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Making the neighbors feel right at home

By Ann Treadway

George Walker got mad one day a couple of years ago when he was asked to sign a petition protesting the purchase of 360 Kenwood Ave., near his home, for use as a community residence by the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services.

The petition offended his sense of fairness — rather than keep out people who are "different," he reasoned, perhaps the community should look at what they have to offer.

That was the start of Walker's volunteer support of the Kenwood Ave. residence; today he's president of its community advisory board. Like many other volunteers, he's found that his involvement with his new neighbors has brought its own rewards.

Three of the four community residences in Albany County currently housing developmentally disabled clients of the agency are located in the Town of Bethlehem.

The one on Kenwood Ave. (near St. Thomas Church) is home for nine men and women, nine men live at 397 Delaware Ave. (near the old Town Hall), and three adults and nine children live at 405A Schoolhouse Rd. in North Bethlehem. (The fourth is at 57 Buchanan St. in Albany.)



Because of many Bethlehem residents like George Walker who are accepting — and willing to help — when the homes were opened in the spring of 1981, they have been assimilated successfully into the community.

Much of the credit for this must go, the volunteers associated with them say, to the competence of the live-in staff members. Around-the-clock supervision, and sensitivity to people's concerns have largely put to rest the fears of some that the normalcy of their neighborhoods would be disturbed.

But the Eleanor Roosevelt officials are quick to point out the value of the volunteers. Of a student group from Bethlehem Central High School that's been active with agency clients since even before the homes opened, Clinical Coordinator Rose Ann Heil said: "The kids are just tremendous."

Donna Blodgett, who is supervisor of volunteers, sees the birthday and holiday parties, and fund-raising events such as bowl-a-thons, and informal visits by individuals, as key factors in the adjustment and progress of the clients.

Among the most dedicated volunteers for the agency in Bethlehem are the six to ten members of each home's Community Advisory Board. The boards were formed prior to move-in day, and still meet monthly to assure constant communication between staff members and neighbors of the homes.

Bruce O'Connell is currently president of the Community Advisory Board for the Delaware Ave. residence, and George Mears heads the Schoolhouse Rd. board.

Cadet Girl Scout Troop 209 of Delmar decided to befriend the men at the Delaware Ave. residence when their leader, Benna Eldridge, heard that there were no "homey touches" for them such as pictures or records or games.

The girls have, for over a year now, enjoyed visiting the home on evenings and weekends, for birthday and pizza parties, to deliver small presents, and to provide decorations such as a large poster containing all their school pictures and the inscription: "Friendship is a Rainbow Between People."

The Youth Group of the First Methodist Church of Delmar has "adopted" the Kenwood Ave. home in a similar way. Empathy and enthusiasm for the best interests of its residents have developed through get-togethers and fund-raising events. Recently the St. Thomas confirmation class has also, as a group, sponsored programs for the residents of this home.

The North Bethlehem Fire Department sees to it that the Schoolhouse Rd. agency residents have festive parties and frequent contact with neighbors.

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Does DA inaction mean end to school bus case?

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Six months after the arrest, and three months after a grand jury decided not to indict, Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg is still trying to decide whether to pursue the criminal case against Clarksville bus driver Donald McKaig.

Privately, however, just about everybody connected with the case expects that McKaig will never be indicted. And if that is the case, the ability of the Bethlehem Central School District, which fired McKaig the day after his driving while intoxicated arrest last May, to defend its action could be seriously compromised.

McKaig has filed a civil lawsuit against the district, asking for a reported \$1 million in damages plus reinstatement and back pay. According to the district's contract with the union representing bus drivers, McKaig would be drawing \$12,398 this school year as a full-time employee.

McKaig, a Clarksville resident, was arrested May 26 at the Clarksville Elementary School by sheriff's deputies

following what they said was a complaint from an unidentified motorist. He was originally charged with 21 counts of reckless endangerment — one for every child on the bus — plus DWI.

Because McKaig had a clean record, the DWI charge was not a felony, nor were the reckless endangerment charges, and the case was originally set for trial in New Scotland Town Court. But before the trial could begin, Greenberg's office took over the case, first dropping the reckless endangerment counts and then presenting the DWI charge to a grand jury.

But on Aug. 10, the grand jury returned a "no bill" — no indictment — and McKaig was, at least for the time being, cleared. Immediately after the grand jury decision, Greenberg said he would seek permission from a judge to

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A hand-painted 20-piece nativity set shown here with Joanne Drozd and a crocheted afghan will be among the specialty items to be raffled at the St. Thomas Altar-Rosary Society's annual Christmas Chinese auction. The event is set for Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas School gymnasium. Refreshments will be served. Persons wishing to donate a hand-crafted item may call Mary Capobianco (439-0470) or Joanne Drozd (439-6979).

□ Group homes

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Margaret Vandenburg is a member of the Community Advisory Board for that home and perhaps its biggest booster. Now retired, she has time to drop by often and said recently that the receptions she gets "make me feel like a million dollars."

She's "Grandma Margie" to the children, who look forward to her home-baked cakes, and she even reassures the staff members there of the "amazing progress" she can spot from one visit to the next.

"I know in my heart these children are better off in a home environment," Mrs. Vandenburg said — and that is the whole point to the establishment of group homes for disabled individuals.

In Bethlehem's three Eleanor Roosevelt homes, "it has worked fantastically," according to Mrs. Blodgett. Clients who were withdrawn and fearful, many because of time spent in large institutions, have become more relaxed, more aware of their environment, and better able to take care of themselves and to relate to others.

A number of the Bethlehem volunteers have been so impressed by the beneficial

effects of the homes on clients that they were upset last winter when reports began to spread of state budget cutbacks that might threaten the level of staffing and other services.

"People were running scared, alright," Walker said. "We wrote lots of letters to politicians, and made a lot of phone calls."

As it turned out, the cutbacks were averted. The trend toward de-institutionalizing is "going strong" and agency officials are even hoping to open more group homes soon in other areas of the county.

The Eleanor Roosevelt residences in the Town of Bethlehem are a success story — especially in terms of what they are doing for the agency's clients — but Mrs. Blodgett still spends time recruiting more volunteers to get involved with them.

"Volunteers make such a difference," she said, "and we consider them every bit as important as our paid staff."

For young people, she pointed out, it's a way to get a feel for such possible careers as occupational therapy or psychology.

For Mr. Walker, his two-year involvement with the Kenwood Ave. home and its residents has been "a great learning experience for my family" and has "brought people together in spirit." Mrs. Vandenburg said simply: "It's so rewarding."

People who wish to find out more about possible volunteer activities with the agency's Bethlehem clients may call Mrs. Blodgett at 457-0401 or the directors of the residence at the following numbers: Kenwood Ave., 439-9970; Delaware Ave., 439-9960; Schoolhouse Rd., 456-6881.

GOP women to install

The Albany County Women's Republican Club will hold its annual Christmas party and installation of officers Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Normanside Country Club, Elmsmere. A reception at 12:30 will be followed by brunch at 1:30. Mrs. Dorothy Alliger of Delmar is president of the organization and Mrs. Susan Redmond of Delmar is chairman of the event.

Car flips, arrested

Bethlehem police arrested Christian T. Abele, 19, of 29 Brightonwood Rd., Glenmont, Sunday after finding his car resting on its side by the side of Feura Bush Rd. Abele was charged with driving while intoxicated and speeding.

Education on drunk driving

"Your Life is on the Line," a 16-page booklet about drunk driving, is being distributed locally by Hamlin, Robert & Ridgeway Insurance, Ltd., Computer Dr., Albany. Produced by the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents, the booklet is an effort to make the public aware of "the most common violent crime in America — drunk driving."

Charles B. Treadgold, president of the agency, said, "Unless our lives are touched directly by the tragedy of drunk driving, we tend not to get involved in the issue. We leave the search for solutions to others . . . to our legislators, police and victims."

The booklet says drunk driving is second only to cancer in victims claimed and costs incurred. It also offers a section for party-givers on how to keep guests sober and alive. The booklet may be obtained from Hamlin, Robert & Ridgeway free of charge.

Juveniles picked up

A series of incidents — the latest a portable fire extinguisher thrown through a picture window on Montrose Dr. and Brookview Ave. in Elmsmere led to the arrest of two youngsters by Bethlehem police Wednesday. The two were not charged with a crime but were turned over to Albany County Family Court following questioning by police officers.



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resubmit the charges to another grand jury. Later, however, he couldn't be sure until after his office reviewed a transcript from the first grand jury.

On Monday, Greenberg said his office has the transcript but still hasn't made a decision. "We've got to be aware of double jeopardy," he said. "The grand jury has acted, basically." He denied reports that additional evidence had surfaced since the first grand jury made its decision.

By law, grand jury deliberations are secret, and Greenberg has revealed only that the first grand jury was given the results of the breathalyzer test given to McKaig by the sheriff's deputies. Usually, he said, that alone is enough to secure an indictment.

Michael Garry, McKaig's attorney in the criminal case, said Monday he understood that there had been witnesses to McKaig's condition prior to the arrest, and that some of them had testified before the grand jury. His information is that a number of people saw McKaig drive that morning and were prepared to say he appeared to be sober and to drive safely, said Garry.

Just prior to the date of the New Scotland town court trial, Garry had announced that he wanted the jurors to take the same bus ride as McKaig drove the day he was arrested, in order to show that his client could not have been drunk that day. The school bus route included Cass Hill Rd. and other mountain roads.

Greenberg said he is aware that some people think his office let McKaig get off, but that it's not true. "I don't think that you'll find a tougher county, especially around here, with respect to DWIs," said the DA.

If the criminal case against McKaig is indeed finished, the school district's position in the civil case could be jeopardized. But district officials maintain they can win that case.

"We fired him based upon his actions, independent of any criminal charges," said the board's attorney, Roger Fritts, recently. In any event, the civil case would take at least a year to come to trial, according to Garry.

NiMo and the environment

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. has produced a 16-page booklet titled "Energy and the Environment" which describes the utility's efforts to preserve land, water and wildlife resources. Among projects it details are a new \$61 million air pollution-control experiment at a coal-fired NM plant. The illustrated booklet may be obtained free of charge from any NM office or by writing PACC Dept., C-1, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Erie Blvd. W., Syracuse, N.Y. 13202.

Triangle 'afterglow' planned

Ticket-holders at the Princeton Triangle show's Dec. 13 performance at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium are invited to an afterglow party with the cast of the touring college musical comedy troupe following the show. The Princeton Alumni Association of Northern New York is sponsoring the informal gathering at the Starlight Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, for alumni, host families of the Triangle troupe members, and members of the audience, starting at 10 p.m.

More about home aides

The Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, Inc. offers a speakers bureau for those interested in learning more about home health care in the '80's. Guest speakers and a slide presentation are available to civic or school groups.

Home Aide Service is a non-profit community agency providing home health care to the sick, aged and handicapped in their homes. The agency currently employs 280 homemaker-home health aides who are trained to perform a variety of tasks, such as personal care, companionship, homemaking, meal preparation and child care.

The agency provides service to private individuals, as well as to community agencies, such as the Albany County Department of Social Services and the Visiting Nurse Associations of Albany and Troy.

To make arrangements for a presentation, or to inquire about service, contact Pat Realbuto at 459-6853.

Latin studies

James Wessman of Elsmere has been named an associate professor in the Department of Puerto Rican, Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the State University at Albany.

Wessman received both his master's and doctoral degrees in social anthropology from the University of Connecticut. Most recently he was a member of the faculty of the University of New Mexico. His areas of expertise include social and cultural theory, economics and social organization.

Health brochure ready

Health services provided to the public by the Albany County Health Department are outlined in a new department folder. The department offers health counseling and services in people's homes and at clinics at its main building at South Ferry and Green Sts., Albany, and at branch offices in Cohoes and Ravena.

The clinics provide physical examinations and medical care for some conditions. A small fee is charged for most clinics, but immunization shots and treatment for venereal diseases and tuberculosis are free. Child health clinics are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the main building, and twice a week by appointment at the Cohoes and Ravena branches.

Wondering where the red came from

The source of a mysterious red substance that had colored the Normanskill over the weekend continued to elude area health and environmental officials Tuesday. But they had narrowed down the source to the vicinity of the D & H Railroad bridge over the stream.

"There doesn't seem to be any stress on the aquatic life in the stream," said Stephen Lukowski, director of environmental health in the Albany County Health Department.

The red was not in evidence Monday at the Delaware Ave. bridge over the Nor-

manskill. The area east of the point has a few houses and no industry, so officials could think of no obvious source. The railroad crosses the stream at a point about half way between Rockefeller Rd. and the Thruway, out of sight of motorists on either.

JCC winter signup

Several activities are planned in conjunction with Winter Registration Day on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Albany Jewish Community Center. A used toys, games and sports equipment sale will be conducted in the auditorium by the Center's basketball teams, and a book sale will feature current reading material for all ages in both paperback and hard cover.

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Board agrees to sign Albany waste pact

As expected, the Bethlehem Town Board decided last week to make the town's formal entry into the Albany ANSWERS program. By authorizing Supervisor Tom Corrigan to sign the contract with Albany Mayor Erastus Corning, the board agreed to commit Bethlehem to deliver its solid waste to the city's Rapp Rd. shredding plant for five years. The contract contains minimum and maximum delivery levels based on a formula developed by Albany's consultants for the project, Smith and Mahoney.

