

No spending cap for BC '85 budget

By Caroline Terenzini

The Bethlehem Central School Board, mindful of its difficulties last spring, is thinking about the budget earlier than ever. But while starting earlier the board and the administration have yet to come up with a plan of action that will garner more public support.

Preparing a budget for adoption next spring is always a difficult process because of the number of uncertainties. Will costs increase? Will the state legislature increase aid to education? Will Bethlehem get any of it? Will a boiler fail or roof spring a leak? Will 100 children move into the district? Will the town's tax base grow as projected?

In an effort to remove one of the unknowns — and to respond to the message from voters last spring who rejected two successive budget proposals — district Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn last Wednesday proposed to the school board that administrators prepare a draft budget for 1985-86 with a cap of 7.5 percent on any increase over the current contingency budget.

The board, however, would have none of it. "We're elected to make those decisions," declared board member Bernard Harvith.

"The staff can make recommendations."

"If we need it, we need it," said Sheila Fuller, board president. "Let's not juggle to get the increase down to 7.5 percent. Why begin to develop a budget with the end in sight?"

"I'm still not convinced the dollar amount was the only reason the budget went down," she added.

Board member Robert Ruslander saw two opposing philosophies: "With X amount of dollars, what can we provide? Or, this is the program I want to provide — what money will it take? I'd prefer to take program first . . ."

A note of doubt was sounded by board member Marjory O'Brien: "I think sometimes we take too much on ourselves. We're not business managers. We should give the staff guidelines and let them develop a budget." But her view did not prevail.

Complicating the budget picture this year is the question of whether the board will decide it needs to seek voter approval for a bond issue to finance rejuvenation of the district's seven school

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So new it glistens, the library's new Kawai piano, donated by Mrs. Ethel Birchenough, right, awaits its christening. A packed house turned out to hear several local pianists give it a whirl Sunday afternoon.

Tom Howes

Is center bottle bill casualty?

Environmentally speaking, the Bottle Bill may have been everything it was cracked up to be, but one casualty may be an earlier environmental effort — Bethlehem's recycling center on Adams St.

The bottom has fallen out of the recycling market, Supervisor Tom Corrigan told the Bethlehem Town Board Wednesday, and it's time to consider closing the town's center. "As it stands right now, we have to pay someone to come and get the glass," Corrigan said. "We don't pay, but we don't get anything for the cans. Paper we get a little bit for but we have to deliver it."

The only remaining virtue of the center, Corrigan said, is its "social value" — many people depend on the center to dispose of their recyclable refuse and feel that it is a worthwhile effort. The center is also used for swapping magazines and collectables; senior citizens benefit because old magazines that would otherwise be lost go to them.

The center is currently open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

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How citizens can participate in a school budget

The following article appeared in the October issue of the *Journal of the New York State School Board Association*. The author is the public information specialist for the *Guiderland School District*.

By Judith E. Cox

Involving citizens in budget-making and doing it in a meaningful way is no simple task. But the Guiderland School District in suburban Albany County has indeed accomplished this feat in today's educational world.

Guiderland's process, which was developed seven years ago, provides interested citizens in this district of 4,000 students with the opportunity each year to join an ad hoc budget review committee. Its members, recruited by the school board from the community at large, sit down side by side with board members to review all staff spending proposals before any final decisions have been made. The citizens also receive a complete rundown on the district's educational program, and they are given free rein to ask questions or voice opinions on any and all topics.

Guiderland's process, which was developed seven years ago, 1977 following a brief period of turmoil. Budgets had gone down to defeat in 1971, 1973 and 1976. The community was also restless

over the closing down of one school and the proposed closing of another. The only community involvement was a public hearing one evening before the budget vote, not nearly enough time to develop a good understanding of the district's needs.

The concept for the process was developed by a school board that strongly advocated citizen partici-

pation in decision-making. "We looked at several alternatives for accomplishing this in connection with budget-making, before we finally decided we wanted to involve citizens in the same review process the board has always gone through," says last year's president Patricia Renshaw, a 12-year board member.

The Guiderland School District devised its current budget process following budget defeats in 1971, 1973 and 1976. "We looked at several alternatives. . . before we finally decided we wanted to involve citizens in the same review process the board has always gone through," said Patricia Renshaw, a 12-year board member.

The structure was designed to make it as productive and meaningful as possible from everyone's point of view — citizens and school officials alike.

One very important element of this structure is the internal, budget-making process that occurs three months beforehand,

beginning in November. It is during this period that the administrative staff lays the groundwork for the review process by setting priorities, revising long-range plans, analyzing the present year's budget and finally planning the budget requests for the coming year. No citizens are involved at this point.

The citizens committee itself is

an ad hoc one, as opposed to a standing one. This is primarily due to the board's desire not to "create an unelected board that might take on a life of its own," says Renshaw. Recruiting is carried out each year in January. The district sends out letters to various civic organizations in the town; a notice is published in the district newsletter; and invitations are sent to those citizens who were active participants the year before. School principals also play an important part in encouraging people to serve, by reminding parents about the committee when they come to meet with the

principal about school programs. Some go out to community groups and make a point of inviting residents to take part.

Once formed, the committee assumes a partnership role with the school board. Committee members and board members get the same budget materials mailed out a week in advance of each meeting to give everyone time to

digest and analyze information. The citizens also sit together with board members and are told from the beginning that they can ask questions, make any comments or request any information they want, either verbally or in writing. The only prerogative they don't have is that of making the final budget decisions.

The review sessions take place over seven or eight evenings during a two-month period, beginning in February. They are well-planned and limited to two hours each in advance so that every section of the budget can be covered step by step. A variety of support staff members are also

present to help explain the different sections of the budget.

One important element behind this success is the preparation work that is done by the staff. "We get excessive service from the administration, which enables us to open up to the community," says Patricia Renshaw.

Another key element is the careful handling the process receives. Guiderland officials, for example, have tried to be sensitive to citizens' questions. "We take the attitude that people they want and that they deserve a complete and honest answer as soon as possible," says Business Manager Harold McCarthy.

Guiderland officials have likewise made a conscious effort to present budget information in a straightforward, complete and congenial manner.

Probably the most important aspect of the whole process is the

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focus that is placed on education. Guiderland officials learned very early on that citizens tend to be more interested in dealing with programming questions, as op-

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posed to financial ones. This led the administration to develop a much more comprehensive kind of budget presentation and to plan the meetings so that more time is spent on those sections of the budget that pertain directly to the educational program.

Last, but certainly not least, Guilderland officials have tried very hard to respond to each suggestion or comment the citizens make. That's not to say they feel obligated to follow every bit

of advice they get, but they do believe it is important to let citizens know they are listening.

Most citizens who have taken part in the process are very positive about it. Jeff Kaye, a Guilderland parent and State Education Department staff member who has served on the citizen's committee for the last two years, notes that he initially thought the process might be a "charade" but quickly changed his mind. "I've seen results. It's not simply an image-making ploy. It

has a real place," says Kaye.

Other citizens are equally complimentary. That's not to say they have no criticisms of the Guilderland Schools or that they are in 100 percent agreement with

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every decision made. But they generally agree that the budget itself is honest and worthwhile.

In the final analysis, Guilderland's budget process has served as a positive force in the district.

Budgets have fallen into place more easily since citizens have become involved. School officials note, in particular, that the emphasis on education at the review sessions has helped to

campaign on a positive platform.

Mind you, this process has not succeeded without a lot of hard work and careful guidance on the part of Guilderland school officials. But it has produced tremendous benefits. Not least among them is the fact that Guilderland, once troubled by budget defeats and controversial issues, has, since instituting this process, experienced an uninterrupted era of voter approval and calm process.

Guilderland Superintendent Albert J. Pultz, who was new to the district last year and new to this type of budget-making approach, sums it up this way: "It's the kind of process that requires you to make a lot of adjustments in roles, procedures and attitudes, but having seen it in action, I can say that it is well worth the effort."

Finally, the process has helped pass budgets. It hasn't done so all by itself, of course. Guilderland, in fact, since 1977 has undertaken a number of other initiatives to promote citizen participation and to build public confidence. The result has been eight successive budget approvals, as well as the passage of two major reconstruction bond issues and four bus purchase referendums.

Guilderland officials conclude that they have been fortunate to attract citizens who are pro-education — that is people who have a keen interest in maintaining a high quality program. But then, adds one Guilderland administrator, "I find that when you take the time to explain something to people, they usually become pro-education."

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clarify the rationale behind administration proposals, putting an end to the heated debates that once occurred.

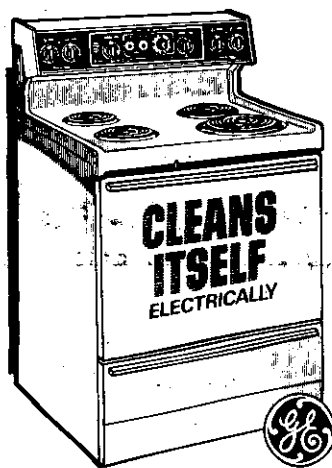
The process has also helped the board avoid needless controversy, says Pat Renshaw. There have been proposals, she explains, that have produced such negative reactions from the citizens that the board has quickly dropped them before they ever had a chance to become community issues.

Likewise, at times, the citizens have given the board the courage to go ahead with a new idea. "You sometimes find there is community support that you don't think is there when you're sitting all alone in a room with the other board members," says Renshaw.

The process has been helpful in other ways. It has given board members a broader perspective on issues, and it has produced advocates for more programs. It has helped administrators to get a sense of the community's priorities, and it has by their own admission forced them to be more critical of the recommendations. It has also generated candidates for the board of education. This past year, for example, six people vied for three seats — five of whom came from the citizens' committee and all of whom

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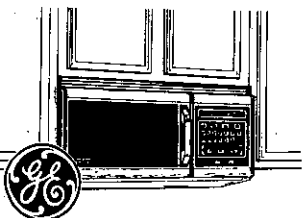


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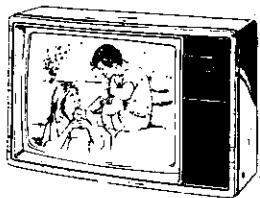
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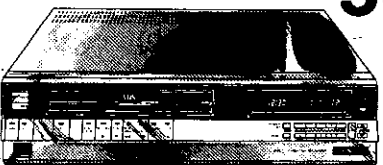
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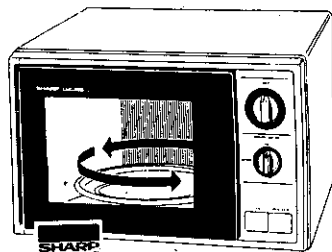
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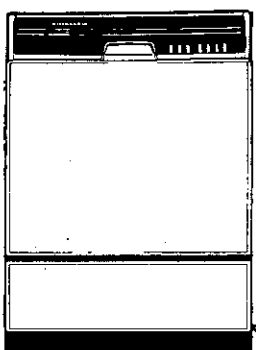
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There's no question that more children reside in the Glenmont area than there is room for at the Glenmont Elementary School. The question is what to do about it. This year all Glenmont kindergartners are in classrooms at Elsmere Elementary School, but Glenmont parents don't call that a good solution to crowding at the Rt. 9W building.

The Bethlehem Central school board agreed last Wednesday with a recommendation from district superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn to establish a committee to explore the options for dealing with the crowding. Board members Barbara Coon and Velma Cousins, both of whom reside in the Glenmont attendance area, favored redrawing the attendance boundaries for all the district's five elementary schools, but board member Bernard Harvith sought assurance that setting up the committee did not imply redistricting would be the result.

"I'm not hot to antagonize half the community, if I have a choice about it," Harvith said. "Some people are pretty wedded to their areas. I see redistricting as a last resort, not the first."

Other alternatives for easing the crowding, as outlined by Zinn, included: continuing to have Glenmont kindergarten classes in another school, making interior changes at Glenmont to free a classroom, adjusting the attendance boundaries of nearby elementary schools, adding fifth graders to the middle school or having kindergartners through second graders at one school and third through fifth graders at another, having a kindergarten at the middle school or high school, renting space, or building an addition at Glenmont.

The catch is that while Glenmont is filled to overflowing, the other four elementary schools in the district have a net total of some 200 additional spaces for grade schoolers. Given that amount of rooms would taxpayers be willing to finance an addition at Glenmont?

Also, elementary students eventually go on to the middle school, so the district "might not have the problem in Glenmont in six years," Zinn said. Parents in the audience last Wednesday seemed to feel, however, that the amount of undeveloped land in the Glenmont area ensures a burgeoning enrollment.

"I'd like to see us start to talk now about moving all the boundaries rather than continue like the little boy with his finger in the dike," Mrs. Coon stated. "Other-

wise you'll never make a decision and I don't think that's fair."

Fairness also was raised by Glenmont PTA President Beverly McGrath, who said, "We've got everybody on a rolling cart at that school! It's not fair to Glenmont children."

Zinn is expecting to make a recommendation to the board on makeup of the committee at a meeting tonight (Wednesday).

In other business, parents of pupils at Elsmere Elementary School were disappointed to learn the district, bound by the terms of the transportation proposition approved by voters in July, is unable to transport the children who live within a half-mile of the building and who must now walk along Delaware Ave. to and from school. The parents want busing within that half-mile because of traffic hazards but they were told that the state Education Department does not permit transportation on the grounds of hazard. The first opportunity to change the district's transportation policy will come in May, with the annual budget vote, the parents were told, and they were advised to petition the board to add a proposition to that ballot.

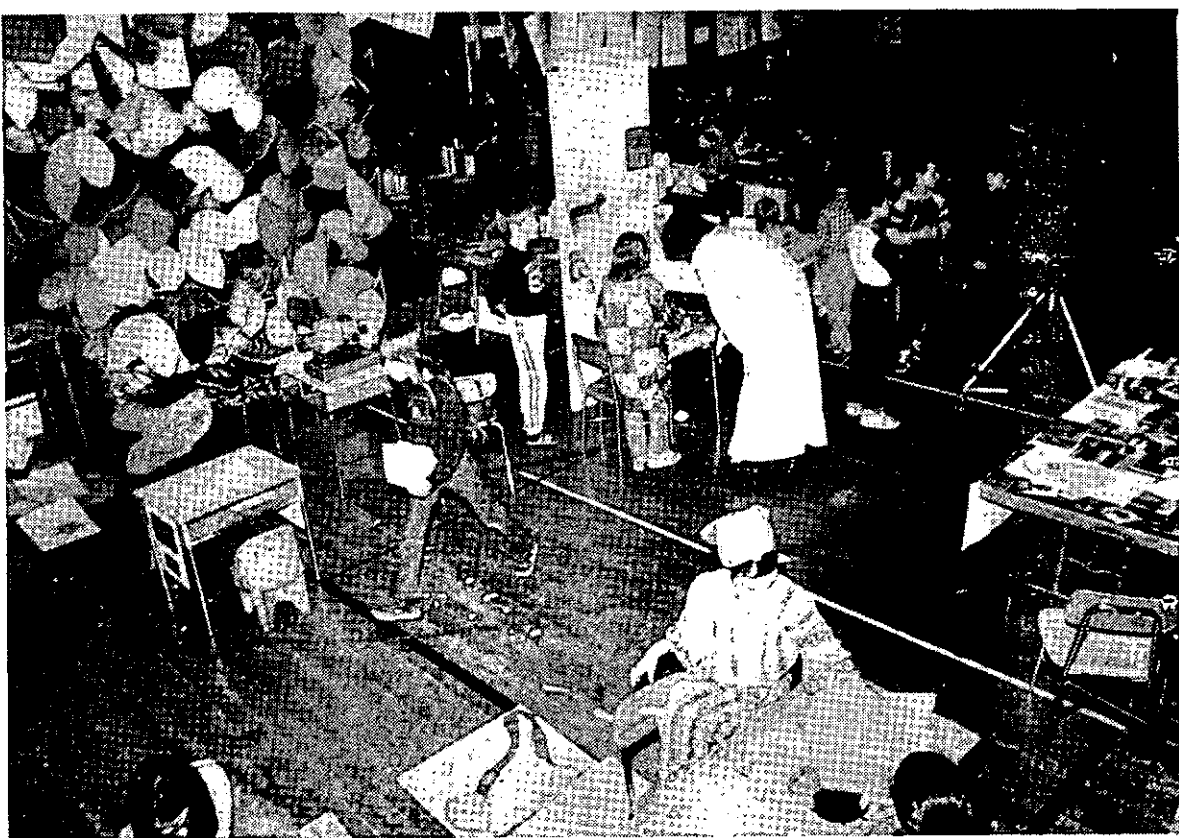
That wasn't good enough for one observer, who asked: "Why should we wait until a fatality occurs? If next week six kids were wiped out, would the problem exist?"

The board also again discussed the possibility of providing absentee ballots for district votes on the budget and board members, with Harvith expressing doubt that the cost would be justified and board member Robert Ruslander asking: "You're going to disenfranchise somebody because it's going to cost the district some money..."

Zinn reported that North Colonie, which has provided absentee ballots for about five years, had a maximum of eight returned one year. North Colonie's heaviest vote during those years was 2,600. In the Town of Bethlehem, 803 absentee ballots were counted this fall, Zinn said.

Susan Backer of Delmar was appointed coordinator for the after-school activities program being developed for middle school students. She is to organize and supervise the "latch-key" program being undertaken in cooperation with Bethlehem Advocates for Youth. Board member John Clyne, objecting to adding to the district payroll, voted no on the amendment despite Zinn's assurance the program was intended to be self-supporting.

Caroline Terenzini



Students of the third, fourth and fifth grade Challenge classes at Hamagrael Elementary School created a jungle of decoration last week as they demonstrated their projects on African art, music,

animals, geographic landmarks and tribes, utilizing everything from poster paper to home computers.

Tom Howes

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buildings. Last spring, Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer presented an estimate of capital needs over the next six years that totaled \$4.4 million—a sum all apparently agree is impossible to squeeze out of annual budgets during that period. A more precise figure is due in mid-December from an architect hired by the district.

Other recommendations from Zinn included having a total dollar amount on the first—and successive—budget drafts. The district has been criticized by some taxpayers for failing in recent years to provide a bottom line on its 50-odd-page budget proposals. The omission, administrators and board members have said in the past, was to avoid alarming taxpayers with a large dollar amount that invariably was trimmed.

Zinn also recommended "more opportunities for people to provide input early on" in the budget-making, although how that might be done was not clear. In the past two years, informal gatherings scheduled by Mrs. Fuller at her home for this purpose have been sparsely attended, as are board meetings generally. Last spring, a work session including funding for the Challenge enrichment program drew a small crowd, chiefly of supporters, while a board meeting following an-

nouncement of the projected tax rate increase drew a vocal audience.

