

Cable: the bad news

Firm cuts 4 channels

Bethlehem Video, in company with other area cable systems, has announced that it plans to drop four channels that stand to be taxed under federal ruling. Bethlehem officials say there is nothing they can do about it.

The channels being dropped, effective Dec. 28, are WNEW, Channel 5; WSMW, Channel 27; WLVI, Channel 56; and WTBS, Channel 17 (late night). In a letter to subscribers, George Smede, general manager of Adams-Russell Cablevision, parent company of Bethlehem Video, said the company would be adding five new services to offset the loss. They are Music Television, Cable Health Network, Daytime (women's programming in a magazine format), Modern Satellite Network ("a carousel of entertainment"), and Christian Broadcasting Network, which is being expanded to a 24-hour-a-day programming schedule.

Smede explained that the Copyright Royalty Tribunal, a federal agency empowered to administer copyright law, had announced a "huge" increase in royalty rates for cable companies carrying distant signals (stations outside

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Rural cable too costly

Residents of rural areas in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland are not exactly knocking down the doors to get cable television service, despite an order by the state Cable TV Commission aimed at getting cable TV to anyone who wants it. The catch, of course, is that they have to pay for it and, in some cases, the bill is a big one.

The commission's order, which took effect Oct. 1, has a formula for allocating the cost of extending cable to areas with a low population density. In the case of Bethlehem Video, which serves the two towns, the numerator in the formula is \$9,000 — what it costs to string the cable one mile.

George Smede, general manager of Bethlehem Video, said, "Once the fee is defined, the number of signups decreases rapidly. Then you have to re-do the figures and go back. As the rate gets higher, more drop out."

Smede said people are generally understanding about how the hookup cost is derived but are generally unwilling to pay it. "People tend to blame the town more than us," he said, "not realizing there are no areas where everybody's



Ronald McDonald House carolers head out on a hay ride at Colonial Acres as part of a drive to gather funds for the home-away-from-home for the families of seriously ill children. There will be anywhere from 100 to 150 red-sashed Ronald carolers going out into the community during the holidays. On the cover: Carolers pause to sing at the entrance to Colonial Acres.

Tom Howes

served." Even when it is pointed out that rural areas don't have natural gas service, or public water or sewers, "people still tend to think since the utility pole is there, they ought to be able to get cable," Smede said.

Bethlehem Video's franchise agreement with the towns defines the primary service area as areas with at least 35 homes per linear mile, but it also includes a provision for extension to more

sparsely settled areas, if people are willing to pay the cost.

The fee for installation in the primary service area is \$20 to \$25, Smede said. That covers the cost of a line from the utility pole to the house. The cost of stringing the line down the road is a one-time capital investment, which is paid off from monthly revenue, he said.

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NiMo coal hearings start Thursday

By Linda Anne Burtis

In the next few days, weeks and months, Bethlehem Town Hall will play host to a drama of decision-making, part of a national trend: the battle between the move toward national energy self-sufficiency and the environmental consequences of that move.

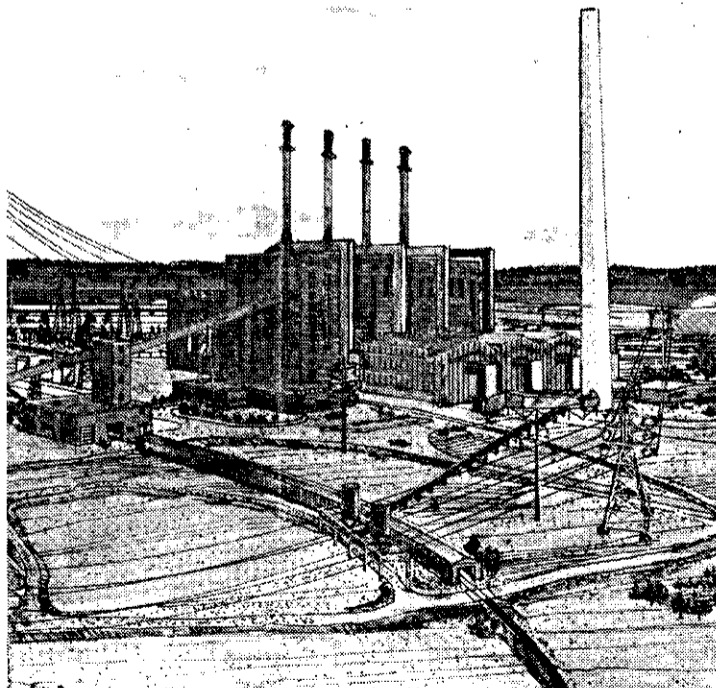
Tomorrow (Thursday) from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. the first in a series of hearings on Niagara Mohawk's proposal to convert its Glenmont generating plant so that it can burn coal takes place.

Following the strong impetus of the state Energy Office and an analysis of its own economic future, Niagara Mohawk has decided to invest \$164 million to make it possible for the plant to burn coal as well as oil and natural gas. The state Department of Environmental Conservation has the authority to approve or deny the plan, but first listen to the comments of all interested parties. Tomorrow's hearing provides the opportunity for residents of Bethlehem and any other interested persons or organizations to express their views. Subsequent hearings will be more formal and will require sworn testimony.

The major issues relate to costs, environmental impacts and alternatives available to the utility. NiMo's estimated \$164 million cost includes equipment and processing systems from the coal's arrival to the plant to its gaseous emissions up a new 412 foot stack. Such measures as upgrading the boiler, building a baghouse to remove particulates (which would otherwise be released into the atmosphere as pollutants), new waste collection and treatment facilities and development of a solid waste disposal site are part of the price tag.

It is important to note that this coal conversion will cost the taxpayers nothing. This is because coal prices are forecast to be so much lower than natural gas and oil prices that the coal conversion will reduce rates, not raise them. This reduction in ratepayers' bills holds true for the utility's own proposal for dealing with sulfur dioxide, one of the major pollutants, as well as for the alternatives, specifically scrubbers and low-sulfur coal.

The environmental impacts of the NiMo conversion focuses primarily on air quality and solid waste. According to an article in "Public Utilities Fortnightly," a trade publication, "when coal is burned, three major air pollutants result: particulates, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. 99.7 percent of the particulates will be removed by a baghouse, a



Artists rendering of Niagara Mohawk's Glenmont plant on Rt. 144 after coal conversion.

series of low buildings, each with fabric filters. Nitrogen oxides will be spilled at a rate of 9,000 tons yearly. 26,000 tons annually of SO₂ will be emitted under the NiMo plan. The utility claims that this was the same amount of SO₂ emitted when the Glenmont plant burned oil between 1970 and 1981. The NiMo position is that the plant will be within acceptable air quality standards. EnCon will analyze the utility's data to see if this is an accurate conclusion.

While Niagara Mohawk may be accurate in saying that "there will be no net increase in emissions," it must be pointed

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'It's harder this year'

The national economy may be on its knees, but a sampling of local merchants finds them still in there slugging. Ken Schenkel of Paul Mitchell's Menswear at Delaware Plaza said, "It's been harder this year, there's no doubt. But I'll probably end up a little ahead."

Schenkel, who is president of the Plaza Merchants Association, said, "Everybody's been hit. You're doing business, but not perhaps as much as you'd like to be doing." Schenkel said he found buyers being more particular this year, looking for specific items at a particular price.

For merchants, as for everyone else, there's an inflationary factor built in, Schenkel pointed out. This year, he said, businesses big and small are saying, "If you break even, you're doing well."

At The Paper Mill at the Plaza, Manager Ruth Robinson also found buyers looking for certain items, "basic things, things that are useful. You had to plan for that way back. But if people feel the quality is there, people will pay the price. We're in very good shape."

At Shuttle Hill Herb Shop, on Delaware Ave., a spokesman said, "People are doing sensible, thoughtful buying. There is less impulse buying, which is a very good thing."

Lincoln Hill Bookstore, which celebrated its second anniversary Dec. 4, is having a good season. "We are so pleased," owner Barbara Aikey said. "We thought our location (across from Delaware Plaza) would hurt us, but it hasn't. This is a book-reading community." Business is way up from a year ago, Mrs. Aikey said, "though, of course, we have more books, too." She hasn't found

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the company's immediate area). The increase comes to an additional \$1.75 per subscriber per month, Smede said — an amount the company is reluctant to ask for in increased rates. The alternative is to cut those stations carrying the bulk of the increased rates.

"I must emphasize this action is being taken to prevent an estimated \$200,000 loss in fiscal year 1983, and every year thereafter if nothing is done," Smede wrote the Bethlehem Town Board last week. "This new tax, if left as is, would not only wipe out all profits, but would place our company in a deep financial hole. Our industry is appealing this ruling imposed by the Copyright Royalty Tribunal. However, appeals take time

with no way to know the eventual outcome."

"We have no recourse?" asked Councilman Scott Prothero after the letter was read last week.

No, he was told. Earlier this year, the town board granted Bethlehem Video a new franchise with a \$1 basic rate increase. That franchise requires the company to maintain a minimum number of channels, but Bethlehem Video will still be meeting its obligation, Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said. "Their only option is raising their rates, and they don't want to do that," he said.

In his letter to subscribers, Smede suggested they write to their congressman or senator if they feel strongly about losing the channels.



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buyers to be price-conscious, "not at holiday time."

Pete Rogers, of Rogers Sport and Ski Shop at the Plaza, said, "Business has been a little tough this year. Usually leisure-type stores don't feel a recession — this is the first year we did. But it's not going to be our best season and it's not going to be our worst." Rogers said lack of snow locally and warm weather earlier that melted what ski areas made had hurt

the store's ski rental business, but the advent of colder temperatures was promising, and "we have three months to go," he said.

Larceny arrest

Jon Mason, 19, of Beverly Dr., North Bethlehem, was arrested by Bethlehem police Thursday on a felony charge of grand larceny third degree. He is charged with stealing \$1,015 in property from an area residence, police said. Mason was remanded to Albany County Jail to await town court action.

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Once a week pickup begins Jan. 3

Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Martin J. Cross has announced that the town will begin once-weekly garbage pickup for town residents Jan. 3. The new format will replace twice-weekly garbage pickup.

Only food waste garbage is included in the town's pickup service. Residents must either haul their own trash and refuse to the town landfill or hire a private contractor.

Bethlehem contracted with Standard Engineering Corp. for a study of the garbage pickup situation earlier this year. The firm found that most town residents do not rely on the town for garbage pickup, but on private contractors. Standard recommended that the town move to once-weekly pickup as an economy measure.

As a general rule, routes picked up now

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on Monday and Thursday will be picked up on either Monday or Thursday; routes picked up on Tuesday and Friday will be picked up on either Tuesday or Friday. Routes in the "country areas," which are now picked up on Monday and Friday will be picked up on Wednesday.

The *Spotlight* will publish a map of the Tri-Village area in its Dec. 29 issue, detailing the new routes and pickup days.

The town is also considering new rates for all commercial vehicles using the Bethlehem landfill on Ruppert Rd. Only solid waste generated in the town will be allowed, but town residents who wish to

bring their own refuse to the landfill will still be able to do so at no charge, provided they have the required sticker.

The proposed commercial rates are 50 cents per yard for non compacted loads, \$2 per yard for compacted loads and \$1 per yard for demolition, brush and stumps. According to Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan the town will charge each truck as if it were carrying a full load, since there is no scale at the dump.

Autograph hounds

When you are visiting the Bethlehem Public Library in December be sure to take a look at the autograph collection in the glass case in front of the circulation desk. The collection belongs to Rob Curtiss, a Schenectady resident who is an avid autograph collector. Featured are autographs from royalty, the signature of Greta Garbo and cartoonists from various New York papers and magazines including Hy Rosen and Ed Koren.

In *Selkirk The Spotlight* is sold at Convenient Food Market.

Town leads in DWI effort

This is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, and as usual when it comes to drunk driving enforcement, Bethlehem police are in the thick of it.

Two Bethlehem police officers appeared on the CBS Morning News Tuesday in a segment on how tougher enforcement of driving while intoxicated law works, and the Bethlehem Police Department is playing host next week to a four-day course in DWI enforcement being conducted by the state.

(The state Department of Motor Vehicles is also stepping up its anti-drunk driving campaign for the holidays, including one ad — "If You Need It, Call a Special Hot Line Number" — created by *The Spotlight* as a variation of an ad the DMV ran last spring at graduation time. *The Spotlight's* version is now being circulated throughout the state.)

Bethlehem has gained a reputation as a

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Smede noted that even in the primary service area, the rate of hookups is only about 52 percent. When extending cable, "you can't assume everyone's going to sign up," he said, adding that there are few areas in the Town of Bethlehem without cable service.

John Perkins, consultant to the state Cable Commission, said about a third of the municipalities in the state have no cable TV franchise, because no cable company is interested in going into remote areas, such as in the Adirondacks.

very tough town on drinking drivers, with an arrest rate that continued to increase through last October. In November and December, according to Sgt Richard Vanderbilt, the arrest rate began to taper off, although enforcement activities have not. "I don't know for sure how to explain it, but I do know it (the chances of getting caught) is more of a topic in bars and places like that," Vanderbilt said.

Vanderbilt said CBS chose to interview him and Det. John Cox in connection with the Michelle Martin traffic death on Rt. 85, which resulted in the recent manslaughter conviction of George Donnelly. Albany County Court Judge Joseph Harris and Miss Martin's parents were also interviewed for the story.

Essay contest set

The Junior College of Albany has announced the start of its annual John Murray Scholarship essay contest. A \$1,000 scholarship to the Junior College of Albany will be awarded for the best essay submitted by a high school senior interested in communications or a liberal arts program.

The title of the essay is to be "Communication: Catalyst for World Peace," and the subject of the essay should reinforce this. Essays should include a minimum of 900 words, typed and double-spaced. Entries may be submitted to John Murray Essay Competition, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208. Deadline is Jan. 17. For further information, call 445-1730.

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The Spotlight will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, to observe the holidays. This means our deadlines for the Dec. 29 issue must be moved up. Deadline for all ads, including classified ads, will be Thursday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. Deadline for the community calendar and the area events calendar will be 10 a.m. Thursday. All other editorial copy will be accepted up to 5 p.m. Thursday.

