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A season to see all that unites us

Growing up in a Jewish family living in a city with a strong and active Jewish population gave me a clear and secure ethnic identity from which to grow into adulthood and view the rest of the world with a sense of belonging.

FAMILY MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



Many of the beliefs I shared with my family and my childhood friends were identical to those of my non-Jewish friends and neighbors. We all prayed to one God, even though my group prayed from right to left while the other groups read from left to right. We all subscribed to a living code of peace on earth, good will toward men, freedom and justice for all with forgiveness and charity, as well. We were more similar than we were different, at least that's how I grew to see it.

Yet, at certain times, the differences loomed large between me and my non-Jewish playmates. Perhaps the most telling alienation occurred at Christmas when the majority of people in my world celebrated the birth of Jesus. I was taught to believe he was a great teacher who tried to revive the original beliefs and practices of ancient Judaism. My Christian classmates, however, prayed to him as the Son of God, the Savior, the Messiah. It was a point of contention between us all, and I was privately uncomfortable with it, because it split us a part instead of bringing us together, the opposite of the prayers we all uttered for mankind.

In the days of my youth, public schools were still singing Christmas carols during the last assembly before winter recess. It

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was a festive time and the workload in classes was set aside for the most part. Since there was usually some mention made of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights that occurs around the same time as Christmas, I felt that my group was part of the festivities, and we all joined the celebration.

However, my discomfort swelled in my throat when we came to the line in the carol, "Silent Night," the one that proclaims "Jesus the Savior is born." My God didn't proclaim that, and for me to say those words would have been sacrilegious. Yet, for fear of offending my non-Jewish classmates and not wanting to lose the camaraderie of the occasion, I solved my dilemma by lip-synching the words. Some of my Jewish friends appeared to be doing the same thing, so it seemed okay, but we were uncomfortable.

Nowadays I'm not so uncomfortable with such differences, because I have learned that the similarities and the shared beliefs that form the basis for most religions can be stronger than the differences, if only we proclaim them to be so. You see, my wife was raised as a traditional Catholic, and between us, we have discovered a spiritual bond which transcends ethnic backgrounds, customs, rituals or even specific beliefs. Our children have grown up with the example of that bond before them, and they have accepted it in the spirit of love and peace among all mankind.

Recently, they and some of their friends were sharing thoughts about Christmas in America as it is celebrated. I was there to record some of their observations and to share them with you as a message worth proclaiming.

"The gift-giving has gotten out of hand. We say 'you should find people who are starving and give them food,' but then we spend our money on cars and trips instead. Even Santa Claus has become a symbol where all kinds of people dress up trying to do the same thing — promote gift-giving. Santa is really a spirit who

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Bethlehem's Christmas present from GE is a new senior van, and what better place to receive it than in front of the Town Hall tree with the present van near by. Passing on the check was William Westendorf, GE's Selkirk plant manager, to Supervisor Robert Hendrick, right. Looking on

from left were Phil Maher, the town's parks and recreation administrator, James Comheady, manager of employee and community relations at the Selkirk plant and Karen Pellettier, Bethlehem senior citizens coordinator.

Spotlight

GE gift of van for seniors

Describing the contribution as "One of the most welcome Christmas gifts the Town of Bethlehem could receive," Supervisor Robert Hendrick accepted a check for \$25,000 from two executives of General Electric's Selkirk Plant in a ceremony Friday at Town Hall in Delmar.

The contribution will be used toward the purchase of a new senior citizen's van to complement the heavily scheduled van now in service.

The present van, driven by volunteers, is used to transport

Bethlehem senior citizens to hospitals, shopping centers, physicians' offices and other important appointments. It has made 3,938 passenger round trips involving 21,165 miles this year. The second van will have hydraulic lift facilities to handle wheel chairs. The van in use now does not have such features, according to Karen Pellettier, the Town's Senior Citizens' Coordinator.

At present, about 20 people a month must be turned away from use of the van. Many of them have some type of disability which

prevents them from being able to step up to board the vehicle. Private carriers can provide transportation to wheel-chair-bound patrons at a minimum cost of \$45 a trip. These charges, of course, preclude all but very essential travel.

The specially equipped van will not only provide transportation to these persons, but also will enable the town to assist more residents in the Selkirk-South Bethlehem area that is not even serviced by CDTA buses. The 14-seater

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Holiday spirit joins city, country

By Tania Stasiuk

The holiday spirit of love and faith rings out in a unique way once each year at the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church. An Advent Workshop, with a morning of crafts, workshops and plays unites young children from inner city Albany with Bethlehem children.

The workshop is an annual event sponsored by the Slingerlands church, in which Albany United Methodist Society youth are invited to spend four hours with similar age Slingerlands children. New friendships are formed as projects are carefully assembled, and participants from both ends of the exchange learn about many different aspects of Christmas.

"To bring together kids from such different backgrounds and watch them have so much fun means a lot," commented one worker. "It gives them awareness not only of the Christmas spirit,



After exhausting morning of making holiday decorations and new friends at the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, Phillip Hauser, 4, of Slingerlands rests with his mother, Tammy Hauser.

Jeff Gonzales

but also about other children in the areas around them."

The morning began this year when a Slingerlands bus picked up the Albany children. Back at the hall, high school and adult volun-

teers were putting last minute touches on the tables. At 9:30 a.m., when the Albany children arrived, all the youngsters received

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City and country

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name tags and snacks of fruit juice and cookies before being hustled into the assembly hall.

Their welcome and introduction, which discussed the meaning of Advent and the purpose of the Advent Workshop, was received in silence. The children from both ends of the exchange were a bit uneasy with one another; very few words were spoken until the first carol, "Deck the Halls."

The awkwardness passed quickly with their first assignments to different craft tables. At one table, stars became bright with glitter; at another, paper plates were transformed into holiday wreaths; at the third, pinecones became tiny Christmas trees with brightly painted ornaments. Because each Slingerlands child has an Albany partner, words slowly started to pass around, and soon enough, laughter rang out from all three tables. Glue and paper and glitter flew as the children became friends and found similarities where only children can find them. One worker overheard a conversation about the best kind of snow for making snowballs.

For one hour, the children created inexpensive but wonderful symbols of Christmas spirit and love. After depositing their still-pasty wares on the church's stage to dry, they regrouped in the assembly hall to watch a short Christmas pageant, presented by the Slingerlands children.

The pageant, titled "The Little Shepherd," began rehearsing in early October. Each week the cast practiced after church and this was its first performance. The play encompassed the idea of Jesus's role as both King and a Shepherd, and was on a level that all children could understand and enjoy, regardless of their ages.

Next, the concept of the Advent Calendar was explained and everyone went back into the main hall, where a feast of ravioli, bread and sherbert with fruit was set for lunch. The children ate while laughing with their new friends, and the adults watched growing smiles with a sense of accomplishment, peace and joy.

At the end of lunch, the children picked up their bags, which contained not only the crafts they had assembled during the day, but also



At left, Jenifer Early, 4, eagerly works on her Christmas creation at the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church. Children from the the Slingerlands church and the Albany United Methodist



Society, including Robyn Richards and Dillard Fisher in picture at right, came together recently for an Advent workshop. Jeff Gonzales

an individual advent calendar. They finished with a Christmas song, "Joy to the World," and all left with happy smiles and sad good byes to newfound friends. Some of the participants will return next year to rediscover those friends; all will remember the day by their ornaments and calendar.

The program has been running for more than 15 years. Last year, Stephanie Bollam was coordinator; this year she was chairman. She had help from eight helpers and 30 staff members; 46 children participated this year.

"I think that the traditions at Christmas time always renew people's faith and bring them together," Bollam said. "Even in a three-hour program, you can share those traditions with someone even if you don't know them beyond that time."

The feedback from Albany sustains a high interest in the program. Every year, the Bethlehem church has received a thank you card signed by all the Albany United Methodist Society partici-

pants, including director Ethel Tanksley. Despite coordinating difficulties, most of the participants set reasonable goals for the workshop.

"Our community can't go down there (Albany) and share their

struggles, but we can extend ourselves on some terms," said Chairman Bollam. "The kids are reached in some degree — just because you can't interact on a continual basis doesn't mean you can't accomplish something."

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takes on many forms and can act as a more simplistic, understandable Godlike figure with a personality who represents sharing and being a good person."

One of my sons' friends, who was raised Catholic, expressed a strong feeling about the meaning of Jesus' birth and life. "Christmas has become like just another birthday, not a special one. To me it means that a single individual, who preached peace and love and incited no violence, was executed. That's much worse than nuclear war where you don't even see the victims. You see, Jesus was looked straight in the eye by his accusers, and then killed. I think we're supposed to remember that each year at Christmas so it doesn't happen again." As he spoke I was reminded of the Holocaust in Nazi Germany.

One of the group said, "I like the energy that comes out of the warmth of this season." Another added, "I like the feeling of closeness; it gets me thinking that I'm connected with everyone."

I asked, "What do you think is the real spirit of the Christmas season?" The answer they all agreed on was: "Love, the same thing all religions are based on, something higher than human life itself."

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Town to review hospital plans

Both the medical community that is seeking to build a 96-bed psychiatric hospital in Glenmont and Bethlehem officials who must approve the facility say they see it as an opportunity.

The \$8.8-million project is proposed by Hospital Group of New York for an eight-acre site on Rt. 9W, and would be affiliated with Albany Medical College, which would staff the facility. Officials from Hospital Group of New York's parent company, Hospital Group of America, of McLean, Va., together with Albany Med officials, met last week with Bethlehem Supervisor Robert Hendrick to discuss the plans. Hendrick said later the company hopes to break ground in 1986 and finish the 66,000-square-foot building in 1987.

Hendrick said the new building would be a significant addition to the town's tax rolls, with the advantage of adding no children to the school population. In addition, he said, it is the first major new construction on Rt. 9W in some time, and could herald other development in the area. The town is studying the zoning in the area.

The eight-acre site on the west side of Rt. 9W, roughly opposite the radio tower, is part of a roughly 130-acre tract that was at one time to be a major shopping center. The land is zoned Planned Commercial District, which means the Bethlehem Planning Board will be required to hold a hearing to determine whether the

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20-year retirement stalls town-PBA talks

The hope that the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association and the town could settle on a new contract for police officers before the impasse goes into its second year foundered last week, apparently over the issue of a 20-year retirement clause.

And both sides say now they're prepared to go through arbitration by the Public Employment Relations Board, even though they know that process could take months.

"We've gone this far," said Det. John Cox, outgoing president of the PBA. The union met last Thursday and rejected a new proposal from the town's negotiator that Cox acknowledged was an improvement and in many ways "fair." But, he said, the members were concerned over "stipulations" in the town's sick leave policy, and still want the 20-year retirement benefit.

"I'm disappointed," said Supervisor Robert Hendrick Friday. "The town made concessions and I don't know where we can make any more to satisfy them... I'm really concerned about these people getting their money, because if we go to PERB it could take four to five months."

Both sides say salary is still not an issue. Early on agreement was reached on two years of four percent raises in six-month increments. The town's major conces-

sion when talks reopened two weeks ago was to put disciplinary proceedings under state Civil Service Law, rather than Town Law. The town is also proposing a new sick leave procedure that would require a doctor's note in the event of illness when an officer has been absent for 10 days per year for the previous two years. That proposal, said Cox, needs "clarification."

Ironically, the day of the PBA meeting was also the day Albany announced that it was granting a 20-year retirement benefit to its police officers. Cox acknowledged that the PBA had not pushed for that benefit when negotiations started more than a year ago, but claimed that it was because the town had said the costs would be "astronomical." According to PERB, he said, the cost is about \$52,000 per year, well within the town's means, and the members are not willing to budge.

While the contract negotiations apparently will go on, Cox's term as president ends Dec. 31. However, he said he will stay on as the union's negotiator. "I have to," he said.

Elected president of the union for 1986 was Officer Marvin Koonz. Stephen Demarest was elected vice president, James Kerr secretary, Joseph Mosca treasurer and Wayne LaChappelle delegate at large.



This Advent banner, posted at Fernbank Ave. and Darroch Rd. in Delmar seems to be seeking a wider

audience.

Jeff Gonzales.

Senior van a gift

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"minibus" will also permit more special evening and weekend trips for seniors.

"Our goal is to see that people live independently for as long as possible," said Pellettier. "It's wonderful for us," she said, "that GE is helping us within our own community."

With almost 30 drivers now, Pellettier said, the new van, to be delivered within two months, will necessitate an additional 10 to 15 drivers, in addition to more office help to handle phone requests.

Pellettier extended praise to the many volunteers who help out on flexible and regular schedules. Some work half days, others schedule a whole day, and those who drive on grocery shopping days work with another helper for assistance in loading the parcels.

"Our volunteers do a lot of extraordinary things for the elderly. Frequently the volunteers extend themselves to other capacities such as visiting hospital patients and shut-ins."

Pellettier also cited the successful teamwork of husband and wife volunteers on driver and radio shifts. She invites anyone who would like to assist to contact her at the senior citizens office at the Town Hall. Training in all basic first aid, traffic precautions and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be provided to the volunteers.