In an effort to allow more time for everything to shake down, Zinn said he hopes to have the first draft of a 1985-86 budget ready for the board meeting Jan. 16. He alerted the board that he expects several teachers will have to be added to the payroll to cover additional requirements of the

state Board of Regents. Zinn also suggested the board may want to submit needed bus purchases to the voters in a separate proposition.

Benefit breakfast

A breakfast, sponsored by the Slingerlands Fire Company's Ladies' Auxiliary, will be held at the fire house on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. All proceeds from the \$3 breakfast will be donated to the Albany Medical Center Hospital burn unit.

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day from 8 a.m. to noon, and Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. The hours were curtailed last year to reflect declining usage.

Reaction from other board members was cautious. John Geurtze suggested that, at the

least, the town could put a dumpster at the site for the convenience of people who now use the center. That idea was quickly rejected because of concern that a dumpster would be used for garbage as well.

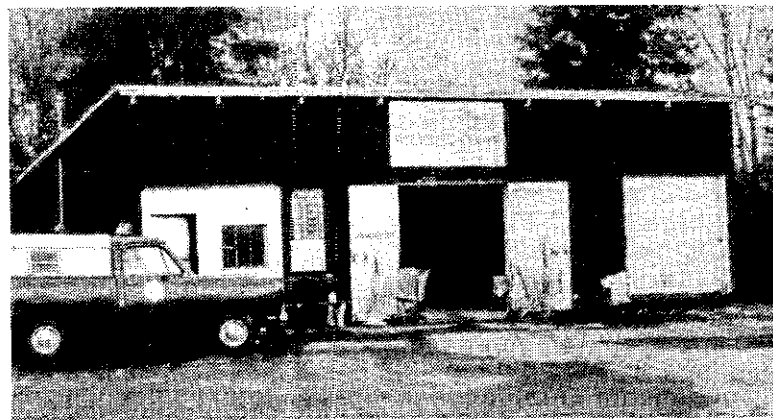
"Leave it open as a community service," argued Town Clerk

Marion Camp. "We're not talking big bucks here."

Corrigan said he would talk to Highway Commissioner Martin Cross to pin down costs and revenue from the center and report back to the board at the Dec. 12 meeting.

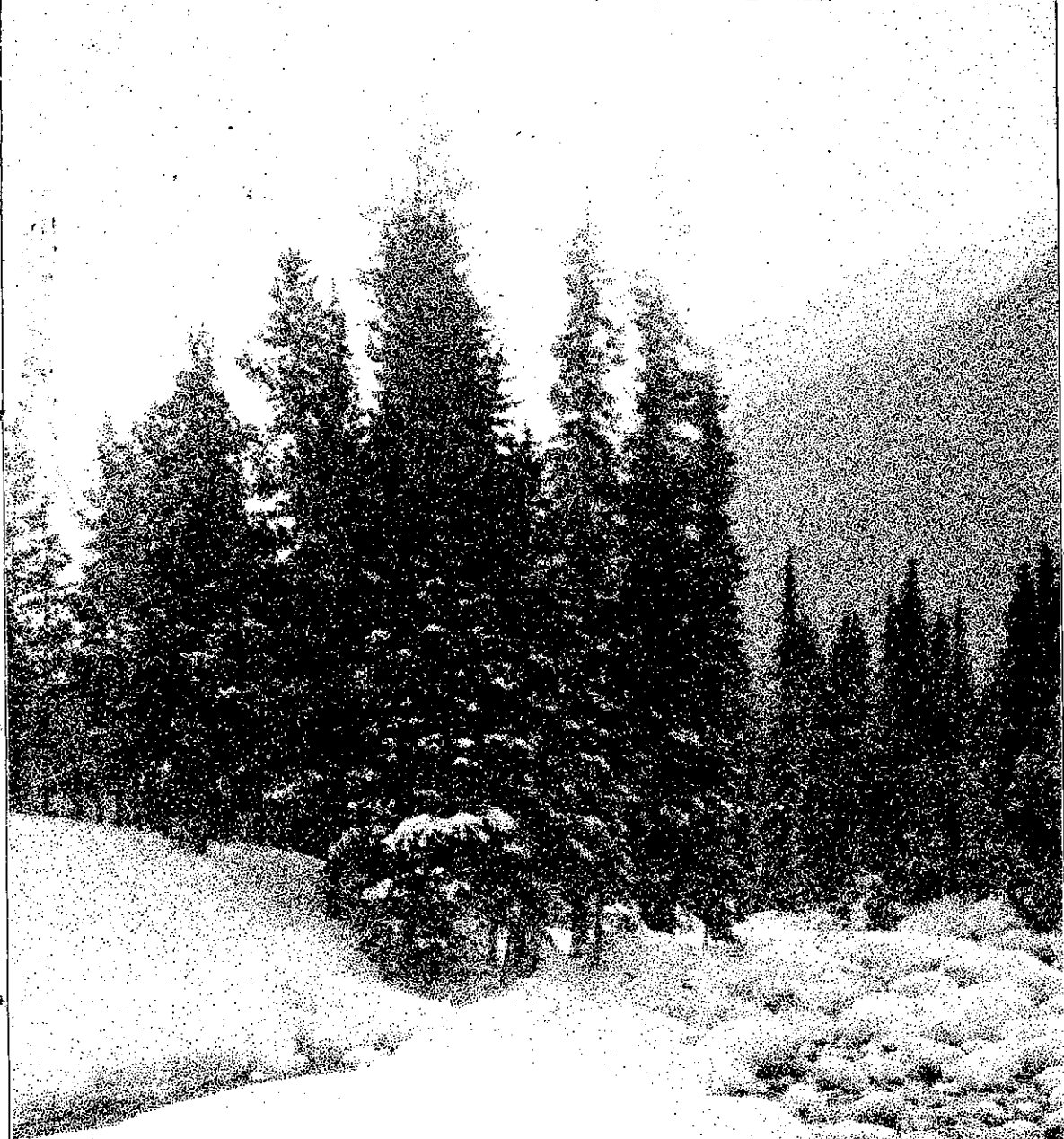
In other business, the board:

- Decided to close town hall Dec. 24 but leave it open Dec. 31.
- Both Christmas Eve and New

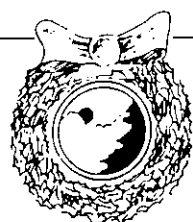


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• Agreed to purchase a computer software program for the Police Department from the Town of Brighton, which has been

supplying expertise and programming to Bethlehem over the last year as other departments are brought on line. The cost is \$2,000.

• Extended the four-ton weight restriction on Monroe Ave. in North Bethlehem for another 90-day period. The town has been concerned that construction of a new housing development in nearby Gunderland would bring heavy truck traffic over the narrow road.

Club plans tea

The Bethlehem Garden Club is planning a Christmas tea for 1 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Bethlehem Public Library. During the meeting, Ruth Bruso and Evelyn Studevan will demonstrate the art of making holiday table arrangements, and Mim Oliver will illustrate the art of bow making. Each member should bring a holiday ornament for exchange.

Carolers chiming

The Second Milers, a retired men's club of the Tri-Village area, will meet on Dec. 12 at 12:30 p.m. During the meeting at the Delmar United Methodist Church, the Thursday Belles, directed by Helen Henshaw, will present a program of Christmas music. All are welcome. Visitors should call J.F. Klim at 439-1054 for reservations.

Health Views



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It is estimated that well over a million men, women and children suffer back injuries each year, mainly because they lift without thinking. In addition to the agonizing pain that is experienced by the victims, it should be noted that temporary and permanent disablement from back injury accounts for millions of hours of lost time, millions of dollars in lost salaries, and tens of millions of dollars in lost production. A pitiful waste of energy and money!

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— Use mechanical lifting devices for moving heavy objects. Get help for large, bulky, awkward, or extra-heavy loads.

— Use rhythm, both alone and in a team effort. Let the load help lift itself.

— Be sure you can see where you're going.

— Keep floors clear of hazards which could cause you to trip or fall.

— Setting the load down is just the reverse of lifting. Keep the back straight, let the legs bend slowly, and set the load down easy.

Prevention is the best way to avoid a back injury. However, if a strain or back injury should occur, no matter how minor, it is wise to visit a doctor of chiropractic immediately. Spinal problems must not be neglected as they can cause or contribute to disorders which appear at many other parts of the body.

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Subdivision changes okayed

The Bethlehem Planning Board approved several alterations of Karl Paulsen's Deerfield subdivision in the vicinity of Font Grove Rd. and Middlesex Dr. in Slingerlands at last week's meeting.

Representing Paulsen, Paul Male of C.T. Male Associates asked the board to approve the straightening of a proposed road connecting Middlesex Dr. to Font

Grove Rd. near the railroad as recommended by the town's department of public works. Male also proposed a reduction in the number of lots in the subdivision from 85 to 66 and a change in the order of development for the four sections of the subdivision.

The board unanimously approved the changes, with board members Charles Redmond and

T.E. Mulligan absent. Approval of the progression of development was conditional. The board instructed members of the building department to look at the effect of construction traffic on neighboring residences.

In a letter to the board, Hugh D. Roberts, president of Roberts Real Estate, requested a name change for Middlesex Dr. at the road's intersection with Eustis Ridge. The board unanimously denied the request. Board member Warren Kullman said changing the name of a contiguous street would only create confusion.

The board tabled Male's request to remove the extension of Eustis Ridge northeast of Middlesex Dr.

The board discussed a site application received from Fioriono Crisafulli for a proposed four-unit apartment building to be located in an AB-Residential zone on Winne Place, Glenmont. Board consultant Edward Kleinke agreed to provide Crisafulli's engineering firm, Hershberg and Hershberg, with a check list for site plan applications. Kleinke said questions about boundary lines, adjacent property use, paving material and drainage were unanswered. Board member John LaForté said he believes the proposed building would contain an inadequate amount of storage space without a basement or a garage.

Theresa Bobear



A house on Kenwood Ave. bore the brunt of this chain-reaction accident Monday.

Car hit, then hits house

A car driven by an East Chatham woman careened across the lawn and slammed into a house at Kenwood and Brookview avenues in Delmar Monday morning, knocking down the door and sending bricks tumbling, according to Bethlehem police. No one was home at the time.

Police said Gregory Watkins, 18, of Delmar was issued three summonses in connection with the 8:30 a.m. accident. The Watkins vehicle reportedly came out of

Rockefeller Rd. onto Kenwood and into the path of the other driver, causing her to swerve and lose control of her car, officials said. Watkins was charged with failure to yield right of way, driving with inadequate brakes and driving an uninspected vehicle, according to police.

The driver was taken to St. Peter's Hospital by the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad for treatment of a leg injury. She was treated and released.

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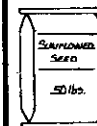
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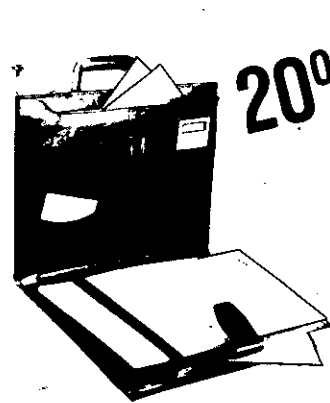
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\$3.6 million plan unveiled for replacing Rt. 32 span

By Theresa Bobear

The State Transportation Department's presentation of a plan for a new Rt. 32 bridge it will "probably end up recommending" received a favorable reception from members of the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association and the members of the New Scotland Town Board last Wednesday. The proposal unveiled at the Jerusalem Reformed Church includes the installation of a new bridge over the Conrail yards immediately south of the existing bridge.

State Department of Transportation officials Robert Lambert, regional design engineer, and David Clement, project designer, outlined a proposal for a wider, shorter bridge with a greater sign distance, a closed drainage system along Rt. 32 in Feura Bush with drop inlets and catch basins, and a sidewalk on the south side of Rt. 32 past the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company to the Jerusalem Reformed Church. The proposal also includes plans to replace a guide rail on Rt. 32 near Western Ave., replace a culvert on Rt. 32 past Western Ave., and repave and add curbing to Rt. 32 from the General Electric entrance to the culvert.

Clement said the state plans to go to contract early in 1987 and begin construction the same year. "We're going to shoot for one

construction season," he said.

The state official said the project will cost an estimated \$3.6 million, including \$800,000 for road work in Feura Bush. Clement said 80 percent of the cost will be paid with federal money and 20 percent will be paid with state money. Local money will not be used for the project because the road is a state highway, he said.

Clement explained that a public hearing to consider the proposal is not required because the new route will not take any substantial right of way. Clement agreed to meet with the town if the state decided to adopt any other plan. After viewing the presentation, town supervisor Steve Wallace said, "I think that's a fine project. I want to compliment you. You really took the people into consideration."

Lambert said the existing 61-year-old bridge was built at a time when many more railroad tracks were used. He said the bridge is too long and too narrow. He said the support steel is rusted and the concrete deck is disintegrating.

Clement said the state looked at all the alternatives for dealing with the problem. He said rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge at the same location would result in an eight and one-half mile detour for cars and a 17-mile detour for trucks. He said an on-the-road crossing would not be satisfactory because of the amount of train traffic.

Clement said the old bridge, 666 feet long, with lanes less than 11 feet wide and 2½-foot-wide safety walk, will be replaced with a bridge approximately 400 to 450 feet long. He said the new bridge will not have girders and will have 11 to 12-foot-wide lanes and 8 feet of shoulder.

Clement called the proposal tentative and said details still have to be worked out. In particular, he said, the state still has to settle on details for the drainage system

and existing utilities, including telephone, electric, water and gas. He noted that the project will involve 40 utility poles and two trees. He emphasized the fact that the town will be responsible and liable for the sidewalk.

Response to the proposal was positive. Town Councilman Herbert Reilly asked the officials to consider the stop sign at the intersection of Long Lane and Rt. 32 when working on the highway. Reilly said the sign is not visible at night. A resident asked the state to address the problem of icing on Rt. 32 at Western Ave. and another resident asked the state to consider lessening the angle for turning from a private road near the bridge.

Clement said all traffic problems along the highway will be addressed.

Highway chase

A Troy woman, 30, whom police later learned is mentally impaired, went through a police road block at 50 miles an hour before she was stopped and taken into custody early last Wednesday, according to Bethlehem police reports. The woman, initially stopped on Delaware Ave. near the city line, sped away despite the flashing lights and siren on the pursuing patrol car. The car she was driving was finally forced over on Rt. 32 and the woman, attempting to flee on foot, was apprehended, authorities said. She was charged with two counts of second-degree reckless endangerment, as well as several traffic counts.

To recognize students

The Gansevoort chapter, National Society of the Daughters of America, will meet at noon on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany. During the meeting area high school students will be awarded DAR Good Citizen Awards.

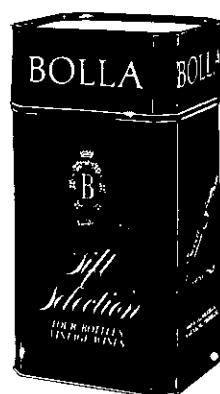
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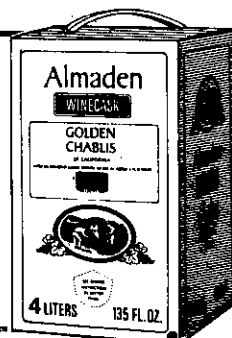
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Young gridders are winners

After getting off to rocky start, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk freshman football team put together an impressive record of five wins and two losses for their 1984-85 season. This year's team was composed of 33 seventh, eighth and ninth grade students. Coached by Robert DeSarbo, principal of the junior high, and Howard Engel, Jr., assistant principal at the senior high, the team came together as a unit.

All of the 33 students hopefully will be back next season. Many will play at the junior varsity level next year, providing a valuable asset to the team. Those students that will return to the freshman level will provide an excellent nucleus from which to start, according to their coaches.

Members of the team were Hector Bermudez, Tim Baranska, Steve Biernacki, John Blackmore, Dan Burns, Nick Catucci, Phillip Christopher, Wesley Cuzdey, Greg Deso, Joey Dillberg, Patrick Dunn, Tim Flint, Jeff Friday, Mike Gallagher, Sam Keir, Mike Kelleher, Mike Losse, Paul Losavio, Aaron Louprette, A.J. Morrow, Steve Mularky, Jeff Ravidia, Jeff Schaffer, Eric Schwanke, Paul Stefanik, Steve Swanson, Rick Thayer, Robb Thayer, Bob Travis, Brian Travis, Scott Vanderhyden, Marty Zalog and John Zober.

Tea and victrolana
The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association's annual Christmas, Silver Tea will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, on Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk. The public is invited to enjoy holiday decorations of the Victorian era featuring antique ornaments, figures of Santa Claus and reindeer, a Christmas tree decorated with beads and nosegays, children's antique toys and teddy bears around the tree, delectable refreshments and tea, coffee and punch, poured by hostesses using antique silver service. Committee chairpersons include Ann and Jim Vandervort, decorations; Coleen Brewer, hostesses, and Mary Ann Twardowski, refreshments.

Hoop event ahead

Kids, start practicing! Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 of Selkirk has announced the date for its next hoop shoot. It's scheduled for the first Saturday in January, from 9 a.m. to noon. All boys and girls from the age of 8 to 13 are invited to compete. Each child will be competing in the appropriate age group; 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 years. Trophies will be awarded Jan. 5 at the Glenmont Job Corps, Rt. 144 in Glenmont. Pre-registration is not necessary, but John Gransbury, youth activities director for the Elks, asks that each child bring his or her birth certificate as well as sneakers for the competition.

Holiday fete planned

The United Methodist Women of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will meet Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, for a special program: Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the church on Willowbrook Ave. there will be a Christmas buffet. A Christmas service will follow, under the direction of Roberta Osborn, program leader; and presented by members of the UMW. The theme of the program

will be "A 24-Hour Journey of Joy and Celebration," exploring Christmas customs and traditions around the world. Hostesses for the evening will be Connie Lindale, Alice Haskell, Ada Court and Mary Blish. The meeting will conclude with the distribution of grab bag gifts by Santa.

All women of the community are invited to attend this Christmas celebration — just bring a dish to share and a small gift to exchange.

Santa coming for supper

The Bethlehem Grange will celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas supper this Saturday evening, Dec. 8. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396 in Beckers Corners, Selkirk, the dinner is open to all members and friends. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and a \$2 gift to exchange. Santa will be on hand to add to the festivities and help in the presentation of the gifts.

The grange also will collect donations of food at this time for families in the community. Anyone who would like to make a contribution of items needed to prepare a complete Christmas dinner may bring them to the hall this Saturday evening, or may contact Marge Nealand, 767-3019, or Helen Raynor, 767-2770, before Dec. 8.

