

Some of the best decorated — the Fords of East Bayberry (left), Somewhere in Time on Rt. 9W (above) and the Warrells of Oldox Rd. For winners in the annual holiday decorating contest, see Page 18.



Plan for heavy trucks on Bethlehem roads

Tandem trucks with trailers up to 28.5 feet long would be allowed on some Town of Bethlehem roads under proposals being considered by the state Department of Transportation. Five trucking firms say they need to travel town roads to get from their bases to the Thruway and I787.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said last week he has formally opposed all of the proposed routes, with special emphasis on two that would impact on the hamlet of Selkirk and 9W as it passes through the more populous areas of Glenmont. But, said Corrigan, he is not optimistic that DOT will heed the town's objections.

The tandem truck rule is an outgrowth of recent efforts by the federal Department of Transportation to codify which highways the large trucks can use. According to William Logan of the state DOT's Region One, after the federal government establishes which highways the trucks can use, it is up to the state to rule on how the trucks get access to the highways.

Bethlehem, with its two Thruway exits, as well as a number of truck terminals and industries, is affected.

Logan said the new rules limit trailer length to 28.5 feet — "a big difference"

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Salem Hills pact near

By Tom Howes

The Voorheesville Village Board may be closing in on an agreement to purchase the Salem Hills sewerage treatment plant from private owners Rosen and Michaels, according to Mayor Milton Bates and Village Attorney Donald Meacham.

At last Tuesday night's board meeting, Bates, who has expressed his interest in resolving treatment plant negotiations before retiring in March, said that negotiations with the developers had brought the parties within range on a purchasing price.

In a telephone interview Monday, Meacham said, "we hope we're at the point where we have a general meeting of the minds."

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Declining to comment on the still-in-progress negotiations, Meacham did say "we want to make it clear that only the users are going to pay. If you recall, the last time we got people riled up."

The board has been actively pursuing ownership of the facility since last spring. Armed with a village-commissioned appraisal of the treatment plant, Meacham and Kenneth Connolly have met with company representatives in an effort to negotiate an agreement. Village officials

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Jack Whipple knows where he's going

By Nat Boynton

For almost half of his life Jack Whipple has worked with youngsters, teaching, coaching, counseling. Now he is enlarging his orbit.

When Bethlehem Central's Charlie Gunner starts a one-semester sabbatical on Feb. 1, Jack Whipple, widely renowned coached of one of the state's strongest swimming teams, will become acting principal of BCHS, presiding over a teenage population of 1,200.

That's a time-consuming job, and just how much it will cut into his duties as varsity swim coach remains to be seen.

"They'll be some days I won't make it to practice on time," he predicts. "They'll have to rely on themselves until I get there."

If Whipple is even half as successful as a school administrator as he is a scholastic coach, his future is secure. His varsity swim teams at BC have lost only two dual meets in 192, the last 101 in a row since a loss at New Hartford in 1977. In that span his teams have won 11 Section 2 championships, 12 Adirondack Swim League championships and three freshman crowns. In his first three years in Delmar, coaching BC's freshmen swimmers swept all three Suburban titles. Adding in his freshman record of 34-2, his book to date in dual meets is 224-4,



Jack Whipple sometimes is "out of uniform" at swim practice in Bethlehem only a few steps from the principal's office, where he is doubling as an administrative intern.

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figures that are astounding, to say the least.

Whipple credits much of that success to the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club, a community group widely recognized for its success in training young swimmers from age 8 and younger. Dolphins moving

into Whipple's domain have produced five AAU age-group championships, 18 high school All-Americans and set six state records.

As much as the Dolphins have contributed, a lot of Whipple's dynastic success

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A babe is born

It was a never-to-be-forgotten Christmas Eve for the Robert Baldwin family of Delmar. Elizabeth Baldwin, expecting her second child shortly, began to feel uncomfortable about 5 p.m. It quickly became clear, however, that the baby was on its way. There was a call to the doctor, followed quickly by a call to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

The squad was there five minutes after the call, according to Baldwin, just in time to usher Megan Elizabeth into the world. Several neighbors came to help, too, adding up to 12 people on hand for the birth. The family's early Christmas present weighed in at 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and mother and daughter were doing fine Monday at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

The Rescue Squad members who assisted were doing fine, too, despite downing three bottles of champagne later that evening in celebration. Squad Capt. Al McNamara said it was the first birth he and the other four squad members had assisted at, although he's been in "the ambulance business" 10 years.

□ Salem Hills

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have said legal condemnation is an option if negotiations fail.

The facility serves Salem Hills, a development built by Rosen and Michaels in the village. Unhappy with rate hikes proposed by the private firm, village officials have sought to acquire the plants and run it as a public utility.

The board also considered a consultant's plan to use the Salem Hills plant as the basis for a sewage collection system that would serve other parts of the village. But at last Tuesday's meeting Bates reported that Voorheesville is still ineligible for state and federal funding for sewer construction. In the most recent New York State eligibility list, the village

received 112 points, 23 points below the cut-off line.

In other action last Tuesday, the board approved public funding for the Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance Service. The ambulance budget, now split between village taxes and Town of New Scotland taxes, will be incorporated into the village budget next March rather than listed as a separate item. Ambulance officials will be available to answer questions at the village budget public hearing. Voorheesville's share of the \$31,455 budget is \$14,950.

Student cited

Kathy Abele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian N. Abele of Glenmont, has been named to *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*.

□ Heavy trucks

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from the 48 foot trailers allowed on some interstate highways — but permit a width of 102 inches, as opposed to the current 96 inches.

Five companies have asked the state DOT to permit their trucks on town highways:

- Pennsylvania Truck Lines is asking for a route from its terminal at the Conrail yards to Thruway Exit 22 via Rt. 396 through Selkirk. Corrigan objected based on road width and the fact that the heavy trucks would pass through the center of the hamlet.

- Red Star Express Lines is asking for a route from its terminal on Rt. 9W near Beacon Rd. in Glenmont north on Rt. 9W to Corning Hill and Rt. 144 to I 787. Corrigan replied that this route takes the

trucks on the narrow and winding sections of Rt. 9W past an elementary school and a post office.

- M&G Convoy Inc. wants to run trucks from its Conrail Terminal off Long Lane to Thruway Exit 22 by way of Long Lane, Rt. 9W, Rt. 396 and Rt. 144.

- APA Transport wants to send its trucks from its terminal on Hannay La. in Glenmont to I 787 by way of Rt. 9W, Corning Hill and Rt. 144.

- Air Products and Chemicals Inc. wants to run trucks from its plant on Rt. 144 north to I 787.

In each case, DOT officials asked the town for a "review of this route to determine its suitability for this purpose from a local viewpoint." Logan said Friday that the final decisions will be made by the state DOT.

Time-tested recipes, tips

Elegance Made Simple is a collection of recipes and household tips put together by senior citizens of the Inter-Center Leadership Council, a unit of Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc. The cookbook has illustrations featuring Homer and Bertha, an elderly couple, and offers nutritional information, ethnic recipes and directions on how to make soap. *Elegance Made Simple* can be purchased at any of the nine senior service centers in Albany and at DeVoes Rainbow Orchards in Clifton Park, Pearl Grant Richman's in Stuyvesant Plaza, The Village Shop in Delmar and other area stores.

Correction

A story in last week's *Spotlight* erroneously stated that the public access television facility now operated by Adams Russell Cablevision in East Greenbush is "little used." The facility, which is used by all of Adams Russell's area subscribers, is in operation about eight hours a day, according to company officials.

On the cover

Thursday's snowfall not only assured a white Christmas, but closed local schools, enabling Matt Williams, right, a BCHS junior to use his skis when he and a neighbor, Greg Wagoner, a sophomore, went to visit a friend. Both boys live on Groesbeck Pl., Delmar.

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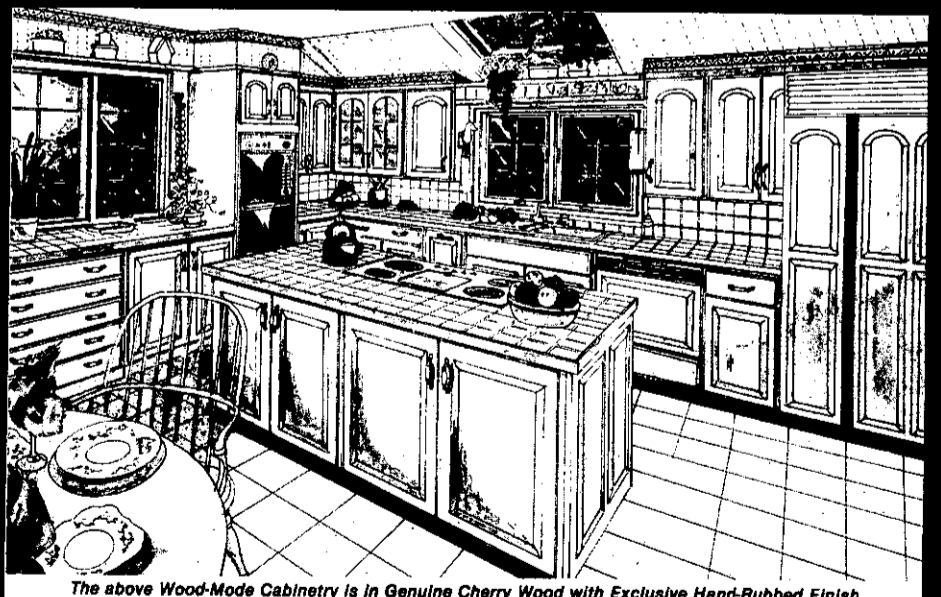
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An educator who points the way

By Caroline Terenzini

It says a lot about Prof. Emeritus Mauritz Johnson of Delmar that he was busy making a sign when he was interrupted for an interview. Expecting a number of guests at the weekend, the professor was readying a sign to take the place of the one at the head of his street that vandals had taken a liking to. Calmly and uncomplainingly setting out a guidepost is perhaps characteristic activity for the quiet-speaking professor emeritus at the State University at Albany, because for the past 20 years he has been erecting guideposts for American educators.

Recently retired after four decades in the business of education, Johnson offered an assessment of his role: "My work has been more conceptual than practical," he said. "I've been interested in clearing up the terminology — I thought there was a lot of confusion in the field and I tried to clear it up."

For example, in order to talk about education, "it is important to distinguish between curriculum and instruction," Johnson said. "Curriculum (bears) the intention as to learning — what do you intend children to learn from experiences? Instruction carries out the curriculum."

"The distinction is seldom drawn," Johnson continued. "It is not a very profound idea, but it has allowed a lot of discussion."

Another distinction Johnson pointed out is that between criteria and standards in education. "Standards are the level you're willing to accept," he said, "while criteria are the characteristics on which something is to be judged. You can't raise standards if you're not clear on the criteria."

Johnson's long career at the State University at Albany led to his being named a distinguished service professor in 1982 by the State University Board of Trustees, a tribute to his scholarship and service. He has produced several books and numerous articles about education, and headed the School of Education at SUNYA before retiring in June.

Johnson was honored in November at a symposium on "Excellence and the Curriculum" that brought several hundred professionals to the university, including a scholar from Sweden and a Detroit principal who was a member of the President's Commission on Excellence in Education.

The professor, a tall, spare man, was reared on a farm in Otsego County. His parents had come here from Sweden, and his father's name, too, was Mauritz (which Americans like to make "Maurice"). Johnson has spent two sabbaticals in Sweden and also made personal visits there. He earned bachelor's and master's

degrees from SUNYA and then a doctorate at Cornell University. Johnson began his career in education as a high school science teacher, then became a guidance counselor and high school principal before turning from the practice to the theory of education. He spent eight years at Cornell, becoming dean of the School of Education there, before returning to Albany in 1968.

Concerning recent national reports criticizing American education, Johnson is wary: "We have a tendency to have instant fixes and to go overboard. The regents' plan wants to correct everything at once, but schools can't do it alone. There are the three P's," he continued, "— the professionals, the public, and the parents. Unless all three are committed to improvement, it won't happen. Collaboratively, the schools and the community have to think through what they want."

"The bigger emphasis for me," he said, "is parents. That's where support and promotion take place. School provides the material, but parents have to provide expectations. Somehow we ought to see if we can't enlist their participation, understanding and support. Where parents are concerned, students tend to apply themselves better. And a key word is expectations — high expectations. We can't let people just get by."

Concerning Bethlehem schools in particular, Johnson said, "The schools here seem to be first-rate. I would not start here if I were going to improve education in the nation." In any case, "schools may not be good enough for the future, even if they're as good as always," he continued. "The demands of this technological society are increasing the level of competence that people have to have."

Despite the difficulties schools are encountering in meeting all expectations, the professor gives the nation's public schools high marks for having "brought all elements of our society together. Academically, they have done marvels, in a way, to have provided an education that other countries give to 10 or 20 percent of their people — we give it to 90 percent of our people."

For the future, "we have to decide if everyone has to have a high school education, and if we want comprehensive high schools (all students together) to continue."

The highly decentralized system of American education also is a plus, Johnson believes. "Decisions get made in thousands of communities rather than in one place. One centralized decision can be wrong and have bad consequences. You have to individualize for localities."

Johnson and his wife, Shirley, have four children who have gone through the



Mauritz Johnson relaxes at his home in Delmar.

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public schools. Son Bill is a professor of economics at the University of Virginia; Carl works for the state Public Service commission; Lynnae is doing entomological research on the Cornell campus, and Elizabeth is a master's student in labor relations at Rutgers University.

Published in journal

Dr. Paul M. Spannauer of Delmar, assistant professor of biology and medical laboratory technology at Hudson Valley Community College, is the author

of "Computer Assisted Medical Diagnosis" which appears in the latest edition of the nationally circulated American Clinical Products Review.

The article summarizes Dr. Spannauer's method of using a computer to assist students in learning to diagnose patients based on clinical symptoms. The programs are being developed for the Physician's Assistant Program that Hudson Valley Community College operates in partnership with Albany Medical College.

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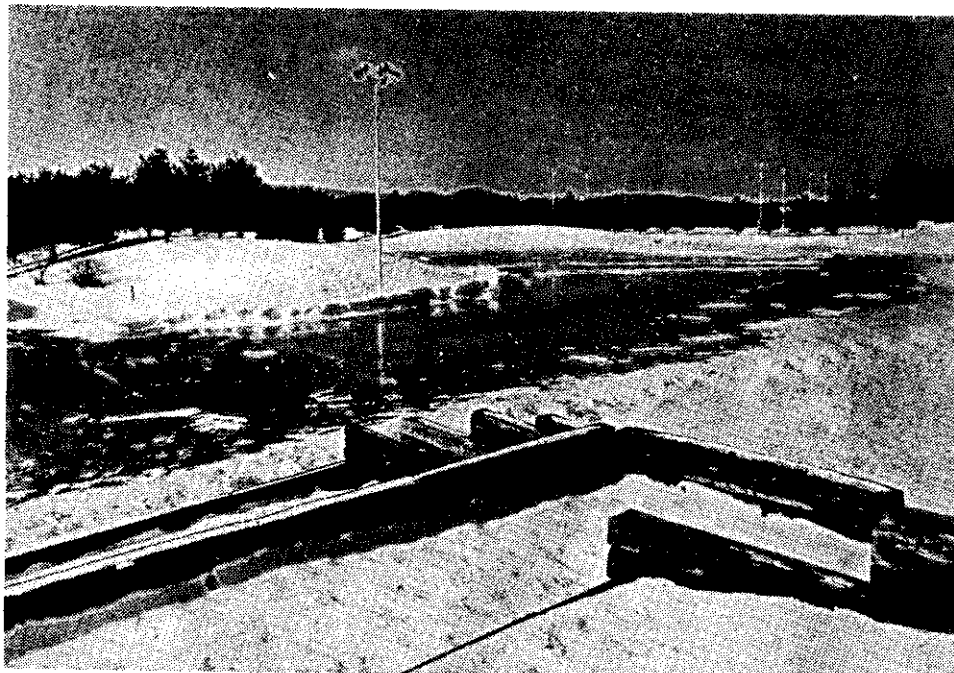
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Home care training

The Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, Inc., 10 Colvin Ave., Albany, is offering free training programs. Daytime classes will be held Jan. 10 to 16, and the evening classes Jan. 16 to Feb. 3.

