

Family traditions bring the holidays home

By Lorraine C. Smith
Silver icicles, still sparkling, now but a carpet trail of Christmas past. The candles, last week tall, slender, fragrant... low, spent, but a suggestion of holiday's flicker. Falling needles from the tree, leftover cakes, the decorations... one by one the lights grow dim.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah. Another year, again, with only memories to burn brightly of family tradition. With a foundation of religious observance, nativity scenes, festival of lights, family reunions, favorite foods it is our reflection on individual customs that become the holiday itself.

How are traditions begun? How long does a family continue ritual? What is meaningful to those of us, reliving part of our past — some with origins unknown — attaching significance to our celebrations, to our future, each winter?

For Shari Kaplan Whiting and her

family, the birth of a tradition began with the death of their parents, the death of their father just two years after their mother. In years past, the two brothers and two sisters had always gathered together at their parents' home for Thanksgiving.

At the table, always, there had been the silver candlesticks. When their mother died, an aunt had expressed interest in bringing them to her house. Their father had said no, he wanted to keep them in his home. Then when he died, the children wondered, What do we do with the candlesticks?

"Nobody would say they wanted them. They had been important to Mother because it belonged to her mother. She used them only occasionally on Friday night," Whiting recalled. She described the significance of their continued yearly family reunion, "Once that nucleus is gone — your parents are always there — it became more important for us to come together."

The brothers and sisters jokingly

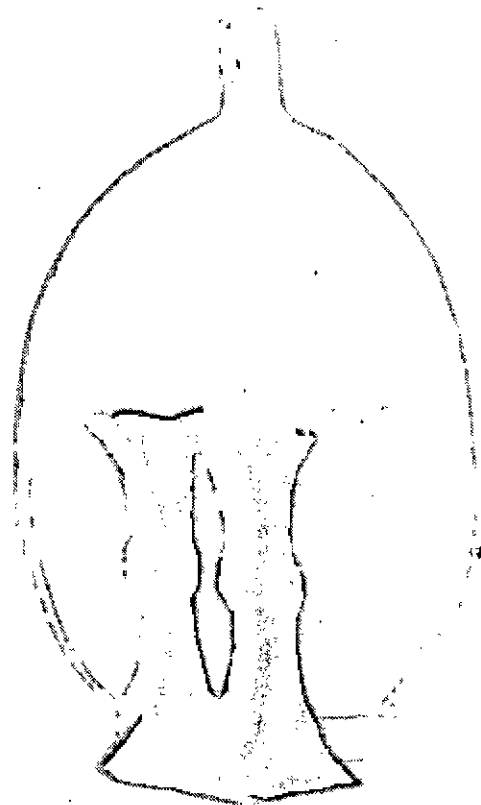
started passing the candlesticks around, and what started out as a joke evolved as the perfect solution. The one who hosts Thanksgiving dinner has the candlesticks all year long.

Now Thanksgiving and the candlestick tradition bring the four children and their families from Rome, from Rochester, from Buffalo and Slingerlands, together. Already, the next generation, their children, talk of exchanging the candlesticks when the reunions become their turn.

For Betty and Alan Guard of Delmar, the leave taking of their five children introduced their annual gift of tree ornaments. Inscribe the year, the Guards present a handmade tree decoration, perhaps smocked, maybe cross stitched, quilted, something admired during the year.

Also at the Guards, for more than 30 years, the Santa Claus mugs are unpacked and used again. Originally

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Civic center ready for construction

By voice vote with the nays overpowered, Albany County legislators have authorized payments totaling \$2.2 million for property on the site of the county civic center, making its construction start in January a virtual certainty.

The legislators also approved four contracts related to the center construction, which will be partially financed by a \$35 million bond sale negotiated two weeks ago with Dillon-Reade Inc., a New York City financial firm.

Although the 15,000-seat center to be built in downtown Albany has generated long and loud legislative debates, the county lawmakers handled the wind-down authorizations quietly as

part of a routine agenda during a half-hour meeting last week.

One of the items, a \$310,000 contract with Clough Harbour and Associates for inspection and testing services during the center construction, was protested by Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr., of Delmar. But his protest went unanswered and the authorizing resolution, like the others, was approved by voice vote over Republican dissenters.

"This appears to be another \$310,000 that is increasing the cost of the civic center to the people of Albany County," Morris said. (The civic center cost is estimated at \$42.5 million to be financed by the bond sale, a \$6.5 million state loan, and county budget appropri-

ations that include an annual \$1.5 million amount from the county operating budget).

In addition to the Clough Harbour contract, which covers quality control inspections during the two-year estimated construction time, the county legislature approved contracts for asbestos removal and the demolition of buildings on the center site, and authorized a contract for parking spaces needed by state workers who will be ousted from their parking spaces on the site.

A \$17,777 contract went to AAC Contracting Inc. of Rochester for the removal of asbestos pipe coverings and ceiling tiles in buildings on the construction site. The removal is required by state

and federal environmental rules governing health hazards because air-borne asbestos fibers are linked with respiratory ailments and cancer.

A \$89,693 contract went to Cristo Demolition Inc. of Albany for demolition of 12 buildings on the site after the asbestos has been removed.

A \$150,000 per year contract was approved for leasing 330 parking spaces from Maiden Lane Auto Park. That contract carries out an agreement between the county and state under which the county buys land from the state — about five acres on the civic center site — and in return leases parking

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A lesson learned

By Patricia Mitchell

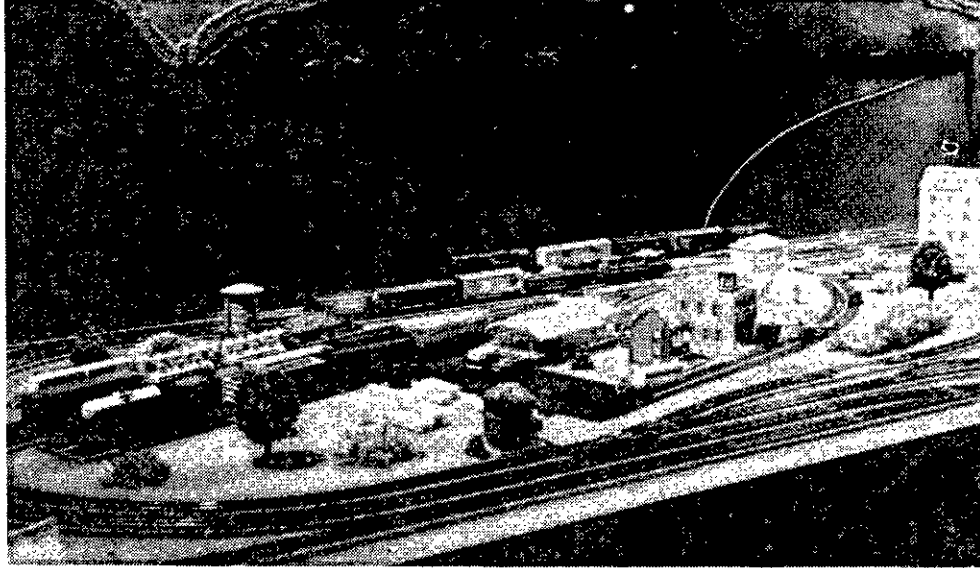
State Health Department officials have learned a lesson in Voorheesville.