Please note: At the Bethlehem Grange ham dinner in November someone inadvertently left with the wrong coat. As the coats are very similar other than in size, the mistake may not have been noticed as of yet. The coat in question is a woman's weather coat. If anyone discovers she has the wrong coat, please call Helen Raynor, 767-2770.

Something special for seniors

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens will meet Mon-

day, Dec. 10, at noon for a covered-dish luncheon and Christmas party. All seniors are invited to join in the festivities to be held at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Each person should bring a dish to share and a gift to exchange. Men are asked to bring a gift for a man; women, a gift for a woman.

Baskets need filling

Baskets for shut-ins in the community will soon be prepared by the Guild for Christian Service of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Contributions of cookies for the baskets would be appreciated. Anyone who would like to brighten Christmas for some of their friends and neighbors is asked to take a contribution to the church at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

RCS budget meeting

The RCS Board of Education has scheduled its first meeting to discuss the 1985-86 district budget for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk. The building principals will be in attendance with spending proposals for their respective schools.

Scouts hold fair

Bethlehem Girl Scout troops will hold a Girl Scout Neighborhood craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at the corner of Adams St. and Kenwood Ave., Delmar. The craft fair will offer holiday crafts made by 15 local troops. Proceeds will help Bethlehem scouts in various activities throughout the year.

Art auction at JCC

The Minna Breuer Group of the Albany chapter of Hadassah has scheduled an art auction for Saturday, Dec. 8, at Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany. The preview will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the auction will begin at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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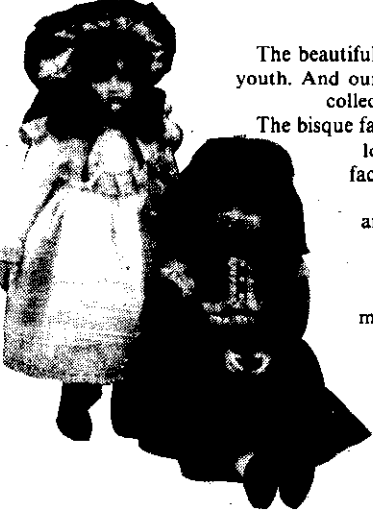
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More merry music will continue next week when the high school and junior high students present concerts. On Wednesday, Dec. 12, the junior high chorus, directed by Margaret Dorgan, will present an evening of holiday music. On Dec. 13 the high school concert band and stage band directed by Frank McDermott and the high school chorus, led by Margaret Dorgan, will entertain. Both concerts will take place at the high school.

All the concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Greens to grace church

For many in the area the holidays don't begin until the beautiful and historic First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville is decked in festive array. The annual hanging of the greens will take place at the church this Saturday, Dec. 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. when members of the church and their families gather for a pot-luck supper. This will be followed by the decoration of the church and a brief ceremony and carol sing.

Scouts, seniors to party

Young and old will share in the joys of the holidays this Sunday, Dec. 9, when the Voorheesville Neighborhood Brownies and Girl Scouts join with the New Scotland Senior Citizens for their annual seasonal "get-together." As in the past the girls will entertain their seniors with festive skits and music coordinated with this year's theme "Christmas in a Small Village." The Brownies and Juniors will provide cookies for after-the-show refreshments, while the

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



older scouts will present the seniors with gifts they have made.

Those seniors who would like to participate in this holiday party from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Methodist Church should contact Lois Crounse at 765-2109.

Time out for sharing

Speaking of the senior citizens, this is a busy month for the group. They will travel to the Music Museum in Deansboro this Friday, Dec. 7, stopping at Trinkaus Manor to see the Christmas display there. The group will also get together next Wednesday, Dec. 12, for their annual Christmas party at the Clarksville Church.

Yet, with all the holiday partying, the group has taken time for the true meaning of the season — sharing. With this in mind, members of the New Scotland Senior Citizens voted at their last meeting to send the proceeds from their election day bake sale to the people of Ethiopia. The group also sponsors an American Indian child in the west and sends monthly donations to assist in buying him clothes and materials for school.

Events to remember

A few reminders of events this week:

Just one day is left to purchase books at the PTSA Book Fair. The event, which opened Monday, will end Thursday, Dec. 6. Books will be on sale from 5 to 9 p.m. in the grade school cafeteria.

Those wishing to decorate their homes and help the Kiwanians still have a few more days to take advantage of the club's annual

wreath sale. The event continues until Saturday, Dec. 8. Wreaths will be sold from 4 to 8 p.m. at Stonewell's, Key Bank and Stewart's on week nights and from 2 to 6 p.m. at both Voorheesville locations this Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m. at Stonewell's. Proceeds will help the Kiwanis Club fund the many community projects they sponsor during the year. Those unable to get to those locations may call 765-3679 to have wreaths delivered.

Also, a final reminder that Santa will be on hand this Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Railroad Junction from 1 to 3 p.m. to greet boys and girls. Pictures will be snapped for those wanting them, and refreshments will be served. This seasonal event is sponsored by the senior class of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Aid picture to be outlined

John Fallon, the financial aid director at the College of Saint Rose, will conduct a workshop on Thursday, Dec. 6, beginning at 7 p.m. at the high school for college bound seniors and their parents. The two-hour program, sponsored by the high school guidance department will include discussion of various forms of aid available to students, as well as eligibility requirements and the application process. Those wanting more information are asked to contact the guidance department at 765-3314 or in business 765-3314.

Laurels for 4-Hers

Several hard-working area 4-H members were awarded medals last week in a special program presented at the county's Resource Center on Martin Rd.

The medals, presented by program committee chairman Peter Letko, were awarded to "4-H" members who are over 13 years and who have displayed well-rounded participation in many areas of 4-H work, including public presentations, leadership, exhibits, projects and other related activities.

Those chosen to receive the honor this year were: Renee Hunter and Alexis Steinkamp from the Voorheesville Vikings; Mark Relyea from Osborne Corners; Suzanne Blanchard, Vicki Chamberlain and Laurie Warner from The Lucky Four Leaves, and

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Speaking of Vicki Chamberlain, the picture in last week's column of Vicki and Anne Flansburg, which identified them as participants in the Classy Clover 4-H program, was erroneously captioned. Although Vicki is quite active in the 4-H program, the picture was in recognition of their accomplishments in the recent Cobleskill business tests.

Speaking of spiders

Students at both the grade school and high school last week had an educational and entertaining look at the "World of Insects, Arachnids, and Myriapods" when area naturalist Dean Davis presented programs at both schools. His presentations were sponsored by the Charles Frehofer Baking Co. Mixing his extensive knowledge with his quick wit, Davis gave the students a load at both familiar and exotic animals and plants in the comfortable setting of their own school.

Burglars net \$4,000

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary at a home on Krumkill Rd. in Slingerlands in which nearly \$4,000 worth of jewelry and coins was taken. The burglary, reported last Monday, occurred while the owners were vacationing, police said. The thieves cut the outside telephone lines and entered the house by forcing open a sliding glass door, authorities said. The master bedroom and television room were ransacked, and the trunk of a car parked in the garage was forcibly opened, according to the report. A purse containing credit cards and cash also was taken in the burglary.

Electronic flim-flam

An apparent flim-flam by means of an automated teller machine at a local bank is under investigation by Bethlehem police. According to police reports, an empty deposit envelope was put in the deposit slot and then three withdrawals were made on the account.

Room for 2 more

The Slingerlands Nursery School has two openings in the four year old class. The four year olds meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. For further information contact Tia Shaw, 439-8266.

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Low-income elders get break on taxes

By Charles Casey

The Voorheesville village board has approved a resolution to grant partial property-tax exemptions to low-income property owners 65 and older.

Owner occupants with annual incomes below \$13,500 are eligible. Applicants with incomes between \$13,000 and \$13,500 may be granted exemptions of 20 percent. The percent of the exemption increases as the income bracket decreases, and those with incomes below \$10,500 may be granted a 50 percent exemption. The resolution will become effective Jan. 1.

In other action at last Tuesday's regular monthly meeting, one of the shortest of the year, the board heard reports from Trustees Susan Rockmore and Daniel Reh. Rockmore said she was trying to persuade the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) to route buses through Voorheesville in the middle of the day to enable local residents, particularly senior citizens without cars, to travel to Albany and back without long waits.

Rockmore told the board she was also trying to arrange a trash

and snow removal schedule for senior citizens.

Reh is continuing work with the Conservation Council to determine whether hazardous wastes have been dumped at the former site of the Albany Castings Foundry. Preliminary investigations, which have found no hazardous wastes, were necessary before a request could be made to the Department of Environmental Conservation to study the area.

Edward A. Donohue was sworn in as trustee at the regular monthly meeting of the Voorheesville village board last Tuesday. he has filled the vacancy left by Joseph (Larry) Dedrick's October resignation, and will finish the two-year term which expires March 31, 1985. Donohue will have the backing of the village board for a two-year term in the March elections.

4 car-deer accidents

Bethlehem police reported four highway accidents involving deer this past week. Three occurred on Elm Ave. and the fourth on the Delmar Bypass at Kenwood Ave.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Bethlehem Landfill, open at 8 p.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.

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

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

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

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

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

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

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Kay Valentino at 439-9686.

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.

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

La Leche League of Delmar, meets one Wednesday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breastfeeding information, 439-2343.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Concert, featuring fifth and sixth grade choruses and grade band, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Chinese Auction, sponsored by Altar Rosary Society of St. Thomas parish, handmade crafts and raffle, St. Thomas School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1713.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Daniel and Andrea Formica, for a variance to permit a drive-up window and parking partially in a residential zone at McDonald's Restaurant, 132 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Highlights from The Spotlight," readings for the blind and visually impaired, noon and 5:30 p.m.; "Conversations," with Thomas McPheeters, editor of *The Spotlight*, 6:30 p.m.

Workshop, making miniature railroads and doll houses, for persons 8 and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 4-5:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

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

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

Advent Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesdays of month, Starlite Restaurant III, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

Christmas Wreath Sale, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, Key Bank's Voorheesville Office, 4-8 p.m.; Stonewell Market, 4-6 p.m.; Stewart's Ice Cream Store, 6-8 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

PTSA Book Fair, Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria, 5-9 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Assoc., Bill Byron, local artist, will demonstrate water color technique, all welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Interfaith Tea, sponsored by United Methodist Women, music by BCHS Choralists, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. Child care provided.

Concert, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m.

Christmas Wreath Sale, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, Key Bank's Voorheesville Office, 4-8 p.m.; Stonewell Market, 4-6 p.m.; Stewart's Ice Cream Store, 6-8 p.m.

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

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

Bethlehem Archeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Stories With Grandma Ena," with Edna Salkever, 6 p.m.; "Real George's Back Room," 7:30 p.m.

Pre-School Films, entitled *New Friends and Isbella and the Magic Brush*, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Free Legal Clinic, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

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

Christmas Wreath Sale, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, Key Bank's Voorheesville Office, 4-8 p.m.; Stonewell Market, 4-8 p.m.; Stewart's Ice Cream Store, 6-8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Craft Fair, sponsored by Girl Scouts, Masonic Temple, Adams St. and Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Christmas Supper, covered dish, Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

Santa Claus, will visit children, all welcome, sponsored by Voorheesville Central High School, senior class, picture opportunity, Railroad Junction Ice Cream Parlor, Main St. Voorheesville, 1-3 p.m.

Workshop, career/life planning, session 2, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Workshop, wreath making, with Paul Steinkamp, Helderledge Farm, Picard Rd., New Salem, 10:30 a.m. Free.

Film, Star Trek's Cat's Paw, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-2 p.m.

Christmas Wreath Sale, sponsored by New Scotland's Kiwanis, Key Bank Voorheesville Office, 2-6 p.m.; Stonewell Market, 2-4 p.m.; Stewart's Ice Cream Store, 4-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Breakfast, sponsored by Slingerlands Ladies Auxiliary, all proceeds to benefit Albany Medical Center burn unit, Slingerlands Firehouse, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$3 and \$1.50 admission. Information, 439-2465.

Christmas Carol Sing, all welcome, directed by Joseph Farrell, BCHS choral director, Delmar United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m.

Christmas Silver Tea, sponsored by Bethlehem Historical Assoc., Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 3-6 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, Christmas Party, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m.

Friends of the Library, meeting at community room of Bethlehem Public Library, Friendship Singers will perform, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Cable College, Capitol Chamber Artist present "In the Holiday Spirit," selections from J.S. Bach, Bloch, Mozart and Vaughan Williams, 7 p.m.

Mother's Time Out, attorney Tom Daley will discuss civil law topics, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information 439-9929.

Delmar Progress Club, holiday tea, with music by David Scott Quintet, Delmar Methodist Church, 1-4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

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"A Christmas Carol," Cohoes Music Hall, through Dec. 22, (Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m.). Box office, 235-7969.

"The Dining Room," Capital Repertory Company's Theatre, Albany, through Dec. 16, (Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 4:30 and 9 p.m.; and Sun., 2:30 p.m.). Box office, 462-4534.

"Spring Awakening," Skidmore College Theater, Dec. 5-8, 8 p.m. Tickets, 584-5000, ext. 2347.

"Club Cabaret," EBA Chapter House Theater, Albany, through Dec. 22, 10 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

"Raggedy Ann and Andy," The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 7 through Dec. 19 (10 a.m. — Dec. 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19; 2 p.m. — Dec. 8, 9, 16; 8 p.m. — Dec. 14, 17). Community Box Office, 474-1199.

"MacBeth," Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204. The Flying Karamazov Brothers, Proctor's Theater, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

"Candida," Proctor's Theater, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

"One Act Festival," Foy Campus Center, Seina College, Dec. 6-8, 8 p.m. Free.

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," Meader Little Theater, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 6-8 and 13-15, 8 p.m. Box office, 270-2340.

MUSIC

"The Romantic Mind: A Concert of Ideas," Albany Institute of History and Art, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Tickets, 463-4478.

"An Old Fashioned Christmas," carol sing, Proctor's Theater, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

Vienna Boys Choir, Proctor's Theatre, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

Messiah Sing-In, with St. Peter's Choir, St. Peter's Church, Albany, Dec. 9, 3:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

College of Saint Rose Wind Ensemble, St. Joseph's Auditorium, Albany, Dec. 9, 2 p.m. Free.

Advent Music with organist Thomas Savoy and soprano Deborah Savoy, Christ the King Church Guildford, Dec. 9, 2 p.m. Information, 456-6128.

"Prince of Peace," Christian Music Ministries, Loudonville Community Church gym, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Donations accepted.

SUNYA University Chorale, All Saints Episcopal Cathedral, Albany, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. Free; information, 457-8608.

University Community Symphony Orchestra, Main Theater, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Free; information, 457-8606.

University Percussion Ensemble and Concert Band, Main Theatre, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Free.

"Melodies of Christmas," Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. Box office, 465-3334.

"Messiah," Capitol Hill Choral Society, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.; Philip Schyler Concert Hall, Albany, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Tickets, 273-0038.

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the Historic Albany Foundation, Inc. Starting at 44 Central Ave., the tour will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Nature Study, entitled "How the Other Half Lives," focusing on natural history of nocturnal creatures, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Information, 462-7461, ext. 285.

Election, of commissioner for the Selkirk Fire District, 5-year term, monthly meeting of board of commissioners, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., Glenmont, 7-10 p.m.

Video Workshop, entitled "The Public Access Studio," with John Hughes, Channel 16 studio, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free; registration, 439-8111.

Elsmere Community Org., meeting at Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Clarksville PTA, meeting at Clarksville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

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

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Highlights from The Spotlight," readings for the blind, and visually impaired, noon and 5:30 p.m.; "Conversations," Denise Pipkin discusses her work as writer of Regency romances, 6:30 p.m.; "Cheese Lover's Holiday," 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Buffet, sponsored by United Methodist Women, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

Second Millers, Thursday Belles, under direction of Helen Henshaw, will perform for retired men's club of Tri-Village area, visitors welcome, Delmar United Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-1054.

Advent Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Concert, Voorheesville Junior High band and chorus, all welcome, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Org., Christmas party, Bethlehem Town Hall. Reservations, 439-4955, between 9 and 11 a.m.

Christmas Supper, covered dish, Heiderberg Madrigal Singers will perform, parish hall, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, 6 p.m.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, meets second Wednesday at Meads Corners, Rt. 32, 8 p.m. all welcome.

Concert, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m.

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

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

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Garden Club, Christmas tea, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

Concert, Voorheesville Senior High concert band, stage band and chorus, all welcome, Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m. Free.

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, at the firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Holiday Workshops, pre-schoolers, aged 3-5, will make holiday cards, 10:30 a.m.; children 6 and older will make cards and wrapping paper, 4 p.m., children's room, Bethlehem Public Library. Registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, Stories With Grandma Ena, Edna Salkever reads and illustrates "Tammy and the

Magic Brain," 6:30 p.m.; "Real George's Back Room," 7:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Nature Study, "Where They Go In Winter," tracking winter wildlife, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 2 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

Workshop, making holiday decorations with natural materials, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Registration, 457-6092.

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Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, five video workshops, "Video Graphics," "Video Scripting," The Public Access Studio, 7 p.m.

Concert, Bethlehem Central High School. Information, 439-3650.

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

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post #3185, V.F.W., third Monday, Post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

AARP, third Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

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AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

National Issues Forum, sponsored by Domestic Policy Assoc., to consider environmental protection, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 463-5254.

Epilepsy Assoc., of capital district, all welcome monthly meeting at First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8085.

Bloodmobile, SUNYA campus center ballroom, 1400 Washington Ave. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Slide/Tape Program, Seeing the Community: Historic District Preservation in New York State, sponsored by Capital Hill Improvement Corp., Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., led by pediatric nurse practitioner Katherine Gracely-Kilgore, 169 Mohawk St., Cohoes, 9:30-10:30 p.m.; South Ferry and Green Sts., Albany, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Public Hearing, to consider proposed Albany civic center, Albany County office building, 112 State St., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Information, with Maria College admissions officers, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7-9 p.m., Dec. 5 and 6; Albany Public Library, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 7.

Holiday Music Potpourri, with performances by various NYS high school bands and choirs, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-2 p.m. Dec. 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 6; noon-1 p.m. Dec. 7.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Poetry Reading, by Rachel DaVries, all welcome, room 224, Junior College of Albany, campus center, 11:30 a.m. Free.

Writer's Workshop, conference room 1, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.

National Society of New England Women, Albany colony, luncheon at Tom Sawyer Motor Inn Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.

SHARE, Source of Help in Airing and Resolving Experiences, support for parents who have experienced the loss of a baby, will consider coping with the holidays, room 7304, St. Peter's Hospital, 7:30 p.m.

