

# THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Task force will study Delaware Ave. zoning

A task force has been appointed to study Delaware Ave. with an eye toward controlling development along Delmar's major commercial strip.

The announcement by Supervisor Tom Corrigan at last Wednesday's Bethlehem Town Board meeting turned what had been developing as a confrontation over the Liebich property into a surprisingly congenial discussion. About 50 people, most of the residents of the Elsmere School area, attended the meeting, and most went away satisfied that there will be some action, even if it isn't as fast and as direct as they had originally hoped.

This won't be the first time the town has looked at Delaware Ave. — the latest review is only two years old. "I think we've done better than anybody else," said Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, noting that towns such as Gunderland and East Greenbush have similar problems with Western Ave. and Columbia Turnpike.

"But it's a problem — it's always going to be a problem."

Virtually all of Delaware Ave. from the Four Corners to the Normanskill is zoned CC Commercial, which permits a broad variety of businesses and services. Many residential properties remain, but the pressure to convert them to more lucrative commercial uses is intensifying. The current controversy arose when the old Liebich house on the corner of Herrick Ave. and just across the street from the Elsmere School, was torn down, making it a prime spot for redevelopment. The Planning Board two weeks ago

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decided that it could not rezone that site without being vulnerable to "spot zoning" charges.

Solutions were only hinted at Wednesday, but discussions with town officials indicate the task force is likely to explore several different approaches:

- Zoning — rather than change the zoning of a specific parcel, as the Elsmere School petitioners had requested for the Liebich property, the task force could consider a change in the CC Commercial zoning itself. If certain uses — for instance, fast food restaurants — generate more traffic than is desirable, they could be taken out of that zoning classification. Corrigan recalled Wednesday that the town did just that some years back when gas stations began proliferating. Service stations now require special case-by-case approval from the Board of Appeals.

- Local laws dealing with density and traffic access could be passed. The town's consultant on zoning and planning, Edward Kleinke, said last week has worked with other communities that have used this approach.

- Access onto Delaware Ave., a state highway, is a particular problem because it is controlled by the state Department of Transportation, not the town. Limiting that access would require a special approach to the DOT, which Kleinke

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*Hamagrael Preschoolers filled the hall with the "Teapot Song" Friday, led by Kristin Burns, Elizabeth Waniewski, Sean Barclay, Melissa Nuttal, and Martyn Smith. At left, Emily Waniewski, 2, discusses winter travel plans with Rudolph.*

*Spotlight—Tom Howes*

## Charlie happy in Hudson

Charlie Sanders is happy and of good cheer in the Firemen's Home in Hudson, according to members of the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association who with their wives and friends made their annual Christmas trip to the home last Sunday.

Charlie, one of the founders of the Slingerland Fire Department in 1921 and a former chief, went to the Hudson facility the day before Thanksgiving in 1981. At the party Charlie, now 87, talked about old times and his many friends in the area, recalling the days when he ran a store and restaurant at the Toll Gate corner, where he ground his own hamburger, served several hundred cups of coffee a week and pumped gas in front of the store. He lived in the big Victorian house, a Slingerlands historical landmark, behind the store until shortly before it was bulldozed to make room for a parking lot. Charlie had the first commercially installed TV set in the Albany area, and on Monday nights his place was packed to see "Uncle Miltie" (Milton Berle). He even had

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Sanders at Hudson



The Sanders store was a landmark (of sorts) at the Toll Gate.

## Cable fee hike planned

Adams Russell, the cable television company that serves Bethlehem, New Scotland and Voorheesville, has announced that it is increasing its fees for pay services by \$1 immediately and will be proposing increases in its basic rates early next year.

The \$1 hike for pay services — which include movie channels such as Home Box Office, but not the SportsChannel, requires no legal approval from local or state authorities, and will go into effect Jan. 1, according to George Smede, Adams Russell general manager.

Smede said the increase for the basic rate and optional services do require approval by the municipalities issuing the franchise. One problem, he said, is that those rates vary from place to place — the current basic rate for Bethlehem is \$10 per month, while in New Scotland it is \$9.95 and in Voorheesville \$10.95 — because of the individual franchise agreements negotiated with those municipalities.

"We've been looking at a \$1 increase for the basic, but whether that will apply to everybody I don't know," Smede said.

The company is aiming to have the new rates in place May 1, he said. At the Bethlehem Town Board meeting last week, Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz noted that while the board will be able to

review and pass on Adams Russell's proposal, saying no in the past has proved difficult, because the New York State Cable Commission can and often does override municipalities on rate decisions.

"We are increasing our rates with full knowledge of the high level of competition for the entertainment dollar," Smede's letter to the town board said. "But, we also know there is no way we can stay in business if we don't charge enough to cover the costs of doing business. These rate increases, however unpopular, are badly needed to maintain our high standard of picture quality and customer service."

Adams Russell got its last rate increase from Bethlehem in April, 1982, but part of that agreement is just now becoming a reality. The cable company agreed to fund and equip a studio for taping public access programs at the Bethlehem Public Library as a substitute for its little-used local office and even less frequently used taping facility at the company's main office in East Greenbush.

Implementation of the agreement was delayed because of lengthy negotiations, primarily over questions of who would take responsibility for programs produced and transmitted by the library, and

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# □ Delaware Ave.

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said has been successful in other areas.

• Architectural review has been considered periodically by the Planning Board, but has never generated much enthusiasm.

Following Wednesday's session, Corrigan said he plans to ask Planning Board Chairman Charles Redmond to chair the task force, with the entire planning board sitting as members. W. Scott Prothero and Robert Hendrick will represent the

town board, and Corrigan said he hopes to name two private citizens shortly. Redmond said he would like to have the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce represented. Kleinke, and long-time town engineering consultant Alva Worth will also be members.

• Establish a "buffer zone" with special zoning around the school. That suggestion came from the audience as a way around the "spot zoning" problem, and Corrigan said he would have the task force look at it.

Whether any of those approaches can accomplish what the people living near the Elsmere School want is problematical. From the day the Liebich house was torn down, rumors have circulated that the family site would be sold to a fast food chain. Opposition centered on both the additional traffic and the potentially harmful effects of such an operation near the school.

Town officials have calculated that it is doubtful that a fast food chain would buy the site because of its size, but they concede that there would be no way of stopping such a move under the current zoning.

Corrigan said he had heard of only one development proposal for the property, and that for a medical building. "I can assure you we will do everything possible within the law to defer any action" on that parcel, he told the crowd.

That didn't satisfy everybody. "The school is as naked tonight as when we came in," said Lucy Dunn, a leader in the Elsmere School petition drive.

But for most of the residents the commitment appeared to be enough, for now. Libby Shapire, attending as an observer for the League of Women Voters, called the meeting a "very fine demonstration of participatory democracy."

She had one final suggestion for the Liebich site: "Build a boarding house for the rumors in this town."



A. Robert Burns, president of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2, Glenmont, presents a \$1,000 check to Gerald Day of Delmar, chairman of the Albany County Fire Fighters Burn Fund. The Glenmont company's Ladies Auxiliary recently presented \$200 to the fund, which helps support the burn unit at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

# □ Charlie Sanders

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bleachers outside the picture windows so the kids could watch, too. He was always there extending a helping hand to all, giving food, wood, coal etc. . . . but he would never let anyone know he was doing it.

Sanders was born in Albany Aug. 2, 1896. His family moved to Slingerlands in 1921 and he opened a hot dog stand at Kenwood Ave. and New Scotland Rd. The fire siren was encoded and rung from Sanders' for many years. Charlie always provided coffee and refreshments for department members at fire scenes. For years he anonymously provided treats for the kids at Slingerlands grade school.

Charlie was also a moving spirit in support of the old Slingerlands baseball club that played in the amateur league that in the late Twenties embraced teams from the Capital District and nearby counties. In recent years Charlie has been a faithful fan of the Baltimore Orioles, primarily through his friendship with John Stokoe, a Slingerlands resident and former local athlete who now is chief scout for the Orioles, the 1983 World Series champions.

On last Sunday's visit, members of the Hudson Mohawk Ladies Auxiliary presented a \$500 check to help maintain Big Red, the bus Hudson Mohawk presented to the home several years ago to take residents to ball games and other entertainment. And, said the visitors, as they left Charlie asked them to wish a merry Christmas to all his friends in Slingerlands.

# □ Cable fees

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also over insurance questions, according to library director John Hodges.

Work began on the physical alterations to the library building about a month ago, and are now about 95 percent complete, he said Friday. The equipment Adams Russell promised is on hand, but needs some repair and some is "not in good working order," Hodges said.

The library hopes to begin operations in January, and will be transmitting three hours per week of locally produced programming over Channel 16. "There's a tremendous amount of interest in the community," Hodges said.



## Save Like The Dickens





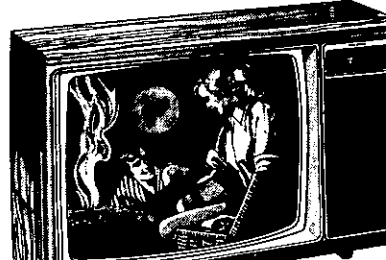
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# 1820 home of good taste

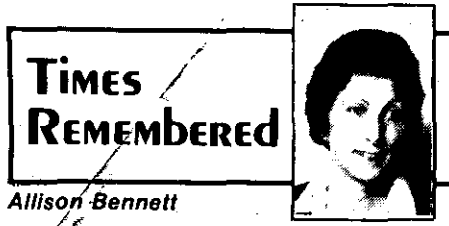
The night was warm, but dark and rainy as the car proceeded down Willowbrook Ave. toward the home of the Eilers family. However, our welcome was warm and bright for the enclosed piazza was cheerily lighted by the glow of several lamps and the post light and columned front entrance were brightly illuminated against the gloom.

This white painted house of 1820 vintage is snugly nestled under the hill along the banks of the Onesquethaw Creek in the village of South Bethlehem. Perhaps the kitchen section is even earlier than the date mentioned. It might have served as a one-room cottage with a garret above for sleeping that Edward Eilers now uses as his own bedroom. This loft is reached by ascending a short, steep flight of narrow stairs from the

**A cheery fire was blazing on the hearth and wide board floors of pine accented the warm colors of the Oriental rugs and runners.**

below, and the sloping eaves of the roofline give a cozy feeling to the room.

It is known that the kitchen originally contained a huge fireplace, but later owners tore that out and all that remains is a pile of bricks down in the woods near the creek. The old kitchen has been remodeled to reflect the present day, but still it is antique in feeling and furnished with a grand collection of blue and white kitchen earthenware in the Meissen "Blue Onion" pattern that includes rolling pin, ladles, strainers and large and small barrel-shaped canisters. There are also old wooden bowls and utensils and an assortment of salt glaze pottery, bowls and batter pitchers. Sophie Eilers,



**TIMES REMEMBERED**  
Allison Bennett

Edward's mother, is of German ancestry and, true to her heritage, adores cooking big, hearty meals and baking tempting treats for her son and his friends. Her ambitions are amply supplied with the generous size of an old wooden cutting board that serves as a counter top on one of the cabinets and the ample proportions of the pottery cookware that is found in abundance.

The Eilers family once owned a large and productive farm near Schoharie, but finding this a bit too much to carry on, sold it and moved to this charming home in South Bethlehem 13 years ago. Their neighbors say that each successive owner of the property has added to its attractiveness, but certainly the Eilers have landscaped, cared for and furnished the homestead in the epitome of good taste.

Leaving the kitchen via a large dressed stone step, one enters the covered porch or piazza, an area that originally served as the woodshed, but now has been partitioned into two sections. Sheltered on three sides, the piazza is prettily furnished with white painted wicker furniture and black Windsor chairs. There are green plants about and a black and white cat sleepily stretching on the sofa matches the color scheme.