A new approach to release results of radon tests in the Town of Schodack is apparently the result of the department's handling of the release of similar testing in the village, said Mayor Edward Clark. In November, the Health Department came under fire when it released the results of a canister test immediately after village residents learned the results and before they had a chance to digest them, and held a public meeting

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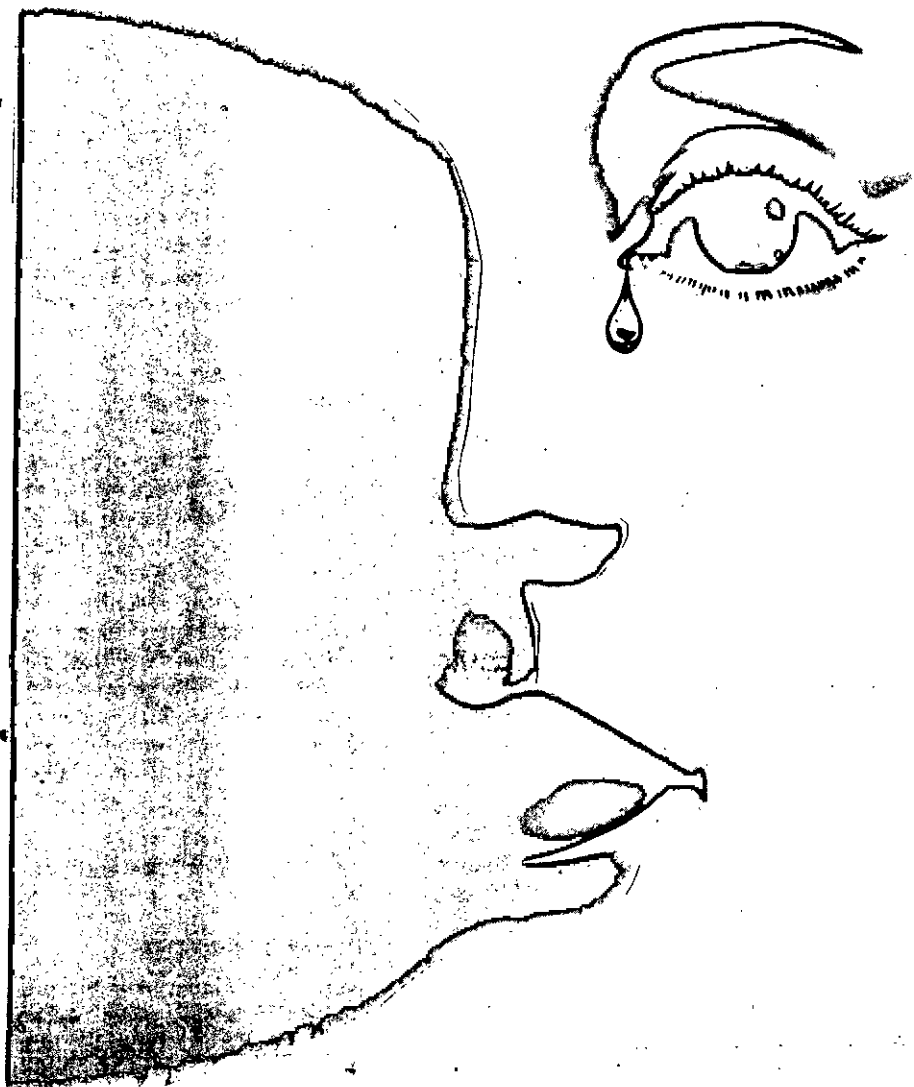
The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Vanderpoel on Rt. 9W in Glenmont, left, won first place in the residential category of the 1986 Holiday Decorating Contest. The working model railroad display by the Delmar Bootery and Gail Sundling at the Four Corners won first



place in the commercial division in the contest sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Garden Club. For a list of other winners, see story on Page 3.

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North Bethlehem 'community' proposed

By Kevin Mullen

A self-contained community, with 184 dwelling units, convenience stores and professional offices has been proposed for land on Krumkill Rd. and Blessing Rd. in North Bethlehem.

The Bethlehem Town Board last week forwarded to the planning board a request to rezone a portion of a 70-acre parcel from A-Residential to Planned Commercial District, which allows for construction of multiple dwelling units.

Paul E. Hite, a land surveyor, made the presentation for David, John and Dennis Quadrini, the owners. Hite said that at least 360 and possibly as many as 500 persons would live in the development. The complex would consist of single-family homes, apartments, carriage houses and town houses.

Hite said that there is a "need for services" in the area, and that a "convenient retail development," selling "essential items," would also be built. He mentioned a drug store, barber shop, beauty shop and doctor and dental offices as possibilities.

In explaining the need for the commercial development, Hite told the board that the persons living in the development wouldn't "have to fight traffic, so they don't have to go to Western Ave. and Delaware Ave." for their retail needs. All utilities are available, he said.

Civic center

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space for state workers who have been parking their cars on the state-owned parking lot. The leasing arrangement will continue until the planned parking garage to go with the civic center arena is built.

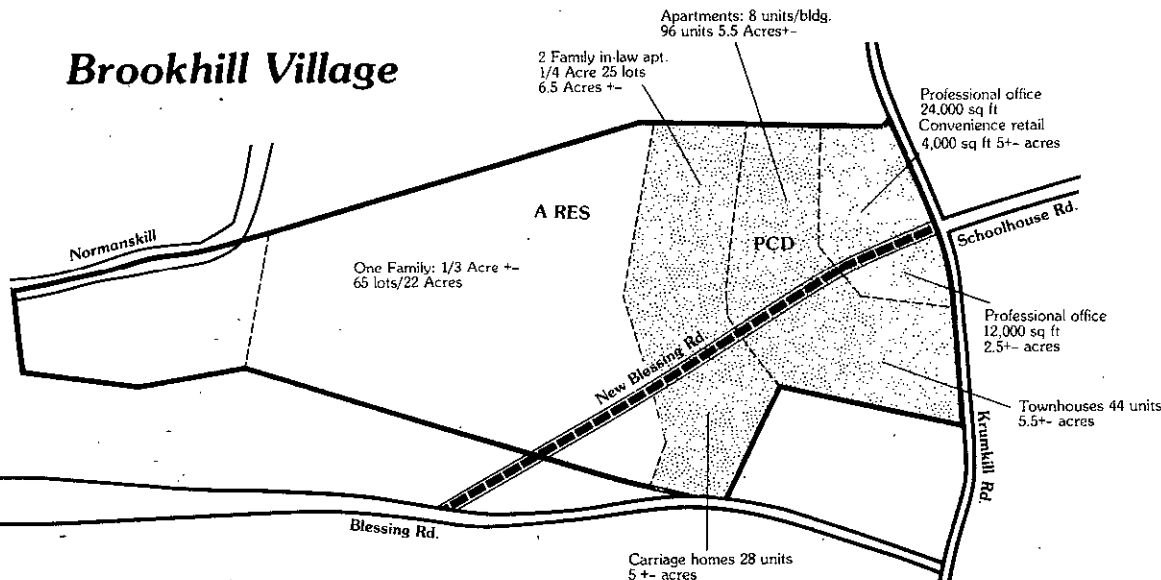
The County began negotiations

Aerobics class

A low-level aerobics class for adults will be offered by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 5.

The program will be offered at Bethlehem Town Hall and will run through March 9. Registration is \$25. For information call 439-4131.

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New Blessing Rd. will connect Schoolhouse Rd. and Blessing Rd. in the proposed Brookhill Village at the intersection of Krumkill and Blessing roads in North Bethlehem. Realigning the intersection has been a long-time goal of town planners. The

developers, John and Dennis Quadrini, have asked the town to rezone a portion of the 70-acre A-Residential parcel to Planned Commercial District to accommodate apartments, offices and neighborhood services.

