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Planners under fire again on Delaware Ave. decision

By Vincent Potenza

After two months of deliberations, the Bethlehem Planning Board has unanimously decided to recommend to the town board that the Liebich property on the corner of Delaware Ave. and Groesbeck Pl. remain CC-commercial. It did so some 10 minutes into its meeting last Tuesday before a house packed with area residents who had requested a change in zone and who after requested a change in zone and everything from arrogance to incompetence.

"It's unfortunate you're appointed and not elected," one resident told board members.

The residents had petitioned the town board some two months ago to change the zoning of the site from CC to CCC-commercial amid rumors, they said, of plans for a fast-food restaurant on the property. Until recently there was a residence on the corner of Herrick and Delaware, and the moment was ripe, they said, for commercial development that would be incompatible with the presence of Elsmere Elementary School, just the other side of Herrick from the now-vacant lot. The CCC zoning would disallow use of the site for a restaurant.

But the board seemed to take a broader view of the situation than suited the petitioners. "I don't think these people realize how much time and energy we've already spent on Delaware Ave. and how little of either is really available to us," board Attorney Earl Jones told board members after the commotion was over.

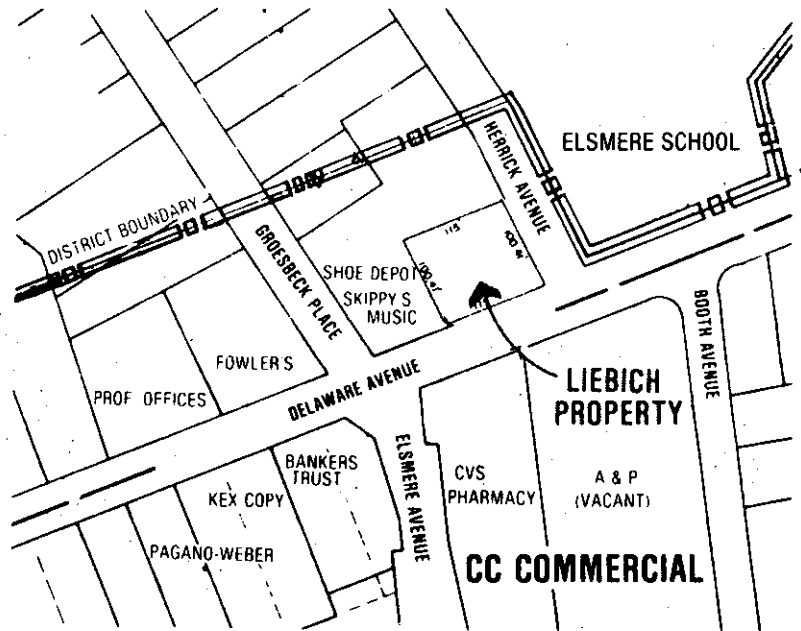
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"It might be a good idea to get them together with some business people and some town people and let them look at Delaware from the Normanskill to the Four Corners and make a report in five or six months," he said. "Or maybe five or six years."

Although board Chairman Charles Redmond had said several months ago that the board would look at the timing of Delaware Ave., he gave no indication at last week's meeting what steps the board would take next.

A good deal of the ire inspired in the residents seemed to stem from their perception of the way the board dealt with the question. "It took them 13 minutes to come to a



The Liebich property — the center of the current controversy — is part of a large area along Delaware Ave. zoned CC Commercial. Town planners decided it would be "spot zoning" to change the zoning.

Spotlight map

decision," one resident said afterward. "What kind of discussion is that?" The sentiment was widely echoed. When Redmond attempted to explain to the crowd the basis for the board's decision he was accused by one resident of "tossing out convenient phrases that don't mean anything."

"A lot of people put a lot of time and energy into this (the rezoning petition)," Sheila Otto, president of the Elsmere School Community Organization later said. Those residents in attendance were infuriated, she said, by the flippant manner in which the board dealt with the question.

"The Bethlehem Central Board of Education held a special meeting about this very issue," Mrs. Otto continued, "and Mr. Herrmann, the principal of the (Elsmere) school, had a statement to read to the planning board but he didn't get a chance."

It was later learned that the board of education had indeed met earlier that same evening and the statement Herrmann was to read said that the school board was concerned about the safety and welfare of the students at the school but had no intention in intervening in the town's affairs.

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'Do your elves make computers?'

Santa Claus may, indeed, be coming but he's going to be flying low this year, judging from the many requests dropped into his special mailboxes around town. The 12 "mailboxes" put out by Bethlehem Police Department's Youth Bureau have all been picked up and the good little boys and girls who put in letters for Santa will be receiving responses in the next few weeks.

Some of the wish lists seemed endless. One little girl began her letter to Santa with, "We have tried to be good because there is something we really want to get" and then went on to list 19 items, including a typewriter and a bicycle. Another young correspondent cautioned: "Your elves better be working hard and making a lot of toys for Christmas. Your reindeer better be eating well."

One youngster's list included not only a computer but, on separate lines, the printer, disk drive and monitor. He even wrote on a separate line the batteries needed for each toy. In sharp contrast was the Delmar boy who wrote, succinctly, "Get me anything you want to but do not get me clothes."

The Cabbage Patch dolls, which have on occasion turned holiday shoppers into frenzied mobs, appeared on local lists less often than home computers did, according

to a quick check. One cautious soul needed to know: "Do your elves make computers or do I have to ask my mom for one?"

Others dispensed advice along with the requests: "Santa, we don't have a fireplace so please come in the family room door," or "Please don't go down the chimney because your suit will get dirty."

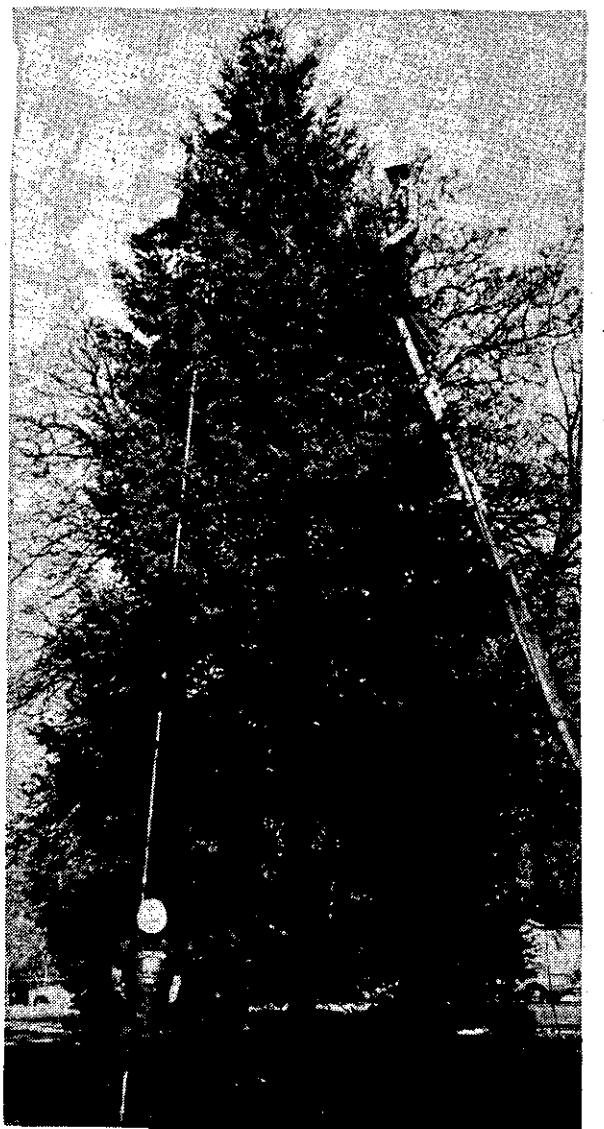
Then there are special requests: "Please come upstairs and unbooby-trap the door. My mother does it so we cannot go down and look at the presents." Another special request was that Santa would fix up a fight between friends.

There was also evidence that the Christmas spirit is still abroad in the land. One Delmar boy wrote, "My mom said you may not bring the Night Rider car because so many boys want the car but that's OK if you can't." And one little girl summed up her letter with "I am not saying you have to give me these things. I am just giving you an idea. I would most of all like a surprise."

There are sure to be plenty of surprises on the special day.

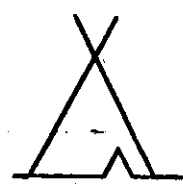
Caroline Terenzini

Topping the tree



How do you trim a 30-foot tall Christmas tree? That was the question facing Bethlehem town officials when they decided to resume an old custom this year and decorate the fir tree in front of town hall. Doug Lee, of Concord Tree Service, volunteered for the job, and decided on acrobatics in favor of a cherry picker.

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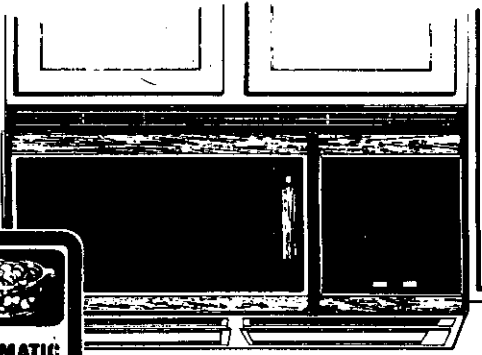
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Suicide tries spark educators' concern

By Lorin Pasqual

Suicide, the nation's second leading cause of death among adolescents, has generated new concern among school officials, faculty members and residents of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District. Within three months, four area youngsters attempted to end their lives, but, fortunately, were unsuccessful.

In response to the perplexing problem, the RCS school board met with secondary school principals in an executive session Monday to discuss issues such as suicide prevention, awareness and possible treatment. School administrators also noted the possible need for professional counselors in order to provide more comprehensive assistance to students with a variety of psychological, social or behavioral problems.

Presumably, any additional therapists would supplement the district's existing health-care and guidance program. Currently, one school psychologist is responsible for 2,500 students and three guidance counselors assist about 1,500 youngsters in the junior high and high school. These workers perform many administrative duties and have large case-loads, according to Robert DeSarbo, junior high school principal. Many students seek advice from understanding teachers who inspire trust and can relate to adolescent concerns, he said.

In an effort to increase teachers' abilities to handle crises, the RCS faculty held a suicide conference Monday afternoon at the high school library. The one-hour presentation was conducted by Steve Abrahamsen, a counselor at Equinox, Inc., who frequently works with teenagers and offers counseling services at St. Patrick's rectory in Ravena, one of Equinox's satellite offices.

Speaking to more than 50 RCS faculty members, Abrahamsen focused on the characteristics of suicidal behavior, reasons people choose to die, myths surrounding the phenomenon and how adults can detect warning signs. In addition, he stressed preventive measures, treatment techniques and the availability of community resources and services.

People sometimes cry out for help or give some indication of their intentions,

said Abrahamsen. The signals may be verbal or non-verbal, and include phrases such as, "My life is worthless," or "Nothing seems important."

The most common manifestation of suicidal ideas are feelings of loneliness, prolonged depression, alienation and helplessness, according to Dr. Richard Felch, coordinator of the pediatrics liaison service at the Capital District Psychiatric Center. The suicidal adolescent often feels "trapped by internal feelings and an external environment that is unresponsive," he said. Behavioral clues include poor academic performance, mood changes lasting one month or more, giving away prized possessions and previous suicide attempts.

Teachers should probably know about emotionally depressed students who have tried ending their lives, said Dr. Milton Chodack, superintendent of RCS schools. Then concerned teachers can monitor psychological affect or behavior and take appropriate action if a crisis arises, he added.

Moreover, the "high-risk" period for suicidal tendencies does not occur during severe depression, said Sarah Downes, a counselor at Equinox, who has conducted various area workshops on suicide. At that time, the person is too inert to commit violence against himself. When the person begins to feel more confident and worthwhile and less depressed, he or she becomes most vulnerable and susceptible to suicidal feelings, she added. That is the time to watch the person carefully.

The unique period of adolescence, with its constant state of change and struggle for self-identity adds to the problem, said Abrahamsen. Parents' high expectations of adolescents' performances often lead to feelings of pressure and conflict, resulting in low self-esteem, he added.

Adults usually consider adolescence a "trouble-free" time, he said. However, this period of emotional, physical and social growth often creates stress and anxiety.

"They're forced to break away from their parents' protective bubbles," and make independent decisions for the first time, he adds. The pressure to succeed as adults may cause "feelings of frustration and anxiety."



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The most common cause of adolescent suicide is the loss of a love relationship, followed by family problems and the death of a parent, according to Felch.

Parents of teenagers frequently fail to realize that "puppy love" is the first male-female experience for youngsters. If the relationship fails, "it's as important to them as divorce is to adults," said Downes. During these times of sadness, these young adults need care, support and respect, she added.

If a child does attempt suicide, the experience can be a positive step toward treatment, said Abrahamsen, "if it is handled the right way." Parents and the

youngster become aware of the problem and usually attempt to solve the issues, he added.

Those who would like more information or who need various counseling or referral services may call SUNYA's Middle Earth hotline at 457-7800 or REFER helpline at 434-1200. REFER, a 24-hour crisis intervention center, is one component of Equinox, Inc., which includes an out-patient counseling center and a youth shelter for runaway and homeless youth aged 13-18.

General information about community agencies can be obtained from Albany County Infoline, 445-7711.

'There are no easy answers'

The "what to do" is no less perplexing than the "why" of a suicide or suicide attempt. School administrators at Bethlehem and Voorheesville said the issue has been discussed with faculty and staff, but "there aren't any good answers," in the words of Voorheesville Superintendent Werner Berglas.

"It's hard to know what to tell the staff because the causes are so individual," Berglas said. "We do the best we can in terms of looking for behavioral symptoms. And we can help people locate the appropriate agencies — we can point families in the right direction."

A Special Needs Committee is set up in each of Voorheesville's schools, the superintendent noted, for unusual academic or personal problems, "but in an emergency, you can't wait for the committee." In an emergency, teachers are asked to go to guidance personnel, the administration or the school psychologist, Berglas said.

"We need more help and cooperation on the home front," Berglas continued, "with self-esteem, for example. If kids

come to school with the right psychological armor," what happens in school generally is not that damaging to their self-esteem.

Bethlehem Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn agreed that answers are hard to come by — "the literature is not very helpful on what to do," he said. "We've instructed personnel if anyone gets any clues to contact pupil services unit people. We'll take steps to intervene, of course.

"I have real reservations about a program where we talk about (a suicide)," Zinn said. "I would be very careful about informing children about it. I have a lot of concern about raising the level of visibility of suicide, especially at this time of year."

Attempt halted

A Delmar woman who is under psychiatric care was listed as in serious condition Monday at Albany Medical Center Hospital after she apparently doused her clothing with turpentine and set it afire Friday night, according to



Santa (Bob Wiesmaier) holds 4-month-old Ashley Williams and brother Shawn at the Railroad Junction Christmas party for kids in Voorheesville. Looking on is Kirsten Ford, vice president of the senior class at Voorheesville High School, which sponsored the benefit fund-raiser. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

Bethlehem police reports.

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Court case response delayed by planners

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board decided last week to take more time before deciding on its response to a court decision overturning its rejection of the proposed Norman's Gate subdivision off Euclid Ave. in Elsmere.

At its meeting last Tuesday the board learned from its attorney, Earl Jones, that while the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court had "withheld its decision" in the case and had sent the matter back to the planners for additional information, it had declared invalid four of the five reasons board members had given for rejecting the proposal. Chief among those reasons was the contention that the proposed access to the subdivision — through two formerly approved lots on Euclid that now contain vacant houses — would violate a previously approved and filed subdivision map.

The reason for rejection that the Appellate Division did not discount was the board's contention that the developer, the Van Euclid Co., had not proven to the board's satisfaction that the slopes of the Normanskill, along which some of the buildings would be situated, were stable enough to support the development, Jones told the board. The court would not rule on the case, he said, until the board had enough information to answer the stability question one way or the other.

Therefore, Jones said, while the case was still open, the only matter the board

could consider was the slope-stability question.

"So let's tell the developer to do an engineering study for us," board member John LaForte said.

"How about letting the town do it?" board Chairman Charles Redmond suggested.

"Why should we spend the town's money if their survey tells us the slopes won't hold?" LaForte answered.

Redmond suggested the board table the matter until all members had had a chance to review the court decision and think on the matter, and board members agreed.

In other business, the board:

- Granted building project approval for the proposed Eastmount subdivision, some 57 duplexes to be located off Blessing Rd. in a planned residence district. The PRD designation was necessitated by the developer's request for a "zero sideline" for the buildings in order to be able to sell half of each duplex as an independent unit.

- Approved a site plan for a six-unit apartment, submitted by George Cochran, to be located off Adams St. between L & H Brake and the Merry-Go-Round bookstore near the Bethlehem Recycling Center.

- Heard plans for a proposed planned residence district submitted by Charles Lino for land on Elm Ave. across from the Elm Ave. Park, Delmar. The



Mrs. Franklyn Amos, regent of Tawasentha chapter, National Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the chapter's Good Citizenship awards to, from left, Sue Mahoney of Holy Names Academy, Thomas Denham of Bethlehem Central High School and Kelly Porter of Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School at a ceremony at the Delmar Methodist Church Saturday.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

proposed Parkview subdivision would contain 64 townhouse units, Lino said, each with two to three bedrooms, and he and his associate would like to begin breaking ground by the spring of next year. The board saw no problems with the proposal.

At its next meeting, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, the board is scheduled to consider another proposal for a planned residence district, this one submitted by David Siegel for land at the end of the Delmar Bypass that would contain some 355 units.

Also scheduled for presentation to the board will be a one-lot subdivision on McCormack Rd. proposed by Wolf Kraemer.

Variance approved

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals last Wednesday held a public hearing for and

informally approved an application by James and Barbara Tombros for a variance from the percentage-of-lot-occupancy provision of the zoning ordinance so they might construct an addition to their home at 30 Catherine St., Delmar. No one in attendance had objected to the proposal.

Photogs gather

The Delmar Camera Club toured "Legoland" through slides presented by Kaye Sorenson at its recent meeting at St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere. Slides of Grenada were presented by Florence Becker, and free-lance writer and photographer Vera Fielding judged the club's competition. Winner in the category of color slides of barns was Sheila Schlavin, with Elizabeth Christen first in the general category, Archie Kaido winner for black-and-white prints and Florence Becker first in color prints.

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Delaware Ave.