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

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

American Heart Assoc., dinner and membership meeting at Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Saratoga Springs, 6 p.m. Reservations required.

Memorial Service, commemorating Pearl Harbor Day, with U.S. Congressman Gerald Solomon as guest speaker, all welcome, 11th floor chapel, Veterans' Administration Hospital, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Craft Fair, with wreaths, ornaments and more, Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, 314 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Documentary, "Small Happiness" shows changes in Chinese countryside over past 40 years, sponsored by U.S.-China People's Friendship Assoc. Westminster Hall, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Career Seminar, for people interested in working with handicapped, sponsored by Living Resources Corp., 57 Charlton Rd., Glenville, 1-4 p.m. Free; registration, 436-0731.

Workshop, on therapeutic touch treatment, with Judy Schultz, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Harlequin room, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$45 registration, 489-8860.

Christian Music Ministries, will present "Prince of Peace," at Loudonville Community Church, 374 Loudon Rd., Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4986.

Art Auction, sponsored by Minna Breuer group of Albany Chapter Hadassah, all welcome, Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Antique Show and Sale, with furniture, jewelry, baked goods and more, Albany Armory, off Thruway exit 23, Dec. 8 and 9. Information, 279-9012.

DAR Good Citizens Award Day, with Gansevoort chapter NSDAR, Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, noon. Information, 439-3588.

Holiday Sale, of jewelry and baked goods, with Cabbage Patch doll raffle, to benefit people of Ethiopia, sponsored by Christ the King Church, Sumpter Ave., Guilderland, Dec. 8, 4-8:30 p.m.; Dec. 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 456-6128.



Governor Mario M. Cuomo, honorary concert chairman, and Dr. Edward Arenson, director of the Albany Medical Center Child Cancer Care Program, display a poster announcing the Dec. 9 "Melodies of Christmas Concert" to be held at 3 p.m. in Albany's Palace Theatre. The concert features the Empire State Youth Orchestra and the Shaker High School Chorus.

Christmas Party, for CSR alumni and their families, Camelot room, campus center, College of Saint Rose, 420 Western Ave., 1-4 p.m. Reservations, 454-5105.

Seminar, on "Harmony in Life," Ekanar Center of Albany, 58 Central Ave., 2-4 p.m. Free; information, 434-8805.

Concert, Kids' Fare, a family entertainment program, will present Sparky Rucker of Tennessee playing traditional mountain and country tunes, Harmanus Bleeker Center, Dove St. and Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m., \$3 and \$1.50 admission. Information, 482-2826.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Lighting of NYS Christmas Tree, sing along to carols, outdoor Plaza, Empire State Plaza, Albany 5 p.m.

Film, "Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die," documentary of American Jewish leadership during Holocaust years, State Museum, 1:30 p.m. Free.

International Holiday Celebration, sponsored by Capital District Cultural Heritage Org., south gallery, Empire State Plaza, noon-6 p.m.

Stamp Show and Sale, with more than 15 dealers, meeting room 6, Empire State Plaza, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 474-5110.

Reading, "Stories by Yiddish Writers," with Susan Tanel Spivak, State Museum, 2-3 p.m. Free.

Victorian Christmas Stroll, with carolers, jugglers, magicians, troubadours and more, sponsored by Downtown Troy Business Assoc., downtown Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Awards Ceremony, sponsored by Albany Sons of Italy, dinner and dancing at Italian American Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. \$50 reservations, 463-1711.

Albany Pro Musica, members will sing traditional Christmas carols at Stuyvesant Plaza, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Holiday House Tour, sponsored by Historic Albany Foundation, walking tour of various properties, begins at 44 Central Ave., 1-4:30 p.m. Information, 463-0622.

Children's Play, "Patchwork," by Shaker High School Children's Theatre, Empire State Plaza, 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets, 474-5986.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Information Session, Empire State College, SUNY, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 447-6746.

Book Signing, with Philip L. Lord, Jr., author of *Mills on the Tsatsawassa*, museum shop, Empire State Plaza, noon. Free.

Senior Citizens Walking Program, gathering at Cunningham's Ski Barn, Victoria Pool, Saratoga Spa State Park, 10 a.m. Information, 584-200, ext. 27.

Training Course, for Red Cross bloodmobile volunteers, Albany Area Chapter Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461, ext. 321.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Adirondack Mountain Club, meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, Walter Clark will discuss "Wilderness Ski Touring," 8 p.m.

Dinner, in recognition of Richard F. Schubert, president of American National Red Cross, Albany Hilton. Reservations, 462-7461, ext. 270.

Christmas Caroling, all welcome, McKinstry Courtyard, off First St., Fussels Sage College, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Holiday Concert, Albany Area Senior Citizens Orchestra, with Cliff A. Anson conducting, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Slide/Tape Program, sponsored by Capital Hill Improvement Corp., "Solving Energy Conversation Problems in

Historic Houses," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 463-5254.

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It's 6 a.m. The world is quiet, and very dark. I am alone with my thoughts. In my half-sleep state I rose from the warmth of my bedcovers to trudge downstairs to make some coffee and sit at my typewriter. Residue from unfinished dreams of the night lingered on as I broke the silence of pre-dawn with the sound of electricity spurring out of my drip grind brew and turning my typewriter motor. A flock of noisy crows just flew outside the window punctuating the end of the silent night.

I retired last night without having written my column for next week. Nor had I settled on a topic by the time sleep overtook my meandering mind. When I stirred moments ago, I immediately picked up where I left off last night, and began searching for a topic to transform into a 600-word article. What had I dreamt through the night? Was there any unconscious material that might bubble to the surface of my brain and form words, phrases, whole thoughts, flowing ideas?

I became mildly disturbed with the silence of my own creativity. I shook myself from inside and challenged my self-image as a writer. "You are a writer," I wistfully said within my logy brain, which was still unsure it was awake. "You can write. You have written, many times before. You are committed. You have the ability, the motivation. Why, you've written a book. You are not just a writer. You are an author." And it hit me as suddenly as I realized that daylight had snuck up from behind the window past my desk, and it was no longer dark outside. I was indeed an author. As of this week, in my 44th year of life, my first book is about to be sold in stores and newsstands and at the newspaper office, on the streets, wherever. And it is a book, a real book, and it was a dream, a real dream from childhood and ever since. I always had wanted to be an author as one essential part of my life, but I merely dabbled in it, never worked hard at it, never committed to it.

But here and now, as I awoke from unclear dreams of the night trying to search for some inspiration to put into words, I am actually realizing a dream of many nights of my life. I am writing, and I am making dreams come true. It feels wonderful.

I spent most of my years wishing my dream of being a writer would come true. That's different than realizing the dream and making it happen. A wish is not a dream. A wish is our desire for something we believe we are unable to get. The only way it can come true is if we find our fairy godmother, a genie in a lamp or a magic ring.

Dreams, however, are made of more solid stuff. Although we experience them in the fantasy of our twilight states, they are directly connected to and from our realities. We can make many of them come true if only we realize that they come from unexplored corners of ourselves, from caverns of our deepest being, from untapped potentials of creative and spiritual force which I believe to be the birthright of all human beings.

The bridges between our dreams and their realization are made of individual abilities we develop in ourselves and commitments we make to ourselves. Sometimes a dream involves the commitments

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



and abilities of others. That's when we need to share our dreams, because others may have the same dream, and just by the

Italy, for one semester in college, I had an American professor, Dr. John Clarke Adams, who was also the founder of the program. He was a bi-national by then, having established residences in both Italy and America. He spoke Italian beautifully. But in his native tongue, American English, he stuttered.

As I and my fellow students stuttered through our initial

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sharing of it the abilities and the commitments are mutually inspired and fused into action. Think of the image of Martin Luther King, Jr. standing before thousands and crying out in all his spiritual force, "I have a dream!" He found many who shared his dream, his commitment, and that dream is coming true.

When I studied in Florence,

struggles to speak the Italian language fluently, Dr. Adams told us a story from his own experience at learning this foreign tongue. He, too, struggled with Italian when the program was first instituted. He became desperate to master the language, especially as he was the director of the program and wanted to set a good example for the American students.

His Italian professor worked long and hard with him, but his stuttering kept blocking any significant progress. Dejected he fell asleep one night and began dreaming about one of his lessons with the professor. As usual, the professor was speaking with flowing perfection while poor Dr. Adams continued stammering his way through choppy phrases. He awoke the next morning recalling his dream with typical resignation at his inability to achieve fluency in the Italian language.

And then he realized that it was not his Italian professor who had spoken so magnificently in his dream the night before. It was the image of his professor, an image that had been formed within his own mind, an image endowed with skills of fluency in the Italian language. It was all there already inside him. In his mind, from realizing that it was his own dream, Dr. Adams became aware that he no longer had to wish for something he didn't have. He merely had to develop what was already within his being. With a new confidence from realizing his dream, he made it come true.

I no longer wish to become a writer, because I already realized that dream, and made it come true.

Red Cross training

A Red Cross blood services training course will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, at the Albany Area Chapter Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., Albany. The course instructors will train volunteers to work on bloodmobiles. Participants will also have an opportunity to tour the Red Cross facility. Persons interested in taking this course or a future evening course should call 462-7461, ext. 321.

Come to the cabaret

The EBA Chapter House Theater, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, will present a series of cabaret style floor shows on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 22. Each night the dance improvisations will begin at 10 p.m. The Chapter House Theater will be open from 8 p.m. until midnight, and a \$5 donation will be accepted at the door.


Ring found

A silver ring with engraving on the inside was turned over to Bethlehem police Thursday by a Winne Rd. youngster who reported finding it in the woods behind the Bethlehem Middle School.

Allison Bennett's book *Times Remembered* now available at *The Spotlight*

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By Caroline Terenzini

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In reality the surroundings are not grandiose nor spacious but in fact they are the unpretentious studio of Walt Donnaruma of WD Productions, and the sounds — awe-inspiring, fear-inspiring or just inspiring — issue from his Yamaha DX7 synthesizer with Donnaruma himself at the keyboard.

For those who haven't been paying attention, the synthesizer is a rather humble-looking electronic instrument that is played via an abbreviated keyboard and any number of push buttons — sort of but not much like an electronic piano. In the case of the



Walter Donnaruma can create anything from church bells to unearthly howls with his Yamaha synthesizer.

Tom Howes

Yamaha Digital Programmable Algorithm Synthesizer, the instrument panel veers toward that of a jet plane's cockpit with an intimidating array of dials and gauges and lighted electronic displays panels. It's not your average synthesizer, with 32 "voices" permanently in its memory and small snap-in cartridges that have another 128 voices apiece.

For example, there is a cartridge for orchestral sounds, including not only strings and brass, but also the "voices" of recorders, chimes and a log drum. Another cartridge, for complex effects, produces such sounds as those of wasps or a wild boar, for instance, and also provides, a "filter sweep," which is like the sound that fills the theater when, say, the Death Star approaches in "Star Wars."

It's all pretty fun stuff, but Donnaruma doesn't just play with the synthesizer. His infant enter-

prise, WD Productions, uses the synthesizer plus an electronic "mixer" and an eight-track tape recorder to produce radio ads, film soundtracks, voiceovers, and records and cassettes for, well, anyone who needs them. For example, an ad heard locally on radio news station WWCN for Cafe Capriccio, an Albany restaurant, is a WD product. The background music was "scored out" from a tape of a Neapolitan folk song, then Donnaruma played the melody in the synthesizer's harpsichord and string voices, recording each along with the voiceover.

A native of Kingston and now a Delmar resident, Donnaruma has been a professional musician for 25 years, dating back to his college days at Brown University and Albany Law School. He (at the piano) and his jazz trio are regulars now at Justin's on Lark St. in Albany. "It's like my exercise class," he said of the weekend stints. "It makes me work and discipline myself." The seemingly unlikely combination of jazz music with a law practice isn't remarkable to Donnaruma — "Maybe it's a good variety. After all, Hoagy Carmichael was a lawyer."

Now, with WD Productions, Donnaruma is taking his musical experience along "a new path." "Putting something together by doing each element myself that's intriguing to me!" he said of the recordings he has produced so far. In the case of a video soundtrack, "music can supply something the video has not," Donnaruma said. "Music can put in a lot of emotional content."

The applications for WD Productions capabilities include instructional tapes for industry or businesses, or educational tapes telling, for example, how to play the guitar. But, even if you don't need a radio ad or a film soundtrack right now, it just might be worth making one so you can check out the DX7.

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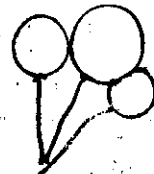
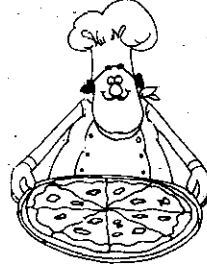
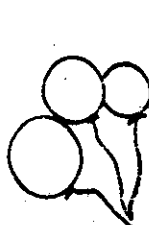
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On bank board

Richard F. Lindstrom of Delmar, executive vice president of First American Bank of New York, has been named to the bank's board of directors. Lindstrom was president of Banker's Trust Co. of Albany, N.A., which merged with FABNY on Oct. 1.

A native of Yonkers, he earned a BA in economics in 1949 at Colgate University. He was awarded an honorary degree by Siena College in 1980. He is on the governing bodies of the Albany YMCA, Albany Parking Authority, Akbany Institute of History and Art, Albany Medical College and the area chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also chairman of the U.S. savings bond program in Albany County.

'Day care' for adults

Rainbow Adult Day Service, Inc., an adult day care center organized by three area nurses, is now accepting clients for full and half day care.

Designed to offer an alternative to nursing home placement, the program will provide adults with needed supervision and socialization while other members of their family are at work. The clients will then spend the evening and nighttime hours with their families.

The day care center will operate Monday through Friday. For information call Patricia Spear at 463-2339.

Car radios stolen

A Rt. 9W car dealer told Bethlehem police last Wednesday that someone had broken into two cars on his lot and removed the radios, valued at a total of \$750, according to police reports. It was the second such incident at the dealership this month.

Nature's decorations

A workshop on making holiday decorations from natural materials will be presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. Participants will collect their own materials for decorating. To register call 457-6092.

Sterling missing

Pieces of a sterling silver tea service have been reported missing by a Delmar resident, according to Bethlehem police. The service had been stored in the attic and the owner had last seen the set intact 18 years ago, the police report said. The value of the missing pieces was not immediately known.

Should've zagged

Two area women were arrested this week by Bethlehem police on misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated. In one instance, an official on patrol had to swerve to avoid the oncoming weaving car, according to the report.

Chamber to salute community leaders

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will present its first Business Person of the Year award at the Jan. 12 awards dinner at the Normanside Country Club. The business award will be presented to an individual who has effected an outstanding business achievement in the town during 1984. A Citizen of the Year will also be selected on the basis of outstanding service to the community.

Town leaders, business leaders and members of the community

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will evaluate the candidates. Members of the community are invited to submit a biographical sketch on any person who is deserving of recognition. Forms are available at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, 163 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information call 439-0512.

Holiday deadlines

The Spotlight has adopted special advertising and editorial deadlines for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The deadlines for both advertising and editorial copy for the issue of Dec. 26 will be 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, and for the Jan. 2 issue, Dec. 27, at 5 p.m.

The Spotlight office will be closed on Dec. 23 and 25, and Jan. 1.

Accessibility house

Accessibility House, a showcase apartment for the physically disabled and elderly, has opened at Albany Surgical Company, 284 Central Ave., Albany.

The house will serve as an information center for the disabled by displaying the latest equipment and household furnishings specifically designed to provide greater access. Among the special equipment on display will be a "wheel-in" shower stall, a front loading washer and dryer, a moveable bathroom sink and special dishes for persons with dexterity problems.

Individuals and groups wishing to tour the facility should call 449-5716.

Bank makes offering

Norstar Bancorp Inc. has announced the public offering of 1.1 million shares of common stock at a price of \$33.50 per share.

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Church school for all ages

Glenmont Community Church and Faith Lutheran Church, both of 1 Chapel La. in Glenmont, have begun their Joint Sunday Church School. Beginning at 10 a.m. the program will provide Christian education for adults and children three and older. Babysitting will be provided for those people with children under the age of three who are interested in attending the adult class.

The Glenmont Community Church (Reformed) has also moved the time of its worship service from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

in order to allow the program to take place each Sunday. For information or to enroll in the program, call Rev. John Macholz of Faith Lutheran Church at 465-2188 or Rev. Robert Testino of Glenmont Community Church at 436-7710 or 436-0655.

The two parishes will also continue their ecumenical partnership as they begin their joint Advent Dinner and Devotions program on Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Members from both parishes will gather for dinner to be followed by the making of individual family

Advent wreaths to be used during the season. On each successive Wednesday through December 19, the churches will gather for a covered dish dinner at 6:30 to be followed by devotions.

A kosher Christmas

The Albany County Emergency Food Task Force and the Albany Jewish Community Center are sponsoring a Dec. 25 kosher Christmas meal for the needy at the community center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agencies, organizations, shelters and churches should call 462-3459 with the names of individuals who may wish to attend the dinner. Two buses will be chartered to make the event accessible to all.

Music at supper

A quartet from the Helderberg Madrigal Singers will present Christmas music at the Dec. 12 covered dish supper for the Women of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar. The event will begin at 6 p.m.

Square dance course

The Silver Bullets Square Dance Club of Delmar will offer a "Basic 50 Western Square Dance" course beginning Dec. 18 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

The course is designed for dancers who have had at least 10 lessons and dancers who have been away from square dancing for a time. For information call 439-3689.

Focus On Faith

Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator
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Christmas Time!

Time to do the Christmasy things... renew the old customs... repeat the time honored rituals... sing carols... decorate the tree... put up the Christmas creche.

One of the rituals I love best at our house is setting up the creche. This year is special because we have a new model, carved in Bethlehem (not in New York State, but the real Bethlehem, where it all began 2,000 years ago).

We were in the holy city last May and purchased this beautiful hand carved set in a shop, run by Christian Arabs, not far from the Church of The Nativity. This church is believed to be the site where Jesus Christ was born.

At the rear of the shop, we had watched young male woodcarvers in their twenties, carving from aged, gnarled olive wood figures of the Holy Family, Wisemen and Shepherds. Outside in the yard a mound of olive wood lay, waiting for the hand of the carver to turn it into countless masterpieces, which would find their way around the world.

So this Christmas we have a bit of the real Bethlehem in our home and our celebration will be special because of it.

How special will it be, really? Why should our Bethlehem creche set make any difference? Wouldn't the old set do just as well?

The answer to these questions lies in our emotional associations with the Holy Land. (Every Christian should go there at least once; it does wonders to your faith in spite of all the violence there).