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For information about the training program, contact Pat Realbuto at 459-6853.

Award for Channel 17

All in a Lifetime, a WMHT-produced series dealing with the problems and concerns of the disabled, was awarded second prize in the category of "special education" at the Seventh International Rehabilitation Film Festival held in New York City.

The award-winning episode, *Anticipation*, features students from the Guilderland Central Schools and some of their parents in discussion with host/producer Norbert Nathanson. WMHT will repeat the four-part series on Saturdays at 4 p.m. beginning Jan. 7.

Lights damaged

Outdoor decorations were the targets of vandals this week, with Bethlehem police investigating eight reports of tree lights being ripped down and damaged or stolen. Backyard swing sets and bird feeders also were damaged.

Task force forms for Delaware Ave.

By Vincent Potenza

The Delaware Ave. "task force" appointed by Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan two weeks ago got off to a hesitant start at a meeting of the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday, when Chairman Charles Redmond, appointed to chair the Delaware Ave. review committee, tried to get things organized.

The committee was at least partially the result of a petition to the town board from some 200 Elsmere residents to rezone the recently vacated Liebich property on the corner of Delaware and Herrick Ave. The planning board recommended denying the petition, stating in effect that the rezoning would probably be seen in the courts as spot zoning and would do little to alleviate the problems of the area. Corrigan's formation of the committee was an effort to study Delaware Ave. and come up with some suggestions as to how the town might control the commercial development along the strip, which residents said is getting out of hand.

Redmond told the planners last week that the committee would include all planning board members, their legal counsel and planning and engineering consultants. Councilmen Robert Hendrick and W. Scott Prothero would also serve on the committee, along with two people outside of town government.

Corrigan said later in the week that one of those two people would be Bernard Harvith, a member of the Bethlehem Central school board who teaches zoning law at Albany Law School. The remaining position on the committee had not been filled at the time this issue of the *Spotlight* went to press.

Redmond asked the planners to begin looking at Delaware Ave. and thinking of some way to address the problems they saw. When asked by one board member if he meant Delaware Ave. from the Normanskill to the Four Corners or as far as town hall, Redmond said, "I don't see why we should start out and immediately limit ourselves to that. Let's look at the whole thing."

He asked board members if they would be willing to meet this week to begin the review, but got an unenthusiastic response. "Okay," he said, "if we're too busy next week with Christmas cheer, how about the next week?"

Board member John LaForte asked just how the committee would operate and when it would meet.

Redmond indicated he wasn't sure about that yet but it would probably be during the day. He gave no indication whether the committee's meetings would be open to the public.

Several residents in attendance at the meeting suggested that a member of their respective neighborhood associations be allowed to join in the review and discussion.

Redmond didn't say no, but he observed that the bigger the committee, the less likely it is that anything will be accomplished.

Board Member Neil Moylan suggested finding an official of the state Department of Transportation to consult with the committee "as an ex-officio member." Board members said they thought that might not be a bad idea.

Redmond also told the board that Corrigan had posed a time limit for the review and formulation of suggestions of about three months. When board members asked if that might not be realistic, Redmond said he thought it worth aiming for.

In other business, the board voted to accept bids from three soil engineering firms to do stability tests on the slopes of the Normanskill in the proposed Norman's Gate subdivision, as per order of the state Supreme Court Appellate

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Division in a decision over the board's appeal of a lower court decision.

The appellate division had "withheld decision" on the appeal, throwing out all of the reasons for the board's appeal except that which said the developer had not proven to the board's satisfaction that the slopes were stable enough to permit the proposed development.

The developer, the Van Euclid Co., had proposed that access to the development be through two existing vacant lots on Euclid Ave. in Elsmere. The cost of the soil tests would be passed on to the developer, Redmond said.

The board also heard a request for a rehearing on a resubdivision in the Bicentennial Woods development from representatives of developer Vincent Riemma. The original proposal and public hearing concerned three single-family lots that Riemma wanted to resubdivide into two lots large enough to accommodate duplexes. The board denied that request.

The new proposal, according to attorney Karl Schrade and civil engineer Lindsay Boutelle, is different from the first in that there would be four lots under consideration.

The board took no action on the proposal.

The board's next meeting will be Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m., when it is scheduled to hear a proposal for a one-lot subdivision on McCormack Rd., Delmar, from Wolf Krahrmer.

Variance hearing set

The Bethlehem Board Appeals received last week a new application from Lawrence Fahn, 263 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, who requested a variance from the percentage-of-lot-occupancy provision of the zoning ordinance so that he might construct an addition to his home.

The board scheduled a public hearing on the matter for Jan. 4 at 8 p.m.

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Is one of your New Year's resolutions to stop smoking? You can do it, with the help of the internationally known Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking. The next session will begin in Albany Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1110 Western Ave., and run for five consecutive evenings.

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Behind the lens

The Bethlehem Channel (Channel 16) is looking for a few good video camera operators and editors. The studio is now located at the Bethlehem Public Library and broadcasting from the library is due soon. Among the planned offerings is a series on historic sites in the Town of Bethlehem. Lois Dillon, chairman of the board of trustees for the Bethlehem Historical Association, is production coordinator. Production volunteers should contact Carol King, program director, at the library.

Guide at college

Karen E. Rose of Delmar, a sophomore at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, was chosen as a student tour guide at the Virginia college. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Rose.

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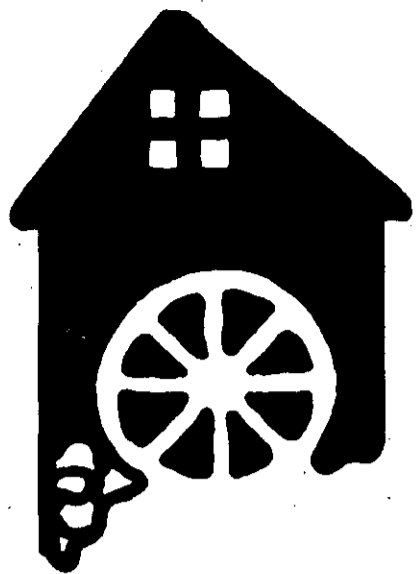
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Ray Aldridge, an exchange teacher from Australia who has been teaching at Bethlehem Middle School for a year, gave a "farewell" presentation to the Bethlehem school board last Wednesday in which he outlined differences between American and Australian education. Among the differences is the strength of teacher unions in Australia, which have won good pay and a limit of 20 on class sizes for their members. But the cost, Aldridge said, has been a diminution in the status of teachers there.

Aldridge also said education in Australia tends to be more experimental than American education. He teaches at Benalla Technical School in Victoria, where Warren Stoker, a Bethlehem Middle School teacher, spent the past year.

Classes on Long Island

Jean Joel of Slingerlands a student at St. George's University School of Medicine who was evacuated when U.S. troops invaded Grenada in October, will begin her second semester of medical study Feb. 1 in classrooms being made available by Long Island University. Second-semester students were given the choice of returning to Grenada or attending classes in Brooklyn, and reportedly all but five chose the U.S. site. New students and third- and fourth-semester students have the choice of Barbados or Grenada locations.

Joel currently is studying at Rutgers University facilities in Livingston, N.J., where she is residing in a motel, her mother, also Jean, said. Mrs. Joel said St. George's had provided about a third of the economy of Grenada, where there is little farming and, now, little tourism.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that the interest rate charged delinquent taxpayers now is pegged to market rates and was above 10 percent in 1983. The rate is set Nov. 1.
- Learned that a new state law governing property tax exemptions for older persons, set to go into effect Jan. 1, provides for incremental exemptions up to an income ceiling of \$13,999.
- Decided to purchase collision insurance on its buses since state aid now is available on the premiums. The cost is \$1,550 for the district annually, with a \$250 deductible per accident.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement of Carol Forrest, a first grade teacher at Hamagrael Elementary School, who has taught in the district 21½ years.

Adult courses starting

St. Thomas the Apostle religious education office will offer two adult education courses beginning Jan. 16 at 7:15 p.m. *Letters of St. Paul* will be given by Daniel Tange, religious education coordinator at St. Thomas Church, a Scripture study course introducing participants to the writing and the person of St. Paul.

The Men Who Wrestled with God will be given by Dr. Russell Kratz, deacon. This course will retell the stories of three figures in the Old Testament — Jacob, Joseph and Moses.

Each course is six sessions long. The courses are open to high school students and adults. Registration will be taken by phone, 439-3945, or in person at the Rectory, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar.

BC high honors are announced

The high honor roll for the first marking period has been announced at Bethlehem Central High School.

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Holly Ackerman, Stephen Ainsworth, Laurie Alexander, Peter Anderson, Daniel Balsam, Naomi Barr, Christina Bast, Tamara Bruno, Eric Chan, Amber Cole, David Comi, David Cunningham, David Dececco, Lisa DeFrancesco, Meghan Dorgan, Kristin DosPassos, Margot Downs, Paul Doyle and Molly Foresman.

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Tenth Grade

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Eleventh Grade

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Grierson, Michelle Hammond, Theodore Harro, Carol Hernandez, Barbara Hipp, David Jones, Philip Kaminsky, Andrew Kasius, Jared King, Ilissa Kotzin, Robert Kovach, Nina Lempert.

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Twelfth Grade

Annika Berge, Andrew Biernacki, Jaron Bourke, John Briggs, Kelly Burke, Tung Cai, Michael Carazza, Lisa Clark, Howard Corman, Michael Cronin, Thomas Denham, Debra Dunston, Darrin Everleth, Bradley Green, Donna Groesbeck, Jennifer Hallenbeck, Kevin Hendrick, Kim Hostetter and Robert Irvine.

Also, Betty Kawczak, Margaret Kerness, Susan Koff, Dennis Laduke, Amy Laforte, Everly Macario, David Martin, Paul Mascari, Clara Mascaro, Susan McIntyre, Colleen Nyilis, David Peak, Anne Peyrebrune, Ann Pietrykowski, Jeffrey Randles, Ricky Relyea, Thomas Schrempf, Julie Sosa, Damian Switzer, Susan Talmage, Lauren Thomas, Benjamin Walter, Marisa Weaver.

Program on the blind

The Northeastern Association of the Blind is ready to help clubs, schools or other organizations present educational programs on helping the visually handicapped. The association's speaker's bureau has a variety of films and slide shows available for public showing. For large groups, it can provide speakers. In some cases, blind clients will participate in the groups to explain the skills they have learned for independent living.

For more information, contact Carolyn Gebhardt, manager of community services, at 463-1211.

A way with words

A free two-session workshop showing how to use the "Apple Writer" word-processor program is scheduled at Bethlehem Public Library on Jan. 16 and 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. Participation is limited to members of the library's Apple Corps, who are validated to use the micro-computer. To register, call 439-9314 by Jan. 13.

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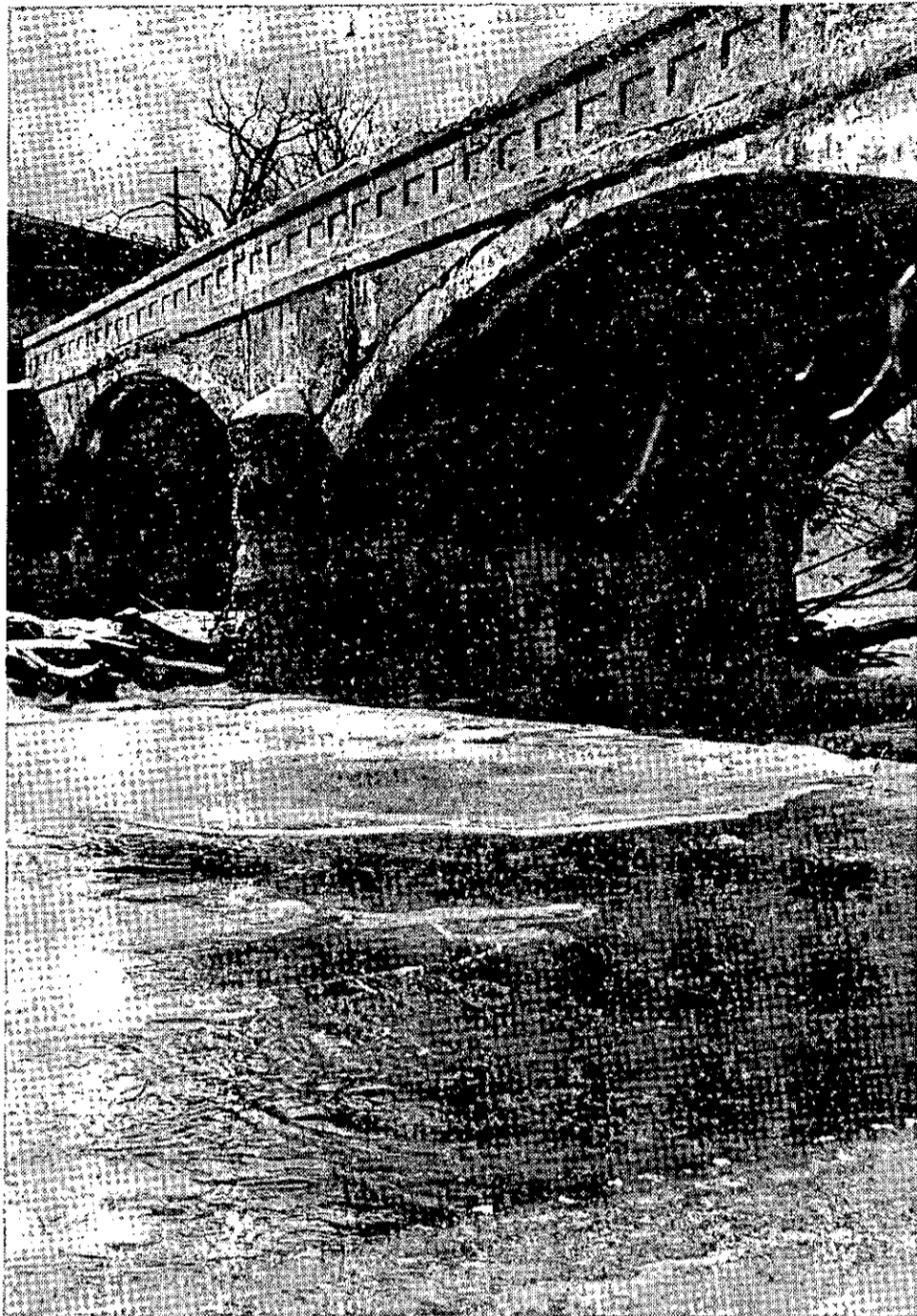
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With the temperature continuing to drop, only a small patch of open water remains under the old bridge crossing the Normanskill at Normansville. Tom Howes

Fire training facility changes are proposed

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The Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Officers Association, which jointly operates the fire training facility off Kenwood Ave. near the Delmar Bypass, has proposed a three-year program to improve the facility. Included are plans for an addition to the tower, a new building for classrooms and administration, a new oil pit, a new parking lot and fencing.