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The planning board had, in fact, spent a good deal of time over some two months' worth of meetings discussing the issue. Redmond asked board members to inspect the site and Delaware Ave. in general. He had Edward Kleinke, the town's planning consultant, draw up a worst-possible-case scenario for a Burger King on the site, and Kleinke gave a detailed analysis of what would be involved in that use. Redmond also had Jones prepare a summary of state courts' decisions concerning spot zoning, copies of which were distributed to all those in attendance.

One of those in attendance was Craig Henrikson, one of the four area residents who attended those earlier meetings, and for whose benefit Jones compiled his summary. The probability that the change from CC to CCC-commercial would be seen as spot zoning with chief among the reasons for the board's disapproval of the rezoning request — spot zoning was one of the "convenient phrases" Redmond was accused of using to explain the decision. "Maybe we went about this the wrong way," Henrikson said at the time, after the board's discussion of the spot zoning issue.

That discussion on spot zoning centered on the fact that the entire parcel owned by the Liebich family — not just the vacant lot that was the focus of the rezoning petition — is some 44,400 square feet in size, only about 37,000 of which are presently commercially zoned. Jones' summary said that the courts had determined spot zoning to be the changing of the zoning of a particular parcel to either the benefit or detriment of the owner without regard to the use of the surrounding area. Delaware Ave. from the Normanskill to the Four Corners — excluding the school — is virtually all commercially zoned at least to a depth of 225 feet in from Delaware, Kleinke reported at that meeting. Just across from the Liebich site, where the now-vacant A & P building sits, the commercial zone extends much further — to the railroad tracks, he said.

Kleinke's analysis of the site for possible use as a fast-food restaurant showed that while it was not impossible to fit a Burger King building there it would not be, he said, even as large as the smallest Burger King he could find in the area after space for parking, setbacks and access were taken into consideration.

Residents at last week's meeting again

and again expressed concern over the traffic on Delaware Ave., but board member Warren Kullman summed up the board's response to that three weeks before: "That's not up to us, the state determines that."

The board also cited as one of its reasons for disapproving of the rezoning its own power of commercial site plan approval. Patrice Brewer, a member of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, at whose suggestion commercial SPA was officially undertaken by the town, said she thought it was a good time to bring up the need for the strengthening of the board's powers in that area, to "zero in on the real problems that have come up." Board members agreed.

But the apparent essence of the difference between the board and the incensed area residents was chiefly one of perspective. "Personally I sympathize with every one of your points," Redmond said over and over again. When asked what the next step would be, Redmond explained to those in attendance that the board's recommendation to deny this specific rezoning request did not in any way signify that the planning board didn't see a problem in the area. "Go back to the town board," he told the crowd. "Tell them how you feel."

"Why?" one resident asked. "You don't care how we feel, why should they?"

Marie Capone, not an area resident but a regular attendee of the board's meetings, sprang to its defense: "They talked about it a lot when nobody was here. Be fair, it's not all their fault."

One resident said she had tried at least twice to attend the board's discussions on the subject but had been stymied by the fact that the issue had low priority on the board's agenda and was preceded by lengthy discussions of other items. Douglas Zeno, vice president of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association, who had attended those earlier discussions, suggested that the board make available to the public the minutes of previous meetings before it votes to approve them.

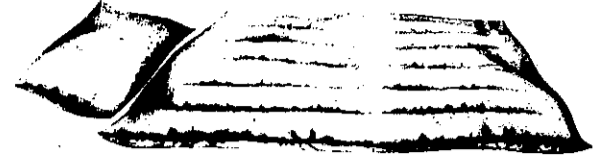
Redmond explained that state law mandates that the board review and vote to approve the minutes of previous meetings before they can become available to the public.

"Please," Redmond finally said, "we have a lot of other items on our agenda tonight," and area residents retired into the hallway to plan their next move.

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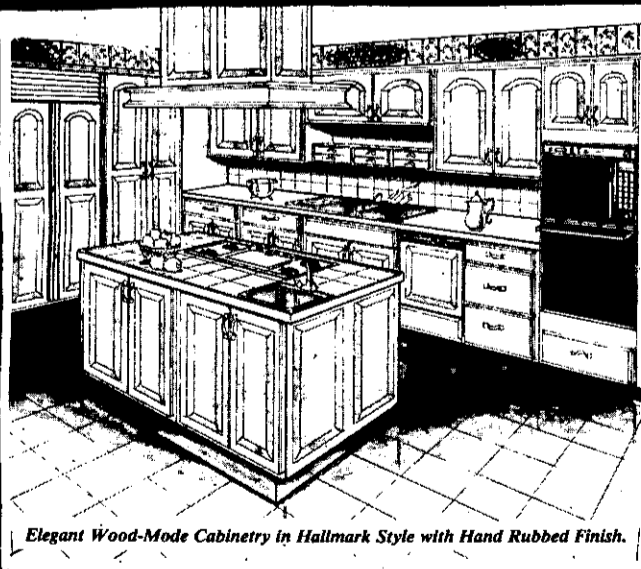
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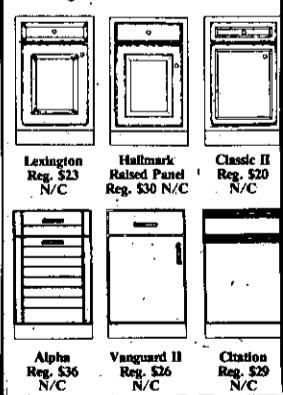
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Salaries debated in legislature

By Susan Guyett

The \$158 million Albany County budget for 1984 contains a 6 percent property tax cut for county residents and a 41 percent pay raise for County Executive James Coyne.

The budget, adopted by the county legislature Dec. 5 over Republican rejections, contains large raises for other elected officials as well. Coyne's \$35,000 a year salary will jump next year to \$49,500. Comptroller Edward Stack, who like Coyne was re-elected last month, will receive almost 52 percent more than his current \$26,000 when he earns \$39,500 in 1984.

The salary of the chairman of the county legislature will increase almost 43 percent to \$15,000. The part-time post, held by Charles Cahill, currently pays \$10,500.

Individual legislators will get a \$2,000 raise with the new budget, increasing their current \$7,000 salary to \$9,000.

Republicans objected to the budget on the grounds of many of the salary hikes were out of line with what the county was offering the rank and file county workers. Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr., a Bethlehem Republican, offered a

proposal to amend the budget by cutting almost \$173,000, mostly in salaries increases. His proposal died by the same party line vote that approved the spending package, 26-10.

Morris called for department heads and elected officials to take 8.5 percent raises like most county workers would be getting last year.

Morris also called for the county to foot the bill for an attorney and a confidential secretary at \$9,500 each to serve Republican members of the legislature.

Finance committee chairman Harold Joyce said he believed the budget was a good one and commended Coyne for his contribution in putting together budgets that cut property taxes five out of the last six years. Joyce pointed to the fact that no one appeared at the public hearing on the budget and that the county Democratic administration had been swept easily back into office as evidence that the people were satisfied with the spending plan.

"The voters spoke in the suburbs as well as the city and I think we were getting a different message," Morris said.

Morris was not opposed to the salary

increases for the 39 legislators, but Sue Ann Ritchko, a Bethlehem Republican who did not run for re-election, was adamantly opposed to the \$2,000 hike. She suggested that many legislators did little else than attend monthly meetings — which she said, translated into a salary of \$750 per meeting. She called the raises "uncalled for" and "unjustifiable" and said the salary proposal "probably has more arrogance than any other line in the budget."

Republicans were highly critical of the fact that most rank and file county employees were given meager salary increases — \$200 — in 1983. Most of the union workers will receive 10 percent increases next year while non-union employees will get 8.5 percent with a dental plan.

Joyce defended last year's increases to county workers saying that the county was short of money and asked the workers to "bite the bullet." He said the county workers averaged better than 6 percent annually over the last few years.

The legislature will meet again Wednesday, Dec. 21. The board is expected to consider a million dollar bond resolution for the purchase of equipment for the Public Works Department. Morris had

suggested that \$147,000 saved through his budget amendment could have been used for the equipment purchase.

If the county does borrow the money, interest will have to be paid for the purchase. A Public Works Committee report said that the money would be used to buy snowplows and other heavy equipment for the department.

The bond resolution is expected to go before the legislature while there is still a good chance for it to be approved with the necessary two thirds majority. Currently there are 27 Democrats and 12 Republicans in the legislature. In January, when new board members take their places, that number will change to 25 Democrats and 14 Republicans.

Concert in Slingerlands

Soloists Doris Clark, Vicki Folger, Kathy Ford and Bonnie Robbins, accompanied by Carolyn Johnson on flute and Jeffrey Ballou and Mark Freeman on trumpet, will be the featured performers in the annual Festival of Sacred Christmas Music on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church. Glenn Reynolds and Wendy Thompson will read, and organist-director Rhonda Ballou will accompany the church choirs. A social hour will follow the music program. For information, call Rhonda Ballou at 439-3078.

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Board agrees to sandwich sale

By Caroline Terenzini

The Bethlehem Central school board decided Wednesday to let the school wind ensemble conduct its annual sandwich sale despite board member Jed Wolkenbreit's strong dissent — and in contradiction of its own policy prohibiting door-to-door solicitation under school auspices.

Proceeds from the sale — an annual event for at least the past 15 years, according to district music Supervisor Samuel Bozzella — are used to pay the

ensemble's expenses for an exchange program that last year took them to Oyster Bay, Long Island. Depending on the destination, Bozzella said, expenses for the 46 members of the ensemble range from \$1,500 to \$2,000, which the sandwich sale proceeds handily cover.

Wolkenbreit said he had no quarrel with the use of the money, but objected to door-to-door solicitation as an intrusion on the privacy and pocketbooks of district residents. He also objected to "letting the students do something they

first did illegally" (according to the board's policy).

Board member Marjory O'Brien said, however: "There's a lot of learning in something like this. We're losing sight of the idea that the kids are earning the trip for themselves. It's important they learn everything can't be given to them."

Board member Bernard Harvith raised the question, "What'll we do when another group wants to do the same thing?" but the board was willing to wait to answer that question until it is asked.

That was not the only lively discussion of the week. Meeting in special session last Tuesday, the board discussed for nearly two hours whether to enter the fray over zoning for a vacant commercial site near Elsmere Elementary School before deciding not to do so. The decision reportedly was based on the board's determination to keep its nose out of the town's business. Board members did, however, agree to express the district's concern "about the general environment of that area as it pertains to the safety and welfare of children."

In other business at the session, which drew some 25 members of the teaching staff, the board:

- Approved new requirements for graduation and for a certificate of scholarship, effective with the class of 1988.

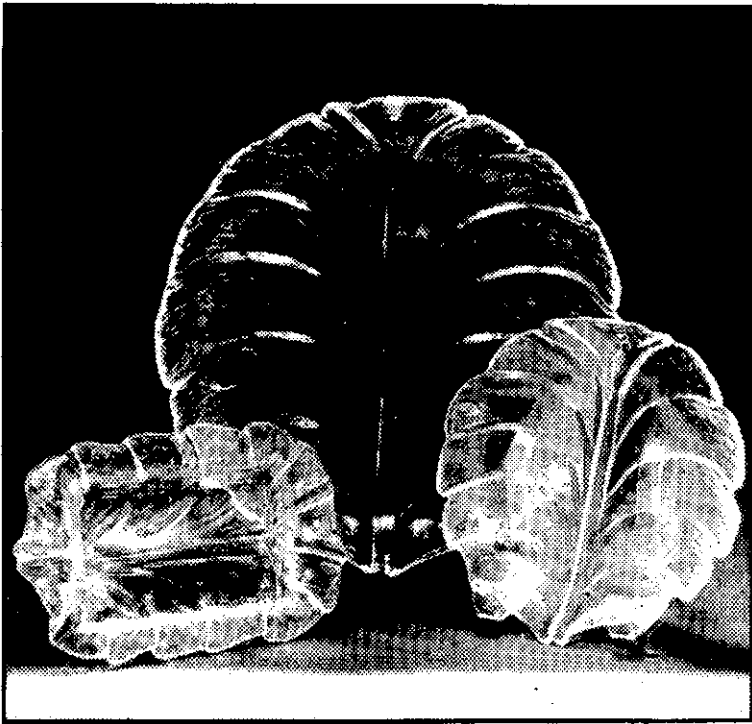
- Learned from district Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer that delinquent taxpayers may cost the district as much as \$6,000 in lost interest income.

- Heard from Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn that the elementary schools are attempting to alert parents to procedures to protect children from abduction, spurred by a national organization call Child Find.

- Renewed the district's agreement with Thealon Associates of Latham to provide negotiation services during 1984, at a cost of \$5,000.

- Received on the agenda a schedule of reports for upcoming meetings as follows: Dec. 21, Middle School curriculum change proposals; Jan. 4, proposals for major updating of equipment in the next two years; Jan. 18, a proposal to provide supervisory coverage of art, industrial arts, home economics and libraries; Feb. 1, on Project Challenge in the Middle School; Feb. 15, on guidance.

The board adjourned to executive session to discuss a proposal for hiring a consultant on the district's telephone system and to discuss a personnel matter.



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Defense, foreign policy top Stratton town meeting

"I voted the budget down because there wasn't enough in it for defense. The President wanted 10 percent for the defense and the House bill was about 5 percent," U.S. Rep. Samuel Stratton told a crowd of 200 people at the Bethlehem Public Library Friday evening. The congressman faced an informed group, with questioners referring to their own trips to the Soviet Union, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

Stratton, appearing tanned and relaxed, fielded questions about the federal deficit, Social Security, Medicare and acid rain. But it was foreign policy that was uppermost in the minds of his constituents. Members of the audience repeatedly asked about U.S. arms build-up, along with questions about American involvement in Central America. When a local doctor said, "I am worried about nuclear war," Stratton replied: "Let's not kid ourselves. There's only one arms race, only one side is racing."

The veteran representative, who acknowledged that he would "probably run in 1984," used strong language throughout the evening, twice referring to himself as a "hawk." He raised the subject of Grenada, saying, "Grenada is a pretty good example of doing something right for a change." Applause followed the remark.

Several senior citizens quizzed him about Social Security, particularly about penalizing persons born between 1917 and 1921. Stratton replied, "I've had more mail on that subject than anything else."

At times, members of the audience argued with each other about U.S. policies. The meeting ended with one member of the audience rising to lecture the others on patriotism as the congressman looked on.

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Members of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited discuss project plans. They are, from left, Bethlehem Police Detective Fred Holligan, head of the Youth Bureau; school Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn; Karen Boggs, secretary of the group; high school principal Charles Gunner, Jane Feldman, a teacher at the Middle School and president of BOU, and Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt, who directs the Bethlehem police traffic safety program.

Spotlight

Music association needs new members

The Bethlehem Music Association, formed in 1975 to support the music programs in the school district, is hoping to sign up new members at upcoming student holiday concerts. Dues are only \$2 a family. Concertgoers may sign up on the spot or checks may be made out to the Bethlehem Music Association and sent to Mr. or Mrs. Edward McEwan, 79 Greenock Rd., Delmar 12054.

At the annual Middle School pops concert in the spring, the association presents certificates of recognition to eighth graders in the school's music program. In the past, it also has recognized participants in the New York State School Music Association competitions, but the BMA's financial position makes that impossible this year. More than 100 Bethlehem students, including some 20 elementary pupils, were involved in the

competitions this year.

The BMA also was an early supporter of the district wide music festival in which students from all seven of the district's schools have an opportunity to practice with and perform under a guest conductor. In addition, the BMA provides publicity and hospitality for the Northeast Symphonic Band performance and for the music faculty recital annually.

Community support is needed, according to a BMA spokesperson. For information, call Marylou Stracke, president, at 439-2406.

Bridge work on tap

The state Dept. of Transportation is scheduled to open bids Thursday for a number of projects including replacement of the Rt. 32 bridge over Onesquehaway Creek in the Town of New Scotland. The 65-foot bridge deck is to be replaced and the span widened to 28 feet.

Group promotes 'contract' for parents, drinking kids

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited has been incorporated as a nonprofit organization aimed at providing young people with alternatives to drug and alcohol use and abuse. School district employees, police and community residents have gotten together to mount a campaign, and BOU is seeking suggestions for workshops and other information programs that might curb teenage interest in alcohol and drugs. Suggestions may be submitted to Philip Maher, parks and recreation administrator for the town, at 439-4131.

BOU has obtained a \$400 grant from the Albany County Stop DWI program and is seeking matching funds to finance the campaign. A current undertaking is organization of a Capital District Chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). SADD encourages teenagers and their parents to enter into a "contract" whereby the parent will give the teen a ride home at any hour, day or night, if called. The ride will be provided, "no questions asked," at least until the next day.

Contract forms have been provided to 11th graders in health classes at Bethle-

hem Central where police explained laws relating to drunk driving and demonstrated operation of the Breathalyzer, which measures the alcohol content in breath. Contract forms also are available at the high school, from the police department or from Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. BOU president is Jane Feldman, a teacher at the Middle School. Maher is treasurer for the group.

Denis Foley, coordinator for the county Stop DWI program, reports that alcohol-related accidents are the leading cause of death for young people ages 16 to 24. Preliminary data from police agencies in the county show drunk driving arrests up 4 percent over last year's figure and alcohol-related accidents down 20 percent, according to Foley.

However, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. on weekends, 10 percent of all drivers have their ability impaired by alcohol or are drunk. In the campaign to reduce the role of alcohol in traffic accidents, this week has been proclaimed National Drunk and Drugged Driver Awareness Week.

Board seat not filled

The Bethlehem Central school board has decided to leave vacant the seat previously held by Robert Zick of Glenmont, who resigned because of a business transfer. The seat will be filled in the annual election in May and there already is one announced candidate. Barbara Coon of Glenmont has announced she will campaign for the job.

Mrs. Coon has been active in the Glenmont Elementary School Parent-

Teacher Association for six years, serving as a classroom volunteer, a PTA program chairman and as PTA president. She also has been a member of the board of directors of the Capital District PTA for six years.

Her husband, James, is deputy counsel in the state Department of State. The couple have a daughter, Jennifer, who is a fifth grader at the Glenmont School.

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



First grade teacher Judy Douglas, teacher aide Alice Mensching and fourth grade teacher Barbara Coons wrap gifts for the needy family the Voorheesville Elementary School faculty has "adopted" for Christmas. Coons coordinated the effort for the fourth straight year. *Spotlight — Lyn Stapf*

Another party

After spending an enjoyable afternoon as the guests of the Voorheesville neighborhood Girl Scouts at the holiday party given in their honor, the New Scotland Senior Citizens again will be feted at a special dinner party hosted by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland and the Voorheesville High School Key Club, to take place tonight (Wednesday) at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church. A chicken cordon bleu dinner will be served by Kiwanians and Key Club members, some dressed like elves, followed by musical selections offered by members of

the high school choral groups, directed by Margaret Dorgan.