Behind this piazza is another part of the old woodshed that is now a brick-floored room furnished with an outstanding Windsor bench that has a carved ram's-horn motif on the ends of the back slat. It is easy to tell from their profusion that Windsor chairs and benches are



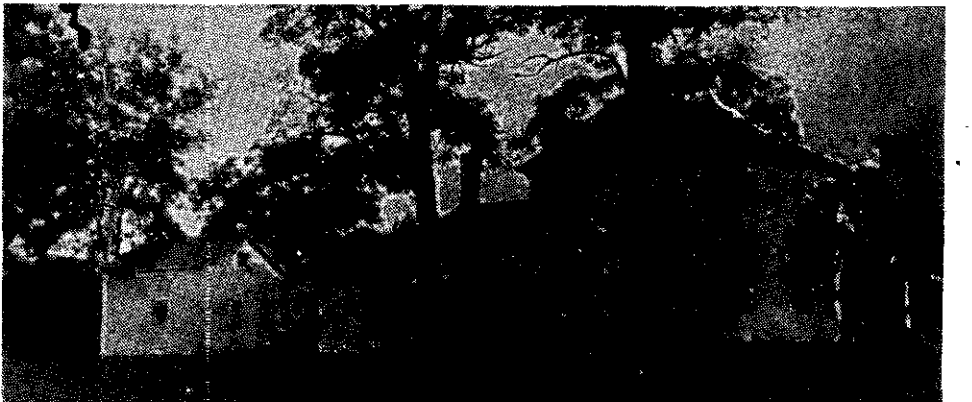
The Edward Eilers home on Willowbrook Ave. today is white with black shutters. To the left is the main block of the house, to the right the kitchen wing, enclosed piazza (former woodshed) and brick smokehouse.

Edward Eilers' special fancy. In this room there is also an interesting nine-foot long store counter with cabinets beneath that serves most adequately as a buffet table for entertaining. From this room opens a huge plank door well over four feet in width and having its original wooden latch with hole for the latchstring. This door was probably made large to accommodate the sides of beef and pork and baskets of vegetables that would have been taken down into the cellar for winter storage when the property was an active farmstead, owned by the John C. Baumes family.

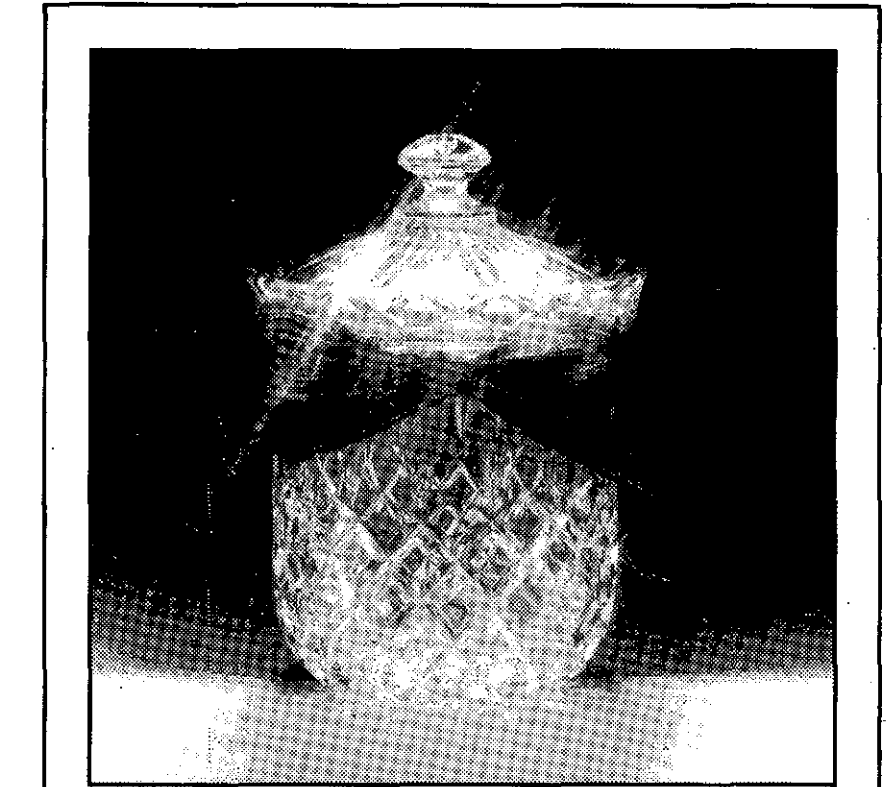
Great dressed stone steps lead down to the cellar area and that cellar has a

laid-up stone foundation. It is completely dry and cool and contains not only the heating plant, but a workroom for refinishing furniture as well as another storage room. Kenneth Snyder of Albany, whose father and grandfather once owned the property, remembers the huge stone slabs placed on a swing shelf where his grandmother set out large tin pans of milk to cool so the cream would rise to the surface for skimming.

Upstairs again and moving across the entrance hall with its walnut newel post and handrail on the staircase, we find the blue printed dining room, its fireplace also having been removed and once serving as a parlor in earlier times. Also



The Wesley and Fred A. Snyder home in South Bethlehem as it appeared in the early 1900s. The original photo was developed in reverse and we have printed it in that form so that less detail would be lost, but the reader can appreciate the comparison with the photo of the home as it is now under the Eilers ownership.



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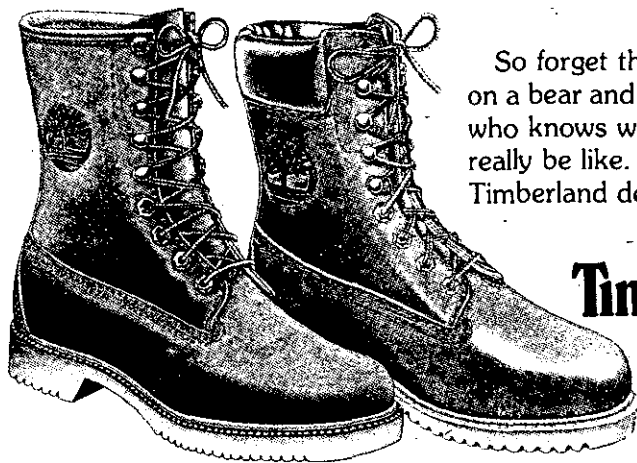
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no longer in evidence was a dumb waiter coming up from the cellar that Mr. Snyder remembers was used for ease in bringing up foodstuffs. Today the dining room is furnished with appropriate period pieces that fit so well with the architectural scheme of the building. Between this room and the living room to the rear a wall was moved to make a bedroom for Mr. Wes Snyder when he became infirm. Today that area provides a modern powder room and large coat and storage closet.

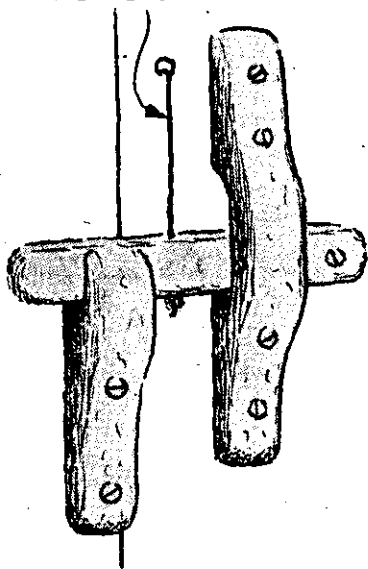
The formal living room is down the hallway and covers the entire back of the main block of the house. Here a cheery fire was blazing on the hearth and wide

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board floors of pine accented the warm colors of the Oriental rugs and runners. Built-in bookcases house not only books but a fine collection of glassware and figurines. A Dutch door leads to the outdoors, and this is a divided door that can be opened at either top or bottom.

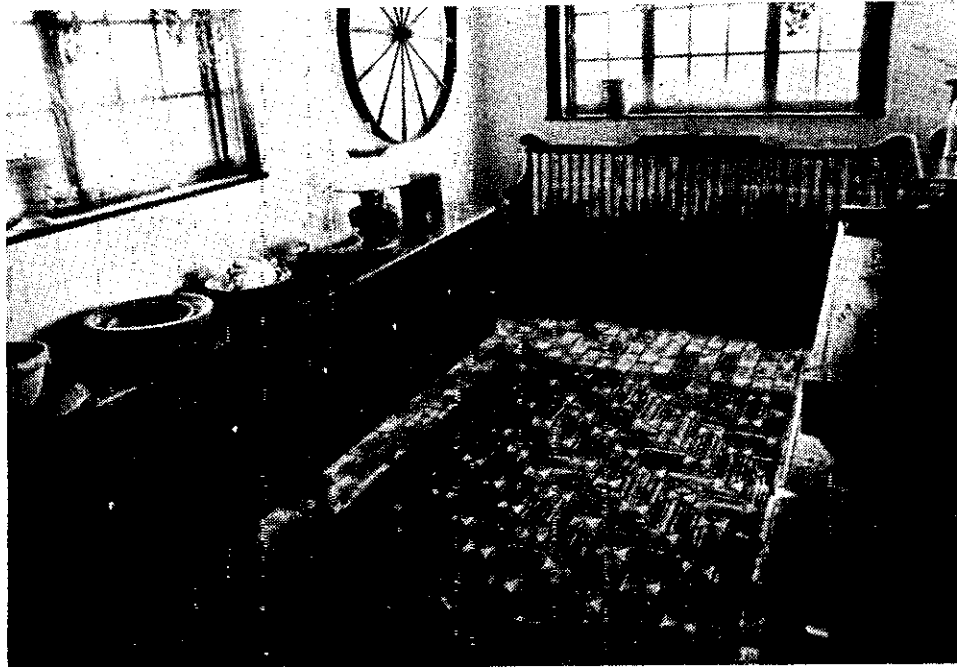
Ascending the stairs we come into a small upstairs hall that leads to three

**LEATHER THONG THROUGH HOLE TO OUTSIDE**



Drawing of the cellar door latch on the Eilers' house. When guests were expected, a leather thong was dangled through the hole to the outside, and when the thong was pulled, it raised the latch. When it was drawn inside, there was no way that the door could be opened. From this comes the expression of welcome: "The latchstring is always out."

Courtesy Colonial Homes



Located in what was the original woodshed and now sharing space with the enclosed porch is this brick-floored room. The original cellar door leads to the basement. The furnishings of this room are mentioned in the text.

charming bedrooms, furnished with antique beds, chairs and dressers, their walls covered in colonial reproduction papers. What is now the bathroom once served as a small bedroom for Kenneth Snyder when he was a boy. The small upstairs windows belie the fact that the ceilings are fairly high and were probably made in that size to foil the tax collector when houses were taxed according to their height in stories.

The smokehouse is attached to the piazza and the exterior buildings now consist of the refurbished chicken house that stores summer furniture and lawnmowers, and the tool shed that has been turned into a garage. The large barn and the wagon house that stood across the driveway have long since been torn down. However, another local resident, Donald Hunter, can remember that he was fascinated as a small boy to go down there and watch the horse plodding round and round, moving the arm of the hay press that was compacting the sweet smelling grasses into bales for winter storage in that same barn. He can also remember well when the Snyder family lived there and Wes Snyder, Kenneth's grandfather, ran a stage from the house into the City of Albany. Wes Snyder also used the stage to meet the train at Selkirk, on the West Shore railroad line, and pick up passengers who wanted to come home to South Bethlehem. It was a two-hour ride into the city by stage from the Snyder house to a South Pearl Street destination. Wes Snyder kept a stable of horses and rented them out to town or county officials for the drawing of stone and other heavy uses.

John C. Baumes figured prominently in the ownership of land along Willowbrook Ave. and he gave a portion of his farmland for the South Bethlehem Methodist Church in 1845. This church is just a few hundred feet up the street from the present Eilers home. Looking at the surrounding bungalows covering the near hillside today it seems almost

unimaginable that those same lands were once covered with the trees of an apple orchard and the surrounding fields once yielded large crops of hay when the farmhouse was in the Baumes-Snyder families. Even though the land now has other uses, we can all be appreciative that the Eilers' good taste and skilled hands have made the old farmhouse into the asset it is to the little village of South Bethlehem.

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**For last-minute gifts**

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**Arrested after accident**

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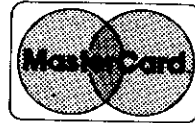
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# Road project is planned

Albany County Engineer Frederic M. Doeing's wish list includes a wider and straighter Schoolhouse Rd. (County Rt. 204) in North Bethlehem and Guilderland but he knows that money is tight. The proposal for Schoolhouse Rd., details of which the county is still pulling together, will have to compete with other projects proposed in Albany County and three surrounding counties for only "a couple of million dollars" available from national highway funds, according to John Poorman, staff director for the Capital District Transportation Committee.

The committee must approve any projects in Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties that are to receive federal Transportation Improvement Program funds.

"But we don't have a whole lot of money to work with this year, plain and simple," Poorman said. Revenue from the 5-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax imposed last year is slated for use on interstate and primary roads, he said, and there has been no increase in the appropriation for urban system roads.