Spotlight map

Board member Sue Ann Ritchko was concerned about how the development would affect traffic on Blessing Rd. She and Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick agreed that there is a need for some commercial development in the area. Hite said that a traffic study is presently being done by Creighton Associates of Delmar.

Councilman W. Scott Prothero, who said Hite gave a "very progressive presentation," asked if there was any restrictions on the height of the buildings. David Quadrini said that the buildings would be no more than two stories.

"It's not going to look commercial," said Quadrini. The buildings would have a "country setting" appearance, he said.

"That's my main concern," said Prothero.

"We've tried to incorporate every need for the community," Hite said, "and not to put pressure on the school district." He said that with apartments and single-family homes, the roads and school district would not be subject to pressure. The area is in the Gunderland School District.

In other action Wednesday, the town board:

Contest winners

Winners in the residential category of the 1986 Holiday Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Garden Club, are: Mr. and Mrs. John Vanderpoel, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, first place; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bearup, 22 Longmeadow Dr., Delmar, second place tie; Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony, 463 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, second place tie, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gola, 55 Surrey Mall, Slingerlands, third place.

Winners in the commercial category are: Delmar Bootery, Gail Sundling, first place; House of Charm Beauty Salon, Barbara Fournier, second place; Somewhere in Time, Yolanda Robilotto, third place; Baby's Breath Florist, Vince Giglia, honorable mention, and McCarroll's Village Butcher, Jim McCarroll, honorable mention.

The winners will be honored at a January luncheon.

Civil liberties

The New York Civil Liberties Union will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., beginning at 7 p.m. Members will discuss the prospective formation of a local Civil Liberties Union program committee. For information call 457-9193 or 473-9027.

Patricia Dumas

Northway Exchange: 1973 Chevrolet dump truck from the Department of Public Works (69,030 miles); 1981 Plymouth from DPW; 1976 Plymouth from the Building Department (80,423 miles); 1980 Plymouth from DPW (126,952 miles); 1984 Dodge from the Police Department (109,166); 1984 Dodge from the Police Department (94,748 miles).

• Approved a resolution creating two new election districts, numbers 26 and 27. Districts 10 (North Bethlehem) and 15 (Slingerlands) were the two biggest districts with 905 voters in 10 and 880 in 15. Town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said that no other election district in the town has more than 800 voters; he said that the "ideal district is 500."

• Approved a request from the Department of Public Works for the awarding of the following bids: For materials: copper tubing, Vellano Brothers; water meters, Rockwell International and Badger Meter, Inc.; fire hydrants, Vellano Brothers; valves, Vellano Brothers; ductile iron pipe and fittings, Pipe & Foundry. For chemicals: aluminum, Holland Company, Inc.; calgon T610, Calgon Corp.; liquid chlorine, Ashland Chemical; copper sulfate, Ashland Chemical; carbon, Calgon Carbon Corp.

The town board will hold its annual meeting on Monday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m.

Diet workshop

Dolores Meissner will present free Diet Workshop open houses at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elmsmere on Thursdays, from Jan. 8 through Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For information call 458-9616.

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Town's history taking shape

By Floyd Brewer

Can people who dig in the dirt also write? That perplexing question is being faced by some 30 members of the Bethlehem Archaeology Group who have been uncovering evidence of Bethlehem's history over the past five years. About a dozen members of the group have begun to analyze and write about their finds; however, they realize that more help is needed from people in the community with practical knowledge in specific areas.

Headed by Ralph Wood, president, the archaeology group is serving as the research arm of a determined effort to turn out a town history volume before Bethlehem's bicentennial in 1993. Wood is assisted by Adrienne Gordon, vice president, Ann Jacobs, secretary-treasurer, and 12 trustees who handle the affairs of the group.

For most members of the group, it is a mixture of fun, adventure and meaningful work. During the winter months, the group washes, labels and identifies thousands of artifacts recovered the previous summer. This is done in a laboratory provided by the town in the former Waldenmaier building on Rt. 32. Although all members of the group are non-professional, every effort is made to follow procedures that are standard in archaeology laboratories everywhere. The main goal is to interpret information derived from archaeology, interviews, and original documents and work it into meaningful written drafts. Such drafts are already emerging from years of work on the Nicoll-Sill estate, the Slingerland family vault and the Goes Farm, where Indians lived for thousands of years before the Europeans arrived.

One more summer is needed to complete work at the Lyon site, where members are working to recreate the life of James B. Lyon, a turn-of-the-century printer who lived in Cedar Hill.



Jean Adell and Floyd Brewer discuss some bones unearthed by the Bethlehem Archaeology Group at the dig site next to the historic Nicoll-Sill house in

Cedar Hill, near the Hudson River.

On the cover: Barney Lamica inspects an artifact.

Lynn Finley photos



Virginia French of the archaeology group inspects some artifacts. The group is working on a history of Bethlehem for the bicentennial in 1991.

Lynn Finley

Last summer digging was finished at the former Winne dock and store on the Hudson River and exploratory work was done on a farm built in 1800 for use by the Reverend George Christian Frederick Bork, the first minister of the First Reformed Church in Selkirk of whom there is not any record.

All of these projects will require thousands of hours of the members' time over the next few years. In every instance, the hope is to uncover new evidence for the proposed town history volume.

The group's publication committee has met five times and is now seeking assistance from others in the community who enjoy historical research, writing, or both. A committee of 30 members is envisioned. The author of this article serves as editor; Peter Christoph and Adrienne Gordon are associate editors, and Eleanor Turner is secretary-treasurer. A number of

assistant editors will be appointed when all the membership positions are filled.

When people talk about a committee they usually think about meetings and more meetings — but this committee is different! Only two meetings are scheduled in 1987. Most of the work will be done at home and may involve only an occasional phone call or one-to-one meeting with an editor.

Although some of the large content areas of the book are in good hands, help is needed in most areas:

BETHLEHEM IN THE 1600's: Peter Christoph, Jean Lyon
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PREHISTORY: Floyd Brewer, Virginia French, Charles McKinney

The plan is to involve an interdisciplinary cross section of the community with 10 three-member teams, each working on a section of the book. Writers have been asked to submit rough drafts leaving editors free to rewrite and develop the information as they see best. It is hoped that this system will result in a well-integrated volume with a consistent writing style. The committee has reviewed 18 histories of other communities to date and is determined to avoid the mistakes

made by other teams of writers. Since so many of the books reviewed added up to dull reading, every effort will be made to make ours personal, lively, and interesting — as well as factual.

If you would like to join in this effort, there are several routes to consider. First, you may register for the adult education class in archaeology to be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning the first week of March. Registration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, between 9 a.m. and noon. Later registrants often find the courses they want are no longer open. The Bethlehem Archaeology Group's slide show may be viewed in the high school lobby anytime during the morning of Feb. 21. Second, you may ask for a tour of the laboratory at your convenience. Bring the family along if you wish. For an appointment or information call 439-6351, any evening (except Saturday) between 8 and 9 p.m.

Cheese, flour, butter distributed next week

Some 119,430 pounds of cheese, 26,816 pounds of butter and 77,250 pounds of flour will be distributed to eligible Albany County residents during the week of Jan. 7.

Distribution of the government surplus goods will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Bethlehem Town Hall in room 106, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cheese, flour and butter will be distributed at the Ravena Bible Training Center, 10 Edna Ave., Ravena, on Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. until noon.

For information call the Albany County Helpline at 436-6000.

Be safe!