The next step, the fire fighters told the Bethlehem Town Board, would be to hire an architect or engineer to come up with detailed plans and costs estimates. At its meeting Dec. 14, the board decided to consider the association's request for planning funds at its meeting Wednesday (today) at 4 p.m.

The training area with its landmark tower is used by all of the volunteer fire departments in Bethlehem, and also by the City of Albany, which pays the town a fee.

In other action at the Dec. 14 meeting, the town board:

- Formally approved Paul E. Currie Jr. as chief of police at an annual salary of \$30,160, and "with extreme regret" accepted the resignation of Safety Commissioner Ralph A. Tipple. Tipple has been the effective head of the police department since the board removed the last chief, Peter Fish, in 1978. With Currie's appointment the safety commissioner post will be abolished.

- Adopted, after a brief public hearing, a 30-mile-an-hour speed limit for Bender Lane.

- Learned that Albany has increased its fees for town-based refuse haulers using the ANSWERS plant from \$4.25 to \$4.40 per ton, based on the cost of living index. That increase can be passed on by the haulers to their customers.

- Awarded a contract for a 20-channel

tape recording system for the police department's radio dispatching system, which serves all of the town's fire departments, to Dictaphone for \$21,141. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the bid, the only one received, was higher than anticipated, but included additional tapes and a playback system.

- Awarded a number of bids for materials for the water and sewer departments and for fuel oil, gasoline and diesel fuel for next year.

- Held a public hearing for a new local law that will allow property tax exemptions for new residential construction that permits access for physically disabled persons. There was no opposition, and the law is scheduled to be passed at the board's first regular 1984 meeting.

Singer, clown, juggler

Washington Park Theater Company's "Kid's Fare" will star local singer-songwriter Paul Strausman in its final week at the Spectrum Theater in Albany Wednesday, Dec. 28, to Saturday, Dec. 31. Strausman, who will perform music from his award-winning recording "Camels, Cats and Rainbows," will be joined on stage by Cranberry the Clown, juggler Joe Murray and mimists and puppeteers. Show time is 2:30 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets, which are \$4, can be purchased at Community Box Offices, the Spectrum Theater or by calling 439-7979.

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The lady is a cubmaster

By Lyn Stapf

Practically since the birth of cub scouting, women in the role of den mothers have been the mainstay of the program while the top advisory position of cubmaster, as the name implies, was dominated by men.

But with the changes in family structure and in the roles of household breadwinners, there has been a decline in the number of men who have the time and opportunity to participate in the program. This has given rise to the number of women who have become more active in the executive positions of scouting.

In Albany County there are two women who are now cubmasters when five years ago there were none. One who has advanced through the ranks is Nareen Copeland, newly appointed cubmaster of Pack 73 in Voorheesville, who is quick to inform the curious that there is no gender change in the title for a woman. More than just a token female, Copeland took over her new position with five years of scouting experience behind her, several service awards to her credit and an abundance of energy and enthusiasm.

Nareen's career in cub scouting began in 1978 when her husband Eric was stationed at the Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Col. As Copeland recalls, "I went to sign up my son David for cub scouts and wound up signing myself up as well."

Jumping in with both feet, she immediately became active in all phases of cub scouting and attended den leader retreats and assisted with running a cub scout day camp. In 1980, when her husband was transferred to Greece, Copeland remained active in scouting at the Iraklion Air Base on the Isle of Crete in the Mediterranean, revitalizing the

pack, hoping to keep it alive and well until her son Paul, then 6, could join.

In 1981 a move to Voorheesville again found the Oswego native seeking out and joining the cub scout movement. Attending a meeting at the New Salem fire house, just around the corner from her home on Rt. 85, she enlisted as a den mother even though Paul was still not old enough to join and David by this time had entered the boy scouts.

Again Copeland became immersed in scouting, and not only participated actively in the affairs of Pack 73 but became a dedicated member of the Governor Clinton Council, serving as a craft leader at the Round Table, where local scouting leaders gather to exchange ideas. She also was a member of the training committee, which educates new scout leaders.

Due to her contribution and commitment to scouting she received several awards, including the Den Leader Training Award in 1980, the Training Committee Leadership Award in 1982 and the Scouting Leadership Award in 1983.

It was no surprise then when former Cubmaster Dick Decker announced that he would be vacating the position in the fall when his son Richie entered boy scouts, that Copeland, with her experience, expertise and enthusiasm, was the logical choice to take over the pack.

Outside of scouting, the service-oriented mother of three spends most of her time helping others. Also active in the girl scout program she is assistant troop leader for her daughter Ericka's brownie troop, and has served on the parent advisory board for the Title I program at the elementary school. During the day she works as a trained home health aide



Cubmaster Nareen Copeland reviews scouting plans with her children, David, left, Erica and Paul.
Lyn Stapf

assisting the elderly, and on weekends is a member of the Naval Reserve, working out of Schenectady with the Air National Guard.

A former WAVE who served with the Navy in the late sixties, Copeland remarked that although her service experience may have provided her with some of her leadership training, she feels that most of her insight and enthusiasm towards scouting was gained from her mother, who participated as her leader in girl scouts. "I figured if she could do that much for me, I could do the same for my own children."

So will there be any major changes in the pack now that a woman is in charge? "I don't believe so," says Copeland, who during her two years has initiated many innovative changes in the pack, including the annual summer family campout at Pole Cat Park in Berne. But scouting itself is changing with the times and even now the term "den mother" has been replaced by the phrase "den leader." If there are any changes in the group sponsored by the New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611, you can be sure that "Ms. Cub Scout," as Copeland is respectfully referred to by her fellow scouting leaders, will see that they are introduced according to cub scout rules, with just a little bit of woman's intuition.

In honor society

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

Road work ahead

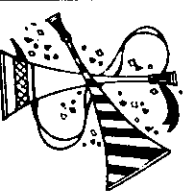
D.A. Collins Construction Co. Inc. of Mechanicville was the apparent low bidder on a state Department of Transportation project intended to improve access to Interstate 90 in Albany County. The Collins bid, lowest of four, was \$6.78 million. The work is to be completed by Dec. 31, 1985. It calls for construction of a new ramp to Interstate 90 westbound traffic to Interstate 87 on northbound and related interchange improvements. Other work will be done between Exits 1 and 3 on Interstate 90 westbound and between Exits 1 and 2 on Interstate 87 northbound.

The Rt. 32 bridge over Onesquethaw Creek in the Town of New Scotland is to be replaced by the state Department of Transportation. Sere Construction Corp. of the Bronx is the apparent low bidder at \$305,687. The 65-foot span is to have a new superstructure and to be widened to 28 feet. The work is to be done by next Nov. 30.

Stamp of approval

Joseph C. Gutman, Jr. has received a special achievement award from the U.S. Postal Service. Gutman, a resident of Elsmere, was honored for his performance as a mail handler at the main post office in Albany. He and his wife, Carol Lisa, have a young son, Joseph C. Gutman III.

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Librarian Nancy Hutchinson urges everyone to start the New Year off right by returning their overdue library books this week during the library's annual Fine Free Week. Any book returned to the library by Saturday, Dec. 30 will not be charged a fine.

Also during this week any outstanding fines that are charged to a patron's card will be rounded off to the next dollar, and only half of that amount will be due.

A reminder that two vacation movies will be shown this week. Today (Dec. 28) at 2 p.m. the movie version of the Newbery Award winning book *And Now, Miguel* will be aired, while the fast-paced movie *Fame* will be shown on Friday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. Both films are free and open to the public.

In observance of New Year's the library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2. It will reopen on Tuesday.

Blackbirds in bowls

Those watching this week's bowl games may catch a glimpse of a familiar face or two during the half-time shows. Three talented graduates of Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High have the honor of performing in the marching band of their respective universities at this week's bowl games.

Kevin and Brian McKenna, sons of Mary and Jack McKenna of South Rd., New Salem, will be performing with the Notre Dame marching band on Thursday, Dec. 29, when Notre Dame opposes Boston College at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. On Jan. 2, Colleen McCurdy, daughter of Freddie and Richard McCurdy of 9 Circle Dr. in Voorheesville, will be performing with the band from the University of Miami at the Orange Bowl, where the Miami Hurricanes meet No. 1 Nebraska Cornhuskers. The band will also appear in the Orange Bowl Parade on New Year's Eve.

Another talented student from the area performed during the holiday season. Lyra Colfer, daughter of Pat and Owen Colfer of Pleasant St., performed in the holiday classic, the *Nutcracker Suite*, earlier this month when the Berkshire Ballet presented the work at Proctor's in

Schenectady. A fourth grade student at Voorheesville Elementary School, Lyra studies dance at the La Cantarella in Clifton Park. This is the second time she has appeared in the seasonal production. This time dancing the part of an angel, gave her the exciting opportunity to remain on stage during the entire second act.

Student readers cited

When Santa was checking his list in Voorheesville this month he not only found a lot of good little boys and girls but 180 good readers as well. Earlier this month, these students at the Voorheesville Elementary School received their Whale of a Reader buttons finalizing the school's fall Parents as Reading Partners program.

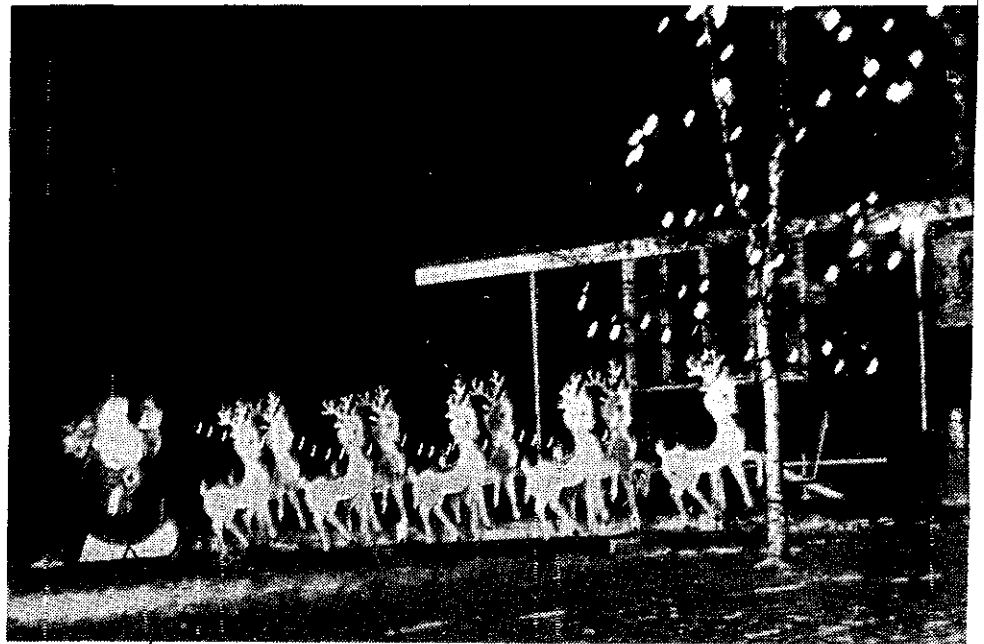
For four weeks students in grades K-4 read for at least 15 minutes a day with their parents, guardian or older sibling. To qualify for a Reader button they were to read for five out of seven days, keeping track of their reading days on a chart that was turned in at the end of the four weeks.

Besides receiving buttons, those who completed the program also had their names put on a large "whale" bulletin board in the library.

Sponsored by the PTSA in conjunction with the elementary school library,



Dianne Koch helps a VA hospital patient get ice cream from a machine provided by Capital District Elks lodges. Elks members and their auxiliary make regular weekend visits to the facility.



Santa has high visibility in Voorheesville, gracing the front yard of Bill and Pat Hotaling on Circle Dr. Leading the reindeer is Rudolph, whose nose blinks in the dark. *Spotlight — Lyn Stapf*

the program was coordinated by Joyce Schreiber and Pam Zeh assisted by mother volunteers Marilyn Bradley, Janice Genovesi, Caroline McDermott, Pat Belcer and Kathy Wojewoda, and school librarian Andrea Hampston.

Santa's big heart

Although Christmas may be over the happiness brought to many by the area service groups is certain to last for a long time.

Members of St. Matthew's high school religious education classes provided children and senior citizens with gifts that brightened their holiday. At Thanksgiving the teens received the first name and age of someone who could use a little extra something under the tree. The gifts were wrapped and delivered to the inner city in time for the holidays.

Indian Guides tribes of Voorheesville were also busy collecting for the annual drive to give needed clothes, linens and gifts to two of New York State's Indian reservations. On Dec. 20 the gifts were air-lifted to the St. Regis Reservation near the Canadian border and the Tuscarora Reservation near Niagara Falls by the Schenectady Air National Guard. Distributing presents at the St. Regis Reservation was a Santa who

strongly resembled Robert Stapf of Voorheesville, a member of both the YMCA Indian Guide program and the Army National Guard.

Members of two of Voorheesville's 4-H groups also were busy helping others for Christmas. Members of the Lucky Four-Leaves dressed dolls for the Salvation Army to be distributed to Capital District children and Osborne Corners 4-H group donated \$50 towards the Christmas Wish program.

Elks at VA hospital

Members of the New Scotland Elks Lodge No. 2611 also did their best to brighten up the holiday for those at the Veterans Administration hospital. At their annual holiday party hosted by a group of over 40 from the lodge, including members and their wives, the Elks provided the patients with refreshments, songs and games of Bingo, where the patients received coupon booklets redeemable at the hospital store.

Members of the men's service group also make monthly visits to the VA on weekends to provide the patients with goodies from the popcorn and ice cream machines donated in a joint effort by a group of Capital District Elks lodges.

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James Muhlfelder of Delmar, president of Project Equinox's board of directors, thanks Florence Roarcke and Katherine Prodanovitch of the Telephone Pioneers, who have contributed appliances to a major renovation and expansion of the Equinox Youth Shelter in South Albany. The shelter capacity will be increased by 50 percent by the \$150,000 project. Donations are welcome and are tax-deductible.

High honors announced

Students at Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School on the high honor roll for the first quarter of the school year have been announced. The students have a cumulative average of 90 percent or more.

Twelfth Grade

Paula Bartholomew, Rhonda Bombard, Janet Bourguignon, Stephen Brabetz, Daren Brown, Jennifer Bull, Richard Christoph, Thomas Christopher, Stephanie Civill, Ann Marie Costanza, Kristen Daley, Patrick Farrell, Heather Frueh and Shelley Girvan.