Holiday concert

A reminder to those who would like to listen to the sounds of the season — the elementary school holiday concert will take place on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the grade school.

The band, directed by Lydia Tobler, and the fifth and sixth grade choruses under the direction of Cynthia McDermott will present an evening of seasonal music. The public is invited to this free program.

Visit number two

Those who missed Santa's visit to Voorheesville last weekend have another chance to catch a glimpse of that jolly old elf this Sunday when the annual village holiday party will be held. Sponsored by the firehouse, the village and the Voorheesville American Legion, the event will feature refreshments, entertainment and goodies to take home. Santa will be on hand for photos and to listen to any last minute requests. Before stopping by at the gathering Mr. Claus will make the round of the village in a fire truck shortly after noon.

Services for children

So that they may share in the true spirit and meaning of Christmas, the children in St. Matthews elementary level religious education program will take part in a special service to be held this Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. in the church on Mountainview Rd. Children and their teachers will sing carols, decorate the tree with ornaments they made and participate in readings and skits. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Gifts for others

The next day at the Methodist Church across the bridge children from the Sunday School program will take part in their annual Birthday Party for Jesus to be held during church school time in the social hall. Like at any birthday party children will bring gifts, but these will be sent to the Methodist Society Christmas store where families in need may purchase them for a nominal fee.

On this day, Sunday, Dec. 18 families at the Church will also hand in their Red Stocking Offerings. The donations from these stockings will help children in the Brooklyn Methodist Church.

Caroling

There will certainly be a lot of singing going on in Voorheesville this weekend. The Cub Scouts of Voorheesville, Pack 73, will hold an afternoon carol sing Saturday. The boys will meet at the Voorheesville Grand Union at 1 p.m. and proceed through the village, ending their musical journey at St. Matthew's Church where they will have refreshments and

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Shed some light

Speaking of fundraisers members of St. Matthew's have a bright idea to "light up your life." To help raise money for many of their upcoming projects they are selling five-bulb packed of Sylvania light bulbs. Anyone interested in supporting the teens may obtain more information by calling event coordinator Pat Schultz at 765-4223.

Scouts adopt

Girl Scout Troop 259 is getting into the spirit of the holiday and are "adopting" a family for Christmas. They are presently collecting new and good used toys and clothing for two boys aged 18 months and five years old. Heavy winter clothing is especially needed.

The girls will also be providing Christmas dinner for the family. Anyone who wishes to donate anything towards the project may contact troop leaders Bonnie Foster 765-2447 and Robin Shufelt at 765-4771.

Christmas artist

Although most people are just beginning to think about Christmas cards, local artist Barbara Hatch Vink has had them on her mind for a long time. For the

second year in a row the commercial artist has been commissioned by the Altamont Fair Committee to design their holiday greeting cards, which feature a different fair building each year. This years showing a drawing of the newly opened entertainment center.

A graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Vink has been extremely busy this year. The talented mother of three has done much of the artwork for Annie's Bake Shop on Main Street and recently designed the new menus for the Railroad Junction. She also did extensive work on the design of the menu and the decor for the newly opened country restaurant Shooter's in Latham, owned by Voorheesville entrepreneurs Phil Depasquale and Garry Petre. And who was the opening act at this popular establishment? None other than Voorheesville's own quintet "Southbound," who this weekend will be bound for Massachusetts they will be the feature band at a Muscular Dystrophy benefit in Foxborough.

Aid for students

Like Christmas, college is approaching all too quickly for students at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior. To help prepare students and parents to meet the rising costs of an education today, the guidance department has scheduled a financial aid workshop to be held in the high school library on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature Guidance Director Ken George and Ann White,

director of financial aid at the Albany College of Pharmacy, who will offer information and answer any questions concerning the many aspects of filing for and obtaining financial assistance to meet college expenses.

Parents and students are asked to please obtain financial aid forms at the guidance office prior to the meeting and to complete as much of the form as possible before hand.

Dutch treat

When teacher Debbie Croscup's second grade class came to school yesterday morning they found a most tasteful surprise. The students who have been studying about holiday customs around the world made "wooden shoes" out of milk cartons and, like the children of Holland, put them out Monday evening so St. Nicholas could fill them. The entire class was overjoyed to find their artwork filled with sweet treats — and happy that no one received a switch

from Black Pete, the fate reserved for naughty boys and girls.

Teachers 'adopt' family

For the fourth year faculty members at the Voorheesville Elementary School have adopted a family for Christmas. According to Barbara Coons, coordinator of the program at the school, many items including toys, food and clothing have been received for the family of nine, whose name was received from the Albany County Department of Social Services. Money was also donated so that additional gifts and food could be purchased.

Mohawk DAR meets

The Mohawk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will recognize student winners of its Good Citizen Awards at its monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Pl., Albany.

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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.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

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.

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.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

New Scotland Landfill, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

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.

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

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

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

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

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

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.).

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Pat Jukins at 439-8096.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during school year. Call 439-2238.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Eismere, at 8 p.m., except July, August.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 "Soft Soap," senior play dress rehearsal and free admission for senior citizens, at Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Road and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

Second Milers, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. (except June, July and August). Reservations. 439-3569.

Red Men, second Wednesdays at St. Stephen's Church, Eismere, 7:30 p.m.

Slingerlands Fire District, second Wednesdays at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

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

Lutheran Pot Luck Supper, 6:15 p.m., and "Signs of Christ" Advent service series, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave. Information, 768-2279.

Winter Music Festival, Part 2, at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m.

Financial Aid Workshop, at Voorheesville High School Library, 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Women, Christmas buffet South Bethlehem Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

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

Christmas Greens Show and Tea, Bethlehem Garden Club meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 439-2827.

La Leche League, breastfeeding support group for mothers and prospective mothers to discuss nutrition and weaning at home of Marti McMahon, Glenmont, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9104 or 439-9917.

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

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meeting and sing-along with Community Friendship Singers, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1:15 p.m.



Washington Park Theater Company scored a hit in this presentation of *Julius Dragon* in the first of four weekend productions in the Kids' Fare entertainment series. The Dec. 17-18 presentation will feature Ruth Pelham's Music Mobile. Information, 439-7979.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 "Soft Soap" Opening Night, soap opera spoof-senior play begins three-night run at Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets (\$4 adults, \$3 students) at area stores, high school box office and at door.

Winter Concert, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School auditorium, 8 p.m.

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

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

Albany Audubon Society plans meeting and slide program on birds of South Florida, presented by Dr. Charles Swartz, at Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

"Soft Soap," soap opera spoof-senior play at Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets (\$4 adults, \$3 students) at Paper Mill, Records n' Such, high school box office and at door.

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

"Awake and Sing" (Clifford Odets drama), Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Dec. 14-18, 8 p.m., Sunday matinee 2:30 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or 462-1297.

"Gemini" (comedy by Albert Innaurato), Skidmore Theater, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 14-17. Reservations, 584-5000. Saratoga Springs, Dec. 14-17. Reservations, 584-5000.

"She Loves Me" (musical presented by Heritage Artists), Cohoes Music Hall, Dec. 14-17. Reservations, 235-7969.

"Happy End" (Capitol Rep presents Bertold Brecht-Kurt Weill musical), Market Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 18 (Tuesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m.) Box office, 462-4534.

"Raggedy Ann and Andy" (Joe Raposo and Tim Mason's musical adaptation), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 14-16, 10 a.m.; Dec. 16-17, 8 p.m.; Dec. 18, 2 p.m.; Dec. 19 and 20, 10 a.m. Tickets at Community Box Office and Egg box office, 473-3750.

"Die Fledermaus" (Albany Symphony Orchestra teams with Manhattan Savoyards to present Johann Strauss' operetta at the traditional New Year's Eve gala), Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. Followed by dinner dance at Empire State Plaza. Information and tickets, 465-4755.

MUSIC

Pianist Rudolf Serkin, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Proctor's 346-6204.

Handel's "Messiah" (Octavo Singers 50th anniversary concert, with sing-along), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

Cellist David Gibson (works by Anna Magdalena Bach, Vivaldi and the artist), Albany Institute of History and Art, Dec. 18, 3 p.m.

"Nowell Sing We Clear" (an exuberant Christmas tradition with John Roberts, Tony Barrand, Steve Woodruff and Fred Breunig), St. Mark's Community Center, Guelderland Center, Dec. 18, 3 p.m. Tickets at Records 'N Such and Community Box Office.

DANCE

"Child's Christmas" (eba Dance Theater's revival of its holiday favorite), SUNY Albany Studio Theater, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Dec. 18, 2 p.m.; Chapter House, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m. Information and reservations, 465-9916.

"The Nutcracker" (Berkshire Ballet brings Tchaikovsky favorite on tour), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 18, Tickets at Community Box Office or the theater.

ART

"Grandma Moses: The Artist Behind the Myth," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 15.

"Inventors and Inventions," Albany Institute of History and Art, through January.

Wendy Williams, paintings and drawings, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Jan. 8.

Albany Artists Group, all-member show, Child's Hospital Hackett Blvd., Albany, through December.

"Fine Crafted Art" (crafted items for sale), The Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Dec. 22.

Museum of Early American Decoration, greens show and period decorations, 19 Dove St., Albany, through January.

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

"Soft Soap," soap opera spoof series play at Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets (\$4 adults, \$3 students) at Paper Mill, Records n' Such, high school box office and at door.

Country Dancing, Old Songs Country ball with music by Fennig's All-Stars, Voorheesville First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 8:30 p.m.

American Legion Christmas Party, for children and grandchildren of members, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 2 p.m.

Christmas Party Square Dance, sponsored by Tri - Village Squares, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. workshop, 8 p.m. dance. Information, 439-4598, 439-7983.

"Emmanuel - A Christmas Cantata," at Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party, at Selkirk fire co. 3, South Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Children's Christmas Party, at Selkirk Fire Co. #1, 1 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program and covered dish supper, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., 4 p.m.

Christmas Music Festival, choral concert and social hour at Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., 4 p.m. Information, 439-3078.

Voorheesville Holiday Party, sponsored by village, American Legion and fire department, at firehouse on School Rd., 1 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

Holiday Concert, Bethlehem Central High School auditorium.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

AARP, Third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. except July and August.

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

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, for patients, family and friends at Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 459-5118.

Legion Auxiliary Christmas Party, music and roast beef dinner at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 6:30 p.m.

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

Helderberg Business and Professional Women, benefit-Christmas buffet for members and their guests, Heavenly Inn, 6:30 p.m. For reservations, 456-5694 by Dec. 16.

Mothers' Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers meets Tuesdays at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire District regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Junior High Winter Contest, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 7:30 p.m.

Night Ski Trek, schussing, star-watching owl-prowling on guided nature tour, if there is snow at Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar; information, 457-6092 on Dec. 21 Free.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

New Scotland Town Civic Assn., fourth Thursday each month, Rm. 104, Voorheesville High School; 7:30 p.m. Discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

Christmas Movies, Voorheesville Public Library, 3 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, accompanied by harpist Corky Christman, Delmar Reformed Church, 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

"And Now, Miguel," children's movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

BCHS Christmas Reunion, at the Albany Hilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 439-6804 or 439-5411.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Russell Sage Evening Division Registration, for January session students, Administration Building (Regist. Office), 140 New Scotland Ave., noon-6 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

Albany - Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, membership mixer at Computer Professionals Inc., Stuyvesant Plaza, 4:30-6 p.m. RSVP, 434-1214.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Information, 465-2441.

Capital District Association of Rental Property Owners, monthly meeting and discussion on how small landlords can use computers, Computer Center, Westgate Shopping Center, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 663-5089.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Altamont Station Squares, Christmas square dance at former Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6476.

Children's Christmas Caroling, at Latham Circle Mall, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Children's Stenciling Workshop, at Museum of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. \$12 registration, 462-1676.

Mohawk Chapter, DAR monthly meetings and Good Citizens Awards presentation, Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Pl., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1653.

Kids' Fare, with Ruth Pelham and Music Mobile, magic and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" drama, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; 439-7979.

"The Bible: Echoes and Allusions," Boston University Professor Everett Fox on a new translation of Book of Genesis, Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 489-4706.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Winter Series Starter Run, 5 and 15-km road races sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, through SUNYA campus, 12:30 p.m.

Kids' Fare, with Ruth Pelham and Music Mobile, magic and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; 439-7979.

"Gift of Life Sunday" Blood Drive, at American Red Cross building, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For appointments, 462-7461 ext.276.

"The Hanging of the Greens," Santa Claus, carolling, children's films and luncheon for congregation and public, at St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, noon. Information, 434-3502.

Historic Albany House Tour, stops at The Chancery and Morris Ryder Mansion with music by Adirondack Baroque Consort, leaves from Harquet Bleeker Center, Washington Ave. and Dove St., Albany, 1-4 p.m. \$6 donation; reservations, 463-0622.

Albany County Historical Association, monthly meeting and Christmas Open House, Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Pl., Albany, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Expectant Parents' Night, parent-to-be tour hospital facilities and meet staff, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

"Attitude Is Everything," Personal Growth Support group, Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 869-0826 or 482-7042.

Blood Pressure Screener Workshop, for emergency medical technicians and community blood pressure clinic supervisors, Red Cross building, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration, 462-7461; free.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Compassionate Friends, self-help group for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Empire State College (of SUNY) Information Session, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 447-6746; free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Soroptimist Club Dinner Meeting, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. For \$12 reservations, 482-1723.

Children's Christmas Caroling, at Latham Circle Mall, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Church Caroling, sponsored by St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and social hour will follow; information, 434-3502.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Kids' Fare, songs, magic and shadow puppets for children ages 3-11, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; information, 439-7979.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Red Cross Bloodmobile, at Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For appointments, 462-7461.

Sabbath Services for single Jewish adults at Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany, 8 p.m.

Kids' Fare, songs magic and shadow puppets for children ages 3-11, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; information, 439-7979.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Kids' Fare, magic and shadow puppets for children ages 3-11, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; information, 439-7979.

Unity in Albany Candlelighting Service, at 586 Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 489-7400.

St. Peter's Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve sermon and choral carolling at St. Peter's Church, 102 State St., Albany, 9:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Safe Place, support group for family and friends of suicide victims, Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-0799.

Blood Pressure Clinic, at Red Cross building, Hackett Blvd., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 462-7461 ext. 285.

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Community relations committee forms

Communication goal

A Community Relations Committee has been formed by the Ravena-Coymans-Selkirk Board of Education. Thirteen people representing a cross section of the district are currently serving on the committee. Improved communication within the various schools is one of the main goals of the committee. Cooperation between parent-teacher organizations; a parent volunteer program in which parents could provide help to the teachers in areas such as reading, writing and special programs; senior citizen involvement, and more organized publication of school activities have been discussed.

Representing the district on the committee are board members, the superintendent of schools, PTO representatives and teachers from each school. They are: Superintendent Milton Chodack, Wayne Fuhrman, Marie Fuller, Colleen Janssen, Tina Irwin, Ann Marie Bonafide, Dick Brooks, Earl Jones, Kathy Philhofer, Lorna Milburn, Louis Rosamilia, Pat Sears and Ken Ralston.

The jolly old elf

Santa Claus is coming to town! He's expected to make a special visit to the children of the South Bethlehem-South Albany area this Saturday, Dec. 17. It's all part of the fun and excitement planned for the youngsters by the firemen of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3, South Bethlehem, beginning at 6 p.m. Along with Santa, who promises to have a gift for every good little boy and girl, magician Jim

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Snack will be present to entertain all with his special talent — creating mystifying illusions.

All children up to and including 10 years of age in the South Bethlehem-South Albany area are invited.

With a ho-ho-ho

Santa has a very busy weekend planned, as he has promised to be in Selkirk on Sunday, Dec. 18 at Selkirk Firehouse No. 1, Maple Ave. He'll have gifts and surprises for all his young friends when he arrives at 1 p.m. There will be ice cream and cookies, and even a magician on hand to entertain them. All children 12 years of age or under are invited.

Meanies, too

"The Meanies Steal the Greenies Christmas" is the intriguing title of the program the young people of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will present this Sunday evening. Based on a Dr. Seuss story, the program will be part of the church school Christmas program. All are invited to enjoy the talents of the young people and the fellowship of a covered-dish supper.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. The program will begin at 4 p.m. at the church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem.

Good eating

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, Dec. 15, will be: Thursday — evening meal only; Friday — roast chicken with gravy, mashed turnips, beets, dessert; Monday — barbecued pork on bun, baked potato, green beans, dessert; Tuesday — lasagna with tomato sauce, parmesan cheese, tossed salad with dressing, broccoli, dessert; Wednesday — Vegetable soup, breaded oven fried chicken, O'Brien potato, cauliflower au gratin, dessert.

Junior Grange installs

An installation service for new officers of the Bethlehem Junior Grange was held recently at the grange hall, Beckers Corners, Selkirk. Accepting new positions were: Billy Stanton, master; Michael Jordan, overseer; Stephan Baily, lecturer; Cindy Conrad, chaplain; Chris Stanton, assistant secretary; Bobby Burns, steward; Krystal Burns, flourer, and Jeremy Stanton, flag bearer.

Holiday music ahead

Moms, dads, friends, neighbors, senior citizens! You're all invited! The music department of the RCS Junior High School is having its 1983 winter concert! Directors Scott Andrews and Kenneth Tyrell inform us the students have been working hard to produce an exceptionally fine performance. The junior high

concert will feature four groups — sixth grade band, sixth grade chorus, 7th and 8th grade band, and 7th and 8th grade chorus.

The concert will be next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There will be no charge for admission.

Songs of the season

Don't forget. Tomorrow evening, Dec. 15, the RCS Senior High School will have its winter concert. The program begins at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The senior chorus, stage band and senior band will be featuring songs of the season under the direction of Brent Wheat and Martin Ainspan. There will be no admission charge, and the public is invited. For two very pleasant evenings, remember the dates, Thursday the 15th and Wednesday, Dec. 21. If you've never had the opportunity to hear these young people perform, you've missed something special.

Gifts from the heart

In a few days, the members of the Bethlehem Subordinate Grange will be packing and distributing baskets to some of the less fortunate families in the community. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the effort should know that donations will be greatly appreciated. As there are a number of children in these families, ranging in age from 3 to 10, gifts of small toys or articles of clothing such as hats and mittens would be welcomed. Contributions may be made by contacting Mrs. Helen Raynor at 767-2770.