Doeing said the planned spring opening of the Crossgates shopping mall was not a factor in proposals being made to widen Schoolhouse Rd. He said the current volume of traffic on the road

indicated that the pavement should be widened from the present 20 feet to 34 feet, including shoulders. Doeing also said planners "are looking at which curves can be straightened out. The problem is, you've got houses" all along the road.

Both Poorman and Doeing agreed that any action is several years in the future. The committee is slated to vote in February on which proposed projects will be incorporated into its five-year plan for the area.

## Manger scene returns

The manger scene erected on the grounds of the Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave. and Adams Pl., is an undertaking of the Tri-Village Clergy Association, which is headed by the Rev. William A. Gorman of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Those making special contributions this year include Bill Weber, Bill Whan, Doug Brownell, Walt Nicholson and Verstandig's Florist. The scene has been part of the holiday season in the Tri-village area for 29 years, according to Rev. Gorman, and in that time three stables have been built by shop classes at Bethlehem Central High School.



Father Bill Gorman and Delmar's nativity scene on Delaware Ave.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

# Fire commissioners elected

Seven new commissioners will take office in the five fire districts serving the Town of Bethlehem as a result of elections held last week.

In a close race in the Delmar Fire District, Elwin C. McNamara edged George O. Bloodgood, 59 votes to 41, for a five-year term. Also in Delmar, George O. Mann garnered 77 votes to fill an unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 1985, and John Angerame got 83 votes to fill an unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 1984.

In the Slingerlands Fire District, William A. Scoons won a five-year term with 50 votes. Timothy M. Tice got six votes and Thomas Smith one. John E. Brennan Jr. received 91 votes for the five-year term as commissioner in the Elsmere Fire District. Paul Kleinke received two votes.

Charles B. Fritts was elected to a five-year term in the Selkirk Fire District with 50 votes.

In the Elmwood Park Fire District, which covers part of North Bethlehem plus portions of New Scotland and

Guilderland, Phil Schweppenhauser defeated incumbent William James, 96 to 86. James had tied Schweppenhauser last year, but took the seat on a lot drawing.

## Overdose

A Delmar teenager was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad Friday night after Bethlehem police found him lying on the sidewalk on Burhans Pl. in Delmar. The boy appeared to be suffering from acute alcohol poisoning, according to the police report. Three other youths with him, whose names were withheld because of their ages, were questioned by police. Police noted that underage persons cannot be charged for possessing alcohol but the provider can be arrested.

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# RCS teachers approve pact

By Lorin Pasqual

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk teachers union ratified its new contract Tuesday afternoon, thus ending negotiations that lasted almost 12 months.

The RCS school board will vote on the settlement after a final review early this week, said Superintendent Milton Chodack. There is no reason why it should not pass, he added.

The agreement includes a five-percent salary increase for RCS teachers during the 1983-84 academic year and a five and one-half-percent increase the following year.

Extra-curricular activity advisers can also expect pay hikes, due to a \$5,000 additional to their overall fund. This is a rather small and insubstantial increase, however, according to Ken Ralston, president of the teachers association. It amounts to approximately \$200 a year for each person, he said.

Other provisions include a salary adjustment for coaches to reflect differences in job duties and responsibilities. Some coaches will receive modest pay increases while others will notice reductions, said Ralston.

In terms of benefits, the agreement

reflects a shift in health insurance coverage from Blue Cross-Blue Shield to strictly Blue Shield. Phoenix Mutual will continue to provide a major medical rider, and the school will assume 20 percent of the cost for a dental plan. Teachers must pay the additional 80 percent.

When asked whether the 160 RCS teachers were happy about the outcome, Ralston said the contract reveals few major changes. "Under the present circumstances, it appears to be the best we could get," he said. However, he added, "it certainly is not an outstanding contract."

## Four nominated

Four area youths are among those nominated by Congressman Samuel S. Stratton for appointment to one of the nation's three service academies. Peter S. With, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank With of Selkirk, has been listed as a nominee for a vacancy at the Military Academy at West Point. Among those competing for a slot at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., are Mark C. Davitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Davitt of Delmar; Mark A. Barnao, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony



Hardtime Howie (Edward Gabel of Albany) enlivened the Christmas party at Selkirk firehouse No. 1 by presenting a balloon sword to Nicole Viviano, 4, of Selkirk as her Mom, Karen, and brother David look on.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

Barnao of Delmar, and Michael A. Ricci, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ricci of Voorheesville. Under the procedure used by Stratton, up to 10 persons are nominated for each service academy vacancy allocated to a congressional district and the academies select the person they believe is best qualified.

## Service noted

Thomas DePalma of Selkirk, assistant professor in social science at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, recently was awarded a five-year service pin by the college. The college is observing its 30th anniversary this year.

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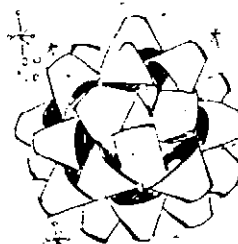
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# NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High music department invites the public for an evening of seasonal music tonight (Wednesday). Their winter concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The sixth grade band and chorus and the seventh and eighth grade band and chorus will perform under the direction of Scott Andrews and Kenneth Tyrell. This holiday musical experience is free of charge.

### DAR honors 3

Three area students were honored at a recent meeting of the Hannacrois and Old Helleberge chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Receiving Good Citizenship Awards at the gathering were Kyle James Zolner of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zolner of Ravena, Shannon Older of Albany High School and Wendy Mollé of Guilderland Center High School. Awards were presented by the chairmen of the DAR Good Citizens, Mrs. Stephen C. Coye of Hannacrois chapter and Mrs. Milton J. Burns of Old Helleberge chapter.

A program followed, presented by the Rev. Joseph A. Loux, Jr., pastor of the Guilderland Reformed Church. Mrs. Ruth Serafini, regent of Old Helleberge chapter, presided over the meeting at the Mynderse-Fredrick House, Main St., Guilderland Center.

### Choir plans concert

The voices of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church choir will blend in harmony as they present a Christmas cantata at 8 p.m. Saturday, at the church, Willowbrook Ave. All are invited to attend the Christmas Eve

candlelighting service with its inspirational music. The Rev. Kenneth Miller, pastor, will narrate a Christmas message.

### Hoop shoot

Boys! Girls! Would you like to test your athletic ability and have an opportunity to win a trophy? The Bethlehem Elks Lodge, 2233 in Selkirk, is sponsoring a basketball hoop shoot. All children 8 to 13 years of age are eligible to compete. Youngsters will be divided into age groups of 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Certificates will be presented to all who participate and trophies will be awarded to the top shooters in each age division. Pre-registration is not necessary, but each child must present a copy of their birth certificate the day of the event. The event will be held in the Job Corps Center's gymnasium, Rt. 144, Glenmont, from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 7.

### Menu for week

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, Dec. 22, will be: Thursday — evening meal only; Friday — hot turkey sandwich with gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed sweet potato, green beans, dessert; Monday — turkey tetrazzini over rice, cranberry juice, Brussel sprouts, dessert; Tuesday — pot roast with gravy, noodles, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, dessert; Wednesday — chicken croquettes with white sauce, oven-fried potato, broccoli, dessert.

### Speedy recovery wishes

Teens of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem Youth Group wish to extend their best wishes to one of their advisers, Luther Fourman, who was injured in an accident during an outing to an area



Six members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 205 in Glenmont were recently honored with the Silver Award, the second highest award in girl scouting. They are, from left, Colleen Emsing, Jill Gorzynski, Cathy Piccolino, Beth Murnighan, Mary Heathwaite and Mary Switzer.

roller skating rink last Saturday. Fourman was admitted to Albany Medical Center Hospital where surgery was required for two broken bones in a leg. Best wishes for a quick recovery!

### Here comes 1984!

Members and guests of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, will ring in 1984 with a party next Saturday evening. Beginning at 7 p.m. with a prime rib dinner, the festivities will continue until 2 a.m. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. with music by "Sundown." Reservations may be made by contacting Barb or Bill Abbotts at 767-2963. Special rates are available to senior citizens.

### On the eve

The one symbolic candle, from which one, then another and another candle is lighted until all are illuminated with the warmth and glow of Christmas, the softly sung hymns, the scripture that proclaims "A Child is Born," — the Rev. Allen Janssen will lead a Christmas eve candle-

lighting service at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

### Help for parents

A program called Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) will be offered at the Bethlehem Preschool in Glenmont beginning Jan. 25. The courses will be taught by Christine S. Deys of Delmar, who has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in human development and family relationships from Pennsylvania State University. STEP will be taught evenings at the preschool, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and babysitting will be available for \$2 an hour. The fee for the 10-week course is \$20 a person plus a materials fee of about \$5. To register, call Bethlehem Preschool, 463-8091.

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# School board weighs financing options

By Tom Howes

Shopping becomes a problem when the wish list is longer than the bank account and the money belongs not to yourself but to other people.

Three separate money-eating projects have converged on the Voorheesville School Board, each requiring individual public consideration and each important according to individual perspectives. In a world of choices, will the public choose to approve a \$150,000-or-so athletic track for the high school, a \$400,000-\$600,000 library building and the state Board of Regents Action Plan?

That question brought on a lengthy discussion on priorities at last Monday's board meeting. No decisions resulted, but board members said they hope the public will remember to weigh each decision against those still to come.

Responding to public interest last summer, the board created a track-feasibility committee, with board members Josepg Fernandez and David Teuten presiding. Having met with interested citizens, Fernandez reported a high level of enthusiasm for the idea and a carte blanche mandate to put together a specific construction proposal regardless of the cost. Aware that the "board has an obligation to advance" the interest, Fernandez also noted the tremendous emotional appeal involved and expressed concern that tax-dollars approved for the track might be dollars withdrawn from the pool available for the library, or Regents plan.

At the board's November meeting, Wyman Osterhout, president of the Voorheesville library board, presented library expansion plans — a \$400,000 addition to the present building — to the school board. Since the public library is actually run under school district aus-

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pices, financial matters must be routed through the school district budget. According to Superintendent Werner Berglas, the library board is now also considering a \$600,000 plan that would replace the current building entirely. Although the school board could incorporate the cost of the library expansion — in whatever final form — into the district budget for voter approval, it may choose to itemize it separately to avoid voter confusion and increased bottom line and tax rate figures.

Finally, the state Board of Regents has created its Action Plan in an effort to upgrade the high school Regents degree program most secondary students select. The plan includes a longer school year, greater course loads and smaller class size, among other changes, and might well cost more money, according to Berglas. The Regents claim that on a statewide basis no increase will occur. Currently under the debate, the plan may not reach final form for some time, delaying the public vote.

Collectively, the board wondered whether the public, perhaps by then the veterans of two major spending votes, would react favorably to yet another, even one of primary educational interest.

School board president Jack McKenna said the board would pursue the track proposal with "positive consideration in the context of all our budgetary considerations."

Board member Peter Ten Eyck suggested "building an indoor track in a library" which brought a welcomed laugh

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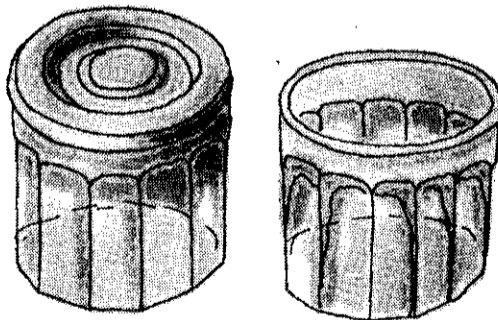
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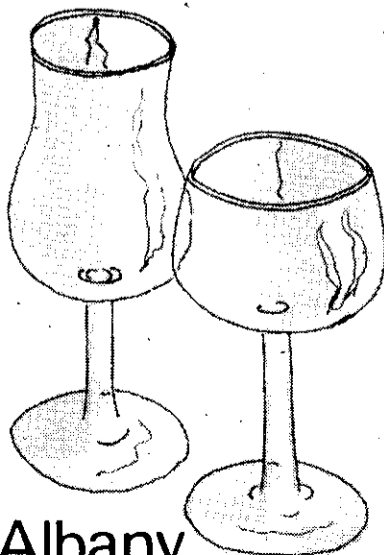
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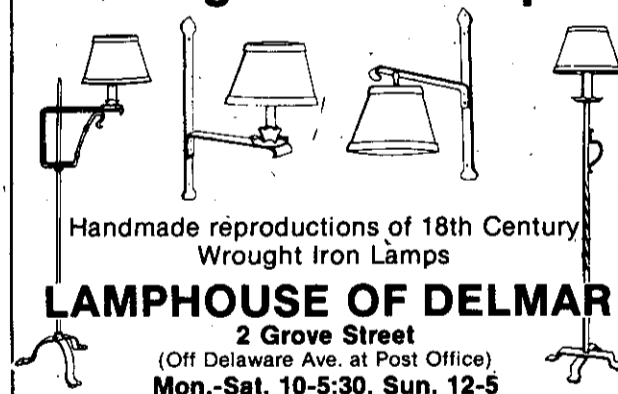


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and left the board pondering all its alternatives.