Especially after delivery of the van, a Thomas Mighty Mite Minibus manufactured at the Thomas Company in Ballston Spa, the senior citizens coordinator encourages the town's seniors to check the van calendar to note the special activities planned for them. "We're always doing things," she said.

Warren Boutelle, Delmar, a retired civil engineer from Fraser Co., with the highest number of hours as van volunteer, averages one day a week driving. Boutelle joined the volunteer drivers at the suggestion of another volunteer. "I receive a lot of satisfaction in helping some of the older folks. They wouldn't get out of the house otherwise." He described the

gratitude and joy of the patrons when escorted to do their grocery shopping, "some almost make it a party. It's a time out for them, and it's very gratifying to see them appreciate our help." Boutelle's wife also offers her time. She helps with the radio and scheduling.

Another volunteer driver, Joseph Von Ronne, retired superintendent for the water purification plant for the town, also supported the entire senior citizen van project. "It's one of the better things the Town of Bethlehem has done. And I don't know of anything better someone can do with his free time than volunteer with the van. It's a well worthwhile cause."

VonRonne, one of the first volunteers, now drives when called in on an emergency basis. Underlining the spirit of Christmas generosity, VonRonne said, "It makes me feel good to be able to do something for someone who needs it more than I do. I'm a senior citizen myself, and I'm very happy to be able to help these citizens."

A recipient of the service, Rose Price, said, "It means everything to me. I don't drive. I couldn't eat if it didn't take me for groceries. The volunteers are all wonderful. I couldn't ask for more."

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Portable classrooms considered

A decision in the long-running question of overcrowding at the Glenmont Elementary School will be made Jan. 22. And if last Wednesday's discussion by the Bethlehem Central Board of Education is any indication, the "solution" will be to add three or four portable classrooms, with Kindergarten to stay at Elsmere.

The board, with about 20 Glenmont parents and teachers in the audience, engaged in another rambling analysis of the situation, coming again to the conclusion that, as board member Marjory O'Brien put it, "solving one problem creates another."

But with the other potential solutions — redistricting or a permanent addition — looking less and less appealing, the focus was on how to make temporary classrooms work. Board President Sheila Fuller said board members, administrators and teachers would be looking at several examples of "relocatables" in other districts in the next several weeks.

At the beginning of the discussion, Superintendent Lawrence Zinn recommended to the board that it consider four of the relocatables, adding two next year and two the following year to

reduce the impact on the budget. The cost for two is estimated at \$159,000, and for four \$252,000. Zinn said it "might be pretty risky to hang these out there as a special issue" because if the measure were defeated there would be no way of telling why.

Zinn again discussed the alternatives: Building on additional classrooms, at a cost of \$550,000 for five, is "too permanent at a time when things are in a state of flux." Limited redistricting, which involves busing Glenmont children to Clarksville, the district's only underpopulated school, would have obvious problems.

And as for full-scale redistricting, he said, "I can't find anything that seems to make sense at all."

"I have a real concern that two classrooms isn't going to do it," said board member Barbara Coon, a former Glenmont PTA president.

"You'd be tight," agreed Zinn. With 14 classrooms now available for grades one to five, the school has no room for Kindergarten, and Glenmont children are being bused to Elsmere. In addition, as parents and teachers who spoke before the meeting attested, third grade classes have 27 students, music and art are conducted in

closet-sized rooms, many special activities take place in the halls, storage space is limited and inconvenient and there is no flexibility in scheduling. Coon added that the expanding student body is straining the school's other facilities, such as the gym.

In addition, board members agreed that it should be a goal to provide full-sized classrooms for music and art in all the elementary schools.

"The more we explore this, the more pieces there are to the problem," said board member Bernard Harvith. He suggested that the board might consider other ideas, such as adding elementary classrooms on to the middle school or the high school, or split shifts. There were no takers for either idea.

Glenmont Principal Donald Robillard then told the board that he felt he could make do with three new classrooms next year, provided Kindergarten remains at Elsmere.

While board members were mulling that proposal, a parent who had sat through the discussion spoke up: having children at two different schools is "inconvenient for me," said Marilyn Corrigan, but the Kindergarten at Elsmere has shown absolutely no ill effects. "I think that's a reasonable adjustment to make," she said of Robillard's proposal.

A second Glenmont parent agreed, suggesting that if Elsmere



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ride home with Santa to start the holiday.

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remains the Kindergarten site for Glenmont, perhaps some better coordination of school events could be worked out.

The board agreed to make its decision Jan. 22.

In other business, the board:

- Unanimously ratified the recently negotiated contract with the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association, which becomes effective next July 1 and runs through June 30, 1989. The agreement calls for salary increases of 7, 7 and 7 1/4 percent in the three years, with a cost of living hike if the inflation rate increases. "I can't think of a happier moment," said board member Robert Ruslander, one of those who served on the committee that set out to find a better way of negotiating. "There has been some criticism of the contract — unwarranted, I think," he said.

- Adopted a new district policy on field trips that will allow busing of the high school wrestling team's Pep Squad, which is now to be called the Mat Squad to reflect its timekeeping duties.

- Discussed, without a decision, a new codification of the district's various conduct and disciplinary codes. Harvith and Ruslander, both lawyers, had questions about specific provisions, although Zinn noted that

the primary change is that the State Education Department has required districts to pull all existing codes together in one document. Ruslander noted that the code is very detailed and attempts to cover every possible situation: "If something comes up that isn't covered, you're locked in," he said. Zinn told the board not to worry about the state's Jan. 1 implementation deadline if it wanted to take more time.

- Learned that eight to 10 district employees have so far taken advantage of the early retirement bonus, which expires Jan. 15. The board again discussed the pros and cons of the program, with board member Charles Reeves promising "to track this issue... because I still don't think it's a winner."

- Amended the budget to receive \$7,774 in new library aid, to be distributed among all the schools in the district, including St. Thomas.

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Build a better....

Several Bethlehem Central Middle School students mastered turning a mousetrap into a moving vehicle for one of the Middle School Science Department's annual contests, held in December.

Carol Van Duzer, the sixth grade science teacher who coordinated the event, offered students two categories for mousetrap car construction — restricted and unrestricted. For restricted cars, the students were limited to a bag of provided materials. These included string, a coat hanger, four checkers, eight rubber bands, one straw and glue. Unrestricted cars could be built from the mousetrap and whatever else the student decided on.

Students pitted their creations against one another in a distance event, with the following winners: for restricted cars, Greg Zornow, first place; Andrew Hudacs, second place; and Aaron Spevack, third place; and for unrestricted cars, Aaron Coleman, first place; Matt Begg, second place; and Jesse Jack, third place.

Legislature okays spending, bonding

By Patricia Dumas

In an hour's time, the Albany County Legislature last week hurried through a lengthy agenda of 83 resolutions to authorize spending and bonding for implementing and balancing the county budget.

The Republican minority protested bonding of \$2 million for building and highway repairs and equipment purchases but there was no spirited debate and the issues were approved along with three other bond issues for county airport improvements. That spending will be financed mostly through state and federal aid.

The airport bond issues will provide \$1,385,000 for purchase of residential properties affected by jet noise; \$382,000 for expansion of the terminal apron, and \$367,321 for runway safety equipment. Federal and state grants will pay for approximately 95 percent of the total costs of the airport improvements.

To hasten the legislative process last week, minority and majority members agreed to have 46 items related to routine spending lumped together for one vote authorization.

Recommended by the legislature's finance committee earlier last week, the \$2 million worth of bond issues will enable the county to balance its \$187.3 million budget, which was found to have a deficit after being proposed last October by County Executive James J. Coyne, Jr. The legislature last month voted to handle the deficit by using capital project appropriations with bond financing instead of direct appropriations from the 1986 operating budget.


Minority leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr. of Delmar argued that the deficit should instead have been taken care of through a \$1.5 million fund budgeted for development of the proposed county civic center.

He said the bonding means "an added burden and expense to the taxpayers."

In other action, the legislature approved leases totaling \$815,000 annually for office and parking spaces. At 40 Howard Street in Albany, the office building and garage was once owned by the county but was purchased last year by a developer. The leases are with the Historic Hudson River Development Co. They will provide office, storage and parking space for the county Social Services Department and for the Purchasing, Maintenance and Computer Services departments.

Despite negative Republican votes, the bond issues were predictably approved by the Democrat-controlled legislature. They authorize: \$542,325 for repair of the county highway garage and county jail; \$1,017,000 for repair of roads and bridges, and \$494,000 for purchase of highway equipment and new sheriff patrol cars.

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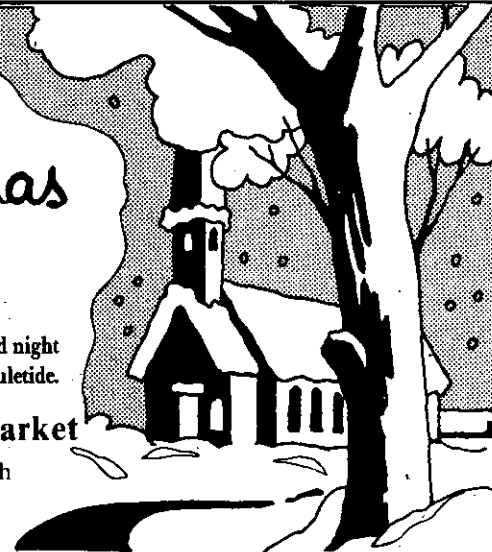
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Chain reaction

A Glenmont woman was injured last Tuesday when the car she was driving hit the rear end of another car stopped at the intersection of Delaware Ave. and Elsmere Ave. Two other stopped cars were damaged in the chain reaction.

Bethlehem police said Gladys B. Amos, 78, of 7 W. Bayberry Rd., Glenmont, was treated at Albany Medical Center following the accident and then released. All four cars were headed east on Delaware Ave. and the first three cars had stopped as a car turned left, police said. No charges were filed.

Hospital plans

(From page 3)

hospital is a "suitable use." The town board makes the final decision based on the planning board's recommendation, according to Building Inspector John Flanigan.

Amber Jones, vice president for planning at Albany Medical College, said one of the college officials who met with Hendrick is Associate Dean Alan D. Miller, who is a Delmar resident. The college, she said, is ready to go through the planning process.

"We feel this project can be beneficial to the Town of Bethlehem and are looking forward to

becoming a part of that community."

In an interview, Jones detailed the ways the college will also benefit from the arrangement. While the facility will be owned by HGNY, the medical college's Department of Psychiatry will provide clinical supervision and staffing, and will use the hospital as a teaching facility.

"That's why we are associated as heavily as we are," said Jones.

In addition, the hospital will be equipped to provide specialized treatment in four areas: neuropsychiatric evaluation, child and ado-

lescent services, adult-geriatric services and services for substance abusers with a primary diagnosis of psychiatric illness. Twenty-four of the beds will be for children and adolescents. The average length of stay at the hospital is projected at 35 days.

Jones said the new facility has received preliminary approval from the state Office of Mental Health. Further state approvals are necessary before construction can begin. Despite the fact that there are 200 psychiatric care beds at the Capital District Psychiatric Center in Albany, as well as beds at several area hospitals, Jones said the state studies show "there is a substantial unmet need for inpatient psychiatric beds in the area."

According to a spokesman for Northeast Psychiatric Hospital, security will be provided by a high ratio of staff to patients, special training of staff in patient management, locked units, a secure interior courtyard and another fenced-in recreation area, and a carefully monitored reception area.

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Planning board discusses Piazza farm development

By Theresa Bobear

Bethlehem Planning Board members last week considered plans for several large, long-term building projects, including plans for the former Piazza farm, the proposed Normans Gate development, Section 6 of Skycrest and Section 3 of Chadwick Square.

The board continued informal discussion regarding development of the former Piazza farm, located at the Delmar Bypass and Bender Lane. According to Steve Buechner of Syracuse, a landscape architect representing developer Jerome Rosen, a total of 358 units are planned for the parcel, including 24 single family homes and 12 duplex units. Some 180 apartment units, 142 patio town house units and a recreation building were proposed for the 81.7-acre southern portion of the parcel.

Bruce Secor, commissioner of public works, suggested the installation of a stub street — the start of a street that can be extended at a later time — at the eastern side of the property for eventual connection to Feura Bush Rd. "I don't think we're going to get another outlet unless we plan for something in this direction," said Secor.

The Normans Gate plan, which was rejected by the planning board in 1982, is again being considered by the planners after nearly two years of litigation.

After noting that the board must approve the subdivision because of recent court findings, board Chairman John Williamson asked the board members to review a memo he had prepared with a tentative list of conditions on the subdivision approval. The board must act on the proposed subdivision of the parcel, owned by the Van Euclid Company, at their next meeting on Jan. 7.

One of the conditions proposed by Williamson was a 50-foot "forever wild" zone bordering the Normanside Country Club. "I'm looking for some means of protection for the people in the houses," said Williamson.

Board member William Johnston suggested that the board find some alternative to a "forever wild" zone. The board members may amend the proposed conditions at their next meeting.

Following the meeting, Williamson refused to release a copy of the memo circulated to the board members.