Also, James Golding, Tracey Griffin, Kelly Halloran, Melissa Helo, Marilisa Ingraham, Richard Krzykowski, Sharon Lalor, Susan Libertucci, Sharon Losee, Joan Mahony, James Maxstadt, Lina Mizener, Declan O'Doherty, Jill Rafferty, Laura Smith, Patricia Smith, Dawn Traver, Michele Wade and Kyle Zolner.

Eleventh Grade

Lisa Allegretta, Meridith Bryant, Joseph DeFlumer, Cathleen Dillon, Christina DiPerna, John Dwyer, Susan Gleason, Andrew Guthrie, David Hamill, Donna Marshall, Eric Mastrangelo and Stephen Oliver.

Also, Dana Pickett, Lynn Powell, Rebecca Ross, Patricia Sandgren, Cheryl Scalzo, William

Spooner, Diane Stewart, Tammy Stumbaugh, Stanley Tomek, Michelle VanKempen, Beth White and Garth Wright.

Tenth Grade

Rebecca Arrieta, David Brown, Kim Daley, Karen Finch, Elizabeth Hunter, Debra Lawrence, Michael Long, Rhonda Newton, Divina Pannone, Tina Patterson, Sheila Seery, Brian Stumbaugh, Lynmarie Wass de Czege, Mary Wickware and Stefanie Zetterlund.

Ninth Grade

Rebecca Bull, Paul Caswell, Nancy Conrad, Paul Curley, Raynond Denney, Christine Doyle, Colleen Farrell, Theodore Fink, Lori Fullum, Joanne Goes, Earl Gottesman, Scott Gottesman and Kevin Hommel.

Also, Holly Kennedy, Tracy Kelin, Kenneth Koonz, Lisa Korzatkowski, Debra Kosowsky, Kristina Moak, Wendy Nolan, Marisa Nunziato, Evelyn Ottaviano, Tim Penk, Steven Rexford, James Ritter, Marie Setford, Shelly Snyder and Anthony Williams.

Therapist appointed

Ann Echols of Delmar has been named to the rehabilitation therapy staff of the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc. Echols is a 1974 graduate of Simmons College in Boston and was formerly director of physical therapy at St. Mary's Hospital, Troy.

NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Trip for leadership

On Dec. 8, 11 Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High students took part in a Student Leadership Day. This was held at Knickerbocker Junior High School, Lansingburg. New York Secretary of State Gail Shaffer spoke on the subject of leadership. The students were divided into groups, and spent several class periods with classes in the Knickerbocker Junior High.

RCS students who participated were Matthew Weinert, Tammy Samsel, Terry Gardner, Lisa Holsapple, Brian Leonard, Tracy Tucker, David Allegretta, John McKierman, Karen Jensen, Wendy Parker and Robert Thayer. Eighth grade social studies teacher Thomas Gizara accompanied the students to Lansingburg.

Kids have a ball

Bethlehem Elks' Lodge echoed with the laughter of the young and young at heart as nearly 100 children attended Christmas parties there last weekend. On Saturday, 35 youngsters from the Coeymans, Selkirk, South Bethlehem area enjoyed the antics of magician John Kearney and a visit from Santa, who presented gifts and candy. Completing the day at the lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, was a pizza party with soda and cookies.

On Sunday, 47 youngsters and 30 adults were on hand for the party for the members' children. Again Santa Claus made an appearance, greeting all the children and giving them gifts. All enjoyed a special movie, cookies and ice cream. Exalted Ruler Norman Mokiber was in attendance Saturday and Sunday to welcome the young guests. The weekend festivities were made possible through the efforts of John Gransbury, youth activities director. The many Elks and members of the Ladies Auxiliary who assisted and Robert Hauseman and Gene Whicher played an important role in the success of the parties.

More bowling planned

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem's Adults Only fellowship group is planning another evening of Scotch doubles. The evening has been scheduled for Jan. 7, 8:45 p.m. at Del Lanes in Delmar. The event was such a success the last time it was held, the group has decided to begin the New Year with another round of friendly competition. For those who have never bowled Scotch doubles: a series of four games are played, one person bowling the first ball, partner bowling the second.

Reservations are necessary, and there is a limit to the number of people who can attend, therefore those interested should contact Colleen Janssen at 767-3406, or the church office at 767-2243 as soon as possible. Reservations must be made before Jan. 4.

Menu announced

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, Dec. 29 will be: Thursday, no noontime meal, evening meal starts at 5 p.m.; Friday, baked ham with pineapple glaze, mashed rutabaga and carrots, green beans, dessert; Monday, liver oriental with gravy, hash brown potato, green peas, dessert; Tuesday, chicken cacciatore, spaghetti with tomato sauce, spinach, dessert; Wednesday, meat loaf with gravy,

mashed potato, mixed vegetables, dessert.

Pupils receive Bibles

Members of the second grade class of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem were presented with Bibles by the Sunday School Department during the morning church service on Universal Bible Sunday recently. Receiving Bibles from their second grade teachers, Kathy Engel and Pauline Kleinhaus, were Jennifer Brown, Jeff Norman, Michael Foley, Lillian Lasher, Jay Engel and Jennifer Shear.

New Year's at church

Have you made plans for New Year's Eve yet? If you haven't, you might want to accept an invitation to join many of your friends and neighbors for a party at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. All young adults and adults are welcomed. The party will begin at 7 p.m. at the church on Willowbrook Ave., with everyone bringing their favorite dish for a covered dish dinner. Included in the activities all round and square dancing and a special Watch Light service at midnight to herald the New Year. Anyone interested may sign up at the church or contact Alice Haskell, 767-2259; Joan Stahlman, 767-9870, or Bob Vaber, 767-9821.

Cookies galore

Members of the Super Seven 4-H Club of Delmar sold 66 cases of cookies in its fall fund-raising campaign. The club also recently entertained five toddlers in a project aimed at "helping babies learn." Club president Laura Kleinke, with Deanna Greer as vice president; Tanya Nock, secretary; Gwen Jones, treasurer; Traci Layman, reporter, and Wendy Kleinke, recreation leader.

Fete for seniors


The Senior Group of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar gave a holiday party for residents of the Good Samaritan Home. Third graders at St. Thomas School entertained with songs and seventh graders presented cards they had made. Rev. William Gorman was Santa.

Back pay for 2

Two local residents are among persons for whom the state Labor Department is holding funds derived from claims by the department for unpaid wages, including vacation pay, sick pay or minimum wage payments. They are Christopher Boschetti of Altamont and Debra Tiempe of New Salem, according to a list provided by the state. To claim the money, contact the Division of Labor Standards of the state Labor Department, State Office Campus, Albany, telephone 457-2730.

AAUW plans luncheon

The American Association of University Women, Albany branch, has planned a luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Golden Fox Restaurant, Colonie. Marjorie McCoy of Casual Corner and Lois Schwartz of Lady Madonna Boutique will discuss "Image Making for the Professional Woman." A social hour will begin at 11 a.m. with luncheon at noon. Reservations, at \$6.75, should be sent to Margaret Belden, 46 Tamarack Dr., Delmar, 12054.

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Town offered rail land

The Penn Central Corporation is offering Bethlehem an abandoned rail right-of-way in South Bethlehem for \$25,000. The town could use part of the land for park and save the rest for use if the area develops later, says Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

The 80-foot wide strip runs from Bell Crossing Rd. southeast through Rupert Rd. and Rt. 396. It crosses the Coeymans town line just west of Rt. 101. According to a letter from Penn Central to Corrigan, the strip is about 2.2 miles long. An adjacent strip in Coeymans would be offered to that town.

The land is actually owned by the Owasco River Railway Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Penn Central Corp.

Corrigan said last week the town inquired about the land near Rt. 396 in the hamlet of South Bethlehem when the town board was seeking parkland to serve that area. The land not required for park use could be held by the town toward the time when the largely vacant land in the Bell Crossing Rd. area becomes commercially attractive, Corrigan said. It would then provide road and utility access.

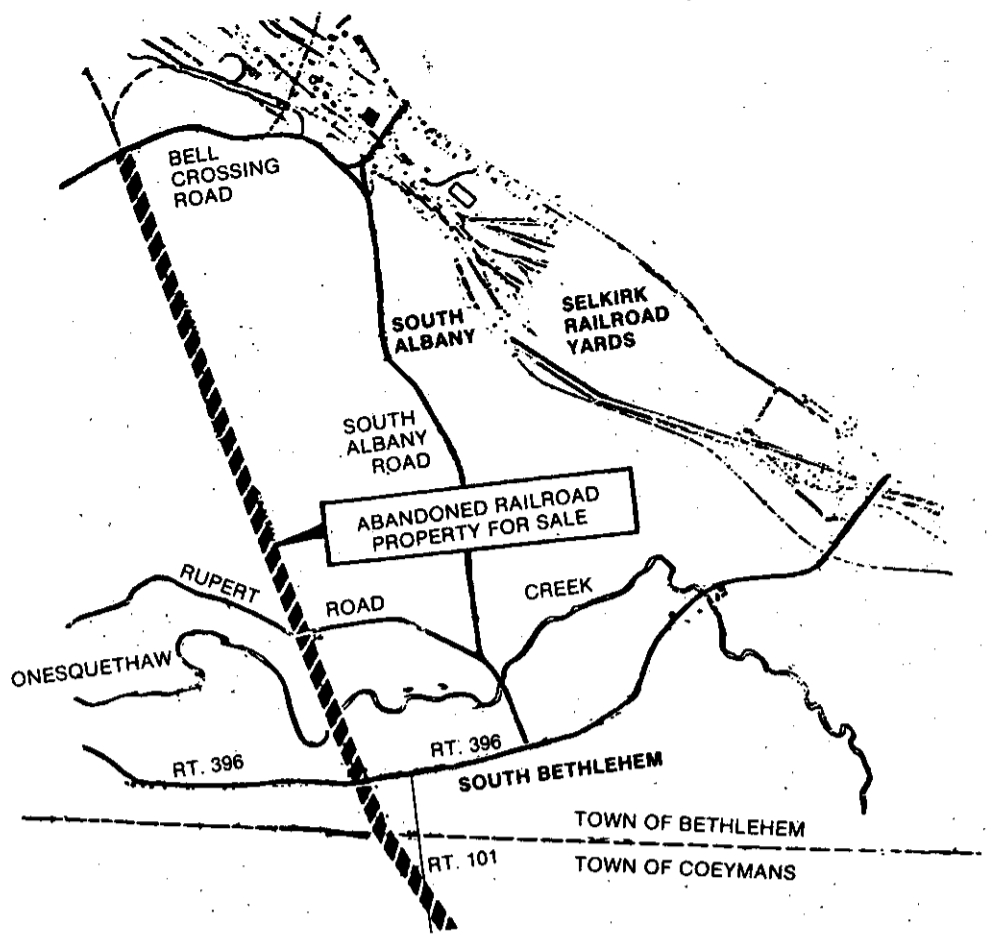
The Penn Central offer would require a \$5,000 down payment, and the company's letter said it is "the lowest possible price that could be recommended to the board of directors." Corrigan said he would pass the offer on to the town board.

Computer on TV

Registration is now open for *Academy on Computers*, a 12-week course that offers computer training via television. WMHT, Channel 17, will carry the course on Thursdays at 10:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 26. Following payment of the registration fee, viewers will receive a resource manual, a software program tailored to the series, a newsletter subscription and a "help" hotline number.

The series is designed to teach basic computer technology, explore the kinds of computer programs in use today, and help participants develop simple computer programs. Viewers can follow the program without a microcomputer.

For information and a registration form, write *Academy on Computers*, WMHT, P.O. Box 17, Schenectady 12301.




Penn Central is offering the Town of Bethlehem this abandoned right of way for \$25,000. *Spotlight map*

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Frangos leaves his mark

By Susan Guyett

The Albany County Legislature, at its last meeting in 1983, authorized borrowing \$575,000 to expand the county jail by 36 cells.

The 39-member body also voted to establish a commission to study alternatives to jail sentences and appropriated money for a consultant to investigate a pre-trial release program.

Bethlehem Democrat George Frangos played a major role in getting both of these resolutions adopted. He got the Democratic leadership to suspend the rules so that his pre-trial release program and the criminal justice commission could be introduced and cast a deciding vote for the bonding proposal.

Frangos was appointed three months ago to fill the seat of the late Dr. Edward Sargent. Republican James Ross won the election last November so the Dec. 21 meeting was Frangos' last as a legislator.

Frangos said he first learned that the legislature would be reconsidering the jail expansion bond issue when he read the newspaper two days before the Wednesday meeting. He had been doing research on the need for added cells and studying pre-trial release and alternative sentencing programs throughout the state since his appointment. Besides being interested in the subject, he said he thought the issue might come up again before he left office.

Last summer, the legislature narrowly defeated a \$1.1 million borrowing package that would have added 72 cells to the county jail. That measure failed to get the two thirds majority needed to adopt bonding propositions. At the time Democrats had 26 votes on their side, but two Guelderland legislators, Ann Gaffney and Thomas Callaghan, voted with Republicans to kill the measure. Both Gaffney and Callaghan lost re-election bids in November.

The Democratic leadership realized they had an even more dismal chance of getting the proposal through next year because they will be losing their two thirds majority when the new legislature is seated. Two of three votes — Frangos, Callaghan or Gaffney — were needed to get the bonding measure through in 1983.

Frangos said he called County Attorney Robert Lyman on Monday to state his position. He knew there was a need for additional cells at the jail. He had already visited the facility in Colonie, talked to the warden and guards and became convinced that new cells were needed because of mandated inmate separation. But he said he also knew that Albany County was lagging behind other counties in not having programs for pre-trial release and alternative sentences.

Frangos said he let the Democratic leadership know that he could not vote for the bonding resolution without some movement in the direction of alternatives to jail sentences. "It was a matter of principle," he said in a recent interview.

"I was taking a position as a Democrat," he said, and while there were differences of opinion within the party, his resolution passed by a vote of 31-4. He noted that Finance Committee Chairman Harold Joyce voted for his proposal.

As it turns out, Frangos' vote on the bonding resolution was very important. There are 27 Democrats in the legislature. While Callaghan changed his vote and went along with the borrowing plan, Gaffney didn't show up at the session. Without 26 votes, the measure would have died again. Frangos said he realized the leadership didn't want to lose another fight on the floor over the jail expansion. He said he never believed he had the Democratic leadership over a barrel — the jail expansion was important to some Democrats and not important to others.

The issue simply would not have been brought up again unless there were enough votes, he said.

As he originally proposed it, Frangos wanted the legislature to appropriate \$35,000 for the pre-trial release program. The program could allow some prisoners who haven't been convicted and who haven't made bail to be released until their trial. The scaled down proposal that was approved will allow the probation department to spend \$7,500 on a consultant who will create a pilot program. The legislature will have the final say on whether to implement the program, however.

The other part of Frangos' resolution — the creation of a criminal justice commission — is aimed at studying and making recommendations on appropriate alternatives to incarceration, the legislator said. It is not a commission to study whether or not the county should have such a program, he emphasized, but rather a means to find the most suitable alternatives. The council would provide the courts with information and it would be up to the judges whether or not to utilize the suggestions, Frangos said.

Frangos said he was able to get his resolution on the floor and approved through "straightforward, honest negotiation and debate," which, he said, takes place all the time within the Democratic Party.