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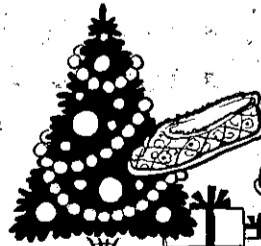
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Giving life to babies

By Pam Bachman

Few people could ignore a mother's plea for food for her starving infant. In 1979, a college student was listening to the radio, and heard a young mother's frantic request for human milk for her 5-week-old baby. The student immediately phoned her sister, a new mother who had been freezing her excess breast milk. Within hours New York State Police were asked to transport this surplus milk to the sick baby, who at last ceased his almost non-stop crying and gained four ounces overnight. Over the next six weeks the baby continued to thrive on his benefactor's total donation of three gallons of milk.

The donor mother, Maria Mathisen of Greenville, N.Y., was so affected by her experience that she went on to found one of the nation's first independent milk banks, named very accurately, "Milk for Life."

Milk for Life passed its fourth birthday in May of this year, and as Maria writes in her newsletter, the more than 40 past and present recipients thank all the donors with a "great satisfied sigh of healthy well-fed contentment."

But the supply is never static — right now there is a serious shortage of milk in the Capital District, and Milk for Life is appealing to mothers who may have finished nursing and have leftover frozen milk.

Several milk donors live in the Tri-Village area, and the local Stewart's on Delaware Avenue, as well as other Stewart's in stores in the area, serves as a storage point by volunteering freezer space until donated milk can be picked

up. Some donors have given a few ounces; others have provided a gallon or more. May Gatto, a senior citizen of Schenectady, fondly called the "Milk Maid," drives a designated milk route each month, stopping at all Stewart's stores for pick-up. May once drove all night to take milk to New York's Kennedy Airport where it was then flown halfway across the country to help a sick baby survive.

Babies and young children need donated milk for many reasons. They may suffer from a condition known as malabsorption and/or severe allergies. If they are suffering from a disease such as rheumatoid arthritis, necessary medicines may have damaged their digestive tracts. Perhaps immune deficiencies are present. In almost all cases, the mothers try very hard to supply their babies, but they may have stopped lactating, they may be too ill to nurse, or they may be adoptive mothers. Milk for Life just recently graduated little Elizabeth, a baby with severe allergies, to her adoptive mother, who had never been pregnant but was able to induce lactation and build up a milk supply. Milk for Life loans an electric pump to mothers trying to lactate. La Leche League often helps these determined mothers provide their children with nature's most perfect food.

Like so many organizations trying to help those in need, Milk for Life is constantly short of funds. Some organizations have taken Milk for Life under their wings; for example, the Junior League of Albany recently gave a one-time grant, and the Clifton Park Welcome Wagon backed the organization with an art auction in October. For the



Nancy Turner of Milk for Life turns in a supply of mother's milk to John Lehman, manager of the Stewart's store on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Area Stewart's shops are donating freezer space for the milk until it can be picked up for distribution by the volunteer organization.

Tom Howes

most part though, it is a lonely battle against indebtedness. Medical insurance, with a few exceptions, does not recognize human milk as a covered medical expense, but Milk for Life will not deny milk to a child because his family cannot pay.

Children come into the program only on a doctor's prescription. The cost of the service is quite high; for example, it costs more than \$1 an ounce to collect the milk and test it for bacterial content. Also, there are shipping charges. The Albany Red Cross currently tests the milk and also sterilizes bottles for donors to use. Milk for Life may soon be under the Red

Cross aegis and then it can be funded by United Way.

Milk for Life can boast of many successes, but current milk donations are so low that, for the first time, it will have to refuse the next baby who needs help. Any pregnant or nursing mother who feels she can donate milk should call Ann Mulford, 399-2601; May Gatto, 393-7890, or Maria Mathisen, 1-966-4182. Donations of money may be sent to Milk for Life, Inc., P.O. Box 81, Greenville, N.Y. 12083. Volunteers are always needed to pick up milk, write letters and articles, or man telephones.

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Herman Altman and the mangy mutt

"Get! Get, you mutt! Go on, get off my lawn! Get!"

Harman Altman's 68-year-old voice usually didn't reach such high pitches these days. The most yelling he had ever done was at the employees of the dry cleaning establishment he owned for almost 30 years until illness forced him to sell out to his wife's cousin Fred. Now whenever he passed by the place he wanted to scream, because Fred was running it into the ground.

"The oaf. The incompetent oaf! My wife's entire family, God rest her soul, they're all a bunch of oafs," he would mutter to himself under tight lips as he drove past the steamed front windows of Altman's Dry Cleaning. "At least he had the decency to keep my name on the sign," Herman would think until memor-

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



ies of his beloved wife crowded out any other thoughts.

Herman Altman had lived for his wife, and she for him. They had no children, not even a pet. Just each other and the business. They put all their energies into it and were very successful in their part of town.

Herman still lived in the big house in the middle of the block on Third Street not far from the business. It was the only

house on the block with a front lawn, because Herman had built it away from the sidewalk for the very reason. Besides, Herman preferred the retreat from the street noise and meandering neighbors when he would sit on his porch in the evenings.

Since his wife had died nine months ago, Herman had retreated even further into his big house. He ventured outdoors only to shop for bare necessities and to keep his appointments with Dr. Gross. His chronic stomach problems had been flaring up and he had been having chest pains for the past few months. Herman was very unhappy from loneliness and faltering health.

There was only one reason Herman came out of his house onto his front porch, a daily occurrence that seemed to satisfy his irritable nature and give him something to fuss about. It was that mangy mutt from the lowlife family who had just moved in a few doors down. The dog seemed to hold Herman's lawn in high regard, but in a very different manner than Herman did.

Yesterday Herman had reached his tolerance limit when upon his return from Dr. Gross's office he walked across the front lawn only to step in one of the dog's piles recently deposited. He threw his shoes in the trashcan and stomped into the house to call the Police Department with a formal complaint. He was reassured that the local leash law would be enforced, and that the family would be warned to keep their dog confined.

Rick, the 10-year-old of that family, the one whose responsibility it was to take care of the tan-and-white mongrel, walked by the Altman house. He had heard from the other neighborhood kids that old man Altman was mean and rich and stingy, and that his wife's ghost wandered around the house at dark. Herman was feared and hated by the local youngsters. They delighted in the thought of Rick's dog doing his thing in Altman's lawn. It was sheer ecstasy when they heard about the old man stepping in it.

But now, as Rick slowly approached Herman's property, he was full of hate for the mean old guy who had called the cops on his dog. It was the day before Christmas and Rick had been hearing about peace and love and forgiveness in school and in church, even in cartoons on TV. But he was too angry to feel any of those things for old man Altman. He was going to get back at that mean old man for picking on his dog.

When the rock crashed through Harman's parlor window, he was quietly staring at his wife's photograph on top of the piano that she used to play nearly every evening. His eyes were beginning to glisten with tears he had yet to shed since she passed away.

The rock shattered Herman's moment of mourning and aroused the anger that had been sustaining him for the past nine months. He knew he was sad, but all he could feel was his anger, and it was that anger that led him out the front door onto the porch shouting, "I'll get you for this! Whoever you are, you'll be sorry you did this to me! You'll be sorry. I'll get you!"

Rick could hear the old man's voice all the way down the street as he ducked into his own house. He was scared, but he knew that nobody had seen him. He forgot to close the door all the way, and before long, his dog, who was unused to being kept in for too long, pushed past the unshut door and was out for an evening's jaunt.

Herman had trudged back into his house after venting his venom at the outside world. As he sullenly stood in the parlor surrounded by broken glass and broken memories, his anger and his sadness suddenly welled up together in his chest. Slowly he went over to his desk, took out his key ring, unlocked the center drawer and pulled open the drawer with the pistol he had bought a few years ago when a rash of burglaries had hit the area.

Nervously he loaded one shell into the chamber and walked over to the chair in which he had been sitting when the rock hit.

Herman looked long and hard at the picture of his good wife almost as if to ask her forgiveness for what he was about to do. The thought of Christmas without her was very painful, but to spend the rest of his days without a friend in a hostile world was unbearable. He clenched his jaw and raised the firearm to his temple.

Before his finger tightened all the way, Herman heard the familiar distracting and disturbing bark of a mangy dog on his front lawn. He shot up from the chair with the leap of a much younger man and bolted for the front door. There it was, the mutt, the symbol of personal intrusion, disrespect and all that was infuriating to Herman.

The dog simply stood still and looked at Herman as he raised the gun and aimed it at the mutt on his lawn. His hand shook slightly as he tried to squeeze the trigger. He had never killed anything before. He had never caused the death of any living thing in his entire life. His hand shook even more as he thought about his wife and the gentleness and compassion she had so often displayed even when he was grouchy with her.

Just then the church bells began chiming "Joy To The World." Herman's body began quivering, and like a volcano, his tears erupted in a flood of dammed up sorrow. His muscles grew weak, unable to keep him standing, and as the gun slipped out of his hand, Herman sunk down on the porch step sobbing, his head in his hands.

Even though his cheeks were streaming wet with his own tears, he felt another wetness on his face. In the midst of a sob he blinked his swollen eyes open to see the dog standing beside him licking his cheek, whimpering. They both froze for a moment, then Herman put his arm around the dog's middle and squeezed and petted him. The dog licked Herman furiously and put its paw on his shoulder.

It was the first warm, living thing to Herman in a long time, and as his anger and sadness had been unleashed earlier, so now was his love. This animal he had hated had broken through the wall of isolation he had built and was giving him the warmth and affection he had been denying himself.

When he noticed Rick standing at the edge of the front lawn with a look of utter surprise on his boyish face, Herman took out his handkerchief to blow his nose, motioned for the boy to come onto the porch, and asked, "Is this your dog, young fellow?"

"Yessir, it is."

"Well right now, I believe this is the finest animal I've ever seen, and you are very lucky to have him. Tell you what, I've got some pretty nice cookies in the house, and I'd be very happy if you and your dog would come in and have some with me. How about it?"

As Rick and his dog left Herman's house, the church bells were ringing out "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

Christmas Eve service

Harpist Corky Christman, a local harp teacher who has performed for the Schenectady and Vermont Symphonies, will be a soloist at the special candlelight Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. A 7 p.m. service for families with young children will feature the Chancel Strings, the Happy Voices and an organ chimes recital. Candles will be provided for everyone at both services.

MS group meets

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for Albany and Rensselaer counties, sponsored by the Capital District M.S. Society, will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar. Patients, family and friends are invited to the meeting, which will include discussion and information about the disease and a feature film from the Golden Age of Hollywood, "An Afternoon at the Movies."

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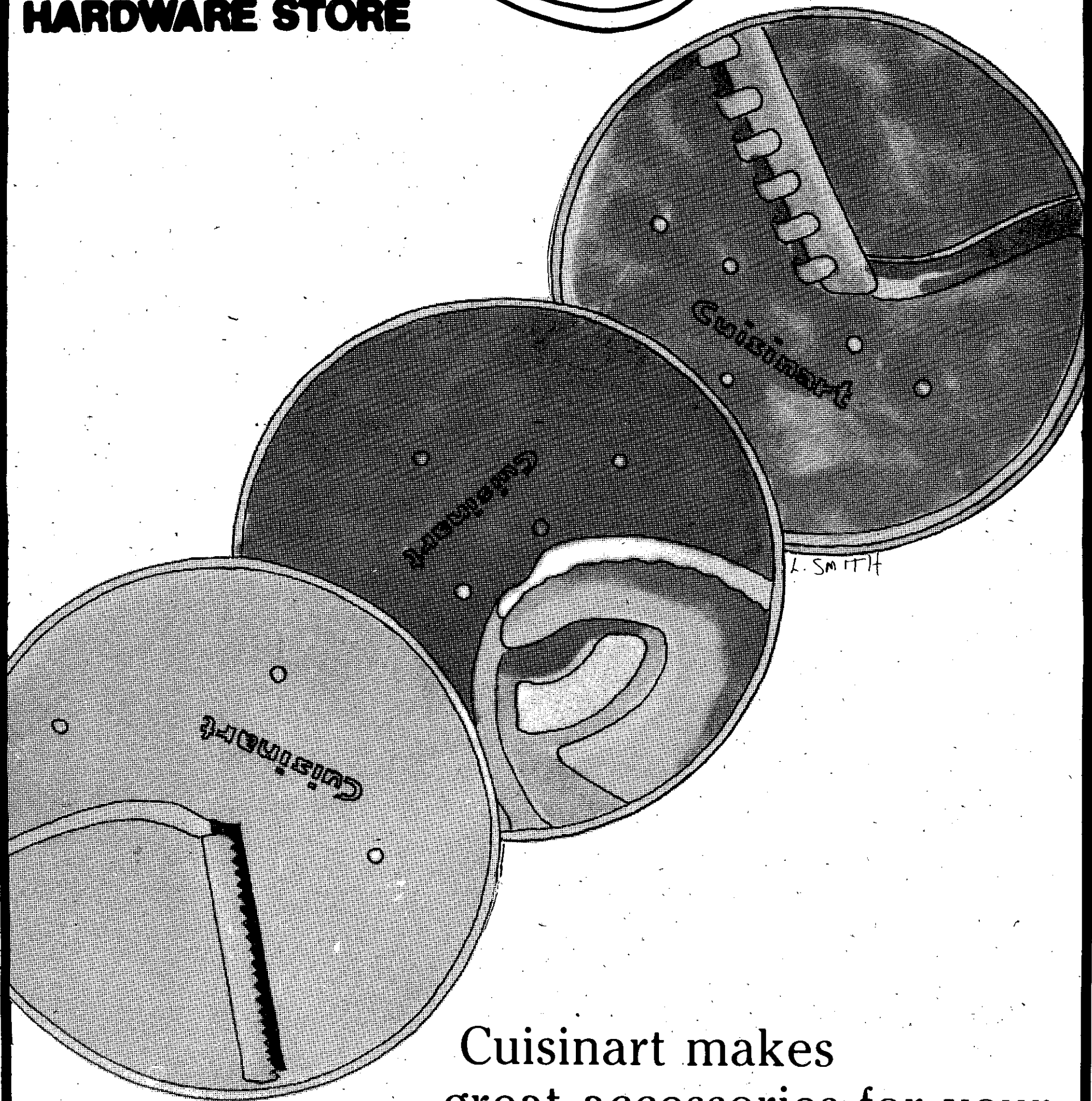
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The chamber's business

If the limited responses to a recent survey is any indication, the main business of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is business.

The survey, distributed by the chamber at its open house last fall and published later in *The Spotlight*, drew 43 responses, and makes no claims to being a scientific sampling of sentiment in the business community. But the results do hold some interest for the chamber's board of directors, which is currently discussing the group's role in the community.

Chamber President Peter Merrill said that despite the limited response the chamber board agreed that the results should be made public.

The survey attempts to rate the chamber's activities in terms of importance. By far the most positive response came to the objective of maintaining "high business standards and products." In second place was the objective of recruiting new business for the town, followed by the function of "working with government" and helping to "beautify our business community."

Thirty one respondents said the chamber should act as a Better Business Bureau, while only 12 said no. The Bethlehem chamber has steered away from such a role, concerned about the legal problems involved, according to Merrill.

But a very high percentage of those

BUSINESS

answering rated the quality of products and services available through town businesses as either good or excellent, and, by a better than two-to-one margin, most said they would consider a chamber member before looking elsewhere. Only six said they had ever called on the chamber for advice or information.

The chamber's role in the community drew a number of comments on the survey — several people thought the group should take on the beautification of Delaware Plaza as a public service project, and others suggested other beautification projects and more educational efforts.

In the controversial area of zoning, results were mixed. The question was, "do you feel our town planning board and board of appeals encourages new businesses to come to our community," and 15 said yes while 22 said no. Later, the survey asked if commercial growth should be kept in one specific area or diversified — 12 favored one specific area, three opted for diversified areas.

A majority felt that business happenings were covered adequately in local newspapers.



Alan D. Crow

Heads insurers' group

Alan D. Crow of Delmar has been named chairman of the Policyholder Services Committee of the American Association of State Compensation Insurance Funds, which includes providers of workers' compensation coverage in 18 states, four Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico. Crow graduated from Syracuse University after serving in the Navy during World War II, and joined the State Insurance Fund in 1954 as a sales representative for a 19-county area, and in 1980 was named director. The State Fund has more than \$2 billion in assets and provides workers' compensation for a third of the state's 450,000 employers.

Fence issue a stalemate

The question of a fence or a guard rail to separate Delaware Plaza from the mini mall appears to remain a three-way stalemate this week.

The owners of the plaza say they're planning to go ahead with the project, which will make it difficult if not impossible for mini mall customers to use plaza parking. The managing owner of the mini mall, Leonard Smith, says he's still waiting to hear from his lawyer. And the City of Albany, which owns the water line right of way where the barrier would be built, still hasn't given its permission.

"We're going to put it up as soon as we get the proper permission," Norris MacFarland, one of the owners of the plaza, said Monday. MacFarland said the barrier would be a guard rail, designed to keep cars out, and it would run "from front to back," which would mean that shoppers going to the mini mall could enter only by way of Delaware Ave. and a roughly paved lane along the dry cleaners.

MacFarland reiterated the complaint he and co-owner Howard Nolan expressed in a letter last June to tenants of the mini mall, when they announced their intention of putting up the barrier. Repeated requests to have the mini mall or its tenants share in the costs of paving and maintaining the water line right of

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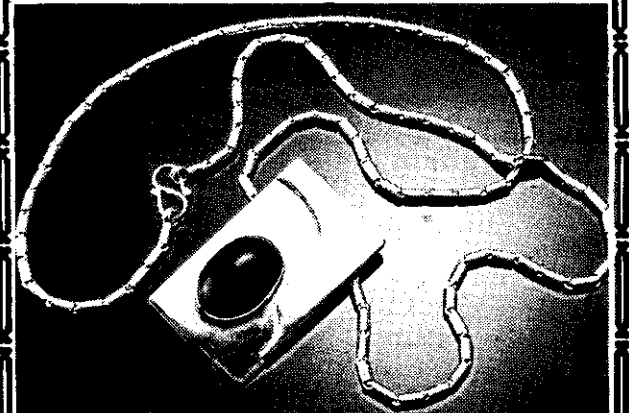
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way, which the plaza leases from Albany for \$6,000 a year, have fallen on deaf ears, he said.

"We have never received any communication from Mr. Smith or the trust," he said.