The board approved for notice to the town board Section 1-A of the Skycrest Planned Residence District, being developed by Bronco Development Ltd. The board will recommend extension of University St. to Elm Ave. The development of five single-family lots will provide a third route of access to the development.

The board also scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 to consider the proposed Section 6 of Skycrest. Speaking for Isak Giwerc of Bronco Development Ltd., Robert Walsh of C.T. Male Associates said 226 units are planned for the final portion of the PRD. Walsh said 276 apartment units were originally approved for Section 6.

After reviewing the road network of the area, Bruce Secor recommended installation of a stub street in the proposed development for a possible connection to Feura Bush Rd.

Finally, the board held a public hearing to consider the proposed Section 3 of Chadwick Square. The Michaels Group has proposed to build 49 town house units on the 10.8-acre parcel.

According to David Butler of

C.T. Male Associates, the town houses units will be built in clusters of two or three.

Some residents of Brightonwood Rd. objected to a connection between their street and Fenimore Dr., protesting that a "super block" with a series of local streets was being built without any collector streets.

Jay Jakovic, executor of the adjoining estate of Harold Magee, spoke in favor of the road connection.

The Bethlehem Planning Board will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Cast announced

The Vincent J. Crummle Acting Troupe of Greater Bethlehem Central High School has announced its cast list for *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, to be performed Feb. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The casting for main characters includes: Lisa Thierry as Miss Preen; Margot Downs as Maggie Cutler; Eric Stilan as Sheridan Whiteside; Phil Genz as Bert Jefferson; Laura Silber as Lorraine Sheldon; Dennis Harrington as Beverly Carlton; and Dan Kerness as the banjo player.

The student director is Betsy Levensohn.

Signing at CSR

For the first time at The College of Saint Rose, a Sign Language Studies Program will be offered from Jan. 6 through March 1 and March 17 through May 17 on the CSR campus.

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Voorheesville News Notes



Lyn Stapf 765-2451

City Fest plans

Plans for the spring City Fest at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High are well under way. Although the schoolwide saturation day is not until May 7, the committee behind the project has been hard at work.

A logo has been designed by Richard Streinbach's commercial art students and will be appearing on stationery, pins, T-shirts and other forms of publicity.

Also, 10 high school students from Voorheesville recently attended a simulation workshop at the Rensselaerville Institute on Dec. 13 where they, along with students from other local school districts, participated in how one could deal with a city crisis in the year 2001.

Finally, in an effort to involve community members in the City Fest Project a call has gone out to those adults who are presently employed in a career taking place in a local city or urban setting to participate in a shadow program, allowing a Voorheesville teen to spend a portion of a working day

with that individual, observing a typical day on the job. Those willing to "be shadowed" by a junior or senior are asked to please complete the form on the December issue of the Heldebarker and send it to Phil Davis at the high school. Those having any additional questions may contact the high school at 765-3314.

All forms should be returned by Feb. 1.

Students in business

Students at the high school are getting an early look at the world of business in a special program developed for the school's eighth grade entitled "Project Business."

Begun by high school guidance counselor Barbara Blumberg, Project Business is a division of Junior Achievement and will expose the 26 students who signed up for this elective 12-week course to a wide variety of business concepts and careers.

Topics scheduled for coverage are the stock market, advertising



Eighth grade students from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville con-

tinue their 12-week investigation of career possibilities with a visit to the Channel 10 studio.

and consumerism, money and banking and career exploration.

So far the course has taken them on field trips to view a noon-time production of the news at channel 10, as well as to the Freihofer Bakery.

Co-leaders of the program are Blumberg and business teacher Joan Herman, with Katie Slater from Freihofer's acting as the

Junior Achievement business consultant.

In top ten

Several Voorheesville students are sure to make it big in business considering their results on the recent business contests held at SUNY Cobleskill. With a total of 144 students taking the business dynamics class it was most impressive that five Voorheesville students placed in the top 10 with Jayson White finishing fourth, Lucretia Rathke placing fifth, Steve Stein placing seventh and Gardner Foster and Chad Smith

placed for ninth place.

Receiving certificates for placing ninth and tenth respectively in the Business English contest were Margaret Arthur and Laura Shearer.

Business teacher Joan Herman and Jane Willey accompanied students to the competition where 100 other schools participated.

Musicians perform

Students from the high school recently spread the holiday cheer with their music as the high school bands and chorus performed at the Empire State Plaza on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Both the high school concert and stage bands under the direction of Frank McDermott and the Senior High School Chorus directed by Margaret Dorgan performed at noontime down at the city complex.

Those who wish to bid 1985 a fond farewell still have time to make their reservations at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall. To ring out the old and ring in the new, Voorheesville Post 1493 will hold a gala New Year's Eve Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. The donation of \$25 per person includes a hot and cold buffet, champagne at midnight, hats, noisemakers and music by the "Melody Three." Those interested in attending may contact the Legion at 765-4712 after 3 p.m.



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A reminder to all preschool parents that there will be no story hours during vacation. Story hours will resume at their regular times on Monday, Jan. 6.

Contest to highlight problem

With all the concern over the ever-rising threat of substance abuse, the New York State Elks Association is sponsoring a poster and essay contest to bring to light that today's young people are aware of the disastrous effects of using drugs.

All area youngsters are invited to participate in the competition, which includes a poster contest with the theme, "Hugs are Better than Drugs," and an essay contest on the theme, "The Effects of Drugs on One's Future."

The poster contest is open to those in grades 4 through 6, grades 7 through 9 and grades 10 through 12. The maximum length of the essay should be 200 to 300 words.

The top prize in each category is a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. There will be a local winner in each group for each contest.

All entries should include the student's name, school, grade and nearest Elks Lodge, and must be received by Jan. 15. Those in the Voorheesville area are invited to send their entry to New Scotland Elks Club representative Ed Donohue at RD 1, Swift Rd., Voorheesville, 12186. Those wanting more information may also contact Donohue at 765-4400.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Voorheesville Pharmacy and Stewarts

Board acts on liability, mailing

By Theresa Bobear

Local Laws No. 1 and 2 for 1985, limiting the town's insurance liability and authorizing an informational mailing, were adopted by unanimous vote of the New Scotland Town Board after hearings last week.

The first law was drafted because "our insurance carriers asked for it," said town attorney Frederick Riester, noting that many other municipalities have similar laws.

The law requires that no civil action for damages or injury as a result of unsafe highway conditions be brought against the town unless written notice of the hazard was submitted to the town and the town failed to repair or remove the defect within a reasonable time.

Pleads to trespass

Stephen F. Fazio, 24, of Coeymans Hollow, pleaded guilty to criminal trespass second degree, a misdemeanor, last week in Bethlehem Town Court. Fazio was arrested Nov. 24 by Bethlehem police on a felony charge of third degree burglary in connection with a break-in at a Rt. 9W auto shop. The case was adjourned to Jan. 21 for sentencing.

NEW SCOTLAND

The second law allows the town's tax collector to enclose a notice of assessment calendar changes with each 1986 property tax bill. "In essence you're eliminating a mailing," said Supervisor Steve Wallace.

The board also accepted a 10-acre parcel of land from developers James Breen and Thomas Coyle. The land, located behind the Breen-Coyle subdivision on Swift Rd., will be added to the adjoining 58-acre town park. The planning board previously agreed to do away with a 50-foot right-of-way through the subdivision provided the town accepts the land.

"It's a beautiful piece of land,"

said highway superintendent Peter Van Zetten.

At the recommendation of Wallace, the board voted to dismiss and replace planning board member Samuel Tommell. Wallace explained that Tommell had other commitments that prevented him from attending the regular meetings of the board. Wallace said a letter of thanks would be sent to Tommell for his service to the town.

The board appointed William Childs to another five-year term on the town planning board and appointed Jim Sande to another five-year term on the town's zoning board of appeals.

Finally, the board scheduled the town's organizational meeting for Jan. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Over the wires

The State university at Albany will offer the third course in its six-course telecommunications management program, beginning Jan. 7. "Integrating Voice and Data" will be taught by David Muir, technical consultant for AT&T. Informations Systems, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. on five Tuesdays.

To register for \$425 call Dr. Richard B. Dressner at 442-5133.

Christmas dinners

St. Peter's Hospital, in conjunction with the Albany Jewish Community Center and the Albany County Emergency Food Task Force, will provide free dinners to the needy and homeless of the area on Christmas Day.

"For those who are homebound, volunteers from the Albany Jewish Community Center will deliver the meals to their homes," said Peter Rossi, director of nutrition at St. Peter's Hospital.

The program is funded by an Emergency Task Force grant from the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

For information call Norman Levine, Albany Jewish Community Center at 438-6651.

Dance classes

The eba Ce. Movement, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, will begin its 10-week winter session on Jan. 1.

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NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup



Students honored

November's Students of the Month at the RCS Senior High School are John Waddington and Tina Boyere. This program is sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

John Waddington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Waddingham of South Bethlehem. He is a member of the varsity basketball and varsity baseball teams. He was also a member of the freshman football team. John teaches intramural basketball to the 4th and 6th grade students. He is active in church functions and plays electric guitar in his church band. He is considerate toward his fellow students and is always willing to assist wherever he can.

Tina Boyere is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Boyere of New Baltimore. Tina is a tireless worker and considered by her peers to be the driving force behind the senior class. She is the senior class treasurer, is a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee, was nominated Snow Queen in New Baltimore for 1985 and holds a part time job at McDonalds. Tina enjoys collecting bells and dolls.

New Year's Eve party

1985 comes to a close in just a

few days, and if you're looking for a special way to usher in the New Year, you might want to consider attending the New Year's Eve party planned at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. If sharing good food and fun with friends and neighbors sounds like a pleasant way to celebrate the occasion, you're more than welcome to join the festivities Dec. 31 at the church on Willowbrook Ave. beginning at 6:30 p.m. Just bring a dish to share for the covered dish supper, a favorite game if you have one, and join the fun. Music, games, square and round dancing have been planned for this, the third annual New Year's Eve Party, which will conclude at 12:30 a.m. with a Wesleyan Watch Night Service.

Boy Scout Troop 81, which is sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks of Selkirk, recently held a Court of Honor at the lodge. Over 60 people attended the Potluck supper and awards ceremony including parents, scouts and their leaders.

Scouts receiving awards were: Joe Croscup, Life Rank Badge, Citizenship in Community, and Pioneer Merit Badge; Wayne Osborn, Tenderfoot Badge, Citizenship Badge, Pioneer Merit Badge; Chris Peasley, Boy Scout

Badge, First Aid Skills Award; Jimmy Banahan, Boy Scout Badge, Arrow of Light; Bobby Burns, Camping and Cooking Skills Award, Pioneer Merit Badge; Billy Cornell, Pioneer Merit Badge, Handicap Awareness Badge; Billy Stanton, Family Life Skill Award, Pioneer Merit Badge; Kevin Demerest, Cooking Skills Award; Alex Austin, Pioneer Merit Award.

Awards were presented by Scout Leaders: Scout Master John Hudspath, Assistant Scout Master Don Cornell and committeeman George Mumburger and by RCS teachers. Dave Austin talked on the subject of winter camping in preparation for a campout the boys will be participating in this January.

Musicians at RCS

Students from the RCS Senior Band attended the "Annual High School Day" at the College of St. Rose in Albany on Nov. 20. A full day of activities was scheduled by the College's Student Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference.

From 9 to 11 a.m. students sat in on classes, including ear training taught by Mr. Paul Evaskovich and instrumental methods taught by Dr. Mary Ann Craig. At 11:15 a convocation including performances by the CSR Brass Choir, "Uptown Cats" Dixieland Band and various small ensembles was heard. A complimentary luncheon in the college dining hall followed at 12:30. The day's activities concluded with a demonstration of the Saints and Sinners Recording Studio from 1 to 2 p.m.

RCS Seniors Chip Bolen, Michelle Coons, Christine Flynn, John Mohler and Andrea VanBergen attended. Juniors Richard Beck, Jeffrey Boehm, James Deragon, Susan Penk, Timothy Penk and Stacy Sutton also were in attendance. Brent D. Wheat, high school music teacher, accompanied the students.

Gala at Elks lodge

If you hurry, you still might have an opportunity to get tickets for the Gala New Year's Eve Party planned at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge in Selkirk. This year's event promises to be better than ever. There will be hats, noisemakers, a king size prime rib dinner, bread and cheese table, open bar, a continental breakfast, and music for dancing by the Jeff Spencer Band. Friends and members of the Elks might wish to check at the lodge for available reservations if you haven't already made plans.

Material for Barbara Pickup's column can be sent to her at P.O. Box 172, RD 1, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. For questions or late items, call The Spotlight at 439-4949.

Correction

There were no incumbents in the two elections for officers in the Elmwood Park Fire District, contrary to a report in last week's Spotlight. William Cleveland, who lost a bid for treasurer of the district to Mary Cantwell, is a fire commissioner but did not seek reelection to that post. In the other election, Paul Miller, a lieutenant in the fire company, defeated George Mears.

Phil Schweppenhauser, chairman of the board of fire commissioners, said Saturday he doubts that the two negative votes earlier this year on a proposal to build a new fire house affected the Dec. 10 election. The fire commissioners have hired an architect to make recommendations on whether the district's present building on Schoolhouse Rd. should be replaced or repaired, Schweppenhauser said.