Frangos said he did think of Sargent as he considered the proposals. "He had such a reputation," Frangos said, "that I had a sense of responsibility to all that he had done."

In other actions, the legislature approved a \$1.8 million bond issue to replace Public Works Department



George Frangos at his swearing in last September. *Spotlight*

Trucks. Republicans fought to have the trucks purchased out of operating funds rather than borrowing.

Honored by 4-H

Mary J. Sienkiewicz, an Albany County Cooperative Extension agent and 4-H home economist, has been awarded the 1983 Special Service Award of Excellence by the state Association of Cooperative Extension 4-H agents. She is a graduate of Cornell University and is studying for a master's degree at the State University at Albany. The award is in recognition of Sienkiewicz's leadership skills and innovative programs for youth.

Investigator trained

Bethlehem Police Officer Paul Roberts recently attended a fire investigator's course at the Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls, N.Y. The course, attended by both police and fire officers, focused on interviewing techniques for cases involving fire fatalities and suspected arson.

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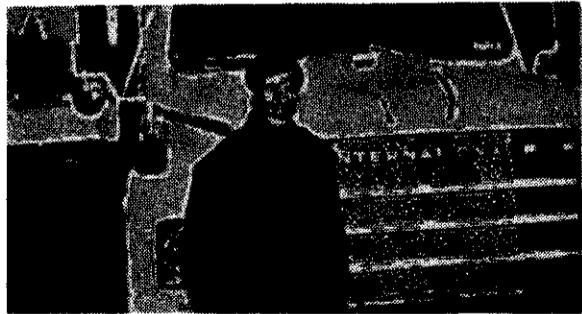
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Airman James N. Leonard, son of Edward R. Leonard of Delmar, has been assigned to Presidio of Monterrey, Calif., after completing Air Force basic training. He is a 1981 graduate of Colegio Nueva Granada, Bogota, Colombia.

Army Pvt. George K. Hammond, son of Kenneth G. and Patricia M. Hammond of Voorheesville, has graduated as an armor reconnaissance specialist at Ft. Knox, Ky. He is a 1980 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. Harry W. Tompkins, son of Kenneth L. and Jean Tompkins of Delmar, was promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Rebecca S. Berrington, daughter of Barbara J. HoJohn of Scotia and Floyd J. Berrington of Delmar, has completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. She received an associate degree in 1983 from the State University College at Cobleskill.

Army Pfc. Thomas J. Oro Jr., son of Marion Oro of Delmar, has participated in an exercise involving U.S. and Latin American forces in Honduras. It is the latest in a series of combined exercises that began in 1965. Oro is a cannon crewman with the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, Calif. He is a 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Pvt. Sandra A. Freeman, daughter of Mary L. Jackson of Colonie and Elbert Fairley of Albany, has completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Her husband, Army Pfc. Harold T.E. Freeman Jr., is the son of Bettye Freeman of Selkirk.

Pfc. Geoffrey S. Ainsworth, son of Jean S. Ainsworth of Dumont, N.J., and George E. Ainsworth of Delmar, has arrived for duty in Giessen, West Germany.

Ainsworth, a teletypewriter repairer with the 3rd Battalion, 79th Field Artillery, was previously assigned at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Airman William J. Schaffer, son of George and Catherine M. Schaffer of South Bethlehem, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training. He is a 1983 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk high school in Ravena.



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Navy Fireman Vincent J. Perry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Perry, Sr., of Voorheesville, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Army Pvt. Jeffrey W. Oliver, son of Alexander P. and Martha M. Oliver of Selkirk, has completed a teletypewriter equipment repair course at the U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Navy Airman Daniel K. Becker, whose wife, Donna, is the daughter of Frances Betx of Selkirk, recently returned from a seven-month deployment to the Mediterranean. He is a crew member aboard the amphibious assault ship U.S.S. Iwo Jima homeported in Norfolk, Va. The ship was the primary medical facility for the American contingent in Lebanon, and while Beirut International Airport was closed, the Iwo Jima served as an airport afloat for more than 19,000 passengers.



Marine Lt. Anthony Mauro holds the trophy his company received for a superior officer training program at a ceremony recently at Quantico Marine Corps Headquarters. Mauro is flanked by his wife, Joanne, and his brother, Air Force Flight Commander Robert Mauro, while their proud father, Anthony, looks on. The lieutenant and his brother are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School.

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

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

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

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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
BCHS Christmas Reunion, at the Albany Hilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 439-6804 or 439-5411.

"Fame", free movie at Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve Party and Dinner, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7 p.m.

New Year's Eve Church Party, Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave. p.m.

NDAY, JANUARY 1
APPY NEW YEAR

ear's Day Bird Count, bird identification and outdoors at Five Rivers Mental Center, Game rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free; info: 457-6092.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
Holiday Closings, Bethlehem Town Hall and So. Bethlehem landfill, New Scotland Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall; no town or village garbage collection.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
Bethlehem Sportman's Club, first Tuesdays Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.
Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F & AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

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

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

Mothers' Time Out Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers begins 8-part workshop on effective parenting techniques, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
Bethlehem Board of Education, at Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Public Hearing, by Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Lawrence Fahn for variance for an addition at 263 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, at 8 p.m. in Bethlehem Town Hall.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
Grade 8 Parents' Orientation to Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem fire house 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

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

Selkirk Fire Commissioners, organizational meeting at Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
"Adults Only" Scotch Doubles Bowling, leaves for Del Lanes from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 8:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
March of Dimes Reading Champions Program, informational meeting for pledged student readers in grades 1-9, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Information, 783-9363.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m. except June, July and August.

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

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
Slingerlands Home Bureau, second Tuesday of each month; Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tri-Village Peace Breakfast, non-sectarian event for area residents to express views on state of world, second Tuesdays at Delmar First United Methodist Church, 7 a.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-6674.

area arts

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

Theater

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

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

"Perfectly Frank" (musical tribute to songwriter Frank Loesser presented by Heritage Artists), Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 6-8, 11-15 and 18-21, Reservations, 235-7969.

Music

Grand Folk Festival (with Huxtable, Christensen and Hood, Tom Mitchell, Bob Warren and others), Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Dec. 30 and 31, Jan. 1.

Film

"The Little Princess", Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 28-30, 2 p.m., Dec. 31, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"Fame", Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 28 and 29, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 30, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.

Art

"Four Seasons of Rural Life" (Currier & Ives prints), Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 8.

Drawing Invitational, Emma Willard School, Troy, Jan. 4 through Feb. 8, weekdays 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas



A traditional Dutch celebration of the Twelfth Night is planned on Friday, Jan. 6, at the Crailo State Historic Site in Rensselaer. The event, from 4 to 8 p.m., will commemorate the arrival in Bethlehem of the Magi 12 days after Christmas. The program will include music and traditional treats, and is free and open to the public. It also marks the beginning of Albany County's fourth century.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

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

Red Men (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday St. Stephen's Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

"Kaleidoscope," for students and parents at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post #3185

meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary meets second Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

An Evening of One-Act-Plays, performed dinner-theater style by student Act 1 drama club at Bethlehem Central High School 8 p.m. Tickets sold at door and high school box office.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

An Evening of One-Act-Plays, performed dinner-theater style by student Act 1 drama club at Bethlehem Central High School 8 p.m. Tickets sold at door and high school box office.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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

Student Music Program, Hama-grael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

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

Bethlehem Board of Education, meeting at Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

American Legion Luncheons, for members guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms Popular Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, 12 noon.

Albany Audubon Society, illustrated talk on national parks and endangered species, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

"Century Cast Iron Stoves," Bethlehem Historical Association slide-talk meeting at Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

Post Christmas Capers—Water-ship Down, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Post Christmas Capers — "Skoopy and the Sweetheart's Funny Bunny Show" State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 and 3 P.M.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1984

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

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

MONDAY JANUARY 2

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

"Thirty Years of Fun" Comic Film, starring Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and Laurel and Hardy, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Free.

Noontime concert by pianist Findlay Cockrell with members of Northeasterly Winds, playing Mozart and Beethoven, in the Recital Hall at The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free; bring a lunch.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 7

Memories of Elvis 49th Birthday Party, videos, photos, memorabilia and birthday cake sponsored by Elvis Presley Capital District Fan Club, Northway Inn, Colonie, 2-11 p.m. \$3 admission; information, 864-5200 or 272-5446.

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

Heritage Artists Auditions, for casting musicals "Anything Goes" and "Across the River," at Cohoes Music Hall, noon-2 p.m.

Fete Des Rois Celebration, French-Canadian folk music and dance at Knights of Columbus Hall, 255 Remsen St., Cohoes, 8 p.m. Information, 457-8584.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Russell Sage Evening Division "Look Us Over Night", for prospective students to question faculty, students and admissions officers, at college campus center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

"First Strike Nuclear Warfare," national disarmament program coordinator Howard Morland speaks at Upper Hudson Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign meeting, First Church, Clinton Square, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

"The Art of Negotiating," non-credit seminar-workshop offered by SUNYA Office of Continuing Studies for area professionals, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information and registration, 455-6121.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Mohawk Chapter, DAR meeting at home of Betty Hannay, 186 W. Lawrence St., Albany, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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

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A cool breeze from the desert

By Nat Boynton

The record cold snap that afflicted the area over Christmas was easier to take because Linda Taylor was back in town.

She brought that warming smile and that cheery quip, more than a breath of spring in mid-winter, like opening the door to the sun-baked deserts of Saudi Arabia, which is where she blew in from.

Whatever it was, it lit up all her old friends in Delmar, where this blonde, 28-year-old nurse grew up.

And after a year in the restricted confines of Saudi society, she is revelling in the warmth of her family in Delmar and her former schoolmates at Bethlehem Central High School, all the while trying to make up her mind whether to sign up for another year of nursing on the Persian Gulf.

The nursing challenges are intriguing, the pay is enticing, but the social life for a vivacious, attractive, single American girl leaves something of a shortfall.

Linda Taylor — her friends at Friendly's call her "L.T." — went to Saudi Arabia in October, 1982, on a contract with the Saudi Medical Society after two years of nursing at the Veterans Administration hospitals in Albany and Togus, Maine. She was also a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve Corps.

In Saudi, her employer was building the King Khalid Military City under the U.S. Corps of Engineers. The "city" was similar to a military post, designed to house the Saudi Ministry of Defense and Aviation (MODA). Linda was assigned to the 60-bed hospital with its own emergency room and operating rooms, as a charge nurse supervising American, Filipino, English and French nurses.

"It was very modern, very beautiful, very futuristic, and even had solar installations," she said. "The patients were Bedouins from the desert, construction workers (Koreans, Filipinos, Africans, Pakistani, English), and it was very busy."

But what about life itself in that environment for a vibrant girl who graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1972 and went on to a BA in political science at Albany State and an associate degree in nursing at Hudson Valley Community College?

Let her tell it: "Life in King Khalid Military City is isolated, far out in the desert, 400 miles north of Dhahran, the major city which also is the seaport and has the international airport."

"It's really isolated — 10,000 men and only 300 women. The women have to live behind walls because of the strict Islamic law and tradition: Single women cannot ever be alone with a man unchaperoned. They must always wear long sleeves, never any shorts, no garments that reveal anything above-the-knee, and never bare arms.



Linda Taylor is enjoying a brief respite from nursing duties in Saudi Arabia and West Germany, visiting her parents in Delmar. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

"When we went into town (Hafa, one hour by bus), we had to wear long dresses, floor length with full sleeves, regardless of the temperature of the day. Saudi women wear black veils, and black, long traditional gowns. Foreign women wear looser trousers under long dresses called *gonduras*, and also wear *haiks* (long veils)."

But Linda enjoyed her Saudi friends and appreciated their culture. "The Saudi people are the nicest people," she said with genuine enthusiasm. "They are very warm to Americans, and they show much love to their families."

The living quarters for Linda and other foreigners more closely resemble barracks or trailers, she says, but they have all modern conveniences — swimming pool, tennis courts, indoor racquetball and squash courts, volleyball, a recreational center, outings and trips to nearby towns. The food, she added, was excellent, with dishes of many nationalities.

Every four months the Saudi Medical Service sponsors a three-week vacation trip with a travel allowance to wherever the personnel choose to go — India, China, Japan, Africa, Europe, the U.S.

Last Spring L.T. came to Delmar, USA.

Despite the strict traditions, where women are, according to Linda, "second class citizens," there are a lot of positive characteristics. "There is no drinking, evenings are spent with family and not in outside entertainment. They are very religious (Moslem). They have a sense of humor, they are a happy people, not as carefree as we are, but they enjoy life. They pick up English much more quickly than we do their language. Despite the trend toward modernization, they hold fast to their traditions."

When she completed her one-year contract in late October, Linda took her three-week R&R (rest and recreation) leave in West Germany, putting in the required two-week active duty with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Reserves. She arrived at the U.S. Army 97th General Hospital at Frankfurt in time to help the staff handle the influx of Marine casualties from the Oct. 23 suicide bombing in Beirut that cost 241 lives. Earlier, she had served a two-week stint with the 97th in August.

Back now with her parents, Colin and Betty Taylor at 45 Nathaniel Blvd., she is now pondering whether to rejoin the VA

with a wide choice of nursing assignments or accept an offer of another lucrative one-year contract back in Saudi Arabia. The pay is tempting, far above U.S. standards; all tax free with living and most travel expenses paid. The King Khalid Hospital is a private hospital, but the new offer comes from the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, a contract with the Hospital Corporation International.

Linda doesn't have to make her decision until mid-January or perhaps even later. "It's tempting," she says, with her disarming smile and a quick laugh. "I liked it over there, but it's good to be home, and I love the USA. Right now I don't know what I'll be doing in 1984."

Whatever it is, her friends know that L.T. will bring a refreshing ingredient of cheer, optimism and humor to anyone within her orbit. In Saudi she will provide a fresh breeze, if she goes back to frigid Maine she will bring warmth from the sun-baked desert.

Parenting techniques

Barbara Cullum of Schenectady will conduct an eight-part workshop on parenting techniques for Mothers' Time Out beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. The Christian support group for pre-schoolers' mothers meets every Tuesday. Free child care is provided, and new members are welcome.

For information, call the church at 439-9929.

Readers wanted!

Students in grade one to nine can read and at the same time raise money to fight birth defects in the March of Dimes Reading Champions Program. The fundraiser calls for sponsors to pledge a donation for each book read. The program will be explained at an information program at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call the library at 439-9314 or the March of Dimes, 783-9363.


Installation set

The Onesquethaw chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star plans to install new officers at a meeting at 8 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Masonic Temple in Delmar. Velma Fuller is matron, with William Fuller patron. Other officers for 1984 are Genevieve Blood as associate matron; James Herbst, associate patron; Shirley Lewis, secretary; Vivian Bennett, treasurer; Myrtle Kirkland, conductress; Marcia Pardoe, associate conductress; and Helen Reynolds, chairman of trustees.

BC reunion Friday

The fourth annual Bethlehem Central High School reunion is this Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the ballroom at the Albany Hilton Hotel. Music is by the Sharks and admission is \$3 at the door. All graduates 19 years of age or older are invited.