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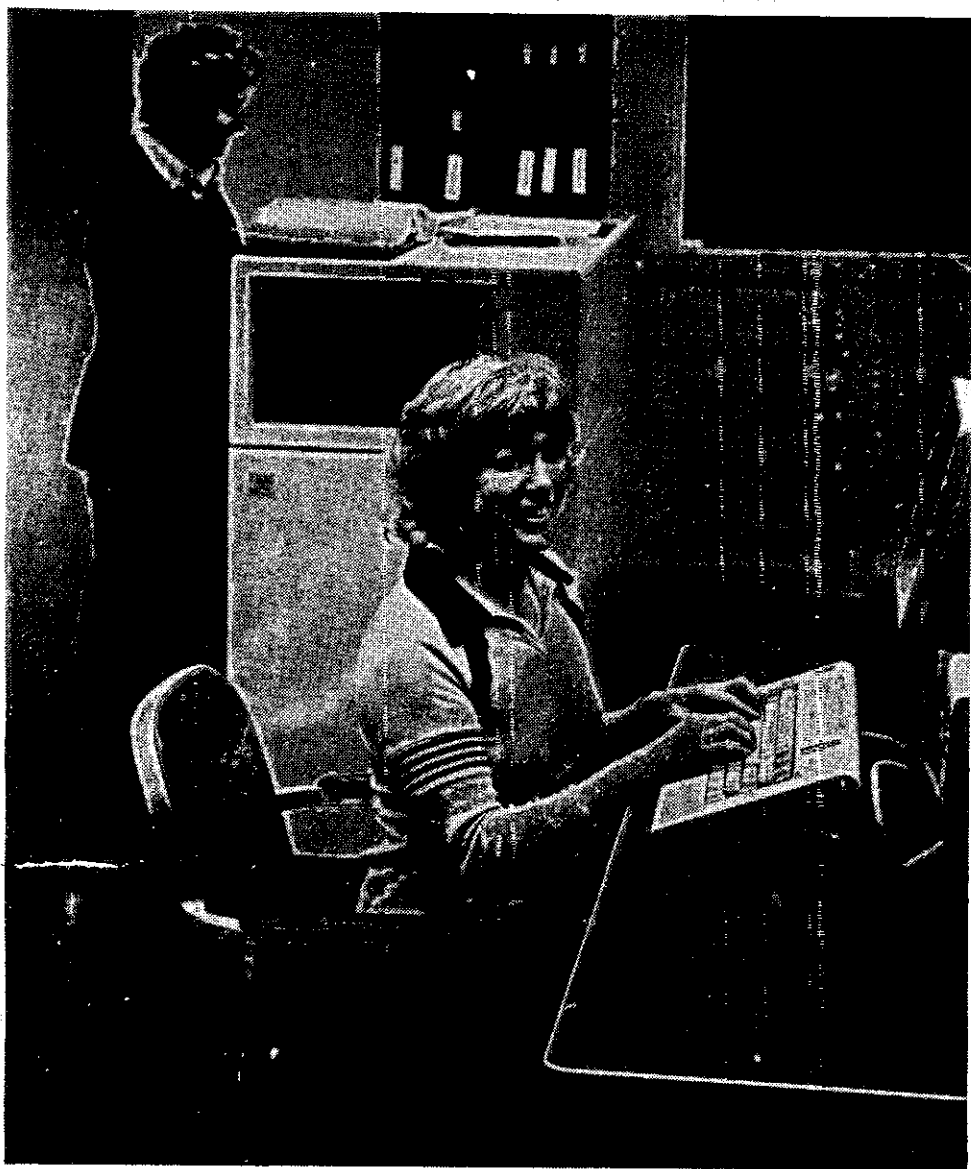
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The new computer has arrived at Bethlehem Town Hall, and Patricia Weigand, a clerk in town Comptroller Martin Smith's office, will be one of the first to put it in operation as Kathy Miletta looks on. Smith said he hopes to have the computer handling the town payrolls by the first of the year — with the old system still in operation as backup. After about three months other operations will be phased in. *Spotlight*

Scouts help out

Five scouts from Troop 75 in Delmar helped clean up the grounds of the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany recently. Ten truckloads of brush were removed with the help of Scott Vanderpool, Dennis Hudson, Justin Hopson, John Reagan and Kevin Mossman. The Albany County Historical Association plans ground cover and other plantings for the now cleared slope to Ten Broeck St.

Snow rules

Drivers are reminded that during the winter the Town of Bethlehem prohibits parking on town streets and highways between 1 and 7 a.m. through April 15. The ordinance is intended to let snow

removal crews do their work unimpeded. Cars parked in violation of the ordinance may be ticketed and/or towed, at the owner's expense.

'Rakkasans' sought

Veterans who served as paratroopers in the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team during the Korean war are forming an association. Former "Rakkasans" and members of airborne/ranger companies are urged to contact Charles Woodhouse, 228 W. 3rd St., Corning, N.Y. 14830, for information about the association and a planned reunion. National membership coordinator is Robert F. Gilbert, 3657 Arwin Way, Columbus, Ga. 31906.

Kaplowitz seeks Republican unity

By Tom McPheeters

Gordon Morris' early announcement has set the political pot to boiling in Bethlehem, and town Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz has moved to make sure it doesn't bubble over.

Morris, a well-known county legislator from Elsmere, announced publicly last month that he wants to run for supervisor next year if the present supervisor, Tom Corrigan, decides not to run again. That move, seen by many observers as an attempt to head off other potential candidates from getting the inside track, has sent ripples all through the party.

Morris' major rivals are thought to be three members of the town board — Robert Hendrick, Scott Prothero and John Geurtze — but they have reacted in different ways.

Hendrick, who has been quite visible since his appointment (and subsequent election) to the board a year ago, is quite open about his interest in the supervisor spot, if it becomes open. "I've given it a lot of consideration, no question," he said Monday. If the Republican committee picked him, said Hendrick, he would be inclined to accept, although "I haven't made up my mind 100 percent."

Prothero, on the other hand, is not putting even the brim of his hat in the ring at this point, declining all comment on a possible candidacy. However, it has not gone unnoticed that Prothero is retiring from his state job at the end of the year, and thus would be in a position to take on the full-time supervisor post. (In a move required to satisfy legal requirements for Prothero's state retirement benefits, he resigned from the town board Wednesday and was formally reappointed at a special meeting Friday.)

Geurtze, whose name has been mentioned as a possible supervisor candidate for several years, said Monday he is not interested in the job. "I'm interested in being a farmer," he said. Taking the supervisor post would mean giving up too many other activities, he said.

There is, observed Kaplowitz last week, "no lack of candidates." Other names may come forward later on, he said. What he wants to avoid, Kaplowitz said, is a primary battle: "Once we have

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nominated somebody, I hope we all get behind him."

So three weeks ago he called a meeting of the town's Republican committee to put that message out. The reaction was positive Kaplowitz said, with one suggestion that the committee wait one week after taking nominations before voting — a suggestion that was readily accepted.

That still leaves the question of whether there will be a vacancy; Corrigan has said he won't announce his decision until just before time for the committee to make its choice. But the rumors that he will retire persist. "The possibility certainly exists," said Kaplowitz.

Kaplowitz said he recognizes there is no way he can block a primary. The Bethlehem Republicans have always made their selection by a vote of committee members, but the choice that counts, legally, comes when registered Republicans sign nominating petitions for the candidates. And any candidate can circulate his own petition.

Howard in Who's Who

William Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Howard of Delmar, will be listed in the 1983 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," an annual directory that publishes the names of the nation's most outstanding campus leaders. Howard, a student at Manhattanville College, was selected on the basis of his academic achievement, community service, extra-curricular involvement and future potential.

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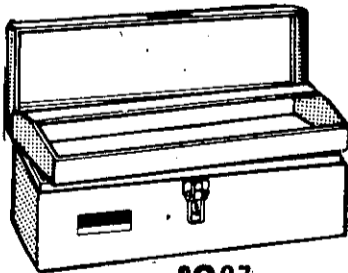


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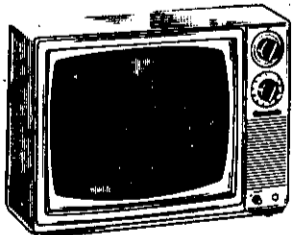
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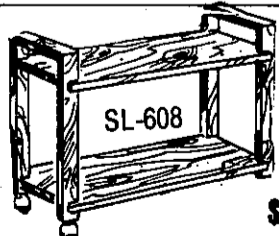
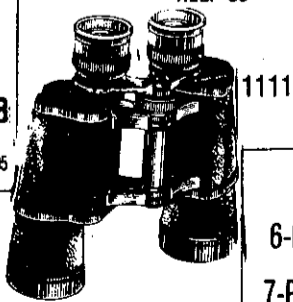
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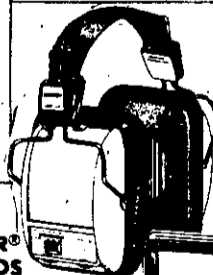


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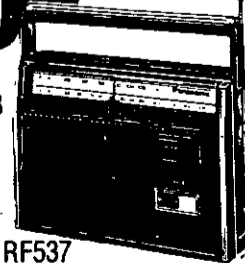
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out that the technology is available to reduce SO₂ pollutants considerably. The two viable alternatives are the use of scrubbers and the burning of low-sulfur coal. Scrubbers are technically known as flue gas desulfurization systems. Installation would cost NiMo about \$102 million, plus high operating and maintenance costs. But as an air pollution control device the scrubber system would be eligible for tax exempt bonding through New York State, according to John Cianci at EnCon. And by 1999 scrubbers should become less expensive for NiMo than their current proposal because of the lower price for high-sulfur coal, according to an estimate by an EnCon economist.

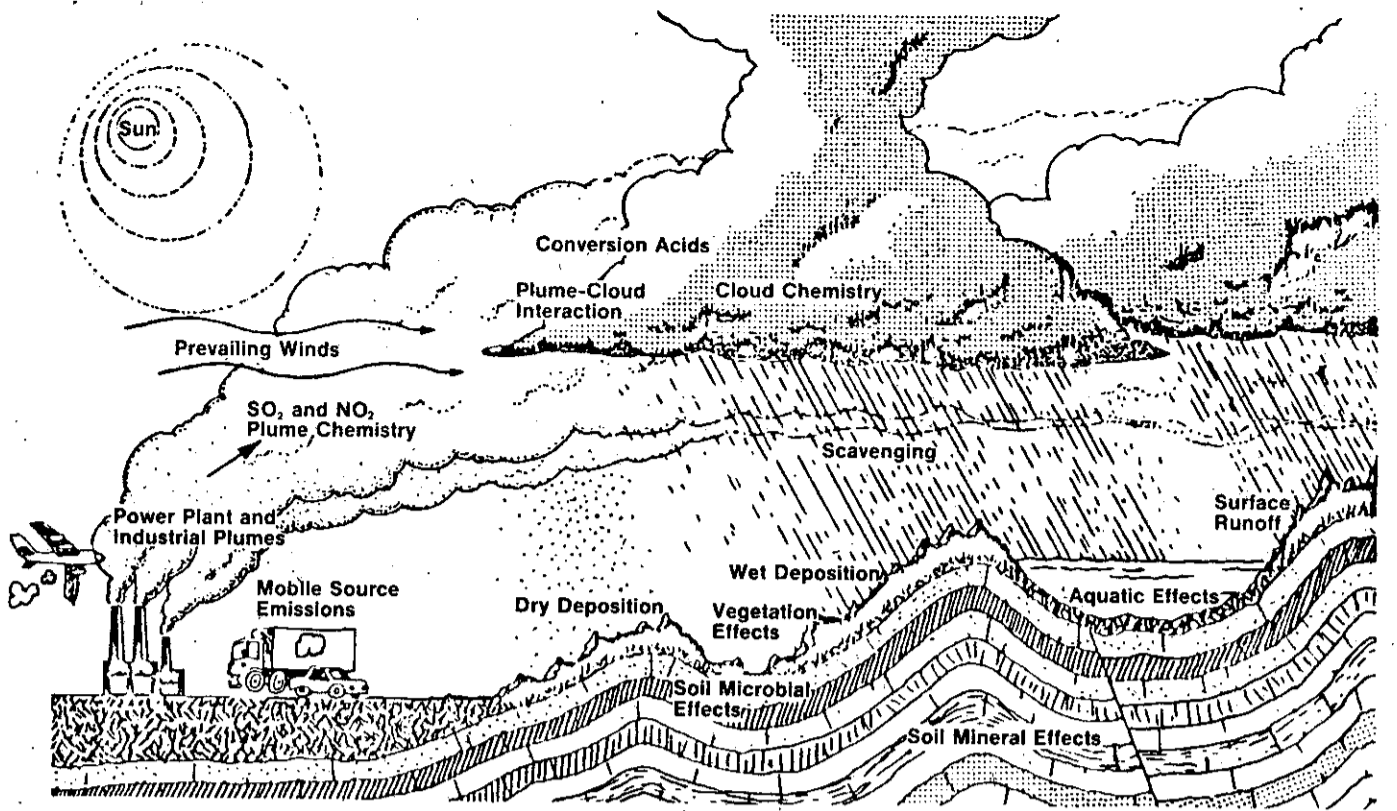
Aware that this disposal site requires a special exemption from EnCon, Niagara Mohawk has proposed several alternate sites. The preferred alternate site is on farm land on the north side of Wemple Rd. just east of the Conrail tracks. The company says two houses on Wemple Rd. would be in sight of the 35-acre site, but that the only major environmental impact would be increased traffic on the 2.3 miles of Rt. 144 and Wemple Rd. — an estimated 12 passbys each hour.

Scrubbers, while they improve the air quality, add to the solid waste problem, generating about two additional truck loads each hour, says the utility.

Another transportation question to be faced is getting the coal to the plant. According to Niagara Mohawk, the Glenmont plant will burn two to three train loads of coal each week, to be transported either by Conrail on its lines along the Hudson or by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad through Voorheesville and Delmar.

Niagara Mohawk is Bethlehem's largest taxpayer, accounting for about 18 percent of property tax revenue. "I don't want Niagara Mohawk cast in the position of trying to impose adverse environmental impacts in this community," said John Keib, the company's spokesman at a Bethlehem Public Library panel Nov. 30. He argued that the utility's proposal will bring gains to the town through increased tax revenue, employment and reduced electricity bills — while complying with existing environmental laws.

A recent public survey by the Contental group of Stamford, Conn., weighing environmental concerns against economic growth, concluded that the average American prefers strict air pollution standards even if it means reduced economic growth. The hearing Thursday will give Bethlehem residents a chance to declare their position on the coal conversion proposal and its environmental consequences.



The process by which emissions from industrial and generating plants and vehicles is transformed into pollutants that attack the air, water and soil hundreds of miles away is detailed in this drawing by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

Acid rain: what we do and don't know

Air pollution caused by coal-burning power plants, particularly sulfur dioxide and acid rain, is a complex and controversial subject. It has become a subject of local concern because of Niagara Mohawk's proposal to reconvert its Glenmont plant to burn coal. The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) has been studying the sulfur dioxide question because of the long-range nature of the acid rain problem. Its interim report, issued this summer, details what is and is not known about the causes and effects of acid rain pollution. The following excerpts are from the report's general introduction and on its section on health effects.

Long range air pollution

The Pollutants

Air pollutants travel varying distances — in some cases, hundreds or even thousands of kilometers. Of those pollutants transported long distances (300 to 2,000 kilometers), acid deposition (commonly referred to as "acid rain") and ozone are the focus of this analysis.

Acid deposition and ozone result from the chemical transformation of three pollutants: sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and hydrocarbons. These long-range transport air pollutants have been

"Acid rain" is a term commonly used to refer to a variety of pollutants deposited in both wet and dry form. Acid deposition — the term that more accurately represents the scope of the phenomenon — results from gaseous sulfur and nitrogen oxides, sulfates and nitrates (transformation products of these gases) and from other chemicals in the atmosphere. Acid deposition is a combination of directly-emitted or "primary" pollutants and transformed or "secondary" pollutants.

The secondary pollutants — sulfates, nitrates, and ozone — can also manifest themselves in other ways. Reductions in visibility are correlated with concentrations of airborne sulfate and nitrate particles. Sulfate particles in the atmosphere, small enough to be deeply inhaled, are of concern for their possible effects on human health. Ozone formed in the atmosphere from nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons is toxic to plant life and of concern to human health.