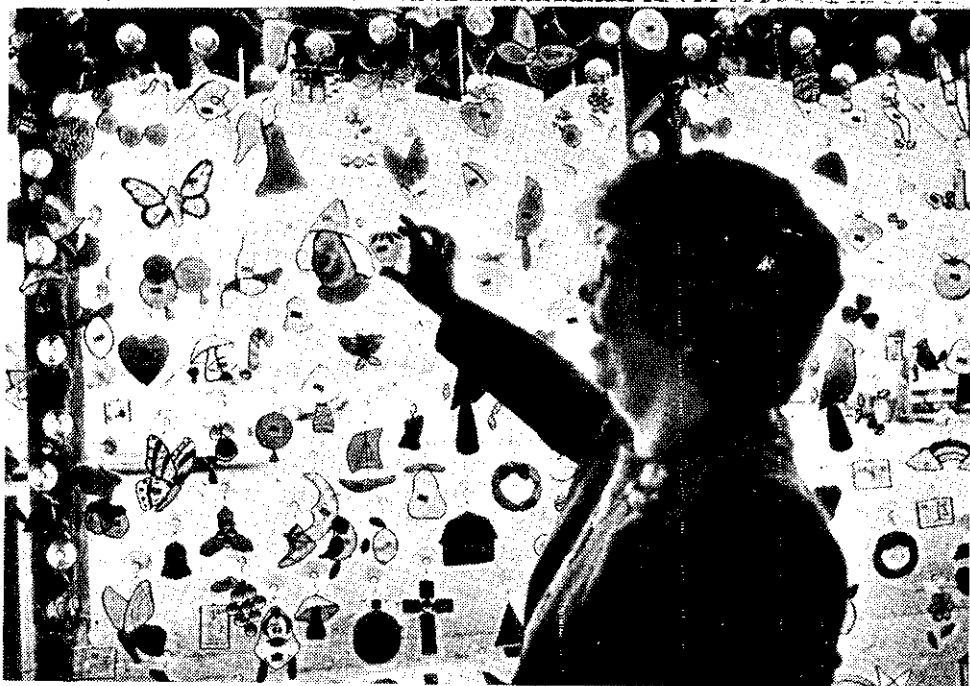
"It was explained to me at length," said Bruce Secor, the town commissioner of public works, at the Wednesday meeting. Earlier, Secor had told the board that he had reservations about the limits set in the contract, but he said Wednesday some numbers have been adjusted and he is now satisfied.

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In addition, he said, the consultants say they are willing to adjust the contract after a year's experience. "Since we've never weighed anything going into our landfill, we don't have a real good feel for it," he explained.

The board had discussed the contract at its meeting two weeks earlier, and there was little to add Wednesday. "I'd like to get this signed and get on line," said Corrigan.

The board also heard a request to rezone land on Blessing Rd. next to Bethlehem Terrace as a Planned Residential District, which would enable the developers to sell duplex units to individual homeowners.



Delaware Plaza stores are greeting Christmas with colorful displays. At the Paper Mill, Joan Pittz adds a holiday ornament to the store's collage. Tom Howes

Surveyor Lindsay Boutelle, speaking for the owners, Fort Orange Realty, explained that the plans for the development would remain unchanged — 59 lots with 118 duplex units — but that under the current A Residential zoning the duplexes could not be split for individual sale.

The board registered no objection to the proposal and sent Boutelle back to the planning board for its recommendation.

In other business, the board agreed that town offices will be kept open Dec. 31, Friday, but that most employees will be given the day off, with those who wish to work getting time off later.

Awards for students

Winners of the Tawasentha Chapter DAR Good Citizens Awards for 1983 have been announced. They are: Katherine Breslin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Breslin, 15 Pinedale Ave., Delmar, representing Bethlehem Central High School; Deborah Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Martin of Altamont, Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School; and Anna Therese Tobin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Tobin, Albany, representing the Academy of the Holy Names.

The annual awards are made to high school seniors chosen by fellow students and faculty on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The winners will receive pins and certificates at the chapter's Christmas tea on Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church.

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Shopping center hearing set

The Bethlehem Planning Board at its meeting last Tuesday endorsed the proposed rezoning of land on the east side of Rt. 9W opposite the Delmar Bypass for a proposed shopping center. That action paved the way for the town board the following night to set a public hearing on the rezoning.

The hearing will be Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

The planning board acted after receiving word that the developer, Big V Properties, had purchased an additional acre of land along Rt. 9W to the south of the proposed shopping center site. Big V acquired the land in order to solve what the planning board had seen as a traffic problem at the site. The developers are seeking a change to Planned Commercial District zoning.

The planning board also decided to hold only one meeting this month, on Dec. 14.

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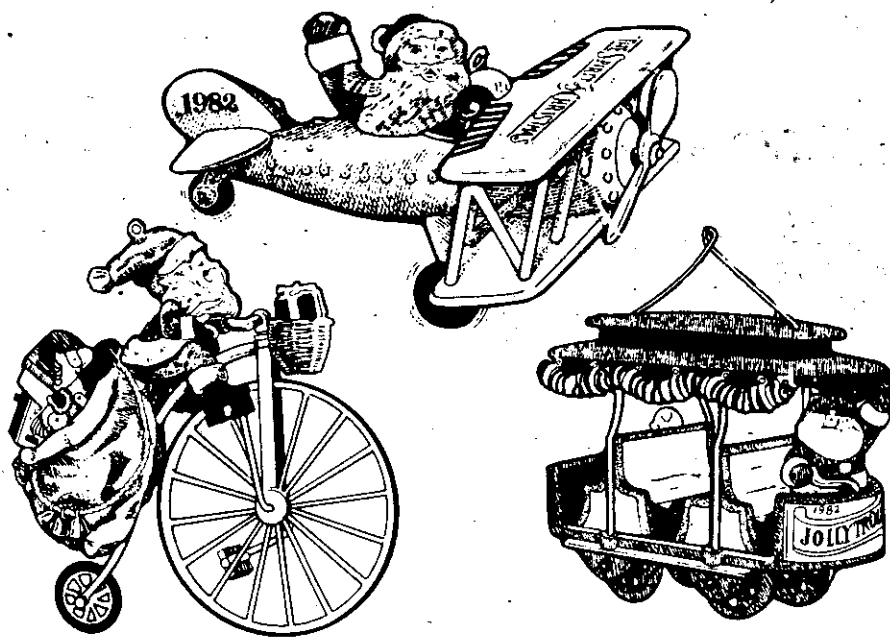
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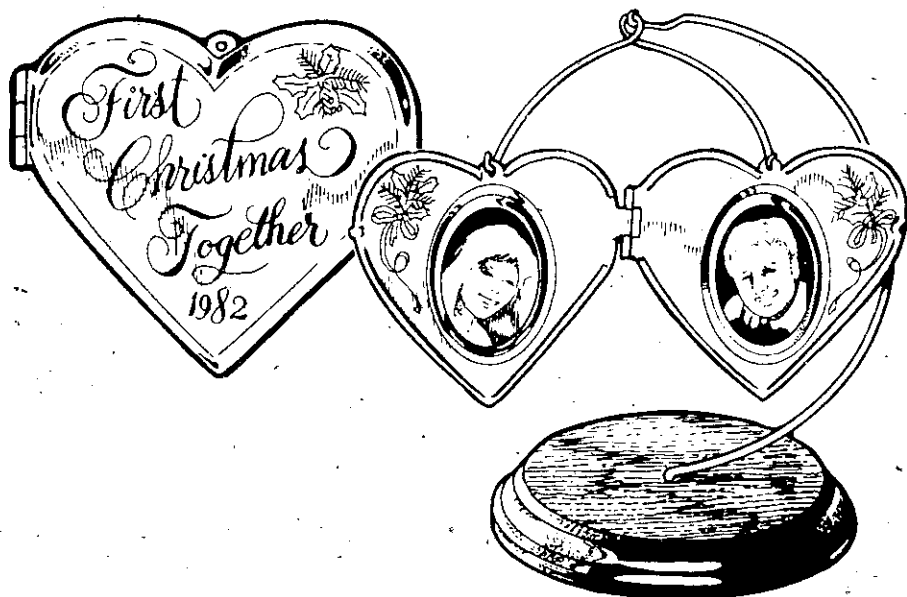
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Return to the land in Feura Bush

It sometimes happens that after a particular historical article has been written and published, someone who is familiar with the place mentioned comes forth with supplemental information that readers might find of interest. The story of the Elmendorf home on the Feura-Bush-Unionville Road, printed in the Oct. 27 issue of *The Spotlight*, is such an instance.

Unbeknown to the author, the house was owned from 1940 to 1951 by Lloyd Quay, now residing on Cherry Ave. in

Still having a desire to work the land, in 1940 Lloyd Quay bought the "country manor," which was painted at that time a pale yellow.

Delmar. He worked the farm with his father, Spencer Quay, during those years. His sister, Carrie Quay, sent us some interesting pictures of the homestead when it was a working farm with 10 acres of land under cultivation, and she added some piquant facts about life.

The Quay family is an old one in our area, having come from Connecticut to settle in the Berne-Knox area shortly after the Revolutionary War, as did many

TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



other families who answered the land advertisements put in the New England papers of the day by the Patroon, Mr. Van Rensselaer. In 1924 they sold their farm in East Berne and moved down from the Helderbergs to the village of Feura Bush, not far from the farm where they later lived.

Still having a desire to work the land, in 1940 Lloyd Quay bought the "country manor", which was painted at that time a pale yellow. Originally it had boasted green shutters, but these were long gone. Immediately the Quays painted the house and carriage house white, drilled a 246-foot well at the corner of the house and installed running water and bathrooms. The only cellar of the house was beneath the main section and this led Mr. Quay to believe that this was the original part of the homestead and had been used for some time before the other additions were made. There was a huge wooden butcher block in this cellar and also a great fireplace, beneath the one in the

main living room as recounted in the first article. Mr. Quay felt that because of this, when the butchering was done, the meat was probably cut up and necessary cooking (headcheese, sausage, liverwurst, etc., — also lard rendered), was done down there.

The man who purchased the farm from the Quays in 1950 took this old butcher

Lloyd and his father planted 275 fruit trees. The apple trees were planted 40 feet apart, with a peach tree in between.

block, had it cut down and made into a coffee table.

There was also an outside cookhouse located between the main house and the stone smokehouse. It was of wood, with one window and one door. Lloyd Quay later moved it to the rear of the farmhouse and used it as a bee house to store his beekeeping equipment and as a place to package his honey products. Carrie Quay likes to tell of the time when Edwin Mead, who resided on Meads Lane near Delmar, told the story of the time he attended a wedding reception at the house as a young lad in the early 1870's. An old black lady had cooked the wedding food in that cookhouse and brought it out to large tables set on the

lawn under the spreading maple trees. As soon as she was out of sight the young boys would take ample helpings for themselves and she had to keep going back and forth to replenish the platters, not realizing who was getting the lion's share of the food.

While the Quays lived there Lloyd and his father planted about 275 fruit trees. The apple trees were planted 40 feet apart, with a peach tree in between. The peach trees would grow, bear fruit and die before the apple trees were large enough to smother them — a method of making good use of available land. There were also cherry, plum and pear trees and a large grape yard and blackberry bushes. The Quays also raised vegetables to sell at the Farmer's Market in Albany and their chickens supplied eggs to customers in neighboring villages and they also sold eggs by the crate to a dealer in Delmar.

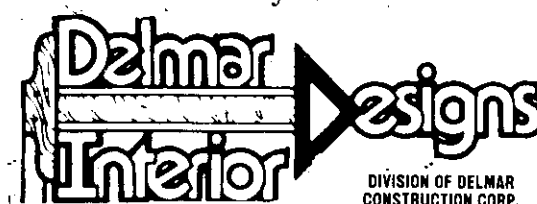
All of this activity was going on while Lloyd Quay held a full time job at the American Locomotive Company in Schenectady, a drive of 27 miles per day each way and before Thruway travel. This farm life was his hobby, and while his father was able to be of help to him, much work had to be done in the evenings.

Regardless of the many hours spent in tending to the fields and fowl of the farm, the Quays have many pleasant memories of those busy and productive days and their life in the old stone and frame farmhouse situated on the rolling fields above Feura Bush.



Front view of Quay-Elmendorf House near Feura Bush, 1941. The section on the left is believed to be the oldest, containing large fireplaces in cellar and main floor.

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View of the farm from Feura Bush-Unionville Road, 1941. Portion of house on right includes stone wing and saltbox roofed section. Stone smokehouse and carriage are left of picture and large barn on far right, across a small creek and pond.

AAUW has busy December

The American Association of University Women's Capital District Chapter is busy meeting and planning as the holiday season comes around. Its general monthly meeting, set for Saturday, Dec. 4, will be held at the Thruway House on Washington Ave. in Albany at 9:30 a.m. After brunch, the ladies will hear Mildred Talbot of the National Council for Women speak on "Changing Roles for Asian Women." For reservations, call 482-3281 or 439-0476.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the financial planning study group will visit the Delmar home of Peggy Belden, 46 Tamarack Drive, at 7:30 p.m. For details, call 439-0308.

William Styron's novel "Sophie's Choice" will be analyzed by the literature group on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lucy Squarzi, 32

Fairway Court, Albany. Call 482-3281 for directions. Also on Dec. 8, the technology interest group will convene at 7:30 p.m. at Marie Erkes' home, 12 North Lyon Ave., Menands. The information line for this meeting is 462-3204.

The December agenda of the A.A.U.W. will come to a close with a cross-cultural patchwork group noon luncheon meeting at Jack's Restaurant on Central Ave. Thursday, Dec. 9. For reservations, call 482-3839.

Dinner at Normanside

The Bethlehem Business Women will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Normanside Country Club for their annual Christmas Party. A social hour will be held at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Delmar woman Nurse of Hope

A Delmar woman has been named North Country Region "Nurse of Hope" by the American Cancer Society. Joanne Mulkerne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mulkerne of 79 Jordan Blvd., Delmar, won the Clinton County "Nurse of Hope" title in October and the regional contest the following month. She competed then in the state contest and was selected as an alternate to the state winner.