Smith, who last week confirmed for the first time that he does have management responsibilities for the mall (he, his mother and State Bank of Albany are trustees), said Monday he is still waiting to hear from his lawyer. He said he had no plans to talk to MacFarland.

"If he wants to call me, I'll talk to him" Smith said.

The barrier was under construction Monday, Dec. 5, but Albany Water Commissioner Charles Cahill halted work by mid morning. There has been no

activity since then.

Corporation Counsel Vincent McArdle said Tuesday that he has been discussing the situation with Nolan, but Cahill opposes any sort of structure on the city's property.

"We're going to have a problem putting up a fence," McArdle said. "I think he (Nolan) is going to have to solve his problem some other way."

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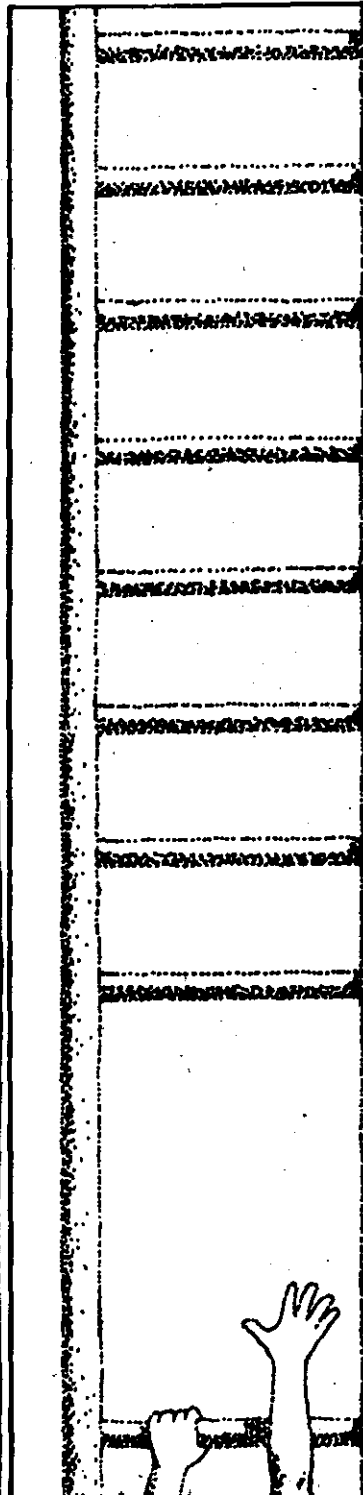
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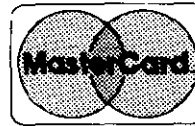
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BC grapplers smother outmanned Blackbirds

By Peter Fisch

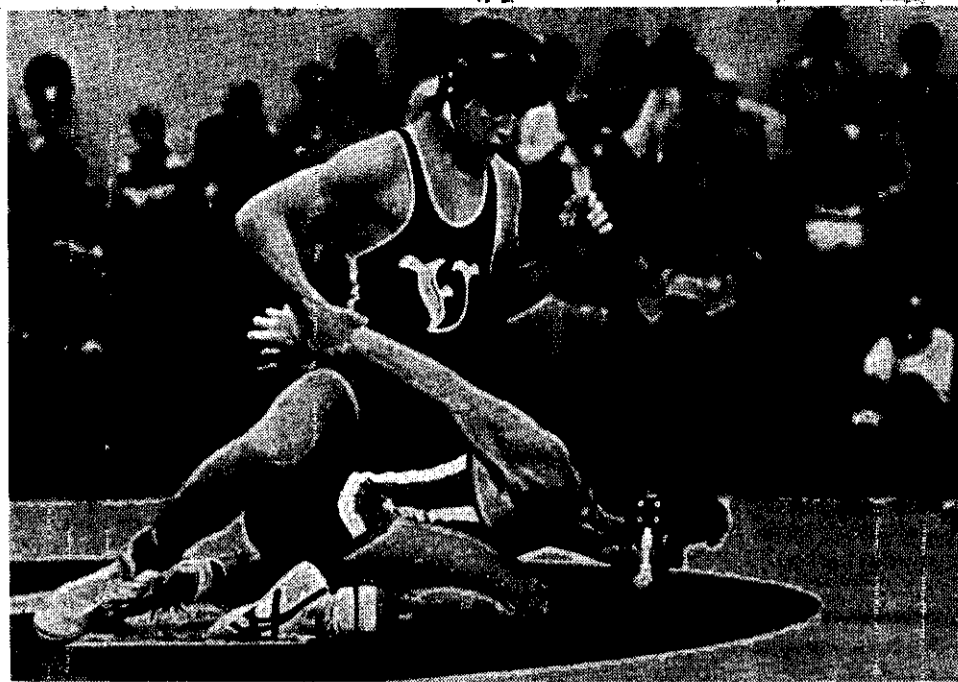
With their opening match and first loss behind them, Voorheesville High School wrestlers will embark on their Colonial Council League schedule in Thursday's opener against the Watervliet Cannoners.

The Bethlehem Eagles traveled to VCHS on Saturday afternoon to engage in their traditional local showdown and handed the Blackbirds a 36-20 setback. "They were better prepared and out-wrestled us on the mat," stated veteran VCHS Coach Dick Leach.

In a battle of eighth graders, Chris Saba opened up the match for the Eagles with a 9-0 blanking of Matt Cillis in the 98-pound weight class. After receiving a forfeit at 105, BC was up to it again as senior Bob VanAernem took Blackbird freshman Jason DePasquale to the mat for good, 1:42 into the 112-pound contest. In one of the key matches of the afternoon, Mark Gillenwalters of the

Blackbirds staged a rally late in the third period of the 119-pound bout, but fell short to Aaron Corman of the Eagles, 4-2. Senior Jeff Clark finally put the Blackbirds on the scoreboard and supplied spectators with an awesome wrestling exhibition as he pinned 126-pounder Keith Miller in 4:17. Bethlehem's highly touted Wayne Peschel dominated junior Jeff Genovesi in the 132-pound contest, staging a 6-0 victory. BC's streak continued with Tom Saba registering a 21-3 win over sophomore Brian DeDe in the 138-pound bout. A VCHS forfeit at the 145-pound slot and the Eagles increased their lead to 33-6.

Senior co-captain Matt Beals finally got the Blackbirds going with a 15-5 victory over 155-pounder Jason Tilroe, but the damage was already done. In the 167-pound contest, senior Chris Zeh followed with a 3:31 pin of BC's Brian Post. After a 12-5 victory by the Eagles' Brett Zick over Blackbird 177-pounder



It took Voorheesville's Jeff Clark only 4 minutes and 17 seconds to pin Keith Miller of Bethlehem in Saturday's 126-pound wrestling match at Voorheesville. For Miller it was no disgrace — Clark is a New York State champion and Olympic prospect. *On the cover: BC's Wayne Peschel, facing camera, and Jeff Genovesi of the Blackbirds simulated a human pretzel in the 126-pound tangle. Spotlight — Tom Howes*

Carl Burnham, VCHS heavyweight John Ryan bounced back with an 11-3 trouncing of Mark Hoffman.

"They got out to an early lead that we couldn't catch," quipped Leach. "We finished strong but had given up too many points for it to make a difference." Absent from the Blackbirds lineup was senior 177-pounder Sean Rafferty. After suffering a minor shoulder injury in practice last week, Rafferty was held out of the match in order to be in shape for the league opener against Watervliet.

Prior to the start of the matches, the Bethlehem Central Wrestling Club, a

Delmar booster organization supporting the BC wrestling program, presented a \$100 check to the Jeff Clark Olympic Fund. The Voorheesville community is engaged in a fund-raising drive to send the outstanding senior, a state scholastic champion with national recognition, to the U.S. Olympic tryouts in 1984.

In addition to the league debut Thursday at home at 6:30, the Birds were scheduled for a non-league hookup at Schoharie last night (Tuesday) and will travel to Fonda on Saturday for the annual Christmas tournament. Waterford will come to town next Wednesday for another league bout.

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The telecast of the non-league bouts by local producers on Bethlehem's government access channel eight will be the first of a series. Coach Rich Poplaski said the school's audio-visual crew would televise all of BC's home wrestling matches this season.

Wrestling interest has picked up sharply in the past several years, not only in Bethlehem but in Voorheesville, Ravenna and a number of other area schools with developing programs that start in the early elementary grades. A sizeable crowd witnessed Saturday's collision at Voorheesville, where Bethlehem defeated a strong Blackbird squad coached by Dick Leach, who achieved his 100th dual-meet win as a coach last year.

The Eagle's home opener, also a non-league affair, was televised without advance publicity, and apparently got a favorable response. In that encounter, BC thumped Mont Pleasant of Schenectady, registering five straight pins.

"We're really thrilled with the AV people," enthused Poplaski over the weekend. "Last week's telecast got a good response, we're told, and the commentators did a super job."

Commentators are Jim Guiliano, a former Bethlehem wrestling coach, and Ken Hodge, a longtime member of Bethlehem's athletic department.

Poplaski was elated at his team's convincing victories over Mont Pleasant and Voorheesville after the defeat in the inaugural at Amsterdam. Against Mont Pleasant, young Chris Saba (13-0), Rob VanAernam (9-0) and Keith Miller (5-0) scored shutouts. Wayne Peschel won a 9-1 decision and Tom Saba, Pat Hickey, Jason Tilroe, Brian Post and Brett Zick scored pins.

The Eagles got a big break at Voorheesville with forfeits at 105 and 145 pounds. "That made a big difference," Poplaski observed.

The two critical matches won by Bethlehem were the 119-pound grapple that saw Aaron Corman outpointing Voorheesville's Mark Gillenwalters by 4-2, and Peschel's 6-0 decision over Jeff Genevesi in what Poplaski called the

pivotal match of the afternoon. "They were four fine wrestlers," he said.

Coming up this weekend is the Oxford tournament in Central New York, a star-studded assembly that attracts several outstanding teams and a host of high-rated wrestlers from several sections of the state.

No surplus info

Bethlehem officials say they have no information on a surplus food distribution program announced Tuesday for Capital District municipalities. The program is reportedly an expansion of last year's cheese distribution program, but town officials say they have no word on what will be available, or when, from Albany County. Persons with questions are advised to call County Executive James Coyne's office at 447-7040, a town spokesman said.

Greens show today

The Bethlehem Garden Club's Christmas Greens show and tea will be today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Bev DiClementi and Ruth Bruso have organized the holiday program.

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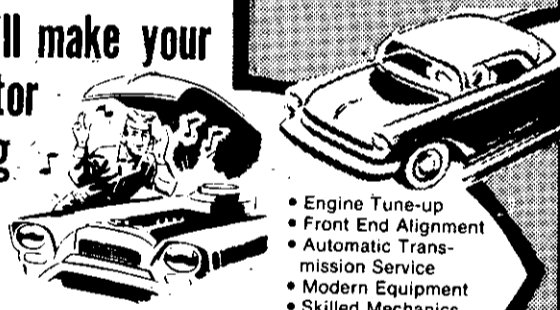


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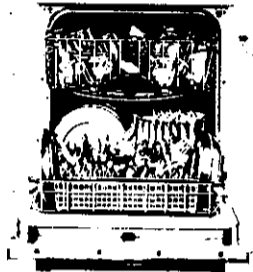
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The streak ends, but lessons are learned

An even split in the first two Colonial Council games of the new campaign leaves Voorheesville's defending champions in the middle of the pack, but with definite prospects to make a good run for another title.

The 52-48 loss at Watervliet was disappointing but far from discouraging. Coach Chuch Abba had this summary of the first week of Council combat: "Watervliet is a tough place to play, and they have a very good team. They took Cohoes into overtime. They bothered us with a 1-3-1 half-court trap, but we never should have blown our early lead. You often learn more from a defeat than from a victory, and I think we will be a better team after the lessons at Watervliet."

The defeat, which followed last Tuesday's 80-44 romp over Lansingburgh in the home debut, snapped a streak of 17 straight league wins. It came on the same court where the Blackbirds last were beaten by a Council team. They lost to the Cannoneers by two points on Feb. 16, 1982 in the final league game of that season, a game that earned Watervliet the Colonial championship outright.

In last Friday's skirmish, the Blackbirds were in the top perch by 38-29 three minutes into the third period when things turned cold. Watervliet clicked off 13

unanswered points and had a 42-38 bulge at the three-quarter turn. The spread grew to six points as the final period began, but a John Zongrone basket pulled the Blackbirds even at 44-all. Watervliet fashioned another 4-point lead with 1:50 remaining, and the Blackbirds closed to 48-46 with 1:07 left. The intentional-foul routine that followed gave Voorheesville the ball but Watervliet the charity points, and a last-minute bucket by Brian Rubin was too little too late.

Three nights earlier the Blackbirds had a picnic. They broke open a tight 13-10 game with Lansingburgh by scoring the first 14 points of the second quarter. Halfway through the period it was 27-10. That permitted Abba to play everybody, and all 10 of his pupils made at least one basket.

Zongrone, the lone holdover starter from the 1983 champions, had 21 points in this one, and 17 at Watervliet. Ray Donnelly scored 12 against Schalmont and only six against the Cannoneers, but he made his presence felt at Watervliet. "Ray took a beating inside from an aggressive team, but he held up well," Abba observed. He also had kind words for Jeff Rockmore, who has taken over Dick Lennon's old job as playmaker. Rockmore canned seven free throws for a total of nine points at Watervliet.

Spikers point to Sectionals

Hopes of the Voorheesville girls' volleyball team for at least a share of the Colonial Council championship were dashed last Monday when they lost for the second time this season to a strong Ravena team, two games to none.

On Thursday the Blackbirds bounced back to defeat another Council foe, Waterford, 15-10, 11-15, 15-9. Friday's non-league confrontation with Schoharie was cancelled. The victory and loss left Voorheesville with an overall record of 9-4 and a league mark of 5-3.

The girls traveled to Watervliet Monday and are hosting undefeated first-place Cohoes today (Wednesday). Tonight the teams will be selected for the Sectionals, which begin Friday.

Coach Tom Kurkjian seemed confi-

dent of being one of the elite teams chosen to compete. "I'm sure we'll make it," he stated. "We haven't lost to a Class C (Voorheesville's size) school yet."

If the Blackbirds survive Friday's matches they will compete in the finals to be played on Saturday.

— J. Frank Baker

Work out at Y

The Albany YWCA plans an exercise program called "Jazzy Work-out" for the person who wants body shaping and muscle toning beyond what is offered in an aerobic dance class. Jazzy Work-out will be held mornings and evenings for six weeks beginning the week of Jan. 3. For more information on how to register, call 438-6608, or visit the Y, 28 Colvin Ave.

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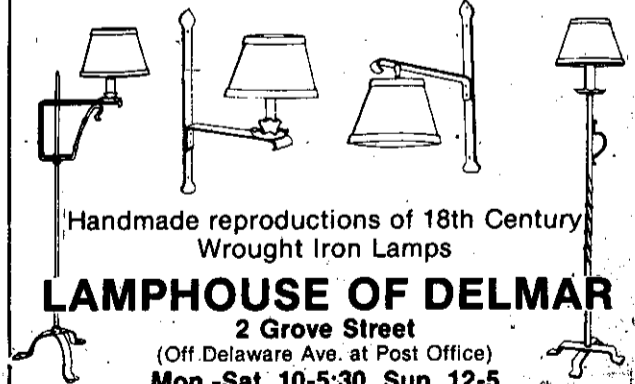


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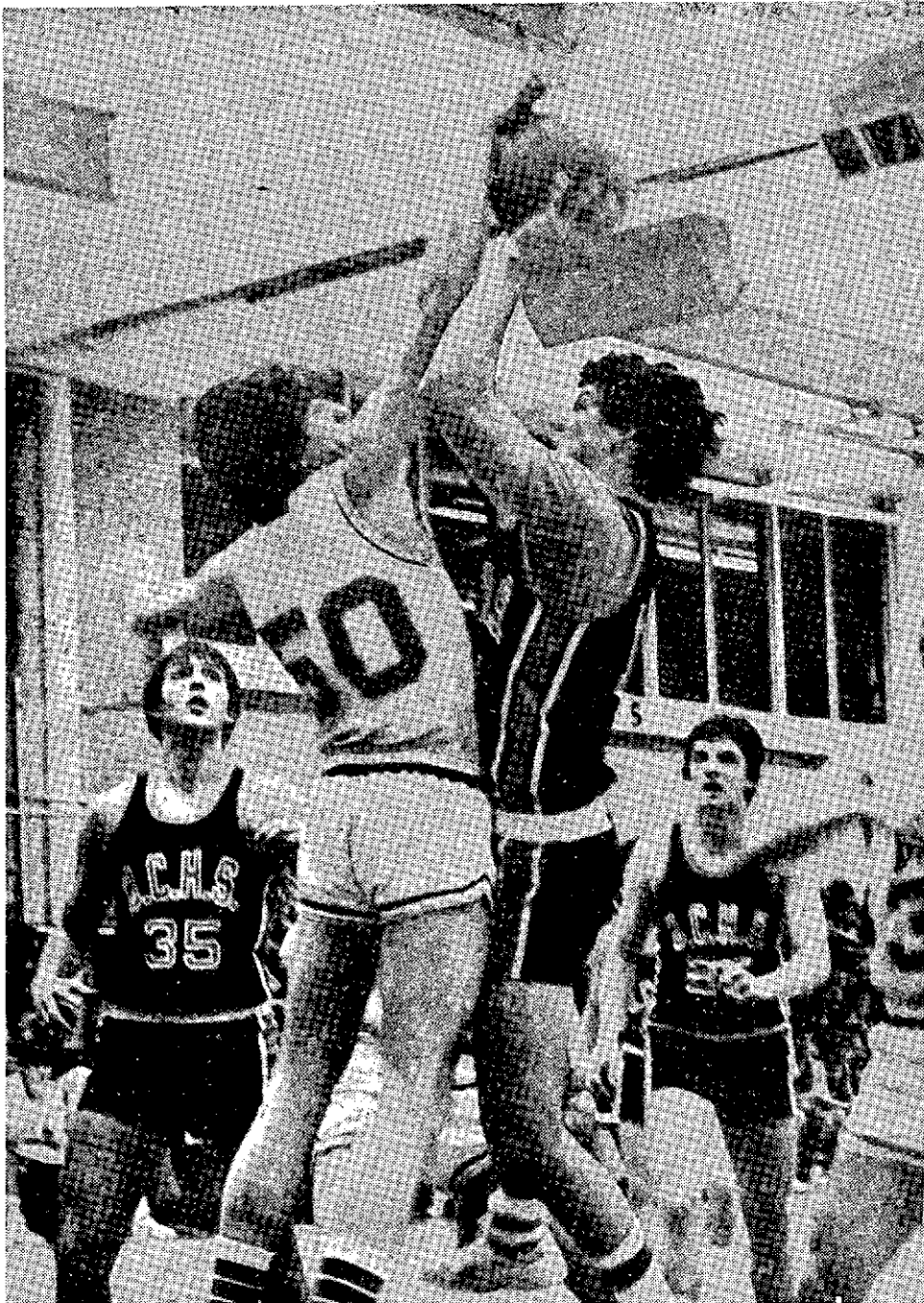
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BC's Mike Mooney, who drew praise for an outstanding defensive game at Niskayuna, was the victim of a fine defensive play on this shot from close range. Moving in for the rebound are Andy Kasius (35) and Jim Dering (25). BC won, 50-47. R.H. Davis

BC's Eagles could become hot ticket

Ticket sales for Bethlehem Central basketball may pick up next week in the wake of a victory over Niskayuna in the Suburban Council opener.