In other action, the board:

- Established beginning level salary guidelines for grade school principal and assistant principal candidates. They are: \$24,000-\$29,000 for the assistant's position, now a 12 month rather than 11 month job; and \$27,000 to \$32,000 for the principal's position. The successful candidate will receive a salary within the specified range dependent upon his or her experience and qualifications. The school must fill the posts by March.

- Agreed to provide lunch from the school cafeteria for Voorheesville senior citizens approximately once a month. Seniors will transport the soup and sandwich meals to their center on North Salem Old Rd. at their own expense. The service, requested by the seniors, is provided by several area school districts.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

## Town seeks youth grant

The New Scotland Town Board approved an application for a \$4,848.75 grant through the New York State Division for Youth at their Dec. 7 meeting.

Approximately half of the state funds will aid the summer swim program at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville. The additional money will help support Project Hope, an Albany-based human service agency that operates a satellite office at St. Mark's Community Center in Guiderland. The programs provide individual and family counseling to area youngsters aged 12 to 16 who have various social or behavioral problems.

In other action, the board opened bids for a new garbage truck. The board will review bids from McCasland Truck Center, Dunn Truck Sales, Inc. and H.L. Gage Sales, Inc. before making a final decision.

Also, the Albany County Planning Board will continue to review the newly revised junk car and junkyard ordinances, drafted in an effort to rid the community of unsightly, inoperable vehicles and refuse. The proposed law would limit the amount of junk cars stored on residents' property and regulate existing and new junkyards.

Lorin Pasqual

### Named by VNA

Sheila Stewart of Glenmont has been named a public health nurse for the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc. She is a 1977 graduate of Albany Medical Center School of Nursing and graduated this year from Russell Sage College, Troy.

## Births



### St. Peter's Hospital

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Boy, Daniel Ryan Dergosits, to Beth Cohen and Kevin Dergosits, Voorheesville, Nov. 29.

Girl, Katherine Marie Heckman Bishop, to Susan Mary Heckman and Paul George Bishop, Jr., Feura Bush, Dec. 2.

Girl, Aimee Beth, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Berhaupt, Voorheesville, Dec. 2.

Girl, Ashley Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cootware, Delmar, Dec. 6.

### Albany Medical Center

Girl, Amanda Lauren, to Kevin and Joan Winne, Selkirk, Nov. 12.

Girl, Sara Lynn, to Mark and Joan Virgil, Slingerlands, Nov. 12.

Boy, Adam David, to David and Marie Johnson, Voorheesville, Nov. 14.

Boy, Jonathan Robert, to Linda and Robert Berquist, Voorheesville, Nov. 14.

Girl, Patricia Lynn, to Frederick and Barbara Eames, Delmar, Nov. 14.

Girl, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Westphal, Delmar, Nov. 14.

Girl, Whitney Blair, to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher A. Myers, Voorheesville, Nov. 20.

Girl, Natalie Ruth, to Edward and Judith Notarpole, Voorheesville, Nov. 22.

Girl, Mandy Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Conners, Selkirk, Nov. 23.

Boy, Robert Dale III, to Robert and Ann Livingston, Delmar, Nov. 29.

### Saratoga Hospital

Girl, Katie Margaret, to Debbie and Edward Moriarty, Fort Edward, Dec. 14. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Moriarty, Wellington Rd., Delmar.

### Wins French award

Maurice A. O'Meara, associate professor of French in the Department of Foreign Language and Literature at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Ill., has been awarded first prize in the annual French poetry contest sponsored by the Museum of Poetry in Carpentras en Provence, France. A graduate of Vincentian Institute and Siena College, O'Meara was a Fulbright Scholar.

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# Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



### Going to the Egg

Voorheesville Elementary School students in grades one through three will have a pre-holiday treat today when they travel to the "Egg" at the South Mall to see the production of the musical "Raggedy Ann and Andy" presented by the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts. Sponsored by Theatre Fun for Young People, the field trip is a departure from the in-school production normally acquired by the group. According to program coordinator Marguerite Teuten, the goal of Theater Fun is "to prepare children to enjoy and appreciate theater whether in or out of school."

### Spanish party

Most students at the grade school will be having holiday parties either today or tomorrow, but yesterday a special celebration was held at the elementary school quite unlike any other planned for the season — at least in Voorheesville. Students in grades four through six who have participated in the extracurricular Spanish program were treated to a party by their teachers, high school students in the Spanish IV program who come to the elementary school weekly to teach the romance language to the eager young pupils. The party was complete with pinata.

### Class schedules

The holidays are finally here. To prepare for the season Voorheesville Central schools will hold final classes on Thursday, Dec. 22, with the high school being dismissed at 1:40 p.m. and the grade school leaving at 2:30 p.m. There will be no school on Friday, Dec. 23, and

classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3, for students at both schools.

### Gertrude Modell retiring

When third grade teacher Gertrude Modell leaves her classroom at the Voorheesville Elementary School tomorrow, she will be embarking on more than a holiday vacation. After teaching for 21 years, the graduate of the College of Saint Rose is retiring.

An active woman in many areas, Modell has contributed many reviews of musical and theatrical events in the area to the *Altamont Enterprise*, and hopes to continue writing after a possible move to New England.

The mother of two encouraged her students to write about everything and anything and has compiled a priceless anthology of poems and prose written by the budding young authors who have passed through her classes.

Committed to many causes, Mrs. Modell also instilled in her pupils the interest in a variety of topics and for several years has coordinated annual debates between grade school students on contemporary issues.

### Library doings

To help celebrate the first few hours of the holiday vacation, the Voorheesville Public Library will show several seasonal movies on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m.

Also to liven up the vacation there will be two movies shown during vacation week. On Wednesday, Dec. 28, the movie version of the award-winning book "And Now, Miguel" will be shown, while the upbeat movie "Fame" will be shown on

Friday, Dec. 30. Both movies will begin at 2 p.m. and are free to the public.

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson also announces a holiday present for those who have overdue books. The week after Christmas will once again be a Fine-Free Week at the library. All overdue books returned to the library between Tuesday, Dec. 27, and Saturday, Dec. 31, will not be charged any fines. Also, any outstanding fines that are charged to any patron's card will be rounded to the next dollar and then only half of this amount will be due.

Fall story hours for preschool children will end on Friday morning, Dec. 23, and resume on Monday, Jan. 9. Story hours will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Finally, to celebrate the upcoming holidays the library will be closed all day on Monday, Dec. 26.

### Christmas services

Those who are planning on attending religious services to mark the holiday may be interested in the following schedules for Voorheesville's two churches.

At the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville there will be two Christmas Eve services. At 7:30 p.m. a family celebration of the birth of Christ will be held centering on the reading of the Christmas story and singing of carols. Later on, at 11 p.m., a candlelight service will take place featuring music by the Alumni Choir under the direction of Gordon Lewthwaite. On Christmas Day, a morning worship service of lessons and carols will be held at 10 a.m.

At St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church three Christmas Eve masses are planned. At 4 p.m. the children's choir will sing at the early mass while the Saturday Five O'Clock group will be featured at the 7 p.m. mass later that evening. At 10 p.m. the vigil mass will be accompanied by music from the formal adult choir. On Sunday, Christmas

morning only, one mass will be said and that will be at 11 a.m.

### Bird count planned

The Five Rivers Environmental Center will host its fourth annual New Year's Day Bird Count for beginner bird-watchers at 2 p.m. More than 30 bird species have been identified on previous New Years field trips. The bird program is free, and participants are encouraged to dress for outdoor hiking and to bring binoculars and field guides. For information, call the center at 457-6092.

### Ski track at 5 Rivers

If there is snow on the ground, the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will host a night trek on skis this Wednesday, Dec. 21. Schussing, star-watching and owl-prowling will highlight the guided nature tours along the center's trails. Outdoor apparel and ski equipment are required for the free program.


To find out if it will be given, call 457-6092 the afternoon of Dec. 21.

### Award for seniors

Soroptimist International is offering Youth Citizenship Awards for outstanding high school seniors in Albany and Rensselaer counties. Winners from the Albany area will compete for one of 23 regional awards of \$1,000 and those winners in turn are eligible for a finalist award of \$1,500. The money is to be used "toward a goal of education" and need not be paid directly to an educational institution.

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Students in James Hladun's Wood Tech I class at Voorheesville High School recently completed a 10-week course during which they designed and constructed toys out of wood scraps. The toys were judged on the basis of design, workability and craftsmanship. Winners were, from left, Kevin Smolen, first, John Manss, second, and Richard Brumley, Robbie James and James Porpeggia, tied for third place. The prizes were donated by Richard Crannell of Crannell Lumber, Voorheesville.

## Dr. Brayden will retire

Dr. William C. Brayden, district superintendent of schools for Albany, Schoharie and Schenectady Counties will take his retirement next June 30 as area representative of the Commissioner of Education and as executive officer of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

Dr. Brayden, a Voorheesville resident, joined BOCES in 1975 as assistant executive officer and became district superintendent in 1978. Prior to this appointment, he spent over 20 years in various teaching and administrative positions at the Voorheesville Central School, including 13 as superintendent. He holds degrees from the State University at Albany and Columbia University. He has served in many positions of educational leadership, both locally and on a statewide level. He was president of the New York State Congress of School Administrator Organizations and served

as a member of the executive committee, the House of Delegates, and the commissioner's advisory council of the New York State Council of School Superintendents. He was on the committee that formed the Capital District School Development Association and served three terms on the executive committee, including one as chairman.

In community activities, Dr. Brayden has held leadership roles in the Voorheesville Methodist Church and was chairman of both the Voorheesville branch and Helderberg District of the American Red Cross. Presently, he is serving on the board of directors of the Albany chapter.

Dr. Brayden plans to maintain his residence in Voorheesville with his wife, Gloria. They have three children in college, two boys in the MBA program at SUNY-Albany and a daughter who is a senior at Potsdam.

## Reporter honored

Helen Burggraf, daughter of Frank and Jane Burggraf, Delmar, has received an Atrium Award for excellence in the field of fashion journalism. The awards are given each year by the University of Georgia's School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Atlanta Apparel Mart.

Burggraf, who is a reporter for *Women's Wear Daily* in New York, received an award in the business reporting category for a two-part series on real-estate pressures in the garment center in New York. She and the other award winners were presented their awards in Atlanta.

A graduate of Syracuse University, Burggraf got her professional start as a journalistic interne at *The Spotlight* before taking a job on the *Rome Daily News*, an English-language newspaper published in the Italian capital.

## Grant to library

The Bethlehem Public Library has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Decentralization Plan for the Capital District, which supports local arts and humanities projects. The grant, which will be used for a video tape series, is part of \$39,000 being allocated by the Decentralization Plan under funding from the New York State Council on the Arts.


## Meeting changes

Because of the holidays, the Bethlehem Town Board will hold its next two meetings during the day rather than its usual 7:30 p.m. The Dec. 28 regular meeting will be at 4 p.m., and the 1984 organizational meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 4:30 p.m.

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The Pizza Express has replaced the McBoogle's video game room at Delaware Plaza. The new establishment has a seating capacity of 55 persons.

Dominick (Dick) Matarrese, Delmar merchant who opened McBoogle's 2½ years ago in partnership with Jerry (Jezz) Austin, said the video game venture has been moved to smaller quarters in the back section of the restaurant and given a separate entrance in the rear of the building.

Matarrese, who also operates the Paper Mill at the Plaza in partnership

**Chamber meets**

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 22, at noon at the Normanside Country Club in Elsmere. The meeting, which will feature guest speaker Harold Williams from the Rensselaerville Institute and a discussion on "Community Development," will include a special vote on the proposed constitutional changes concerning the Chamber's dues structure.

Members are asked to bring wrapped gifts not exceeding \$10 for a holiday exchange.