In addition to poise and personality, the "Nurse of Hope" is chosen on the basis of a prepared speech, written to offer hope to cancer victims. Mulkerne, a senior nursing major at Plattsburgh State University College, is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She is a former Bethlehem "Snow Queen."



Joanne Mulkerne

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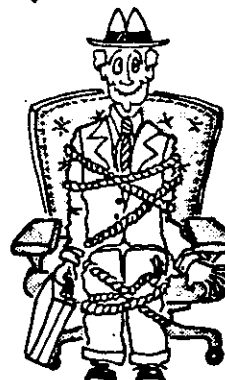
Christmas party

Members of the Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold their Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Normanside Country Club at noon. Reservations may be made with Mrs. William G. Reuter, 7 Minnowbrook Ave., Delmar.

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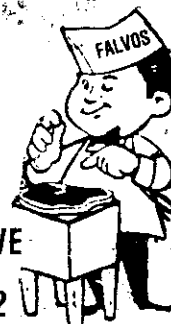
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Project Hope, for teens in trouble

By Caroline Terenzini

"I think we're 90 percent successful in keeping kids out of court," said Carolyn Smith, supervisor of Project Hope in Guilderland.

"I feel very positive about the program. We have some specific objectives: to keep kids away from court, out of contact with police, and to improve their grades and behavior in school. Our results are very good."

Project Hope in Guilderland is a satellite of Project Hope in Albany. Now in its third year, it serves boys and girls ages 12 to 15 in Guilderland and New Scotland. In an office in an old church building owned by the town on Rt. 146 in Guilderland Center, the organization has the capacity to serve 24 young people at a time, in one group and one individual counseling session a week. The supervisor is the only full-time staff member. Other staff include an assistant supervisor, two family counselors and one group and one individual counselor. The organization also has access to a psychiatric consultant.

Funding is shared by the towns of New Scotland and Guilderland, the county Youth Bureau and the state Department of Social Services.

Project Hope insists that the family be involved in the counseling. "For change to occur and be sustained, everyone in the household has to be involved," said Mary Ann Finn, director of Project Hope, whose office is in Albany. "That's one of our criteria."

Counselors go weekly to the homes of the youngsters it serves, "to attempt to assess the family component, to help parents set some limits, to help families communicate," Carolyn Smith said.

Help is offered to teens and their families who are "really getting off the tracks," she said. They are identified by schools and the probation department chiefly, although there are some self-referrals and occasionally a referral from a church.

Project Hope is an offshoot of Hope House, a residence for young adults

Project Hope, which has been operating a satellite in Guilderland and New Scotland for several years, plans to establish a new office to serve troubled teenagers and their families in Bethlehem and Coeymans.

founded in 1967 by Bishop Howard Hubbard. The project was a response to child-welfare legislation of the late '70's, according to Carolyn Smith, and was intended to fill a void in such services for females. It was begun in 1977 as an alternative to long-term institutional care for girls. Project Hope in Albany continues to serve girls only.

The Bethlehem Town Board recently approved a \$17,000 allocation as the town's share of an estimated \$75,000 needed to establish a Project Hope satellite that would serve Bethlehem, Coeymans and Ravena. The proposal calls for the cost to be allocated one-third to Social Services, one-third to the Youth Bureau and the remainder shared by the three municipalities. Mary Ann Finn termed the arrangement a "unique partnership" but also "a very complex funding pattern."

"You're never sure until the money is allocated and passed," she said.

For Bethlehem, Project Hope is proposing a Jan. 1 start. "Once we have funds," the director said, "we can say, 'Okay, where can we find space?'" She said Project Hope has been exploring the possibilities for a satellite in this area since 1979: "We've always known the need has been there."

John Ryan, director of pupil personnel services at Guilderland High School, said before Project Hope, "there was no place to go" with troubled teens. The counseling service has had "positive impact" on 50 to 60 percent of the students the school refers to it, Ryan estimated. "They really understand young people and the problems of young people. It's been a tremendous asset to the school district."

"It has kept a number of youngsters in

school who otherwise would have been dropouts," Ryan said. "What we're talking about, basically, is irresponsible youngsters, for whatever reason. And as they get more responsible in school, they'll be more responsible out in the community."

Childbirth instruction

Tri-Cities Childbirth Instruction is offering a series of classes in the Lamaze technique of childbirth during December and January. Eight-session series will begin Tuesday, Dec. 14; Wednesday, Jan. 5; Thursday, Jan. 6; Saturday morning, Jan. 8; Sunday, Jan. 9, and Monday Jan. 10, all at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany. An eight-session series also will begin Dec. 8 at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Interested couples may register by calling Anne Rose, 456-0303.

All classes are taught by registered nurses who are specialists in maternal and child health, and are certified Lamaze instructors. Classes will cover the anatomy and physiology of pregnancy and childbirth; hospital routines and medications, and the role of the husband.

Participants also will be instructed in relaxation and breathing techniques to be used during labor. In addition, a class on Caesarean section birth is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of every month at Albany Medical Center School of Nursing Samson Auditorium.

How they sign their name.

Autographs from royalty plus the signature of Greta Garbo are among the autographs on display during December at Bethlehem Public Library. The collection belongs to Rob Curtiss of Schenectady, who teaches an evening division course at Linton High School on how to collect celebrity autographs.

Also during December, the library will have a holiday display featuring literary characters from earlier times. The display is being loaned by Mrs. Ruth Cohen.

Albany Med raising funds

The Albany Medical Center Foundation has launched its annual fund drive with a goal of \$1.12 million. The funds will be used for major renovation of the emergency department that will enlarge

New approach to the problem

"The drug problem's been around a long time. The cure is not going to come overnight," according to Philip Maher, supervisor of the town Parks and Recreation Dept. Maher was on a 12-member team from Bethlehem that just returned from an intensive 10-day workshop at Adelphi University, Garden City, concerning substance abuse.

The team was made up primarily of Bethlehem Central teachers and administrators, including Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn, as coordinator, and also Detective Frederick Holligan, supervisor of the police Youth Bureau. Funding came from an \$11,000 grant from Adelphi.

Maher said he is confident "something will happen" as a result of the program, "but we haven't pinpointed which direction we're going to go." He said some approaches can be school-based and some community-based. "The program doesn't give answers to drug abuse, it offers a number of approaches to solving the problem. When you're dealing with drug abuse, you're dealing with a lot of different things," he said.

Other participants were Frederick Burdick, Middle School principal; Cathy Quackenbush and Terry Ullion, teachers, and Jacqueline Shane, guidance counselor, all at the Middle School. Participants from Bethlehem High School were Charles Gunner, principal; Raymond Sliter, supervisor of physical education; Karen Boggs, guidance counselor; and teachers James Guiliano and Jane Suprunowicz.

the facility by one third. The project is expected to top \$1.5 million, and the medical center will seek additional funding from regional and national foundations as well as other funding agencies.

Last year more than 44,000 used the emergency services at the hospital, according to Dr. Nicholas Nehrbauser, vice president for ambulatory services and medical director of the emergency department. "While most of these were not critically injured, the percentage of those who are is on the rise," he said. He attributed this to better organization of emergency medical services in the region and to the reputation of the medical center.

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State preparing for new gypsy moth infestation

Out of sight may be out of mind for most of us, but the state Department of Environmental Conservation hasn't forgotten the gypsy moth. Next week letters are scheduled to go out to all counties in the state offering technical assistance and money to combat the pesky critter.

The counties will have three choices insofar as state assistance is concerned: aerial spraying as well as public information and education; a public education program only, or neither — that is, not participating. Michael Birmingham, coordinator of the state's gypsy moth management program, said the state will pick up a maximum of 80 percent of the cost, whether spraying or simply information programs are chosen. Public education would include information on the pest's life cycle, the advantages and disadvantages of various controls, and the impact on the host trees.

While the gypsy moth has been on this continent more than 100 years, Birmingham said, the worst years so far, in terms of the number of acres defoliated, were 1980 and 1981. This past spring and

summer, the gypsy moth population locally apparently collapsed, although other areas of the state still have a heavy population, Birmingham said. He hypothesizes that a cyclical building and collapse of the moth population will continue.

Counties that wish state help with gypsy moth control must have an application in to the Department of Environmental Conservation by Jan. 14, giving the program option they have chosen and the name of a coordinator. A signed agreement is due by Feb. 14.

Art show Sunday

The 15th annual Winter Art Show and Sale by the Delmar Art Group will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Roger Smith's Decorative Products shop, 340 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Featured will be works by Helen St. Clair and Barbara Wooster in a variety of media.

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Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Ruth Traeger of South Bethlehem has recently returned from a trip many persons dream of but seldom have the opportunity to experience. Mrs. Traeger, her sister Mrs. Louise Rolfe, and 11 others have just returned from a trip to Israel.

Asked to name a few of the high points of the tour, Mrs. Traeger recalled being baptized in the River Jordan, swimming in the Dead Sea, visiting the John F. Kennedy Memorial, with its 51 pillars representing our 50 states and Washington D.C. encircling the eternal flame. Mrs. Traeger described the country as a vast contrast of border patrols, guarding the Israeli and Lebanese borders with the very friendly atmosphere of Israel itself. A mixture of modern and old — highrise solar homes and ancient ruins.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, area organizations are busily planning holiday activities.

This evening, Dec. 1, The United Methodist Women will gather at the United Methodist Church of South Bethlehem for their regular monthly meeting and Christmas party. A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. Devotions and a special Christmas program with music provided by Mrs. Joan Keerker will follow.

An Advent Breakfast sponsored by the Guild for Christian Service will be held 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. The Spiritual Life and Education Committee will present the program "The Road to Bethlehem", emphasizing the continuing need for a savior.

The Guild will also have a display of crafts available for purchase. Reservations for the breakfast are not required.

The Firemen and Ladies Auxiliary of Selkirk Firehouse No. 2, South Bethlehem will have their Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 4 at the firehouse. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner. During the evening grab bag gifts will be exchanged.

Teens mark your calendars! A very pleasant evening is planned for Sunday, Dec. 12. The Youth Group has arranged a carolling and Christmas party. Any junior or senior high school student is invited to join the group, which will meet at 6 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. After carolling, the teens will return to the church where they will have a Christmas party and exchange gifts. Anyone attending is asked to bring a \$2 gift, nicely wrapped for the grab bag.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High school will present its Winter Concert on Thursday, Dec. 9. The program held at the Senior High School, will begin at 7:30 p.m. The band under the direction of Brent Wheat and the chorus directed by Kenneth Tyrrell will present musical selections.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Selkirk Firehouse No. 2 will meet Dec. 8 for their regular monthly meeting. Preparation of Christmas Sunshine baskets is scheduled for the evening. The women will begin their meeting with a covered dish, pot luck supper at 7 p.m.

On Sat., Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., two DAR chapters — Hannakrois and Old Helleberg — will meet at the Bethlehem Historical Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk. The chapters will hold their regular monthly meeting and the awarding of DAR Good Citizenships. Mrs.



Bethlehem Grange member Jeanne Broader picks up her food order delivered by Gordy Matson. Every five weeks, the Grange truck arrives with quality dairy products ordered in advance by members at low prices. Tom Howes

Stephen Coye, Hannakrois good citizen chairman, and Mrs. Milton J. Burns, Old Helleberg — chairman will present the awards to a Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and a Guelderland Central High School Student. Mrs. Robert L. French, District III director will be in attendance. Donald Prockup, Social Studies teacher and member of the RCS Speakers Bureau, will present a banjo and fiddle program, entitled; "Love of America Folk Music."

Mrs. Stephen C. Coye, Regent of Hannakrois Chapter DAR will preside. Refreshments will be served.

South Bethlehem speed limits set

Residents of South Bethlehem concerned about fast-moving vehicles in their residential areas have been given some relief by state and town officials.

At its meeting last week, the Bethlehem Town Board received recommendations to cut the speed limits on South Rd., and learned that the state Department of Transportation has already taken similar action for two sections of Rt. 396. Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan said a number of complaints from area residents led to the decisions.

South Rd. connects Callanan Industries with Rd. 396, and is heavily traveled by trucks and also plant workers. Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple is recommending cutting the speed limit from 55 m.p.h. to 30.

"Is this realistic?" asked Councilman Robert Hendrick.

Yes, replied Councilman John Geurtze. "Trucks can't get up that speed up that hill anyway — cars can."

The board agreed to hold a public hearing on the speed reduction Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Also to be considered at the hearing are Tipple's recommendations to cut the speed limit on Lasher Rd. in Selkirk from 55 to 35 m.p.h., and to put stop signs on Jordan Blvd. at its intersection with Parkman.

The state, which has jurisdiction over Rt. 396, is lowering the existing 55 m.p.h. speed limit on two sections to 45 m.p.h. They are a 1.7 mile section east from the town line at Callanans Corners and a one mile section in Bethlehem Heights.

RCS to fill post

A decision is expected Monday on filling the post of transportation supervisor for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District. Marian Hotaling, head bus driver, and Robert Peck, chief mechanic, who handle the duties, will retire this year, and the district plans to merge the two jobs into one.

District Clerk Charles Emery said 17 applications were received for the job, and three persons were interviewed by the board.