The "Safe Ride" program, funded by the Albany County STOP-DWI Program, is once again being coordinated with efforts by local police departments, the Albany County Sheriff's Department and volunteers from the Albany Citizens Council on Alcoholism Halfway Houses to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic accidents and fatalities on New Year's Eve.

Area party-goers who are intoxicated and unable to obtain a ride home from a sober friend may dial 869-2231 for a "Safe Ride" from 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 5 a.m. on New Year's Day.



Officers of the Bethlehem Archaeology Group are Ralph Wood, president and executive director; Adrienne Gordon, vice president; and Ann Jacobs, secretary-treasurer. . . . Lynn Finley

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St. Thomas improves its CAR

By Patricia Mitchell

Scores on standardized test at the St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar have shown strong improvement over last year's scores in the school's second Comprehensive Assessment Report.

The CAR report, which is mandated by the state for all public and private schools, was scheduled to be given to the school board at a meeting earlier this month that was cancelled because of snow. It will be presented at the January board meeting.

"The progress is there," said Sister Mary Frederick Coyne, S.N.J.M., principal of St. Thomas. "We are very pleased with the results of the children."

The parochial school on Kenwood Ave. also uses the Iowa tests in reading, math and work study for grades two to eight, which compares the school on a national level, while the CAR compares on a county and statewide level. "We have a good

idea of the progress the children are making," the principal said.

Because of the small group of students taking the tests at the St. Thomas School, Coyne said the results may not be statistically significant or reliable enough to be able to support the results. There are 239 students in kindergarten through grade eight enrolled in the school.

The CAR is required under the Regents Action Plan, and is a summary of achievement tests for state schools over the past three to five years. The report uses standardized tests in basic subjects to measure students' progress in the school compared to other years.

Every third grade student taking the reading and math Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP) test scored above the State Reference Point (SRP). In 1984-85, 97 percent, or 29 students out of 30, passed the reading test, and 93 percent, or 28 out of 30, passed the

math. In the state, 79 percent of students scored above the SRP in reading, and 86 percent scored above the math SRP.

In the grade five writing test, 94 percent, or 30 students out of 32 scored above the SRP, compared with 86 percent, or 25 students out of 29 last year. In the state, 86 percent scored above the writing SRP. And in the sixth grade, 96 percent, or 25 students out of 26, scored above the SRP in both reading and math. Last year, those figures were 94 percent in reading, or 17 students out of 18, and 61 percent in math, or 11 out of 18. Statewide, 79 percent of students scored above the reading SRP, and 82 percent scored above the math SRP.

The PEP is used for early identification of students who need special help in developing the basic skills of reading, math and writing. A reference point has been established for each test, and pupils who score below it must be provided with remedial help.

Weatherization help

Free home and apartment weatherization is being provided to eligible county residents through the Albany County Opportunity Weatherization Program. Improvements to reduce heating costs may include caulking, weatherstripping, proper fitting of windows and storm windows and insulation. The program is provided through Albany County Opportunity Inc. and funded by the state Department of State's Weatherization Assistance Program.

ATVs must register

All-terrain vehicles operated in New York State must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles as of Jan. 1, 1987, according to state Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Patricia B. Adduci.

The new law requires all ATV drivers and riders to wear approved helmets. Drivers between 10 and 15 years of age must complete a safety training course and earn a safety certificate to operate an ATV without adult supervision on land not owned by their parent or guardian. Operators will be charged an annual \$10 registration fee and a one-time plate manufacturing fee of \$3.25.

"According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 559 deaths have been reported nationwide in ATV accidents since 1982, and more than 50,000 injuries were reported in the first half of 1986 alone," Adduci said.

"Most disturbing is the fact that the vast majority of deaths have involved persons under 16."

"ATV riding is fun, but drivers must be responsible, drive safely and respect the rights of others," Adduci said.

According to Adduci, the ATV regulations are separate from those covering snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles. An ATV must be registered regardless of where it is used, even if only on the owner's property. Some towns, including the Town of Bethlehem, already have their own ATV regulations; these will be superseded by the new state regulations.

Car flames out

An Albany woman was unhurt after flames engulfed her car as she was driving on Rt. 9W at about 12:40 a.m., Sunday, Bethlehem Police reported.

The woman noticed flames coming from under the passenger side of the dashboard, and when she stopped to get help, the car became fully involved, police said. Firefighters from the Selkirk Fire Department responded to the call.

Makeup demonstration

A free makeup demonstration will be presented by Colleen Pezze of the Barbizon School on Monday, Jan. 12, at the Bethlehem Public Library, beginning at 7:30 p.m. To register call the library at 439-9314.

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RCS may have buyer for Jericho school

By Patricia Mitchell

Selling, leasing and reviewing building dominated discussion at the Monday, Dec. 15, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meeting.

Board members reported a buyer for the Jericho building may be in the wings, which would clear the way for a storage building on the high school campus, and gave details of a meeting with the state Education Department on a facilities review being worked on by the board.

Any renovations at the Ravena Elementary School will not be eligible for state aid, said Superintendent William Schwartz, reporting on a meeting with the Bureau of Facilities Planning of the Education Department recently. The district would need three acres of land at the school and one acre for every 100 students to be eligible for state aid, but the land available "doesn't even come close" to be eligible, he said.

Instead, the facilities review committee could look at the A. W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans elementary schools for state aidable-renovations because there is plenty of land available, Schwartz said.

The board set up a committee in September to look at its programs, buildings and space, population and projected enrollment to assess future building needs. A report is expected to be given to the board on their findings and recommendations in February.

The three elementary schools are overcrowded, and Schwartz said there is no space for art and music and other special classes. Many times, classes meet in

hallways or cafeterias. Even if the district's population doesn't grow much more and the district wants to continue offering all programs, something still needs to be done about the situation, especially with state aid available for most work.

There is a lengthy process to apply for state aid, said board member Mark Sengenberger, including compiling information on buildings, courses, class sizes, projected long-term growth and population, faculty and program growth.

While no decision has been made on solutions and the committee is still looking at its options, Schwartz said both long and short-term solutions will be offered. Short-term solutions will take about 18 to 24 months during the state aid process and to begin any construction for long-term solutions would take about three years.

In other building discussions, the board learned that the school district is checking arrangements with Blue Circle Atlantic Cement for a 99-year lease for land next to the bus garage at the high school. Business Administrator Rodger Lewis said that after arrangements are made for the leasing, then the old Jericho school building will be sold, and a steel-type building will be put up for storage on the leased land. The Jericho building is presently being used for storage.

The Jericho building, on Jericho Rd. off Elm Ave. in Selkirk, was once a small elementary school. Schwartz said it has been closed for about 10 years when the present elementary schools were built and the smaller schools were consolidated.

The RCS school board also:



The Albany Amateur Radio Association sent out about 112 holiday messages on Dec. 20 and 21 from McDonald's of Elsmere. Some of the messages sent via ham radio went to most every state in the Northeast, Florida, and the island of Guam.

- Added four substitute teachers and deleted one from its substitute teacher list. Noticing that some of the new substitutes were not certified, board member Ronald Peretti said a basic teaching course could be added to the adult education program for substitutes to take so they wouldn't be coming in cold. If substitutes take the course, they could be placed on a higher certified pay scale.

- Approved tenure for Josephine Prozik effective in February as a high school foreign language teacher.

- Approved the sabbatical leave of Nancy Zuglan for advanced study during 1987-88.

The RCS school board went into executive session once at the end of the meeting to discuss

personnel matters, but Schwartz said no action was taken.

The next meeting of the RCS school board is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5.