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with Luke Mullen, Jr., said that he and Austin have been joined by a third partner, Pietro Lavillotti, in the new enterprise. Lavillotti has operated the Albany Campus Pizza at Westgate shopping center, Albany, for 10 years, and is also proprietor of Albany Campus Pizza West in Guilderland.

The new Delmar restaurant will feature Sicilian pizza, which Matarrese says is characterized by a thick crust.

**Guide to long term care**

The Foundation for Long Term Care has announced the availability of a new brochure entitled "Respite: Care Options for Families of the Frail Elderly Living at Home."

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## Frame shop in new quarters

A hobby has a way of not staying that way for long, and that is what happened to Fred Morris, who with his wife, Deborah, owns the Village Frame Factory in Delmar. Their framing shop, which they've owned a year and a half, has just moved to new quarters at 411 Kenwood Ave., right next to the municipal parking lot.

The Morrises are both trained as teachers of the deaf, and met at the Rome School for the Deaf. They then spent five years teaching deaf children in Syracuse before the urge to turn a hobby into a vocation became too strong, and they purchased the Frame Factory, then on Normanskill Blvd., opposite Delaware Plaza. That location was a little off the beaten path, however, so when 411 Kenwood, which houses Delmar Liquor and Wine, became available, the Mor-

rises snatched it up, put on an addition and turned it into an attractive shop where one can choose from a wide variety of posters, limited edition prints and etchings.

The Morrises also have numerous catalogues of reproductions and posters, so if it's not in stock, it can be ordered. And they have become the exclusive dealer for limited edition reproductions of oils by Pennsylvania artist Peter Keating.

There's a wealth of offerings for browsers to enjoy, but "chiefly, we're framers," Morris said. "We like to offer the unusual in framing, something with a little different touch."

Hours at the Village Frame Factory are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 on Saturday.

## IDA request is withdrawn

Suit Kote, an upstate New York company that manufactures and distributes asphalt products, has abandoned its proposal to buy the vacant Texaco tank farm off Rt. 144 with funding through the Bethlehem Industrial Development Authority.

"Negotiations are in progress between Texaco and another purchaser," the company said in a letter received last week by Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan. Suit Kote had asked the IDA for \$4 million in tax-exempt bonds to buy and refurbish the tank farm, and the company's preliminary application was approved last year.

The Bethlehem IDA, which has never had a successful customer, was rechartered by the state legislature last year because its 10-year mandate had expired.

## Morris reelected

W. Gordon Morris of Elsmere was reelected minority leader of the Albany County Legislature Saturday by the 14 Republicans who will sit in the 1984 legislature. Morris is completing his second year in the post.

Robert Hoffmeister of Slingerlands, the freshman legislator in the new 36th District, was elected secretary of the Republican caucus. Elected deputy minority leader was Peter Ryan, who represents Guilderland and Colonie. Ann Rose of Guilderland was elected treasurer.

## Bonsai growers elect

Helen Breeze of Slingerlands has been elected librarian for the Mohawk-Hudson Bonsai Society. The group plans its annual spring show in June at the county Cooperative Extension quarters in Voorheesville.

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Christmas is celebration and celebration is instinct in the heart. With gifts and great feasts, red ribbon and pine boughs, with parties and the sound of music, we celebrate the day. Through how many centuries, through how many dangerous and difficult circumstances has Christmas been celebrated since the announcement came ringing down the ages, "Fear not; for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Christmas is celebration, but the tradition that clusters around the day has

significance only if it translates the heart's intention — the yearning of the human spirit to expression of faith, hope and love. Without this intention, the gift is bare, and the celebration is of toys and tinsel, and the time is without meaning.

Faith and hope and love, which cannot be bought or sold but only given away, are the heart and soul of the Christmas celebration. These are the gifts without price and are discovered only within oneself and therefore are unique. They are not always easy to find, but are in unlimited supply and free to all.

This Christmas reconcile a broken relationship, seek out a forgotten friend,

let go of suspicion and replace it with trust, write a love letter, share some treasure. Show your loyalty in word and action, keep a promise, find the time to forgive an enemy, listen, apologize if you are wrong, try to understand.

Examine your demands on others. Laugh a little, laugh a little bit more. Make war on malice and jealousy. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love; speak it again and again.

This is but a tip of the iceberg of a vast experience. It's been heard before, but needs reminding.

Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning when the human heart is stirred and extends to the core of life. Then one can capture the spirit of the first Christmas and take in the joy of the angels and become star-struck by a light that changed the world.

## A 'door prize' for the gala

One of the more unusual donations to Vanguard, the support organization for the Albany Symphony Orchestra, is a vacant house on Catherine St. in Albany that will be auctioned off at Vanguard's New Year's Eve gala. The house is the gift of the Neighborhood Planning Coalition, which is made up of five city improvement groups.

The 3½-story rowhouse, built in 1819, is located across from Schuyler Mansion. The cost estimate for necessary immediate repairs and work to bring the building into compliance with codes is \$50,000, but the house is in a certified historic district, which allows investors to claim an Economic Recovery Tax Act credit. Sealed bids may be offered before or at the gala. The gala, a benefit for the orchestra, will be held in the well of the Legislative Office Building downtown following the Dec. 31 performance of "Die Fledermaus." For information on bidding or for dinner-dance reservations, call 465-4755.

### In glee club

Denise Bellnier, daughter of Janet Bellnier of Selkirk, is a member of the Bay Path Junior College (Mass.) Glee Club. The singers will perform in a traditional program Dec. 7 at the college.

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# The community gets behind Jeff Clark

By Lyn Staff

A community-wide effort to support the quest of a high school wrestler with a chance for the U.S. Olympic team is picking up momentum in Voorheesville.

Fellow students at Clayton Bouton High School have already held bake sales and have planned more fund-raisers in the new year, but new impetus has come from the community itself in support of the effort of 17-year-old Jeff Clark to "go for the gold" in Los Angeles in 1984. A civic committee chaired by Joe Perry, past president of the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, is coordinating a fund drive with a goal of \$12,000 to finance equipment, training and travel to tryouts for young Jeff.

On the agenda are a dinner dance benefit, a raffle and even an elementary school project. The committee's campaign also got a major boost this week with the announcement that the village's Stewart's store will inaugurate a "double-dip matching plan" next Monday, Dec. 26. According to Bill Huptick, manager of the Voorheesville store, Stewart's will place a canister on the counter and for the next four weeks any donations to the fund at Stewart's will be matched by the company. With the slogan, "you dip into your pocket and we'll dip into ours" Stewart's will begin the program on Monday, Dec. 26.

At the grade school, where Jeff's brother Christian is a fifth grader, a pre-holiday school project spearheaded by science coordinator Don Otterness and teacher Andrea Gleason, has elementary school students as busy as elves mass producing lovable furry little creatures known as "warm fuzzys" to be sold for 50 cents each at local stores, profits going to the fund.

But the drive has barely begun, and with the new year comes a pep rally at the high school in honor of Voorheesville's wrestling champ as well as a sign by local artist Connie Burns that will keep the concerned community aware how close the Olympic hopeful is to reaching his goal.

Pamphlets are also being prepared telling of Clark's impressive achievements and future goals, in hopes that once people realize the potential of this dedicated athlete they will make a contribution to the Jeff Clark Olympic Fund at PO Box 1984, Voorheesville 12186.

Already donations have been received. The Class of 1983 from Clayton Bouton, last year's graduating seniors, gave \$500 to the cause, and the Guilderland-Colonie Rotary Club presented Jeff with a check for \$1,000 when he appeared as a speaker at their luncheon last week. Another touching donation made to the fund came during the first match between Voorheesville and Bethlehem on Dec. 10 when the Bethlehem Parents Wrestling Club donated \$100 to the athlete who has time and again been their honorable opponent.

The dinner dance is planned for Saturday, Feb. 4. The hot and cold buffet to be held at the LaSalette Center in Altamont will feature music by Changes, a local band composed of several Voorheesville residents and other area musicians. Both the band and hall have been donated and co-chairmen of the event Jack Toritto and Bill Emerick are still in search of those who are interested in donating their time, talent or needed items to make the event a success. Tickets which sell for \$15 per person are now on



This is the "bucket" Stewart's store in Voorheesville is putting on the counter for community contributions to the Jeff Clark Olympic Fund. Committee members, from left, are Bill Emerick, co-chairman of the dinner dance to be held in February; Joe Perry, fund chairman; Bill Huptick, Stewart's manager, Jeff Clark and Dick Leach, Clark's wrestling coach. *Spotlight — Lyn Staff*

sale, and reservations may be made by calling Barbara Ann Toritto at 765-4667.

The highlight of that evening is sure to be the culmination of another fund-raiser which has just begun. That night the winning tickets for a raffle to support Clark will be drawn. This project coordinated by Bruce Martelle and Joe Fernandez features prizes that include a gas grill, a painting by local artist Tom O'Connor, a \$75 gift certificate from Jeffers Nursery, dinner for two at Shooters, an area rug from Voorheesville Carpet and a \$20 gift certificate from Mike Derossi Sporting Goods, all donated by area merchants and businessmen.

Clark, a senior honor student at the high school, is the current New York State scholastic champion in the 112-pound weight class, and has several national and international titles to his

credit. Earlier this year he competed in Kiev, USSR, and Kristiansand, Norway, as the youngest member of the American senior world team, and at present is ranked No. 1 nationally for the American Olympic Greco-Roman team at 114.5 pounds. He is the son of Mary and Jerry Clark, Voorheesville.

## Injured in Vermont

John Fisk of Voorheesville, who was injured Dec. 3 in an automobile accident in Rutland, Vt., is listed as in fair condition at Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he was transferred last Thursday from the Rutland Medical Center. Fisk is a professor in the business department at the State University at Albany. His wife, Bernadene, a teacher at Magrael Elementary School, suffered minor injuries in the one-car accident.

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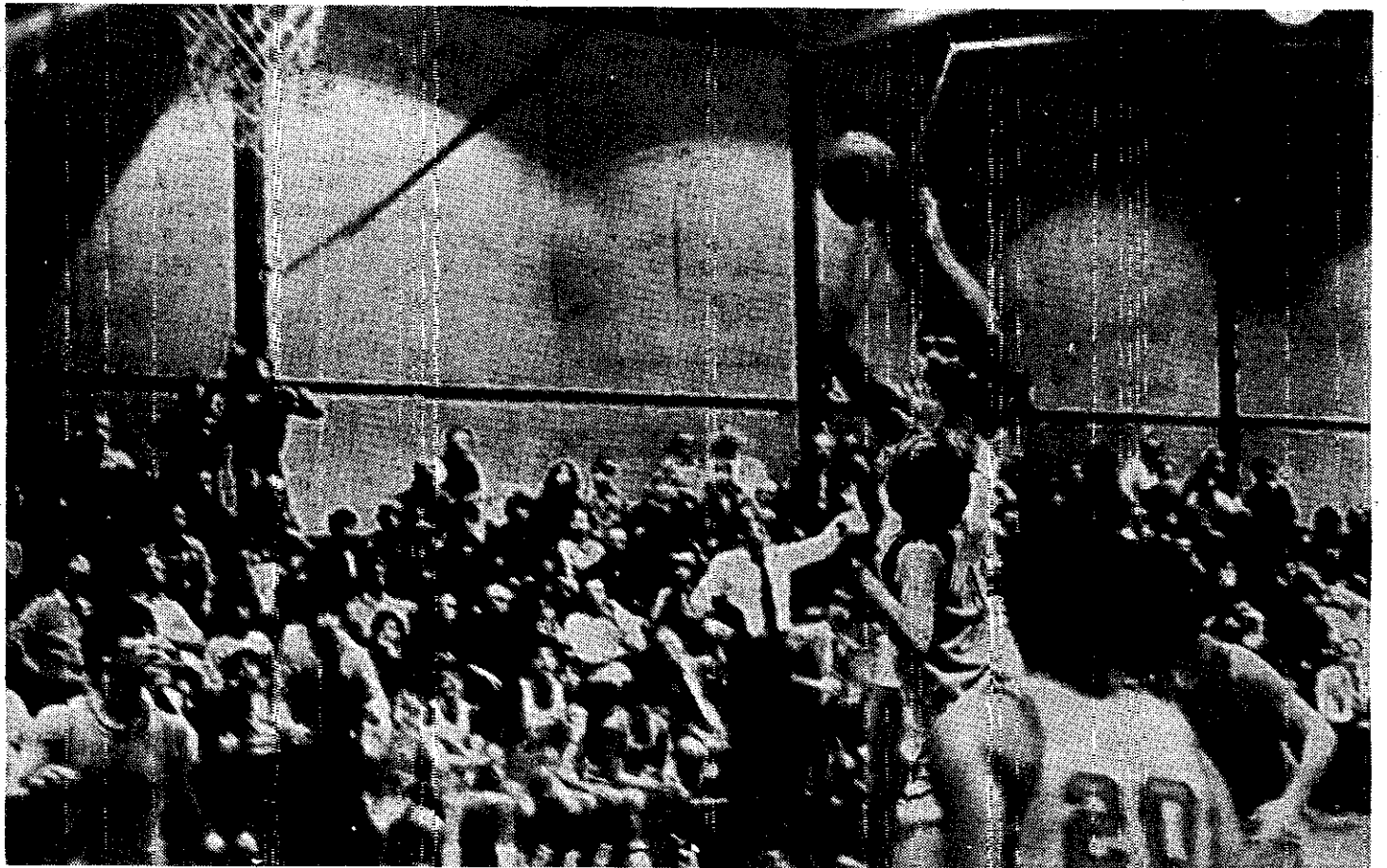
Breathing the rarified air of first place in the Suburban Council's Gold Division is a heady experience for Bethlehem Central's varsity basketball team. Who would have bet the Eagles would be 3-0 in the league going into the Christmas week with a chance to make it four in a row in last night's (Tuesday) game at Scotia?