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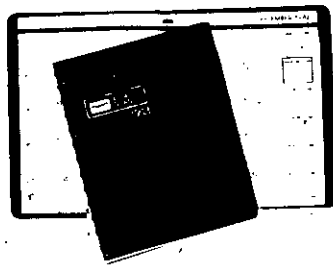
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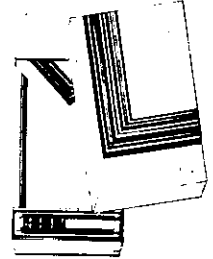
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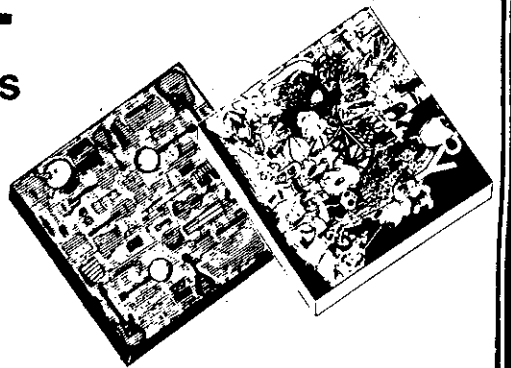
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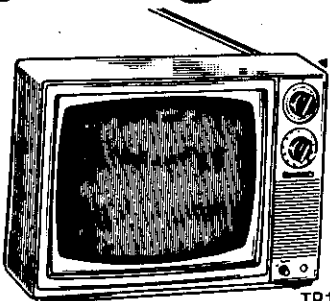


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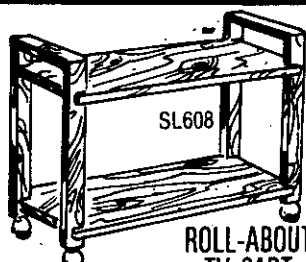
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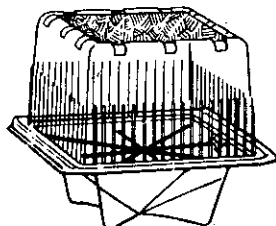
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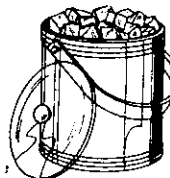
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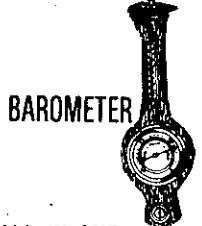


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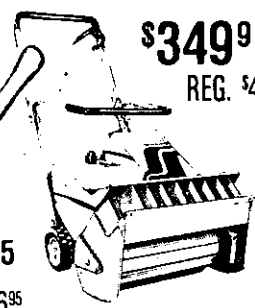


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THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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

Town of New Scotland Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 8 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-9140 (after 5 p.m.).

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Mon.-Fri. 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Susan Richmond, 439-5744.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, third Monday at Bethlehem Public Library, except June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village FISH, 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday noon - 4 p.m.; Saturday 8 - noon.

Project Equinox Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

Elsmere Boy Scout Troop 58, Thursdays throughout school year, 7:30 - 9 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Preschool Story Hour, for children ages 3-5. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10, 11 or 1-1:30. Bethlehem Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Albany County Cooperative Extension meeting on generating electricity with wind power, Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts and garden group, to decorate Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. (From Jan. 6 to June 2, from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1.)

Bethlehem Board of Education business and informational meeting on computers in district mathematics programs, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays (third Wednesday during July and August).

Public Hearings, Bethlehem Board of Appeals on application of James Morrissey, Jr. for variance to permit three-family dwelling at the Concourse, North Bethlehem, 8 p.m.; and Lula Dotter, Wellington Rd., Delmar, for variance pertaining to existing structure at premises, 8:15 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

South Bethlehem Methodist Women, meeting and Christmas program, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

United Methodist Women Interfaith Tea, with music by BCHS "Sound System" and "Choraliers," United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1:30.



The Primavera String Quartet, the only major U.S. women's string quartet, will play for Capital District listeners at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall as a part of the Siena College Concert Series.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club meets Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Association, with local artists Helen St. Clair and collage demonstration, second floor of Adams House, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Life drawing classes for a \$6 fee on other Thursday evenings.

"Feminist" Storyhour for children to hear stories with theme "girls are great," Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop, two-day Cooperative Extension program on arrangements, Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday 1:30-3:30 p.m. Class fee \$3. Reservations, 765-2331.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Children's Christmas Film, "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer," Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

Recovery, Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30.

Dutch Settlers Society, St. Nicholas Day dinner, Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Grange Ham Dinner, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4-7 p.m.

Elsmere Fire Company, Dinner Dance, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie.

Slingerlands Ham Dinner, at Community Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., 5-7 p.m. Adults \$5, children 5-12 \$2.50.

Contra and Country Dancing, music by "Fennig's All-Stars," First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 a dancer.

"The Shop," crafts, bakery, preserves, gift items, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., 9-noon Saturdays until Christmas.

Selkirk Advent Breakfast, First Reformed Church, 8 a.m.

Christmas Party, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Hannakrois and Old Helleberg D.A.R. Chapters, meeting and awards presentation at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2 p.m.

Tawasentha D.A.R. Chapter, Christmas tea and program, Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., noon.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATER

"The Wizard of Oz" (The Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts is back on the yellow brick road). The Egg, Empire State Plaza, seats still available Dec. 5 and 19, 2 p.m., Dec. 10-12 and 17-18, 8 p.m. Reservations, Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"The Elephant Man" (Schenectady Civic Players present drama of deformed man in Victorian England), South Church St. Playhouse, Schenectady, Dec. 3-4 and 8-12. Reservations, Community Box Office or at the theater, 346-1366.

"Shenandoah" (musical staged by Ragtime Productions), dinner theater at Albany Thruway House, Dec. 2, 5 and 9. Reservations at Community Box Office or Thruway House.

"Tartuffe" (Moliere's comedy in Richard Wilbur's translation), Capital Repertory Company, Market Theater, Albany, through Dec. 19 (Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m.). Reservations, Community Box Office or theater box office, 462-4534.

"Oliver" (the musical version of Dickens' classic story, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company), Proctor's Theater, Dec. 1-5, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

MUSIC

Western Wind Sextet, Christmas Concert, Troy High School auditorium, Dec. 2, 8 p.m.

Primavera String Quartet, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office, Siena College box office or at the door.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Robin McCabe performs two piano concerti by Ravel), Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 4, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, Community Box Office or theater box office, 465-3334.

Albany Pro Musica (chamber choral music by Haydn, Hindemith, Schuman and Berlioz), St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m.

"The Night Before Christmas" with The Signs of Joy (sign, mime, dance and music), Kiggins Auditorium, Slocum Hall, Emma Willard School, Troy, Dec. 5, 3 p.m.

Capitol Chamber Orchestra (Beethoven and Paganini), Howard-Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 8, 8 p.m.

ART

Museum of Early American Decorations in holiday greenery, Harmanus Bleeker Center, Dove St. and Washington Ave., Albany, Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dec. 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dec. 5, noon-3 p.m.

"Grand Central Terminal: City Within the City" (engravings, charts, maps, photos, greeting cards and a model of the station), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through December.

Graphic artists Connie Saddlemyre and Cynthia Blake (prints and lithographs), Temple Gates of Heaven, Eastern Parkway and Ashmore St., Schenectady, through Jan. 2.

"Harlem Heyday: The Photography of James VanDerZee" (Harlem during the 1920's and '30's), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 9.

High School Drawing '82 (annual competition sponsored by College of Saint Rose), Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 12, with reception Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m.

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Santa Claus Visits Plaza, Saint Nick to arrive by fire truck at Delaware Plaza at 11 a.m. and meet children at Woolworth's.

Free Environmental Programs, "Bark and Buds" tree identification workshop for pre-registered adults, 10 a.m.-noon; "Attracting Winter Birds" program on backyard feeding and sheltering, 2 p.m.; Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Information, 457-6092.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Afternoon Movie, "The Court Jester," starring Danny Kaye, Bethlehem Public Library at 2 p.m. Free.

Combined Choir Concert, Christmas cantata "Born a King" performed by choirs of Glenmont Community Reformed and Faith Lutheran Churches, at Glenmont Reformed Church, 4 p.m.

Elks Memorial Service, Bethlehem Elks lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Temple Chapter 5, RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Delmar Progress Club, holiday tea honoring new members, with pianist Findlay Cockrell, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-4 p.m.

Single Parent Support Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-6136.

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Clarksville Boy Scout Troop 89 meets Mondays at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2977.

Village Artists, artists interested in painting in various media, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community Church, October through April. New members welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Delmar Progress Club, government council group's introductory session to Legislative Forum, 10 a.m., place to be announced.

Delmar Rotary meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

Bethlehem Lodge 1096, F&AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

New Scotland Historical Association, New Salem center, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

Delmar Home Crafts Club, Christmas party and gift exchange, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

A.A.U.W. (American Association of University Women) financial planning study group, at home of Peggy Belden, 46 Tamarack Dr., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0308.

Kiwanis Christmas Wreath Sale, New Scotland Kiwanis to sell wreaths at Stonewell Plaza and Grand Union in Voorheesville, 4-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 **Delmar Fire Dept.** regular meetings second and fourth Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. second Wednesday of month.

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Happy's Coach House, New Salem, 8 p.m.

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Bethlehem Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information and appointments, 462-7461.

New Scotland Kiwanis Wreath Sale, see Dec. 7.

Junior High School Christmas Concert, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Public invited, free.

Altar Rosary Society Chinese Auction, St. Thomas School gym, 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-0470 or 439-6979.

Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2 Auxiliary meets at the firehouse, 7 p.m.

New Scotland Town Board, New Scotland Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club evening group, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and decorations, home of Mae Blackmore, 7 Hartwood Dr., Elsmere. Reservations, 439-9152.

Second Milers, Bethlehem retired men's group, luncheon, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon. Information, 439-2404.

American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Chapter, Christmas party, Normanside Country Club, noon. Reservations, Mrs. William Reuter, 7 Minnowbrook Ave., Delmar.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185 meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, information, 439-9836.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, meets second Thursday of each month except August, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Middle School Winter Music Festival, at the school at 8 p.m.

R-C-S Junior High Winter Concert, at the senior high auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary, meeting and Christmas party with grab bag, at the firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Kiwanis Wreath Sale, see Dec. 7.

Senior High School Christmas Concert, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High auditorium, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Free admission, public invited.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

New Scotland Kiwanis Wreath Sale, see Dec. 7.

Legion Tinsel Ball, party and dinner, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Tickets, 439-7922.

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Joining the cast of the Schenectady Light Opera production of *Oliver*, is 9-year old Jeremy Goldman of Delmar.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Bethlehem Historical Association Christmas tea, Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Afternoon Movie, "The Adventures of Sinbad the Sailor," Bethlehem Public Library at 2 p.m.

Church Youth Caroling and Party, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Princeton Triangle Show, touring college students in musical comedy stage show, Bethlehem High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 first 15 rows, \$6 adults, \$3 students, \$2 elementary pupils; information, 768-2695.

Bethlehem Middle School Winter Music Festival, at school auditorium, 8 p.m.

Voorheesville Board of Education, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School district office, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Slingerlands Home Bureau, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30.

Hamagrael Home School Assn., Hamagrael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Glenmont Winter Concert, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Transcendental Meditation Lecture, introductory program, Hudson Valley Community College library, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Albany Symphony Orchestra Preview, with featured pianist Robin McCabe speaking, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon.

"Women of 19th Century Troy" Lecture, Russell Sage College Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2282.

Guidelines for Buying Small Business Computers, free lecture by CSR business faculty member on "Selecting a Small Business Computer," College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Emma Willard Children's School Open House, private, non-secular nursery and primary school, at the school, Troy, 6-8 p.m.

"Stop Smoking" Program, five-day, church-sponsored program, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. \$5 materials charge. Information, 456-0077.

Jawbone Reading Series, three State University at Albany seniors to read their award-winning poetry, University Humanities Lounge, noon-1 p.m.

Christmas Greens Show, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., noon-8 p.m. Continues Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Christian Singles Christmas Party, covered dish supper and grab bag, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 869-8088.

Fund for Modern Courts Luncheon, "Sentencing Reform: What are the Choices?", Sheraton Airport Inn, 200 Wolf Rd., Colonie, noon.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Adirondacks Colloquium, on historical and architectural value of Adirondack camps and options for preserving them, Union College, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$12 registration; information, K. Armstrong at 370-6288.

Doane Stuart Benefit Yule Celebration, with music by pianist Findlay Cockrell, at the school, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6-8 p.m. \$25 reservations for couples, \$15 singles. Information, 465-5222.

Country Christmas Fair, Hawthorne Valley School, Harlemville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 672-7092.

Open House, Schenectady Model Railroad Club, with two large layouts in operation, new steam locomotive sound system and repair clinic, 243 State St., Schenectady, noon-4 p.m.

Free Children's Entertainment, with games, movies, songs, story-telling and juggler, New York State Museum, 1-4:30 p.m.

Schenectady Crafts Fair, with arts and crafts by professionals, 411 Union St., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Albany Academy for Girls Shoppers Mart, holiday marketplace, antique shops, specialty stores and boutiques, at the Academy, Academy Rd., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$2 admission.

Women's Workshop, "The Woman Within: The Importance of a Positive Self-Image," on how women should "take charge" of their lives, Russell Sage College, Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 registration. Information, 270-2306.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Emma Willard School Open House, campus tours and faculty on hand to talk to local girls and their parents, at the school, Troy, 2-4 p.m. Information, 274-4440.

Mercy High School Christmas Party for alumnae and their families, 310 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 1-4 p.m.

Rensselaerville Holiday Programs, holly mart, sale of juried handcrafts and gifts, 2-4 p.m.; variety show, \$3 adults, \$1 children, 4 p.m., at Institute on Man and Science.

Historic Cherry Hill Christmas Program, 523 S. Pearl St., Albany, 1-4 p.m. 50-cent admission for adults.