Open house set

The Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., is planning to hold open houses on Christmas and New Year's Day from 1:30 to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Sub salary hike okayed

A salary increase for substitute certified teachers was approved by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education last week.

Under the new pay scale, non-certified substitutes will be paid \$35 per day, certified substitutes will earn \$40 per day and long-term substitutes will receive \$50 per day. Previously, certified teachers were paid \$35 per day as substitutes.

The board made their decision on the salaries after board member Louis Neri presented the finance committee's recommendation. "Forty dollars would make us competitive with Voorheesville, Bethlehem Central and Gunderland," said Neri. According to figures presented by Neri, funds for the \$5 increase would be available within current budget.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the expenditure of some \$4,200 for three pressure valves needed to reduce the water pressure in the line from the Village of Ravena to the junior-senior high school.
- Changed the date of their second meeting in January to Jan. 21 from Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Set May 14 as the date of the district budget vote.
- Scheduled the next community meeting for 8 p.m. on Feb. 10 at RCS Senior High School.

Break-in plea

A Delmar man accused in a September break-in at the Four Corners Launderease has pleaded to a reduced charge of criminal trespass second degree in Bethlehem Town Court. William Schrier, 19, of Delaware Ave., had been charged with third degree burglary, a felony, in the incident in which nearly \$200 was taken. The money was later recovered. An additional charge of grand larceny was reduced to petty larceny, also a misdemeanor, according to a spokesperson for the court. The case was adjourned to Jan. 21 for sentencing.

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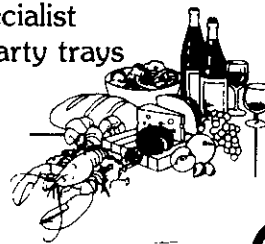
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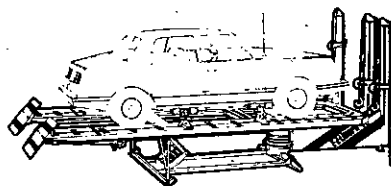
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All stores will close Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 6 P.M.
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
All stores reopening Thursday, Dec. 26, at 7 A.M.

Olde Virginie **Smoked Ham Shank Portion** Water Added **98¢** Lb.

Frozen Concentrate **Sunkist Orange Juice** 12-oz. Can **88¢**

Super **GRAND UNION** Coupon (621)
Regular or Diet **Seven-Up** One 67.6-oz. Btl. **89¢**
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California **Navel Oranges** 10 113 Size **129¢**
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Potato Chips **Wise Ridgie** 6 1/2-oz. Pkg. **99¢**

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Pasteurized **Hood's Sour Cream** One 16-oz. Cont. **49¢**
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U.S.D.A. Choice - Boneless Beef **Sirloin Tip for London Broil** Lb. **238¢**

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California **Fresh Green Broccoli** Bunch **89¢**

Wheat Bread or **Freihofer's Split Top White** 20-oz. Loaf **79¢**
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Cornish Hens Tyson's - Gov't. Grade 'A' Frozen Lb. **98¢**

Pork Sausage Oscar Mayer - Little Links Lb. **249¢**

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Seafood Sliced Flavor Treat - Frozen & Thawed Lb. **299¢**

Sliced Bacon White's - Maple Flavored 1-lb. Pkg. **188¢**

Sliced Bologna Oscar Mayer - Meat or Beef 12-oz. Pkg. **149¢**

WHOLESALE SAVINGS

Whole Sirloin Tip U.S.D.A. Choice - Boneless Beef Round Unrimmed. Custom cut and wrapped Lb. **188¢**

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Chicken Legs Country Pride - Fresh Gov't. Grade 'A' w/Thighs Ea. Lb. **79¢**

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Baked Ham Instore Prepared - Water Added Half Lb. **189¢**

Beef Bologna Oscar Mayer - Deli Style or Meat Lb. **269¢**

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Summer Sausage Armour 1877 Lb. **299¢**

Smoked Ham Halffield - Water Added Lb. **379¢**

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Ivory Shampoo or Conditioners - Assorted Varieties 15-oz. Btl. **169¢**

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THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

TUESDAY 31
DECEMBER

New Year's Eve, New Scotland Town Hall closes at noon; Bethlehem Public Library closes at 5 p.m.

New Year's Eve at Noon, all welcome to celebrate New Year with countdown to noon, Bethlehem Public Library, 11:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

New Year's Eve Gala, with dancing to Melody 3, Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$25 reservations, 765-4712.

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.

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

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

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

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

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 a.m.-noon.

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

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

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

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

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

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

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

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

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

TUESDAY 24
DECEMBER

Christmas Eve, New Scotland Town Hall closes at noon; Bethlehem Public Library closed.

Candlelight Services, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., children's choir, 7 p.m.; senior choir, 9:15 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

"Christmas Fever," musical drama featuring junior and intermediate choirs, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m.; candlelight service, 11 p.m.

Candlelight Service, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Services, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7 and 11 p.m.

Candlelight Service, Clarksville Community Church, Delaware Turnpike, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2916.

WEDNESDAY 25
DECEMBER

Merry Christmas! Bethlehem Town Hall, New Scotland Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall and Bethlehem Public Library Closed.

Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

Open House, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 1:30-3 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

THURSDAY 26
DECEMBER

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

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Elsmere Fire Company, meets last Thursday of month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Town Board, meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 27
DECEMBER

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

School's Out Film, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

SATURDAY 28
DECEMBER

SUNDAY 29
DECEMBER

Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; service, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

MONDAY 30
DECEMBER

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at the Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Mothers Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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.

Pre-school Concert, with Paul Strausman, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Tickets, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY 1
JANUARY

Happy New Year! Bethlehem Town Hall, New Scotland Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall and Bethlehem Public Library closed.

Open House, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 1:30-3 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

Bird Count, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

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Organizational Meeting, Bethlehem Town Board, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7 p.m.

School's Out Film, for children, to be announced, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

FRIDAY 3
JANUARY

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

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

area arts

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

THEATER

"Zorba," Broadway musical starring Anthony Quinn, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 31-Jan. 4, 8 p.m.; Jan. 2, 4 and 5, 2 p.m. Tickets, 382-3884.

"Billy Bishop Goes to War," musical celebration of a World War I flying ace, Cohoes Music Hall, Dec. 31-Jan. 4, 8 p.m.; Jan. 2, 4 and 5, 2 p.m. Tickets, 382-3884.

"Dreaming Emmett," premiere of Toni Morrison's play, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theatre, Albany, Jan. 4-Feb. 2 opening night and Tues.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets, 462-4534.

MUSIC

Noon organ concert, Neil Keen and Mary Bon will continue their survey of music by J.S. Bach, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, Jan. 3.

New York Trumpet Ensemble, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 4, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-7890.

Saratoga New Years Eve festival, featuring folk music artists, Caffe Lena, Saratoga, Jan. 3, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

Dizzy Gillespie, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 465-4755.

DANCE

New York Express, breakdance company, eba Theater, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Jan. 3, 7 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

ART

"Maine-ly Tin," exhibit of painted tinware produced during early 1800's in Stevens Plains, Maine, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through December.

"The Chapel," paintings by Cynthia Norton, Justice Building Lobby, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 2. Information, 473-5527.

"The New Response: Contemporary Painters of the Hudson River," exhibit at Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 15.

"Art in Selling Spaces," presented by Macy's and Albany Institute of History and Art, Marketplace Cafe, Macy's, Colonie, through December.

"The Comet's Tale," exhibit depicting man's perceptions of Halley's Comet, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through Jan. 10.

Robert and Lillian Longley of Slingerlands, exhibit of oils and pastels, Lee Ann Fanning Gallery, Rt. 4, Defreestville, through Dec. 31.

Crailo State Historic Site, museum of Dutch heritage of Upper Hudson Valley, built in 1705 by Hendrick Van Rensselaer, Riverside Ave., Rensselaer, through December.

"Monotypes: The Painterly Print," Catskill Gallery, 398 Main St., Catskill, Jan. 3.

"Exhibit honoring Mark Twain, featuring first editions of Twain's works, Jerome Dawson Memorial Library, Siena College, Loudonville, through December.

"Bitter Hope: From Holocaust to Haven," photographic exhibit, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, permanent exhibit.

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- A Festival of Nine Carols and Lessons Tuesday, 10 p.m.
- A Christmas Memory Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- Treasure Houses of Britain Thursday, 10 p.m.
- Great Performances Friday, 9 p.m.
- 17th Street Theater Saturday, 9 p.m.
- Masterpiece Theatre: Bleak House Sunday, 9 p.m.
- The Naked Gershwin Monday, 9 p.m.
- Newport Jazz '85 Tuesday, 9 p.m.

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Herb Downer, left, Joseph C. Phillips and Mel Winkler are portraying George, Emmett and Eustace in *Dreaming Emmett*, a new play by Toni

Morrison. The play premieres Jan. 4 through Feb. 2 at Capital Repertory Company, Albany. For information call 462-4534.

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

Pre-school Films, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 4

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

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

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

Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY
JANUARY 7

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

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

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

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

Organizational Meeting, Slingerland Fire District No. 1, Slingerlands Firehouse, New Scotland Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, will remove holiday decorations from Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 8

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

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

Bethlehem Elks Auxillary, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.

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

Second Milers, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

Progress Club, Teddy Bear instruction, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations, 439-0476 or 439-7015.

Star Watch, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

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Date	Time	Department or Unit	Event or Type Call
Dec. 12	9:11 a.m.	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 12	1:15 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
Dec. 12	1:18 p.m.	Voorheesville Ambulance	Transport
Dec. 13	9:49 a.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 13	9:51 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 13	12:01 p.m.	Voorheesville Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 13	12:17 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 13	2:26 p.m.	Voorheesville Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 13	4:04 p.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 13	4:04 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 13	4:04 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Fire stand by
Dec. 13	6:58 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 13	6:58 p.m.	No. Beth. Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 13	6:58 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Fire stand by
Dec. 14	8:30 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 14	6:00 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Dec. 14	6:29 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 15	9:06 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 15	7:30 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Dec. 15	8:56 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Dec. 15	11:45 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Dec. 16	10:30 a.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Vehicle accident
Dec. 16	10:40 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
Dec. 16	11:02 a.m.	Voorheesville Ambulance	Heart attack
Dec. 16	11:03 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 16	11:03 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 16	2:50 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 16	6:00 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 16	6:07 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 17	6:30 a.m.	Voorheesville Ambulance	Heart attack
Dec. 17	8:37 a.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 17	11:05 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 17	11:32 a.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 17	11:32 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Fire stand by
Dec. 17	7:50 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
Dec. 17	10:52 p.m.	Voorheesville Ambulance	Vehicle Accident

The Fire Fighters Corner welcomes items of interest to fire and rescue volunteers. Call Connie Parisi at 767-9037 or send information to *The Spotlight*, 125 Adams St., Delmar.

Christmas spirit?

In keeping with the true spirit of the season, someone recently cut a Christmas tree to decorate his home. He cut the beautiful 15-foot blue spruce from the lawn of a Swift Rd. home — without asking the permission of the home owner.

The tree was cut down quietly by hand at 10:30 p.m., dragged down the street and loaded in a truck. The stunned property owner reported the incident to the sheriff's office.

ESIPA honored

The education program of the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts (ESIPA) has been selected from among eight nominees nationwide to receive the second bi-annual Arts for Children Award from the State University College at Brockport. The award honors individuals or organizations that have made contributions to arts for children in a combination of art forms, on a national level.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SENIOR VAN
call 439-5770, 9-11 a.m.

Dec. 26 Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet Thursdays at Bethlehem Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 3 Free legal clinic. Appointment required.

Jan. 7 AARP assistance with medicare forms. Appointments, 439-2160 or 439-3305.

Jan. 9 Silver screen movie for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m. Free.



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TUESDAY
DECEMBER 24

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross and Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Appts., 462-7461, ext. 237.

Holiday Cookie Exchange, participants may bring cookies and recipes to share, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave. Information, 449-3380.

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 25

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THURSDAY
DECEMBER 26

Post Christmas Capers, with Joel Murray, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free; information, 474-0460.

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

HEAR, Hearing Endeavor for the Albany Region, self-help group for hearing impaired, second floor hearing rehabilitation center, Albany Medical Center, 7 p.m. Information, 445-4535.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

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DECEMBER 27

Bennington Puppets, presenting "Thief of Bagdad," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free; information, 474-0460.

Parents Without Partners, buffet at Knights of Columbus Hall, Osborn Rd., Loudonville 7:30 p.m. Reservations, 462-7029.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 28

"Zookeepers", 30 minute film on Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free; information, 474-0460.

Breakdance Competition, for youths 10 to 19 years, sponsored by The Chapter House Inner Circle, EBA Chapter House Theater, corner of Hudson and Lark, Albany, \$1 admission, 10 a.m. Information, 465-9916.

Dinner Dance, sponsored by Helping Hands Singles to benefit Easter Seal Society, Michael's Banquet House, Rt. 9, Latham, 7 p.m. \$15 reservations, 438-3187.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29

"Animal Olympians", 50-minute film with vivid examples of wildlife Olympics, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free; information, 474-0460.