Regardless of the outcome of that one, the Eagles may find the stratosphere somewhat bumpy when they move into next week's Helderberg Holiday Classic at Guilderland. They are scheduled to open the four-team, two-night tournament with a 7 p.m. matchup with Catskill, the tourney favorite, a high-scoring team that won 20 games last year. So far this season they have lost only to Albany High, a Big 10 power.

And the second night BC will face either Voorheesville, the defending tournament champion, or host Guilderland, also undefeated in the Gold Division and sporting a 6-11 center, Eric Fleury, a transfer student from Paris who speaks French in between rebounds.

"Catskill will be the best team we have faced this year," says BC coach Gary Przybylo. "They have a star in Mike Quinn, a transfer from Newburgh, about 6-3, and Eric Swai, 6-5, a three-year starter who scores consistently in the 20s. We'll have to do a lot of things to confuse them on defense."

The Eagles' defense held up well last week in two wins on the home floor(s), a



The timeclock read 0:01 and the scoreboard 63-61 visitors when BC's Jim Dering launched this shot 10 feet from the basket. The ball went through the hoop, the buzzer sounded, and in the

overtime period, the Eagles won the Suburban Council contest with Mohonasen, 70-66.

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70-66 overtime upset of Mohonasen played in the girls gym because of a roof leak in the main court, and a 58-54 win over Colonie in the regular arena when it wasn't raining.

BC had the better of the warfare beneath the boards in both games, Mark Gibbons coming down with 16 rebounds

against Mohonasen and 15 against Colonie. Jim Dering had 11 and 7 over the same span. The Eagles haven't yet established any kind of consistency in their shooting, but they are tough inside. "When teams go man-to-man against us, we switch to a double post low, with Dering and Gibbons going inside where

they can shoot or draw fouls," says Przybylo.

The most radical change from last season, an easily forgotten year in which BC won only one league game of 16, is the Eagles' newfound ploy of coming from behind. Against Colonie they were down by 5 going into the last quarter, but

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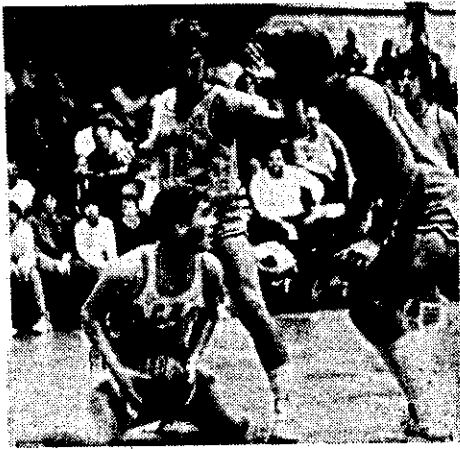
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Bethlehem's Howard Thompson, surrounded by Mohonasen players under the basket, might be entreating his teammates thus: "Would someone please come and play ball with me?" The referee eased his agony by blowing the whistle: Howard's foot was touching the baseline.  
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scored the first nine points of the fourth period and held on. Against Mohonasen they trailed by two points with five seconds to go, but tied it at the buzzer on a Dering jumper from 10 feet out, and won it in extra innings.

The audience Tuesday had a dandy show even if the ball-handling was less than distinguished. Twice Mohonasen had 7-point leads in the first half, and twice BC closed within a point. In the fourth period the Eagles three times had 5-point leads, only to see the visitors go ahead with 21 seconds left on two free throws. When the Mohons missed the front end of an intentional foul, it was 63-61, setting up Dering's jumper from the top of the key that tied it as the buzzer sounded.

The Mohons killed the first 45 seconds

of the 3-minute overtime with control basketball, but missed their shot. The Eagles scored all seven of their points from the charity line, Gibbons meshing four straight free throws and Tim Fox two to make it 69-63 with 43 seconds remaining.

Gibbons had 26 points that night and 20 the next. Fox chipped in 13 against the Mohons. The jayvee game that night also went into overtime, BC winning by 63-62.

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### Named scholar

Wendy A. Hoose of Feura Bush has been named an Isaac Roberts Scholar at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. She is a freshman there, majoring in behavioral and social sciences.

## BC girls share title

The Bethlehem Central girls' volleyball team was lucky to be given a share of the Suburban Council Gold Division title, but it was bad luck that prematurely ended the team's Sectional bid last weekend.

In a close, well played match, the Eagles (7-3) were beaten by their own nerves and by Columbia (7-3) 15-13, 16-14 in the season closer on the road. BC should thank Saratoga (5-5), with its rich reputation for upsets, for saving the day by edging Burnt Hills in a three-game match that also dropped it to 7-3. Shenendehowa was undefeated and the overall Council champion.

Bethlehem went into the Sectional tournament seeded a disappointing fifth of eight teams, but it advanced to Saturday's semifinals seeded first with a 4-2 pool play record. Unfortunately, the reward for BC's good play was a morning match against the same Shenendehowa team that had a 3-0 season record against Bethlehem. The Plainswomen made it 4-0 in Rensselaer, winning 15-13, 15-13 in a long match that saw the serve and the lead exchanged after nearly every point.

Ironically, the same Troy team that BC easily dismissed 15-8, 15-5 in its pool went on to upset Shenendehowa in the finals. Troy won the tournament and stole the Sectional title for the Big 10 from the long-dominant Suburban Council.

The starters for most of the season and tournament were sisters Kelly and Karen Burke, Kim Zornow, Kathy Devan, Krista Mackey and Julie Liddle, who was left hobbling after a warm-up collision with teammate Katie Forbes. "We'll miss Kelly's expertise and experience next year, but the prospects are so much brighter than they were last year when we had only one returning starter. Next year we'll have five," said Coach Carol Walts. To supplement her returning ranks, she also has 9-2 freshman and JV teams that tied for their respective division titles.

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# Blackbirds edge Waterford

By Nat Boynton

According to the numbers, it was just another of those typically close Colonial Council basketball games, but according to Voorheesville's coach, it was a highly significant game.

Before the season began, Chuck Abba listed Waterford as one of the more challenging teams in the league while everyone else was talking about Cohoes and Albany Academy. Last Tuesday Abba took his Blackbirds to Waterford, where they trailed for most of three periods, including 46-39 going into the fourth, before they pulled out a 57-55 victory.

"It was a very good win for us," Abba said later. "Waterford had beaten Ravena at Ravena and Mechanicville at Mechanicville, and they had us on their home court. I was pleased with the way we came from behind and held on in the last couple of minutes."

The Blackbirds had a home game against Academy last night (Tuesday) before taking a Christmas recess, but the respite will be only temporary. Next week the Blackbirds will have all the trouble they'll ever want in the third running of the Helderberg Holiday Tournament at Guilderland, starting Tuesday night.

Despite their 4-1 record, 3-1 in the league, the Blackbirds could be the poor country cousin in the tournament they won last year by knocking off two Suburban Council teams. Those same two teams are back this time in considerably different guise. A year ago Bethlehem and Guilderland were establishing themselves as the doormats of the Suburban Council. This year neither had lost a league game going into this week,



John Zongrone

and Guilderland has imported the Eiffel Tower in the person of Eric Fleury, a 6-foot-11 exchange student from France.

As if that weren't enough, the fourth team in the two-night tourney is Catskill, a small-school power that is the favorite to win the trophy.

Abba, however, has never been intimidated by all this chatter, as witnessed by Voorheesville's performance last year against a succession of bigger, faster teams. The Blackbirds play disciplined basketball, the kind that wins games like that one in Waterford.

Voorheesville was down by 7 after three periods. In the fourth they put on a furious spurt, outscoring the hosts by 18-9. John Zongrone led the charge with 8 of his game-total of 20 coming in the last quarter. Brett Hotaling and Brian Rubin hit key baskets, and Jeff Rockmore

meshed the two free throws that secured the game in the waning seconds.

Zongrone added another 23 in Friday's 63-44 win over Schalmont that wasn't as easy as the line score indicates. The Sabres, an improving team, led at the first quarter turn, and were tied midway in the second.

As for the French import next week, Abba plans to stick to basic basketball. "We'll have our hands full, that's for sure," he said this week. "We'll have to contain him and not let the other players kill us."

The Blackbirds and Dutchmen meet in the second game Tuesday following the Bethlehem-Catskill skirmish. The winners will play for the cup Wednesday night following the consolation game.

## Saved from fumes

Quick thinking by a neighbor was credited by Elsmere Fire Chief Tony Morrell with saving two Delmar residents who were suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning in early Monday morning. One of the women was overcome when a blocked chimney filled their Kenwood Ave. home with fumes from the gas furnace, Morrell said. A neighbor, alerted by the mother of the woman, who was seeking help, rushed to the house, turned off the gas supply and opened the windows, according to Morrell. Both women were taken to St. Peter's Hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad, and were treated and released.

Elsmere fire fighters originally believed a gas leak was responsible for the women's illness before discovering the flue of the old chimney had been blocked by debris.

## Third youth charged

Bethlehem police have charged a Colonie youth with grand larceny in the second degree and two counts of burglary in the third degree, both felonies, in connection with break-ins in September at the former Waldenmaier's slaughterhouse and at Bethlehem Central High School. The youth, whose name was withheld by police because he is eligible for youthful offender status, is the third to be charged in the entries. He also faces a charge of petty larceny in the incidents.

## DWI targets

Five motorists face misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated as a result of Bethlehem police action this week. All were stopped in the early morning hours and three were nabbed on Rt. 85 in Slingerlands.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Bad day at Sectionals

By Frank Baker

The Voorheesville girls' volleyball team ended a successful season in a disappointing way last Friday at Cohoes when they were eliminated from the Sectionals.

The girls lost all six games they played against Hadley-Luzerne, Cairo and Lake George. Against Hadley-Luzerne, the Blackbirds jumped out to a quick lead, but faltered and lost two games to none. After the match Voorheesville was forced to wait two hours for a net to be repaired before they could continue with their other matches. The long layoff apparently hurt Voorheesville as they lost the next four games to what coach Tom Kurkjian called "weaker teams."

"We came out very flat," Kurkjian said. "The thing about the Sectionals is that you have to play well on that particular day and we didn't." He also said that poor serving added to the Blackbirds demise.

On Thursday the girls were forced to play Schoharie in what Kurkjian termed a "wild-card game" just to reach the Sectionals. Voorheesville easily won two games to none, 15-7, 15-9.

The day before, Voorheesville was given a real confidence-builder when they defeated first-place Cohoes, 10-15, 15-6, 16-14. The girls also easily beat league rival Watervliet on Monday, two games to none.

Despite the Sectional loss, Voorheesville had a successful and rewarding season. They finished with an overall record of 10-4 and a third-place Colonial Council mark of 7-3. Cohoes was second at 8-2 and Ravena first at 9-1.

There is also reason for optimism as Voorheesville looks to the future. The JV squad finished the year with an overall record of 11-3 and a second-place Council mark of 8-2.