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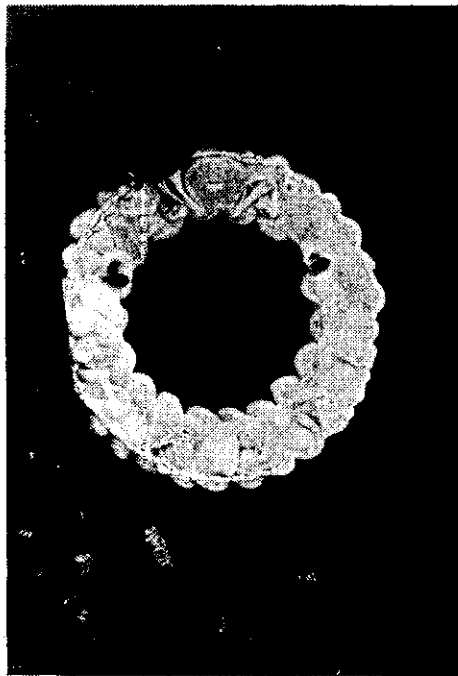
Winners in the annual holiday decorating contest sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Bethlehem Garden Club are as follows:

In the residential-holiday category first place went to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Warrell of Oldox Rd. in Delmar; second place, Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Dorsey, Peel St., Elm Estates, and third place, Mrs. William Smith of Selkirk.

In the residential-natural category, Mrs. Kenneth Ford of E. Bayberry Rd. in Glenmont took first place, with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ortali of Furman Pl., Delmar, second and Mrs. Edward Howell of Devon Rd., Delmar, third.

Among businesses, winner in the overall appearance category was Somewhere In Time, on Rt. 9W, Glenmont, with second place going to Verstandig's Florist, Delaware Ave., Delmar, and third place to Town & Tweed at Delaware Plaza.

Awards for decorating according to a theme went to the Tri-Village Clergy for the nativity scene at Delaware Ave. and Adams St. in Delmar, first place; to LeShoppe at the Four Corners, second, and to General Electric Co. in Selkirk, third.



The shell wreath at the Ford residence on East Bayberry. Photos by Tom Howes

Heads business center

Stanley F. Blount of Delmar, former marketing manager at Chrysler Corp. and a faculty member at State University at Albany, has been named to head the university's newly established Development Center for Business.

One of 26 such units established by SUNY Central Administration to provide resources to help stimulate private industry in New York, the office is responsible for promoting regional economic development in partnership with business, industry and government.

"Among other things," Blount said, "we'll exercise a leadership role in conferences and programs which support the development goals of the region and the state."

Asked to critique

Stephen L. Deitcher, interior designer with Deitcher's Wallpaper Outlet in Cohoes, was invited to join a panel of professionals to critique a new wall-covering collection at the General Tire Wallcovering Design Center in Salem, N.H. Deitcher is representing a number of designers in the Northeast on the panel.

Takes ARC post

Karen J. Meyers of Troy has been named assistant executive director for quality assurance of the New York State Association for Retarded Children. She was previously director of residential services for the Rensselaer County chapter of the association. Myers has a bachelor's degree from the State University College at Geneseo and a master's degree in human services administration from Antioch College. The association is a private, nonprofit organization with 64 affiliated chapters throughout the state.

Volunteerism boosted

The Volunteer Center of Albany has been awarded \$1,000 from the State Bank of Albany as trustee of the Frederick McDonald Trust to update and expand its Volunteer Skillsbank program. The center recruits volunteers for more than 200 local non-profit agencies. Its Volunteer Skillsbank lists volunteers by skills and interests who are "on call" for short-term projects. The Skillsbank is for volunteers who must limit their involvement.

Persons interested in volunteering can contact the center at 196 Morton Ave., telephone 434-2061.



Thomas P. Redding

Promoted by bank

Thomas P. Redding, a Delmar resident, has been named assistant vice president in the consumer loan division of Key Bank, N.A.

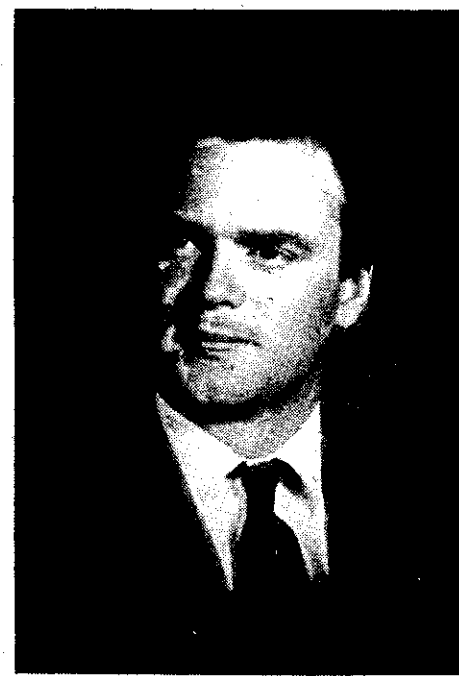
Redding served as area assistant manager for consumer loans at Toronto Dominion Bank in Vancouver, B.C., prior to his new appointment. He attended the University of Windsor in Ontario, and belongs to the American Legion. He has relocated to Delmar with his wife and their son.

Two join Appeal

Two Bethlehem residents have been named to the board of directors of the Combined Health Appeal of the Capital District, Inc. They are Jordan Vail of Delmar, who is a director of State Bank of Albany and Norstar Bank Corp., and Harold D. Mandel of Slingerlands, vice president of Urbach, Kahn & Werlin. The Combined Health Appeal was organized this fall by local chapters of national not-for-profit health agencies to undertake a unified annual fund-raising campaign among corporations.

Vail, retired as an Albany businessman, is a trustee and former president of the Albany YMCA and former vice president and director of the Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundations. He is vice president of the Fort Orange Club and a former chairman of the Albany Medical Center annual campaign.

Mandel is chairman of the governmental accounting committee of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is on the board of directors of Capital Repertory Company and the Albany Patrons.



Gary P. Hickey

Named manager

Gary P. Hickey has joined Jardine Ter Bush & Powell Inc. as operations manager in the employee benefits services division. Hickey previously was a supervisor for group health claims for The Travelers Insurance Co. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the State University College at Plattsburgh, where he graduated with honors. Hickey and his family reside in Slingerlands.

VA leads in drive

Al Washko of Glenmont, director of the Albany Veterans Administration Medical Center, is to be honored by the United Way for leading the federal division of the campaign in raising the most money over its goal. The 1,400 employees of the medical center raised nearly \$32,000 in the combined federal campaign.

Update on volunteers

The Volunteer Center of Albany is currently updating its information on volunteer needs in the Albany area.

Any non-profit or public agency that uses volunteers to provide services can be listed in the center's file of volunteer jobs. These are then offered to the over 300 people who come to the center each year to look for places to volunteer.

The services of the center are free to agencies and to the public. Any agency that has not been contacted and which plans to use volunteers this year can call the center at 434-2061 to arrange to be listed. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the center or drop in at its offices at 196 Morton Ave., Albany.

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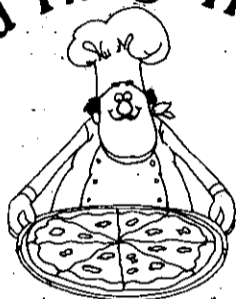
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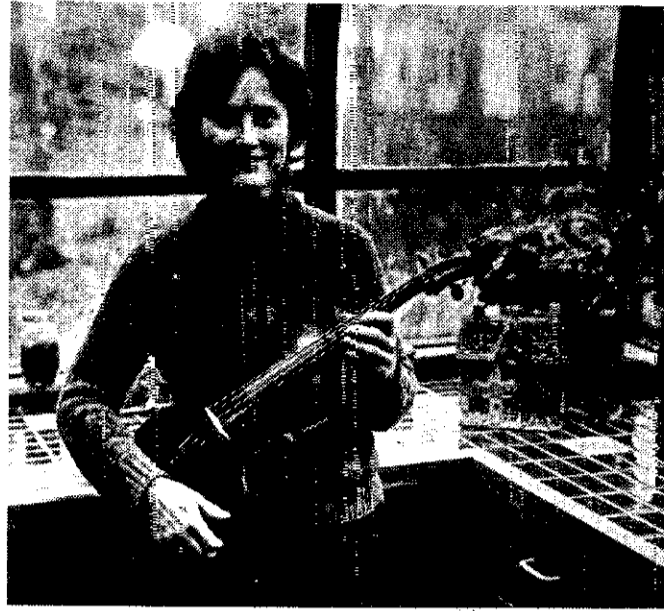
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Violist in the middle of things

"Playing in an orchestra can be very exciting," says Deborah McNeally of Delmar, violist with the Albany Symphony. "It is a special feeling to be sitting in the middle of that." Mrs. McNeally also plays in a quartet "just for fun. We play for each other." And she is helping young performers to share this musical experience through her work with the Empire State Youth Orchestra for which she helps with the auditioning and sectional rehearsals. "I like to do what I can to help get it going."

Mrs. McNeally has been with the Albany Symphony Orchestra since 1979. She began her formal music study with the violin in the fourth grade, switching to the viola while in high school. She obtained a bachelor's degree in music history from Carleton College, Minn., and did graduate work in musicology at the University of Minnesota. She also played with the Minneapolis Civic Orchestra and in pit orchestras for touring Broadway shows. She still remembers when performer Mary Martin came to Minneapolis and delighted audiences on stage while Mrs. McNeally did her part in the pit.

Her four sons have musical interests, too, with the two oldest, now away at college, playing guitar and her 12-year-old, the trumpet; the youngest, at 7, has yet to choose. Along with volunteer activities at the Albany Medical Center College and Hospital, where her husband is a thoracic



Deborah McNeally

surgeon, Mrs. McNeally also serves as the symphony's liaison with Vanguard, the ASO support organization.

Symphony recorded

The Albany Symphony has recorded an album of American music for New World Records, a firm based in New York City. The recording was made at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, one of the halls in which the Albany Symphony regularly performs. The hall was selected by New World and the Symphony because of its superior acoustics.

The recording, which took place on a Sunday, also required the cooperation of Troy's downtown churches, all of which silenced their bells for the duration of the four-hour recording session. The compositions were: *Sea Drift — A Symphonic Poem* by John Alden Carpenter, *Scherzo Diabolique* by Henry Mason, and *Dance in Three-Time* by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Quincy Porter. The digital recording will be released either in late spring or fall, according to Elizabeth Ostrow of New World Records, the recording's producer.

Programs at Sage

The Evening Division of Russell Sage College will offer programs for displaced homemakers on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Jan. 23 and running through Feb. 29. This is a re-entry training program for homemakers who need to seek paid employment because they are recently widowed, separated or divorced or because they are seeking to re-enter the job market after a number of years. The program will include skill assessment, resume writing, interviewing practice, practical finance tips and confidence building exercises.

Classes will meet in the Learning Center, Rathbone Hall, on the Albany Campus of Russell Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, and they will run from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be no cost for this program. For information, call 455-1717.

Tribute for women

The Albany YMCA is sponsoring its fifth "Tribute to Women" awards presentation to recognize outstanding women in business and community organizations. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 3. Last year eight women were honored and more than 50 organizations and individuals made nominations. Women of all ages are eligible for the awards. The women selected will be honored at a reception May 11. For information, contact the Albany YMCA, 28 Colvin Ave., telephone 438-6608.

Auditions for Pro Musica

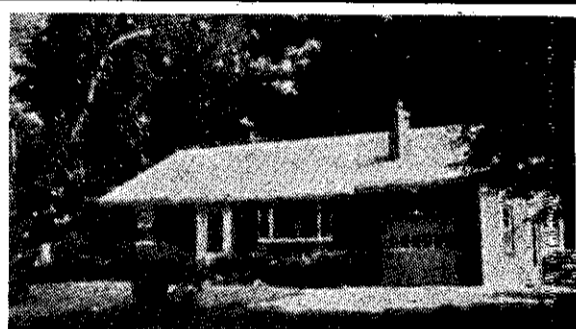
On January 9 and 16, area singers may audition for Albany Pro Musica, the Capitol District's distinguished chamber choir under the direction of David Janower. The chorus will be preparing music for two spring concerts. On March 17 and 29, music of William Byrd, Johannes Brahms, Claude Debussy, Olivier Messiaen, Francis Poulenc and Benjamin Britten will be presented in an a capella performance. On May 19, the choir will be joined by a professional orchestra for J.S. Bach's powerful "B Minor Mass."

Singers may audition for all parts. Sight reading and good vocal skills are required. On January 9 and 16, auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. in room B78 in SUNY at Albany's Performing Arts Center. Weekly rehearsals for Albany Pro Musica are on Monday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15.

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A change of seasons

In 1961 I was on an ocean liner returning from Europe to New York City. It was at this time of year, around New Year's Eve. I remember being too sick to attend the party that evening. Three days later I emerged reluctantly, but resolutely, to appear on the deck of that rolling and pitching vessel. The sea was violent and as I clung to the rail of the stern, I was certain that I was rising and falling at least five stories high and low. I was informed by one of the stewards that during my own sea of nausea an ocean wave had broken through a wall of the ship's library. It made my temporary illness justifiable, at least to me.

The trip had many memorable moments in the 10 days it took to cross the Atlantic, but the most memorable moment occurred near the end as we approached America. I was eating the noonday meal in the dining room when the waiter announced that it was snowing outside.

A young man I had befriended at my table suddenly looked awed as the waiter made his weather report, which was rather common to my ears. My friend, you see, was from Southern California. He excused himself from the table, and left the dining room.

But there's something else about winter than snow and wind and cold. It is change.

Twenty or so minutes later my friend returned and sat down with his mouth open. It wasn't because he was hungry. He explained, "I've never seen snow fall before this. It's my first time. I looked up and let it fall into my mouth, on my arms, on my face. It was so strange. It was great." He had seen snow on the mountains of his locale, but never falling from the sky. He was mesmerized by it.

I, who had grown up in the Northeast, was unimpressed by snowfall. I had learned to love it as a child, because it meant school cancellations and snowball fights. I hated it as a teenager because it meant I had to shovel the driveway and then wasn't allowed to drive for lack of experience. I learned to once again love it as a newlywed, as it meant romantic, snowbound days in a country cottage in Indiana. The hate of it returned when I

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began working long distance jobs that didn't believe in snowdays, and when my third son was born in wintertime and I had to worry about slip-sliding to a faraway hospital. Now I have a truly ambivalent relationship with snow. I love-hate it.

But there's something else about winter than snow and wind and cold. It is change. Winter represents change, change from easy to hard, from light to dark, from outer to inner. The tropics and the tundras are unchanging. The environment remains consistent and constant. There is little need to learn seasonal adjustments.