Secondary air pollutants have several factors in common: 1) they can form over periods of hours to days and travel hundreds to possibly thousands of kilometers; 2) they cannot be controlled directly, but only by controlling the primary pollutants from which they are formed (or intermediaries that determine their rate of transformation); 3) different secondary pollutants result from the same primary pollutants — for example, nitrogen oxides can react to form both

nitrates and ozone; and 4) they manifest themselves in several ways — for example, sulfate contributes to both acid rain and visibility reductions.

The Process

Pollutants are emitted into the air, transported by prevailing winds, and, during the process, chemically transformed into other chemical substances which may become acid rain and ozone. Good information exists about the sources and amounts of the primary pollutants — sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. Federal Environmental Protection Agency researchers estimate that between 1950 and 1970 man-made emissions of sulfur and nitrogen oxides in the eastern U.S. have increased significantly. However, sulfur oxide emissions have declined since 1970, while nitrogen oxides have continued to rise.

The sequence of events after primary pollutants are emitted is less well-known. Data about the transport — the general path the pollutants follow — are reliable, but limited in temporal and spatial coverage. The intricacies of the chemical transformations that occur are not well understood, although the end products are. Ozone, a secondary pollutant, is known to be formed by chemical reactions involving nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons. Sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides are transformed into second-

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dary pollutants such as sulfates and nitrates. The concentration of sulfates and nitrates in rainfall are highly correlated with the acidity of rainfall.

The acidity (pH) of rainfall, as well as the amount of sulfates, nitrates, and other acid-producing substances in rainfall, can be measured fairly well. However, "dry-fall" — acid-producing substances in either gaseous or particulate form deposited when it is not raining — is not easily measured. Historical trends in rainfall acidity in eastern North America are difficult to establish because of the uneven quality and quantity of historical data . . .

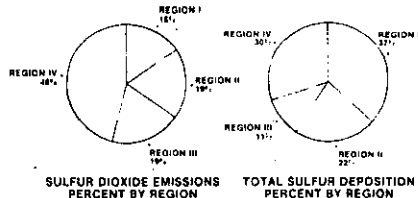
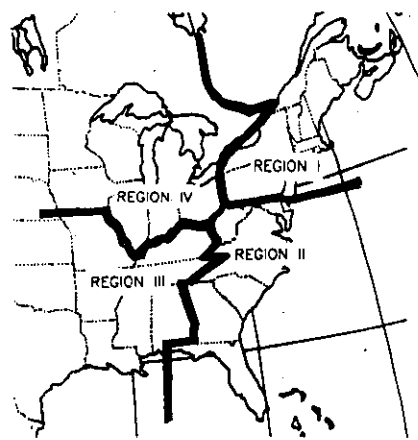
Pollutants are often emitted from tall stacks high into the atmosphere, which facilitates transport over long distances and transformation into secondary pollutants. Eventually, pollutants emitted into the atmosphere must be deposited somewhere. Large source regions can be related to large receptor regions using models and other methods. Given the current state of technology, however, pollutants emitted from a *single* power plant cannot be traced to deposition in a *particular* sensitive area hundreds of miles downwind . . .

The Effects

The amount of pollution deposited within a given area is only part of the information needed to determine the *effect on resources*. In addition, the *sensitivity* of resources to acid deposition and ozone must be known. Resource sensitivity varies from resource to resource — and from specific example to example within each resource category. Some researchers are *directly affected* by the pollution received. For example, crops are affected by exposure to ozone, and some building materials are affected by acid-producing substances deposited on their surfaces.

For other resources, characteristics of the local environment also determine sensitivity. For example, lakes are not directly affected by the acid deposition measured by a sampling device, but rather by the amount of acid-producing substances that travel through the watershed to lakes. Sensitivity in this case is determined by the characteristics of the soil and bedrock in the watershed. Potential effects of acid deposition on forests may depend on soil nutrient changes induced by the chemical additions — here again the sensitivity of the forest resource depends upon the characteristics of the soil. While some fish species are more tolerant of lake acidity than others and some trees are less affected by soil nutrient changes than others, the mediating effects of watershed and soil processes are important determinants of resource sensitivity of acid deposition.

More is known about the effects of acid deposition and aquatic ecosystems — and the mechanisms that are involved — than for any other resource. A large body of evidence points to adverse effects from acid deposition on lakes and streams, and suggests that altered water chemistry will be the first response in sensitive aquatic systems. Of greatest concern are small lakes and streams with watersheds having little capability to neutralize acid. This lack of neutralizing capacity can be due either to the chemical composition and/or thinness of the soils, or to terrain



that is so steep or rocky that rainfall runs over it before acid can be neutralized.

Fish are sensitive to both the acidity of water and to toxic metals such as aluminum, which are released from the watershed under acid conditions. Below pH 5, most fish species are eliminated and major changes in lake ecosystem processes may occur . . . Ozone may account for up to 90 percent of air-pollution-related damage to crops. How much crop damage is due to transported, rather than locally-produced, ozone is uncertain . . . When considering the effects of transported air pollutants on forests, both direct damage to trees, as well as effects on the soil in which trees grow, must be considered. Because trees are long-lived species, they may be sensitive to long-term chronic impacts. Ozone damage to the foliage of many tree species has been observed, but the concentrations of ozone necessary before damage occurs is not well-known . . .

Health effects

Approximately 30 million tons of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) are emitted each year in the United States from combustion of fossil fuels. Although SO₂ is harmful to human health in high concentrations . . . it is generally considered to pose no significant health effects at normal environmental concentrations.

Greater concern attends *sulfate* particles — e.g., sulfuric acid and ammonium sulfate — that form through reactions between SO₂ and other substances in the atmosphere. Because these particles are extremely small (mostly under one micron in diameter), they can be transported over long distances in the atmosphere, and can readily be inhaled into the deep passages of the lung.

Acute exposures to sulfates constrict lung passages and lengthen lung clearance times in humans and laboratory animals; chronic exposure of laboratory animals to sulfuric acid mist produced evidence of the onset of chronic lung disease. In addition, numerous epidemiological studies have found correlations between ambient sulfate concentrations and mortality rates. Effects at current ambient levels are highly uncertain.

Researchers at Brookhaven National Laboratory (under contract to OTA)

have estimated that about 2 percent (a range of 0 to 5 percent) of the deaths per year in the U.S. and Canada might be attributable to atmospheric sulfur-particulate pollution. The range reflects uncertainties within the scientific community about the causal relationship between air pollution and mortality.

Sulfur Dioxide

When SO₂ is inhaled, it is normally absorbed by secretions lining the respiratory passage before it penetrates deeply into the lung. Sulfur dioxide emissions are currently regulated under National Ambient Air Quality Standards of the Clean Air Act; the primary standard for SO₂ is . . . 0.14 parts per million (24-hour average concentration). Air pollution episodes characterized by particulates and very high levels of SO₂ have resulted in increased deaths in people with preexisting heart and lung disease. Changes in the function of the lungs have been seen in sensitive groups at concentrations above . . . 2.0 ppm. Recently a study of asthmatics has shown that constriction of bronchial passages during periods of moderate exercise can occur at concentrations as low as 0.5 and 0.1 ppm, but these results have not yet been confirmed.

SO₂ Transformation to Sulfates

Once in the atmosphere, SO₂ is converted into sulfate particles at a rate of approximately 0.5 percent per hour. The chemical reactions causing sulfate formation under atmospheric conditions are complex; much remains unknown about the pathways and interactions among the chemical components of polluted atmospheres. Two main types of sulfate particles are known to be produced: sulfuric acid and ammonium sulfate. Both types of particles are extremely small, and may be inhaled deep into the lung. The high acidity of sulfuric acid particles make them of primary concern for medical researchers, although ammonia in human breath may neutralize sulfuric acid; ammonium sulfate has not produced the pulmonary effects in animal and clinical studies that are seen with sulfuric acid mist.

Experimental Evidence of Sulfate-Related Health Damages

In laboratory experiments, acute exposures to *high* concentrations of sulfuric acid particles have a variety of

adverse health effects. Concentrations of about 0.18 ppm have irritated eyes and temporarily decreased vision; concentrations of 0.085 ppm have increased breathing rates and altered lung function in asthmatics; changes in lung clearance rates have been observed in healthy nonsmokers at concentrations of .025 ppm. Populations at special risk from particulate sulfates are the elderly and adults with preexisting chronic heart or lung disease. Children also appear to be especially susceptible to increased lower respiratory tract illness and decreased lung function. However, there is no direct evidence showing detectable effects on human health from maximum likely environmental concentrations of sulfate particles *alone*, although laboratory and chemical studies *have* verified that these small sulfate particles concentrate deeper in the lung than larger inhaled particles. In addition, there is evidence that acid sulfates (and SO₂) renders lung tissues more susceptible to carcinogenic effects of polycyclic organic matter.

Evidence of Sulfate-Particulate Related Health Damages

Substantial evidence has been gathered over more than thirty years indicating injury from some aspect of the sulfate-particulate mix in air pollution. At high exposure levels, sulfur-particulate air pollution can aggravate asthma, chronic bronchitis, and heart disease. There is also evidence that sulfur-particulate air pollution causes increased acute respiratory disease in children.

Many analyses of cities with different air pollution levels, comparing death rates among specific population groups, or cohorts, have shown strong correlations between pollution levels and mortality. Evidence is strongest for correlation between acute episodic effects and severe air-pollution incidents; evidence of long-term effects at comparatively low levels of pollution is more limited, and more controversial.

Nonetheless, scientists have generally been unable to attribute effects to any *single* element of the pollution mix. During the early 1970's, evidence seemed to point to sulfate particles as the health-damaging agent in the sulfate-particulate mix. More recent evidence suggests that the *combination* of sulfates and other associated particles such as metallic ions, nitrates, and fine soot particles may cause the observed effects.

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Consultants to make sewer recommendation

The consulting engineer for Voorheesville's proposed sewer project is expected to recommend installation of a conventional sewer system serving approximately 200 households in the central portion of the village along with expansion of the Salem Hills sewage treatment plant, which now serves 286 households, at an informational meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

The overall project cost is approximately \$2 million, engineer Rick Hammond said, and the project is contingent upon receipt of federal funding for 75 percent of the cost along with state aid amounting to 12½ percent. Hammond, of Clough Harbour & Associates, Albany, said those benefited by the system could expect to bear the remaining 12½ percent of the cost, if all anticipated funding comes through.

Hammond said that while Voorheesville is on the state's priority list for such

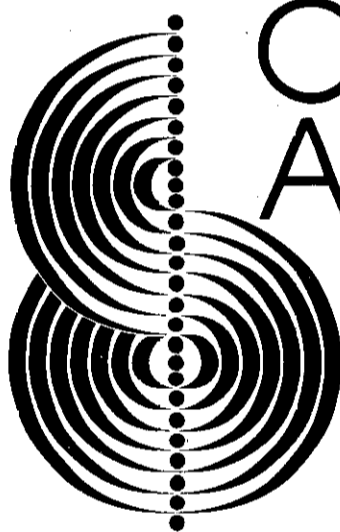
funding, it is not near the top. With cutbacks in federal funding expected in fiscal year 1984, the plan is to submit the application by June, 1983. A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 27, to be followed by a referendum in early spring, Hammond said. Approval of the facilities plan by the state Department of Environmental Conservation is needed before submission to the funding agencies.

Hammond said the plan could be revised, depending on public comment at the Thursday meeting.

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VOORHEESVILLE NEWS NOTES



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The spirit of the holidays will be in the air on Thursday, Dec. 16, when the elementary school will hold its annual winter concert. Sounds of the season as well as other musical offerings will be presented by the grade school's choral and instrumental groups. Included in the program will be the fifth grade chorus directed by Thomas Baker and the sixth grade chorus under the direction of Cynthia McDermott. Also performing will be the sixth grade band led by Lydia Tobler, who will also direct the newly formed brass ensemble. Members of this group include Kevin Russo, Chris Dell'Aqua, Patrick Ryan, David Larabee, David Minstretta, Tara McMartin, Paul Jamason, Christine Flanders and Dan Jackson.

The concert will be held in the elementary school auditorium and will begin at

7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited.

For those who missed Santa's visit to Voorheesville last weekend, have no fear, the bearded gift-giver is returning this week to make his yearly appearance at the village holiday party to be held this Saturday by the Voorheesville Village Board, the Voorheesville American Legion and the Voorheesville Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary. The party will feature refreshments and entertainment guaranteed to get anyone into the spirit of the season. Open to all children of the village and their parents, the party will run from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Early this Saturday morning, the children of St. Matthew's Catholic

Church will be preparing to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with a special program to be held at the church. Students in the religious education classes from grades 1 to 4 will meet to trim the tree with ornaments that they made and to join together in a carol sing. Parents and families of the children are invited to come to the festivities to be held from 10 to 11 a.m.



Lyra Colfer

Mrs. Owen Colfer of Pleasant St., began dancing with eba dance theater in Albany and the Guilderland Classical Ballet. She is presently studying with Barbara Gallagher of Voorheesville and La Cantarella of Clifton Park. She will dance the part of an angel.

Also dancing will be Joni Petre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Petre of Voorheesville. Fourteen-year-old Joni is presently residing with the Berkshire Ballet and is an official member of the company.

Christmas parties at the grade school are not unusual, but next Tuesday a most unusual party will be held. The newly formed Spanish club will meet for a Spanish Christmas celebration complete with pinata. The group, composed of 50 to 60 students in grades 4 to 6, meets on Tuesdays and is taught Spanish by several high school students. Teaching the young linguists are Debbi Galusha, Nat Rasmussen, Kirsten Ford, Judi Kock, Sherri Hammond, Carol Cicero and Judy Bales. "Feliz Navidad" to all of them.

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The following morning, Sunday, the children of the Methodist Church will prepare for the coming of the Lord with their traditional Birthday party for Jesus to be held at 10 a.m. in the social hall. Methodist Church School youngsters will listen to the story of Christmas and sing carols. As at any birthday celebration each child will bring a gift. In this instance the gift is donated to the Albany Methodist Society to help those in need have a merrier Christmas.

This Sunday Santa will be visiting Snuffy's Depot at Stonewell Plaza from 1 to 4 p.m. He'll also be there Christmas Eve, same time. There is no charge to visit and pictures will be available for a small fee.

Although the Voorheesville Public Library will be busy with many holiday activities the next few weeks, some regularly scheduled events will be suspended until after the first of the year. Pre-school story hours will end this Thursday and will resume on Monday, Jan. 10, at the usual winter times — Monday from 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

When Lyra Colfer leaps into the air she won't only be jumping for joy but practicing as well to prepare to dance in the Nutcracker Suite with the Berkshire Ballet. Chosen from a large group of area girls, the Voorheesville third grader will perform this weekend, Dec. 18 and 19, when the classic Christmas piece is presented at Proctors Theater in Schenectady. Lyra, the daughter of Mr. and



Brian Goldstein is given directions to Toyland by Toymaker Gail Dede as Janice White's third grade class presents "Babes in Toyland" recently at the Voorheesville Elementary School. Amanda Schaible as Bo Peep and Christin Veeder as the secretary look on.