Kurkjian, summing up the year, said: "Before the season started I hoped to be .500. Obviously, this was a very successful season."

## Closed both Mondays

Local government will be closing down for the holidays on Mondays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. The Bethlehem Town Hall and landfill on Rupert Rd. in South Bethlehem will be closed, as will be the New Scotland Town Hall and Voorheesville Village Hall. Town and village garbage collection will be postponed until the following day.

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# Wrestlers take 3rd at Fonda

By Peter Fisch

Finishing out an impressive week on the mats, the Voorheesville High School wrestling squad captured third place in the annual Fonda Christmas tournament Saturday with four wrestlers taking home individual championships.

Corinth won the tourney again this year as the Blackbirds finished one point behind second-place Averill Park. Registering victories in the finals and capturing individual championships were seniors Jeff Clark (126-pound weight class), Matt Beals (155), Chris Zeh (167) and John Ryan (177). Second place finishers included eighth grader Matt Cillis (91-pound class), sophomore Mark Gillenwalters (119) and junior Jeff Genovesi (132). In addition to his championship, Clark roped the award for most individual team points in the tournament by registering pins in each of his matches and also won the most outstanding wrestler award. The Blackbirds' seven wrestlers in the finals was tops for the event this year.

"We didn't have enough power in the wrestlebacks of the tournament," reported veteran-Blackbird coach Dick Leach. "The guys who were there wrestled well."

Earlier in the week the local grapplers traveled to Schoharie for a non-league contest and trimmed the Indians, 36-27. Cillis tallied his first varsity victory with a pin of Chris Stark 20 seconds into the 98-pound match. After Schoharie accepted a forfeit at 105 and scored a pin at 112, the Birds bounced back with Gillenwalters winning an 11-2 decision over Julio

Rodriguez at 119 and Clark, putting Ralph Liddle on his back for good, 2:12 into the 126 bout. At 132, Genovesi pinned Chris Trayhan in 5:52, which was followed by the Indians taking a forfeit at 138 and Daryl Martin registering a 5-4 decision over Blackbird Brian DeDe at 145. Beals (155) scored an 8-2 win before 167-pounder Zeh pinned his opponent 50 seconds into the bout. In the deciding match of the evening, sophomore Rich Kane scored a 1:14 pin over George Liddle to preserve the Blackbird victory. At heavyweight, the Indians tallied a pin to no avail.

In the league opener at home Thursday the Birds defeated Watervliet easily, 42-12, with solid upper-weight perform-

## Courses for kids

The Division of Continuing Studies at the State University at Albany is offering more than 50 noncredit courses for youngsters in kindergarten through grade 12 this winter. Modeled on the university's experience program for the gifted and talented, the new youth program enables youngsters to explore areas outside the regular school curricula. Courses are offered in LOGO computer language, needlework, dramatics, sign language, wildlife, yoga, and other areas. Programs also are offered for parents and youngsters together. These include fishing courses, cross-country skiing, political memorabilia, and an introduction to the microcomputer.

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ances. Cillis pinned Joe Mac Avoy, 1:26 into the 91 pound bout. After double forfeits at 98 and 105, Vliet scored decisions at 112 and 119. The Blackbirds were without the services of Clark at 126 dues to an elbow injury suffered in practice. The Cannoneers registered a pin at 126 before 132-pounder Genovesi scored a 4:41 pin. DeDe (138), Beals (155) and Kane (177) all tallied pins for the Birds. In addition to a double forfeit at 145, the Blackbirds received a forfeit at heavyweight.

With an overall record of 2-1, Voorheesville entertains league foe Waterford at home tonight (Wednesday). The locals will compete in the annual Queensbury Christmas tournament on the 28th. "This tournament will put us against teams from outside our section and should be a real test for our good wrestlers," stated Leach.

## Hello-ho-ho

Santa is only a phone call away, according to the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. The organization is sponsoring a fund-raiser called "Santa Calls" in which a minimum donation of \$5 will bring a phone call from Santa to any child in northeastern New York. A trained volunteer will use information supplied about the child to personalize the call. A call to a second or third child will be made for an additional donation of \$2.50 per call. The telephoning was scheduled to begin Dec. 12. For information and registration forms, call 459-5082.



It didn't take long for the newly opened deer hunting territory in Bethlehem to produce a record-setting buck. Skip Reilly of Guilderland, hunting just south of Rt. 32, took this 256-pound deer Nov. 21, opening day of the shotgun season. The buck's nine points scored 152 1/2 points, the highest score ever in Albany County. Reilly had no trouble deciding what to do with his prize — he happens to be a taxidermist.

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# RCS takes it to Academy

Regardless of what happened at Cohoes last night (Tuesday, after we went to press), there is no doubt that Tim Tucker has a Colonial Council contender at Ravena.

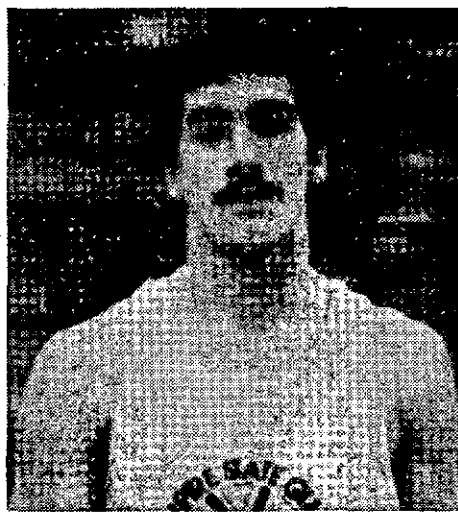
But the Indians are as unpredictable as the stock market, as witnessed by last week's 68-66 victory at Albany Academy. They came out of a home stand no better than 1-1 in the league, and then went on the road to defeat a team a lot of people figured would be a strong challenger.

And they did it without Mike Kerrigan, the shifty senior point guard who has coordinated the attack. Kerrigan came up with an illness, and Tucker says he will be out of the lineup until sometime in January.

At Academy, Tucker shifted Tony Pearson, his shooting guard, to Kerrigan's slot as traffic director. Pearson played his usual game, shooting as usual and firing 21 points, but the big difference was Mike Constantine.

Constantine was assigned to Dmitri Yavis, the Cadets' 6-foot-6 strongboy who has been scoring well into double figures every time out. Constantine, playing the best game of his career, had 14 rebounds and scored 16 points, all under pressure. Yavis got 20 points, six of them from the charity stripe.

The game was give-and-take in the first half, tied at the quarter and 33-31 Ravena at the half. The Indians had a big third period and the Cadets a big fourth, but it was Constantine, staying alive until the



Mike Constantine

final minute before fouling out that helped save the day.

Tucker had a hard time keeping the Indians from throwing the game away when they should have held the ball. "When we had a lead in the fourth and we had to slow down, Kerrigan wasn't there, and we played as though we were behind," he said. "I think if Mike had been there to control the ball, we might have won by 15 points. And it was good Constantine stayed out of foul trouble as long as he did."

Another prime factor is Donny Baker, who has emerged as the team leader. In the past several games Baker has been consistently in double numbers in scoring and in rebounds. He had 10 points at Academy while the Indians were outshooting the Cadets from the floor by 31-22.

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# Injuries hobble Eagles as council season starts

Injuries to three varsity starters have put a temporary crimp in Bethlehem Central's wrestling campaign as the Eagles open their Suburban Council dual meet schedule.

Mike Tinsman, Larry Mereu and Tom Saba stayed home from last weekend's tournament at Oxford to nurse tender shoulders, and Coach Rick Poplaski was waiting until the last minute to see whether any or all would be available for the Saratoga meet at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday) in Delmar.

Poplaski took only 10 wrestlers to Oxford Saturday and came home in fifth place among the 12 teams in the standings. Fulton, the two-time New York State champion, won the meet, and a Section 2 team, Queensbury, finished a surprising second.

Bethlehem placed five wrestlers in the top four in the various weight classes. Mark Hoffman, a 190-pounder, lost in the finals of the heavyweight division, finishing second in the 215-pound category. Chris Saba, the promising eighth grader, got a third in the 91-pound division. Rob VanAernem, a senior co-captain, also finished third at 112. Wayne Peschel (132) and Brett Zick (167) each earned a fourth place.

The Eagles got off to a blazing start in last week's dual match with Averill Park at home, piling up enough points in the early bouts to survive a strong finish by the visitors. With Tinsman and Mereu both sidelined, Poplaski had to forfeit the 105-pound match, but the Eagles won

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seven straight bouts to lead by 32-6 before the dam collapsed. Averill Park got a couple of pins in a sweep of the upper weights, and closed to 32-25 at the end.

Bethlehem is 3-1 in dual meets going into tonight's Suburban Council opener. The only holiday action will be a JV tournament at Queensbury the Tuesday after Christmas.

## Tribute for Tucker

Friends of Howie Tucker have organized a testimonial to honor a man who gave some 33 years of his life to coaching and helping youngsters at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School. Tucker, who retired from public school teaching and coaching eight years ago, is currently an assistant coach on the Siena basketball staff.

The testimonial will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ravena. Tickets are available at Evers Sporting Goods in Albany, Lefty's Sporting Goods in Latham, Casey Electric in Albany, or by calling the RCS High School (756-2155).

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# It's 100 straight for BC swimmers

Bethlehem Central's pool juggernaut found new ways last week to put a touch of ginger into an otherwise routine wipeout of various opponents. At Hudson the Eagles scored every available point — sweeping the top three places in each event — and on Friday they set two pool records at Burnt Hills.

The 105-67 win at Burnt Hills, incidentally, was BC's 100th straight dual meet victory in a streak that could continue at least until mid-January when Glens Falls comes to Delmar. The Eagles won nine of the 11 events, including a rare 1-2-3 sweep in the diving by Melissa Martley, eighth grader Bernie Culligan and Bob Keens.

Knute Hvalsmarken lowered a pool record in the 200-yard freestyle that had belonged to Bethlehem's Kenny Neff since 1979. The BC junior erased Neff's 1:52.7 by a full second in 1:51.6. In the next event, Doug Schulz shattered another five-year-old standard, the 2:07.1 in the 200 IM set by Roger Barnhart of Shaker in 1979, by covering the distance in 2:05.9.

Hvalsmarken also took the 100 free and Schulz the 100 breast as well as swimming a leg on the winning medley

relay team. Another triple winner was John Demarest, who won the 50 free and 100 back as well as taking a medley leg. Demarest's 22.99 narrowly missed another pool record (22.90) as he became the first in Section 2 this year to be under 23 seconds.

Scott Apicelli accounted for BC's other triumph, winning the butterfly.

The meet at Hudson was a woeful mismatch. In a six-lane tank, each team has three entries, and only the first five places count in the scoring. Hudson's only points were automatic for fourths and fifths.

The Eagles have a meet at Amsterdam today (Wednesday), the last competitive action until the New Year.

## Delaware Ave. accident

Katherine L. Dimler of Ravena was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad after the car she was driving skidded off Delaware Ave. near the Normanskill bridge Sunday afternoon and struck a guardrail. She was treated at the hospital and released.

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At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, on the 14th day of December, 1983

PRESENT: Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mr. Hendrick

ABSENT: None. The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 9th day of November, 1983 as follows:

1. Amend Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1, paragraph (c) Thirty (30) miles per hour by adding thereto: 60. Bender Lane from its intersection with Route 9W northwesterly to its intersection with Route 32.

The foregoing amendment shall take effect ten days after publication.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was presented for adoption by Mrs. Bickel, was seconded by Mr. Geurtze and was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mr. Hendrick.

Noes: None. Absent: None.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM MARION T. CAMP Town Clerk Town of Bethlehem

Dated: December 14, 1983. (December 21)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

adopted on August 2, 1982 regarding the income eligibility level for certain persons to receive real property tax exemption based upon age and income as follows:

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5. \$12,500 to \$12,999	25%
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7. \$13,500 and over	0%

All interested persons will have an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM CAROLYN M. LYONS Deputy Town Clerk Town of Bethlehem

Dated: November 23, 1983 (December 21)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Bethlehem 1984 Final Budget showing the intended uses of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds is available for public inspection in the offices of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, Monday through Friday between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

MARION T. CAMP Town Clerk Town of Bethlehem

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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## Speed limit hypocritical

Editor, The Spotlight:

As one who travels frequently on the Thruway, the Northway and various arterials, I have been interested to observe the driving practices of my fellow motorists. Have you noticed the speed at which motorists, trucks and buses travel on the Thruway, Northway, arterials, etc? What percentage would you estimate are driving within the 55-miles-per-hour speed limit? My estimate would be about one percent.