There were twice as many empty seats as occupied spaces at home games last season, and sales of student access cards for basketball this year reportedly have fallen below last year's. But that may change, particularly if the Eagles give the home folks a good show in two appearances this week — Tuesday with undefeated Mohonasen and Friday with Colonie.

Even with Bethlehem's 50-47 win at Niskayuna last Friday, it is too early to harbor thoughts about a winning season. Coming into this week, the Eagles found themselves at 1-0 in the Suburban Council and 2-1 overall.

That may not sound like much, but on Delaware Ave. it is significant. Last year BC was 1-15 in the league, and the Eagles have not had a winning record in the Suburban Council since 1978-79. That was five years ago.

Bethlehem's all-senior lineup stayed with Niskayuna all the way despite erratic shooting and 11 turnovers. Rarely did more than three points separate the rivals as the Niskies held skinny leads, two points at the quarter and one point at the half. The Eagles, playing aggressive basketball, did a good job denying the home team inside shots while getting good penetration themselves. Mike Mooney attached himself to Niskayuna's all-star point guard, Robbie Combi, like a coat of paint, restricting him to eight points.

"Mike did a great job," said BC Coach Gary Przybylo. "He frustrated Combi all night and forced him into poor shooting. We knew in advance we couldn't let him

control the ball."

Mark Gibbons had 22 points, most on follows from the boards. He and Jim Dering spent the evening in the combat zone underneath the hoop, where life is often perilous, and they had the better of the traffic. Dering had 14 rebounds and Gibbons nine. When the close-range shooting improves, the Eagles may be a real contender.

Przybylo glossed over the shooting deficiency (the Eagles shot only 5-for-20 in the first quarter) and praised their poise in the final minutes, where so many games are won and lost. The nightmare of the Ichabod Crane debacle the week before, when BC frittered away a large lead, has haunted the whole squad, but this time the lesson apparently took. Commented Przybylo: "We didn't shoot well and we didn't move the ball well, but the big difference was when we had to keep our cool near the end of the game. We had to control the ball, and we had to make the big plays. We did that, and we showed a lot of poise."

Everybody plays!

The YMCA Youth Basketball Association will begin its eighth season at the Albany YMCA on Jan. 21. YBA is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Registration for the program will be accepted Dec. 10 through Jan. 1. YBA teams are composed of nine players and each team member must play a specified amount of time in each game. There are no tryouts. Each youngster registering is assigned to a team according to age or grade. The emphasis is on development of basic skills. For information, call James Deschamps, 449-7196.

In 'The Nutcracker'

Three local youngsters will be dancing at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady this Sunday when the Berkshire Ballet brings its seasonal favorite, "The Nutcracker," to the area. Performances are at 3 and 8 p.m.

Damian Bartkus and Scott Kublin, both 12 and in the seventh grade at Bethlehem Central Middle School, will share the major role of Fritz.

The two are second year students at Eleanor's School of Dance in Delmar. Last year both had roles as children in the holiday production. The boys rehearse every Saturday at the Cantarella School of Dance in Albany and most Fridays and Sundays with the dance company in Pittsfield, Mass.

Lyra Colfer, a fourth grade student at Voorheesville Elementary School, will be dancing with the company for the second year, this time as an angel, which means she'll be on stage the entire second act.

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Indians take shaky show on the road

Tim Tucker takes his Ravena basketball team on the road this week after five home games, and he couldn't have picked a tougher traveling schedule.

The Indians, who have yet to show the consistent strength Tucker feels they are capable of, were booked at Albany Academy last night (Tuesday), have a night off Friday and go to Cohoes next Tuesday.

Last Friday's 65-39 job on bedraggled Schalmont failed to compensate for last Tuesday's loss to Waterford. The Tribe had an 8-point lead at intermission, led by 48-42 going into the final period, and then ran into an ambush. Waterford put on a 25-point burst in the fourth quarter and won by six, 67-61.

"We made a lot of defensive lapses, and we didn't keep control ourselves," Tucker said afterwards. "We got overanxious and kept trying to steal passes when we should have stayed tight. We hurried our shots when we had plenty of time to work for the good shots."

The Schalmont game was a mismatch, but even with an easy win Tucker wasn't overly happy. That put the Indians at 1-1 in the league, 3-2 overall.

The bright spots were Mike Constan-

tine, the big center, who has been strong under the boards against opponents several inches taller, and Donny Baker. Constantine hit the cords for 13 points against Waterford and 14 against Schalmont. Baker, off to a slow start, has picked up more rebounds in recent games, and is starting to score in double figures, 12 Tuesday and 14 Friday.

Another BC reunion

The fourth annual Christmas reunion for Bethlehem Central alumni and friends will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the Albany Hilton Hotel. Music this year will be provided by The Sharks, and tickets are \$3.

The organizers are Drew Maggard, 439-5411 and Ann Ellery, 439-6804.

Officer on the alert

Six area drivers face misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated as a result of Bethlehem police action this week. In one incident Thursday evening, Officer James Haker while off-duty stopped a motorist in Slingerlands. Haker, in his personal vehicle, called headquarters for assistance.



Ravena's Mike Kerrigan goes high in an attempt to block a pass in a home game against Schalmont last Friday. Kerrigan, a senior, scored 7 points in the Indians' 65-39 win over their Colonial Council rivals. *Spotlight - Tom Howes*

Square dance party

The Tri-Village Squares will celebrate Christmas with a square dance party on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. A work-

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Swimmers still on the starting block

Bethlehem Central, owner of the state's longest unbroken string of dual-meet victories — 98 straight over six seasons — lost two meets last week.

Jack Whipple's power-packed squad lost them to circumstances beyond its control, not to organized opposition. The scheduled inaugural was cancelled when Scotia was unable to muster enough experienced swimmers to compete, and decided instead to go with a modified schedule for its young team. The meet with Niskayuna was postponed because the Silver Warriors had not had enough practices to qualify for a competitive meet. It will be rescheduled.

Those circumstances pushed the Eagles' tank debut back to today (Wednesday) in a scheduled meet at Hudson, followed by a trip to Burnt Hills Friday. If the results go according to form, the Eagles could notch No. 100 at Burnt Hills, but Whipple says it won't be easy.

"They (Burnt Hills) have a strong team, and we can't afford any kind of a letdown," he commented.

Whipple and his squad face only sporadic challenges in the next several

weeks before the pivotal confrontations with those Central New York powers, Rome and New Hartford, later in the campaign. If the streak is snapped before the Rome trip, it will be more because of illness than enemy talent. Whipple has the smallest squad ever — numerically — and could get hurt of a flu bug or injury should strike.

But if the team is thin in numbers it is deep in talent and experience. His squad of 14 has lost only two members of last year's all-conquering collection: John Demarest was the lone senior, and Matt Holland, the team's most versatile swimmer, was lured away by Deerfield Academy, one of New England's most prestigious prep schools and a recognized feeder to Ivy League colleges.

If BC is short on numbers and long on experience this year, the situation may be the direct reverse next year, long on numbers and short on experience. The freshman squad has 35 swimmers and a wealth of talent.

Bethlehem made its usual splash at the Adirondack Relay Carnival, held this year at Fonda. With 11 teams competing in nine events, the Eagles won five of the eight relays they entered, and only a fluke

kept them from winning a sixth. In the 200 IM relay, BC's Knute Hvalsmarken fell off the block at the start of the anchor leg as Bethlehem and Burnt Hills finished the preceding leg even. Hvalsmarken lost three body lengths, but still finished second only nine-tenths of a second behind the final Burnt Hills swimmer.

As it turned out, the Eagles wound up with five firsts, two seconds and a third.

Volleyball team in finals

Deja vu? Two years ago the Bethlehem Central girls' volleyball team was runner-up in the Suburban Council tournament to Shaker, with whom it was co-champion of the Council. BC went on to upset the Blue Bison in the 1981 Sectionals.

This year's squad (7-2) came up just short of Shenendehowa in the Council tourney and still had its destiny in its own hands when this issue went to press; a win against Columbia (6-3) in a postponed road game would secure Bethlehem half of the Blue Division title with Burnt Hills (7-2). As one of the top four Council teams, the Eagles have already qualified to compete against the top eight A schools in Sectionals this weekend.

Seeded third entering last weekend's tournament, BC was forced into No. 1 Shenendehowa's half of the draw. It still emerged from the preliminary pool play

Bus driver charged

A Capital District Transportation Authority driver was charged with passing in a no-passing zone after an accident Saturday evening right in front of Bethlehem's Town Hall, in Delmar, where the police department is housed. According to Bethlehem police, the driver, Richard L. Franklin of Schenectady, was charged after the bus he was operating pulled out to pass a car that reportedly turned into its path. Both vehicles went up on a lawn at the corner of Delaware and Rowland Aves.

4-2, which bettered the struggling Plainswomen's 3-3 record and forced the favorites to rematch Niskayuna in a playoff. While Bethlehem coasted into the finals with a 15-11, 15-9 vengeful breeze over Burnt Hills, Shenendehowa waited until the last minute to stave off a comeback bid by Nisky from 14-3 to 14-12.

Shenendehowa, however, outclassed Scotia in easy semifinal games and was rejuvenated for its 15-12, 15-5 victory over Bethlehem. "We were tired, very tired," said Coach Carol Walts after the two-day, 10-hour tournament. Junior Julie Liddle and senior co-captain Kelly Burke again received accolades for their serving consistency, although junior Lori Schimanski's relief from the bench was invaluable in the marathon tournament.

Julie Ann Sosa

Eight Dolphins earn awards

Eight members of the Delmar Dolphins swim club earned awards in the Fonda-Fultonville "B" Developmental Swim Meet Sunday.

Jennifer Mosely won the 50-yard backstroke and turned in "A" times in the 100 IM and 50 free in the girls 11-12 age division. Other first-place winners were Lisa Ogawa (girls 13-14) in the 100-yard backstroke and Joe Kowalski (boys 15-

18) in the 100-yard breaststroke. Ogawa also had a second and third, Kowalski a fourth and fifth in other events.

Also placing in the first six finishers in various events were Marissa Donovan (2 events), Rachel Noonan (3), Patrick Fish (2), Christina Rudofsky (3), and Drew Patrick (4). The Dolphins 11-12 girls 200-yard freestyle relay team of Kathleen Fish, Jennifer Mosely, Christina Rudofsky and Rimo Woo took a third place.

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Express displeasure

Editor, the Spotlight:

Approximately 300 citizens of the area surrounding Elsmere Elementary School petitioned the Town of Bethlehem to upgrade the zoning on property located across the street from the school, after learning that a permissive commercial zoning classification would be continued on the property. Your newspaper has provided a valuable public service in making Delmar residents and residents of surrounding areas aware of this issue.

Unfortunately, town government officials have not been responsive to our petition, to the concerns expressed at the most recent Planning Board meeting, or to the articles which appeared in *The Spotlight*. In fact, the Planning Board voted to continue a very permissive zoning classification for the property during the first several minutes of the

meeting, thus avoiding citizen input on this important issue from the many people who were slightly delayed in arriving because of inclement weather or other reasons.

I appeal to the good sense of Town of Bethlehem officials to realize the need for effective land use planning for the safety of children ages 5 to 10 who walk to and from school each day. Traffic on Delaware Avenue cannot be allowed to increase in the immediate school area through unwise governmental decisions that are against the interests of area residents and all Elsmere School families. I urge all those concerned with this issue to express their displeasure with the Planning Board's decision to the Town Board either in writing or at the next board meeting.

Timothy P. McNamara

Delmar

A tip of the hat to Tipple

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Dec. 31 of this year Ralph A. Tipple will retire from his position as commissioner of public safety. Having known Ralph and his fine family in excess of 25 years, I would like to publicly thank him for his many contributions to making our town a safe place to live.

Commissioner Tipple has consistently and untiringly performed his responsi-

bilities in a professional manner. His main concern has always been to see that the residents of the Town of Bethlehem receive the police protection they deserved and were entitled to receive. Energetically and enthusiastically, he has pursued those plans and programs that he considered in the best interest of all the residents.

Best wishes to Ralph and his wife, Anita. May they be blessed with good health and much happiness in retirement.

W. Scott Prothero

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W. Scott Prothero is a Bethlehem councilman.

In their thoughts

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank all of you who had me in your thoughts during my recent illness. All the cards, flowers, phone calls, novenas and other expressions of your care and concern were greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the *Spotlight* for giving me the opportunity to say "Thank You."

Dolores Langenbach
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Anniversary remembered

Editor, The Spotlight:

It was a delightful surprise to find in the "Spotlight in Retrospect" column this week the reminder of the happy occasion 20 years ago when our Christian Science church was dedicated. Since our churches hold dedicatory services only when all

their debts are paid, it was a special day in our local church history.

The 28 years Christian Scientists have been organized in Delmar have been ones of spiritual growth and blessing. We are grateful to live in a nation and community where religious tolerance is cherished and practiced.

May we also add long overdue thanks to the entire *Spotlight* staff for the friendly cooperation with which they greet our church news. We deeply appreciate the service the paper gives all our community organizations.

With best wishes for a joyous Christmas and New Year.

Rebecca H. Coughtry
Clerk

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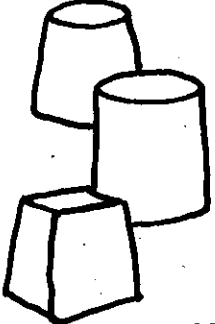
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Editor's View

Occasional comments by the editors of *The Spotlight*

It appears that the Bethlehem Planning Board has made the only decision open to it in recommending against any change in zoning for the Liebich property on Delaware Ave.

But that conclusion simply underscores the urgency of the overall problem — that what happens on Delaware Ave. is largely out of the town's control. Case-by-case review using the existing zoning code and review procedures simply isn't adequate to deal with the tide of commercial development, much of it incompatible with what most people feel is the nature of this community.

It appears that what the planning board is doing is putting this larger question back into the laps of the town board, which is, up to a point, appropriate. It is the town board that has ultimate authority for zoning, and it is the town board that gives (and limits) the planning board's powers of site plan review. It is obviously going to take a concerted effort by the town government to do the planning and make the changes that are necessary. It should be clear by this point that the citizens, particularly those who live near the areas affected, are not going to sit still for buck passing and are, indeed, going to demand an active role in the process.

We think the planning board, because of its expertise, should take the lead role in reviewing Delaware Ave., after first obtaining the support it needs from the town board. If a task force approach is required, let it be done with specific goals, the resources it needs to carry out its objectives, and a time limit for making conclusions.

One other observation: Although the planning board clearly did give careful consideration to the Liebich problem (and the contents of those meetings were reported extensively in *The Spotlight*), the residents have a point when they complain about the inaccessibility of the meetings. It seems that the board could schedule its meetings so that matters that are obviously of great public interest get discussed at specific, convenient times, well publicized in advance.

Tom McPheeters

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Gallacchi

Debra Grovenger bride

Debra A. Grovenger, daughter of Mrs. Patricia Grovenger of Voorheesville and Joseph Grovenger of Delmar, was married Sept. 10 to Michael G. Gallacchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gallacchi of Delmar.

Gretchen Burton was matron of honor for the ceremony in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. Bridesmaids were Patricia Grovenger and Donna Muth, sisters of the bride, and Roberta Davino and Patricia Vaillancourt, a cousin of the bridegroom. Paul Gallacchi was best man for his brother and other attendants for the bridegroom were Glen Palmer, Joseph Grovenger, brother of the bride; Peter Gallacchi, brother of the bridegroom, and John Ennis.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a benefits examiner for the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. Her husband also is a Bethlehem graduate and is employed by LeFebvre Corp. as a service technician. The couple reside in Slingerlands.

Smart - Eldredge

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Smart, former Slingerlands residents, now of Mequon, Wis., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Kay, residing in Natick, Mass., and Robert Malcom Eldredge of Annapolis, Md., son of Charlotte Eldredge and the late Seneca Eldredge, Annapolis.

Miss Smart is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, graduating with a B.S. degree in finance, and is obtaining her M.B.A. at Babson College, Wellesley, Mass. She is currently an accountant for National Semiconductor, DTS Division, Maynard, Mass.

Her fiance received his B.S. degree in marketing from Babson College, Wellesley, Mass., and a M.B.A. in management from the University of Logical Choice, Baltimore, Md.

A May 19 wedding in Sudbury, Mass., is planned.



Mrs. Richard M. Kukuk

Rosemary Barry wed

Rosemary Barry, daughter of Mrs. Thomas A. Barry, Sr., of Rome, N.Y., and the late Mr. Barry, was married Oct. 8 to Richard M. Kukuk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Kukuk of Delmar. The ceremony took place in Transfiguration Church, Rome.

The bride was escorted by her brother, Thomas A. Barry, Jr., and Mary Anne Kenny was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Crystal Barry, sister-in-law of the bride; Renee Czynson and Diane Wruck. Megan Ann Kenny, the

bride's niece, was flower girl. Best man was David Whalen, and Christopher Amo, James A. Kenny, the bride's brother-in-law, and David Nicola were ushers.

The bride received bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University College at Geneseo and is employed by the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The bridegroom, a graduate of Boston College's School of Management, is employed by New York Telephone Co. in Syracuse.

The couple reside in East Syracuse.

Scholarships available

The Elks National Foundation is offering scholarships to high school students in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 and the state Elks Association is offering 38 scholarships statewide in the amount of \$700 each. The scholarships are available to qualified applicants whose father is or was at the time of his death a member of the order. Applications for both awards are available at local high schools or from Edward J. Moss, at 436-4026.