Northeastern Association of the Blind Open House, tours, exhibits, demonstrations to show teaching of the blind, 301 Washington Ave., Albany, 1-5.

Israeli-Arab Conflict Discussion, led by Prof. Gur Ofer, leader of Israel's Peace Now Movement, Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., 7 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Expectant Parents' Night, to meet hospital staff and tour

labor and delivery rooms and nursery, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Open House, Schenectady Model Railroad Club, 243 State St., Schenectady, noon-4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Empire State College Open House, no appointment necessary to speak to college representatives, Environmental Conservation Building, 50 Wolf Rd., Colonie, 4 p.m.

Columnist Barney Fowler to Talk, Times-Union writer to speak about his new book, "Adirondack Album, Vol. 3," Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon.

Columbia Civic Players Auditions for troupe's production of "The Fantastiks," Ichabod Crane Middle School, Valatie, 7 p.m. Information, B. Perry at 758-9372.

P.A.C.C.T. (Parents and Children Together), support group for open-heart surgery patients, Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7 p.m.

Parents of Asthmatic Children Support Group, guest speaker Francis Casey, Ph.D., of Sterling-Winthrop on new medications for asthma, American Lung Assn. offices, 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie, 7 p.m.

BOCES Open House, on occupational programs for handicapped, 1015 Watervliet-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 7 p.m.

eba Dance Theater benefit party, Quintessence night club, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 4-6 p.m. Tickets \$10 at Quintessence or eba Chapter House, Hudson Ave. at Lark.



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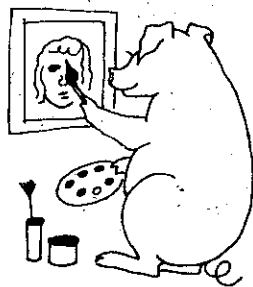
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Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



The Christmas season will officially begin this week at the Voorheesville Public Library with the showing of the movie version of the classic Christmas song, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," on Friday, Dec. 3. Librarian Nancy Hutchinson invites all preschoolers and young children to view this animated film which will start at 10:30 a.m. and last about an hour. This will be the first of many fun-filled season activities at the library.

Jingle bells, silver bells and other sounds of the season will be heard at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High during the second week of December when two Christmas concerts will be presented.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, students in grades 7 and 8 will present their holiday musical featuring the junior high chorus

directed by Margaret Dorgan and the junior high band under the direction of Lydia Tobler.

The following evening, the senior high will hold its seasonal assembly with music by students in grades 9 through 12. Performing will be the senior high band under the direction of Frank McDermott and the senior high chorus, led by Mrs. Dorgan.

Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the high school auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Glad tidings for those whose thoughts have turned towards decorating for the holidays: the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold its annual wreath sale from Tuesday, Dec. 7, until Saturday, Dec. 11. This year fresh wreathes will be sold at both the Grand Union in

Voorheesville and Stonewell Plaza in New Scotland, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Also available from the Kiwanis will be giant coloring books of all varieties. These huge coloring books of seasonal and storybook themes sell for \$3.50 and make ideal gifts for the holidays.

To help start the year off right the men will also be selling decorative hanging calendars. Made from tiny wooden slats, the calendars are guaranteed to brighten up any wall for \$3.

The yearly wreath sale is one of the two major fund raising projects run by the Kiwanis, with the proceeds going towards maintaining many of the community services they sponsor, including monthly blood pressure clinics, summer youth soccer, the substance abuse program, boys little league and girls softball.

December is public service month for area Cub Scouts and as a group project Cub Scout Pack 73 will be collecting "Toys for Tots". New toys are preferred but used toys in good condition are also welcomed. Cubs will be working on restoring used toys at their weekly den meetings. Anyone interested in donating items may contact their neighborhood scouts or may call Cubmaster Dick Decker at 439-5201 or Bill Kerr at 765-2008.

This is the second month that Pack 73 has spent in service to the community. As a Thanksgiving project each of the seven dens planned, purchased and donated food to complete a meal for area families in need. At the monthly pack meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18, the food was presented to the Human Concerns Committee of St. Matthew's Church, who provided the meat to go along with the fixings and distributed the meals to local residents.

Dust off those old soft shoes, dig out the straw hat and grab a cane — its show time! The Voorheesville PTSA announces that its annual variety show will be presented on Friday, April 15, and Saturday April 16. This year's show will have a vaudeville theme giving a broad spectrum to any and all talents.

Although the spring dates may seem far away, the variety show committee is organizing now to get the "show on the road," allowing ample time for rehearsal. Putting together such a production is no minor undertaking and the success of previous shows has been due to the combined efforts of many members of the community both on and off stage. Past participants as well as new volunteers are needed to perform and help with the many technical and administrative duties associated with bringing vaudeville to Voorheesville. Anyone interested in taking part in any capacity may call Director Ellen Hunsinger at 765-4846 to "get into the act".

The Guidance Department at the high school announces that students taking advanced courses at the school are available, for a fee, to tutor students who are in need of this service. The Guidance office maintains a list of students available in all academic areas. Anyone interested in further information may contact counselor Ken George at the high school number, 765-3314.

Eagle badge rites for scout

Everything's happening at once for Nathan Rasmussen of Voorheesville. Tuesday he turned 17 and tonight he will receive the Eagle Scout Award in a ceremony at Voorheesville Elementary School.

A high school senior and a member of the National Honor Society, Nathan has been a scout for six years, which is one of the requirements for the Eagle award. A scout also must earn 21 merit badges and complete a community service project to qualify for the honor. For his community service, Nathan organized the revamping of an office and nursery in Clarksville Community Church.

When he isn't busy with scout activities, Nathan enjoys soccer and camping, and he has a coin collection. He is also in the Spanish Club at school, where he is an "A" student. The son of Jack and Wiltrud Rasmussen, Nathan is a member of Troop 73.



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The joys and trials of being published

By Lynn Stapf

What's more exciting than reading a book? Writing one! At least that's what several area high school students discovered when they combined their efforts to produce an anthology of new children's stories.

The two-volume, four-book set was the culmination of a semester-long project by the creative writing class at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. This experimental course was developed and taught by English teacher Robert Andrews, who early in the class assigned each student to write a story suitable to the tastes and level of primary grade students.

Before embarking on the assignment, the group thoroughly researched the composition of "kiddie lit" by reading a number of children's books and picking out the qualities they thought comprise a good children's story. Then the class set off to write their stories, being sure to follow the guidelines set up by the group. Most admit that writing the story itself was the easiest and most enjoyable part of the assignment.

With the stories complete, the major task was to illustrate each one. Since the course was in creative writing, the story itself was the major consideration, and Andrews did not require students to do their own drawing. He did expect them to oversee the artistic portion of the project. Although most chose to do their own sketches, some felt that writing was their forte and left the artwork up to talented classmates and relatives.

The project itself was educational, to be sure, but not only in a literary sense. In the process of developing the books, the students were introduced to the pitfalls, as well as the pleasures, of "being published".

Over the course of the semester the



Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has received copies of *Slices of Sunshine*, a collection of stories for children. The presentation was made by Gretchen Gallagher, left, and Yvette Gifford to librarians Andrea Hampston and Marcia Larrabee. The four-book series was the culmination of a project by students in Robert Andrews' creative writing class.

Lynn Stapf

amateur authors were faced with the stark reality of rewrites, deadlines and tedious proofreading, not to mention the disappointment of having their first printing appear too light in parts. This required many to darken their proofs to accommodate the printing equipment in the industrial arts department of the school, where the books were produced under the supervision of teacher Frank Faber. Yet the problems were few and soon forgotten when the finished product was in print and finally in hand.

The soft-covered black and white books include 15 stories, as varied and as interesting as the students who wrote them. From bunnies to balloons to

baseball bats, the tales geared to young children are certain to be appreciated by young and old alike. There's the ingenious Easter Rabbit whose quick thinking saves the day, and Tuttle the Turtle who realizes his cumbersome shell is more of a help than a hindrance. Other stories touch upon prejudice, courage, greed, friendship and just plain fun.

Taught last spring the class also included the writing and producing of one-act plays. Eight of the participants in the program — Sue Cillis, Michael Quay, Steve Richardson, Erin Gleason, Joe Sapierze, Linda Wager, Grace Cowles and Marc Wilc—have already graduated. That leaves this year's seniors, Gretchen

Gallagher, Kim Genovesi, Yvette Gifford, Susan Hempel, Judi Koch, Nat Rasmussen and Dorothy Ungerer, to carry on.

And carry on they did. As a final segment to the project, Gretchen Gallagher and Yvette Gifford, two of the original class, visited the elementary school in mid-November, bringing with them copies of their project. After reading several of the stories to Cindy Wright's and Corinne Week's enthusiastic second graders, the two ventured to the school library to present a set of books to librarian Andrea Hampston and her assistant, Marcia Larrabee. The books, a prelude to "Children's Book Week," were placed on the shelves where grade school children can make good use of them—after all, stories were meant to be shared.

The collection is aptly titled "Slices of Sunshine." They "feed" the imagination and "warm" the hearts of anyone who reads them.

Anti Rent Wars discussed

The "Anti-Rent Wars" will be the topic for discussion at the next meeting of the Town of New Scotland's Historical Association Tuesday, December 7, at 8 p.m. at the group's center in New Salem. Edmund Winslow, senior historian of the State Education Department's division of history and anthropology, will present the slide show.

Dutch settlers plan dinner

The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany will come to the Normanside Country Club for its St. Nicholas Day dinner Friday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. While dining, the group will hear harpist Corkey Christman and pianist Patricia Christman perform Christmas music. Historian Dr. William Clarkin, SUNYA professor, will speak on "Early Albany Painting."

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A significant but often overlooked part of the parable of the Prodigal son is the phrase, "when he came to himself."

He had taken his share of his father's estate in cash in advance, had left home and succeeded in running through all that he had in wild and riotous living. Now he was penniless and there was a famine and widespread unemployment, and the only job he could find was feeding hogs—hogs that were being fed much better than he.

Then "he came to himself" in a moment of self-assessment and saw himself as he really was, and realized the foolishness of his actions: "How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough to eat, while I am starving."

Why is it that so often it is only a stern lashing by the whip of adversity that brings people to see that those who are with God are always more secure than those who are without him? The Prodigal "came to himself" only at the end of a long period of adversity. The realization of his own situation in relationship to his father and to those who, unlike himself, had remained with his father, became clear.

Once we see ourselves as we really are, we begin to understand the love of God and the reason God offers it, as well as the reason we need it. Then, humbling though it is, we discover that the only way we can find it is to return in penitence and throw ourselves completely on His mercy. Yet none of this happens until and

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unless we first come to ourselves.

Jonah, ordered by God to go and preach in Nineveh, "rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord" and it was only after a disaster at sea that he "arose and went unto Nineveh according to the word of the Lord."

For most people the experience is more ordinary than that of Jonah. But for



Choirs of the Glenmont Community Reformed Church and the Faith Lutheran Church will join in presenting a Christmas cantata at the Glenmont church at 4 p.m. Sunday. A free-will offering will be taken.

everyone of us, if we are honest enough to face the facts, there come moments when we suddenly realize that we are not masters of our own destinies, and that without God life is confusing and tragic. The Psalmist who wrote "the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places" also wrote "out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord."

"How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough to eat, while I starve." Those who are with God are always more secure, even in adversity, than those who are without him.

The other side of the story is that God is always ready to receive us when we come to ourselves. How painful it must have been for the father in the parable to have watched his son's departure without interfering! When he requested his portion of the estate, the father must have known that if he ever did come back, he would come back penniless. Yet he gave him his share knowing, no doubt, that there are people who learn only by bitter experience. How he must have been hurt as days stretched into months and years without word from his son! Missing? Lost? Even alive?

So God feels about us. He has given us free will and he will not stop us from making foolish choices—even the one of thinking we can get along without Him.

But whatever we do and wherever we

go, he never stops loving us, even though we show no sign of thinking of Him. And when we come to ourselves and return in penitence, His arms are always open and there is rejoicing and celebrating.

Nothing gladdens the heart of God more, "for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Churches join in song

The combined choirs of the Glenmont Community Reformed and Faith Lutheran Churches will perform a Christmas cantata, "Born a King," at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Glenmont Community Reformed Church.

Paula Ouderkirk directs the group, which is accompanied by Steve Ableman, organist, and John Argusti, pianist. Soloists are Shirley Bohl, Ted Davis, David Lowe, Cheryl Diegel, Paula Ouderkirk and Steve Ableman.

A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses with any excess being contributed to a local food pantry. Refreshments will be served.

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Currently, we are hearing and reading conflicting prognostications about the future of our economy. We are all fearful about entering another decade of depression as was suffered by our parents. That experience taught them to strive hard to give us a better life than they had, but we have learned to buy that life for our children on credit. We are an indebted generation of borrowers, operating on the hope that we can continue to earn ever-increasing monies during the remaining years of our worklife. For example, this year people bought homes based on their projected ability to continue earning money into the year 2007. They and their moneylenders agreed that there is hope for better days.

Hope is an energizing force if used correctly. It gives us hooks on which to hang and reasons to keep up the struggle.

Nevertheless, with so much other discouraging news and indicators circulated by our media, it is difficult to hold hope for those better times down the road. Wallowing is so much easier than continuing the fight. Belief that the end is near, rather than that the beginning must be faced, is much more appealing to those whose strength has been sapped. Gravity is strong and ever present, pulling us down into a submissive posture unless we fight to stay erect.

In contrast, hope is an energizing force if used correctly. It imagines our salvation and trumpets its entrance. It gives us hooks on which to hang and

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Norman G. Cohen



reasons to keep up the struggle. It directs our vision toward the patch of blue in our cloudy skies and the crack of light at the end of our tunnels. It encourages us to withstand the final yard and the eleventh hour. It promises rewards for efforts surpassing our prior limits and proposes reasons to defy reality by considering that which we had never anticipated.