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NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



"The Magic of Christmas," a phrase often used to describe the special happenings and emotions that surround this holiday season. The firemen of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3, South Bethlehem, offer the children of South Bethlehem and South Albany the opportunity to thrill to the magic of Christmas in a very special way through the amazing feats of magician Jim Snack.

Could any other guest be more welcome to a group of young people than a magician? Only one, Santa Claus! And he too will be present Saturday, Dec. 18, at the party the firemen will have, especially for children under 11 years of age.

Santa, a magician, a gift for each child and delicious refreshments! All the necessary ingredients for an enchanting evening beginning at 7 p.m. at the South Bethlehem Firehouse.

Francis Pomakoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pomakoy of Selkirk, was awarded the D.A.R. God Citizens Award at a special presentation Dec. 4. Francis, a senior at R.C.S. High School, and Bonnie Cohen, a senior at Guilderland Central High School, were each chosen for the awards on the merit of their exceptional sense of responsibility, reliability and scholastic attitudes. The two students were also judged on the content of essays they submitted.

As recipients of the awards, Francis and Bonnie are now eligible to compete in the D.A.R. state contest with the possibility of entering national competition.

The annual Winter Concert of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High

Music Department will be presented at the RCS Senior High School Auditorium tomorrow evening, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. Seasonal selections from the classical and popular repertoire will highlight the evening's performance.

Groups to be heard include the Senior Chorus, under the direction of Martin N. Ainspan and the Senior Band and Stage Band conducted by Brent D. Wheat. Prior to the concert and during intermission, holiday punch and cookies will be sold by the National Honor Society. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The most unusual, unattractive, grotesque white elephant item you own to give as a Christmas gift? It might sound a bit unusual, but definitely lots of fun as grab bag gifts for the upcoming Adult Fellowship Christmas party this Sunday.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. when the group meets at the Selkirk Post Office for caroling through the streets of Selkirk. After caroling, all attending are invited to return to the First Reformed Church parsonage for the party and refreshments.

The cost for the evening is a half dozen donuts and one white elephant per person. The gifts are to be attractively Christmas wrapped. If you would like to attend, call Colleen Janssen at 767-3406 by Saturday.

As busy as Santa Claus is at this time of year, he plans to take time Sunday to visit the children at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Selkirk. All children of members up to 10 years of age are invited to join the party. With Santa as special guest, plus a Christmas film and refreshments, it



Erma Cedilotte, left, Red Cross Bloodmobile coordinator, looks on as Sandra Westfall of Selkirk donates blood last week at Bethlehem Town Hall. The Bloodmobile stops in Bethlehem two to three times a year.

Spotlight

promises to be a very exciting afternoon for the young.

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will present its annual White Gift Dinner and program this Friday evening. A very special family evening, the candlelight dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a fancy covered dish to share and their own place setting.

The dinner, very popular and always delicious, will be followed by a special Christmas program. For reservations call Colleen Janssen at 767-3406 or the church office at 767-2243.

Elks have scholarship

Robert Hausmann of Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 has announced a scholarship competition for 1983-84 jointly sponsored by the Elks National Foundation and the New York State Elks Association.

The competition, open to all high school seniors statewide, will result in awards of \$1,000 to \$20,000 under the national program. The state association will award 38 scholarships of \$700 each to high school seniors or college students up to the junior year whose father is or was at death a member of the Elks.

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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 Tuesday 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.).

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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 15
Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Firehouse No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Order of the Eastern Star, Onesquethaw Chapter, 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 Elks Lodge meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m., first and third Wednesdays (third Wednesdays during July and August).

Estate and Financial Planning Seminar, on how best to use wills, trusts and gifts to reduce estate taxes, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

Church Covered-Dish Supper, Faith Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 6:30 p.m. Information, 465-2188.

La Leche League, informal discussion group for mothers on "Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby" and "Nutrition and Weaning," home of Ann Schucker, 8A Valley View Dr., Glenmont, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Bethlehem Central Senior Play, students in comedy-drama "Arsenic and Old Lace," at high school auditorium, 8 p.m. \$4 adults, \$3 students, at Paper Mill, Hilchie's and at door.

Audubon Society to discuss "Our National Parks: More Than Just Places," Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

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

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

Voorheesville Village Board, public informational proposals for sewer facilities for the village, with engineering estimates and surveys, Voorheesville High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Preschool Story Hour, Voorheesville Public Library, 1:30.

Bethlehem Personal Computer Group, Bethlehem High School Principal Charles Gunner to outline school computer program, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4758.

Slingerlands Winter Concert, at Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville Winter Concert, elementary school auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Free.

R-C-S Winter Concert, Senior High School, 8 p.m.

Paper Airplane Contest for children ages 7 and up, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Association, life drawing classes for \$6 fee Thursdays, second floor of Adams House, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Bethlehem Central Senior Play, students in comedy-drama "Arsenic and Old Lace," BCHS auditorium, 8 p.m. \$4 adults, \$3 students.

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.

Selkirk White Gift Dinner, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Contra and Country Dancing, with music by "Timber Salvage," First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50.

Legion Children's Christmas Party, with Santa Claus, gifts, music and entertainment, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Delmar, 2 p.m.

Bethlehem Central Senior Play, students in comedy-drama "Arsenic and Old Lace," BCHS auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets \$4 adults, \$3 students.

Voorheesville Holiday Party, free Christmas celebration for village children, Voorheesville firehouse, 1-3 p.m.

Voorheesville Sunday School Party, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10-11 a.m.

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

Selkirk Children's Christmas Party, Fire Co. No. 3, South Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Afternoon Movie, "Red Sunday" and "Custer of the West," documentary of Battle of Little Big Horn, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Christmas Music Festival, featuring church choirs, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., 4 p.m.

Voorheesville Sunday School Party, United Methodist Church social hall, 10 a.m.

St. Thomas Church Christmas Pageant, party-reception and nativity play featuring a parish baby and family in lead roles, at the church, Delmar, 7 p.m.

Selkirk Adult Fellowship Christmas Party, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

Bethlehem Central High School Holiday Concert, in the high school auditorium.

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

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.

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.

AI-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30 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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

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. 17-18, 8 p.m. Reservations, Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"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.

MUSIC

University Percussion Ensemble and University Symphonic Band, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Dec. 15, 8 p.m.

Ienna Choir Boys with special program of Christmas music, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

Mendelssohn Club's winter concert, Chancellor's Hall, State Education Building, Washington Ave., Albany, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Tickets, 436-9849 or at the door.

Richard Nardin (contemporary and folk musician), Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, Dec. 18, 8:45 p.m.

Nowell Sing We Clear (the Christmas Mummer's Play that has become a yearly tradition, presented by Old Songs), St. Mark's Community Center, Guelderland Center, Dec. 19, 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office and Boulevard Bookstore.

ART

"Ancient Inspirations/Contemporary Interpretations" (works of 75 New York State artists and craftsmen), New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Feb. 20.

"Design in Buffalo" (tracing design as art in Western New York State), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 18 through Feb. 27.

Student Art Show, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 20.

"The Original Print: Art on Paper from Mucha to Motherwell," Posters Plus Galleries, Robinson Square, Albany, through Dec. 31.

Graphic artists Connie Saddlemeire 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.

"Divergent Views" (works by eight faculty artists at State University College at Cortland), Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, foot of State St., Albany, Dec. 9 through Jan. 31.

"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.

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- "Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy" - grand finale Saturday, 11 p.m.
- Shakespeare: "Cymbeline" Monday, 8 p.m.
- Mystery! "Quiet as a Nun" Tuesday, 9 p.m.

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American Association of Retired Persons, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30.

Blood Pressure Clinic, third Tuesday, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

Elsmere Winter Concert, Elsmere Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Legion Auxiliary Christmas Party, roast beef dinner and grab bag, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, 6 p.m. \$6.50 reservations by Dec. 14 at 439-6427.

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

Adult Book Discussion Group, reviewing Raymond Carver's "What We Talk About When We Talk About Love," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Library Fine Free Day, "day of grace" for card holders to return overdue materials to circulation desk to have their records cleared of late returns, Bethlehem Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
Slingerands Fire Co. Auxiliary meets fourth Wednesday at Slingerands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire District regular meetings second and fourth Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

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

Public Hearings, Bethlehem Town Board, on traffic ordinance amendments to install stop signs and change speed limits, 7:30 p.m.; zoning ordinance amendment for Rt. 9W area opposite Delmar Bypass to change from Residence B to Planned Commercial District, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
New Scotland Town Civic Assn. meets fourth Thursday, Room 104, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

FR DAY, DECEMBER 24
Glenmont Christmas Eve Worship, with holy communion, Faith Lutheran Church, Chapel Lane, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Glenmont Nativity Service, with holy communion, Faith Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
Christmas Reunion, Bethlehem Central High School graduates (any year), Albany Hilton Hotel, 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Music by Fear of Strangers. Tickets \$3, available at the door. Must be 19 or older.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
H.G. Wells Film, "War of the Worlds," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
Children's Film, "Charlotte's Web," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Vacation Film, "The Red Pony," Voorheesville Public Library 2 p.m. Free.



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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
Albany Academy Holiday Operetta, middle school students perform "Ebenezer and Friends," academy chapel, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-1461.

Small Business Council, Albany Area and Greater Colonie Chamber of Commerce, dinner meeting with talk on "Your Office of the Future," Albany Thruway House, 6 p.m. Reservations, 458-1200.

Personnel Management Conference, "Motivating Employees" with monthly session leaders from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Albany Thruway House, 1:30-4 p.m. Reservations \$50 for series, \$10 per session, 473-1931.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
Alzheimer's Group, with VA Hospital psychologist Dr. Ephraim Peretz speaking, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8728.

State Council for the Humanities Funding Procedure Workshop, for representatives of organizations seeking council funding for future projects, Hudson Valley Community College learning resources center, 1-4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
St. Peter's Alcohol Rehabilitation Center Dance, with music by Jack Dugan and Company, Mercy High School, Albany, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free and open to the public.

Open House and Wassail for parents and friends of Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Rd., Albany, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
Albany YMCA Youth Dept. Christmas Party, games, prizes, gifts, refreshments and Santa for preschoolers through sixth graders, YMCA, 274 Washington Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-7196.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
Historic Albany Holiday House Tour, guided walking tour to include decorated homes on upper State and Willett sts., 1-4 p.m. Reservations \$6; call 463-0622 by Dec. 17.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
Expectant Parents' Night for parents-to-be to meet hospital staff and tour labor and delivery suite, newborn nursery and patient rooms, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

Women's Club of Albany Christmas luncheon, with caroling program by Albany High School students, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, noon.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
Doane Stuart Holiday Reunion for graduates to meet and renew friendships, 3-5 p.m., at the school. Reservations, 465-5222.

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ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE



Sue Ann Ritchko reports:

Thanks solely to the Albany Democrat Machine, Albany County taxpayers will pay a county property tax increase next year running from 14 to 21 percent. The Albany County Budget was adopted at the December session over the unanimous opposition of the Republican minority, whose members pointed out that citizens of Albany County pay some of the highest taxes in the State of New York.

The \$156,960,000 1983 budget includes a tax levy of just under \$16.4 million. That is about 21 percent higher than this year's \$13.5 million. In proposing the budget, County Executive James Coyne said the actual tax rate will vary from municipality to municipality. He said the average county property tax rate, which makes up a small part of tax bills, will be \$3.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

This whopping increase was imposed despite Democratic boasts over the last

four years or so of surpluses of \$8 million to \$21 million. What happened to all that surplus? Well, first you see it, then you don't. When convenient, the Democrats claimed the surpluses, but never could be pinned down to explain it.

Neither will they explain the vanishing surplus. Some even go as far as to deny they ever claimed a surplus, but the records furnish clear evidence of their claims of the "now you see it, now you don't" surplus. Who has it? Where is it? We Republicans were given exactly 20 minutes to scrutinize the final completed budget — inches thick of course — before the session began. We were refused copies on the Friday before the legislative meeting.

Let me remind you that in addition — as soon as the Democrats can be sure of the required two-thirds vote the County Legislature will be asked to issue the \$5.5 million so-called County Highway Bond, which will be used to improve county roads plus those in the cities of Albany, Cohoes and Watervliet. This bond issue was supposed to come up at the December session, but was not raised because some Democrats were absent, so a two-thirds majority could not be mustered.

Let me point out that when the Democrat's proposed redistricting plan, which put some county voters into city districts, goes into effect, the situation will be much worse. The only way this cleverly conceived scheme can be stopped is for those citizens who are affected by the change and don't want to be under the thumb of the Albany city machine, to get together and take the matter to court. Courts will pay attention to citizen complaints, but as a rule shy away from actions brought by one political party

County tax rates

County budget officials say they expect to have final tax rates for individual municipalities by the end of the week, assuming County Executive James Coyne does not veto any budget items. Property owners in the Town of Bethlehem currently pay \$24.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in county taxes; in New Scotland the rate is \$36.99 per \$1,000. The rates are expected to increase from 14 to 21 percent, depending on local equalization rates. Local officials say they expect the Bethlehem rate to go up about \$5 per \$1,000.



T-i-Village Welcome Wagon President Kathleen Cykoski presents a gift check to Bethlehem festival President Dick Haverly to help with the festival's fund drive. Those wishing to make contributions to help make Christmas merry for area families can send them to P.O. Box 214, Delmar 12054. *Spotlight*

against another. If you are affected by the redistricting, and don't like it, rally your neighbors and do battle in the courts.

Your Bethlehem legislators voted against a Finance Committee resolution going away with usual bidding procedures to spend some \$50,000 on repairs to property at 40 Howard St., purchased from the city. Work had begun weeks before the authorizing resolution.

The Howard St. repairs were termed "an emergency situation." Nonsense! The property was in ramshackle condition when it was purchased to help out the City of Albany. It is easy to understand

why all questions are referred to County Attorney Robert Lyman. It takes a real legal hop-skip-and-jump to justify this situation.