Kelly to speak

A program entitled "Rating Our Past New York State Governors" will be presented by Thomas O. Kelly, Ph.D., at the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, on Thursday, Jan. 15. For information call 436-8289.

2 deer hit

Bethlehem Police reported two car-deer accidents this week.

A deer was struck at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, after it crossed in front of a Coeymans woman's car as she was driving on Rt. 32 near Meads La., police said.

At 7:15 p.m. Monday, a Selkirk man's car and another deer collided on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont after the deer ran in front of the car, police said.

Sending out messages were, from left, first row, Gail Marro of Berlin, and Jack Donnelly of Colonie; and second row, Bob Spencer of Green Island, Nelson O. Williams of Voorheesville and Nick Marro of Berlin.

Patricia Mitchell

Rt. 144 chase

Bethlehem Police have ticketed a Glenmont man for driving while intoxicated after a brief chase through Glenmont early Wednesday morning.

The 25-year-old man was also ticketed for speeding and reckless driving, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Jan. 6, to answer to the misdemeanor charges.

Police said they observed the man driving north on Rt. 144 near Job Corps at a speed of 87 m.p.h.

The man, attempting to elude chasing police, turned his car lights off and turned on Mosher Rd. When police attempted to follow the Glenmont man down Mosher Rd., police said he pulled out from a private residence and crossed Rt. 144 to Wemple Rd., still without his lights on. The car became airborne when it crossed a set of railroad tracks at a high rate of speed.

Police said they finally caught the man when he turned into a private driveway on Wemple Rd.



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Food pantry is bare

Once again with the arrival of winter and cold weather, the Venture Churches' food pantry in the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is in need of replenishing. The food pantry has provided some 200 meals to adults and children during the holidays and continues to assist those who require help throughout the community, particularly during the very difficult winter months when heating costs put an additional burden on many.

An appeal is being made to help replenish the depleted supplies. Items most needed include crackers, peanut butter, non-fat dry milk, canned fruit, tuna and canned meats. Canned mixed vegetables, bread mixes, instant coffee and cocoa mixes would also be useful.

Monetary contribution would be gratefully appreciated and would be used to purchase the most needed items. Anyone knowing of individuals or families in need of assistance is encouraged to contact Toni Lasher at 767-9593.

Children caring

During December students from Mrs. Nunan's seventh grade home and career skills class at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High held a child care lab. Some of the planned activities included a puppet show, arts and crafts, story time and snack time. A clown was present to lead the activities. This lab followed a unit on caring for young children and allowed the students to observe some behaviors common to young children.

The students involved were Tracy Pratt, Kris Bloom, Jill Santa Maria, Antoinetta Lossee, Colleen Schermerhorn, Tracey Fuhrman, Tara Benn, Jennifer Boehlke, Andrea Chaiynk, Maureen Hogan, Rachel Smith, Lina Dzekciorious, Heather Ackert and Michelle Griffin.

Hillbilly Christmas

The youth of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will enact their interpretation of what Christmas is really all about for the next gathering of the Venture Churches. The cast of "Hillbilly Christmas," a comedy will be Jackie Legere, Chris

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup



Legere, Paula Koonz, Sherri VanKempen, Brian Goodrich and Traci Layman. The short play will be presented following a pot luck dinner on Jan. 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk.

All members of the Venture Churches, which include the Glenmont Community Church, the Faith Lutheran Church, the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church and the First Reformed Church, are invited.

Weight control

The RCS Junior High has announced that a free nutrition program is being offered to overweight children and their parents. The program, which is being sponsored by the National Institute of Health and the State University at Albany, will focus on making permanent changes in exercise and eating habits. For information call 442-4859.

DAR meeting

The Hannakrois Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Museum. Mrs. Alton Hotaling, New York State Museum chairman from the Fort Crailo Chapter, will present the program. An executive board meeting will be held immediately following the program.

Students honored

RCS Senior High School officials have announced the "Students of the Month" for November. They are Julianne Kelly and Brent Shook.

Kelly, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelly of Coeymans Hollow. She is a

member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra, *Memories* year-book staff, the Gossamer Thread staff, and the Staff and Shield. Kelly is also on the varsity track team and cross country team. She is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools and was a member of the area All-State Orchestra. Her hobbies include music, sports, writing and modeling.

Shook, also a senior, resides in Ravena with his father, Mr. Harold Shook. Brent was selected as the Capital District "Player of the Year" for his outstanding record in football this year. He is a member of DECA, FBLA and the Student Council. Brent enjoys boxing, hunting, snowmobiling, dancing and sports.

Free week at the Y

"YMCA: Don't Put It Off Week" will be held at the Albany YMCA from Monday, Jan. 5, through Friday, Jan. 9. During this week area residents may participate in any program offered at the center without charge.

Offered at the center are gymnasiums for basketball and volleyball, a swimming pool, racquetball/handball courts, exercise/weight rooms and an indoor track.

Guests may enter a drawing for a free membership. For information call 449-7196.

Faces pot charge

Bethlehem Police have charged a 23-year old Schenectady man with unlawful possession of marijuana.

The man was stopped for a motor vehicle violation at about 7:30 a.m. Monday, and police said they found a small bag containing marijuana in his possession.

The man is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on the misdemeanor charge Tuesday, Jan. 6.



Thomas Cleary

Retires at Thruway

Thomas Cleary of Delmar, the supervisor of maintenance for the New York State Thruway Authority, has retired after nearly 39 years of service.

Cleary, who supervised more than 1,100 employees in maintaining the 559-mile expressway, began state service in 1957 as a field engineer on Thruway contracts and as a district traffic engineer with the former state Department of Public Works (now the state Department of Transportation).

He was appointed assistant superintendent of Thruway maintenance in 1968 and was promoted

to the top maintenance position in 1970.

A native of Oneida and a graduate of Oneida High School, Cleary attended Syracuse University, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is a Navy veteran of World War II.

A licensed professional engineer, he is a member of the New York State Association of Transportation Engineers and was chairman of the maintenance committee of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association. He is a former member of the National Highway Research Board's committees on snow and ice control and bituminous surface treatments and the American Legion.

He is married to the former Patricia Burba Murphy. He and his wife have six children, Dennis, Kathleen and Karen Cleary, Mrs. Kathleen Murphy Mills, Mrs. Deborah Murphy Lemire and Timothy S. Murphy.

Elected at RIT

Dom J. DeMaria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic E. DeMaria of Delmar, has been named representative-at-large for the Off-Campus Student Association at the Rochester Institute of Technology. DeMaria is a fourth-year student of applied science and technology.

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

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.

Ravena-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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY 31
DECEMBER

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

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

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

New Year's Eve at Noon, celebration for all ages, Bethlehem Public Library, children's room, 11:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

New Year's Eve Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service, Bethlehem Community Church, 7 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service, Faith Lutheran Church, 5 p.m.

Early Closing of Libraries, Bethlehem Public, 5 p.m.; Voorheesville, 3 p.m., reopen Jan. 2 for normal hours.

New Year's Eve Dance, sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Central High School, \$3 admission, 9 p.m.-midnight.

New Year's Party, music, open bar and buffet, Voorheesville American Legion 1493, \$25, 9 p.m.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elmsere. Information, 439-7864.

THURSDAY 1
JANUARY

Happy New Year!

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

FRIDAY 2
JANUARY

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

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

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

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Census Survey, of income and government program participation in selected area homes.

SATURDAY 3
JANUARY

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

Prayer Vigil for Peace, 20 minutes of silent prayer, St. Thomas Church parking lot, noon.