The Christmas Story began in the Holy Land centuries before Christ was born, with its center in Bethlehem, home of King David, revered by every devout Jew today, and the birthplace of the Founder of our faith.

The closer we can get to Jesus Christ should make Christmas a pilgrimage in faith. In North America, where materialistic values are primary to the spiritual and moral, the more we can get to Him, live in Him, feel with Him, the better for all of us.

Christmas in North America really belongs to Santa Claus. He

comes to town on Thanksgiving Day in late November and everything is geared to his presence and influence. The economy rises and falls with the size of the day's take in cash registers from Toronto to Miami. New York to Vancouver.

At our house we are thankful that we have a bit of Bethlehem to remind us that material values, important as they are, are secondary to the spiritual and moral, that cash register consumerism may get us more modern and better appliances but never a truly happy heart.

Bethlehem reminds us that God so loved the world, He sent His only Son to help us to be the kind of Americans and Canadians who cherish people and not things.

The day after Christmas, Santa Claus will be a fading memory, kept alive only by the bargains on Boxing Day. Before the week is out the advertising geniuses will be imagining new ways to entice us to buy, buy, buy, good for the economy but hardly for our spiritual and moral needs.

And there is a lot more living to live, a lot more necessity to care and share. Santa isn't much help here because he is only a memory and not an influence.

So this Christmas, identify with the Christ Child and all he represents... sing the carols... put up the creche... give to the Christmas Hamper campaign... visit the elderly and sick... go to church Christmas Eve... be reconciled with the one you love and have lost.


In the words of Ralph Spalding Cusman:

*let not our hearts be busy inns,
that have no room for Thee,
but cradles for the living Christ
and his Nativity.*

May we all have a blessed Christmas, all year long.

Song at the library

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Friendship Singers will present their holiday program in the community room of Bethlehem Public Library on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.



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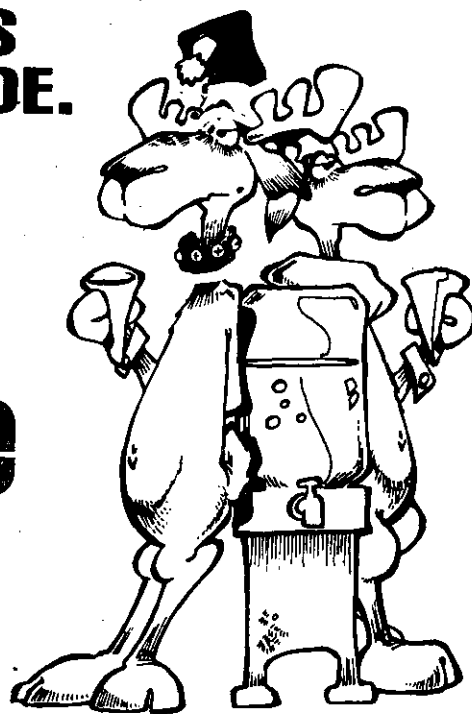
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Self-study at BCHS

Bethlehem Central High School, ready to launch a self-evaluation that will lead to renewal of its accreditation by the Middle States Associations of Colleges and Secondary Schools, needs volunteers from the community, according to Principal Charles Gunner. Staff at the high school have signed up to serve on two study committees each and student members are being named by the Student Senate, but community residents also are needed, Gunner said.

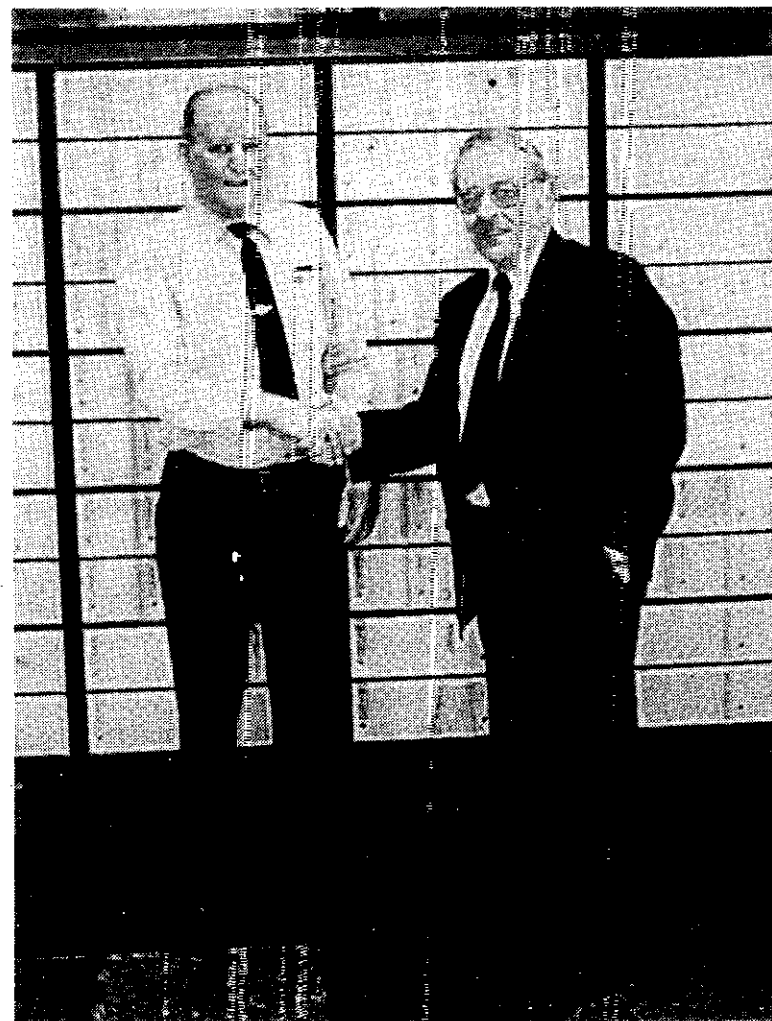
The schedule calls for self-evaluation committee meetings to begin in February, with each committee expected to meet about once a month, so volunteers will be making a commitment for approximately two hours a month for a year (excluding the summer months). The committees will meet during the day.

Once the self-evaluation is completed and a report prepared, a visiting committee of about 25 outside professionals will come to Bethlehem. Armed with the self-study report, the visiting committee will make its own assessment and prepare a report that goes to the Commission on Secondary Schools. The self-study and visiting committee reports are the basis for accreditation and also for any follow-up activities.

The Middle State Association, one of six such regional bodies in the nation, lists some 1,600 secondary schools as members. To retain membership, a school must undergo an evaluation and receive accreditation every 10 years. The association pointed out that the accreditation process does not involve comparing schools, since no uniform standard exists. Rather, each school is studied in relation to its community and to its objectives, with the goal of improving the school.

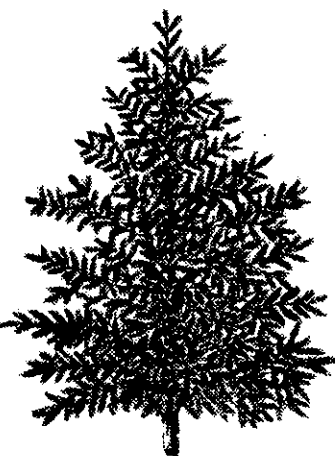
Residents willing to help with the self-evaluation may call Virginia Slater at the high school, 439-4921.

If *The Spotlight* doesn't come on Wednesday, call 439-4949



When Joseph Thomas retired Friday after 30 years as a postal carrier in the Delmar Post Office, he took perhaps the most complete set of information about the town anywhere, past and present — in his head. "You can't replace someone like Joe," said Postmaster Henry Betke, right. *Spotlight.*

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Fire districts elect

Elections will be held Dec. 11 at various area firehouses to elect commissioners for five year terms and treasurers for a term of three years.

On Monday — one day before the deadline for submission of petitions — the candidates for office in the local fire districts were as follows: Delmar commissioner, Henry Kleinke; Delmar treasurer, John Angerame; Elmwood Park commissioner, Floyd Van Zandt and William James; Elsmere commissioner, Kenneth E. MacMary; Elsmere treasurer, Gordon Morris; Slingerlands commissioner, Thomas Smith, and Slingerlands treasurer, Walter Roberts.

Elections are open to all residents of the fire district.

The New Salem Fire District will hold an election for members only on Dec. 12. Candidates are: chief, Gordon Pinney; assistant chief, Louis Donato and Craig Schufelt; captain, Bill Hummel and Larry Cross; first lieutenant, Joe Sala and Bill Murdock; second lieutenant, Tom Conley, Alan Pinney and Charles Donnelly; administrator, Doug Shearer and John O'Connell; secretary, Joseph Sangiorgi; treasurer, Ed Iggoe; chief engineer, Fred Carl and Bob Vincent; director of property, Glen Carl, and director of membership, Larry Cross.

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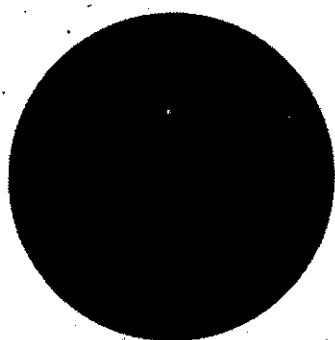
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BC mat squad looks to youth

A bumper crop of talented freshmen has brightened Bethlehem Central's varsity wrestling prospects, not only for this season but in the years ahead.

It has been a long time since Rick Poplaski, BC's veteran mat tutor, has had as many as five freshmen in his starting lineup. In the opening meet Saturday his brightest prospect, Chris Saba, was given a forfeit, but two of the four newcomers won their bouts and the others showed enough to delight local onlookers.

"We've got a very young team," Poplaski said last week as his squad wound up pre-season wrestling-offs. "We have four or five seniors who will help us, but our success this year depends on how the younger boys make the transition from JV to varsity."

Poplaski will get that answer this week and next when the Eagles take on Mont Pleasant, Voorheesville and two Suburban Council foes, Columbia and

Saratoga. The match against Voorheesville, where Dick Leach has made the Blackbirds into a perennial small-school wrestling power, will be in Delmar this Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.

"It will be interesting to see how the younger kids adapt to the competition at the varsity level," observed Poplaski. "This is probably the best group of ninth graders we've ever had, maybe the best class ever to come through our program."

Saba at 98 pounds was the only member of that class to earn a spot on the varsity last year, and went 28-10 as the first eighth grader ever to make the Bethlehem varsity. In Saturday's inter-scholastic inaugural, visiting Johnstown had no one to go to the mat with him.

The other top prospects in the class of '88 are Tom Nyilis at 105, Dan Conti at 112, Jim Dayter at 132 and Tom Morrison at 138, against Johnstown Dayter and Morrison won their bouts by shut-outs, 7-0 and 8-0 respectively. Conti and Morrison are transfers from neighboring RCS, where Morrison was undefeated on the Ravena freshman team.

Poplaski has experienced wrestlers in his co-captains, Mike Tinsman and Brett Zick, seniors, and in Mark Hoffman, Aaron Corman and Andy McDonald. Tinsman had a fine season as a sophomore but was ill most of last year. Zick incurred a fractured finger that prevented him from

finishing the season a year ago.

Both have "matured very nicely and look good," Poplaski says. Both won their matches on Saturday, Tinsman at 119 by a pin, and Zick at 167 on points (12-6). The team score was 34-28 with several Eagles losing close matches.

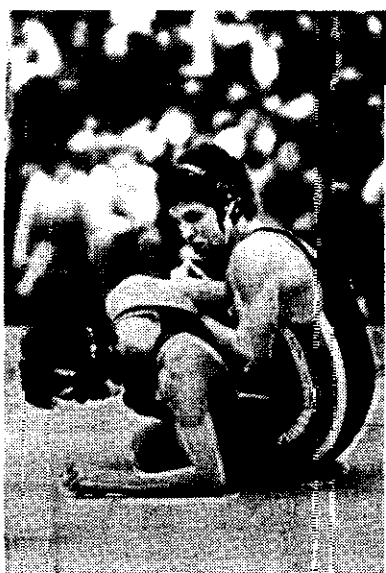
The only other pin was registered by Tim Dobert, a junior up from JV, wrestling at 145. Joe Diacetis, a junior rejoining the program after a year's absence, is a probable starter in the 155-167 range, but with Zick healthy at 167, Diacetis was assigned the 177 pound bout and won by forfeit.

Rounding out the squad are Mike Clarke (126) and Doug Chambers (132), seniors up from

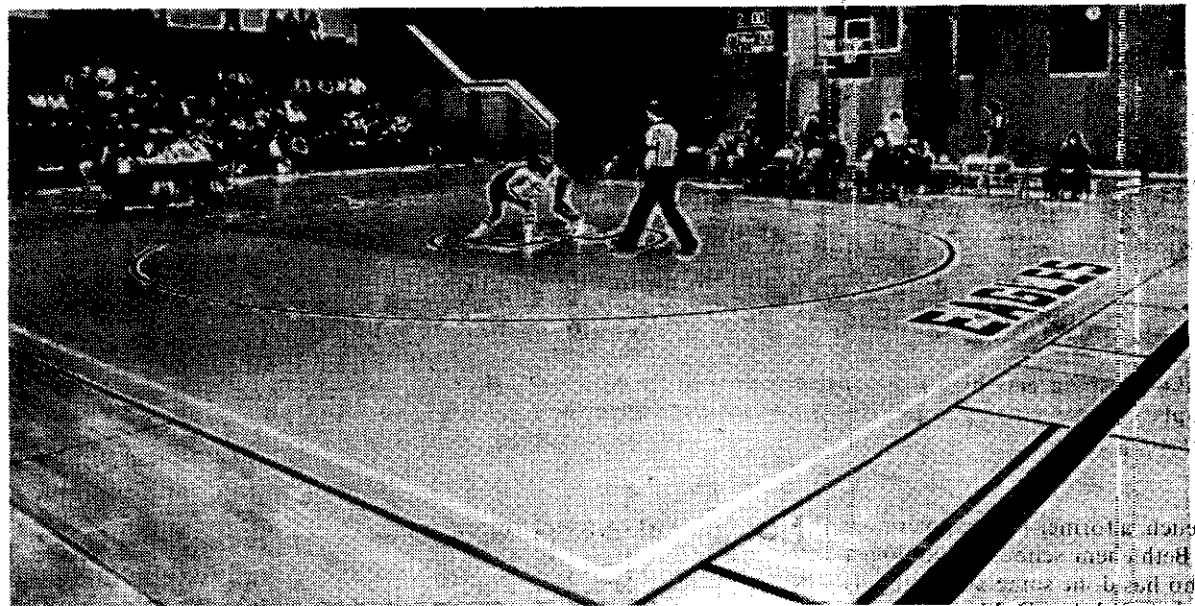
last year's junior varsity; Mark Hoffman, a senior heavyweight, and Vern Thalheimer, a sophomore in the 91-pound category who was on the freshman team last year. "He's a lot stronger this year," says Poplaski.

The Eagles were 9-5 last season, finishing third in the Suburban Council's Gold Division.

Two new coaches have joined Poplaski, a tribute to BC's program at a time when Shaker has been forced to drop wrestling for lack of a coach and other schools, including Voorheesville, have staff openings. Marty Brandon, a former Albany High wrestler, is coaching the Eagle JV, and Glenn



Mike Tinsman, senior co-captain of Bethlehem Central's wrestling team, pinned Johnstown's Keith Smith in the 119-pound bout.
Tom Howes



Bethlehem Central's new wrestling mat got its baptism Saturday in the Eagle's opening dual meet against Johnstown. The mat was donated by BC's

wrestling booster group of parents, alumni and friends.
Tom Howes

100th win

Saturday's win over Johnstown was the 100th in Rick Poplaski's career as varsity wrestling coach at Bethlehem Central. Poplaski, a popular coach prominent in Section 2 mat circles, served as junior varsity coach from 1968 to 1973. He succeeded Gene FitzPatrick as varsity coach in 1974.

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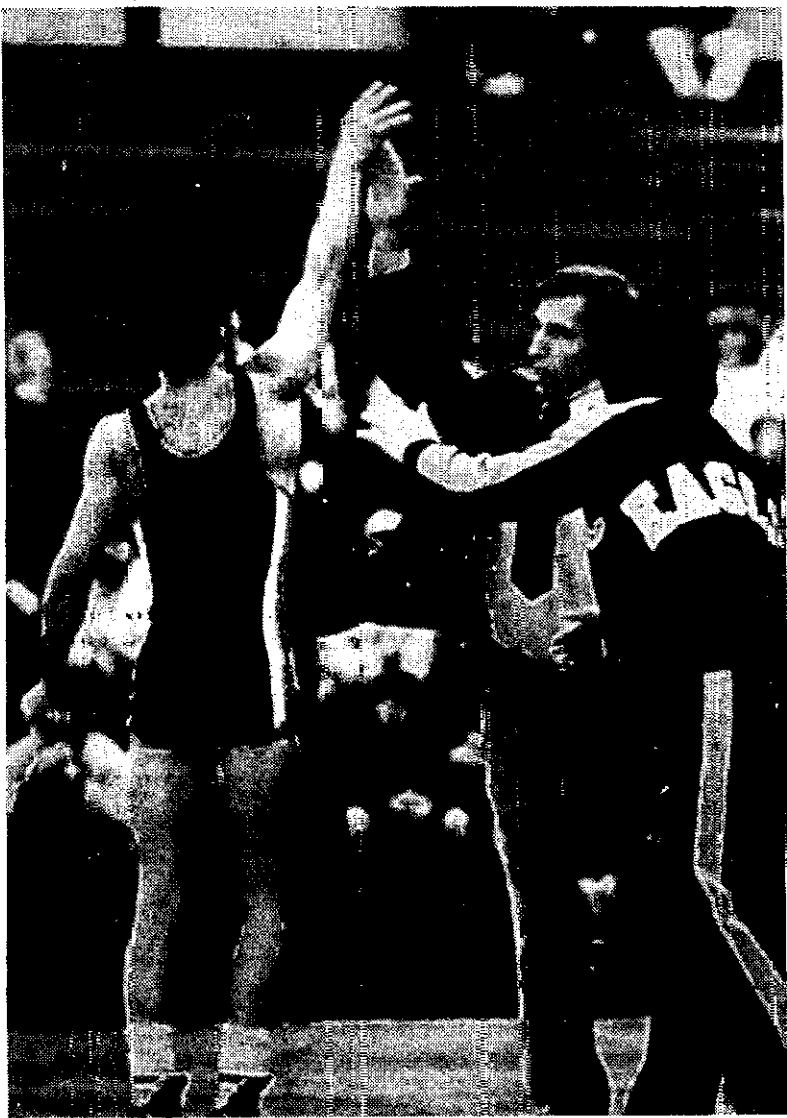
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Mike Tinsman gets high-five congratulations from BC Coach Rick Poplaski after scoring a pin in Saturday's opening match of the wrestling season. *Tom Howes*

Yelich, a former BC grappler now a Bethlehem school psychologist who has done some officiating, is assisting John DeMee with the frosh.