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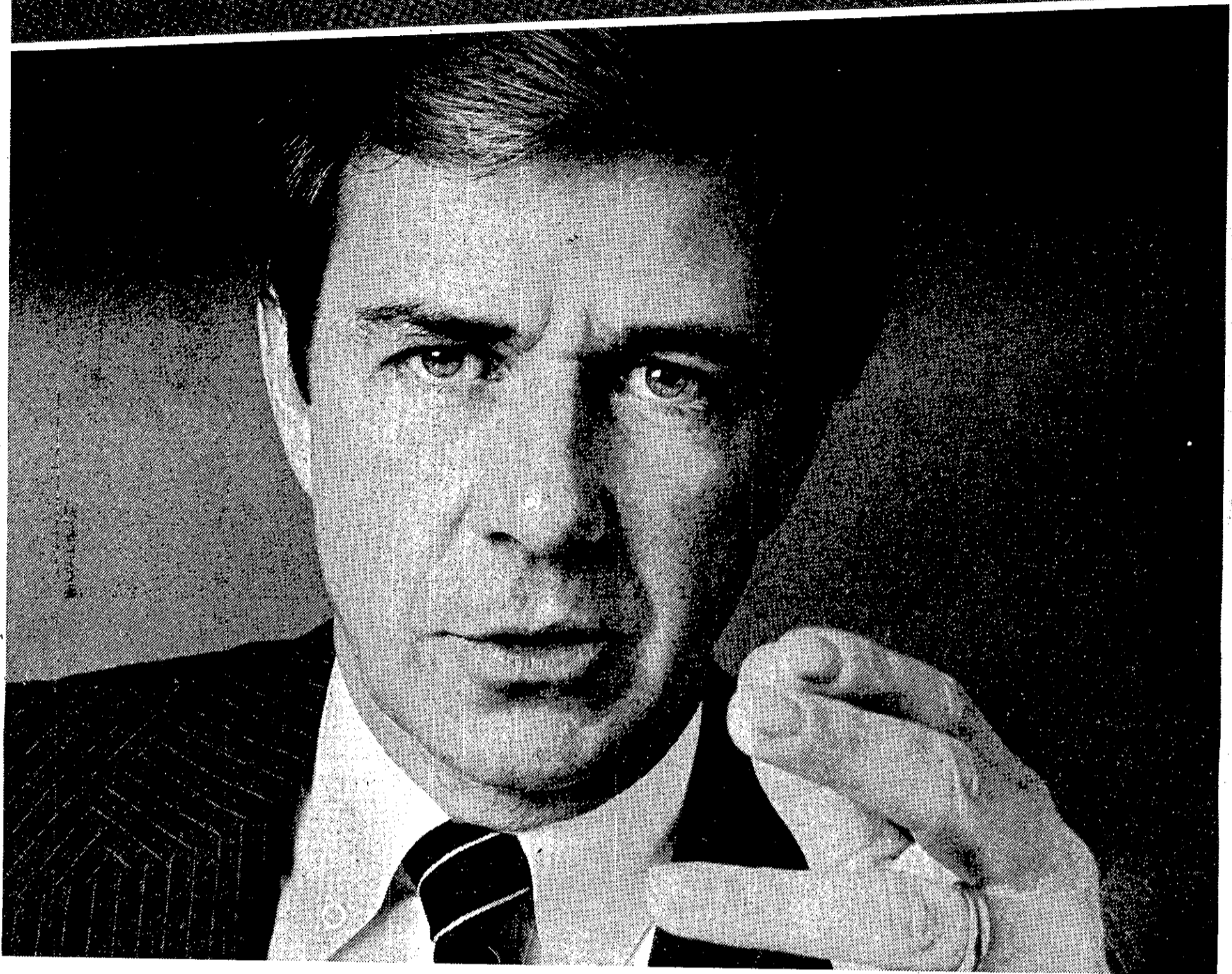
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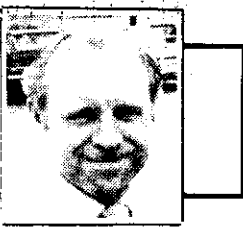


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Nativity play at St. Thomas

The Drozd family will play the lead roles of the Virgin Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus in the nativity play feature presentation of the St. Thomas Church Christmas pageant Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at the church on Adams Pl., Delmar. The play, which has seen such area youngsters as John Schaller, Suzanne Fish, Theresa Jeram, Sara Fox-Solomon, Matthew Clement, Patrick Kelly, and Sarah Franklin star as the baby savior, is now in its tenth year at the church. It was originally a Rosary Society event.

A reception and party will be held after the pageant in the St. Thomas School, and Saint Nicholas will be on hand to talk to children. Gertrude McCoffrey is chairwoman. For more information, call Mary Davitt at 439-6018.

Depression is a malady that plagues our society today. An article in the Journal of the American Medical Association once suggested that more human suffering has resulted from depression than from any other single disease affecting mankind.

Every person has "mountaintop days" when everything is going well and the world looks bright. But it is unrealistic to expect — as some people do — that we can spend all of our lives leaping from one mountain peak to the next without

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ever entering the valley between. "Ordinary days" are those when we work at our usual tasks neither elated nor in despair. Then there are "dark days" that all of us experience, when we trudge heavily through discouragement, despair, doubt and confusion.

Hopefully these kind of days are few and far between. Sometimes, however, these days come together and string out into weeks or months or even years

before one experiences relief and victory.

Depression is not a newcomer among the ills that man faces, in fact it has been recognized for more than 2000 years and was once known as melancholia. Recently, however, more and more people are facing the problem, some experiencing a temporary setback because of a great personal disappointment and with others it means the deep suicidal depression of a psychotic.

What are the symptoms of depression and is there a cure? The Bible can be a tremendous source of help to us on the subject of depression. The Psalmist cried out in words that implied depression. Consider for example Psalms 69, 88 and 102 but notice that those songs of despair are set in a context of hope. In Psalm 43 King David proclaims:

*Why are you in despair O my soul?
And why are you disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I shall again praise Him,
My Savior and my God.*

The characteristics of depression are given to us in Psalm 77. The Psalmist is expressing his experience and it is not unlike that of many today. He states that his spirit has been reduced, he cannot sleep, he was too troubled to talk, he dwelt upon the past, he reasoned without taking God into account and he refused to be comforted. Read the first nine

verses of the Psalm. This is a very accurate description of depression. The causes of his depression are listed in these same verses. He had an unhealthy body. Physical sickness can bring a person down. Discouragement and defeat may possess us because we cannot perform as we once did because of sickness or age. Then there is unconfessed sin. We have sinned against God and against our fellow man. The guilt of this can drive us deep into despair. The unbelieving heart is then described in this Psalm. He knows what God has said but refuses to believe it. Next follows an unthankful attitude and a critical spirit. And lastly he is reminded of unfulfilled obligations, all the promises he had made, the vows that were unkept and the dreams and ambitions that were not realized. Each one of these was another nail driving the lid down tight on the coffin of depression.

But the writer of the Psalms does not leave us in depression — he offers some suggestions for the cure. The first step is to seek God.

But the writer of the Psalm does not leave us in depression — he offers some suggestions for the cure. The first step is to seek God. He says "I cried out to God for help". That is the place to start, begin to look to God, not man, for the way out. Now that in itself may present a problem. In turning away from ourselves and our problems so that we might concentrate upon God we are faced with the matter of the guilt of our sin and disobedience. One of the major causes of depression, as we have seen, is the knowledge that our conduct is displeasing to God. We have come far short of what He requires of us and far short of our own expectations. (Very few have ever lived up to their own potential, let alone their press releases).

However, be encouraged, if we are ready and willing to call our disobedience and rebellion what God calls it, "SIN" then there is great hope. Jesus Christ by his death and resurrection has once and for all paid the price for our forgiveness. If you by a simple act of faith will declare yourself a sinner believing on Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior, your sins are forgiven.

In Ephesians 1 verse 7 referring to Jesus Christ the Bible says "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins". Now if you have that problem solved and you rest in God's forgiveness you have already begun to

come out of depression. Believe God, accept His provision for you in Christ Jesus.

The second thing the Psalmist suggests is to seek fellowship with the people of God. No man is an island unto himself and there are many things that a person cannot do alone. One needs the support of a community of believers who care and understand if he is going to make it back to reality and stability. Although you begin with God, allow others to minister to your spirit.

Then the Psalmist goes on to suggest that you start to dwell upon the promises of God. God has given to us many great and precious promises; claim them and thank Him for His goodness. Thank Him for the promise of eternal life. Thank Him for the good earth and His bountiful supply — make a list. Then be assured of the Providence of God. He has a plan for your life. He will work out that plan for you as you submit to Him through Jesus Christ.

Several points made by the Psalmist stand out as being extraordinarily relevant. When a person dwells on himself and centers on his own problems he becomes depressed. When he gets his eyes off himself, looks to God, concentrating on God's goodness and power, such a person is revived in the process. The key is to notice that it is to God that one must cry. Seek God not man in the midst of your problems. Jesus said "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out". (John 6:37)

It is certain that God made us. When we malfunction physically, emotionally or mentally He can correct it. Let us go back to the source, God Himself, for forgiveness, comfort, healing and restoration. God loves each of us and He cares. He waits only for us to call. Call upon Him today.

For those in the midst of depression or to any seeking to help others a further study of these Psalms would be helpful.

Talk about love

Raymond Carver's "What We Talk About When We Talk About Love," a collection of stories exploring the significance of often painful relationships between men and women, will be reviewed by the Bethlehem Public Library's adult book discussion group on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

To reserve a copy of January's discussion selection, "Shosha," by Isaac Bashevis Singer, call the library at 439-9314.

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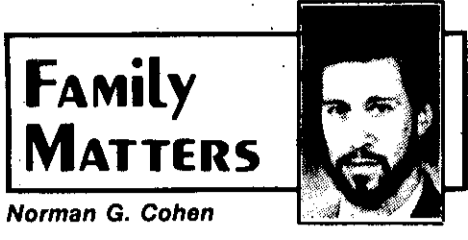
By the time you read this week's column, a young friend of my family and mine will have moved across the country to the West coast. In what seems now to be a brief period, he grew very close to us. He shared our lives at the dinner table, in front of the TV, at concerts, on trips. He shared private thoughts with us and we with him. The closeness we developed has been made very clear by the difficulty we have all had in facing the "goodbye" we all knew would come this week.

I have some thoughts that I would like to share with him and any of you who might be moving or saying farewell to friends who are moving away.

As you packed your bags with your belongings to carry to your new home, so can you pack your friendships in your heart's memory to carry with you forever. Friendships are not fickle even if they fade through time.

First, no matter where you are going to live or why you are going there, be it for better or worse, I am sorry to lose your day-to-day presence in my life. You brought something to me and my family that helped uniquely to give us hope and a brightness to keep us doing what we do. We will all miss that in you.

I want you to remember that you always have a precious gift to offer others, the gift of making them feel important to you, of making them realize that you need something from inside their personalities which makes you feel good. You gave us that gift by coming to our



Family MATTERS
Norman G. Cohen

home so often, and smiling when you left each time. You made us feel special to you. It helped you become special to us. I want you to know, also, that the gift goes with you where you go to share with anyone you choose. And please know that there are many people in the world who need to feel special. Seek them out, and offer your specialness to them. You'll know soon enough if they are to become special to you.

As you packed your bags with your belongings to carry to your new home, so can you pack your friendships in your heart's memory to carry with you forever. Friendships are not fickle even if they fade through time. Many years from now some trivial and obscure thing will remind you of a past friend, and you'll smile as you recall the times you spent with that friend.

More than a memory, each important friend you make contributes to the next friendship you seek. It's almost like we take on the qualities of our friends to the point of looking for them in other people we meet. Even though a former friend can never be replaced, because everyone is different, it's the qualities of that friend which live on in future relationships we have with others. You have shared qualities with us which we will be looking for in others who come into our home. Thank you for bringing them into our lives.

There's another aspect of life that I've experienced a number of times, and I

think it just happened again with you as an important part of it. I have had certain periods where everything seemed to come together in a storybook kind of way, almost as though it had been staged and written by the Great Playwright in the Sky. The people, the events, the places, the entire segment of time seem electric, dynamic, more important than anything that had ever happened before, and that it will never end. But it does, and life returns to that everyday routine stuff we all know so well.

Most people fear the unknown. We tend to shy away from it and find reasons not to confront it . . . It's alright to be afraid of what you don't yet know, but once you know it, it becomes part of you.

Now it's hard enough to adjust after such a period winds down to a halt, but to move away in the midst of that glorious time is like having to leave the ball at midnight. Kind of makes you feel like you're turning into a pumpkin.

Well, I don't know how long this wonderful time is going to last. The other special times in my life have lasted no longer than a few months at a time, some as briefly as weeks. Perhaps your leaving is a signal that this one is about to end for a while. I hope not, because our letters to you will become quite dull if that happens.

However, if things continue to pop and bang and stay exciting, you'll know about it, because the modern world provides us with all kinds of communication devices with which to share events in our lives. And we will. It's part of the friendship we all built.

Most people fear the unknown. We tend to shy away from it and find reasons not to confront it. Those who don't seem to have much fear of the unfamiliar are dubbed with such labels as "daredevils" and "fools who rush in where wise men fear to tread." It's all right to be afraid of what you don't yet know, but once you know it, it becomes part of you. You can always return to it whenever you like without fear, because you spent time getting to know it and making it familiar. The places and people here were once strange to you, but now you dread leaving them, because they're all part of you now. So it will be in the new place you are approaching, and with all the new people you are meeting. Someday you may have to leave them, too, and it will be hard like this time. But you will have added another place and another group of precious friends to your life who will always mark your path when you're near and have a warm fire and a can of soda waiting for you.

Take our wishes for your happiness with you. Honor our friendship by passing it on to your next friend. Carry the message of our relationship to the others you will meet, and be to them what you have been to us. Believe that you are still and always a part of us by making us part of you. Grow from what we have had together and know that we are better than we were before we knew you.

Until we meet again, my friend, goodbye for now.

Tour of downtown

Historic Albany Foundation plans its fifth annual holiday house tour Sunday, Dec. 19, 1 to 4 p.m. The nonprofit preservation organization will guide a walking tour of homes in the upper State Street and Willett Street area. Entertainment and refreshments also are planned. Cost is \$6 per person, and reservations are required. Those who wish to join the tour should call the foundation at 463-0622.

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Blue Cross President Chester E. Burrell said Friday Blue Cross is looking at how it can consolidate its operations "under one roof" at its building on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands following the departure of some 65 Blue Shield employees in November. Blue Cross plans to fit sales, reimbursement and auditing staff members who are in offices on Western Ave. into the space in Slingerlands vacated by Blue Shield, Burrell said.

Blue Shield reportedly moved its employees to new offices on Western Ave. in Guilderland in order to have more space, but the two insurance companies also are preparing to go their separate ways.

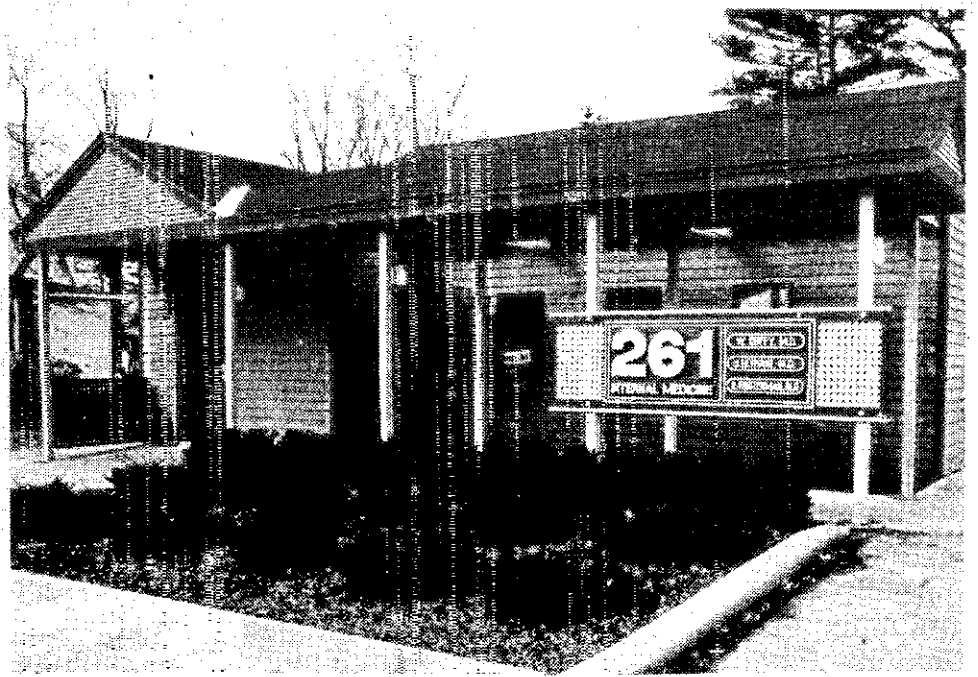
The two companies have always been separate entities, with their own boards of directors and chief executive officers, but they shared administrative services and the Slingerlands building was headquarters for both. William Batchelder, spokesman for Blue Cross, said the two companies have been functioning without a formal operating agreement for several years.