Christmas cantata

The Bethlehem Community Church youth group-turned acting troupe will act out the manger scene in "Emmanuel — A Christmas Cantata" on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. For performance information, call Dan Matthews at 439-9492.

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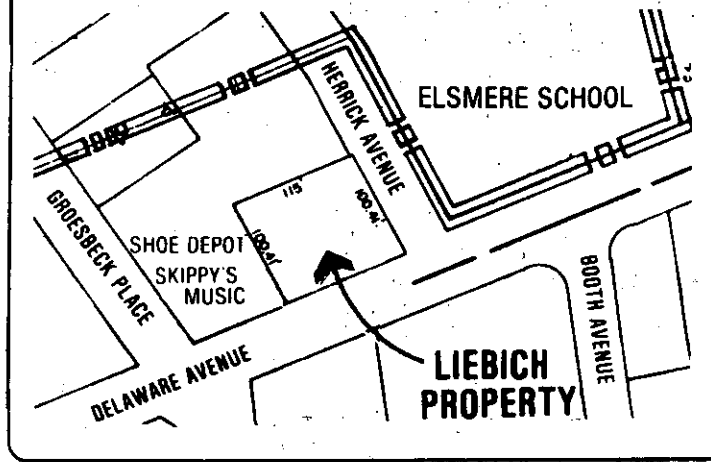
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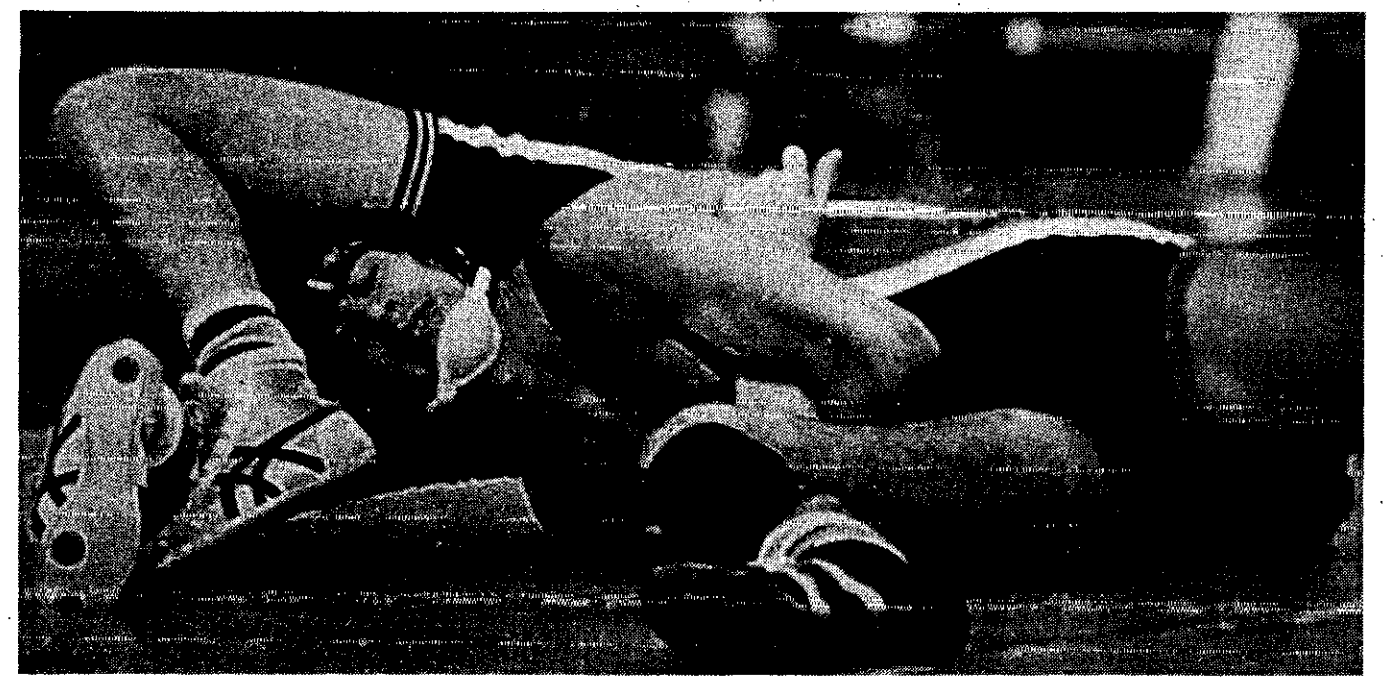
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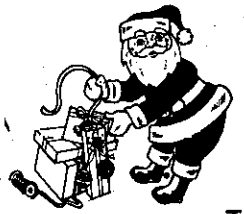
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Young wishes for the world

In keeping with the season, some members of the "Gimme" generation at Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar were asked this week what the best Christmas gift ever might be and also what their wish for the world would be. And, for one shining moment, self came second.

The first graders in Carol Forest's class at Hamagrael had just a tinge of unreality (or is it hope?) in their wishes for the world. "My wish for the world," one boy wrote, "is that we did not have any wars in the world because then people would not get killed." Then, in the next breath, "A wish for me is that I had an invisible hat. If I had one, I would probably sneak out of school."

"... More love, more clothes, more money for everyone," was what one little girl wished the world would have. And a classmate wrote, "My wish for the world is for everybody to have enough money so they can buy enough food. My wish for me is a robot that can shoot pretend missels at the ceiling." (A lot of people are probably wishing for pretend missiles.)

There were intangibles on the wish lists, too, with one youngster hoping for "food for everyone and freedom, too." For herself, she wanted only "a kitten and a puppy, and a happy Christmas."

Here's hoping all these wishes come true.

Caroline Terenzini



Everybody, young and old, had a good time when the four-year-olds at the Tri Village Nursery School sang carols

Monday for residents at Good Samaritan Home.

Tom Howes

The wisdom of the aged

Although aging may whittle away our organism, it also whittles away the many unimportant aspects of life, leaving us with thoughts of what is truly meaningful to the existence and survival of mankind. Aging can be a time for reflection and concentration on life and living. Such contemplation of 80 or 90 years of life can yield a wisdom beyond that of younger people whose ideas and customs have yet to be tried and tested by as many decades of experience.

Unfortunately, many of our elders are isolated from us. In our past the extended family included our elders as members of the household. Nowadays the patterns of daily living have made it difficult for everyone to bring the old and young together for more than an occasional visit or phone call or letter.

In our fast-paced world the slowness of movement and speech of our elders arouses our impatience, and we often miss what they are trying to say to us. With that in mind, I visited some elders in residence at our local nursing home, The Good Samaritan Home. I sat with them in their rooms or in the lounge and asked them to share their thoughts on some topics of interest to all people. They enjoyed the conversation, even though they wondered if anyone would want to hear what they had to say. They offered their comments seriously,

and hoped some people would listen. I listened, and I hope you do.

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



Are children today different from when you were a child?

Most of the people I interviewed felt that they grew up in much harder times than youngsters do now. "Things were harder when I was small. We had less money." One person recalled "We couldn't get orange juice when I was growing up." Another who was raised in East Europe lived in a house built of clay and straw. "I used to sleep on the ground in my house, on a bed of straw."

Yet, they also recognized the difficulties of growing up in today's world. "It's tougher to raise kids today because there's so many more people in the world." Another person referred to the presence of drugs and alcohol which were pretty much unavailable to youngsters at the turn of this century. One felt that "kids are born smarter today, and along with better food than we had and television, especially Channel 17 (the Public Broadcast System), they know more than we did."

However, as one person put it, "Today's children are more advanced in their ways. They are taught more about real life early, and that's not necessary. There's time to grow up later. Too much adult knowledge can lead to the ruination of some young people."

One conclusion was drawn: "Kids are kids, and kids should have a good time."

Do you have any suggestions for parents on raising children?

"Give them proper food so they're not sickly like most of us"

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Christmas Eve plans

Bethlehem, N.Y. — not Bethlehem, Israel — will be the scene for a live nativity and carolling on Christmas Eve at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. The youth fellowship-performed nativity at 7 p.m. will be followed by "A Night for Dancing" cantata.

The church choir and a cast of 30 led by Brian Farrell, Melody Munger, James Jewell and Beth Buyer will be directed by Norma Irvine and accompanied by organist Keith Williams. Christmas Eve will end with an 11 p.m. service of traditional carols, anthems and scripture read by Rev. Lee Adkins, Jr., with solos by singer Eleanor Haverly and direction by Joseph Farrell.

Nativity scene live

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church's parking lot will have to be a substitute manger for a live nativity scene performed by the congregation on Friday, Dec. 23, from 7 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Admission to the reenactment of the birth of Christ is free.

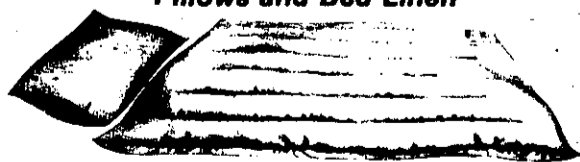
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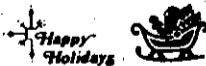
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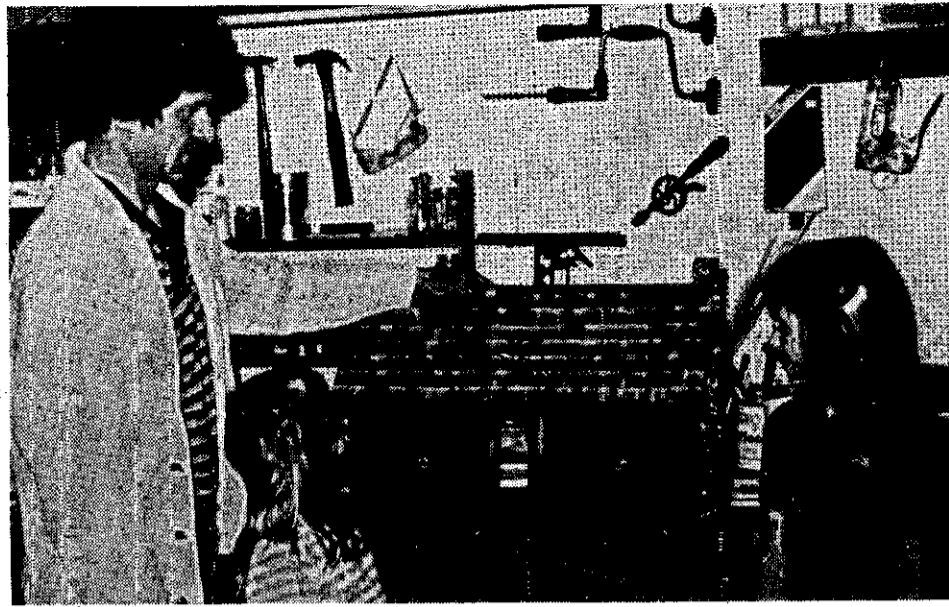


His village fills Christmas wishes

By Lyn Stapf

With Christmas just around the corner, Santa and his elves aren't the only ones who have been hard at work trying to fulfill the holiday dreams of the young. Bill Vinson of Voorheesville has done his share.

Vinson, a teacher at the Voorheesville Elementary School for 11 years, remembers the Christmas wish that led him to a new and profitable pastime. It was three years ago that a request for a dollhouse from Vinson's daughter, Alison, then 5, sent the father of two scurrying out to buy one. Disappointed in the quality of the ready-made products available and the outlandish prices that accompanied them, Vinson — who had often dabbled in crafts — began looking at dollhouse kits. Again he was disenchanted with the prices on what he felt were the inferior products on the market. When he was about to give up, a fellow teacher, noting his talent and creativity, encouraged Vinson to try his hand at building a dollhouse from scratch.



Bill Vinson and daughters Adrean, 5, and Alison, 8, look over the log cabin he made for the girls in his basement shop; home of the underground village. Lyn Stapf

Looking through catalogues Vinson saw a detailed Victorian that caught his

fancy and, although it seemed a bit complicated, he decided to take on the challenge rather than risk disappointing his daughter. By Christmas the shell was completed, Alison was happy, and her father was hooked on building dollhouses.

Shortly after, when Adrean, his other daughter, began asking for her own dollhouse, Vinson obliged with an impressive Tudor for the preschooler. Word spread and soon Vinson was receiving requests from others. Finally, this past summer, the ambitious builder reached the point at which he felt he had the time and experience to tackle full-scale production of his creations.

With his wife, Mary, working full-time as manager of Curtain Country in Wolf Road Park, Colonie, Vinson spent his first non-working summer at home with his daughters, designing and constructing his "Underground Village" — as he refers to the collection of dollhouses that he built and displays in the basement of his home on Francis St. in Voorheesville. Day after day he worked in stages, laying out, cutting and assembling until, eight weeks later, he had built 16 masterpieces.

"My goal was 20," he confided, "but I ran out of time and money." His effort left him with an impressive array of models that he displayed at the fall show by the Locust Knob artisans.

Serious about his work, Vinson does not think of building dollhouses as child's play. Stressing durability, he uses three-eighths-inch plywood rather than the lighter material used by many others. "Quarter-inch is too flimsy," he declared. "The floors sag and the walls tend to bow."

Authenticity is also a characteristic of his creations and Vinson regularly reads catalogues and home decorating magazines to get new ideas. Many of his inspirations also come from just riding through the countryside. And he attends

conferences and shows, where he had a chance to share knowledge and experience with fellow craftsmen.

Such sharing is not limited to builders of dollhouses. A recent call from a local contractor who needed advice on building a dollhouse brought an interesting exchange of ideas between the two, leaving Vinson with a better understanding of building full-scale homes and the contractor with a broader knowledge of the world of miniatures.

Who buys his creations? "Mostly, parents buy them for their children," Vinson said, "but occasionally a woman collector will order a house for her own fancy." He also noted that dollhouses are not just for girls — he gets requests from parents who want a log cabin, barn or farmhouse for their son.

Although what began as a hobby has developed into a source of extra income, not all of Vinson's work has been purely for profit. Last year while serving on the board of the Community Nursery School of Voorheesville, Vinson donated two dollhouses to the school. One was auctioned off in a fund-raiser and the other was delivered by Santa at the Christmas party and was decorated by the children themselves as a post-holiday project. He also built a dollhouse for the colleague who had encouraged him to attempt that first one. For her, he built a replica of her own home, complete with the addition the family had always wanted.

Much as he enjoys his part-time vocation, Vinson has no plans to enter the trade full-time. "There's stiff competition in the business to see who can build the best dollhouse for the least amount of money," he said. He is happy with things as they are. He is able to keep his price low because while he finishes the exterior completely, he gives the interior only a coat of paint, leaving the wallpapering and other fine work up to the owner. "The buyer becomes the interior decorator," Vinson said, "giving each the style they want and putting the finishing touches on each."

One final touch Vinson does is to put his name and the date at the bottom of each house. "I burn it right into the bottom so that 100 years or so from now, when someone wonders when the dollhouse was built and who built it, they will know."

Considering the quality and care that goes into each one of the treasures he creates, it's certain there will be many still around then.

Gift givers

The staff at the Bethlehem Public Library decided not to give each other gifts this year. Instead, the staff got together and adopted a needy family through the Albany County Department of Social Services.

The result, said library administrative assistant Ann Uhrig, was an outpouring of food, both canned and fresh, and gifts for the five-member family. The gifts were wrapped at a staff party Thursday.

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But family remains family. And the loss of any member, for whatever reason, diminishes and saddens everyone.

Your life, your experience, even your anger and hurt are important to us. You can help us become more understanding and compassionate followers of Christ. We need you to become what he is calling us to be.

We cannot turn the clock back or pretend things will be what they once were. What family hasn't changed in the last twenty years? We cannot promise that everyone will agree on everything. What family does? We cannot even say there won't be more turbulence up ahead. Who can?

But we can say that we still find Christ and his love in the community of the Church, the Scriptures, and the Eucharist. And we believe you can too.

We can also say that as far as we are concerned the Church is still your home and we are still your family. And we would like you to feel that way too.

We hope that you will think about and pray about this invitation. Please join us at Christmas Mass to worship and celebrate together on that great feast of homecoming and family joy.

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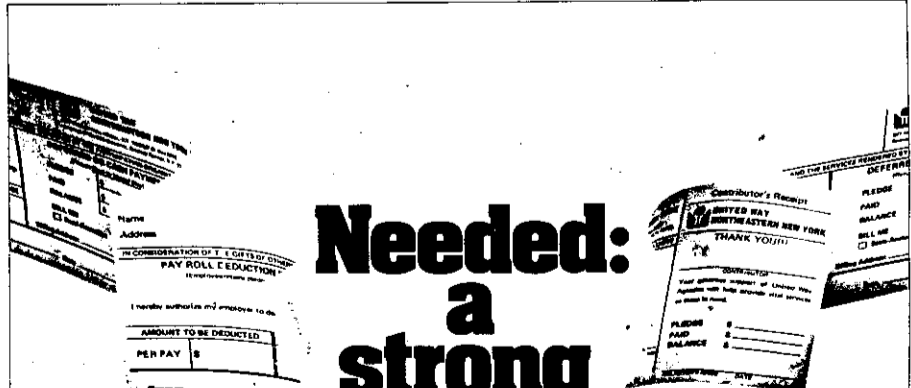
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Such a tribute by so large a segment of the world's population — a fifth of it — speaks volumes about the kind of person Jesus Christ was and is, about His teachings, about His influence, past and present.

In his book, *Jesus*, Malcolm Muggeridge holds that the Man from Bethlehem is "the most important figure in all of history." Some claim! Some Man!

Followers of other world religions dispute that claim, believing that the founders and heroes of their faiths have as much right to the title as Jesus Christ. But they would not dispute the uniqueness of Bethlehem's most famous son.

"Christianity is Christ," said Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick during a Christmas sermon in Riverside Church, New York, in the 1950s.

"And to know Him and love Him until His spirit is reproduced in us and the Christ of history becomes the Christ of experience — that is vital to Christianity."

Whenever the spirit of Jesus Christ gets into the hearts, minds and emotions of humankind, lives are changed and the world becomes a better place to live in.

That spirit lives in the lives of St. Francis, Lord Shaftesbury, Abraham Lincoln, Dorothy Day, Jean Vanier, Mother Teresa and all His true followers spells the difference between a world

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Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator
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ruled by hate and injustice and one motivated by mercy and justice.

In this century, no American President has testified to the influence of Jesus Christ upon his life and career more eagerly than President Jimmy Carter.