Scottish Country Dancing, social dancing to traditional Scottish music, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

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MONDAY
DECEMBER 30

Fun Technicians, presenting "Skoop and Sweetheart," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free; information, 474-0460.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31

Magic Show, with Jim Snack, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany,

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free; information, 474-0460.

Stress Management, lecture by Ronald G. Nathan, Ph. D., co-author of *Stress Management: A Comprehensive Guide To Wellness*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 449-3380.

New Year's Eve Gala, concert with "Dizzy" Gillespie, Palace Theatre, 7:30 p.m.; New Year's Eve Gala, sponsored by Vanguard-Albany Symphony Orchestra, Well of Legislative Office Building, 10 p.m. Reservations, 465-4755, 465-4663.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 1

Road Races, 13.1 and 3-mile, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, \$1 and \$2 entry fee, noon. Information, 765-4055, 439-1990.

Appalachian Mountain Club, 3-day workshop on "Beginning Mountaineering: Climbing Catskill 3500's in Winter," Jan. 1-3. Reservations, 1-914-4780411.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 2

Registration, for January term at Russell Sage College and Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave. Jan. 2 and 6, noon-6 p.m.; Jan. 3, noon-4 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

Auditions for musical

ESIPA at the Egg will hold additional auditions for local Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Caucasian performers to fill roles in the U.S. premiere of *An Imaginary Report on an American Rock Festival*. The hit Hungarian rock musical, in a new American adaptation, will be directed by its original Hungarian director. The production will rehearse from Feb. 17 through March 13. Performances will run from March 14 through 25.

Local actors who are cast will be paid a modest salary and will work with actors from ESIPA's resident company and Equity actors from New York. Actors must be available for daytime rehearsals. Auditions will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Rehearsal Room 1 of the Egg. Appointments must be made by calling Ed Lange at 474-1199.

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As a novelist, Morrison has received international acclaim for *The Bluest Eye*, *Sula* and *Tar Baby*. *Song of Solomon* won Morrison the National Book Critics Award in 1977.

In *Dreaming Emmett*, Morrison weaves a theatre of dreams—the remembrance of a catastrophe past restaged in a bittersweet eternal present. A young boy dreams of a life and a death, and as he summons his childhood friends, his mother, and his murderers to collaborate in the story he imagines he remembers, a new vision emerges to annihilate the old.

The play asks many questions: Was the murder of a 14 year old black boy 30 years ago in Mississippi the shared, collective nightmare of the American soul—black and white? Can his dream figures ever return to the scene of the timeless crime? Or do they inhabit a past too different from the dreamer's? Is he their ghost?

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Homes burglarized

Three burglaries took place last Tuesday in the Delmar-Elsmere area, and Bethlehem police think at least two of them may be connected.

On Montrose Dr., the thief apparently entered through a basement window while the resident was in the hospital. Relatives said they were not sure what was missing, according to police reports. On Delmar Place, jewelry was taken from the bedroom of a residence, and a neighbor reported seeing a car parked in the driveway during the day. Later that day, someone entered a house on Park Place in Delmar, and police said the method of entry was the same as on Delmar Place. All three incidents are under investigation.

Channel on vacation

The Bethlehem Channel, the local public access channel for cable television, will be closed for renovations and repairs during the weeks of Dec. 22 and Dec. 29.

The community bulletin board will continue during this period.

The Bethlehem Channel will resume broadcast on Jan. 6.

Help for victims

Victims of domestic violence can now get help and understanding through a new self-help group for which First Unitarian Society, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, has donated meeting space at the church. This support group is expanding from one daytime meeting, Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m., to add an evening meeting on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The only qualification to join is a desire for personal change. The meetings are free and the room is accessible to the handicapped. Child care is available at no charge.

A portion of each meeting is spent on providing information about domestic law, Family Court and social services. The groups are led by former victims of domestic violence. For information call 393-2463 or 465-8690, or attend a meeting.

avenged, the past never recaptured, and the ghosts never exorcised. The dream continues beyond us and the dreamer moves on, only now with the audience as his collaborators.

Morrison, who worked as a senior editor for Random House Publishers for more than a decade, is currently teaching at the State University at Albany and is living in Albany. She has taught at numerous institutions, including Rutgers University, Texas Southern University, Yale and Bard College.

Morrison's play, which was commissioned by the New York State Writers Institute of the State University of New York, is being produced by Capital Rep in conjunction with the Capital District Humanities Program and the Key Bank, N.A.

For ticket information call 462-4531.



Santa Claus (Dennis Northrup), left, Nicole Nolan and her mother, Myra Nolan, entertained children

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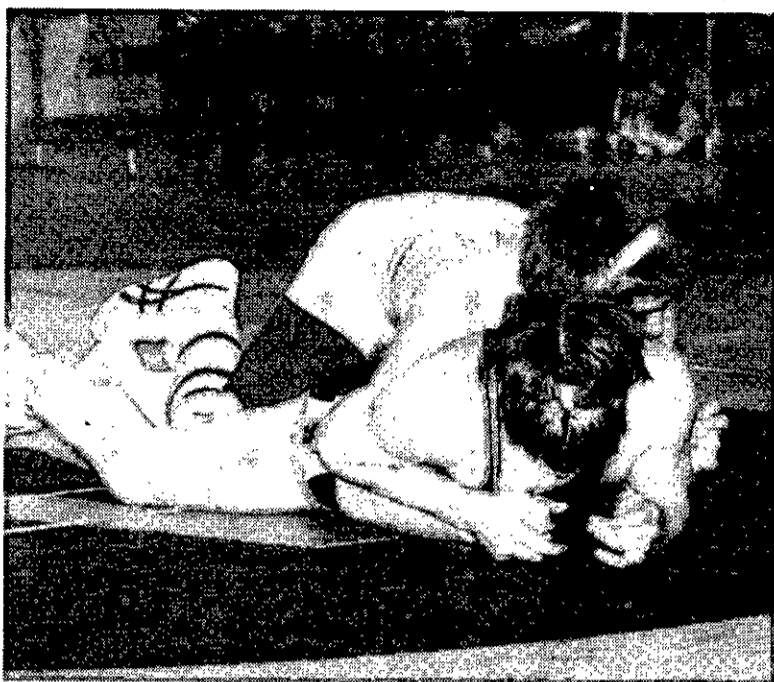
The mass confrontation at Voorheesville Friday pitted three undefeated teams in a double-dual meet. The Eagles, missing two varsity starters from injuries, lost to the Blackbirds, 34-27, and tied Averill Park, 32-32, while the powerful Parkers were edging Voorheesville, 31-27.

In each match the Eagles won five bouts, lost six and drew one, giving up one forfeit in each. The Blackbirds got their key points on two pins and a technical fall to BC's lone pin, but against the Parkers the Eagles had three pins and two technical falls that equalled AP's four pins, a decision and a forfeit.

In that one the key was Bill Plunkett battling to a draw against a favored Averill Park entry at 177 pounds. The BC senior's two points were critical, giving the Eagles, facing a six-point forfeit loss in the final match, a 32-26 lead that assured the deadlock.

"Every point made a difference," Poplaski said over the weekend. "It was a very exciting evening, all the matches were very close, and that tie at 177 was the key for us, a real highlight."

The big point-getters for Bethlehem were Chris Saba, with a pin against Voorheesville and a technical fall against Averill Park at 112 pounds, and Jim Dayter and Tim Dobert, each with a pin and a decision. Dayter got a 10-2 decision at 126 pounds against Voorheesville after earning a pin at 132 against the Parkers. Dobert, working the 155-pound slot, also had a pin against Averill Park and



Bethlehem Central's Tim Dobert may have been the underdog at this point, but he won his bout with Kevin Fox of Averill Park during the dual-double meet held Friday at Voorheesville.

Jeff Gonzales

wrestled to a 5-1 decision against the Blackbirds.

The Eagles, strong in the lower weights, jumped out to big leads against both teams, but suffered without Steve Guynup at 145, out with a torn cartilage, and Paul Evangelista at 215. They led the Blackbirds by 24-6 before the roof fell in, and they had a 24-9 bulge, on Averill Park after Dayter had pinned his man. Poplaski had to forfeit the 215-pound bout to each rival.

Also delivering key points in the battle with the Parkers were Tom Nyilis, who piled up 20 points to earn a technical fall at 119 pounds, and Eric Oberheim, who scored a pin at 126.

The Eagles will be working-out over the holiday recess in preparation for a heavy week once classes resume in January. They face dual meets with Columbia and Amsterdam on Jan 8-9 and then travel to the Fort Plain tournament the following weekend.



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Blackbirds struggle for 3 more wins

By Tanya Severino

Last week the Voorheesville Wrestling team had three long struggling matches. The Blackbirds first ventured to Ravena and closely pulled out a victory over RCS, 32-29. Pat Ryan, Rick Leach, Matt Cillis, Jason DePasquale and Bill Kelly won their individual matches. Tri-captain Mark Gillenwalters and John Traudt successfully pinned their opponents.

Next the Birds hosted Lansingburgh Thursday and won easily, 43-24. Individual winners included Mark Chryrwyty, Rich Kane, John Layaou, Ryan, Cillis, DePasquale, Kelly and Gillenwalters.

On Friday Voorheesville faced their two biggest rivals, Bethlehem and Averill Park, in a double dual match. Averill Park gave the Blackbirds their first loss of the season, 31-27. Leach, Cillis, DePasquale, Layaou, Gillenwalters and Kelly held their ground and defeated their opponents, but the Parkers were too strong in the upper weights.

But the Blackbirds came back strong to defeat longtime rival, Bethlehem, 34-27. "To beat a team that good, a team that has such a good coach is rewarding," said Dick Leach, veteran coach of the Blackbirds.

John Traudt and Gillenwalters came out of the double dual with two wins.

Although the Blackbirds had a long week, they still remain 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the Colonial Council.

"Next Saturday we go against Queensbury and Corinth in our Christmas tournament, and it's going to be tough," says Leach.

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Letters in volleyball

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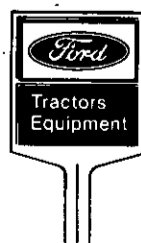
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Justin Corcoran (42) of Bethlehem collects two points on a fast break during the last few second of Tuesday's game against Niskayuna as Kevin Kelly (24) waits for the rebound. R.H. Davis

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A workshop on beginning mountaineering will run from 8 p.m. on Jan. 1 to noon on Jan. 5. Basic ski touring workshops, designed for persons with little or no experience on skis, will be held on the weekends of Jan. 4, Jan. 11 and Jan. 25.

To register for the workshop call Jackie Mallory at 1-607-746-2737. For information about lodging and meals call the Mountain Gate Lodge at 1-914-254-4770.

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By Tom Kuck
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BC's Geoff Mackey (32) recovers a shot missed by Niskayuna as John Peyrebrune (24) looks on.

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'We'll win our fair share'

By Charles Henrikson

"The team is playing better," says coach Jack Moser, "and we work hard, so we will win our fair share of games." The Bethlehem Central basketball team did drop two games last week, but signs abounded that the team will pick up and win a few games before the season is over.

BC hosted Niskayuna Tuesday and again the second quarter was where BC lost the game. After one quarter the score was tied at 11, but at the half it was 22-17 Niskayuna. In the third quarter it looked as though BC was going to come back, but as soon as the score was tied, BC made a couple of turnovers, so they were still down by five at the start of the fourth quarter.

A comeback was simply not to be, and the squad ended up losing, 45-39.

Moser sees the Eagles' main problems as a glaring lack of rebounding and too many turnovers, combined with the "worst shooting experience of the year." Nevertheless, Moser had praise for Geoff Mackey and Mike Gibbons, who scored 10 each to lead the effort. John Peyrebrune had eight points. Moser felt that Gary Winn, a junior who spent the first few games of the season on JV, played "extremely well" in his first start.

As with BC's first home game, there was a problem with an overenthusiastic crowd. During the first quarter, a spectator threw a

piece of candy onto the court. The game had to be stopped for a warning to be issued to the crowd. They were told that if anything more was thrown onto the court, the game would be called, and Niskayuna would be given the victory. Moser was quite disturbed with this, because, obviously, he wants himself and his team to be able to concentrate solely on the game without interruption by obnoxious fans.

On Friday this was not a problem as BC played at mighty Burnt Hills, one of the top two teams in the Suburban Council. BC's strategy was to slow down the game from the beginning, and the first quarter was only 8-4, in favor of Burnt Hills. At the half it widened some, to 23-10. Then the scoring escalated to the final score of 64-41, Burnt Hills. BC scored 20 points in the first three quarters, and then 21 in the fourth.

Moser thought that the team "played well" against this top-quality squad. He felt that Winn helped in his second start. Gibbons was high scorer with six, Ed Perry had five, and then there were five players with four apiece.

This week BC hosts the Helderberg Holiday tournament. On Thursday, BC opens against Voorheesville, and Guilderland plays Chatham. The winners meet Friday night after the consolation game.