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With the split, Blue Shield has filed with the state Insurance Department to change its corporate status so that it can offer a broader range of coverage, primarily hospitalization coverage that would supplement that offered by Blue Cross. Batchelder said some plans in northern California are in competition, but "we're not intending to compete with Blue Shield."

The split is contrary to a national trend toward merger of Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, Burrell said, but "they made their own decision. There's nothing we can do to stop them from doing it."

Blue Cross provides hospitalization coverage, while Blue Shield offers medical and surgical insurance. The plan is for both companies to continue to share membership and billing services, with a decision on marketing pending, Batchelder said.



The new medical offices of Drs. Duffy, Lehayne and Fruiterman opened on Delaware Ave. in Elmsmere recently.

Shop offers dolls, ornaments

Somewhere In Time Country Store which opened this fall, is stocked with antiques, gifts and collections for Christmas giving. Located in an old colonial house on Rt. 9W two miles south of Town Square Shopping Center, the shop has a Christmas room full of beautiful ornaments and a gift room, as well as a large selection of dolls for collectors.

Proprietor Yolanda Robilotto, who collects dolls herself, said her shop has some antique dolls and also dolls from Louise Nicole Lenci, Effebbee, Anna Lee and Gorham. These are special dolls. For example, Louise Nicole dolls have been presented to royalty and placed in the Smithsonian. And only 999 Lenci dolls of any one design are sold worldwide, she said.

But that's not all. Somewhere In Time has china, crystal, music boxes, tiles and candles among its offerings. These, too, are special, such as Bluegate candles that

are favored by many people, and curling candles and candles decorated with symbols of the 12 days of Christmas.

All these and more were chosen at the trade shows in New York City. "It was loads of fun — I love to spend money," Robilotto said. "And I'll have different things all the time. I'm always open to suggestions, too."

Somewhere In Time is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sundays, when it closes at 6 p.m. The store will be open seven days a week through Christmas, then they'll take Mondays off. Helpers at the store include daughters Lisa, Laura and Anna and, on occasion, son Philip. The four grandchildren are frequent visitors.

Yolanda Robilotto had a ceramic studio in her home previously, as a hobby and as a teacher, but now the store is her full-time occupation, and "it's so much fun."

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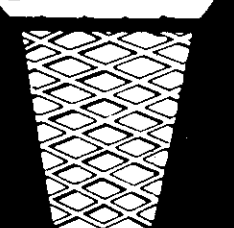
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Gregory H. Lurie

On SBA council

Gregory H. Lurie of Delmar has been appointed to the Small Business Administration's Syracuse Advisory Council. Council members meet with the SBA Syracuse district director to discuss problems and concerns of the small business community upstate. Lurie is vice president of Roth Lurie, an Albany certified public accounting firm. A graduate of Siena College, Lurie is chairman of the committee on professional development for the Albany chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Support for single mothers

The Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., is sponsoring a single mothers' support group beginning Thursday, Jan. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. Coordinating the group will be Sandy Cicotte, a YWCA-trained volunteer. For further information call the YW at 438-6608.

Cancellation at the Post Office?

When Niagara Mohawk threatened to cut off power to the Clarksville post office, it had nothing to do with President Reagan's federal budget cutdowns.

It was simply a computer foul-up in NiMo billing.

Mrs. Clara Hogan, postmaster in the small, homey Clarksville post office, was shocked when the yellow Final Termination Notice turned up in her mail one-day last month. The service bill was past due, the notice stated, and the charges for reestablishing service is \$15 at the meter and \$50 at the pole.

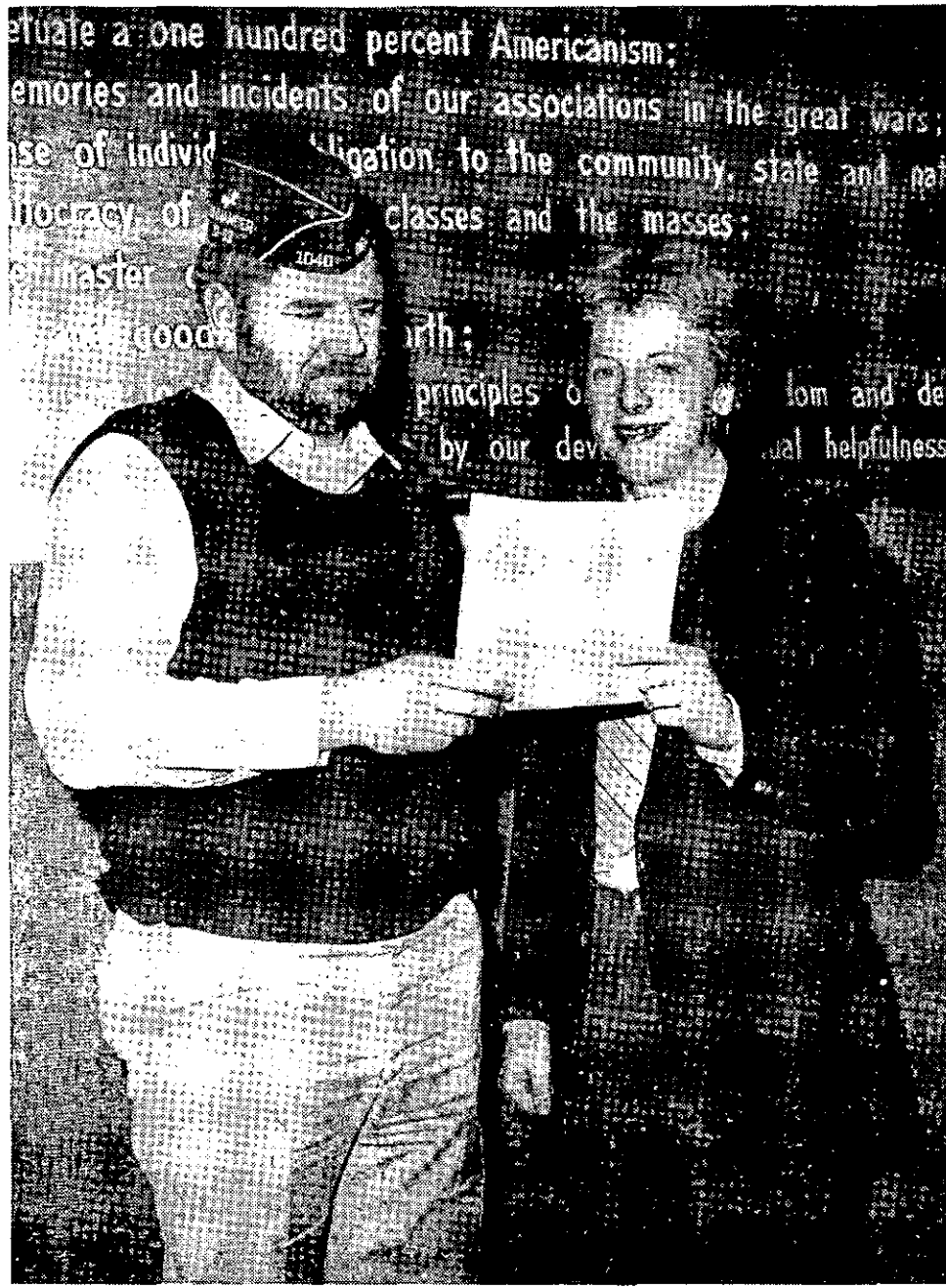
Knowing that she had never missed a payment in her career, Mrs. Hogan contacted Niagara Mohawk and was told the termination notice was all a mistake.

John Geurtze

John Geurtze of Glenmont, Bethlehem town councilman, has been re-elected to his third term on the board of directors of the New York Farm Bureau. He represents District 8, which includes Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady and Washington counties. He is also chairman of the Farm Bureau's State Livestock Committee.

HEAP hours change

The hours for the Bethlehem HEAP outreach program, held Thursdays at Bethlehem Town Hall, will change this week only to avoid a conflict with the senior citizens Christmas party. The hours this Thursday are 3:30 to 5 p.m. HEAP provides financial assistance to qualified individuals and families to pay heating bills.




John Buhac, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ivor Buhac of Elsmere, will be representing the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard post Jan. 16 in the Albany County American Legion oratorical contest. He's pictured here receiving his credentials from post Commander George E. Decker Jr. The contest, at 2 p.m. at the New Scotland Ave. armory, is open to the public.

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BC's Ed Radzysinski with some baseline play against Niskayuna.

BC: 'Still learning'

This chronicle of Bethlehem Central's Suburban Council basketball opener will be short and not so sweet.

But Coach Gary Przybylo sees hopeful signs among the gloom brought on by the 75-44 pasting by Niskayuna on the home floor last Friday.

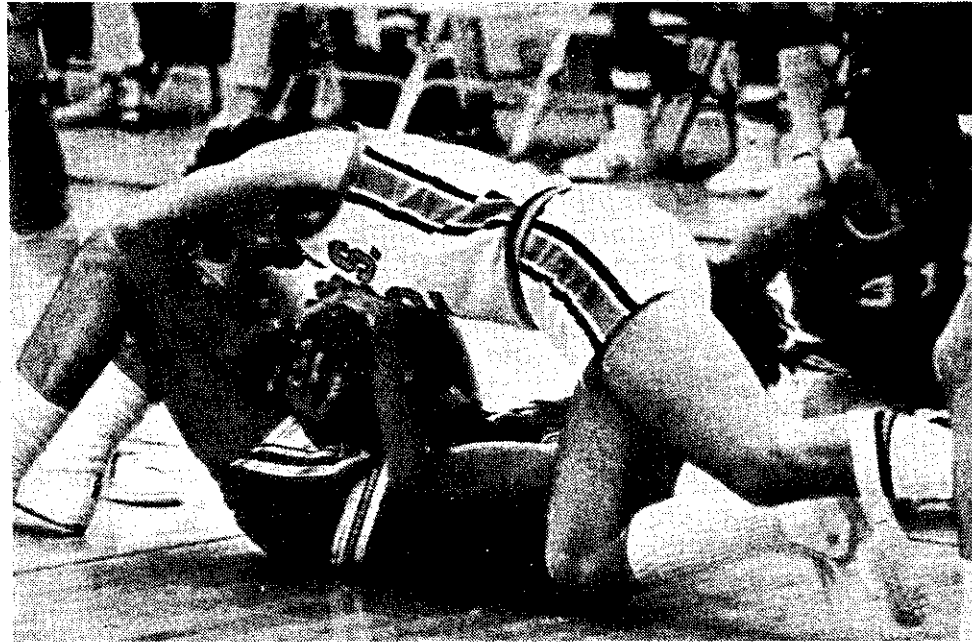
"Let's call it a learning experience," he said, reaching out for the aspirin bottle. "It was a total mental breakdown on the court. The kids were emotionally high for the game. When they came out, they played so intensely that when that wore off and they found after two or three minutes that they weren't in the ball game, they lost their composure. After that, everything that could go wrong went wrong."

But then he added a footnote: "We're a better team than we showed. We'll be back."

Przybylo has been saying since the start that his inexperienced team needs four or five games to begin to jell. BC's only player with varsity playing time was a reserve last year.

Przybylo was hoping his Tuesday game at Mohonasen and a Friday meeting at Colonie this week will help provide combat experience.

In Przybylo's view, the 29-point margin was overamplified. With the Eagles down by 19 points and four minutes remaining, the coach cleared his bench and gave his seven reserves some play action (five at a time, that is). They got action all right: Niskayuna kept its starters in, presumably to enhance the Warriors' status as the Council favorite. "It should have been a 19 or 20-point game," Przybylo said.



No, this is not a wrestling match. It's BC's Mike Mooney battling a Niskayuna player for the ball in the Eagle's losing cause last Friday. Tom Howes

Spotlight SPORTS

Blackbirds survive loose game

It was almost inevitable — a letdown after two smooth performances, and it happened to Voorheesville's basketball varsity last week. The Blackbirds, who looked devastating in their first two games, had a bad night at Waterford Friday, but escaped with a victory, their third straight.

The letdown came at a good time, and Coach Chuck Abba is hopeful some lessons were learned in time for this Friday's critical (that's milder than crucial) meeting at Albany Academy. The Cadets are looking like a major contender in the Colonial Council, and Voorheesville is the poll leader.

But first there was a home game with Schalmont on Tuesday after this chronicle went to press.

After dazzling the onlookers and an Albany Times-Union reporter by overwhelming Watervliet, last year's league champion, 81-56, the Blackbirds looked like they were nailed to the floor in a messy 31-26 win at Waterford.

"We kind of bombed out," commented Abba after the trip. "Maybe the boys read the papers too much. It wasn't a slowdown. Neither team could put the ball in the basket."

That might have been an understatement. After pouring 20 points through the hoop in the first period against Watervliet, Voorheesville scored one point in the first period at Waterford. The

Jewelry taken

A burglar broke through a cellar window of a house on Parkwyn Dr. in Delmar Wednesday, used a frozen chicken from a freezer to placate the owner's dog, and then took his time rummaging through the master bedroom, according to Bethlehem police reports. The thief got away with \$1,425 in jewelry and other items, according to the report.

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Volleyball, Sectionals, Away TBA
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Sat., Dec. 18

Volleyball, Sectionals, Away TBA
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second period wasn't much better — 7 points — but Waterford didn't score at all and it was 8-8 at the half, if you can believe that. The Blackbirds were 3 for 18 from the field.

John Zongrone got the team moving with a couple of baskets in the third period, John Minozzi came in to grab some rebounds, and the Blackbirds moved ahead.

In the second half Mike Lewis had 15 points, low for him, and Zongrone had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Abba will find out this week whether his team is going to revert to last season's road complex. "I hope we don't go through that again," he said. "It's one of those things, a paradox of high school basketball, when you can beat a very good team by 25 points and beat a weak team by 12. But Waterford did have a good defense, they were big and didn't let us do the things we can do. We were fortunate that they can't shoot."

Earlier against Watervliet everything went right. Lewis showed why he is one of the best front men in the area by tossing in 30 points. Zongrone added 16 and Ray Donnelly 11 as eight players got into the scorebook.

"It was beautiful, just beautiful," said Abba.

Meanwhile Academy was cruising through a good Ravena team, and could be troublesome.

Hoop shoot winners

Derek Moak will get another shot at the nationals as a winner of the annual New Scotland Elks hoop shoot competition, held last Saturday at the Voorheesville High School.

Derek, who last year advanced to the national semifinals, was a winner in the 12-13 age bracket along with Paige Hotaling. Other winners were Cortney Langford and Danny Carmody in the 8-9 bracket and Kelly Donohue and Jonathan Bissell in the 10-11 bracket.