Yet, if misunderstood or misused, hope can turn into false hope and, like fool's gold, can yield a promise as empty and worthless as its substance. Grasping for straws can devastate one beseeched by the need for solid ground and sure steps. It can dash any effort to stem the tides of misfortune against the rocks and hard places of life which are all too numerous.

Hope, which is the dream of aspiration or desperation, is a delicate quality of human life. It must be employed sparingly and wisely. It must be applied to substantial, not frivolous matters. It must be supported by a commitment of energy to make its wishes come true, even if that energy seems depleted. It must be believed wholeheartedly by the hoper, or it will disintegrate among the ashes of other burned-out flashes of optimism.

I sincerely hope that you hope, and if your hopes are not quick to come, that you continue hoping and working toward your goals. Too many of our comrades in life have abandoned hope and have turned into robotic replicas of the human race. They do not create or innovate or strive for the new and different. They only repeat and act out routines and think by rote. They are manikins of life sitting where they are set and standing where they are stood. They know nothing else than what is and hope for nothing more.

I cannot function without hope for more than what is. I must believe that tomorrow or the next day will be better than today or yesterday. Perhaps I

learned to think this way from lessons in history. Comparing then with now I conclude that we are so much better off than our ancestors were. Progress means advancement. I believe it. Hopelessness means decay. It believe it.

We are all subject to the rhythms of life. With their ebbs and flows we succeed and fail, and rise again to claim victory, that is, if we stay in the tides. Once we jump out of the water we are vulnerable to becoming parched and dry and wilted.

The very next turn of life might hold our pot of gold or, at least, our bag of groceries. It doesn't have to turn out to be another sack of woes. Times change and, with them, so do people.

In order to ride the waves of fortune we must stay in the drink and pay heed to our thirsts. Otherwise our palates will become insensitive to sweet and sour and our minds will stultify and close up their stores of new ideas and unaccustomed thinking. Whenever a society attempts en masse to hold the lines of advancement

and simply mark time, that society loses the beat to the song of life.

I wish for each one of you reading these words that you hold on to your hopes and never let go. For those of you who feel your hopes have flown out the window, look again. The sky returns every day and the clouds eventually thin out and yield to the vast blue beyond the sun. There is always hope for that we do not yet know or that we have not yet even dreamed. There is so much more than we have imagined, it is nothing short of human arrogance to believe that all is lost.

The very next turn of life might hold our pot of gold or, at least, our bag of groceries. It doesn't have to turn out to be another sack of woes. Times change and with them, so do people. As old dreams come true, new ones are dreamt. Be a dreamer, but keep your feet on the ground. Let hope give you the verve to go on and let your heart guide your direction. Tomorrow may be your day, but only if you are looking for it. So, "hopen" your eyes and expect the sun to rise. It will be there for you and for us all.

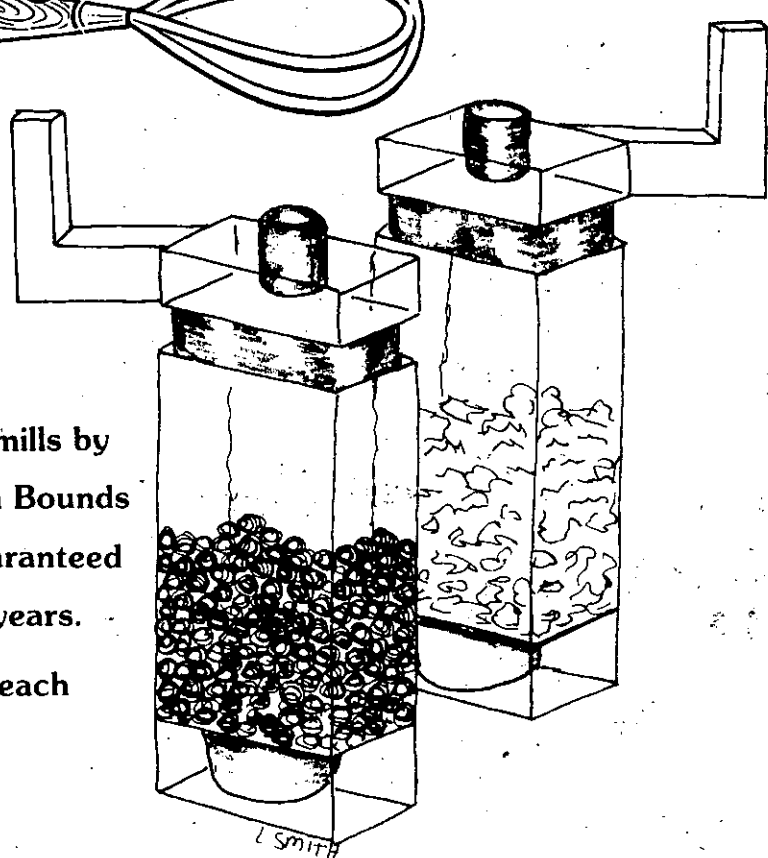
Lighthouses the topic

The Second Milers, a group of Bethlehem retired men, will meet for a noon luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. After eating, the men will hear Lewis Rubenstein of the New York Department of Parks and Recreation speak on "Lighthouses of the Hudson".

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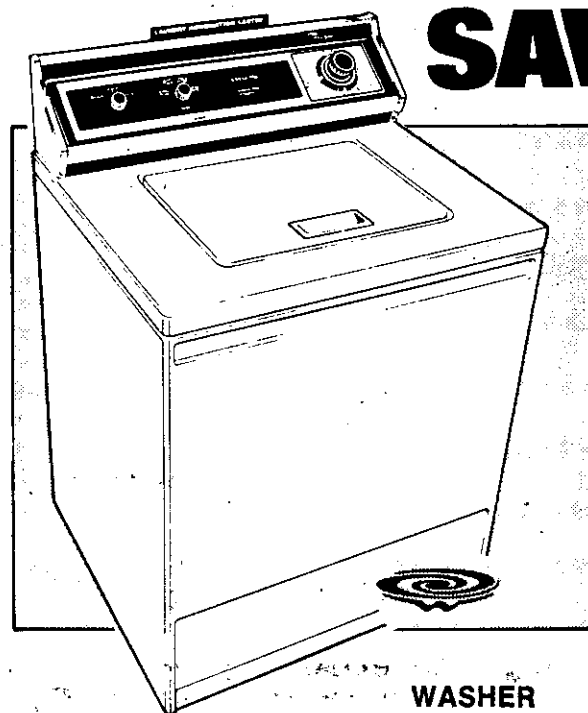
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Kenneth Schenkel

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Kenneth J. Schenkel, owner of Paul Mitchell's Men's Wear at Delaware Plaza and president of the plaza's merchants' association, has been named Albany County business chairman for the Northeastern New York Chapter of the American Heart Association's annual fund raising drive.

A Delmar resident, Schenkel is a member of the business advisory board at Bethlehem Central High School and is active in many community and civic organizations. He attended Utica Tech and the University of Maryland and recently participated in a seminar on business and finance and public relations at Tulane University.

With nearly one million deaths last year attributed to heart disease and stroke, Schenkel noted that this number was especially significant because it affected those between the ages of 35 and 64 — the age bracket of industry's most

productive work force. "As a businessman, I have a particular interest in wanting heart attack and stroke out of the workplace," he said.

Promoted in Portland

Michael Wojtal, formerly of Delmar, has been promoted to production manager at Maine Printing and Business Forms Co., Inc., Portland, Maine. Wojtal, a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Wojtal of Delmar.

New professor

Michael Kavanagh of Delmar has assumed the position of professor in the School of Business at State University at Albany.

Prior to coming to Albany, Kavanagh had been a professor in the psychology department at Old Dominion University. A licensed psychologist in New York State, he has published many articles relating to workers' job satisfaction.



Wayne Fry

Honored by Parsons

Wayne Fry of Delmar has been named an Honorary Life Member of the board of directors of Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany.

Fry currently serves as Parsons' upstate foundation chairman for the "Campaign for Parsons" \$1 million capital fund drive. He has been a member of Parsons' Board and Associate Board of Directors since 1965.

A native of Bristol, Penna., Fry was graduated from the Philadelphia Textile Institute and attended the Wharton School of Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II, Fry was employed in several responsible positions with Albany International Corp., from which he recently retired.

Promoted at Siena

Bonita M. Sanchez of Delmar was recently named a full-time faculty member in the liberal arts division at Siena College, in Loudonville. She will be an assistant professor of sociology and social work.

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A winter tree identification workshop will also be held at the center on Dec. 4. The workshop, entitled "Bark and Buds", is geared for adults and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Techniques for identifying trees without the benefit of their leaves will be examined, as well as the winter ecology of trees. The program is free of charge, but participants must pre-register call 457-6092.

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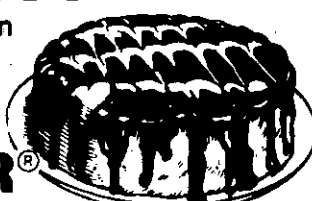
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In a way, it's like going to small claims court. Each side presents its case without the aid (or cost) of a lawyer and the final decision is binding. But unlike small claims, arbitration is more flexible — instead of being tied into an overloaded courtroom schedule both parties can decide on a convenient time and place for the hearing.

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Why did these car makers agree to such a program? "We believe it's in our interest to solve as many product-related problems as possible," says O. Robert Pansa, GM's director of consumer relations. "Customer satisfaction is an important ingredient in today's car market." And the BBB is actively trying to sign up other auto manufacturers.

The makers of Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche cars agreed to submit to arbitration concerning complaints about alleged product defects for the first 36,000 miles or three years of ownership. General Motors will arbitrate any alleged product defect that arises during the first five years of ownership.

"We believe that it is in our interest to solve as many product-related problems as possible," says GM's director of consumer relations.

"The program, however, does not replace GM's established complaint procedure," says Pansa. "You first go to the dealer then to GM's zone office. If still not satisfied, you can go to arbitration."

When a consumer signs up for arbitration, the BBB will first attempt to mediate the dispute. In test markets, nearly 68 percent of the cases were solved this way. However, if that doesn't solve the problem, the consumer and the company will each select one of the BBB's volun-

teer arbitrators and sign an agreement saying they will accept the final decision as binding.

"Consumers should know that an arbitration decision is usually binding so it is very unlikely that you can have it set aside by going to court," says Barbara Berger Opatowsky, president of the BBB office in Manhattan.

For more information concerning the program, contact the BBB, 257 Park Ave. South, New York 10010, or call (212) 533-6200. Or contact the BBB of the Mohawk Valley at 209 Elizabeth St. Utica, 13502, or call (315) 724-3129.

In honor society

Laura A. Tilaro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Tilaro of 21 Pine View Ave., Delmar, is one of 17 St. Lawrence University students to be selected for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the government honor society. To be eligible for membership a student must have a 3.3 academic average in five government courses and a 3.2 overall academic average, based on a perfect record of 4.0.

A senior at St. Lawrence, Tilaro is a member of Kappa Delta Sigma sorority, participated in St. Lawrence's semester in Vienna, and has been named to the Dean's List.

A visit from Saint Nick

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and some of their little elves will make a Christmas visit to the Delaware Plaza to meet local children with lists already made up this Saturday. Jolly Saint Nick and his entourage will arrive via fire truck, compliments of the Elsmere fire department, at 11 a.m. and will talk with children at Woolworth's beginning at 12:30 p.m.

His visit is sponsored by the Merchants Association of Delaware Plaza.



Leigh Cree White

Takes Siena post

Leigh Cree White of Voorheesville has been named assistant public relations director of Siena College.

A former freelance writer, White has assisted Siena's public relations department part-time for two years. She now will direct the college's news operations, as well as writing features for various publications and developing copy for brochures and multi-media presentations, according to Joe Orzechowski, public relations director.

White earned her master's degree in technical writing from RPI in 1979. She has been published widely in national popular magazines, including Yankee, Early American Life, Ski, Skiing and Camping Journal.

White and her husband, Donald, resource development specialist for Cornell University, have two sons and live at 6 South Acres, Voorheesville.

Tools stolen

A building contractor reported to Bethlehem police Wednesday that someone had entered the house under construction on Darroch Rd. in Delmar and taken a number of power tools. No estimate of the loss was given.

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Can Eagle dynasty continue?

By Nat Boynton

Five unfilled varsity spots and a new scoring system could pose a threat to Bethlehem Central's decade-long swimming dynasty this season.

Coach Jack Whipple's new edition is his smallest numerically — 15 swimmers and five divers, five swimmers under the normal complement of 22. And the lack of a scholastic superstar in the revised scoring system that equalizes small and large pools will work against a team with the squad depth Whipple is blessed with.

This year only four places will count in the scoring regardless of four-lane or six-lane tanks. That means 5-3-2-1 in individual events and 8-4-2 in the relays. That system shifts the emphasis to top stars rather than depth of talent. The scoring change comes at a time when BC no longer has such standouts as Kenny Neff, Malcolm Cooper, Rick Bailey and more recently Jay Henahan.

But Whipple is far from singing the blues. He has a host of strong swimmers, including eight 1982 Sectional finalists on a team that has only one senior, and it will take only the strongest teams on the 18-meet schedule to endanger Bethlehem's 81-meet win streak in dual competition.

The only serious threat in the 12-team Adirondack Conference is expected to come from the Eagles' next-door-neighbor, the combined Voorheesville-Guilderville team that has recently become known as Guilderville. The Mergers, with such area standouts as Dirk Applegate and Kevin Anderson among others, will test the Eagles in the opening dual meet Dec. 10 in Delmar.