SUNDAY 4
JANUARY

Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, 10:30 a.m.; adult education, 9:15 a.m.; senior high fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; junior high fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery care provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, nursery care provided for pre-school children, church school and worship, 10 a.m.; adult education, 11:20 a.m.; junior youth fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; senior youth fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elmsere. Information, 439-7864.

Venture Churches, pot luck supper, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY 5
JANUARY

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

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

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

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

A.C. Sparkplugs Dance, modern western square dancing featuring mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

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

Monday Movie Break, film series with focus on "Remembering Our Roots/Celebrating Our Legacies," *The Shakers*, and *Mirror of America*, two 30-minute films, Bethlehem Public Library, 3 p.m.

Aerobics Class, low-level exercise for adults, through March 9, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4:45-5:45 p.m. \$13 registration, 439-4131.

Diet Workshop, open houses on Thursdays, Jan. 5-24, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elmsere and Poplar Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 485-9616.

TUESDAY 6
JANUARY

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

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesdays, guests welcome, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9252.

Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple, to visiting brothers stem from the lodge.

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

Delmar Progress Club, meeting to remove Christmas decorations from Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 7
JANUARY

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

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

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.

THEATRE

"Little Shop of Horrors," suspense, laughter and chills, Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes, Dec. 26-Jan. 4. Information, 235-7909.

"A View from the Bridge," based on Arthur Miller's drama. Capital Repertory Company's Market Theatre, Albany, Jan. 3-Feb. 1. Information, 462-4531.

"First Stage: The Play of the Month," Empire State Plaza for the Performing Arts, Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. Information, 443-5222.

MUSIC

Free Organ Concert, featuring organist Mary Bon, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, every Friday, 12:05 p.m.

Canadian Brass, celebrate New Year's Eve with classical music, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663.

Dave Van Ronk, folk and blues singer, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Jan. 2-3. Information, 583-0022.

ART

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

"Nature's Hold: 150 Years of Natural Science at the New York State Museum," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 1.

"New Traditions: Thirteen Hispanic Photographers," pictures from South America and Spain, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through Dec. 28. Information, 474-5842.

"Give a Present with a Future," holiday show featuring locally and internationally known artists, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through January, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

"Set-Ups," black-and-white photography by area artists, Schacht Fine Arts Gallery Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Jan. 11, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

"The Ice Age," prehistoric exhibit of men and animal that first roamed Northeast America, State Museum, Albany, permanent exhibit. Information, 474-5842.

"The Statue of Liberty: A Contemporary Graphic View," celebration of Liberty centennial, State Museum, Albany, through Feb. 1, Information, 474-5842.

"Art in Search of...1986-87," paintings, drawings, sculpture and prints, Harmanus Bleecker Center, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Jan. 31.

"The Hudson River and Highlands: The Photographs of Robert G. Ketchum," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 30.

Grace Markman, exhibit of watercolor and colored pencil paintings, sculpture and video installation, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Jan. 2-Feb. 1, Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Celebration of Twelfth Night, popular Dutch holiday, Crailo State Historical Park, 9 1/2 Riverside Ave., Rensselaer, Jan. 6, 5-9 p.m. Information, 463-8738.

Two Sung Dynasty covered urns, The Oriental Line Gallery, 295 Hamilton St., Robinson Square, Albany, Jan. 1-25. Information, 462-3463.

"Colorful Black and White: Four Photographers from the North Country," Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Saranac Ave., Lake Placid, Jan. 7-Feb. 18. Information, 523-2512.

FILM

"Brazil," Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Jan. 1, 3 and 4, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 2 and 5-7, 7:30 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

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

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

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

Religious Program, Bible study and prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Normansville Community Church, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Onesquethaw Chapter 818, Order of Eastern Star, will install new officers for 1987, Delmar Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

Physical Fitness Program, exercise with music for children grades one to five, Elm Ave Park office, through March 4, \$11, 7:15-8:15 p.m. Registration, 439-4131.

Public Hearing, before Bethlehem Board of Appeals at Bethlehem Town Hall, on application of Henry Turner, 6 Bedell Ave., Delmar, for permission to construct two-car garage, 8 p.m.; on application of Jeffrey Rider, 23 Northwood Court, Slingerlands, for permission to construct tree house on property, 8:15 p.m.; application of Joseph and Ellen Bernier, 5 Werner Ave., Delmar, for permission to construct bath and bedroom addition, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY JANUARY 8

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. Information, 439-4258.

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

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

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185, meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary, meets second Thursday of each month at firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

Orientation Meeting, for parents of eighth graders who will be attending Bethlehem Central High School next year, Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

East African Wildlife, slide program on ecology and people of Kenya presented by Kathy Quackenbush, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

FRIDAY JANUARY 9

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

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Brooks Drug Store, Delaware Plaza, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

SATURDAY JANUARY 10

Hannakrois DAR Meeting, Bethlehem Historical Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY JANUARY 11

Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, 10:30 a.m.; adult education, 9:15 a.m.; senior high fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; junior high fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Winter Sporting, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, free, Heldeberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, noon-4 p.m.; instruction, noon-1 p.m. Information, 482-9121.

MONDAY JANUARY 12

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

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

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

A.C. Sparkplugs Dance, modern western mainstream level square dancing, with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

Makeup Demonstration, offered by Colleen Pezze of Barbizon School, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

TUESDAY JANUARY 13

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

Slingerlands Fire District, commissioner's meeting, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Firehouse, 8 p.m.

"Seafood for the Good Life", learn health aspects of seafood, William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, \$3, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 765-3550.

Home Energy Audits Program, learn how they can save you money, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14

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

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary, 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.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Basic Leader Training Course, for teachers and volunteers planning to conduct Junior or Adult Great Reading and Discussion Groups, two day course, Bethlehem Central High School, 3:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-3102.

Delmar Progress Club, workshop on creating patchwork, bring supplies, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations, 439-6170.

"Fabrics for Home Decorating", learn to choose and work with quality fabrics, William Rice Extension Center, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 765-3550.

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World Healing Day, for Albany, closing of Tricentennial Celebration, music and celebration, Chancellors Hall, Albany, 7-8 a.m. Information, 489-8860.

Year-end Evening Retreat, conference, prayer and reflection, confession and refreshments, Dominican Retreat House, 1945 Union St., Schenectady, \$5 donation, 9 p.m.-midnight Mass. Information, 393-4169.

Children's Holiday Festival, puppet presentation of *The Jungle Book*, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m.

Vacation Programs, animated version of *Charlotte's Web*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

Albany Symphony New Year's Gala, featuring "A Touch of Tango" dance music, Well of Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; dinner served, 10:30 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

Musical Performance, Canadian Brass concert, Palace Theatre, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 456-4663.

"First Night, -The Next 100 Years," celebration of New Year at Empire State Plaza, featuring artists, free transportation from event to event, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Bus information, 482-8822; program information, 434-5073.

Kids In Trouble, support group for parents whose children are in trouble in school, with family members, substance abuse or law, Bishop Gibbons High School, open to all parents, 7:30 p.m. Information, 393-4253.

THURSDAY JANUARY 1

Empire State Youth Orchestra, will perform before and during Governor Cuomo's inauguration, Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, 1 p.m. ceremony. Information, 438-8868.

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FRIDAY JANUARY 2

Hot Rod Holiday featuring races in five-foot mud, car crushing and hill climbing, RPI Fieldhouse, Troy. Information, 266-6262.

Vacation Programs, animated version of *The Secret of NIMH*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

Dance, A/C Sparkplugs modern western square dance club plus level dance, Pine Grove Methodist Church, Central Ave., Colonie, all plus level dancers invited, 8 p.m. Information, 895-2073.