Friends tell me that when driving with cruise control at 65 miles an hour, at least three vehicles pass for every one driving at less than 65. Many of those who pass are in turn passed by others traveling at a still greater speed. Undoubtedly many travel in the 75 to 80 miles an hour range. My friend gets the impression that out-of-state drivers tend to be the most contemptuous of our speed laws.

Personally, my friend and I believe that the speed limit could safely be raised for highways such as the Thruway and Northway to 60 or 65 miles an hour. Let's stop setting a hypocritical example for our young people, particularly, and either enforce the 55 miles an hour or raise the limit.

Arthur F. Jones

Delmar

## Feud childish

Editor, The Spotlight:

The childish feud between the owners of the Delaware Shopping Plaza and the operators of the adjoining mini mall would be simply amusing if it were not for the inconvenience inflicted on the very customers both should be interested in attracting.

If there is anything we do not need there, in an area difficult enough now to enter and leave, it is a spite fence. Shoppers wishing to go from a store at one end of the area would be forced to drive out onto Delaware Avenue and then re-enter at the other end — in most cases having to turn against traffic. At that point, a shopper might well decide to give and go someplace else.

The belated interest on the part of the Delaware Plaza operators in improving the appearance of the shopping center is to their credit, even if long overdue. A similar interest on the part of the mini mall would be welcome.

Both sides in the silly dispute would be better served — and so would their customers — by acting like intelligent adult businessmen. The prime interest of both parties should be to provide an attractive and convenient place for the people in Bethlehem to shop. It is bad enough now; why make it worse?

Wm. Lowenberg, Jr.

Delmar

## Thanks to all

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the many kind people who made my recent World War I armistice display at the Bethlehem library possible: Commander Ernest Viele of

American Legion Post 1040; Memorial Post 3185, V.F.W., and Commander Dan House; Ms. Ann Uhrk and the Bethlehem Public Library; Mrs. Betsy Millington, Mr. Clifford Allanson, Mr. Red Davis and Mrs. Henry Davis, Jaime Heenehan, Mrs. Guilford R. Howard, Mr. Charles O'Hara and the *Spotlight*. The display would not have been possible without their contributions.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the many World War I veterans, students of American history, and the general public who viewed my tribute and remembered those who served and those who died in the First World War.

William F. Howard

Delmar

# Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Dec. 18, 1958

Dr. Leroy C. Brandt, pastor of the Delmar Reformed Church, has announced the following elections to the consistory for 1959: president, Robert H. Taylor; vice president, Edward Eaton; secretary, J. Robert VanAllen; elders, Albert C. Lunden, Willis Vogel, Donald Sager, William Tougher; deacons, Joseph Lamprecht, Jr., Everett Snyder, Raymond Humphrey.

Dec. 19, 1963

Judging the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce 1963 Residential Lighting Contest will be Margaret Kneff, town clerk, George Bonacker, principal of the Delmar Elementary School, and the Rev. Robert Thomas of Delmar Methodist Church.

Girls of the Little Women 4-H Club entertained their audience at Achievement Night ceremonies. Pictured on stage in the *Spotlight* were Barbara Pelletier, Diana Baker, Cathy Hooper, Carolyn Kass, Chris Schoner, Debbie Peterson, Lisa Gittlesohn and Ann Quirk.

Dec. 19, 1968

The Bethlehem Town Board is expected to set a date sometime in January for a public hearing on plans for extensive

additions to the Bethlehem sewer system. The proposed extensions would serve an additional 5,100 residents in a 10-square-mile area that includes Slingerlands, areas in the Hamagrael section of Delmar, Bethlehem Center, Colonial Acres, a portion of Corning Hill, Meyers Corners and parts of Selkirk and South Bethlehem. Merwyn Atwood, sewer district executive secretary, estimates that \$2.5 million of the cost would be borne by the federal government, the remainder through a bond issue that would require approval by a public referendum.

Billy Talbert, former U.S. Davis Cup star and holder of 33 national tennis championships, will be guest speaker at the January meeting of the Bethlehem Tennis Association. Douglas Ferguson is handling reservations for the dinner at the BCHS cafeteria.

Local sports shops report that metal skis are "catching on" and that more will be seen on the slopes this winter than ever before.

Dec. 21, 1978

The Bethlehem planning board is considering a request to lift a restriction placed two years ago on the developer of the Brookfield subdivision in Delmar. When final approval was given to Biatess Corp. in 1976, one of the conditions was that Grantwood Rd., which would connect the subdivision's main artery, Longmeadow Dr., with Brockley Dr., should not cut through to Brockley until at least 10 houses were occupied. The restriction was placed to meet objections of Brockley Dr. residents anticipating a major increase in traffic of heavy construction vehicles using the cut-through. Presently seven houses in Brookfield are built or under construction, and the first scheduled for occupancy is on Grantwood.

## Doane Staurt reunion

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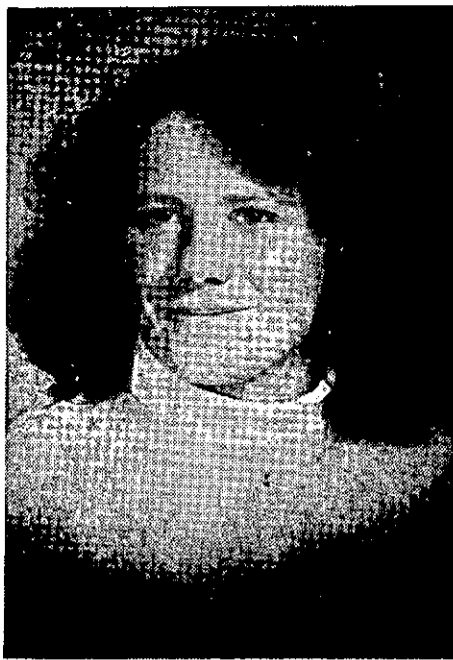
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Patricia Elizabeth Meany

### Meany - Deyo

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Meany of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Elizabeth, to Gabriel F. Deyo, III, son of Mrs. Winifred L. Deyo of Albany and the late Gabriel F. Deyo. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Maria College and Russell Sage College. She is employed at St. Peter's Hospital.

Her fiance is a graduate of Vincentian Institute and Siena College, and is an auditor with the state comptroller's office. A June wedding is planned.

### Honored in history

Robert J. Skerrett of Delmar has been inducted into the State University at Albany chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society for history.



Mr. and Mrs. James K. Haas

### Melissa Mason wed

Melissa Herrick Mason and James King Haas were married Nov. 26 in the Delmar Reformed Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Mason of Delmar. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. William Haas, also of Delmar.

Terri Garand was matron of honor for her sister and Christi Davidson, a niece of the bride, was flower girl. Tony Haas, the bridegroom's brother, was best man and ushers were Ed Jones, Jason Stevens and Jeff Davison. The bride is a baker at Tool's Restaurant in Delmar, where her husband is employed as a cook. Mrs. Haas is attending Schenectady County Community College, where she is majoring in culinary arts. The couple reside in Delmar.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cox Carpenter

### Lauren Klarsfeld wed

Lauren Jane Klarsfeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Klarsfeld of Albany, was married Oct. 8 to Kevin Cox Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter of Delmar. The ceremony took place in St. Joseph's Chapel on the campus of the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany.

Leslie Klarsfeld Burnes, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Kathy Badalamenti and Noreen and Joan Carpenter, sisters of the bridegroom. The best man was

Lenny Kalmer and ushers were Mark Carpenter, brother of the groom; Steve Wildman and Craig Lewis.

The bride is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names and the State University College at Oneonta. She also studied at Trent Polytechnic in Nottingham, England. She is an account executive for *Metroland Magazine*, Albany. The bridegroom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson College of Technology. He is the manager for Radio Shack Computer Center in Schenectady.

### Gladys I. Hakes Smith

Services were conducted Friday for Gladys I. Hakes Smith of Delmar, who died last Tuesday at the age of 79. Mrs. Smith, the widow of Chester A. Smith, was a charter member of the Elsmere Fire Company auxiliary and had missed only two meetings in 45 years, according to an auxiliary officer. Mrs. Smith also was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar and had worked on its annual Tri-Village directory. She was a member of the local Sewing Society, which makes items for charity, and volunteered to help with the Bethlehem School District's publication, *Central Highlights*. Mrs. Smith also was active in the Tri-Village chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

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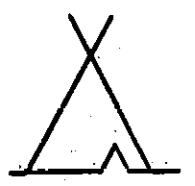
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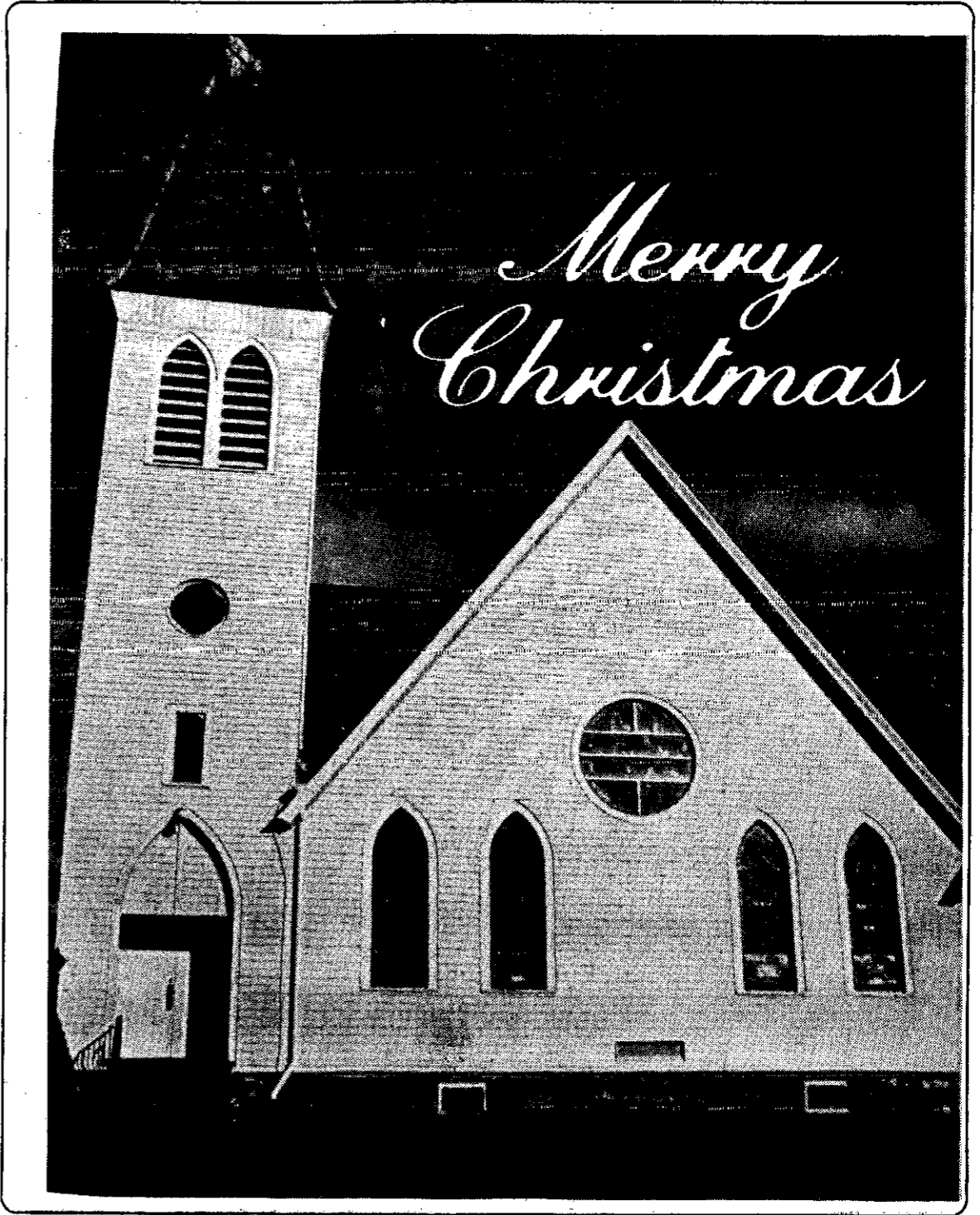
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