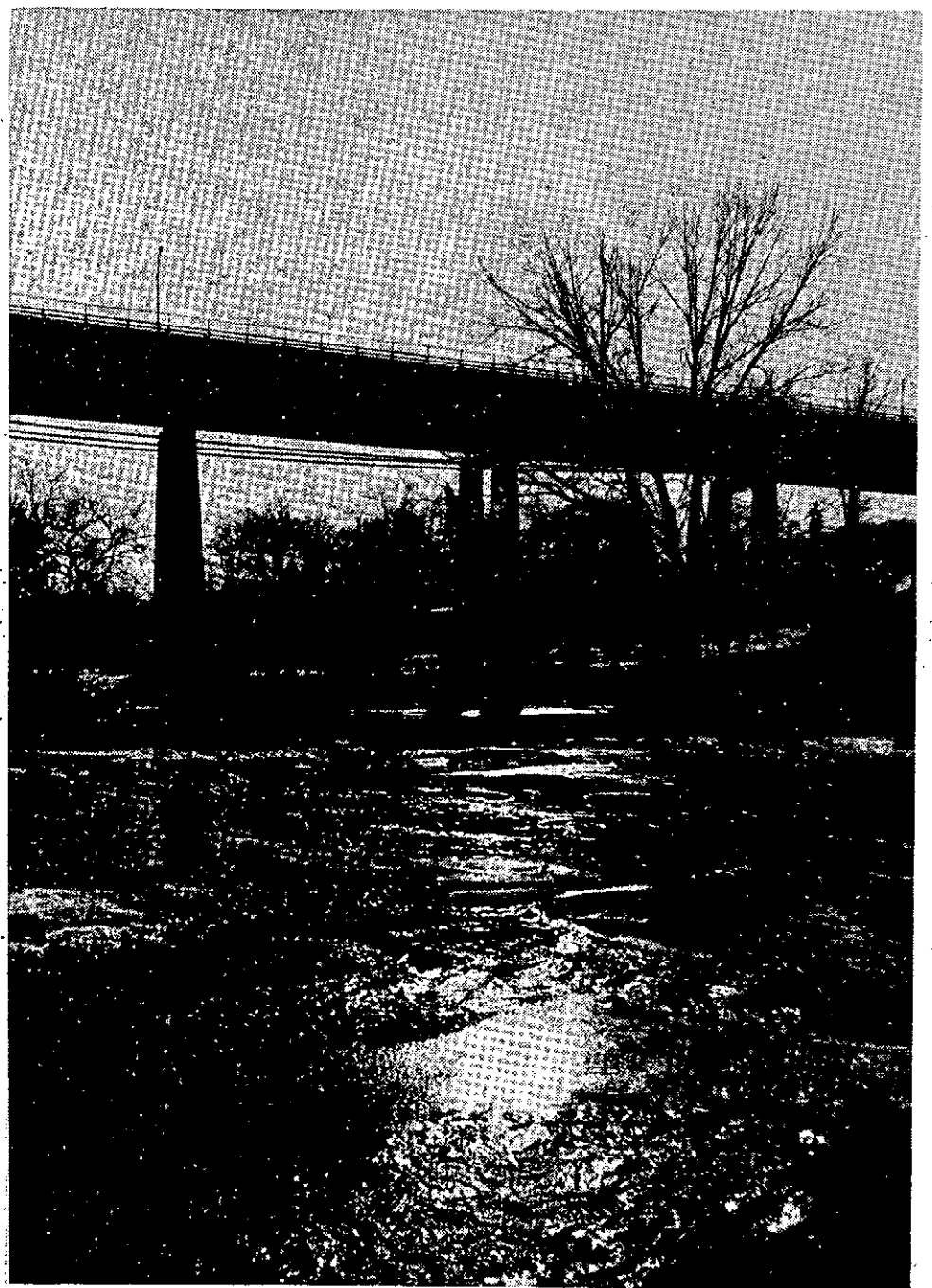
But in climates of winters followed by springs and summers, and then autumns, one must anticipate and plan and adjust to the demands and the joys of each season.

I am not much of a winter sportsman, but I look forward to winter. It seems to be a creative time for me. As the days grow shorter and colder, I naturally retreat to the warmth and security of my home. My thoughts turn inward more than in summer days that beckon me out to play. I find myself dreaming dreams, making plans and writing more often in the cold season than in the warm one.

You have probably heard about regional differences in people from the Northeast and those from the West Coast. The former are more aggressive, on-the-go types and the latter are relaxed, laid-back types. Although I know some placid New Yorkers as well as some hard-hitting Californians, I think there is some truth in the idea of climates influencing personality development.

There is something about fighting your way to the garage with a shovel, wrestling with a frozen garage door, spending long moments getting the car engine to turn over and driving miles before heat begins thawing frozen feet, something that puts the aggressive drive in you, even if it wasn't there in the first place.

Our seasons also provide us with a



The winter sun glances off the roiling, frigid waters of the Normanskill. Tom Howes

special view of the life-death-rebirth cycle of the universe. Each spring was bear witness to the revitalization of living things that yielded to the dark, cold endings of the autumn before. Our spirits get mingled in with the new crocuses and returning birds of the spring rebirth. We celebrate its arrival with new wardrobes and topdown convertibles, and we take down the storm windows and bring the garden hoses up from the basement.

The ancient Chinese held the quality of stability in high regard. To their enemies they would proclaim, "May you be cursed with a life full of change." I, too,

regard stability as important, but as a vessel on the sea must pitch and roll to maintain stability and to stay afloat, so must we humans adapt to our world as it presents us with its changes if we are to stay upright and balanced.

Happy Winter and Happy New Year.

Jewelry taken

An elderly Elsmere woman told Bethlehem police that jewelry of an undetermined value and \$140 in cash were taken from her home last Wednesday or Thursday. Police are investigating.

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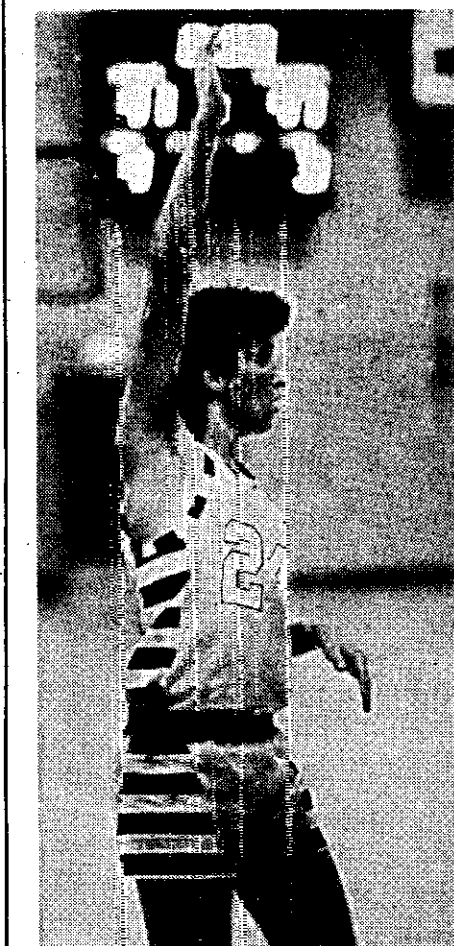
They had all kinds of trouble from Albany Academy's Dmitri Yavis in a close, well-played league game last week, and they drew an even bigger Eric Fleury of Guilderland in the tournament opener last night (Tuesday). After that, whatever Bethlehem or Catskill presents tonight could be a relief, but only by comparison.

The Blackbirds were notified last Wednesday of a last-minute switch in venue for the Helderberg tourney, moved to Albany State too late to be publicized in the local weeklies.

In last Tuesday's 67-65 Colonial setback by the Cadets at home, Yavis and a couple of other tall trees clogged the inside so effectively that the Blackbirds couldn't — or wouldn't drive for the hoop. When the Cadets had the ball, Yavis, a junior who goes a mere 6-6 to Fleury's 6-11, did sentry duty under the board and was too big for one man to cover.

While the Blackbirds were hovering around Yavis, two Academy speedsters, Earl Owens and Tony Gaddy, were causing a lot of damage. Voorheesville forged a one-point lead at the quarter, but the Cadets built a 30-23 bulge at halftime and led by 36-27 four minutes into the third period. The Blackbirds closed to four points at the quarter break, and Brett Hotaling's fast-break narrowed it to 43-41.

The Cadets, owning both boards, pulled ahead by 7 twice in the fourth, but with 5:20 left and the score 51-44 Academy, John Zongrone hit a set, and three seconds later a 3-point play for 51-50. Brian Rubin's jumper put the Blackbirds ahead. The lead changed hands five times in the next two minutes



The Zongrone Show

John Zongrone, one of the area's premier basketball players, was all over the court in last week's game with Albany Academy. Rarely open (left), more often double-teamed (above) and always driving for the hoop (right), he scored 34 points in a losing cause.

Photos by Tom Howes

and there was only a point difference until Owens hit two quick baskets for 66-61 Academy with 14 seconds left.

Zongrone meshed one of his patented jumpers at 0:07. The Blackbirds pressed and Academy's inbounds pass went to 6-3 Neil MacMurray. MacMurray, confused by the press, lost his bearings and quickly

laid it into the netting only a few inches above his head, donating the basket to his hosts and closing the gap to 66-65. The clock expired before another shot, and Yavis added the frosting with a free throw after the buzzer.

"We had a bad second quarter and came out flat in the third," summarized Coach Chuck Abba in his post-mortem. "The fourth period was like the Waterford game, where we came from far behind, but this time we couldn't stay ahead. When we scouted Academy, Owens wasn't a factor, but in this game he found himself and really hurt us."

Owens had 22 points, as did Yavis, but the scoring star was Zongrone, who established himself as one of the most deadly shooters in the whole of Section 2. The Cadets assigned one defender to shadow him, deploying the other four in a diamond zone, but Zongrone paid no attention. He had 18 points in the first

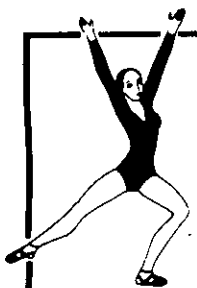
three quarters, and sparked the rally in the fourth with 16 more in the period, including six straight from the line. Observed Abba: "His shooting was nothing short of spectacular. That second half was as good a half as he's ever had."

The loss left the Blackbirds at 3-2 in the league, 4-2 overall. The two defeats were by two points and four points, and one of the wins by two points. Such is the Colonial Council this year.

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Locals underdogs in holiday tourney

Nice for the players, but a low blow for the fans, switching the locale of the third annual Helderberg Holiday basketball tournament to Albany State too late for printed publicity.

SUNYA athletic director Dick (Doc) Sauers of Westmere reportedly perpetrated that perfidy. Coaches and teams from the four school were notified in late afternoon last Wednesday after the community newspapers — the weeklies covering Guilderland, Voorheesville and Bethlehem — had gone to press. At this writing the shift had not been publicized in the Albany dailies, presumably leaving hundreds of fans who might not have heard by word of mouth, to go to the darkened gym in Guilderland Center six miles or better from the scene of the action.

But never mind all that, let's get to the basketball. Bethlehem Central, paired with Catskill in last night's opener, meets either Guilderland or Voorheesville tonight (Wednesday) for either the championship or the consolation either at 7 or 9 p.m., depending on how things went the first night.

The Eagles lost a see-saw battle at Scotia last Tuesday, 64-61, their first Suburban Council loss after three straight wins. It might have been four straight if a 4-footer that Mark Gibbons put up with five seconds left hadn't rolled

around the rim and fallen off instead of through.

It was a heartbreaker for the hard-working center, who had 17 rebounds and 14 points. Jim Dering and Jim Lockman had 13 and 11 rebounds respectively as Bethlehem controlled the boards, but erratic shooting and too many steals and fouls did them in.

BC was cold at the start, fell behind by 20-8 after eight minutes, narrowed the gap to 33-29 at intermission and went ahead by 46-44 at three quarters. The Eagles were up by 4 with 3½ remaining, and then the lead changed hands eight times. With 1:05 on the clock and Scotia in front by 60-57, Lockman got a hoop and drew a foul. He missed the free throw, Gibbons got the rebound and missed, but Lockman tapped the ball in and BC led, 61-60. Scotia converted two freebies for 62-61 and BC missed a jumper but got an in-bounds call. Coach Gary Przybylo called time to set up a play with nine seconds left. That's when the final Bethlehem shot rolled away. Scotia grabbed the rebound and BC's intentional foul put the game out of reach.

The Eagles had 24 field goals to 19 for the hosts, but were only 13 of 18 from the line while Scotia went 26 for 33. The Eagles sorely missed Mike Mooney, sidelined by a flu bug that also dimmed the effectiveness of Gibbons, the Eagles leading pointmaker, and Dering.

Indians lose by attrition

Alleged experts priding themselves on pre-season selections in area scholastic basketball favored Cohoes and Albany Academy in the Colonial Council without much of a look at Ravena.

It now is becoming clear that at RCS young Tim Tucker has the best basketball players in the league in terms of raw talent. It also has become painfully clear that talent alone doesn't win basketball games.

From the start of the season, Tucker has been striving for ball control, especially in critical fourth-period situations in close games. For the first few games he had Mike Kerrigan, at 5-foot-10 one of the shortest of the Indians, operating as point guard and coordinator of the offense.

Two weeks ago Kerrigan came up with a case of shingles, and was out of action. With his traffic cop on the sidelines, Tucker had no one to slow the attack down, and last week the Indians lost at Cohoes, 64-60 in triple overtime.

That in itself is an achievement, but hear this: depleted by injuries and sickness, Tucker took only seven varsity players to Cohoes, and when three of them fouled out, the Indians had to play the last eight minutes, including the last two 3-minute overtime periods, with four

players on the floor, one starter and three reserves.

Even with that disadvantage, Ravena had several golden chances to win. The Indians had the last shot in both the first and second overtimes, but missed both. On both occasions the Ravena shooter was not only fouled, but creamed as if the sport were football or hockey, but, as is the case so often, officials are reluctant to blow whistles when they are fearful of being accused of a call that decides the outcome. In these incidents they decided the outcome by swallowing the whistle.

Ravena had a 46-41 lead going into the fourth period. Despite acute fatigue, they had held Cohoes scoreless for 7 minutes. Cohoes caught up, and when Donny Baker, Ravena's team leader, and Dee Bowie fouled out, they were down to five players and down four points at 52-48. The Indians, however, tied it, Cohoes held the ball for nearly two minutes to get the last shot, and then missed it.

That sent the game into extra innings, and one minute later Mike Constantine, the Indians dominant backboard sweeper fouled out. The weary tribe held on for another six minutes, but lost to exhaustion in the third overtime.

Tucker was proud of that performance, despite his awareness that the team's eagerness to attack instead of being cautious cost them too many turnovers. That may change next week when they return to action at Voorheesville. Kerrigan should be back in uniform by then, along with Chip Chapman, but Doug Keyer is listed as doubtful. All three missed the trip to Cohoes, Chapman because of dental surgery, Keyer with a knee problem.

To study in London

Barbara Rizzuto, a junior at Colgate University, was selected as one of its top 15 economics majors to participate in the London Economics Study Program during the fall semester. As an intern at the London branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank, she will apply her knowledge of international banking during the month of January.

Barbara, a graduate of Bethlehem Central, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto of Delmar.

Whipple

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is due to his own talent as a coach. His freshman soccer teams won seven Suburban Council titles, including one string of 78 consecutive wins (no ties, no defeats) over a 7-year period, and he also coached a championship freshman track team. Overall his teams in three sports have won 442, lost 34 and tied 7.

Swimmers put in long, gruelling hours of practice and conditioning, and Whipple is their taskmaster and overseer. His 12 varsity team members won't be able to let up, however, if Whip is late. He has two deputies, Bob Keens and Buzz Jones, chaperoning while the swimmers do their laps.