SATURDAY JANUARY 3

Old Songs Country Dance, to live music, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, steps taught, 7:30 p.m.; dancing, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

SUNDAY JANUARY 4

Blood Mobile, American Red Cross Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Kids' Fare, entertainment for children, featuring Paul Strausman, Albany Hilton, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 482-2826.

Western Film, "True Grit," starring John Wayne, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Antique Radio Club of Schenectady meeting at Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

MONDAY JANUARY 5

"Don't Put It Off" Week, featuring free use of all equipment at Albany YMCA, Albany YMCA, 274 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 449-7196.

"Landscapes, Florals and Pussycats in Oils," 10-week oil painting course. Registration, 465-2135.

TUESDAY JANUARY 6

Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York, Albany Subarea Council, meeting to discuss 60-unit treatment unit proposed by St. Peter's Alcoholism and Rehabilitation Center, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 5:30 p.m. Information, 445-0528.

"Wildlife of Southern Africa," Richard Waugh will present slides and speak about animals and habitats of Namibia and Botswana, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m.

Western Film, "Dodge City," starring Errol Flynn, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

New York Civil Liberties Union, organizational meeting with focus on prospective formation of local Civil Liberties Union program committee, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 457-9193.

"Hiring and Firing -Knowing Your Rights," learn laws, hints and policies regarding aspects of job market, Albany Ramada Inn, Western Ave., 7:30-9 a.m. Register, 434-1294.

Former Smokers, support group sponsored by American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7

State Arts Council Seminar on guidelines and application for arts, Convention Center Concourse, room 116, Albany, 6-9 p.m. Information, 449-5380.

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1987 will be year of building, change for Voorheesville library

By Lyn Stapf

With the first board meeting of the new year scheduled for Monday, Jan. 5, members of the executive board of the Voorheesville Public Library have a great deal of work ahead of them in 1987.

Although they have behind them the arduous task of the preparation and passage of the \$890,000 referendum for the proposed library, they still face the job of gathering bids on the construction of the building and selecting a public library director.

According to board president Edward Donohue, specifications on the new library are now being finalized, and solicitation of bids will begin in January. During the past month the board consulted with present director Jane Salvatore and the library staff taking into consideration their professional input in making a few minor cosmetic changes to the interior of the building, which will be located

at the corner of Prospect St. and Depot Rd.

Donohue said that capitalizing on the experience and expertise of those presently working at the library was a wise move at this time because changes at a later date would indeed be costly.

The board has been conducting a nationwide search for a new director to manage workings of the new library. Following the advice of library consultant Andrew Geddes, who prepared a report several years ago on the library needs of the Voorheesville community, the board has been seeking applicants to take over the position as director of only the public library. Up until this time the position of district library director has been a job which encompassed overseeing both the public and school district libraries. The director's responsibilities have, with the growth in the community, become too taxing

for any one person, according to Geddes.

Since October, the board has been advertising in professional library periodicals circulated nationwide in hopes of drawing a list of qualified applicants. Ads have also been run in local papers, gathering more than a dozen responses. Although a good number of the applicants are from the tri-cities area, some library professionals have applied from as far away as Texas, Oklahoma and Ohio.

Still accepting applications, the board will be constructing guidelines at the upcoming meeting in hopes of beginning interviews early in January.

Donohue anticipates that the final selection will be made by the first of February with the new director taking charge in April.

As usual all are welcome to attend the board meeting, which will be held on Jan. 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the lower level of the library on Main St.

Radon's lessons

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that left questions unanswered and residents confused. State officials will now meet with residents of Schodack at a town board meeting on Jan. 12, to discuss results of four-day canister tests there and what those results could mean, and no information will be released until then.

Health Department officials are also clarifying the results of the tests, Clark said. They are now saying that the results of the four-day canister tests are not conclusive, and more elaborate tests over one year are needed to determine the actual level of radon in homes.

"Unfortunately, Voorheesville bore the brunt of their public relations experiment and testing," Clark said at last Tuesday's board of trustees meeting.

Radon is a radioactive gas that may be linked to lung cancer. It is formed by a natural process that results from the decay of uranium in gravelly soils or in shale. Eighty-four homes tested last fall found high results of radon after a charcoal-filled canister was placed in the basements of the homes for four days. The Voorheesville homes were tested last fall to help identify homes that will be used for further testing of remediation measures in homes in several communities.

Officials had said homeowners with high readings could be susceptible to lung cancer, and should consider remediation. Many residents of the village were upset that the results were released to the media shortly after they found out the results by mail, and felt the village was thrust into the spotlight unfairly. Audience members of a public meeting also left confused after three Health

Department officials — one who was there as a private citizen — debated about how conclusive the tests were, the effects of radon in the home and remediation techniques.

Unsatisfied with the public meeting, two Health Department doctors and Clark videotaped a question-and-answer session on radon two weeks ago, and Clark said he will make a copy of the tape available to anyone who wants to see it. The 30-minute long tape features Clark asking questions of the doctors and their answers.

Clark said he saw the tape before the meeting, and his son said it was boring. "Robert Redford has nothing to worry about," Clark said.

Real estate agencies selling homes in Voorheesville are now requiring that a contingency account be set up for radon testing when a home is sold, said Doug DeDe, chairman of the planning commission.

In other Voorheesville Village Board business, the board authorized appropriate budgetary transfers to straighten out accounts for the end of the year. Clark said some accounts are over or under drawn as usual.

For example, Clark said the parks and recreation department fund was overdrawn and funds to cover expenses will be transferred from the contingency account. Even though parks and recreation were budgeted, Clark said the money was never formally allocated and money was just taken as needed.

Accounts for insurance and sewer and water funds were also overdrawn and money to cover will come from the contingency account.

The board also decided to study its building fee schedule, and Trustee Richard Langford will have a report at the board's next meeting that will recommend a proposed new fee schedule and any changes in the village laws that are needed.

Other communities charge as much as five times more than the village does, and Clark said one community even budgets the fees to support the building department. Besides the comparatively low fee, village officials are concerned about the increasing costs of new state building and fire codes, increasing development and more personnel training.

For a similar home, building permit fees in Voorheesville would cost \$40, compared to \$75 in Guilderland, which also adds fees for parks and roads, said Building Inspector Jerry Gordinier. Building fees in industrial and commercial zones will also increase. Gordinier said while he doesn't see his department being supported by fees, builders should absorb increasing costs, not the taxpayer.

The Voorheesville Village Board also:

- Decided to look into complaints of junk cars on Pine St. and Altamont Rd. Officials will check into past uses of the lots and former zoning to see if the junk cars are grandfathered under the new zoning code.

- Approved the appointment of Bob Burns of Cranberry Court to the youth advisory commission.

The next meeting of the Voorheesville Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m.

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Reduced library fines

There's just a few days left for library users to take advantage of this week's grace period at the Voorheesville Public Library. The grace period, which will end on Saturday, Jan. 3, has offered those with overdue books a chance to return them with reduced fines. Anyone with outstanding fines will have those fines rounded to the nearest dollar and halved.

Students make toys

Santa and his elves weren't the only ones working hard at making toys this December. As in the past students of Jim Hladun's design and wood products class participated in the annual toy making contest. Each student was given a problem to solve using a given set of criteria and resulting in the making of a wooden toy.

With 26 items submitted the difficult decision of selecting the top designs was left to a jury of faculty member. The six students whose toys were judged best were Randy Rathke, first place; Chris McDermott, second place; Bill Kerr, third place, and Jason Brown, Jeff Houle and Aaron Williams, honorable mentions. Each winner received a prize donated by Crannell Lumber.