Before that, however, the Eagles will host relay teams from all 12 conference teams in the Adirondack Swim League Relay Carnival this Saturday, starting at 6:30 p.m.

"I don't know what to expect under the new scoring system," Whipple said this week. "We would be stronger under the old system. Our team is younger than in the past, and it is more enthusiastic."

Bethlehem has won 11 straight Sectional championships and has not lost a dual meet since a 1977 setback at New Hartford. The Eagles go back there in February to face a powerhouse that is



Coach Jack Whipple is directing two practice sessions daily (the first at 6 a.m.) for Bethlehem Central varsity swimmers. On the cover: Doug Schulz and Matt Hollar give the team versatility in strokes other than their specialties.

intact from last year, when BC barely edged them, 43-40, in Delmar. BC also will swim Rome and a new outside opponent, Chenango Forks from the Binghamton area, but Pittsfield and Kingston, big in their own areas, remain reluctant to take on Whipple's crew.

John Henahan, a Sectional finalist last March in the IM and butterfly, is the only senior in the 1982-83 cast. Four juniors and three sophomores will provide the experience nucleus of the team.

The juniors are John Demarest, Section 2 champion in the 50-yard freestyle and probably the area's best sprinter; Doug Schulz, perhaps the area's best in the IM and with Guilderville's Anderson tops in the breaststroke; Scott Apicelli, butterfly specialist, and Dave Young, strong in sprints and valuable in the relays.

Returning sophomores are headed by Matt Holland, by far the best butterfly man in the section; Knute Hvalsmarke,

a middle-distance freestyler, and Melissa Martley, who got a surprising second in diving in the sectional meet and this year leads a promising array of divers that includes Rob Leslie, a junior, and Bobby Keens, a sophomore.

The diving, middle distances and freestyle sprints will be BC's primary strengths this year, according to present estimates. The most obvious short suit is in the backstroke, where Whipple will be forced to divert some of his versatile veterans like Schulz, Demarest and Holland from their strong events in the tougher meets until he develops Jim Krajeck, a sophomore, and some of the younger swimmers into front-line backstrokers. Right now Whipple is mandating every swimmer on the squad to work backstroke laps in practice.

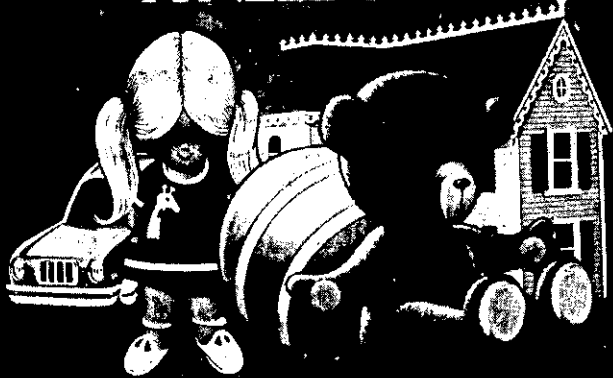
Strength and depth in the freestyle events will come from sophomore Eric Patrick in the 100 and 200, junior John Rodgers in the distance events, and junior Damon Woo in the sprints. Phil Yournon, an 11th grader, will help in the fly.

Krajeck, the backstroke hopeful, is one of three newcomers being counted on for important contributions. The others are Fred Rudofsky, a sophomore freestyler who can swim the breaststroke, and Pierre Labarge, the only eighth grader on the varsity and a promising distance swimmer expected to be a mainstay this year.

Whipple is still hoping more people will come out for his squad, with at least five openings still available. The lack of numbers baffles him: "I'm not sure why we're not getting new people out for the team. We have swimmers coming up through the Dolphin program, and I just hope the eighth and ninth graders aren't afraid that there is too much competition on the varsity. Our short numbers could be a problem, and if we ever get a flu bug or have several of our first-line swimmers out with injury or illness, we could be in real trouble."

Each year the opposition gets tougher. Guilderville has some of the best talent in the area, and Glens Falls had a young team last year that is developing into a strong team this year. New Hartford, says Whipple, "has three people we can't beat," and Chenango Forks, new to the schedule, could pose a threat under Steve Busch, a former Dolphin coach who formerly was an assistant to Whipple on the BC varsity.

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Limited experience at BC

Six lettermen and a cadre of juniors and sophomores with limited experience will bear most of the burden as Bethlehem Central launches another season of varsity wrestling.

Coach Rich Poplaski, starting his 15th year as BC mat coach, 10th as varsity tutor, has three battle-hardened seniors and three experienced juniors on the roster, but the Eagles' prospects for a winning season are tempered with uncertainty and by a schedule loaded with strong opponents.

"I don't know what to expect," Poplaski said during an intense sequence of wrestle-offs at the BC gym over the weekend. "Instead of seniors dominating the team as in the past, we'll see a number of underclassmen wrestling. We have some quality people and I'm looking forward to a lot of kids having the opportunity to move into the lineup. The wrestle-offs have been very close."

Poplaski said the wrestle-offs, which pit boys competing in the same weight class to wrestle each other for a varsity spot, will continue all season.

The experience will come from seniors Dave Boettcher (177), Co-Capt. Chris Essex (145-155) and Dan Carlson (132), plus juniors Rob VanAernem (105), Paul Callanan (119) and Jason Tilroe (126). Rich Jadick, a senior co-captain, was injured early last season, but came back in the second half of the season and did well wrestling at 167 pounds on the jayvee level.

Starting at the light end of the scale, Larry Mereu, a sophomore up from the freshman team, will wrestle at 91 pounds, and both Mike Tinsman and Mike Clark will see plenty of action at 98 pounds, depending on who wins the wrestle-off

each week. Aaron Corman is the leading candidate for 112, and a newcomer to town, junior Wayne Peschel from New Jersey, looks tough at 126.

At 138 senior Mark Lindell and junior Andy Tomlinson are very close in the wrestle-offs, and both will help the Eagles this year. Brett Zick, a sophomore up from the JV, is certain to get varsity experience at 155.

Poplaski has 15 sophomores and 14 juniors on his pooled varsity and JV squad, but only about three freshmen. There are no soft spots on the schedule, especially at the start. The Eagles open with three non-league affairs against some of the strongest teams around, Linton this Saturday (1 p.m.) and Averill Park Wednesday (6 p.m.) both away, and Voorheesville in the home opener Dec. 11 (1 p.m.). The first Suburban Council match is with Scotia Dec. 15 on the home mats.

"The first three matches will tell the story of how far we'll be able to go," says Poplaski. "Linton and Averill Park are always tough, and Voorheesville has practically the whole team back."

On the cover: BC wrestling Coach Rick Poplaski, right, with Co-Capt. Chris Essex. *Spotlight*

Giant lawn job

Two malicious motorists used the weekend rains to do a great deal of damage to the sixth green, the first fairway and other grass around the pro shop at the Normanside Country Club. Bethlehem police said the two vehicles did slides, spins and "donuts" to dig their ruts.

Can Blackbird make the weight?

A strong finish with a young team last year has given Voorheesville wrestling fans reason to hope for some trophies this season, but Dick Leach, the Blackbirds' veteran coach, may have some problems with the fact that his boys are still growing.

Leach is starting the new campaign with 12 lettermen, but if the weights from last year don't come out in proportion this time, there could be bunching up that leaves other weight classes unprotected. "We have a good shot at being decent, providing the weight classes come out right, but we don't have much depth in some weights and could be vulnerable to injuries," Leach told a reporter this week.

Glancing up the scales, there are Mark Gillenwalters, a freshman moving up from 91 pounds to 98, and Mike Deeley and Brian DeDe, freshmen who shared the 98-pound assignments last year. Deeley will go to either 105 or 112, and DeDe to 119, where he will knock heads with two other returnees, Jeff Genovesi and Jeff Clark.

Genovesi had a good year at 105 as a freshman and now will go to 119 or 126. Clark, the Sectional champion at 112 who has state and national honors as one of the area's best, may have a hard time getting down to 112 this time, and probably will go to the 119 or 126 spot. Vince Perry did well at 119 last year and will be battling to keep the job or get the 126-pound berth.

That kind of bunching is also prevalent in the middle weights and at the heavier classifications.

For instance, Matt Beals and Andy Schwartz, mainstays at 126 and 132 respectively last year, are bigger and stronger and now are headed for 138-145.

Chris Zeh, 138 last season, is wrestling at 155 and could go to 167, but Tom Hannmann, 155 last year, is already there and if he moves to 167, he bumps into Sean Rafferty, a junior who had the job last winter.

John Ryan was Leach's man at 177, but with no experienced heavyweights around, Ryan may have to take some turns in the top weight class. Helping out will be Ernie Sacco, a senior who has missed two seasons because of injuries, and Mike Batchelder, a junior heavy-weight wrestling for the first time.

The most severe bunching comes in 105-126 sectors, where Shawn Sheldon, a senior transfer who wrestled at Columbia in the Suburban Council last year, is pushing Deeley while Genovesi, DeDe, Clark and Perry scramble for other spots. If Beals and Schwartz collide at 138, one of them will have to go in at 145 and take the chance of being outweighed by the opposition.

The Blackbirds wound up at 9-5 a year ago, 6-2 in the league good for third place, but pulled a surprise by tying the league's dual meet champion, Albany Academy, for first place in the league championship meet. Voorheesville opens the new campaign Dec. 9 at Lansingburgh, then goes to Bethlehem Central two nights later for a non-league grapple.

Mother's march

Organizers, telephoners and door-to-door canvassers are needed for the March of Dimes' annual Mother's March, scheduled the last Sunday in January. The organization, founded in 1938 by Franklin D. Roosevelt, seeks funds to combat birth defects. Volunteers may call 783-9363.

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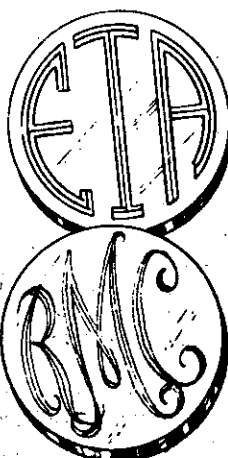
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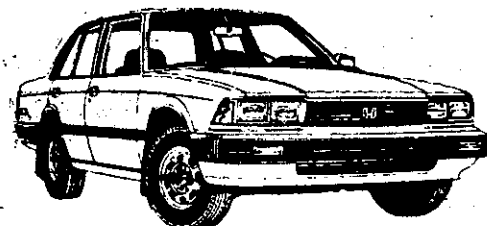
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Bethlehem, Ravena may tangle in tournament

Scholastic basketball gets going for keeps this weekend with a four-team tournament at Ravena involving RCS and Bethlehem, and a non-league engagement for Voorheesville.

All three teams will launch their league seasons next week, and that will keep them busy until Bethlehem and Voorheesville join the Helderberg tournament at Guiderland over the Christmas holidays.

Local attention is centered on Ravena's two-night tournament that pairs Bethlehem and Gloversville in the 7 p.m. opener Friday, followed by Ravena and South Glens Falls at 8:30. The home folks are hoping for a Ravena-BC showdown in the championship game Saturday night, which means both must win Friday. The only other way these neighbors will meet is via the consolation route at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Ravena's hopes to capture its own trophy received a setback last week when Capt. Bob Motley, a shooting guard who is one of the team's few experienced players, was sidelined with a twisted ankle. Motley will miss the tournament, and may miss the first Colonial Conference game or two.

RCS Coach Tim Tucker shuffled his lineup during scrimmages with Ichabod Crane and Troy High. "We need a lot of work," he said. "We found that out from the scrimmages."

On Delaware Ave. in Delmar, first-year coach Gary Przybylo has been working with a five-man starting lineup that appears set. Only one member has varsity experience as a reserve last season, but the Eagles have enough height to be formidable in the rebound department.

BASKETBALL

Przybylo was pleased with his cast in a weekend scrimmage with Amsterdam of the Class A Big Ten, and had another scrimmage booked with Draper High of Schenectady Tuesday of this week.

"With the first team in, there was about a three-point difference," the coach said after the Amsterdam perspiration. "I was impressed — nothing outstanding, but we were respectable. We're ready. I think we're going to be a good rebounding team — we hit the boards pretty well and we were getting three, four shots at the hoop."

Przybylo front line is 6-3 across with Ed Radzynski, Mark Gibbons and Jim Doring. Mike Mooney at guard is 6-1. The fifth starter is Dan Piazza, a running guard.

The first players off the bench will be Howard Thompson and Mike Schrempf.

Family planning course

A Natural Family Planning course, given by Family Life Information Center, will begin on Friday, Dec. 3, 1982, from 8 to 10 p.m., in Room 3513, Cusack Wing, St. Peter's Hospital. Reservations and further information are available — call Peggy Furlong, at 463-1176.

James P. Furlong, M.D., assisted by a trained counseling couple, will present a series of four monthly sessions.



When basketball action gets underway this weekend, Voorheesville's varsity will be at Duaneburg. Preparing for the Blackbirds' opener are, from left, Dickie Lennon, John Zongrone and Chris Hogan.

Blackbirds seek a fifth starter

WANTED: by Voorheesville basketball coach, a fifth starter and guys who can come off the bench and score baskets.

If Coach Chuck Abba felt that a classified ad would bring results, that's the way he would write the ad copy. He has Mike Lewis, a three-year varsity pointmaker, as a sure shot, and Jim Meacham, Dickie Lennon and John Zongrone with a fair amount of experience from last season, but the fifth spot is wide open.

The Blackbirds scrimmaged against Draper of Schenectady last week, and Abba appeared reasonably satisfied. His comment: "We did the things well that we wanted to do. We're still looking for a starting lineup, and we need more consistent offensive play. We're looking for a core of three or four players who can start or come off the bench."