Anyway, the principal's office is only 20 steps down the hall from the pool.

Whipple, now 38, has been on sabbatical himself this semester, on leave from his job on Bethlehem's physical education staff. He has spent the sabbatical working as an intern in Gunner's office, serving as assistant principal, thus fulfilling one of the requirements for certification as a school administrator in New York State.

That's a career switch of sorts for Whipple, who joined the Bethlehem district straight out of college 15 years ago. He enrolled in Albany State's MBA program in January, 1981, and after two years transferred into a doctoral program in educational administration.

That pursuit follows Whipple's own success formula. It starts, he says, with the realization of where you come from, where you are and where you are headed, that is, what your goals are. He has applied this theorem to his swimmers, which accounts to a large degree for their tremendous success — 11 consecutive Sectional championships, a record of never having lost a dual meet to a Section 2 team, and other honors. His current addition is working on the preservation and encouragement of the longest dual meet winning streak in New York State history — 101 straight and still growing.

"I believe people know how to choose alternatives, to decide how successful they want to be," he said. "These swimmers aren't doing this for me, they're doing it for themselves. That philosophy carries over to the direction I'm taking today. You have to go by the rules and make personal sacrifices. The school will guide you in a course and in a direction, but when you choose to follow another direction you must accept the consequences."

Bethlehem's varsity swimmers reflect philosophy in a sport that demands perhaps more physical training than most others on the scholastic program. There are 6 a.m. practices as well as afternoon drills, and there are many hours in the Delmar Nautilus program in the off-season.

"The Nautilus program is an important factor in our success," Whipple insists. "I use it, one, as a physical conditioner, which is essential, and, two, as a social experience. I work out with the kids, and they see me in a little different frame of acceptance."

After Feb. 1 Whipple may not be able to get to the Nautilus machines as often, and observers have noticed his boys tend to dog it a bit when the coach isn't around. Whipple's comment: "When I can't get down there, the kids tend not to go either. I get busy and they slack off, but on the whole, socialization plays an important role. We learn about each other, and it gives us good community PR. The people who come to Nautilus and see the discipline get to know the kids and our team picks up a following. But the involvement has to be year-round. We only have two swimmers who are not Nautilus members, and they do weights at the high school."

Whipple grew up in Danvers, Mass. and graduated from Springfield College in 1967. He took a year of graduate study at Penn State and earned a master's degree in exercise physiology. Bethlehem gave him his first job the following



Jack Whipple holds a stopwatch on his swimmers during a practice at BCHS.

September, hiring him to teach junior high school (grades 7-9) physical education and to coach freshman soccer, swimming and track.

Three years later Joe Guerrero retired as BC's director of athletics and Ray Sliter moved up from PE teacher to AD. That's when Whipple moved to coaching on the varsity level, taking over swimming and track. He later gave up track, but retained freshman soccer and varsity swimming. When he enrolled in the MBA program at SUNYA three years ago, he relinquished soccer in favor of his studies, and confined his coaching to swimming and intramurals.

During all his years in Delmar, Whipple has been active in Bethlehem's town recreation programs. He has served 15 years as supervisor of aquatic recreation and for the past 11 years as pool manager at the town park. He sings in the choir at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, bowls with the church team and plays shortstop on the Presbyterian team in the Church Softball League. The latter, he says, is his favorite recreation, and he has only missed one game in five seasons. He also enjoys cross country skiing.

He does some gardening, fishing, and golf, but not as much as he would like. His major interest is working with youth and their parents. In that context, at least until Charlie Gunner comes back to Delaware Ave. in August, Jack Whipple couldn't have a more appropriate job.

Delmar runners cited

The Big Ten Athletic Council has named Dennis McKenna of Delmar to its 1983 All-League cross country team. McKenna is a senior co-captain of the CBA team that captured the Big Ten and Albany County titles. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McKenna of Dumbarton Dr.

Jamie Thorp of Glenmont was named honorable mention on the same team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thorp of Oide Coach Rd., and is a sophomore at CBA.

Dinner theater at BC

The Act I drama club at Bethlehem Central High School will perform an evening of one-act plays dinner-theater style in the school cafeteria on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13 and 14. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the high school box office after school as well as at the door.

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Dan Formica, manager of the Delmar McDonald's, left, was presented with a community service plaque by Elsmere firemen at last week's Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Making the presentation were Elsmere Chief Anthony J. Morrell, center, and Kevin Shea, president of the fire company. McDonald's furnishes coffee and food to firemen when they remain at a fire scene for long hours or late at night. *Spotlight*

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 The College of Saint Rose, in Albany, has published its spring schedule of graduate and continuing studies. The eight-page brochure lists more than 250 credit and non-credit classes in 14 graduate level majors, plus a variety of special interest courses. Of special interest to employed adults is the college's Experienced Adult Program, which offers credit for certain work and experiential learning experiences. The brochure includes registration and financial aid information and can be obtained by contacting the college at 454-5144.

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Fitness class starting
 The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a "Stretch, Smooth and Swing" after-work physical fitness class for adults. Classes will meet on Mondays from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. beginning Jan. 9 at the Bethlehem Town Hall. There is an \$11 fee for eight classes. Registration can be made by calling the park office, 439-4131.

2 stopped for DWI
 A Coxsackie man was stopped on Corning Hill Rd. at Rt. 144 at midnight Christmas Eve and charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor, according to Bethlehem police reports. A Slingerlands man also faces DWI charges as a result of police patrols this week.

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Concert apology

Editor, The Spotlight

To the people who attended the Winter Concert at Bethlehem Central Senior High School on Monday, Dec. 19, I apologize:

- For the fact no one welcomed them for coming to hear the music.
- For the lack of introduction of the group who played at the beginning of the concert.
- For the loss of time between each group's performance without explanation.
- To the musicians participating for the lack of interest on the part of the community.

I do appreciate the effort of Mr. Farrell and his vocal groups for trying to entertain in a joyful way for the Christmas season.

I do praise the young musicians who played so well!

As I looked around at the half-empty auditorium I could not help but recall the previous week's concert at Voorheesville High School with its full house, its welcome by the school principal, the explanation and remarks by the conductors delighted the audience and made the evening special for all!

Robert J. Fitzmaurice

Delmar

Hurry up and wait

Editor, The Spotlight:

A short note to N.Y. 67CJD, the white Chevy Chevette in such a hurry on Rt. 85 the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 12, at approximately 4:45 p.m.:

The day had begun with a sleet storm which caught us all off guard and already on our way to work. Having survived this, it was with some relief that we later headed home on merely rain-soaked roadways, albeit the fog and seasonal early darkness did not make it any pleasanter.

About halfway from the Thruway

bridge overpass (how can one forget those marvelous traffic lights and the hitherto unseen forms of human behavior they brought out) to the Blue Cross building, said white Chevette decided to pass us, either oblivious to or choosing to ignore the rapidly approaching stream of oncoming cars. He or she made it — barely.

I wonder, did they ever consider the effects of their actions on the traffic in back of them when oncoming traffic must swerve or brake suddenly to avoid them?

We all do bonehead things in our automobiles once in a while. It's when other lives are put in danger that perhaps its time to reflect on our actions as well as those of others. We did, as we took a right-hand turn onto New Scotland Rd. — passing our white Chevette, which was waiting to make a left hand turn...

Name Submitted

Slingerlands

William Fenton honored

William N. Fenton of Slingerlands, who gained international recognition for his extensive research into the Iroquois Indians in New York State, has been named a recipient of the 1983 Distinguished Service Award by the American Anthropological Association.

Fenton, distinguished professor of anthropology emeritus at the state University at Albany, won the award for his "contribution to ethnology, ethno-history, museum work and anthropology generally," said the American Anthropological Association. The award will be presented at the Association's annual meeting in Chicago Nov. 19.

A specialist in ethnology and ethno-history, Fenton founded the Conference on Iroquois Research and studied other American Indian tribes. He was one of the first anthropologists to apply anthropological knowledge to solving practical problems in Indian affairs. In 1975, he also went to New Zealand to research the Maori culture there.

Earns honor

Andrew B. Sherman of Glenmont was recently inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, at the State University College at Plattsburgh. He is a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a senior at Plattsburgh majoring in geography. He is the son of Mrs. Nancy Sherman and Jerry B. Sherman.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Dec. 24, 1958

Tom Willard had 26 points as Bethlehem Central won its third straight game 66-40 over Mohonasen, to remain tied for the Suburban Council lead with Columbia at 3-0. Behind the leaders are Niskayuna (2-1), Colonie, Schalmont, Guilderland and Shaker (all 1-2), and Mohonasen (0-3).

Dec. 26, 1968

Seventy Bethlehem Central High School juniors and seniors acquired a first-hand look at industrial manufacturing and production processes during a visit to the Watervliet Arsenal recently in connection with their courses in distributive education. They were accompanied by their teacher, Robert Pierson.

John Thorstensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thorstensen, 606 Kenwood Ave., Slingerlands, had the highest score of 316 Regents scholarship winners in Albany County. Bethlehem had 53 scholarship winners.

Dec. 27, 1973

A new *Spotlight* social column entitled "Jottings By Joni" reports that Frank Messer, announcer for the New York Yankees and New York Knickerbockers, visited his mother, Dorothy Messer, at her home in Selkirk over the Christmas weekend.

Seven hardy souls braved an all-day rain last week to complete the construction of the new hockey rink at Elm Ave. Park in time for the youngsters to use by Christmas — if the temperatures drop. Despite the soggy conditions, those on hand were Bob and John Pike, Joel Langlois, Frank and Lee Shipp, Parks and Recreation Director J.D. Hills and Bub Wilson, assistant director.

Dec. 28, 1978

Bethlehem Lions, Legionnaires and Elsmere firemen have set up a special bank account as part of a community drive to aid Anna Mae White, whose bungalow at 104 Elsmere Ave. was destroyed by fire last week. Anna Mae, a 58-year-old widow and private caterer, was well known for putting on many dinners and suppers for the firemen, Legion and Lions, often times refusing payment for her expertise. She was bowling in her heague when flames swept the bungalow. She lost all her possessions.

Good Reading

Some interesting or unusual books you may have missed.
By Vincent Potenza

My life has been long, as ours is measured. I did not die in infancy, as so many of our children do. I did not die in battle or in holy sacrifice, as so many have willingly done. I did not succumb to an excess of drinking, or the attack of a wild beast, or to the creeping decay of The Being Eaten by the Gods. I did not die by contracting one of the dread diseases that came with your ships, and of which so many thousands upon thousands have perished . . . But no man can know everything of even his own time, and this long life began immeasurably long ages before my own. It is only of my own that I can speak, only my own that I can bring back to shadow life in your rusty black ink . . .

Aztec, by Garry Jennings, 1038 pp., 1980, Avon Books, \$3.95.

This is, so far, the ultimate historical novel of my reading experience. It often kept me up 'way past my bedtime two summers back and I still have an occasional dream about it.

The tone is mesmerizing, the weight of an entire civilization is made to fall on you like a pyramid. The narrator, whose autobiography this supposedly is (through the device of an explanation to his Spanish conquerors), is one of the most interesting people I've never met. His intelligence and honesty are as ferocious and refreshing as the world he inhabits. Also a little unsettling at times.

If you're dreaming of the Bahamas this winter and it looks like it's going to stay a dream, grab a copy of this book and spend a couple of weeks in Mexico a few hundred years ago. I guarantee you'll come away with vivid memories of things you never experienced.

Two abroad

Two Delmar residents spent 10 weeks of the fall term studying in London, England, under a program sponsored by Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva. David L. Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cochran, and Timothy T. Ellis, son of Patricia W. Ellis, were among more than 35 students and faculty from the colleges who went to London.



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Helen Tompkins

Tompkins-Haslam

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tompkins of Feura Bush have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Mae, to Charles James Haslam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haslam of Slingerlands. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is a student at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University.

An August wedding is planned.

For young performers

Openings are still available for students for the Theatre Arts School for Adults at the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts in Albany, for the 12-week session beginning the week of Jan. 24.

ESIPA's Theatre Arts School for Adults provides opportunities for those eighteen years of age and older to study acting, voice and movement with theatre professional at the Egg. The 3½-hour classes are divided to accommodate both new and advanced students, and each class is limited to 12 students. Classes are held once a week, on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. No audition is necessary; however an interview with the Theatre Arts School director is required.

Student honored

Joan Mary Hartigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hartigan of Delmar, has been awarded the Monsignor Charles F. McEvoy Medal in sophomore liberal arts, presented annually at Le Moyne College in Syracuse. She is a junior majoring in English history.



Nancy M. Savoca

Savoca - Young

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Savoca of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Marie, to E. Russell Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ralph Young of Worcester, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a 1978 graduate of Lock Haven High School in Lock Haven, Pa., and is a 1982 graduate of Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania. She is an auditor with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Hartford, Conn. Young is a 1977 graduate of Worcester Academy and a 1981 graduate of Gettysburg College. He is a third-year medical student at the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine.

A Sept. 8 wedding is planned.

Post with schools

Rosemary C. Dillon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Catalano of Delmar, has been named director of school-community relations for the Upper Merion Area School District in King of Prussia, Pa. Mrs. Dillon previously was a reporter for the *King of Prussia Courier* for five years. A 1972 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she holds a bachelor of arts degree from Syracuse University and a master of arts degree from Villanova University.

In 'Who's Who'

Deborah A. Jeram of Delmar has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is a senior at Siena College in Loudonville and is majoring in political science.

Recipe book is published

The gourmets and just plain cooks of the Delmar Presbyterian Church have produced a cookbook with recipes for special favorites. The books went on sale at the annual tea given by the Women's Association, and copies can be obtained through the church. Among the taste-tested recipes are the two below:

Broccoli (or Spinach) Souffle
By Jean Felt

2 pkgs. frozen chopped broccoli (or spinach), cooked & drained
1 can cream soup (mushroom, celery or chicken)
½ c. Miracle Whip
2 small onions, diced
Mushrooms (optional)
Mix all ingredients well. Place in greased casserole. Sprinkle with: ½ c. bread crumbs, ½ c. sharp cheese, grated. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes. Serves 8.

Spaghetti Sauce
By Win Bailey

2 qts. canned tomatoes
½ c. olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 small green pepper, diced
4 oz. Romano or Parmesan cheese, grated
1 c. chopped parsley
1 can tomato puree (size 2½)
½ c. chopped celery
½ c. chopped onion
½ c. chopped carrot
Pinch of rosemary, bay leaf, sweet basil and oregano
Salt and pepper to taste
1 small can tomato paste
Saute garlic, onion, green pepper, celery and carrot in olive oil in heavy saucepan. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, tomato puree and herbs. Simmer 1 hour. Add grated cheeses and simmer about hour. Serve over hot spaghetti.

Published in journal

Joseph M. Caruso of Delmar, associate professor in criminal justice at Hudson Valley Community College, has an article published in the 1983 *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

The article provides a comparative model for evaluating international community corrections programs. Caruso, on sabbatical leave this year, is studying for a Ph.D. in criminal justice at the State University at Albany.

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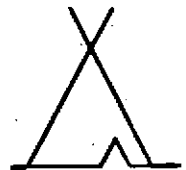
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