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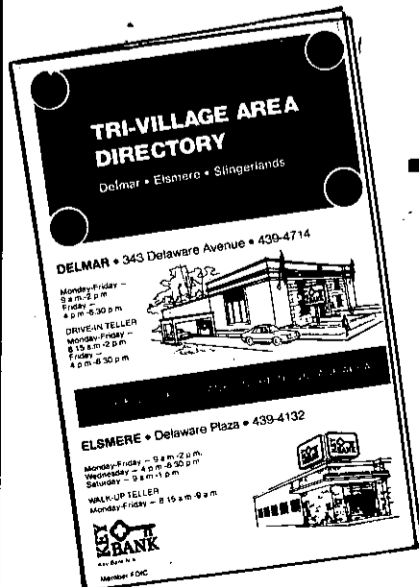
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Birds not happy with 3-4 record

Voorheesville's basketball Blackbirds enter the Christmas break 2-3 in the Colonial Council, 3-4 overall, a record that coach Bob Crandall feels could be a lot worse but should be better.

The Blackbirds escaped last week with an even split in two games against second-division foes, taking a 68-60 win at Schalmont after dropping a 51-49 decision to Waterford at home.

"I'd like to have the Waterford game back," was Crandall's comment after what must have been the Birds' worst shooting exhibition of the season. "I don't know why it is, but we just don't seem to play against Waterford with the same intensity and intelligence that we do against other teams. We shot miserably, especially from the foul line."

Voorheesville meshed a paltry seven free throws to 23 for the visitors. What hurt the most was a late fourth-period rally that pulled the Blackbirds to within two points in the final minute with a chance to tie on a one-on-one at the line. But the shooter, whose name will be withheld herewith under youthful offender status, missed the front end and the game went with it.

Voorheesville outscored the Fordians from the field by 21-14, led by Kyle Larabee with 15 points.

The story was different at Schalmont, where the Blackbirds' height advantage got them off to a big-start. The Sabres had no one to match 6-4 Jerry Borg, so Crandall stationed him in the low post and had the boys lob passes to their beanstalk. Borg pumped in 10 points in the first quarter as the

Blackbirds established a 19-12 lead. Crandall's game plan was to press the back court and fall back to a 2-3 zone, but he had to change that when the Sabres began hitting from the perimeter. Larabee connected on a baseline jumper on a sideline inbounds pass just before the halftime buzzer and it was only 29-26 at intermission.

Turnovers, 24 in the game, continued to plague the Blackbirds, who were up by six after three periods. In the opening two minutes of the fourth quarter they went on a rampage. Led by Borg and Larabee, they stretched the margin to 19, and at 65-46 Crandall pulled his starters.

The Blackbirds had four players in double numbers, Larabee with 20, Borg with 18, Vin Foley with 12 and Justin Corcoran with 10.

Voorheesville is matched with Bethlehem Central in the opening round of the Helderberg Holiday Classic in Delmar Thursday night. Guilderland and Chatham are matched in the companion game.

Scholarships offered

Richard H. Warken Jr, exalted ruler of Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, has named Robert J. Hausmann as chairman of the group's scholarship program.

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STAR BOWLERS

Indian problem simple: just can't find the hoop

By Dan Tidd

The Ravena basketball team is confronted with a monstrous problem that is multiplying at a frightening rate each league game. Call it lack of offense stemming from hundreds of missed open shots.

"It all comes down to real poor team shooting," said Indian coach Jim Corham after another loss last week. "I could understand if the shots were out of our kids' range, but we have been missing from inside, outside and from the foul line. It has been a real frustrating start for our kids. I really feel bad for them."

After scoring just 37 points against Waterford the preceding week, Gorham was hoping his offense would get untracked against Albany Academy Tuesday. It wasn't meant to be, the Indians continued their dismal shooting percentage from the field in a 54-43 defeat. "We improved quite a bit," said Gorham. "I felt we should have won the game, but once again the ball wouldn't fall in the crucial situations." Ravena shot 31 percent from the field on the right, a rocky 21 for 67 from the court.

The Cadets benefitted from a massive edge on the free throw line. They went to the line 16 times to the Indians' one. "It wasn't a case of the home court advantage for Academy," said Gorham. "They just kept getting the ball inside and we couldn't handle their big people. They were all justifiable free throws." Ravena outscored the Cadets from the

field, but couldn't hit the big shots when it counted.

In his next game with Berne-Knox this Friday, Gorham will move forward Chris Frese to the center position, and switch off-guard Ken Koonz to the play-making guard position. "Ken ran the ball club well against Academy, said Gorham. He didn't have any turnovers and he made some nifty passes."

Ravena was unable to re-schedule the postponed game with Schalmont this past week because of school activities. It will be played in February as a home-and-home series. The Indians' next league outing is Jan. 3 at Cohoes, then back home Jan. 7 against crosstown rival Voorheesville. Ravena stands 0-4 in Colonial play and 0-6 overall.

Pins on hold

There will be no bowling for Bethlehem senior citizens on Jan. 1.

Bowling for Bethlehem seniors will resume on the first Wednesday of February (Feb. 5) at Del Lanes.

Correction

The BOCES student whose arrest by Bethlehem police on an assault charge was reported in last week's *Spotlight* was a student at Bethlehem Central High School, not the middle school, as reported.

Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 15, 1985 at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Jack Schwarz-225, Walter Roberts-529.

Sr. Cit. Women — Marian Hotaling-197, 516.

Men — Earl LaMay-280, 690, John Zolner-(4 game series) 566.

Women — Debbie Salisbury-256, 566.

Major Boys — Kevin O'Brien-491.

Junior Boys — Jason Biernacki-192, 487.

Junior Girls — Suzanne Brown-226, 553.

Prep Boys — Mike Alyward-207, 508.

Prep Girls — Lisa Green-413, Melissa Novak-161.

Bantam Boys — Al Crewell-125, 322.

Bantam Girls — Amy Hoffman-118, 283.

Winter lessons

Winter lessons will be offered to school and youth groups in grades three through eight at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, from Jan. 14 through March 7.

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Four stalwarts of the Bethlehem Central swim team are Pierre LaBarge, co-captain, left, Justin Baird, Chris Drew and Pete Greenwalt, co-captain, Jeff Gonzales

RCS girls take aim at hoop championship

By Bart Gottesman

"It's hard to say how well we will do this year. All but two teams are tough. I wouldn't be surprised if this year's champion has as many as three or four losses," says RCS girls basketball coach Betty Faxon as she prepares to lead her team in quest of a third consecutive Colonial Council championship.

This season's team is young in age, but the majority of the players have varsity experience as all but two of last year's team are returning. The lone senior, Sheila Seery, who has height (5-foot-11) to go with natural ability, is a fixture at center. Juniors Terri Baker, Marie Setford, Frances Losee and Jackie Mulligan also are returning from last year's varsity lineup.

Mulligan, Colonial Council all-star team member last year, also competed in the Empire State games this past summer. Tracy Klein, Sue Penk, Marissa Nunziato and Karen O'Brien, all juniors, are new additions, moving up from last year's JV squad. The only two sophomores on the team are Tracey Tucker, who played varsity as a freshman, and Lisa Holsapple, who was the starting center for last year's JV team.

As the opening game of the new campaign draws closer, the team's strong points include speed and ability to move the ball downcourt quickly, depth, experience and a strong, aggressive defense.

Weaknesses that Faxon foresees are lack of height, rebounding, a short amount of time to prepare for the season opener (the team couldn't start practice until volleyball season was over), and filling in at the forward position.

Reflecting on the height problem, Faxon noted, "there are teams with three six footers and we have none."

The team opens the season with scrimmages against Columbia and Mount Pleasant.

Kennedy's Albany

The Evening Division of Russell Sage College is offering a January term mini-course entitled, "O Albany!: The Kennedy Chronicles." It is scheduled to meet January 10, 11 and 12 for one credit hour in Humanities.

This intensive course will examine the fiction of Pulitzer Prize-winning author, William Kennedy. Required reading prior to the course includes *Legs*, *Billy Phelan's Greatest Game* and *Ironweed*.

In-person registration will be held at the Albany Registrar's office located at 140 New Scotland Ave. from noon to 6 p.m. on Jan. 2 and 6, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Jan. 3.

For information contact the Evening Division of Russell Sage College at 445-1717.

Women and Image

The registration deadline is Jan. 2 for a workshop, entitled "The Woman Within: The Importance of a Positive Self-Image," being offered at Russell Sage College, Troy, on Jan. 6, 13 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The course will be repeated on April 12 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The deadline for the second registration period is April 8.

For information call 270-2306.

Swimming to a win streak

Two easy victories over undermanned teams have pushed Bethlehem Central's unprecedented win streak in interscholastic swimming to 136 straight dual meets over a nine-season span.

(Last week's *Spotlight* story incorrectly reported the win streak at 132 after the first two meets of the season. The number should have been stated as 134.)

Coach Buzz Jones juggled his lineup to give several newer swimmers a workout as the Eagles

swamped Amsterdam, 54-29, in the losers' 20-yard tank, and Albany Academy, 47-36, in the first home meet.

Against the Cadets on Friday, BC trailed by 7-3 after the opening relay, but then took advantage of Academy's dearth of quality freestylers. The Eagles went 1-2 in the 200 and IM for a 15-9 lead, and when Chris Drew took the 50 free and Alex Hall and Scott Reed went 1-2 in the diving, the meet was in the bag.

Justin Baird and John McCarthy provided the impetus with their 1-2 in the 200, followed by Pierre LaBarge and Keith Dix ditto in the IM. The Cadets, however, surprised LaBarge in the butterfly when their best swimmer, Dan Lende, turned in a fine 57.76 clocking. Academy also won the breaststroke, and with the meet clinched, Jones split his final relays to concede a 1-3 windup.

Drew also took the 100 free, Cam O'Connor won the backstroke and Baird and McCarthy added a 1-2 finish, their second of the day, in the 500.

At Amsterdam on Wednesday it was business as usual, featuring several second-line swimmers. McCarthy and Joe Kowalski had a 1-2 in the 200 free, and in the 500 it was O'Connor and George Tanner.

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The tale of Jesus's birth follows, opening with a song of praise on the lips of Mary, his mother, the unforgettable Magnificat.

The setting of the birth could not be rougher nor plainer — a stable behind the Bethlehem inn. "There was no room for them in the inn," wrote Luke.

No well-equipped, clean-scrubbed maternity ward in the Albany Medical Center Hospital for this Mary.

She and Joseph are ordinary village people from Nazareth up in rustic Galilee. Had he been reeve of Nazareth rather than a local carpenter, they would get more attention from the innkeeper.

This is the way it is in the world.

How different, too, the circumstances surrounding the birth of sons of royalty and presidents, with reporters on hand from *The Jerusalem Post*, the *Paris Le Monde*, the *London Times*, the *New York Times* to wire whether it is a boy or a girl.

No one but God and the angels and the animals and a few shepherds know what is happening in the Bethlehem inn's stable on this wondrous night, according to Luke's story.

There is much more in Luke's Gospel about this baby boy who was destined to become Bethlehem's most famous son, but not even Luke envisaged the influence that Jesus Christ would exert on the world from the first to the 20th century and succeeding ages.

Who but God and the angels knew that wonderful night long

ago how this tiny infant, born in a Bethlehem stable, would change the course of the world and set in motion forces that would create a civilization on what he stood for and died for.

It is easy to be cynical and to downplay Luke's story as a drama that is renewed year after year for 24 hours and then it is business as usual.

"Don't you know," says the cynic, "Christmas Day alone belongs to the Babe of Bethlehem, but the days before and the day after and the days after that belong to Santa Claus, the bankers, the shopkeepers, the amament manufacturers, the politicians, the crooks...."

"Your Christmas only matters to the few who call themselves Christians," he sneers.

Yet deep down the world hungers for what Christmas stands for, no matter the cynic's objection. The tragedy is that the world turns away when it can least afford to do so.

The facts are all in: the threat of nuclear annihilation, endless crime in the streets, countless divorces, broken families, child abuse, increasing alcoholic and drug addiction, growing unemployment, and so forth.

One night on television, interviewer Barbara Walters asked songstress and actress Barbra Streisand what bothered her most. "This frightening world," Streisand answered.

This Christmas as I look out at the world, and wonder what will become of it, I am inviting its people to look at Jesus Christ, his revelation of God, his teachings, his way of life, his quality and spirit, and seeing him to believe that he is its answer at a time when all the contrary answers are leading to despair and hopelessness.