A vital-statistic footnote: DeMee's second child, a son, was born last Wednesday.

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The Bethlehem Channel will offer a free video workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. John Hughes will present the workshop, entitled "The Public Access Studio," at the Channel 16 studio, which is located in the Bethlehem Public Library. To register call the studio at 439-8111, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

RCS tryouts draw a crowd

By Bart Gottesman

The 1984-85 RCS wrestling team had one of its best turnouts in years as 35 were at the first practice. The team is coached by John Vishneowski, assisted by Gary VanDerzee, and will be led by three senior captains, Scott Lewis, Bob Gallagher and Chris Chmielewski.

The rest of the team consists of senior Bob Lewis, juniors Chris Stoddard, Gary Appleby, Dave Brown, Scott Keating, Brian Perry, Dave Thomas and Bob Baranska; sophomores Jerry Baranska, Vince Caballer, Rob Demis, Steve DiAcetis, Bart Gottesman, Luther Legg and Rich and Ken Losse, and freshmen Chris Mizener, Tim Baranska, Carey Britton, Dan Burns, Chip Cowles, Tim Flint, Mike Gallagher, Matt Legg, Aaron Luprette, Steve Swanson, Marty Stoddard, Willie Hart, Eric Covey, Gary Flansburg, Paul Losavo and Corey Thiele.

"The other coaches in the Colonial Council think that we will do well, but we are young and we have a tough schedule," Vishneowski said. The team has lost only two wrestlers to graduation, and more than half of this year's team has had experience at either the JV or varsity level.

The Indians had scrimmages last week at Colonie and powerful Queensbury before the league season opens.



RCS wrestlers have three co-captains this season, Chris Chmielewski, left, Bob Gallagher and Scott Lewis. *Bart Gottesman*

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The junior high select chorus and jazz ensemble will be recording in January at the Saints and Sound Studio, College of Saint Rose. On Dec. 13 the school's band and chorus students will see *Raggedy and Andy* at the Empire State Institute of the Performing Arts in Albany.

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V'ville rookie wrestlers need time on the mat

By Peter J. Fisch

Losing several good wrestlers is difficult for any team to adjust to. As the 1984-85 scholastic season gets underway, veteran Voorheesville High School Coach Dick Leach must adjust as his crew attempts to repeat last year's success minus a handful of graduated standouts.

"You don't lose the number of wrestlers we lost and not have it affect your team," noted Leach after a Saturday workout. "Last year we knew who was coming back, but we didn't know where to put them. This year we don't know what we have."

Leach is also faced with a common problem — lack of experience. "Many of the guys have not been on the mat enough for us to know what they can do," he says. "We don't have the experience in the wrestling room. There's alot of talent but no experience."

Two wrestlers with plenty of experience are co-captains senior Jeff Genovesi and junior Mark Gillenwalters. Genovesi, expected to wrestle at 132 or 138 as the team's lone senior, has been a successful varsity grappler since eighth grade. Last season, he was a Class C Sectional champion in the 126-pound class and finished third at the state qualifiers. Over the summer, Genovesi was once again victorious at the Empire State Games.

Like Genovesi, Gillenwalters has wrestled varsity since his eighth grade year and is expected to wrestle 132 or 138. Last season Gillenwalters won several clutch matches for the Blackbirds as well

as taking third at the league tournament and fifth in Class C.

Returning from last season's 7-1 Colonial co-championship (with Mechanicville) team (11-6 overall) are freshman Matt Cillis and John Traudt and juniors Bill Kelly and Rich Kane. Cillis, this year's 105-pounder, registered a second-place finish in the league and was third at the Class C tourney last season as an eighth grader. Traudt (119 or 126), also a varsity eighth grader last year, placed third in the league and fifth at the Sectionals. Kelly had a tough year with several seniors near his weight and saw limited varsity action, but is expected to be tough at 155 or 167. Wrestling well above his weight at 215 last year, Kane pulled off a second-place finish at the Colonial Council tournament and a third in Class C.

Rounding out the starting lineup are freshman Mike Vink (105 or 112) and Mario Darpino (177 or 215); sophomores Tom Vecchio (98), Ward Breeze (119 or 126), Ted Teuten (145) and Jeff Mazzafiero (155 or 167); juniors John Layou (119 or 126) and Mark Chyrywaty (177). Competition seems toughest on the team in the 119 and 126-pound weight class as four wrestlers are battling for two spots.

Once again, the Colonial Council race looks as though it could be tight. "Albany Academy is the favorite," reported Leach. "They've got most of their guys back so they've got to be strong. Ravena could be a sleeper. They're a young group with a lot of guys back, so they could put it together. Mechanicville is always good."

"Our lineup is solid and we cover most of the weight classes," stated Leach. "We lack depth, so

injuries will hurt the team. So far, the enthusiasm and attitudes have been good. It's early to know what we really have due to the football team's success. Full team practices got started a little later than usual."

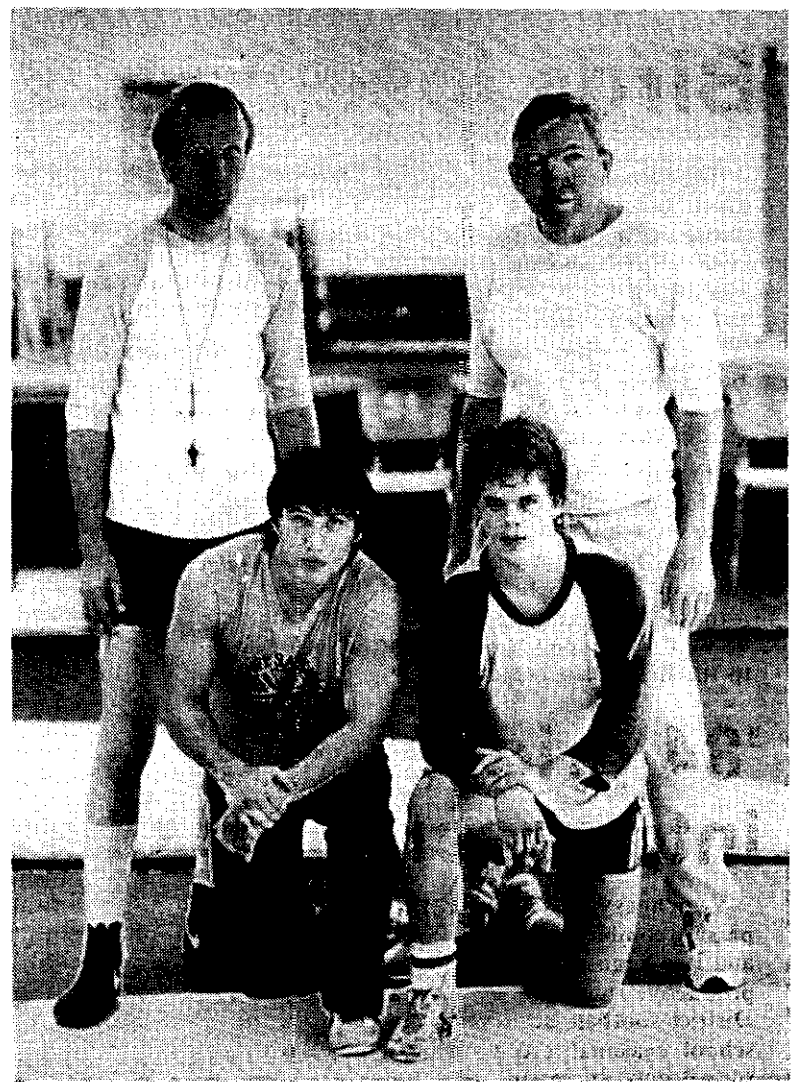
Leach and his corps will have a chance to see what they really can do as they open their Colonial Council season next Thursday, Dec. 6, at Waterford. On the 8th, the Birds travel to Bethlehem to renew an annual rivalry at 1 p.m. Another local rivalry continues as the Birds play host to the Ravena Indians in their home opener on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 3:30.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Airman Joseph D. Truttman, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Kaherl of Selkirk, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course earned credits toward an associated degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Truttman is scheduled to serve with the 3786th Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, West Germany. He is a 1984 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Elden C. Miller, son of Alice D. Gordinier of Glenmont, has been promoted to the rank of senior airman in the Air Force. Miller is an aircraft maintenance specialist at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., with the 2nd Bombardment wing.



Guiding Voorheesville's wrestling program this season are veteran coaches, Dick Leach, standing, left, his assistant, Tom Buckley, and two of Section 2's standout performers, co-captains Jeff Genovesi, left, and Mark Gillenwalters. Tom Howes

Airman Daniel R. Kohinke, son of Ruth E. Davis of Slingerlands and William E. Kohinke of Voorheesville, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force airframe repair course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

Kohinke is scheduled to serve with the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is a 1983 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Voorheesville.

First Lt. Pearce K. Raeder, son of Philip K. Raeder Jr. and Mary A. Raeder, both of Feura Bush, has graduated from U.S. Air Force pilot training, and has received silver wings at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Raeder is scheduled to serve with the 58th Tactical Training

Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. He is a 1981 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy.

Second Lt. Walter C. Waidelich Jr., son of Walter C. and Marie Waidelich of 5 Wisconsin Ave., Delmar, has graduated from the U.S. Army engineer officer basic course at Fort Belvoir, Va.

His wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of Arther F. and Anne Young of 5 Devon Rd., Elsmere. He is a 1984 graduate of Colorado School of Mines, Golden.

Marine 2nd Lt. Anthony J. Mauro, son of Tony and Geraldine Mauro, 78 Hampton St., Delmar, was graduated from The Basic School at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command in Quantico, Va.

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'Birds lose one, win one

The Voorheesville basketball team bounced back this past weekend in familiar Blackbird style. After playing poorly in Friday night's 65-58 opening loss to Queensbury High in the Queensbury Tip-Off tournament, Coach Bob Crandall's team came right back to post a 59-56 overtime victory over Guilderland Central.

"Friday night was a real struggle for us," said Crandall. "We came out really flat. I don't know if it was because it was our first game or if it was just playing a team we didn't know much about or what." Crandall was referring to the Blackbirds horrendous 38-

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percent shooting from the field. On the other hand, Queensbury came out smoking and finished the evening shooting 56 percent from the field.

That hot shooting led to a 20-8 first quarter Queensbury lead. Voorheesville's 6-4 center Bret Hotaling picked up two fouls in the first three minutes and with their "big man" on the bench, the Blackbirds fell behind, 28-21, with two minutes left in the half. The

third quarter belonged to Queensbury as they built a 17-point lead with 4:17 left. The Blackbirds cut the gap to 5 with 1:10 left in the quarter, but the lead went back to 8 points when Voorheesville couldn't hit their open shots.

Brian Rubin shot 8-for-18 and finished with 21 points Junior Justin Corcoran chipped in with 9.

Saturday night's game against Suburban Council rival Guilderland was a struggle but the Blackbirds prevailed with some timely shooting and a tough 2-2-1 full-court press. "At no point did I feel we would lose this ballgame," stated Crandall. "It was just a matter of when we would win it."

Voorheesville led 17-13 after one quarter and controlled the defensive end to take a commanding 32-21 halftime lead. The Dutchmen pulled up to 40-34, and made the final quarter a real nail-biter. Voorheesville's 6-4 senior Gerald Borg hit on 4 of 7 from the field for 8 points in the final period. With 30 seconds left the Blackbirds had a 4-point lead and possession, but turned the ball over on questionable shots. A Guilderland basket and two free throws tied the game.

It was all Voorheesville in overtime as Hotaling and senior Joe Rissberger got inside and hit for layups. "We were able to get the ball inside in overtime and get a couple of easy baskets," said Crandall.

Four Voorheesville players finished in double figures, led by Hotaling's 16. Rissberger and Borg had 12 apiece.

Voorheesville opens league play this week against Mechanicville at home and then it's on the road to Lansingburgh Friday night.

Dan Tidd

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Prep Girls — Julie DiNapoli - 153, 405.

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Admits abuse count

Richard P. Ragone, 36, formerly of Guilderland, pleaded guilty Nov. 27 in county court to a reduced felony charge of first degree attempted sexual abuse in connection with an incident in June, 1983, in the Town of Bethlehem involving an 8-year-old boy, according to Bethlehem police. Ragone, who was indicted in July on a charge of sexual abuse in the case, is to be sentenced Dec. 27. He is serving a 12-25 year term at Fishkill Correctional Facility on rape and sodomy charges relating to an incident in Saratoga County last August. Ragone was arrested by Bethlehem police last November.

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'84 gridlers get into record books

Voorheesville's yard-eating passing combination of Vin Foley and Lee Krause, one of the most productive tandems in Capital District football, set several new school seasonal records during a surprisingly successful year just past.

Seasonal records that bit the turf this year were most yards passing, most passes thrown, most receptions, most yards receiving and longest touchdown pass play.

Foley, the rangy junior quarterback, shattered three of the records in his first year directing the Blackbird offense. He will have another shot at all of them next year as well as several career records.

Foley threw for a net gain of 1,065 yards in Voorheesville's 6-4 season for a team that had 20 juniors in pads. The old record was 1,016, set by Jim Meacham in 1981.

Foley also threw 166 passes, three more than Greg Picard, who launched 163 in 1979. Foley barely missed another record when he completed 68 of his tosses, one shy of the 69 completions established by Roger Barrowman in 1972.

Krause had 45 pass receptions for 706 yards, both exceeding the 35 catches for 500 yards set by Ed

Mitzen in 1983. Mitzen, who set the records in his junior year, was not used as a pass receiver this season, but still holds the school record for receptions in a career with 67.

Foley and Krause also hooked up in the longest touchdown pass play in Blackbird history, 88 yards. That surpassed the 83-yard spectacular pulled off by Meacham and Joe Donato in 1981.

Mitzen, a versatile football player employed this year primarily as a running back and place-kicker, tied the school record for the longest touchdown run from scrimmage, 86 yards. The blond senior shares the record with Greg George, who set the mark in 1966.

Undetected in the Blackbirds' campaign was Tom Buckley's 100th victory in 11-man football at Voorheesville. Buckley, the only head coach the Blackbirds have had since switching from 8-man football 19 years ago, now has a record of 103 wins, 66 defeats and nine ties in that span.

The chore of record-keeping has been entrusted to Dennis Ulion, an assistant coach, for the past seven seasons. The original compilation was made by Jim Duncan, a member of Voorheesville's class of 1967, in book form. Ulion has maintained a year-by-year update since 1978.

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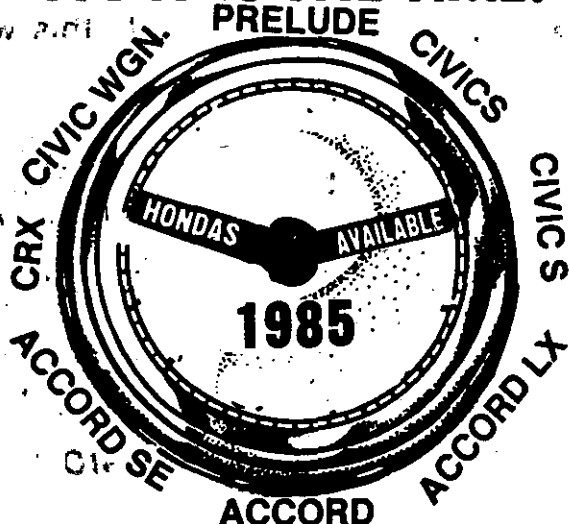
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Hoop tourney a warmup

By Dan Tidd

The Ravena Gold Medal tournament turned out to be a good one this past weekend. Even though the host school, Ravena, didn't bring home the championship, look for coach Jim Gorham's team to play a lot better when the regular season opens up this week.

The Riders of Ichabod Crane denied the Indians a berth in the final by beating the Indians, 58-51, Friday night. Crane used a patient offense and good outside shooting to gain the finals against LaSalle Institute of Troy, who overpowered Bethlehem Central in Friday night's tourney opener.

Ravena jumped out to a 20-12 lead after one quarter behind some hot shooting by senior Dekovan Bowie. But Bowie and senior Kevin Hoffman got into foul trouble early in the second quarter and suddenly the Riders had forged a 28-28 tie at half-time. "We had a rocky second quarter," said Gorham. "The foul problems really hurt us and it gave them a

chance to get back in the game. They regained life and we just started to die."

Quarter No. 3 proved just as rocky for the Indians. They shot poorly from the perimeter and got into deeper foul trouble. Meanwhile, the Riders took command with good rebounding and solid defense, scoring repeatedly on steals at mid-court. Ichabod Crane pulled out to a 10-point lead and never trailed after that.

The Indians cut the deficit to 6 late in the final quarter behind the shooting of guards Kevin Hoffman and Don Baker. Hoffman scored just 8 points, but handled the press well. Mike Mizener tallied 4 points to lead Ravena and Baker had 13. Bowie got untracked after early foul trouble and finished with 12.

On Saturday night the Indians knocked off Bethlehem Central, 57-48, for a third place finish. The game was tied 8-8 after one quarter, but led by Bowie the Indians dominated both boards en route to a 21-15 halftime lead.

Bethlehem was unable to hit the outside shot and was bothered by a stingy 2-2-1 full-court Ravena press. "The press really helped us," said Gorham. "It got us some quick foul shots and easy baskets, including two three-point plays by Bowie."

The Eagles made a last-ditch effort with 5:40 left to cut into the 12-point Indian lead. They came close with three long jumpers, but with 2:42 to play a 3-point play by Bowie off the press and free throws by Steve Biernacki and Don Baker preserved the victory.