Took the silver

Sterling silver pieces displayed in the dining room of an Elm Ave., Delmar, home were stolen Friday, according to a Bethlehem police report. Police said they saw no sign of forced entry.

Eagle depth sinks Mergers

For the next few weeks it will be hard to tell the difference between the daily practice routines and Adirondack Swim conference dual meets for Bethlehem Central's swimming team. Two home meets this week, Burnt Hills Thursday and Amsterdam Friday, will be close only if Coach Jack Whipple does some experimenting or resorts to the grab bag for fun.

The Eagles had less trouble than expected with Guilderville, the combined Guilderland-Voorheesville team, in last Friday's conference inaugural, winning by 82-41. The Mergers have several of the area's standout performers, but with only 10 swimmers and no divers on the squad, they lack the depth to score enough points to challenge.

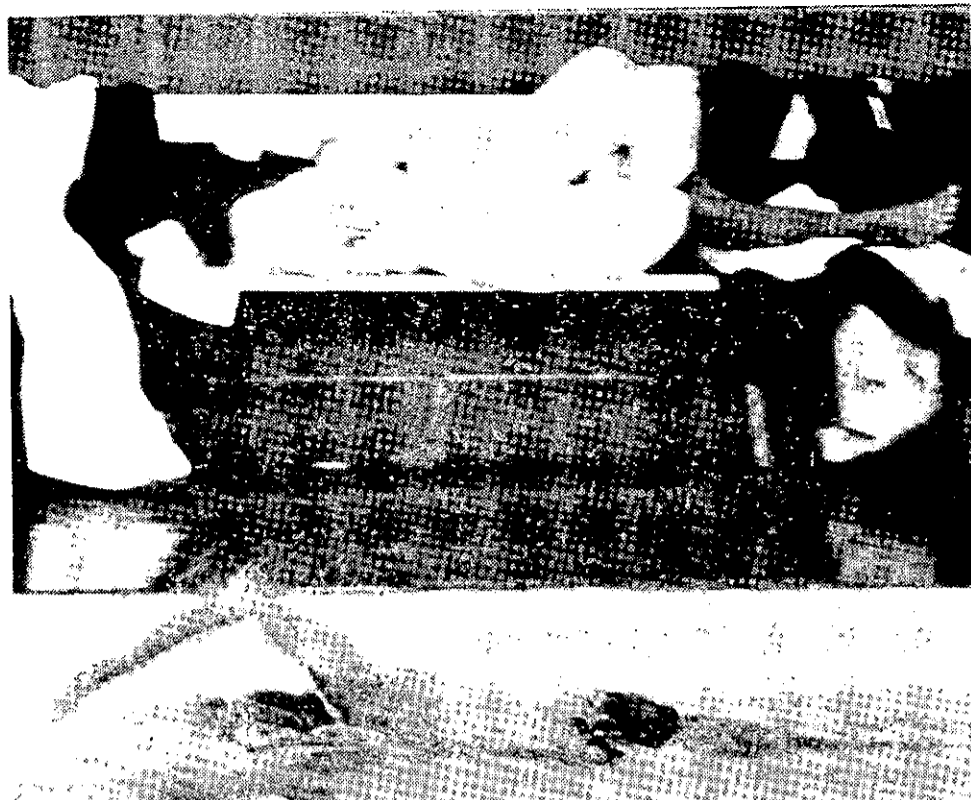
Whipple was happiest with the opening event, the medley relay. Facing the Merger quartet that had won the event at the Relay Carnival a week earlier, he sent his strongest foursome to the blocks in hopes of matching up. It turned into a Bethlehem victory as John Demarest, Doug Schulz, Matt Holland and Dave Young did the job in 1:47.4 to edge Chris Martin, Kevin Anderson, Dave Purrington and Carl Renshaw.

Purrington's arrival and the improvement of Martin have gone a long way to make up for the loss of Dirk Applegate, Sectional freestyle champion recruited by Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy. Purrington, a junior who did not compete last year, took the 100 freestyle away from Young and Knute Hvalsmarken in 52.6, and was a close second to Demarest in the 50 in a matchup of Section 2's two fastest freestylers.

Martin won the backstroke in 1:01.5, beating his teammate Renshaw by three-tenths of a second, and got a second in the 1M behind Schulz.

Demarest's time of 23 seconds flat in the 50 was the fastest in the section so far this season, and Scott Apicelli of Bethlehem turned in a 100.75 butterfly that was his best in a dual meet and close to his Sectional time. Pierre LaBarge also had a personal best, his 5:36 clocking in the 500, exceptional for a ninth grader.

Nadine Bassler, a Delmar resident back for her second year coaching the



One swimmer uses an unorthodox preparatory technique while another glides by him in the Bethlehem Central pool as Bethlehem met the Mergers last week. Tom Howes

Mergers, was hoping for better scores this week in a home meet with Albany High Tuesday and a matchup at Troy High Thursday despite her lack of depth. Both meets are in four-lane pools. The Mergers

lost their conference opener, 73-50, at Glens Falls.

"We did the very best we could with 10 swimmers in a six-lane pool," she said philosophically.

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Eagles overpower Blackbird wrestlers

By Nat Boynton

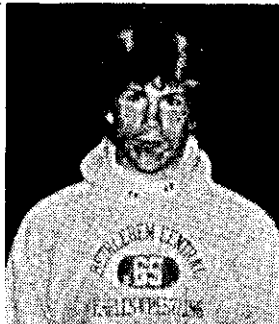
Two schools with proud and developing wrestling programs collided head-on over the weekend and now go their separate ways with high hopes for league and Sectional honors.

Voorheesville's talented varsity, led by two national champions in summer wrestling, aspired to a David-and-Goliath role — small school Class C vs suburban school Class A — when the two teams met Saturday on the Bethlehem Central mats. Voorheesville had an experienced team and BC had a young team in a "building year."

"If ever we had a chance to win, this was the year," said Dick Leach, Voorheesville's battle-scarred coach. "We came close but we didn't make it."

Rick Polaski's aggressive squad won the dual encounter, 29-23, when Bethlehem's Chris Essex, a senior co-captain, rallied from a match-long deficit to nip Matt Beals, one of Voorheesville's best, 12-11, in the pivotal duel of the day. Essex, trailing almost from the start, rallied to win four points in the last period to save the day for Bethlehem.

BC massed a 29-8 lead in the earlier matches, starting with the lighter weights. With four matches to go, Voorheesville needed three pins in those last four to pull off the upset. The visiting Blackbirds won all four, but were able to achieve only one pin. When Beals and Essex laid hands on each other at 145 pounds, a Beals win would have given Voorheesville a 26-26 tie, but Essex's comeback salvaged the afternoon for the Eagles.



Chris Essex

The Blackbirds' only pin in the home stretch came from Tom Hannmann in 3 minutes 30 seconds of the 155-pound bout. Voorheesville's Sean Rafferty and BC's Rich Jadick put on one of the best matches of the day, a crowd pleaser won by Rafferty at 177 pounds. In the heavyweight final, Voorheesville's Ernie Sacco won by 12-10 over Chris Hoffman.

Bethlehem had the better going in the earlier matches, many of them close as the grapplers battled to one-and-two point decisions. Rob VanAernem (105) and Mark Lindell (138) had pins, and Paul Callanan took a tight bout at 119.

Voorheesville's two national champions in summer wrestling gave the crowd a skillful demonstration without allowing their hosts a point. Shawn Sheldon, a transfer from Columbia of East Greenbush, won by 20-0 at 112 pounds, and Jeff Clark by 6-0 at 132. Clark, the reigning Sectional 112-pound champion, wrestled "up" two classes above his current weight category as Leach, blessed with a bevy of experienced grapplers in the welterweights, tried for a pin from his young star. The strategy fell short of producing the pin, but Clark got his shutout.

"It was a tight match, I knew it would be," Popalski said after the bouts. "They were really interesting matches. They had a couple of sneakers and we had a couple."

Popalski's warriors had an even closer call earlier in the week at Averill Park, winning by 28-27. The two teams split 6-6 in matches, and each got two pins, but VanAernem came through with a superior decision (5 points) and Callanan and Wayne Peschel scored major decisions (4 points).

The Blackbirds, meanwhile, were opening their Colonial Council campaign with a crushing 53-5 wipeout of Lansingburgh. Sheldon, Beals, Hannmann, Ryan and Sacco and Mark Gillenwalters scored pins.

The Eagles have a match with Scotia at home today (Wednesday) and go to the prestigious Oxford tournament this weekend. The Blackbirds are off until Saturday's Christmas tournament at Fonda.

Aerobic high

The Albany YWCA will offer a 10-week winter session of aerobic dance beginning Jan. 17. YWCAerobics is a medically approved exercise program, designed to enable participants to become more physically fit and energetic while improving their cardiovascular

system. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. in the Observation Deck Room of the Tower Building at the Empire State Plaza. Early registration is a must as class size will be limited. To register, call 438-6608.

Ravena still looking for right combination

Ravena Coach Tim Tucker is still searching for a cohesive starting five as the Colonial Council basketball schedule calls for RCS to face the league's three top teams in its first four games.

"Once we find the right combination and stay with it we'll be a lot better," he said after absorbing a 64-48 setback at the hands of Albany Academy at home on Friday. The Indians had a night off Tuesday, and now face two other unbeaten teams, Cohoes, this Friday at home and Voorheesville Tuesday away.

"We hope the lineup will be settled by then," said Tucker. "Too much substituting."

Tucker has been saying all along that he can shuffle eight or nine players on the floor without dimming the quality of play, but he also realizes that too much substituting slows the Indians down.

RCS won a 74-71 decision at Schalmont last Tuesday with Tony Pearson hitting for 22 points and Dan Baker for

BASKETBALL

18. The Indians were helped when Schalmont put on a weak press that gave Ravena the chance to stage a running game, its long suit. "We can run with the best of them, but not shoot with the best of them," says Tucker.

It was a different story against the Cadets. The Indians stayed close in the first period, but in the second Academy collapsed into a zone and forced the outside shot. Ravena got only two points in the second period, and that did it.

Tucker applied the press in the second half and the Indians outscored the Cadets after intermission, but the 38-15 halftime deficit was too much to overcome.

BC spikers settle for second

The Bethlehem Central girls' varsity volleyball team had their fingers crossed in hopes that the Shenendehowa Plainswomen could spike and outdig nemesis Colonie and hand the tall Garnet Raiders their first loss. But the favorites survived in three long, hard games, virtually wrapping up the 1982 Suburban Council title.

The Eagles, now at 8-1 with one regular season game left, will have to settle for second place and a sectional chance to avenge their only loss to Colonie.

Meanwhile, the orange and black jerseys of Coach Carol Walts' team seem to have been enough to send opponents running. Burnt Hills, with no JV team and a weak volleyball program, folded 15-10, 15-1. Although missing starters Cathy McNamara, Laurie Weinert and

Maureen Walsh to a New York City field trip last Wednesday, Bethlehem had everything go its way against Gunderland (6-3), 15-3, 12-15, 15-3.

Waiting in the wings all season to prove what they were made of to Coach Walts, subs Kelly Burke and Lisa Apicelli ably filled Weinert's vacancy in the setting department, while Amy Davis and Julie Liddle hustled to keep BC's hitting well up to par.

Julie Ann Sosa

JCC childrens programs

The Children's Department of the Albany Jewish Community Center is offering winter programs after school for children ages 7 to 12.

An introductory computer program course for children 8 to 12 will start in January. The 10-week course affords youngsters the opportunity to have a hands-on experience developing computer literacy utilizing the facilities of The Computer Room on Central Ave. The course will meet every Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. with a limited enrollment of 12 students.

The Center's After School Care Program will continue in January with the resumption of school following the holidays. The program provides children, in grades 1 to 6 a warm, friendly, secure environment where they can participate in numerous activities such as swim lessons, gym, crafts and receive a mini meal from 3 to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Families wishing to enroll their youngsters in center programs for children must take out an annual membership at the center. For information call 438-6651.

Dangerous friend

A 16-year-old Selkirk boy was arrested by Bethlehem police Sunday on four counts of reckless endangerment first degree and three counts of endangering the welfare of a minor.

Police said they were led to the youth after a 12-year-old Selkirk boy became ill last Tuesday after inhaling a substance thought to be cleaning fluid. The 12-year-old was taken to Albany Medical Center for observation. Subsequent investigation revealed a number of other incidents, all involving the 16-year-old, in the vicinity of Rt. 396 and Beaver Dam Rd. dating back to November, police said.

The arrested youth's name was withheld pending possible youthful offender status.

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Landfill closing will affect taxes

New Scotland will go to the short-term municipal bond market to finance the increased costs of closing its landfill, and that probably means a tax increase for property owners in the town next year.

The town board last week passed a resolution authorizing a \$280,000 bond issue. "We feel people would rather pay it off in five years rather than be saddled with a 30-year obligation," said Supervisor Steve Wallace. "With interest rates coming down, let's give it a go. There's no telling how much future rates will balloon."

New Scotland's landfill on Upper Flat Rock Rd. was closed in October to comply with a mandate from the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The town has joined other municipalities in trucking its trash and garbage to Albany's ANSWERS treatment site in the Pine Bush, but will reopen the old landfill site with restricted hours for disposal of discarded appliances and other large items. The dumping, however, will be strictly controlled.

In another action, the board referred to the planning board a request by a Colonie developer that the town issue building permits for Indian Ladder Estates on condition the developer puts in escrow the funds necessary to improve the subdivision's access road.

Edward Dannehy asked the town board to accept funds to cover the cost of building the road to conform with

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standards set by the town highway department. All 11 lots in the subdivision, four of which are on the New Scotland side of the Guilderland town line, have been sold, but two real estate closings and home construction starts have been delayed because the town has refused to issue permits until the road meets town standards.

The cost of improving the half-mile access road is estimated at \$19,900.

In other business, the town board:

- Accepted the resignation of Lettie Pinney from the planning board, effective Dec. 31.

- Scheduled a public hearing for 9:30 a.m. Dec. 22 on rules and regulations governing water services in the new Feura Bush water district. The measures also are expected to affect the Heldervale district.

- Agreed to study a request by three Feura Bush residents to extend the new water system to their homes on Rt. 32 south of Rowe Rd. Wallace said the third phase of the project, which currently extends to Rowe Rd., will not be completed until spring.

The three petitioners are Lee Johnson, Robert Jenkins and Stella Southwick.

A dissent on town budget

While few people appear to have a quarrel with the 1983 New Scotland town budget (judging from the minimal attendance at the budget public hearing), one taxpayer has filed his reservations with Supervisor Steve Wallace.

Wallace's budget provides for a slight increase in town spending, but a decrease of 23 cents per \$1,000 in the town tax rate and a two cents per \$1,000 decrease in the village tax rate.

Peter Luczak of Voorheesville, one of the few to attend the public hearing, later wrote Wallace to question the supervisor's \$437,400 estimate for county sales tax revenue, a significant source of revenue for the town, particularly since the share going to local municipalities

was raised by the county last year.

Luczak noted that the estimate is a two percent decrease over this year's estimated sales tax revenue, but that Wallace had already reported that New Scotland had received \$476,000 for this year from the county by the end of October.