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WHEREAS, the said parties desire to amend said certificate and agreement,

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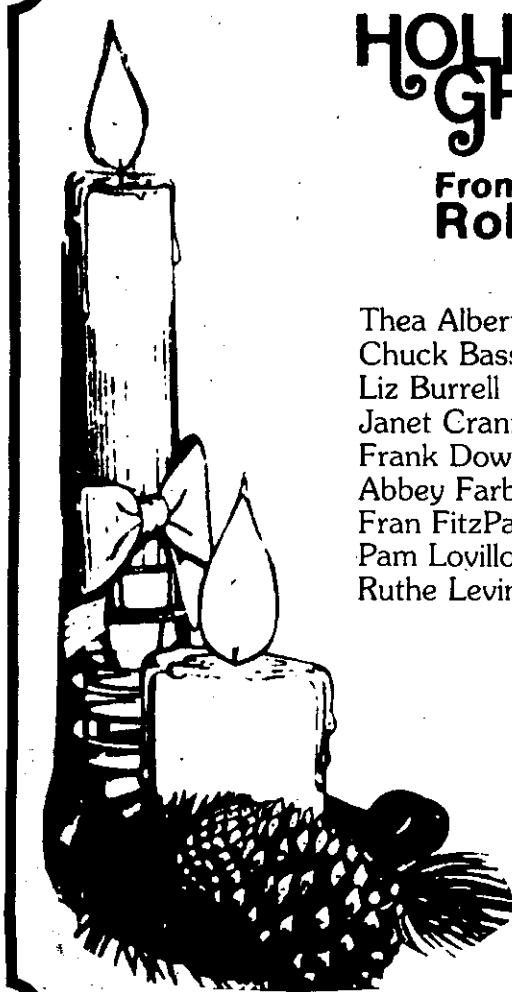
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By Betty Lent

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Obituaries

Raymond Pafunda

Raymond F. Pafunda, 70, of Burden Lake and St. Petersburg, Fla., a former Voorheesville postmaster, died Dec. 18 at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Albany, after a long illness.

He was a native and longtime resident of Voorheesville. He served as postmaster in Voorheesville for 30 years, retiring in 1978.

Earlier in his career he was a semiprofessional baseball player on Voorheesville and Slingerlands teams. He was a member of the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department and a past member of the Voorheesville American Legion.

He is survived by two brothers, Bernard Pafunda of Voorheesville and Alfred Pafunda of Indian Harbor Beach, Fla.

Arrangements were by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville. Burial was in the Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands.

Mary Anne Dinneen

Mary Anne Dinneen, 46, of Delmar died Dec. 18 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a long illness.

She was a homemaker and a former Bethlehem Town Library aide.

Survivors include her husband, John J. Dinneen; three sons, John J. Dinneen Jr., Timothy Dinneen and Christopher Dinneen of Delmar, and a brother, Joseph H. Wellendorf of Bensalem, Pa.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Del-

mar. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Edward F. Kelly

Edward F. Kelly, 45, of Delmar, a professor of education, died Dec. 15 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, he earned a doctor's degree in education from the University of Illinois. He was a professor at the State University at Albany.

An expert in the field of pupil evaluation, he aided the Bethlehem Central School District on several occasions.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Kelly; a son, Peter Kelly of Troy; two daughters, Megyn Kelly of Delmar and Suzanne Kelly of Oneonta, and a brother, William Kelly of Connecticut.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Donald Cole

Donald Wieting Cole, 71, of Voorheesville died Dec. 16 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

He was a retired laborer for the state Department of Transportation.

Survivors include three daughters, Darlene Cole and Thelma Cole of Voorheesville, and Ruth Gallagher of Clarksville; seven sons, Lyman Cole of Albany, Raymond Cole of Schenectady, and Donald Cole, Ronald Cole,

Larry Cole, James Cole and Kenneth Cole of Voorheesville; two sisters, Mildred Wright of Cobleskill and Sarah Stenello of Howe Caverns, and two brothers, Howard Cole of Cobleskill and Myron Cole of Knox. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Harry Gainsley

Harry Gainsley, 93, of Voorheesville, a former Voorheesville grocer, died Dec. 16 at the University Heights Nursing Home, Albany.

Prior to serving in the maintenance department at Montgomery Wards, Menands, he operated a Voorheesville grocery store.

He was survived by a son, Harry D. Gainsley of Defreestville, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home, Voorheesville. Burial was in New Scotland Cemetery.

Party for Parsons

With admission set as one gift, new or like new, Middle School students attended a holiday party Thursday afternoon, Dec. 19.

The gifts will be donated to the children at Parsons, an Albany residential facility.

The Middle School party was sponsored by Student Council members, some of whom also volunteered to wrap the gifts. Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) contributed \$60 for wrapping paper, tape and party refreshments.

Births



Albany Medical Center

Boy, Jonathan Haley, to Bernadette and Richard Felch, Delmar, Oct. 27.

Boy, Thomas Peter, to Anna J. Abaray and Peter Hackman, Clarksville, Oct. 30.

Jessica Lee, to Christine and Joseph Ingraham, Ravena, Nov. 7.

Boy, Justin Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malinowski, Glenmont, Nov. 13.

Girl, Lisa Marie, to Karen and Kevin Evingham, Selkirk, Nov. 13.

Boy, Joel Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Constantine, Feura Bush, Nov. 16.

Girl, Kathleen Vincenzina, to Luvane and Kevin McCarthy, Glenmont, Nov. 17.

Boy, Jason Ross, to Helene and Mark Williams, Slingerlands, Nov. 22.

Boy, Robin Louis, to Julie and Edward Arenson, Delmar, Nov. 24.

Girl, Jessica Iva, to Laura and Richard Hall, Selkirk, Nov. 27.

Smokeless new year

If quitting smoking is one of your New Year's resolutions, the American Lung Association of New York State wants to help. The Lung Association will sponsor a seven-session "Freedom From Smoking" clinic that begins on Jan. 14 and ends in celebration on Feb. 18th.

"Quitting smoking involves more than simply eliminating a bad habit," says Tim LaPier, Smoking or Health Program Specialist for the Lung Association. "It's a major change in lifestyle which affects a person's self-image and the ways daily stresses are handled. Our Freedom From Smoking clinics help smokers figure out better ways to cope with situations that ordinarily trigger their lighting up. We introduce relaxation techniques and encourage exercises to help clinic participants stay off cigarettes permanently."

Program fee is \$40. Registration deadline is Jan. 6. All sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the American Lung Association office, 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie. For information, call Martha Smith, 459-4197.

Scholarship offered

The Women's Press Club of New York State Inc. is seeking applicants for its annual \$500 scholarship award.

Applicants must be state residents who are enrolled in an area communications program or related studies. The application deadline is March 14. For information write to Margaret Chretien, vice president, Women's Press Club, c/o DCJS, Executive Park Tower, Albany, 12203.

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Bus seat belt study results questioned

By Linda Anne Burtis

A Canadian study that has been used in New York State to support the position that seat belts on school buses are not effective was challenged last week in a legislative hearing.

The hearing was conducted by state Sen. Norman J. Levy, chairman of the Committee on Transportation, who is the sponsor of a bill that requires seat belts on newly manufactured school buses. He called witnesses to testify about the recent Canadian study which concluded that, in some circumstances, belted children may suffer more serious injuries than unbelted riders. Levy said that if this study is valid, it raises questions about the legitimacy of his bill.

A key speaker was William Gardner, head of crash worthiness engineering for Transport Canada, the firm that conducted the research. International experts, including John States, M.D., professor of orthopedics, University of Rochester School of Medicine, and Arthur Yeager, D.D.S., president of Physicians for Automotive Safety, criticized Gardner's conclusions.

Gardner said that while the Canadian government "supports seat belts in school buses on principle," test crashes indicated that belted children sustained greater head injuries than unbelted children in severe, front-end collisions. The heads of belted

dummies absorbed the full force of impact against the seat in front of them, since their buckled torsos remained stationary. Unbelted dummies absorbed the impact with their entire bodies.

Seat belts proponents took exception to these results. States said that New York State school buses have higher seat backs than Canadian buses, so belted children would not sustain the same injuries.

Gardner said that he is committed to finding a solution that would increase safety on school buses. Alternatives he is investigating include: a contoured, heavily-padded seat; re-designing the seat back so that it absorbs energy from the entire body and a harness system to hold children to their seats. He added that he "has the least hope for three-point seat belts (shoulder-restraint systems)."

The seat belt issue has been making headlines recently because of the death of an 11-year-old boy in Mahopac, N.Y. The child was thrown to the ceiling of his bus when it went off the road and struck a boulder.

Last year the Bethlehem school board voted not to install seat belts on the district's five newly purchased buses, including the two 81-passenger buses. Following this decision, several parents organized a bus safety information meeting and urged the board to reconsider its position. The board agreed to study the issue.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Army National Guard Private Matthew A. Robbins, son of Thurston and Toni Robbins of Selkirk has completed the UH-1 helicopter repair course at the U.S. Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Navy Seaman Recruit Donald P. Houck, son of Carol M. and Donald P. Houck Sr. of West Street, Voorheesville, has completed recruit training at Naval Recruit Command, Great Lakes, IL. A 1985 graduate of Voorheesville High School, he joined the Navy in November, 1984.

Marine Pfc. Harry B. Townsend, son of Thalia Townsend of 15 Brookman Ave., Delmar, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Dept. Parris Island, SC.

David J. Kurtik of Selkirk, a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, has been promoted to Specialist 4th Class, U.S. Army. Kurtik, who is a cook, was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Presently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, Kurtik is being assigned to Korea.

Kurtik is the son of Elizabeth and Edward Kurtik of Selkirk.

Marine 1st Lt. John G. Forti, son of John G. Forti of Delmar, has been designated a naval aviator. Presentation of the "Wings of Gold" marked culmination of 18 months of flight training for Forti. He joined the Marine Corps in June, 1979.

Focus On Faith

Rev. James Hale

Bethlehem Community Church



It is called the wish book. On its cover is a little blond-haired girl with wide blue eyes. Her features have been softened by warm lights rising up out of an opened Christmas package. The pages of this book are worn and crinkled from much handling. Two of my daughters hold this book to be sacred. Several times a week they turn from page to page looking at pictures of Cabbage Patch dolls, stuffed animals and Barbie strollers. They are looking forward to Christmas.

Not everyone who lives in the town of Bethlehem is that excited about Christmas. I suspect that there is a direct correlation between Christmas Spirit and age. The sheer thrill of Christmas is gone for most of us when we reach 15. After that feelings about Christmas change. The intensity of great expectation gives way to the milder anticipation of being with people you care about, decorating your home, and vicariously experiencing the thrill of package ripping through children and grandchildren.

Although going to church may be a part of the Christmas tradition, most of our Christmas celebration is not religious in nature. It is not necessary to be a follower of Jesus Christ to celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem. The celebration of His birth at best inspires little more than feelings of nostalgia from Christmas past. Like Lincoln or Washington, his birthday comes around each year bringing time off from school and work. Nothing sensational — it is hard to be more than indifferent

about some great figure from the past even if He's made valuable contributions to mankind.

The tragedy of this type of thinking is that being indifferent indicates a person has not understood the claims of Christmas day. There are only three appropriate responses to the message of Christmas: 1) pity and disgust, 2) anger or 3) joy. The claim of the New Testament is not that a wonderful human being named Jesus Christ was born who would be our model of a perfect life. Rather it is that the One who created the universe actually took on human form, became flesh and blood, lived a perfect life, died upon a cross to secure a pardon for all those who would believe in Him, and actually came to life again, conquering death. These are the claims that Jesus Christ makes about Himself. Out of these claims He calls us to respond either positively or negatively; to either reject Him or accept Him.

As C.S. Lewis observed, Christ is either a liar, a lunatic or who He claimed to be. This Christmas settle the issue; read the Book of John. Does He substantiate His claims? Is He credible? Does He give adequate proof? There can be no middle ground. Indifference is not an option. Decide today.

In honor society

Jane Feldmann, a member of the Bethlehem Central Middle School science department, has been inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma.

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An apology

Editor, The Spotlight:

On the night of Nov. 8, during the live broadcast of a football game at Bethlehem Central High School, I was responsible for inputting several defamatory messages about one of our football coaches into a character generator, which ended up being sent over the air. I wish to apologize to all the people who viewed that broadcast, and to all those people who were affected by it. It was a foolish and irresponsible act on my part, and I am sorry that Bethlehem residents and their families were exposed to my graphic remarks. I also apologize to the school staff and the staff of BCTV, since my reckless actions reflect badly on them. I am especially sorry for the grief I have caused the coach and his family by senselessly denouncing him on live television.

Kevin Honikel

The Three Wise Men

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is the season of the year when we read and hear about The Three Wise Men.

On Dec. 10, when I was alone in my apartment, I had the misfortune to have a serious hemorrhage and the good fortune to receive immediate expert emergency care from The Three Wise Men.

At the summons of my kindly neighbor, Edward Dey, the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad arrived and initiated first aid that enabled me to be moved to an operating room at Albany Medical Center for lifesaving surgery.

I am now quoting the words of an attending surgeon who assessed my condition and then said: "The Delmar Ambulance Service is one of the best that brings patients to

the emergency room of this hospital."

I was admitted to the hospital, operated upon, and given several transfusions of blood. I am now returned home and I want the people of Delmar to be aware of the service so skillfully performed by the Delmar Ambulance Squad.

I also wish to make known the identities of the Three Wise Men. Their names are: Lt. Timothy Caulfield, Craig Sleurs and David Scoons. To them I say, "Gentlemen, I am grateful for your emergency care and have great admiration for your professionalism."

John E. Gainor, M.D.

Delmar

The touch of winter

Editor, The Spotlight:

The last of the Autumn foliage is gone, and now the gray and somber days of early winter come. The flight of geese has ceased and we no longer hear the cheering notes of the migrating birds.