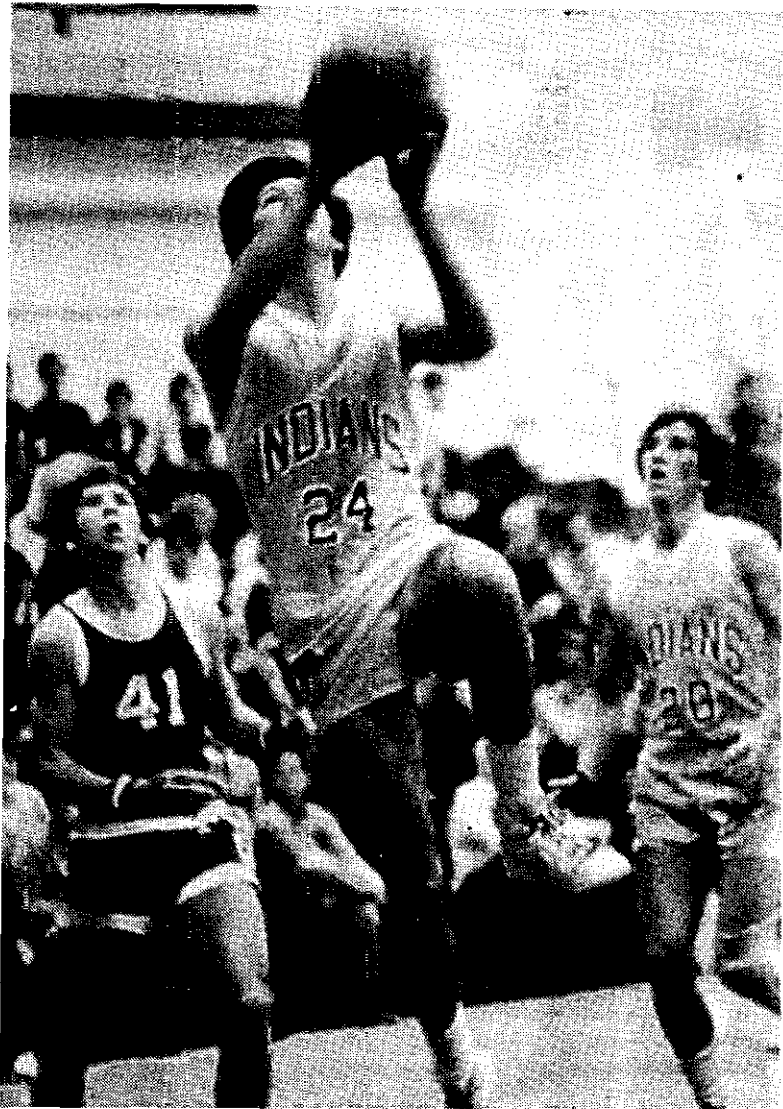
Bowie pumped in 28 points and hauled down a dozen rebounds, good enough to earn him a spot on the all-tournament team.

Ravena opened council play last night (Tuesday) at home against pre-season favorite Watervliet.

CYO hoop opens

St. Thomas junior girls divided their first two games in the area CYO basketball league, defeating Blessed Sacrament by 23-16 and losing to St. Catherine, 22-19. Eileen Battle led the scorers with 9 points in the first game and 6 in the second.

Other scorers were Jennifer Flynn, Leslie Anderson, Nancy Schmeler, Peg Gould and Julie Hart. St. Thomas will play St. Pius at home Friday at 7 p.m.



Ravena's Indians were on the basketball warpath in the first half against Ichabod Crane as Kevin Hoffman (24) meshes two points, but the Tribe came up short in the second half. Getting set for the rebound is Mike Mizener (20).
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Drunkenness probed

Bethlehem police are investigating the circumstances of an incident in which a 13-year-old local boy was found to be in a highly intoxicated condition, according to police reports. The incident took place Saturday.

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Chastened Eagles face Guilderland on Friday

Bethlehem Central launches a new Suburban Council basketball campaign on Friday after receiving some bitter lessons in the Ravena Gold Medal tournament.

The Eagles, soundly beaten in both games at Ravena, entertain Guilderland in the Council lid-lifter in a game matching two teams who have not yet tasted victory. The Dutchmen were beaten by Bishop Maginn and Voorheesville in the Queensbury tournament.

BC Coach Gary Przybylo also learned a few things in the week-end encounters on Rt. 9W. He found how vulnerable his Eagles were to pressure, the full-court and half-court kind, and he discovered that sometimes there is more talent on the bench than on the floor.

As a result, Przybylo concentrated this week on handling the press as well as sharpening marksmanship. The Eagles shot a miserable 33 percent from the field in a 61-42 loss to LaSalle Institute of Troy but improved to 47 percent in a 57-48 capitulation to the host team.

"Against LaSalle we played as poor a game as I've seen since I came here," Przybylo said Sunday after running videotapes of the action. "The inexperience showed and we were very nervous. But we will get better and better, and after Christmas you will see a far different team."

The Eagles were no match for LaSalle, the eventual tournament champion playing its third game without a loss. LaSalle established leads of 15-2 and 23-6 in the first half and lay back waiting for Bethlehem turnovers, which were frequent, then unleashing a fast break for two more points each time. The spread was 33-12 at intermission. BC's Mike Gibbons hit two long jumpers opening the third period, but the damage was done.

The Eagles handled the ball somewhat better against Ravena, but they couldn't handle the Indians' DeKoven Bowie, who wound up with 28 points. They got a setback just before halftime when, trailing by two points with 32 seconds left and playing for the last shot, they lost possession on a

traveling call. Ravena came down the floor, was fouled, meshed one free throw, rebounded the second and converted it into a three-point play.

"Instead of being tied or at worst down by 2, we were down by 6 at the half," Przybylo groaned. "Then they got two quick hoops at the start of the second half and we were down by 10."

The Eagles handled the press better in the second game, and got a lift from Karim Jakhra, a 5-11 reserve guard who came off the bench and took charge of the offense late in the game. His poise and ball-handling has earned him a start in the Guilderland game, and he may be difficult to push out of the lineup.

Bethlehem did not finish the Ravena game in the wake of an altercation involving two opposing players in the final minute. When the officials called a double technical and ejected both players with 37 seconds on the clock, Przybylo took his team from the gym.

Versions of the incident differed. Przybylo contended that his player was attacked from the rear and should not have been penalized, and said he removed his players to avoid any retaliation if the game continued. Ravena

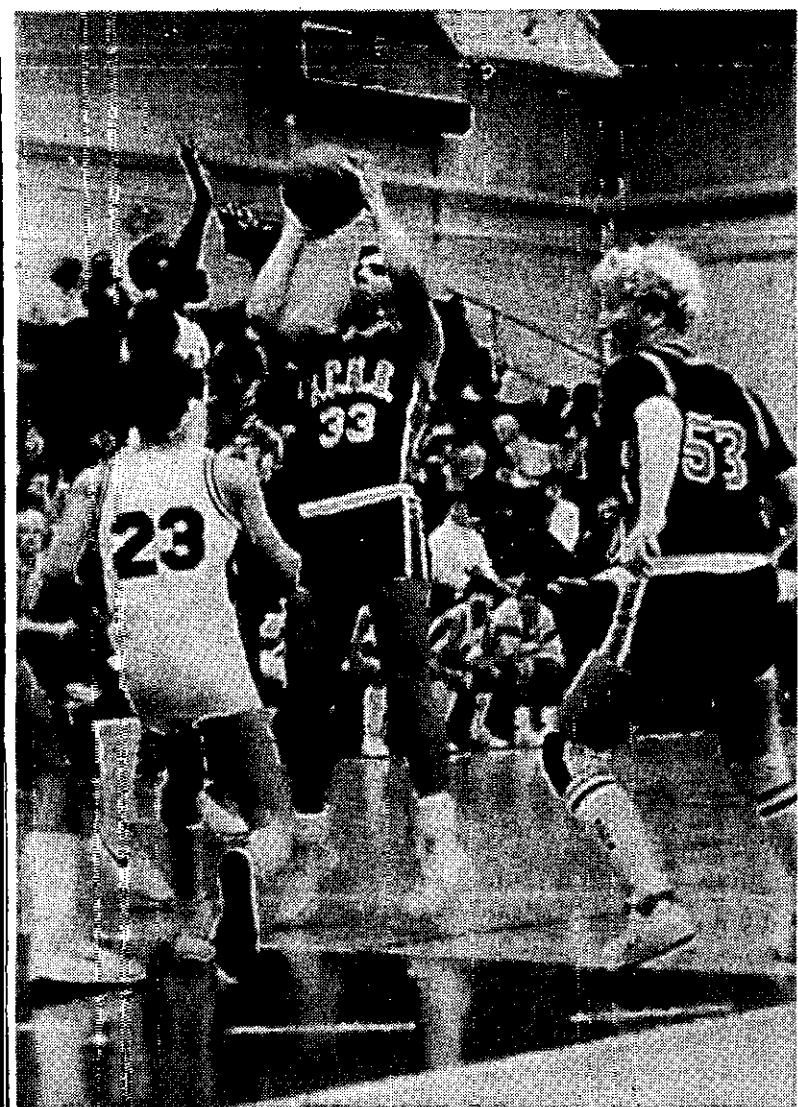
officials contended that the attack was provoked. Both teams went to their respective benches after the incident, avoiding a melee. Referees called the game after the free throw on the technical foul.

Tim Fox with 14 and Andy Kasius with 12 led the Bethlehem scoring the second night as Przybylo experimented with several combinations. On defense he used man-to-man, a 3-2 zone and a 1-3-1 zone with varied success.

Bowling for leukemia

On Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Albany area Key Clubs, including the Bethlehem Central High School Key Club, and the Capitol Division of Kiwanis will sponsor a "Strike Out Leukemia" bowl-a-thon at the Albany Bowling Center, 104 Watervliet Ave., Albany.

Bowlers will be awarded prizes based on the amount of money they raise for leukemia research and local patient aid. Top prizes include a color television, a stereo cassette recorder, a SONY walkman radio with headphones and gift certificates from the Albany Bowling Center Pro Shop. Any bowler who raises more than \$50 will receive a T-shirt. For information call the Leukemia Society at 438-3583.



Tim Fox (33) pushed in a 15-foot jumper from the foul circle in Bethlehem Central's basketball opener against LaSalle at Ravena. Moving in is Paul Stracke (53). R.H. Davis

BC spikers get top seed

By Tania Stasiuk

Bethlehem's varsity volleyball team remained the only undefeated team in Section 2 with a record of eight wins and no losses as of last weekend. Coach Nancy Smith expected the season's toughest match today (Wednesday) against improving Columbia at home.

Last week presented the first matches in which the lady Eagles were extended to three games. Under the best 2-of-3 format, the team had swept all matches in two games. Last Monday the girls defeated Shaker, with relatively little difficulty, but on Wednesday the BC Spikers had to fight off Guilderland after losing the second game. The final score was 15-2, 15-15, 15-4 Bethlehem. Krista Mackey's brilliant setting was a crucial factor.

Smith is pleased with her team's

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performances this year. She gives a lot of credit to Carol Walts, who had been the varsity coach for the previous years. However, Smith must be given credit for her teams high morale.

The Suburban Council tournament takes place this Friday and Saturday. Bethlehem is seeded No. 1. Smith is extremely confident, and said she feels that BC is "able to rally well, and is strong in all aspects."

This week the girls were scheduled to play at Scotia on Monday and at home against Columbia today (Wednesday). JV, whose record of 7-0 was broken by Guilderland, will also play at these times.

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Eagle swimmers taking hot record to 'hot meet'

Bethlehem Central's first Whipple-less swimming team in 16 years goes to the starting blocks Friday night against Chenango Forks of Section 3 with enough guns to continue the state's longest winning streak for a varsity athletic team.

A new coach, Paul (Buzz) Jones, and a strong nucleus of holdover swimmers have inherited a legacy of 115 consecutive dual-meet victories over a span stretching back to 1977. Jack Whipple, the supercoach who constructed that remarkable skein, last summer took a new job as assistant principal at Guiderland High School when BC school officials were unable to find an administrative position in the system that would keep him in Delmar. Jones, who coached the Bethlehem girls varsity last and worked with the Delmar Dolphins swim program, had been serving as one of Whipple's assistants on the boys team.

Chenango Forks, coached by Steve Bush, a former Shaker High swimmer who served as Whipple's assistant for several years, is the first of three teams from power-laden Central New York schools that appear regularly on Bethlehem's non-league schedule. Although Jones anticipates "a hot meet," the Binghamton-area team

is not expected to snap BC's seven-year string.

Despite the loss of Doug Schulz, latest in a series of pool superstars who have led the Eagles to the pinnacle of Eastern New York scholastic swimming and kept them there, and such stand-outs as Scott Apicelli, John Demarest, Dave Young and divers Melissa Martley and Rob Leslie, the Eagles still have enough power to carry them to another Adirondack League and Section 2 title if they stay healthy of mind and body.

Led by co-captains Knute Hvalsmarken and Eric Patrick, both seniors, the Eagles have a bevy of strong freestylers, the prevailing stroke in most of the 11 events in each meet. Hvalsmarken is the reigning Sectional champion in the 200 free and also does the 100. Patrick is strong in both these events and is a handy man for a coach to insert wherever needed.

Other seniors who are holdovers from the undefeated teams of recent past include Jim Krajeck, a freestyle sprinter who also is Sectional champion in the 100 backstroke; Damon Woo, also a sprinter who does the butterfly; Fred Rudofsky, a specialist in breaststroke and the fly, and Bob Keens, one of the Section's top

divers. Also returning are Pierre LaBarge, two-time Sectional champion in the 500 and solid in the individual medley; Aaron Halsdorf, a flyman, and Jim McElligott, a freestyler, are all juniors, and sophomore Peter Greenwald, a distance freestyler working on breaststroke this semester.

That preponderance of seniors and juniors indicates next year will be a genuine "building year" that will place the long win streak in jeopardy if it should survive the current campaign. Just how much jeopardy will depend largely on how rapidly several newcomers to the varsity develop, newcomers like two promising eighth graders, Justin Baird and Chris Drew, and freshman Joe Kowalski among others. Baird, a speedy freestyler, and Drew, a backstroker who also has credentials in freestyle events, both did well in regional age-group events in the Dolphins program. Kowalski was on the freshman team a year ago as an eighth grader.

All three youngsters got a taste of triumph in their varsity baptism Saturday night at the Adirondack Swim Conference's annual Relay Carnival at Shaker, where Bethlehem emerged with an uncharacteristically undistinguished performance. That affair, in



Knute Hvalsmarken, left, and Eric Patrick, foreground, are co-captains of Bethlehem Central's 1984-85 varsity swim team, which this week began the preservation of the state's longest win streak (115) by a scholastic athletic team. Paul (Buzz) Jones, left at poolside, has succeeded Jack Whipple as head coach, and Bob Keens returns as assistant coach. *Spotlight*

which no scores are kept, serves more as a pre-season scrimmage than a measurement of team strength, but instead of sweeping all or most of the events on the card, as recent BC teams have done, the incumbents won only three.

Baird got his christening in the 400-yard freestyle relay won by BC with Hvalsmarken, Patrick and LaBarge. Baird and Kowalski swam the 50-yard legs of the crescendo relay (50-100-150-100-50 free in that order) with the above trio and won it. In the 200-yard backstroke relay (50-100-50) Drew and Kowalski teamed with the veteran Krajeck for a near-victory but were touched out by Albany High. Drew did the middle leg in 1:01, excellent time for an eighth grader.

BC's only other win was in diving, where two-man teams competed. Keens, who got sixth place in the Sectionals last spring, and Bernie Culligan, a sophomore, finished some 50 points ahead of their nearest rivals,

Amsterdam, in Saturday's Carnival, and are expected to be consistent pointmakers in the coming campaign.

The Eagles also got seconds in the 200 breaststroke relay and the medley, and fourths in the fly, 200 free and IM.

League opponents who were heartened by Bethlehem's comparatively mediocre showing at Shaker should be cautioned that the Eagles' performance might have been tempered by the fatigue factor. Jones put his full team through a strong workout for two hours late Saturday morning before sending them back into the water at 6:30 p.m. in Latham.

Close observers agree that BC should rule the conference again this season, but not without problems. The Eagles are short-handed in the butterfly, where Apicelli and Young were unbeatable a year ago, and in the breaststroke, where they lack a dominant swimmer. LaBarge is strong in

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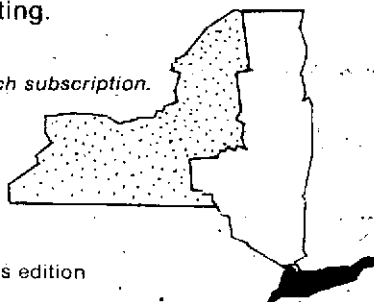
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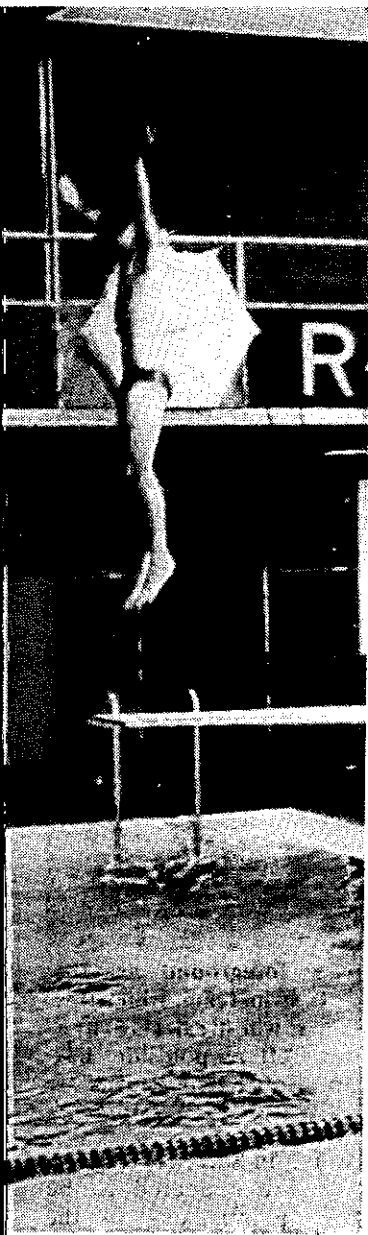
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tion, but when we need a strong
eup we do have some gaps."

Among prospects for those
enings are sophomores Mitch
um and Alex Hall, up from last
r's freshman team, and fresh-
n Keith Dix, a versatile swim-
r slated for breaststroke duty
o can also sprint and fly, Brink
rtman and John McCarthy.
o other newcomers are Paul
ontanus, a senior out for the
t time, and George Tanner, a
ophomore.

The Chenango Forks meet
day starts at 7 p.m. The Eagles
re scheduled to open their
ague schedule yesterday (Tues-
y), and will entertain Burnt
ls next Wednesday at 4:30.

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y to Stay Together" is the title
a new consumer brochure on
pite care available to care-
ers of the frail elderly in the

'Guilderville' squad gets new lease on life

Voorheesville and Guilderland may get together on a swim-
ing team after all, thanks to a last-minute recruiting campaign
by a handful of high school students.

Three days after officials of both schools decided to abandon
plans to continue their combined team in the Adirondack Swim
Conference because not enough boys came out for the team, they
agreed to give it another trial — for a week.

Dave Cady, Voorheesville's director of athletics, said he and
his Guilderland counterpart, Tom McCarthy, agreed to give the
team new life when several disappointed swimmers said they had
persuaded "eight or nine" additional students to join the team.