Before and after he became President of the United States, he talked willingly to reporters about his religious faith. Following the Man from Bethlehem and His teachings had made the biggest difference in his life, he stated.

During his presidency, Carter was criticized for being too religious, too prayerful, too Bible-oriented, too compassionate.

In times like these, are these qualities not needed in the lives of our national leaders?

If the answer is no, let's forget Christmas because it is all about the Man who went about doing good, loving His fellow beings far beyond human expectancy and calling them to love each other.

One billion Christians in America, Canada and around the world believe the answer is yes and this Christmas they are recalling the influence of Bethlehem's leading citizen and pondering its relevance in today's world.

His revelation of God, His ethical and moral insights, and His way of life are needed today, they are saying, in a world desperately lacking what He has to offer it.

Surely one billion Christians can't be wrong!



Students at the Bethlehem Central Middle School collected canned goods for the Bethlehem Festival this year. Student Senate members Erin Dennin, Susann Giordano and Sarah Poezik, all eighth graders, show off some of the 4,242 — and counting — cans collected for needy families.

Tom Howes

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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.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

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.

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.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

New Scotland Landfill, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

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.

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

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

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

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

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.).

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Pat Jukins at 439-8096.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during school year. Call 439-2238.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 8 p.m., except July, August.

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

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

Protect Hope, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
Junior High Winter Contest, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 7:30 p.m.

Night Ski Trek, schussing, star-watching, owl-prowling on guided nature tour, if there is snow at Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar; information, 457-6092 on Dec. 21 Free.

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire District regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
New Scotland Town Chic Assn., fourth Thursday each month, Rm. 104, Voorheesville High School; 7:30 p.m. Discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

Christmas Movies, Voorheesville Public Library, 3 p.m. Free.

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.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, "Community Development discussion, holiday gift exchange and vote on constitutional changes, Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, noon. Reservations, 439-0512.

Live Nativity, performed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, accompanied by harpist Corky Christian, Delmar Reformed Church, 11 p.m.

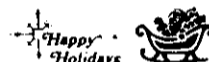
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, at Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., 7 p.m.

"A Night for Dancing" Church Cantata, 7:30 p.m., live nativity, 7 p.m., and carolling and scriptures, 11 p.m., Delmar First United Methodist Church.

Live Nativity, performed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m. Free.

Christmas Eve Service, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem Selkirk 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Holiday Closings, Bethlehem Town Hall and So. Bethlehem landfill, New Scotland Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall; no town or village garbage collection.

Doane Stuart Holiday Alumni Reunion, for all local graduates, at the school, 3-5 p.m. For reservations, 465-5222.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxillary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Road and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

"And Now, Miguel," children's movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

BCHS Christmas Reunion, at the Albany Hilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 439-6804 or 439-5411.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Party and Dinner, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1984

New Year's Day Bird Count, winter bird identification and ecology outdoors at Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Holiday Closings, Bethlehem Town Hall and So. Bethlehem landfill, New Scotland Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall; no town or village garbage collection.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

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

"Sie Fledermaus" (Albany Symphony Orchestra teams with Manhattan Savoyards to present Johann Strauss' operetta at the traditional New Year's Eve gala), Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. Followed by dinner dance at Empire State Plaza. Information and tickets, 465-4755.

"Translations" (Capital Rep presents haunting play of Irish-British conflict set in 1833), Market Place Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Dec. 31 through Jan. 22 (Tuesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m.) Box office, 462-4534.

DANCE

"Child's Christmas" (eba Dance-Theater's revival of its holiday favorite), SUNY Albany Studio Theater, Albany, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m. Information and reservations, 465-9916.

FILM

"The Yellow Submarine," Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 23, 7 and 9 p.m.

"The Little Princess," Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 26-40, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 31, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

ART

"Grandma Moses: The Artist Behind the Myth," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 15.

"Inventors and Inventions," Albany Institute of History and Art, through January.

Wendy Williams, paintings and drawings, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Jan. 8.

Museum of Early American Decoration, greens show and period decorations, 19 Dove St., Albany, through January.

Community Industries of the Shakers (expanded with hundreds of additional artifacts), State Museum, through Jan. 8.

Original cartoon drawings (Popeye, Nancy, Maggie and Jiggs et al), Mayfair Home Furnishings, 151 Wolf Rd., Colonie, through Dec. 31.

"Painting as a Pastime: The Paintings of Winston Churchill," State Museum, Empire State Plaza.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. - Children's Service
7:30 p.m. - Christmas Music and Carols
8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Carols

Special On WMMR CHANNEL 17

- Live from the Met: "Ernani" (simulcast) Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- "Christmas at Kennedy Center" with Leontyne Price Friday, 10 p.m.
- Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life" Saturday, 9 p.m.
- Great Performances: "Alice in Wonderland" Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
- Christmas with Boston Pops Sunday, 10 p.m.
- Great Performances: "The Four Seasons" Monday, 9 p.m.

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Magician: The Peregrinating Victor

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Group Tickets 465-4663.

VIENNESE MASKED BALL: \$30 per
person. Black Tie Optional. Reservations
Albany Symphony Office 465-4755.

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Bethlehem Public Library Director John Hodges accepts a copy of *The Widower* from Mrs. Jeanne Vogel of Delmar, director of the Widowed Persons Service, Madison Ave., Albany. The book, written by Dr. Jane Burgess Kohn and Willard K. Kohn of Wisconsin, focuses attention on the plight of the widower. *J.W. Campbell*

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Soroptimist Club Dinner Meeting, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. For \$12 reservations, 482-1723.

Children's Christmas Carolling at Latham Circle Mall, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Church Carolling, sponsored by St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and social hour will follow; information, 434-3502.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Kids' Fare, songs, magic and shadow puppets for children ages 3-11, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; information, 439-7979.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Information, 465-2441.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Red Cross Bloodmobile, at Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For appointments, 462-7461.

Sabbath Services for single Jewish adults at Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany, 8 p.m.

Kids' Fare, songs, magic and shadow puppets for children ages 3-11, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; 439-7979.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Kids' Fare, songs, magic and shadow puppets for children ages 3-11, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$4 admission; information, 439-7979.

Unity in Albany Candlelighting Service, at 586 Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 489-7400.

St. Peter's Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve sermon and choral carolling at St. Peter's Church, 102 State St., Albany, 9:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Post Christmas Capers — clowns, magic plus "Smurnog and the Magical Golden Orb" by Catskill Puppet Productions", State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Safe Place, support group for family and friends of suicide victims, Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-0799.

Post Christmas Capers — "The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh", Disney film, plus live entertainment, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 p.m.

Blood Pressure Clinic, at Red Cross building, Hackett Blvd., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 462-7461 ext.285.

"The Christmas Story in Art", Metropolitan Museum of Art slide and sound program, at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Kids' Fare, singer-songwriter Paul Strausman, Cranberry the Clown, mime, puppets and juggling, Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. \$4 tickets; information, 439-7979.

Easy Breathers Club, for patients with respiratory problems and their families, Samaritan Hospital cafeteria, 2215 Burdett Ave., Troy, 7 p.m. Information, 459-4197; free transportation, 271-3335.

Post Christmas Capers — "Magic — Can You Believe It?" with Jim Snack, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Kids' Fare, continued run at Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. \$4 tickets; information, 439-7979.

Post Christmas Capers — "Watership Down", State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 p.m.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30

Post Christmas Capers — "Snoopy and the Sweetheart's Funny Bunny Show" State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 p.m.

Kids' Fare, continued run at Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. \$4 tickets; information, 439-7979.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Kids' Fare, continued run at Spectrum Theater, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. 2:30 p.m. \$4 tickets; information, 439-7979.

Post Christmas Capers — "Bears and I" (Disney film), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1984

Hangover Half-marathon, and 3-mile sober-up road race sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, through SUNYA campus, noon. Information, Mark and Judy Boyer at 489-2053.

Fireside Chat, to Greater Albany Professional Singles, Erastus Corning III, on "To Russia With Love," at Steuben Club, Albany, 7 p.m. \$6 reservations; information, 436-0602 or 439-0005.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Association of the U.S. Army, ladies night dinner meeting at Golden Fox Steak Restaurant.

SUNYA Continuing Studies Open House, information on winter noncredit career training program for registrants who want to bolster professional skills, Husted 208 on east-downtown campus of SUNYA, 4-8 p.m. Information, 455-6121.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Pyramid Lake Camp Alumni Reunion, social mixer for former counselors and campers from Pyramid Lake as well as Marian Lodge and Camp Tekakwitha, at College of St. Rose Activities Building, Western Ave., Albany, 1-4 p.m. Information, 463-4411.

Mothers' Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers meets Tuesdays at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

Bethlehem Lodge 1398 F & AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

Town of Bethlehem Organizational Meeting, at Bethlehem Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Bethlehem Elk's Hoop Shoot, at Job Corps gymnasium, 9 a.m.-noon.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m. except June, July and August.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3349.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

Bethlehem Business Women's Club meets first Wednesday of each month at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany 6 p.m. social hour.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

Grade 8 Parents' High School, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

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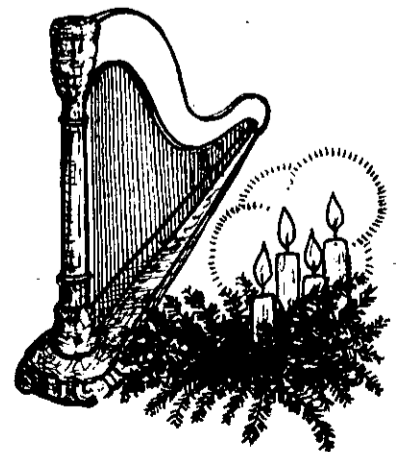
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□ Wisdom

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were. I was raised on sauerkraut and potatoes."

"Stay home and take care of the children. If both parents work, they should schedule it so that at least one is home."

"Keep them busy. Give them jobs to do. Too much freedom leads to mischief."

"Teach your children to be obedient and considerate."

Give them love. We used to get the whip when we did something wrong, and nothing when we did something right."

"If you say oftener 'I love you,' then maybe the kids would have more confidence in you."

"Give children the idea of asking God for what they need."

How can we protect our children from the dangers of drugs and alcohol?

One person thought about this problem, and then said, "I don't think you can. If they want to do it, they will."

Another said sternly, "Squash the sellers," in references to drug dealers.

Most said that parental example is the primary factor in deterring substance abuse by our young people. "With alcohol, parents make such a big deal over it with their parties and all, the kids can't wait to grow up to try it."

"You can't tell a kid not to smoke when you have a cigarette in your hand."

There was one reference to peer pressure. "Watch them from keeping company with others that do it. Explain that it's not right. Know that your kids are home at night."

What do you think of modern clothing fashions?

"Clothes aren't as good as they used to be. We had expensive clothing. You paid a lot for it, but got good quality."

"Clothes are good today. There's more choice. Years back you had the same for everybody. If you didn't wear the same as your neighbor, you were pointed out as being different. Today it's okay to be different. It was hard to be an individual back then."

"Each generation should have its own fashion. However, I think today's fashions are too revealing to be pretty."

"Women today can certainly improve in being more modest. Some of the women on TV, for example, you don't know if they're going swimming with what they have on. I think men still like modest women."

Is America getting better or worse from when you were younger?

"We're not as bad as they were in Roman times, but we're getting that way. People have to go to church with their children, regardless of which church, just so long as it is with God."

"It's getting worse with families breaking up and people not living together, helping one another."

"We need to go back to some of the old ways. People are all too anxious to get money any way they can. People weren't as greedy for money when I was younger, and they were happier."

One person had a sign hung on the wall in the room. It said "Tough times never last, but tough people do." He believes "This country will get out of any trouble it has. We should have faith in God even though we never see him, just like we had faith in George Washington, but most of us never saw him. You need to have faith."

With all the wars you have lived through, how can we prevent more of them?

"We have to have the right people to run the country."

Greed was a theme in a number of responses to this question. "Money is a hindrance. Everybody thinks somebody



Young carolers at Good Samaritan Home.

else has more money than they do, and they get envious." Another said, "We're out to take as much as we can, and give as little as we can, like all other countries. Wars come about by being jealous of the other guy having more than we do."

One person thought and thought, and soberly concluded, "There isn't any way to prevent war, I'm sorry to say."

Who do you look up to?

Nearly every person with whom I spoke answered "God and my parents." Some mentioned their clergyman, another named an uncle and aunt.

One lady who spoke of still getting chills when she heard "God Bless America," named Kate Smith whose rendition of that patriotic song has stirred the hearts of many Americans. Other persons named as being admired were Mario Cuomo, Bob Hope and Karl Marx. The person who said "Karl Marx" also said, "He gave us something to think about. He said that everybody has a right to live, to have things, to have education."

What is your Christmas message to people this year?

"Sail your ships straight and true."

"Try to take care of one another and live like human beings without jealousy. If you want things to work good for you, you've got to make them work for your neighbor, too."

"If some would believe more in God, not just loving at Christmas, but all the time, we would all be better off."

"Trust in the Lord."

"Be happy."

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Tree tips

The fresher a Christmas tree is, the longer it will last, advises the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Once the tree is purchased, keep the base of the trunk immersed in water to retard drying of the needles and keep the boughs from drooping. Saw off about an inch of the butt of the tree before putting it in the stand. Saw straight across not on an angle. The cut removes clogged resins that could prevent the tree from absorbing water. Use a stand that holds water, and replenish the water daily.

To check for freshness when purchasing an already-cut tree gently stroke the needles, they shouldn't drop off if the tree is fresh.

Another test for freshness is to lift the tree about one foot off the ground and then firmly strike the butt of the trunk on the ground. If many green needles drop, this indicates that the tree is not very fresh.

Warm rooms without sufficient moisture are tough on natural, fresh trees and cause them to dry out quickly. Keep the Christmas tree as cool as possible before decking it in its holiday finery, and remember to give it water.

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All The Spaghetti - Salad - Bread You Can Eat

\$3.95

Holiday Parties

10 - 100

Dinners - Buffets - Cocktail Parties

RESERVATIONS 439-9888

Steaks - Roasts - Sea Food

As Always

Italian Specialties

We are serving dinner from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday

Tracher's

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LATE NIGHT MENU
10 p.m. to 12 midnight
11 p.m. to 1 a.m. weekends

OPEN SEVEN DAYS
A WEEK

Alteri's

Fine Dining and Service for Years and Years

Rt. 9W, Glenmont, N.Y.
436-0002

Did you forget about
Someone Special?

Give them a Special Gift
That's sure to Please...
A Gift Certificate from

Alteri's

Fine Dining and Service for Years and Years

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS
FOR NEW YEARS EVE

reservations appreciated

STAR-LITE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Route 9W Glenmont, N.Y.
463-8517

Wed., Dec. 21 thru Dec. 27

Wed. Broiled Fishermans
Platter 8.75
Thurs. Chicken Fetticini 7.75
Fri. Prime Rib, King Cut 9.95
Or
Shrimp Scampi 7.25
Sat. Prime Rib &
Lobster Tail 13.95
Or
Twin Lobster Tails 15.25

Closed Sunday
Closed Monday

Tues. Veal Sorento 7.95

The above include antipasto, soup, potatoes & vegetable, rolls & butter, dessert & coffee.
Regular menu also available.

Dinner Hours

4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Banquet Facilities For Up To 200

Treat a Friend to a Burger

It's FREE

11:30 AM to 2:30 PM
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

You have a BURGER
of your choice
at the regular price...
Your Friend will have
one of the same

FREE

Limited Time Only

Bring A Friend — Treat A Friend
to the Best BURGER in Town

USDA Choice Top Round
Ground Fresh Daily
Served on a Homemade Bun

Tool's Restaurant

283 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, N.Y.

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Seasons Greetings

From All Of Us
At

BROCKLEY'S DELMAR TAVERN & RESTAURANT

At the Four Corners, Delmar

- Lunch & Dinner Specials Daily
- Talk of the Town Pizza

Eat In or Take Out

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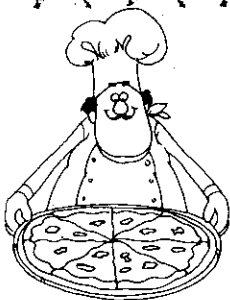
Gift Certificates Available

Saturday Xmas Eve open till 9 pm. We will feature
our Saturday Night Special

Prime Ribs of Beef

3 Cuts to Choose From

Closed Sunday Xmas Day and Monday



It's
Hoogy's
For
LUNCH

Quick — Delicious — Lite
Luncheon Menu Includes

Pizza — Calzone
Hot & Cold Sandwiches
Chicken Wings
Potato Skins

Take-Out Service on All Items
(Except Beer & Wine)

DON'T FORGET!

Hoogy's Delivers*
Monday thru Thursday
4-8 pm

*Delivery limited to the
Slingerlands-Delmar-Elsmere Area

Hoogy's
VILLAGE CORNER

1562 New Scotland Rd.
(Across from Tollgate)
439-4420

Weekdays 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

THE SHANTY
At Delmar

155 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y.

Help Us

Bring in the New Year
New Years Eve Specials

Baked Stuffed Lobster \$13.95

Prime Ribs Au Jus \$12.95

Served with Bread/Butter, Garden Salad
Fresh Vegetable or Potato

Complimentary Champagne
With Your Meal

AND
HATS - NOISEMAKERS - PARTY FAVORS
AT MIDNIGHT

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PIZZA ITEMS

PEPPERONI
ONIONS
ANCHOVIES

SAUSAGE
GREEN PEPPERS
MEATBALL

MUSHROOMS
EXTRA
CHEESE

PIZZA:	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Large</i>	<i>Sicilian</i>
Cheese	\$3 ⁹⁷	\$4 ⁹²	\$6 ⁴⁰
1 Item	\$4 ⁸⁶	\$5 ⁴⁷	\$7 ³⁴
2 Items	\$5 ⁹¹	\$6 ²⁶	\$8 ²⁷
3 Items	\$6 ²¹	\$6 ⁹²	\$9 ²⁵
Works	\$7 ²⁰	\$7 ⁹⁰	\$9 ⁶³

FREE

Game Tokens for

Each In-House Pizza 1 Token 2 Tokens 2 Tokens

Slices

Thin 70¢

Sicilian 89¢

25¢ Each Extra Item

Soda

Coke - 7 Up - Root Beer - Orange - Diet Coke

Sm. 45¢ - Med. 55¢ - Lg. 65¢ Pitcher \$2.00

Slush Puppies - Sm. 35¢ - Med. 55¢ - Lg. 75¢

WE DELIVER

439-2244