The cat-tail reeds stand tall in the low-lands and the barren trees still point their branches skyward, silhouetting their stark beauty against the crimson glow of a late afternoon sunset.

The winds are harsher now, murmuring chilling wintry tones. The crackle of frozen earth underfoot conjures up sounds of snapping pine in a blazing fireplace, and the emanating embracing warmth. With morning light come the fluffy lace-like flakes, tumbling to earth in a splashing form, seeming to caress all they touch.

In a more refined fashion, each in its own unique patterned form as they dance and skim about seeking a place to become part of the massive accumulation. This to be a delight to those on ski slopes, a worry to the traveler and elation to the tiny tots with new sleds. The artist is inspired gazing out upon a panorama of crystalline beauty—waiting with brush and palette to capture a scene that can only be put in perspective by poetry or the stroke and color of the artist's brush.

At days end comes an Aura of silence, of quietude, a pause to pay homage to and in adoration of the Master Artist.

Anna D. Law

Delmar

Deep appreciation

Editor, The Spotlight:

To all our friends, neighbors and family:

There are no words to say how much I appreciate everything you did for me after the death of my husband. I feel so wrapped up in a cocoon of love. There are some special people that I can never repay. Linda and Keith Leonard, who have been here for us in every way; Rev. Steve Wing, who we love very much; Alice Andrews, our maid; the Applebee Funeral Home, who made it so much easier; the Onesquethaw Fire Company, who came through in such numbers, I still can't believe it. My own Clarksville Community Church, who brought food and showed so much love for Willard. The Stove Pipers who brought so much food Tuesday night and the beautiful flowers, thanks Fran. Last but not least, my beloved family who took such good care of me. Thank you all so very much.

Clara Appleby & Family

Voorheesville

Speeding trains?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would have hoped for a cheerier subject around the holidays but am always glad to be better informed about the environment in which I live and raise a family. I'm referring to Linda Burtis' hazardous material articles (*Spotlight*, Dec. 11 and 18). Please explain to me why and who approved the increase in the speed of trains through the village of Voorheesville within this past year. It did not make sense when I first read about it and it makes less sense in light of this added information on hazardous waste. Please suggest a means of decreasing the risk of fire and spills.

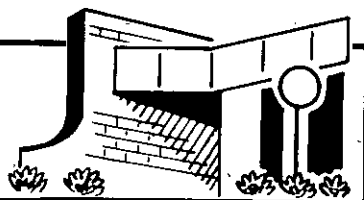
Nancy Basal

Voorheesville

According to Paul Zodikoff, director of the state Department of Transportation's Rail Operations Bureau, the speed limit for the Delaware & Hudson tracks through Voorheesville is 30 m.p.h., and the speed limit for the Conrail tracks is 50 m.p.h. There has been no recent change in those limits, Zodikoff said. Ed.

Check It Out

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY



At the season of giving, it is very appropriate to think of gifts which once given continue to give. Books are high on that list for most people. The Bethlehem Public Library collection includes many books given by friends and family members as memorials. There are also books and other materials that have been given because of, or in honor of, special events or special interests. The library is pleased to accept all such gifts, and has a special bookplate which is placed in each one.

This month the library is celebrating the anniversary of another gift that continues to give. The grand piano in the community room is one year old and in the course of the year it has given much pleasure to many members of the community. The piano has allowed the programming of a variety of musical events, including recitals, small ensemble performances, jazz concerts, vocalists and musical theatre. The audiences have included all ages and have ranged in size from five people for a television performance to almost 150 at the gala opening.

At a recent Sunday afternoon concert, those in the audience were asked to evaluate the program, and their responses indicate how much joy the piano provides. Many of those who attended asked for more musical programs and expressed their delight with the free, high-quality concerts the piano has made possible.

Two other gifts that continue to give pleasure are in the children's room. One is a small gerbil named Mrs. Frisby, who lives in a cage on the librarian's desk. Mrs. Frisby has been in the library since last summer and she has had many young visitors who sometimes find her cage disguised as a castle or an Indian tepee. There also is a tank of goldfish in the children's room. The fish tank, the stand, the filter and other equipment were all gifts. The staff members in the children's room find that the attraction of the living creatures makes many new friends for the children's room and helps overcome the shyness of some youngsters. Some mothers say a visit to the children's room is not complete without a greeting to the fish or to Mrs. Frisby.

Gifts to the library come in many forms. In 1984 an anonymous donor sent a gift of \$400 and recently a borrower sent a check for \$100. During the year, a flag that had been flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C., was presented to the library, and another gift resulted in the purchase of much needed spoons for the community room kitchen. Such generous gifts are much appreciated.

Gifts are tax-deductible and are used to purchase special library materials of all kinds.

Community support has always been one of the strong features of the library. The record of gifts that keep on giving is an indication of that support and something for which the board of trustees and the staff of the library are most grateful.

Over the top

United Way of Northeastern New York has announced that the amount received to date for distribution in the coming year is \$3,876,730—100.6 percent of the goal. Francis L. Roddy, general chairman of the campaign, proclaimed the success a real holiday gift to the community. While congratulating volunteers and thanking them for their work, Roddy added that returns on incomplete accounts may still be made to United Way.

The commercial division led by Chester Burrell, president, and James Stewart, vice president, Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, raised 118 percent of its goal of \$300,000, thus earning the award for raising the highest percentage of division goal by the close of the campaign.

Attends trade show

Thomas P. Hamill of Delmar, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, recently attended the International Hotel/Motel and Restaurant Show at the New York Coliseum, New York City.

Hamill is a sophomore in the hotel and restaurant management program at Paul Smith's College.

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There are many signs of troubled feet, and here are a few to watch for. CORNS AND CALLUSES are caused by friction and pressure that may be attributed to defects in the foot's bone structure. WARTS may be mistaken for calluses, but they are really quite different. A wart is a skin growth which has its own blood and nerve supply and tends to spread if left untreated. BUNIONS are caused by mis-

aligned toe joints, usually the big toe, and can become swollen and tender. FUNGUS CONDITIONS, such as athlete's foot, tend to attack the feet in the warm, moist areas between the toes. TOENAIL INFECTIONS, sometimes caused by improperly trimmed nails, can also be caused by structural defects.

If you have any of these signs of troubled feet, see your foot specialist for examination and treatment.

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McGarrahan-Gonino

Mr. and Mrs. John F. McGarrahan of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Mary, to David Dominic Gonino, son of Arlene Gonino of Schenectady and Joseph Gonino of Cardiff, Calif.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Plattsburgh, is employed by the First Albany Corporation. Her fiancé, a graduate of the State University at Albany, is employed in the treasurer's office at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is working toward a master's degree in business administration at RPI.

A March wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thomas Jones

Debra Boice married in Delmar

Debra Dawn Boice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron R. Boice of Delmar, and Edwin Thomas Jones, son of Mrs. Margaret Jones of Luther, N.Y., and Edwin Jones of Chatham, were married Nov. 9 at the Delmar Reformed Church. Rev. Robert Hess officiated.

The bride was attended by Mary Ellen Cady, Denise Cossingham and Kim Nichols. The

bridegroom's attendants were Thomas Kreeber, Toby Sour and Link Pettit.

An alumni of Bethlehem Central High School, the bride is a graduate of St. Margaret's Home and Hospital for Children, where she is employed. The bridegroom is self-employed.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple settled in Delmar.

Workshops cancelled

The Bethlehem Central High School has completed its workshop days for the Middle States evaluation ahead of schedule, and the workshop days for Jan. 6 and Feb. 24, 1986 have been cancelled. Instead of the half-days previously scheduled, regular school classes will be held on those days.

Search for talent

The Pratt Institute in Brooklyn is now accepting entries to their 1985-86 national talent search. Entrants should submit 10 to 20 slides of their artwork for consideration. Finalists in art, design and fashion will be required to submit three original works. Architecture finalists will be asked to submit a solution to a specific architectural design problem.

Top prizes will include five four-year, full-tuition scholarships in art and design; three five-year, full-tuition awards in architecture, and one four-year, full-tuition award in fashion.

Entries must be received by mid January. For information call 1-718-636-3551 or write to Constance Bumgarner, National Talent Search, Pratt Institute, 200 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry LaQuire Sr.

50th Anniversary

Henry and Janet LaQuire of New Salem celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 2 with their son, Robert LaQuire, their daughter, Deborah Dornmuth, and other family members and friends.

A reception was held at the Sheraton Airport Inn, Colonie.

Henry LaQuire was employed at Schaefer's Brewery until it closed. He retired from the New Scotland Highway Department in 1978. Janet LaQuire worked at the Sterling Drug Company, Rensselaer, for 30 years before retiring in 1978.

Heads foundation

Andrew Carnell of Slingerlands has been elected to serve as the first president of the newly formed board of directors of the Albany Area Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area Foundation Inc.

Carnell, who is vice president of Albany Business College, has served as a longtime member and past president board of directors of the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area Inc.

Boost for reading

"All Babies are Born Equal..." a pamphlet put out by the Albany City Area Reading Council, will be given to all mothers of babies born at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Vera Propp, reading specialist for the Albany public schools, presented the booklets to the hospital on behalf of the Albany City Area Reading Association. The pamphlet encourages new mothers to read to their infants and preschoolers.

Mrs. Propp wrote the booklet in consultation with Dr. James Fleming of the State University at Albany. A matching grant from the Dubb Foundation of Albany assisted the council in financing the project.



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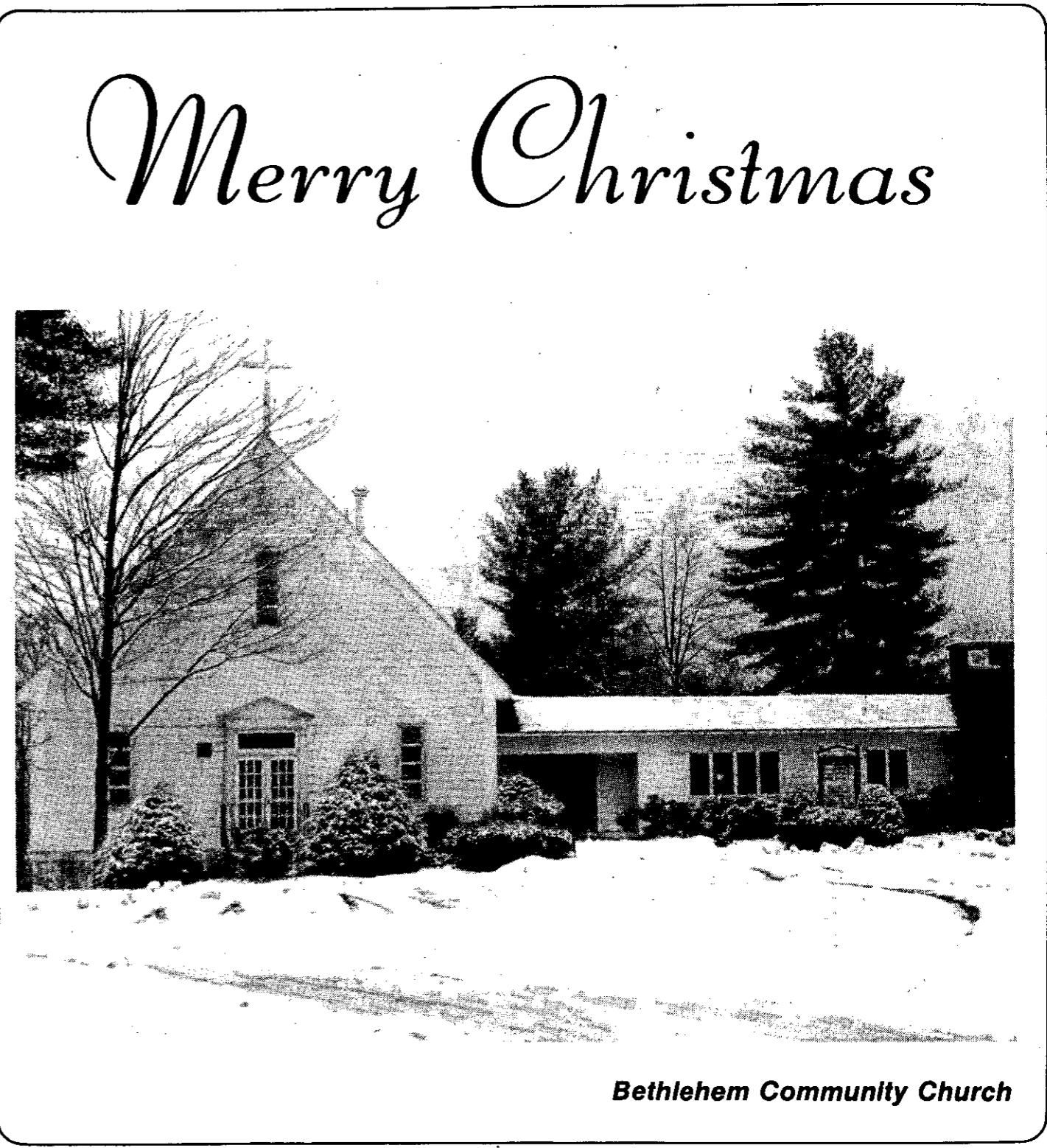
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