"We had a meeting last Thursday and nine new kids came to
the meeting," Cady said. "We've decided to put it on a hold basis
to see whether the new swimmers are serious about staying with
the team."

Cady said the new coach, Dave Graves, agreed to conduct late-
afternoon practices each day this week. Graves, a state employee
who came to the Albany area from Ohio, was appointed a few
months ago to coach the team.

The two schools merged their swimming teams three years ago.
At the time Guilderland had several outstanding swimmers but
no pool, and Voorheesville a pool but not enough swimmers to
field a team. The merged team is known as Guilderville.

The Guilderville girls team recently completed its season with a
record of 3-6 in the league and 5-6 overall. That team, coached by
Nadine Bassler of Delmar, "had good numbers" in terms of
swimmers, Cady said, while interest among the boys has tailed
off.

If it survives this week, the Guilderville boys team will have
several high-level swimmers, notably Dave Purrington of Guild-
erland, one of the best freestylers in Section 2, and Kevin Tyrell, a
promising Voorheesville ninth grader.

Cady credited Purrington and Tyrell along with Ed Hampston,
a Voorheesville eighth grade prospect, for the success of the last-
minute recruiting drive. He said that if the new swimmers "stay
with it," the team could keep its Dec. 19 date with Burnt Hills,
and that two cancelled meets with Shenendehowa and Niskayuna
on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 would be rescheduled later in the season.

Capital District. The brochure,
published by the Foundation for
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Albany, details the options open
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Nov. 22	9:25 p.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Seizures
Nov. 23	8:58 p.m.	Delmar Fire	Car Fire
Nov. 23	3:48 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal accident
Nov. 24	5:41 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Nov. 24	2:24 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Nov. 24	5:38 p.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Personal accident
Nov. 25	7:57 a.m.	Selkirk Fire	Dumpster fire
Nov. 25	11:56 a.m.	Elsmere Fire	Smell of gas
Nov. 25	11:56 a.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Stand by with D.F.D.
Nov. 25	4:04 p.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Nov. 25	8:33 p.m.	Elsmere Fire	Brush fire
Nov. 25	8:33 p.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Stand by with Elsmere
Nov. 26	8:01 a.m.	Slingerlands Fire	Alarm structure fire
Nov. 26	8:01 a.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Mutual aid
Nov. 26	10:40 a.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
Nov. 26	10:41 a.m.	Elsmere Fire	Vehicle fire
Nov. 26	10:50 a.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
Nov. 26	3:49 p.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Personal accident
Nov. 27	8:19 a.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Heart attack (cancelled)
Nov. 27	11:47 a.m.	D.F.D. Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 28	9:38 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Maternity

The Voorheesville Fire Dept. had two fire calls and three rescue calls.

The New Salem Fire Dept. had one fire call.

The Onesquethaw Fire Dept. has one fire call.

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Top fireman

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ties and represents more than 650
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Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of December, 1984, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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MARION T. CAMP, TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 28, 1984
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New budget approach needed

School administrators and board members are gearing up for the annual budget campaign, an effort that for many districts now consumes more than a quarter of the year and often seems to be more of an ordeal than an orderly planning process.

It is not too early, then, to give some serious thought to how the public fits into the process. It is the voters, after all, who have the final say; yet all too often we find school boards and the public in a test of wills rather than working together for the good of the district and the students.

That is the purpose of running in this week's *Spotlight* an article on citizen participation in the Guilderland School District. The article describes how the Guilderland district, faced with voter dissatisfaction in the mid 1970's, confronted the issue of citizen participation and came up with what appears to be a workable system.

The parallels are obvious.

The Bethlehem Central, Voorheesville and RCS school districts make efforts in varying degrees to involve the public in their deliberations. None of those efforts is completely successful. RCS recently held an open meeting and a half dozen people showed up. At a meeting on the language arts and social studies programs in the Voorheesville schools last week not a single parent was in the audience. For the past two years Bethlehem Central board President Sheila Fuller has invited citizens to meet over coffee at her house to discuss the budget with school administrators; the turnout has been disappointing.

After the two overwhelming budget defeats last spring, public disenchantment with the Bethlehem Central district is now seen by some as its paramount problem. There may be a number of reasons for those negative votes, ranging from specific grudges and slights to a predictable number of people who will vote against any tax increase, particularly one as large as BC sought last year.

Editor's View

Occasional comments by the editors of *The Spotlight*

also an issue. The board has been responsive to many issues raised by the citizenry — witness the creation of the Glenmont overcrowding committee last week — but a reputation of combativeness is a real deterrent to dialogue, and hard to live down.

Meaningful, effective public participation, as the Guilderland story illustrates, takes time, effort, much thought . . . and trust.

Trust is necessary on both sides, so that members of the public feel their participation is taken seriously and board members feel their powers are not being usurped.

Last week's public meeting of the Challenge Committee was a hopeful sign that this sort of cooperative relationship could develop in the Bethlehem Central district. The meeting was conducted with an air of constructive, courteous give and take. As with the work done by the Delaware Ave. Task Force, one could not help but be struck by the amount of problem-solving talent available in the community, waiting to be put to work. In this case, it was obvious that many parents welcome the opportunity to talk about the education of their children, as opposed to the number of dollars being spent on them.

The real test, though, will come when the board of education receives the Challenge Committee's report. Challenge may be a very small part of the district in terms of spending, but the issue has so polarized the community that any change must be seen in light of next spring's budget vote.

It is important that the board work with this group of good citizens and take their recommendations seriously. It is just as important that the board learn from this experience of sharing power with the public.

Tom McPheeters

The board's willingness to hear and respond to the public at large is

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is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to editing and all letters should be typed and double-spaced if possible. Letters must include phone numbers; names will be withheld on request. Deadline is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

Helped save a life

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

At about 7:30 a.m. this past Monday we received an emergency call. A rubbish truck with a full load had overturned off in Poestenkill, and the driver was in the truck with his head pinned between the dashboard and the concrete pavement.

We had our tow trucks enroute in about 10 minutes via routes 32, 9W, 787 to I-90 thence Washington Avenue Ext. Rensselaere to Rt. 4-40. When we arrived on the scene the rescue squad was there but the Jaws of Life would

not free the driver. We picked up the truck, allowing the driver to be extracted.

We would like everyone to know that the courtesy and right of way the drivers gave us enroute to this emergency no doubt saved the man's life. With traffic very heavy at 8 a.m. over these routes, 99 percent let us through, enabling us to get there in time. Every driver out there that morning deserves a big thank you, and they can all feel they helped to save a life.

Olin Bleau

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Obituaries

Millard M. Hough

Millard M. Hough, 88, formerly of 542 Delaware Ave., Delmar, died Nov. 23 at the Baptist Retirement Center in Scotia. He was self employed as a mechanic and car-penter.

He is survived by three nieces, Mrs. Iris Civalier of Olmstedville, and Mrs. Susan Knee and Marilyn Trumbull of Saratoga, and one nephew, George Trumbull of Bahrain, Arabia. Arrangements were by Baxter Funeral Home.

Helen H. Rechnitzer

Helen Hines Rechnitzer, 81, of 18 Arthur Terrace, Slingerlands, died Nov. 21 at Albany Medical Center Hospital. She was the wife of Buren W. Rechnitzer and had been employed as a legal secretary by Andrew Malatesta in Albany.

She is survived by a son, Philip J. Rechnitzer of Clifton Park; a daughter, Mrs. Lila Mackinnon of Edison, N.J., and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home. Burial was at Kinderhook Cemetery.

John M. Zelker

John Michael Zelker, 77, of Vagele La., Glenmont, died Nov. 24 at Albany Medical Center after being stricken at home.

Mr. Zelker was born in Albany and was an area resident for the past 60 years. He retired from Sterling Winthrop Laboratory, Rensselaer, in 1972. He was a World War 2 Army veteran, a member of the Selkirk No. 2 Fire Co. and a communicant of the Church of St. John-St. Anne, Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannie Gadowska Zelker; a son, Rev. Thomas M. Zelker, assistant pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Albany; a daughter, Barbara McDonald of Glenmont, and a brother, Henry Zelker of Colonie.

Arrangements were by Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

James Robert Laffin

James Robert Laffin, 30, formerly of Delmar, died Nov. 21 after a brief illness.

He was a petroleum geologist with the Latin American/West African division of Texaco, Inc., based in Miami, Fla.

He is survived by his parents, Robert J. Laffin of RD Delmar and Joan L. Laffin of Delmar; his brother, Richard Laffin of Minneapolis, Minn., and two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Lynn) Beatty of West Warwick, R.I. and Carol Laffin of Delmar.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Harry E. Spinrad

Harry E. Spinrad, 89, of Delmar died Nov. 25 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness. He was employed as a tax agent by the Internal Revenue Service, Albany. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Brady Spinrad; a son, Thomas W. Spinrad of Ballston Spa, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home. Burial was at Memory's Garden, Colonie. Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Frederick Arthur Smith

Frederick Arthur Smith, 90, formerly of Delmar died Nov. 2 at Guilderland Center Nursing Home. Originally from Binghamton, he lived in Delmar for more than 50 years.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Masons for more than 76 years making him one of the oldest Masons in the nation. He was member of Bethlehem Lodge 1096. He served as a tax supervisor for Mobil Company until his retirement.

He was the husband of Orpha Harvey Smith of Delmar; father of Donald E. Smith of Ranch Santa Fe, Calif. and Rev. Dr. Richard C. Smith of Pasadena, Calif. He is also survived by six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home. Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery.

John J. Flynn, Jr.

John J. Flynn, Jr., 63, a retired Sterling Winthrop Laboratory mechanical engineer, died at his home in Delmar, Nov. 27. He is survived by his wife, Ethel (Jean) Oakley Flynn; four sons, John J. Flynn of Dover, Del.; James E. Flynn of Boston, and Daniel R. Flynn and Thomas M. Flynn of

Delmar; his mother, Mrs. John (Julia) Flynn of Arlington, Mass., and two brothers, Paul W. Flynn of Burlington, Mass. and George E. Flynn of Arlington, Mass. He also leaves two nieces and two nephews.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home. Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery.

Altina Mead

Altina (nee Gervind) Mead, 77, of Delmar, died Nov. 25 at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

A graduate of the Meril Palmer Nursing Training School, Detroit, Mich., she was appointed head of the nursing school at Russell Sage College, Troy, in 1930. She served on the board of directors of the Albany Guardian Society and was a member of the Service Guild at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph A. Mead of Delmar; a son, Dr. Philip B. Mead of Shelburne, Vt.; a daughter, Mrs. Stephen (Barbara) Anthony of Wellsley Hills, Mass., and four grandchildren.

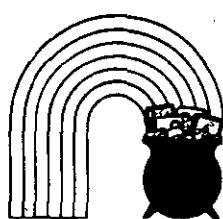
A memorial service was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany under the direction of Meyers Funeral Home. Burial was at the Bethlehem Cemetery.

Timothy P. McNamara

Timothy Patrick McNamara, 37, of Elsmere died Nov. 25 at Placid Memorial Hospital, Lake Placid. He was assistant director of the state Mental Health Office, Albany.

He is survived by a wife, Patricia Elvin McNamara; a son, Andrew John McNamara; a daughter, Kate Elizabeth McNamara; his mother, Mrs. Eleanor McNamara Colon; two brothers, Anthony McNamara and Thomas McNamara; two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Eleanor) Gohl and Kathleen Bushy.

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Helen Benninger bride

Helen Mary Benninger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jannet of Berne, and Kenneth C. Bryan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Bryan, Sr., of Rensselaerville, were married Nov. 10 in St. Catherine's Church in Middleburg Heights.

Christine Rarick was matron of honor for her sister, Lynnaine Ryan, Laraine Fretwell, Laurie Jassett and Roberta Snyder served as bridesmaids, and Audra Mary Willsey served as a flower girl. Patrick Bryan was best man, and ushers were Roger Gifford, Lawrence Peek, Dave Provan and Thomas Jardine.

The bride, a graduate of Berne-Westerlo Central High School, is employed by The Hartford Co. The bridegroom, a

graduate of Greenville Central High School, is employed by K.C. Bryan plumbing, heating and contracting company.

The couple resides in Rensselaerville.

Legal advice is topic

Attorney Thomas Daley will be the guest speaker at the Dec. 10 meeting of Mother's Time Out at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Ave. Daley will discuss topics pertaining to civil law with an emphasis on wills. Child care will be provided for the 10 a.m. meeting of the Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers. For information call Mary Ann Wierks at 439-9929.



Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, Jr.

A surprise for their 25th

On Nov. 10 a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party was given in honor of Anna and John Perry, Jr. of South Bethlehem. Seventy guests, including the

wedding party, attended a dinner dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ravena. The celebration was arranged by the Perry family.

New Years Eve brass bash

The Canadian Brass will present an evening of music ranging from Bach and Handel to Fats Walker, Scott Joplin and Dixieland at 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve at the Palace Theater in Albany. Tickets to hear the brass quintet range from \$13 to \$19 and are available by calling the Palace Theater Box Office at 465-4663.

Following the concert, a dinner dance will be held in "The Well" of the Legislative Office Building from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. During

the evening, Pat Renzi, Moonlight Serenade Band and the Heritage Artists will entertain. Tickets are \$40 per person until Dec. 5 and \$50 per person after Dec. 5. For reservations call the Albany Symphony office at 465-4755.

At the dinner dance, a townhouse, 5 Ten Broeck St., Albany, will be auctioned. For information call Wally Wall at 449-5478 or Skip Blanner at 434-3052.

In honor society

Martha Mefferi, Christine Stoker and Julie M. Weinstein of Delmar have been inducted into the Plattsburgh State University College chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society for education.

SENIOR CITIZENS



The Town of Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization Christmas party has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information and reservations for the event will be available at the group's regular meetings, which are held every Thursday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at town hall.

The senior citizens Christmas party will be the group's last gathering for 1984. The group will meet again on Jan. 3. For information call 439-4955 between 9 and 11 a.m. weekdays.

DAR 'good citizens'

Kathleen Manzella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Manzella of Slingerlands, and Shari Van Hoesen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Van Hoesen of Voorheesville, were among a small group of area high school seniors to receive the Tawassantha Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Awards for 1984-85. They were selected by fellow students and faculty members, and were presented with pins, certificates and \$50 cash awards.

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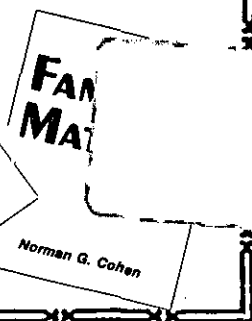
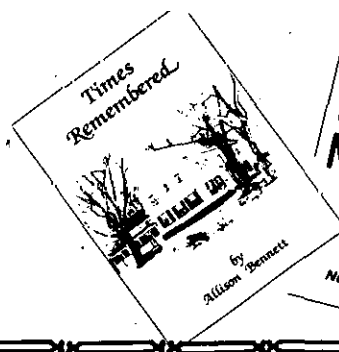
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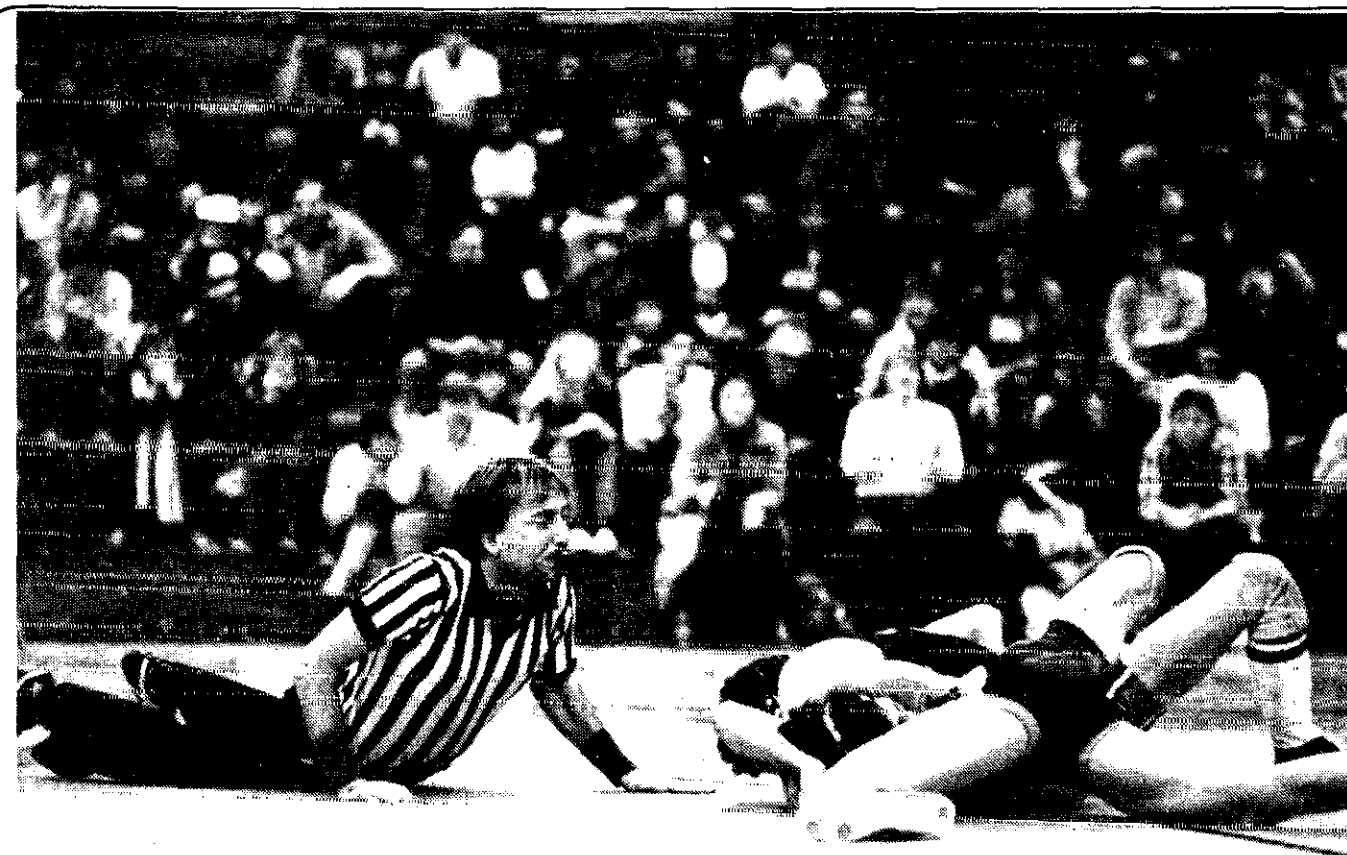
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