"It's a judgement call," Wallace said later in defense of his projections. Sales tax revenue depends heavily on individual spending patterns, and with the continuing recession many local officials are being very conservative in their estimates for next year. Luczak, however, noted in his letter to Wallace that the towns of Bethlehem, Guilderland and Colonie are all projecting increases for 1983.

RCS hires bus supervisor

Robert Albright of Coeymans Hollow was named transportation supervisor for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District at a special meeting of the school board Monday night. Albright operated Albright's Undercliff Garage for 18 years before joining Home Insurance Co., in Albany, in 1971. He has been active in Boy Scouting for many years, and was honored with the Silver Beaver Award.

At an earlier meeting, the school board has approved adding two Apple microcomputers to its computer hardware supply, at a cost of about \$3,400. One is to be used in the writing program at the high school and the other in the program for the gifted and talented at the junior high and also in the science department.

The board also approved purchase of two additional Apples if the district

receives federal Title I funds to pay for them. In addition, 10 guitars are to be purchased for the junior high music department, at a cost of \$950.

The board is scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 at the board offices in Selkirk, when information on solar energy installations is expected to be discussed. Dr. Milton Chodack, district superintendent, said the board will be discussing the possibility of doing a preliminary study on solar energy in school buildings.

Wine and cheese JCC

The Albany Jewish Community Center on Whitehall Rd. in Albany will be wining and dining area college students home for the holidays at its annual wine and cheese social set for Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 9 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Bethlehem 1983 Final Budget showing the intended uses of federal revenue sharing funds is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, Monday through Friday between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

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Town Clerk
Town of Bethlehem

Dated: December 8, 1982. (Dec. 15)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Police Uniforms for the Town of Bethlehem Police Department.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 P.M. on the 28th day of December, 1982 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held on January 27, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Auditorium, Route 85A, Voorheesville, New York to hear comments on the Village of Voorheesville Draft Wastewater Facilities Plan.

The Wastewater Facilities Plan is being prepared through a Step 1 Grant partially funded by the United States Environmental Protection

LEGAL NOTICE

Agency (USEPA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to study the needs for sewerage facilities and evaluate solutions to sewage disposal problems. Based upon a wastewater needs assessment of the study area, a recommended alternative for the Village of Voorheesville has been suggested with the participation of the Citizens Advisory Committee, Sewer Commission and Village officials. The recommended alternative suggests the construction of a municipal sewer system and centralized wastewater treatment for the central portion of the Village.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the recommended alternative and gain additional comments from the public. All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and submit oral or written statements. The Public Hearing will remain open until all parties wishing to be heard have had the opportunity to be heard. Although it is recommended that statements be submitted in writing, written and oral statements will receive equal consideration and become part of the record. Written statements will be received until February 21, 1983 and should be addressed to Milton F. Bates, Mayor, Village of Voorheesville, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Avenue, Voorheesville, New York 12186.

Copies of the Draft Wastewater Facilities Project will be available for inspection at the Village Hall. Additional information regarding the project may be obtained from Mr. William J. Clarke, Chairman, Voorheesville Sewer Commission, at 445-7757, Mr. John R. Dergosits, Coordinator, Citizens Advisory Committee, at 457-9138 or the Village Hall at 765-2692.

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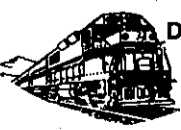
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Keep it in the open

Editor, The Spotlight:

Any discussion on the accuracy and impartiality of *The Spotlight* reporting of the controversial Turner case must take place at an open meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Asking this paper's editor to review the printed record of ZBA proceedings and published news articles, both of which are limited by considerations of time, space and necessity, is a constrained first step.

Residents who were in attendance at any of the ZBA meetings on the Turner case must be in attendance when the alleged numerous allegations and innuendos are discussed. As board member Jim Ross points out, "With rare exception, *The Spotlight* is the only medium informing our neighbors of actions taken by their town representatives, including the deliberations of the Zoning Board of Appeals. "A determination of how

accurate that information was in the Turner case must include the views of all those who were at the Board meetings.

Tim O'Brien

Delmar

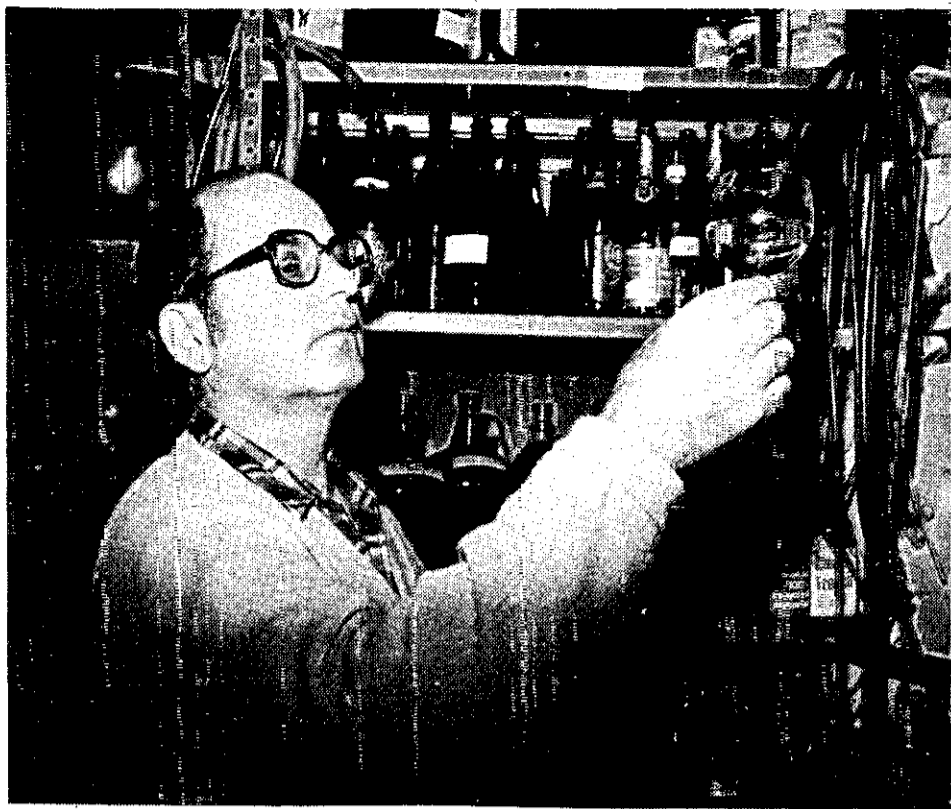
Wipe out your 'sins'

The Bethlehem Public Library has set aside Tuesday, Dec. 21, as its "day of grace" for card-holder sinners with overdue materials. By returning the wanted items to a library staff member at the circulation desk, you can have your record cleared and no fine will be charged for the extra time you kept the book or record. Items placed in the book drop will remain on your record as overdue.

Flu precautions

An attack of influenza can be particularly devastating for older persons and those suffering chronic ailments such as heart disease or diabetes. Therefore, the state Health Department is recommending that high-risk persons receive immunizations. Vaccines available this year will provide protection against the three strains of influenza that have recently been prevalent: A/Brazil, A/Bangkok and B/Singapore.

State Health Commissioner Dr. David Axelrod said the flu "season" is considered to run from October through March, with peak incidence in late January and early February. It is impossible to predict how severe it will be, he said.



Gerald Pallante inspects the color and clarity of his wine. He makes white, red, rose and recently, an apple champagne. Tom Howe

His wine is vintage Delmar

By Caroline Terenzini

"It whiles away the winters," says Gerard P. Pallante of Delmar about his hobby — winemaking. He learned the art at his father's knee, growing up in New Jersey during the Depression, Pallante said.

State law restricts home winemakers to 100 gallons a year per adult, for home consumption. "If you consider your labor as zero, the wine costs \$1 a bottle," Pallante said.

He gets his screw-top fifth bottles from a shop in Rotterdam, and buys California grapes from a source in Schenectady. "I like the European-style wines, from California grapes — Petit Syrah, Ruby Cabernet, Riesling," he said, though local growers are now getting into Concord grapes. He also makes wine from apple cider, as well as producing apple champagne and apple sherry. Pallante has made beer, but "you get more out of wine for the amount of work you put into it," he said.

Beginning in October working with five-gallon quantities, Pallante will crush the grapes and allow them to ferment, then separate out the skins with a wine press. The whites will be ready to drink the following June, while the reds take about a year and a half.

Pallante works in the Pure Water Division of the state Environmental Conservation Department, writing permits for industrial dischargers, but he is toying with the idea of starting a small winery.

He won a first place medal at the State Fair at Syracuse this summer for his apple wine and second place for a Delaware white. There were 180 amateur winemakers competing. Pallante taught winemaking for two years in the Bethlehem Central adult education program, where he had nearly 30 students, and lectures on the making and serving of wines. He is a member of Les Amis du Vin in Albany.



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Dec. 7, 1972

Fred's Barber Shop, 371 Delaware Ave. at the Four Corners, is the winner of the 1972 Community Beautification Award given by the Bethlehem Environmental Improvement Association. Edward A. Gazel, proprietor of the shop, accepted the award, earned for maintaining the flower box judged most attractive this past summer and fall.

Dec. 12, 1957

Another new business opened its doors in Delmar last week when Leonard Price and Harold Young began the operation of the L & H Brake and Front End Service in the Pat Patterson Building, 100 Adams St.

Price's Seed Store in Albany became a corporation with new partners and stockholders, Edmund G. Plummer and his two sons, David and George, joining Lillian S. Smith in the firm. The Plummers plan to add stock from their Elsmere Ave. Greenleaf Gardens and add seeds to their florist business. Price's was established in 1831 and is one of the oldest seed stores in the country. The senior Plummer has been a Price salesman for 20 years.

Dec. 14, 1967

Voters in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District can expect a bond issue in February for the construction of a new junior high school. A definite cost figure will not be deter-

mined until the final plans have been approved by the board of education. The price tag being mentioned is about \$3 million.

Dec. 15, 1977

Bethlehem police have questioned 11 teenagers in connection with recent incidents of vandalism and criminal mischief. Seven cases have been referred to Albany County Family Court and four others are pending.

Two Brooklyn men, John Staluppi and William Lia, have contracted to buy two frame dwellings on adjoining properties on Delaware Ave. for the purpose of constructing a Honda showroom at the site. The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the application for a variance.

Four new members of the Bethlehem police department were sworn in this week. They are: Stephen Demarest, Paul Roberts, Joseph Mosca and James Corbett.

YES goes statewide

The Empire State Organization of Youth Employment Services, Inc., 113 State St., Albany, launched recently with a grant from the state Division of Youth, is not-for-profit and operates statewide, providing a network of information and contacts with professionals in youth employment and job development.

The organization plans a newsletter and annual conference to distribute information about pertinent legislation, funding and programs.

Celebrates 100 years

Stanley Snyder, a resident of the Good Samaritan home in Delmar, celebrated his 100th birthday Dec. 7. A resident of Delmar for more than 50 years, Snyder came from Medusa, N.Y., where he had had a farm. He made his living as a painter and paperhanger for many years.

Two of Snyder's four children reside in Delmar — Everett and Howard Snyder. A daughter, Hazel O'Connell, resides in Stanfordville, N.Y. A third son, Alton, is deceased. There are five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The staff at Good Samaritan arranged a party in honor of Snyder.

On the cover: Stanley Snyder celebrates his 100th birthday with sons Everett, left, and Howard at the Good Samaritan Home. Tom Howes

Married in Alaska

Judith Elizabeth Dopp, daughter of Mrs. Shirley M. Dopp, River Rd., Glenmont, and the late Donald W. Dopp, was married on Nov. 27 to Jeffrey Nicholas Rutkowski son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Rutkowski, Van Wies Point, Glenmont. The ceremony took place at the United Methodist Church, Moose Pass, Ala.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University at Cobleskill and has been employed by the Alaskan and Canadian Departments of Fish and Game on Prince of Wales Island, Ala.

The bridegroom is a graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School and Paul Smiths College of Arts and Sciences and has been employed for the U.S. Forest Services in Ketchikan, Ala., for the last three years.

The attendants were Nanette Rutkowski, sister of the groom, and Jan Odhner. Both are former residents of Glenmont.

The couple will reside in Moose Pass.

Kelly-Fisch

Mrs. Mary S. Kelly of Hendersonville, N.C., formerly of Delmar, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Elizabeth, of Guilderland, to Thomas J. Fisch, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Fisch, Voorheesville.

Miss Kelly is a graduate of the State University at Geneseo and Russell Sage College and is special education teacher at Burnt Hills - Ballston Lake high school. She is the daughter of the late James F. Kelly. Her fiancé is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton high school and is presently manager of Record Town, Stuyvesant Plaza.

A spring wedding is planned.

Dr. Kieler elected

Dr. Ann Kieler, a Bethlehem ophthalmologist, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Northeastern Association of the Blind, a non-profit agency that provides rehabilitation and vocational training services to the visually impaired. Dr. Kieler is also on the board of the Sight Conservation Society.



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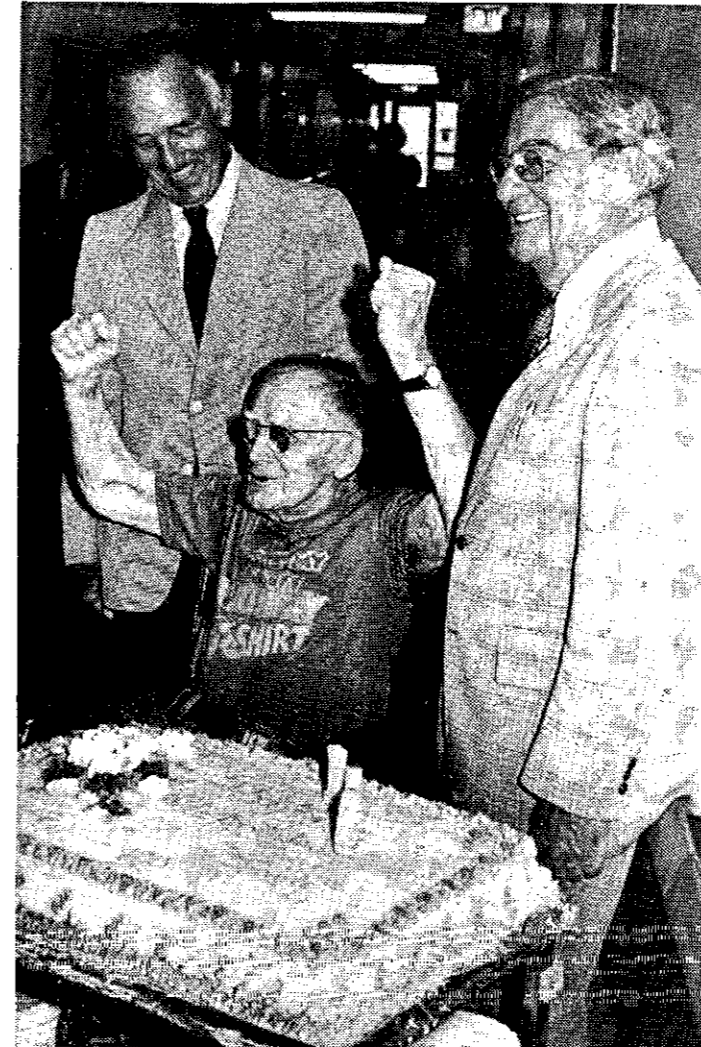
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