth of certain children. Of course government agents wish to promote fluoridation. Their jobs depend on

extending services. What I cannot understand is why anyone who wants this treatment doesn't drop a fluoride pill into a jug of water and serve it to their children. Governments or concerned dentists could easily provide the material.

Why should this medicine be forced on anyone who is unwilling, or on the dog, cat, goldfish, or my African violet?

Elizabeth W. Henk
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The duplex dispute

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was very pleased to read the letter in the "Vox Pop" section of your Nov. 20 issue relative to the denial of a variance allowing A.T. Zautner and Son permission to construct two four-unit apartment houses on Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont. The original denial was because "the apartment dwellings would not be in harmony with the basically rural, one-family residential nature of the area."

Now, only one week later, your publication contains an article stating that the decision of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals has been reversed by State Supreme Court Justice DeForest C. Pitt. The honorable judge remanded the proceeding back to the Board of Appeals so that the town and Mr. Zautner may resolve the issues at hand.

I am shocked and deeply disappointed by this decision! Obviously, the honorable judge does not live in the Town of Bethlehem. If he did, he would certainly witness the problems associated with some of the existing construction by Mr. Zautner in our community.

Judge Pitt refuses to believe that such complexes are aesthetically detrimental to our neighborhoods or property values. I would like to invite Judge Pitt to drive through my neighborhood. We live on Poplar Dr. in Elsmere, which is part of Mr. Zautner's "Schuyler Meadows Subdi-

vision." We have lived here for 10 years and have watched Mr. Zautner build duplexes on Poplar Dr., Mason Rd., Clermont St., Lavery Dr. and Kenwood Ave. These were followed by those duplexes on Elsmere Ave. and Bender Lane.

A few of the duplexes are well maintained with pools, floral gardens and manicured lawns. However, the majority are poorly maintained rental units.

I don't hold Mr. Zautner accountable for the maintenance of the units he has sold. I do question his sincerity relative to the development of our community by his benefiting from the existing market for income housing.

Robert J. Davis, Jr.
Elsmere

The State Supreme Court decision involved Zautner's request to build apartment buildings on Beacon Rd. The Feura Bush Rd. project will also be appealed, according to Zautner.

Chain reaction

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a local storeowner in Delmar, let me applaud your article in the Dec. 11 edition relative to the discount chain stores in our marketing area. You hit the nail on the head in two respects, service vs. prices, and local merchants making contributions to local organizations when the big discount houses couldn't care less about our community other than as a source of making money.

Most of our customers are not K-Mart customers. We are a full-service operation, something K-Mart cannot claim. In terms of prices, K-Mart has good prices, but so do we. We can't be lowest in all categories, but we can be lowest in many. They do a big business right up to the day they go bankrupt. J.M. Fields and the Big N had lots of customers the week they decided to fold.

We can't pretend to compete with them in some res-

pects. With the services we offer, we have to get higher prices. We solve individual customers' problems, we help them personally, and we're experts in our field.

Because I am a local businessman well known to many of your readers, I would appreciate it if you did not print my name. I think most of our regular customers will appreciate the reason.

In the meantime we will continue to support community clubs and groups, just like you do. This is the approach that makes our community what it is today.

Name submitted

Bethlehem

Another fluoride foe

Editor, The Spotlight:

The use of the Bethlehem water supply to convey a highly dangerous and toxic substance to every person in the community must be rejected.

Firstly, it is obvious that an infant cannot tolerate the same dosage of any drug as an adult can. This applies to fluorides too.

Secondly, there are people who suffer severe reactions from fluorides in any form and any strength. Why should they be forced to have fluorides in their water supply?

Thirdly, fluorides do not dissipate as water boils. As the water evaporates, the concentration of fluoride increases. No one knows where the danger point is!

Fourthly, everyone is receiving increasing amounts of fluorides as fluoridated water is used in processing foods and beverages. No one knows how much!

Such common-sense reasons for rejection far outweigh the single reason for fluoridation put forth by its proponents — especially when those who want fluorides in their bodies can take them in other forms, such as pills, mouthwash, toothpaste, or topical applications.

We do not need fluorides in our water!

Sylvia Bates
Slingerlands



Community Corner

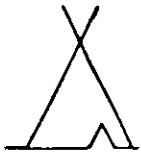
Stop and Look

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