The Blackbirds open with a non-league tussle Friday at Duaneburg. They will be home Tuesday night for the Colonial Council curtain-raiser Tuesday with Watervliet.

Discussion on Middle East

The current conflict in the Middle East and the Israeli Peace Now Movement will be the subject for a timely discussion at the Albany Jewish Community Center on Whitehall Road on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. Professor Guf Ofer, a leader of the Peace Now Movement and currently a visiting professor at Harvard University, will be the guest speaker.

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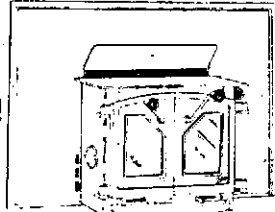
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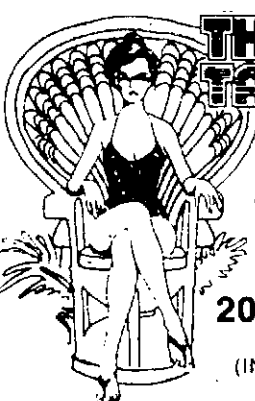
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Demarest, Blendell lead Dolphins at Shaker pool

John Demarest and Sandi Blendell led a contingent of 19 members of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club in the Delmar Aquatic's Thanksgiving Odd-Even Invitational meet Saturday at Shaker High School, Latham.

Demarest, a Bethlehem Central varsity swimmer, won the boys 14-and-over 100-yard freestyle in 52.65 seconds, placed second in the 100 yard backstroke, and anchored two relays, the third-place 300-yard mixed freestyle, and the sixth-place 100-yard mixed ladder relay.

Blendell, a member of the BC girls swim team, was third in the girls 14-and-over 100-yard backstroke, fourth in the 100-yard freestyle, fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and swam a leg on the 300-yard freestyle relay.

Lisa Ogawa earned a second-place finish in the girls 12-13 100-yard backstroke and was fifth in the 100-yard freestyle besides joining Demarest, Kim and Justin Baird in the ladder relay. Keith Dix had a third in the boys' 100-yard freestyle.

Others who placed were Rachel

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Meeting at mansion

Gansevoort Chapter, DAR, will hold its annual DAR Good Citizens Award Meeting this Saturday at the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany, with Mohawk Chapter DAR as co-hostess. Local DAR Good Citizen Award winners will be special guests at the meeting.

At its recent meeting Gansevoort Chapter elected delegates and alternates to represent the chapter at the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. in April. Those elected were Mrs. Alfred Derzee, delegate; and Mrs. Harry E. Derder, Mrs. Joseph Yavonditte Jr., Mrs. James R. Stratton and Mrs. Lawrence Wiest, alternates.

Noonan, two sixths girls 7-and-under; Amy Kim, a fifth in girls 8-9 plus two relays; Justin Baird, a sixth in boys' 10-11 plus two relays, and Jennifer Mosley, a sixth in girls' 10-11 plus one relay. Earning ribbons for swimming on relay teams were Jonathan Scholes, Carol Kim, Patrick Fish, Christina Rudofsky, Drew Patrick, Michelle Ryan and Fred Rudofsky.

The age groupings for this meet were 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-and-over instead of the usual 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12, etc.

Local runners win

Dennis Northrup of Selkirk crossed the finish line first in the 19th annual Troy Turkey Trot which drew 1,738 runners in the open division. Northrup was clocked at 30:32 in the 10-kilometer race through the streets of Troy Thanksgiving day.

In the masters division for women, Ann Drapeau of Delmar was the fastest over the 10-km. course. Marian Pellino of Selkirk completed the women's three-mile race in 19:54, good for 10th place.

In the three-mile race for high school competitors, Pete Hammer of Delmar was fourth. Chuck Rogers of Voorheesville was the winner in the one-mile race for grade schoolers.

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Old skeletons?

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the Republican committeeman with the longest term of service and a strong supporter of W. Gordon Morris for Republican candidate for supervisor in next fall's election, I take exception to last week's letter to the editor attacking Mr. Morris.

I think it unfortunate that the writer wishes to go on the attack while hiding in the shadows of anonymity. If a person wants to dig up old skeletons, we would like to know whose ax he is grinding and why. Obviously, the intent and purpose of that letter was to undermine and discredit a very talented candidate.

Those of us who are supporting Gordon Morris are doing so because we believe him to be the best qualified person to carry on the policy of open government which Tom Corrigan so skillfully pioneered and perfected. We recognize his ability of leadership which has been exemplified as minority leader of the Albany County Legislature. We also know him well enough to know he stands for progress and ideas to cope with problems which constantly plague growing suburban communities. Frankly, we think he has more to offer the people of the Town of Bethlehem than anyone else on the scene.

The mystery writer conveniently overlooks or perhaps is out of touch with times, to know the degree of loyalty and service Gordon Morris has given to a host of Republican candidates during the past

several election campaigns. From the tenor of his comments, the writer strikes me as being a product of the era when the people of Bethlehem knew only one man leadership which the town's people and the Republican committee rejected years ago. Let me say clearly, we shall never knowingly return to that stagnant rule again.

Gordon Morris, better than anyone else, knows from personal experience the damage a closed shop can do to local government.

Kenneth P. Hahn

North Bethlehem

Kenneth Hahn is Bethlehem receiver of taxes and Republican committeeman for the 10th District.

Can we afford ANSWERS?

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is not meant to argue on the merits of the ANSWERS program for Town of Bethlehem for the final answer, by anyone, could be a "yes" or "no" according to whether spending or just saving money is on an individual's mind: That is TAX MONEY.

Much of the thinking tends to approach consideration of impact on various areas, contract valuation, and other items far away from the basic fact of — "Can the Town of Bethlehem afford the ANSWERS program?" This is really what the Town Board and the taxpayers eventually must consider.

Facts known on a preliminary basis indicate as follows:

- Possible cost for holding station, etc.: \$1 million. However, based upon complete control by ANSWERS it may be \$2 million.
- Cost per ton at \$2.50 and still under ANSWERS control.

Heavy trucking over the town streets under the control of trucking facilities, subject to weather delays, mechanical

failures and labor troubles. Side effect is heavy damage to town streets.

• Contract requirements heavily in favor of ANSWERS, the City of Albany and State of New York.

• Pollution of town area by heavy truck exhausts, noise, etc. And many other basic problems.

As to the basic fact of whether the Town of Bethlehem can afford a joint contract with ANSWERS, it would appear that very serious consideration, thought and financial study should be given to the question of Town of Bethlehem establishment of refuse control and operation of a town plant within the facilities of the existing garbage plant area, and to be controlled by unknown costs at ANSWERS.

At a garbage plant it is possible to generate methane gas in suitable quantity to incinerate all trash after proper and prior separation, for disposal of nonincinerated units. It would appear that a sum of \$1 or \$2 million could develop such a system for the town without the impact on taxes under proposed usage of ANSWERS system, with the expansion as needed in future years.

The future of the ANSWERS plant to handle proposed trash as seems to be planned for surrounding communities, hot water underground distribution and the State complex system appears to me to be heavily clouded with doubt due to the location of ANSWERS plant in the Sheridan Ave. area.

That area is located in the bowl of lower Albany. Surrounding mountains provide a rim for the bowl and when the "wind is blowing," as has been known for 20 years, what goes up goes down into lower Albany. This was demonstrated a short time ago by the Albany fireman stating the cause of a "supposed fire" in the fourth floor of the State Capitol was in reality smoke from the Sheridan Ave. plant because of "routine operation". Presently the neighborhood citizens

complain of gas and soot from the plant on ground, houses, and cars.

The only course is to control smoke emissions from the plant — with expensive installation and operation of special equipment so no smoke or dirty emissions result.

That is why I repeat, "Can the Town of Bethlehem afford the ANSWERS Program?" It just might be we could develop our own less costly project and not pour tax money into the questionable Albany project.

This is submitted to generate some thinking as to why we should share in the operation of the Albany project, rather than our own. Citizens should help, not hinder, in the discovery of proper solutions other than the costly ANSWERS program, if possible.

Nathaniel W. Blanchard

Delmar

Bethlehem's solid waste consultant, Standard Engineering of Albany, has estimated the cost of a transfer (holding) station at \$500,000. Town officials have said there is also the possibility of state aid for the transfer station. Ed.

Outstanding editor

Warren D'Aprix of Delmar, a member of the counseling center staff at Hudson Valley Community College, has been presented a plaque from the New York State Counseling Association in appreciation of his four years of service as editor of the organization's monthly publication.

In 1978 and 1980, "Action Newsletter" was selected by the American Personnel and Guidance Association as the outstanding newsletter from among all those produced by its state chapters.

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The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany Business College. She is an executive secretary. The bridegroom graduated from Alfred University and Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a nuclear plant engineer. The couple will reside in Clifton Park.

DAR has Christmas tea

A Christmas dialogue entitled "Tawansentha's Gifts" will be presented by Tawansentha Chapter NSDAR at its Christmas Tea on Dec. 4 in the Bennett Parlors of the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Ave. in Delmar. A regular business meeting of members will be held at noon, followed by the tea at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Robert A. Jackson and Mrs. Gilbert O. Drake are general chairmen for the meeting and will be doing the dialogue. The theme will be "We offer gifts of love to the people we love." The dialogue will review the gifts to the general community, here and nationwide, which are given annually by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Among those who will participate in the program are Matthew Reed, who won the Lieutenant Henry Klein Memorial Scholarship for 1982 and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Reed; new American citizens in Delmar, Dr. Kristina Mandal from India and Mrs. Bonnie Rosenberg from Canada; all the newly chosen recipients of the DAR Good Citizenship Award and their parents, and members of the Teunis Slingerland Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.).

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Miss Putney is assistant director of admissions at Emma Willard School. She was graduated from Albany Academy for Girls with honors in her major from Dartmouth College. Her father is Senior Vice President and Trust Officer at State Bank of Albany. Her mother teaches history at Albany Academy for Girls.

Her fiancé is a second-year student in a joint degree program at the Yale Law School. He was graduated from The Albany Academy and summa cum laude from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs of Princeton University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was a Rotary International Fellow at the Institute of European Studies, Brussels, Belgium. His father is president of the Mayfair Group, Inc. His mother is a talk show hostess on radio station WQBK.

The wedding will take place on Aug. 28 at the home of the bride.

Cherry Hill open house

Historic Cherry Hill, bedecked for the holidays, will have its annual Christmas open house this Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission for adults will be 50 cents; children with an adult will be admitted free, as will Friends of Cherry Hill.

Visitors may sample wassail and cakes made from recipes of early inhabitants. The Loudonville Garden Club will decorate the house with greens and seasonal flowers, and the Preservation Duo will perform holiday music. The Georgian mansion, built in 1787 for Col. Philip Van Rensselaer, is at 523½ S. Pearl St., Albany. Information, 434-4791.

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Courtesy Allison Bennett

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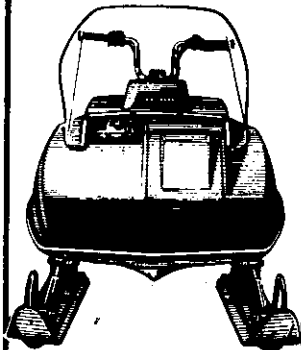
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The *Spotlight* has just published a set of guidelines for publicity representatives, designed to make their job simpler and more effective. If your organization hasn't received a copy of the guidelines, give us a call here at 439-4949. Feel free to call any time you have a question about publicity for your organization.

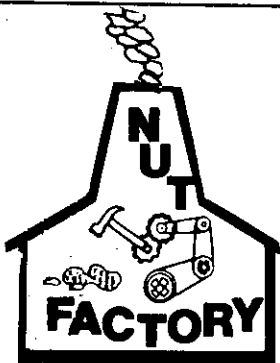
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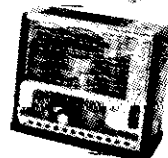
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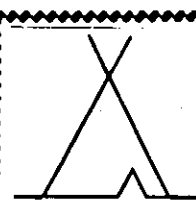
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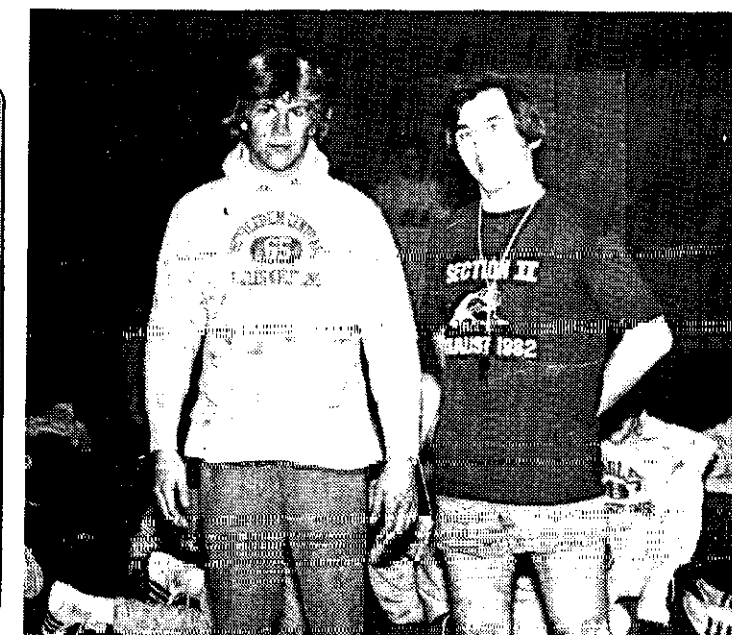
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