White selected

On the subject of school, Louise Goman, Superintendent of the Voorheesville Central School District, has announced that she and Janice White, a third grade teacher at Voorheesville Elementary School, have been selected to serve on a research committee of the upcoming six-day seminar on Excellence in Education being sponsored by the Golub Corporation and the State University at Albany. Teachers and administrators from a four-county area will discuss the following reports on education: The Carnegie Report, A Nation Prepared: Teachers for the 21st Century, The Governor's 1991 Report on Education, A Time for Results, and the Homes Report, Tomorrow's Teachers.

Conclusions and recommendations reached through the seminar will be published in the fall of 1987.

At last a sign

To help promote school spirit and allow those searching for the high school to know they have reached their destination, a committee at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has finally given the green light to a sign project which has been years in the offing. With \$2,400 contributed by several of the past senior classes, the sign will soon become a reality.

According to the high school advisory committee, which is composed of parents, students, teachers and administrators, the handsome California Redwood sign will be produced by Signs Like This, a Guilderland-based company, and will be completed either by late spring or early fall.

Unwelcome reminder

For students at the elementary or high schools, a reminder that classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 5, marking the end of the holiday vacation. The next scheduled day off for area students in the Voorheesville Central School District is Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 19.

Tazzolo earns honors

Hard work does have its rewards yet Keith Tazzolo, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School who was named to the first semester honor roll, found his name was inadvertently omitted from the list submitted to area newspapers. Belated congratulations to Keith.

Cubs go bowling

Cub Scouts of Voorheesville Pack 73 have been busy this fall. In addition to caroling for Ronald McDonald house and making gifts for area families, the boys had time to participate in a bowl-a-thon, sponsored by the Governor Clinton Council. With more than 35 boys taking part, the Pack raised over \$1,000. Top money makers were Shawn Alberry and Matthew McKenna who each brought in over \$100. Herk Alberry's Den 6 alone raised \$230. Kris Kinnear had the highest number of sponsors — 16.

According to Cubmaster Bob Panthen, the boys from all 10 dens will continue their hectic pace by participating in a winter fun day on Jan. 11. February will see the boys take part in the council's Klondike Derby and, hopefully, participate in the upcoming Scout Show, featuring projects from all the council's packs and troops.

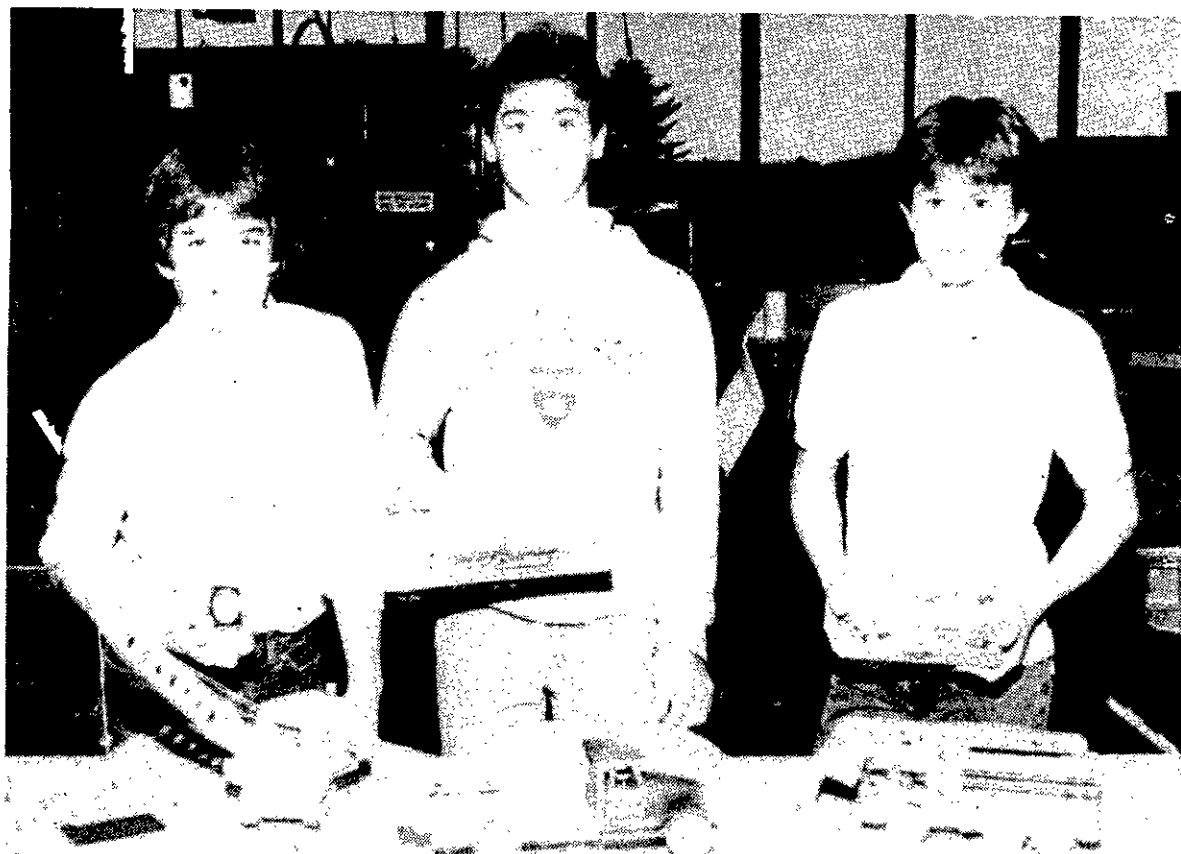
Flanders moves up

On the subject of scouts, local Boy Scout Jon Flanders recently passed the first rung of his climb to Eagle Scout. The required Eagle board of review was held at the troop's committee building at the home of Frank Person. In attendance at the meeting were Tom Roe, committee chairman, Vasiliki Volkwein, school representative, Robert Cureau, Methodist Church representative, and Howard Coughtry and William Seim, troop committee representatives.

Passing the review with flying colors, Jon's application will now go on to the National Headquarters for final approval.

Scout leaders meeting

The monthly meeting of the Voorheesville Girl Scout leaders has been changed to Monday, Jan. 12, from Monday, Jan. 5. All leaders and any interested assistants are urged to attend the 7:30 p.m. packet meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.



Standing behind their prize winning toys made in James Hladun's design and wood products class at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School are ninth

graders Bill Kerr, left, third place; Randy Rathke, first place, and Chris McDermott, second place.

For information call Beth Timmis at 765-2421.

Seniors' New Year

The New Scotland Senior Citizens have also been busy as usual. The group began the holiday season with their Christmas party at the Clarksville Firehouse after touring the historic Parks home in Feura Bush. Later in the month the group attended the "Old Fashioned Christmas Show" at Proctors Theatre and were guests of honor at a party hosted by the Girl Scouts. The seniors also sponsored an area family's holiday celebration by donating gifts and a meal.

To start the New Year the group will be holding a celebration on Friday, Jan. 2, at the Old New Salem Schoolhouse. Members of the group who would like to attend may call Martha Navilia, president, at 439-4039.

Explore health care

High school students interested in a career in health care are invited to join the Medical Explorer Post 399, sponsored by the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Students will have an opportunity to meet and work with health care professionals.

The group's next meeting will be held on Jan. 21 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Holland Ave., Albany, at 3:30 p.m. For information call 462-3311, ext. 335 or 310.

Open and shut

Many area offices, libraries and banks have posted special hours for the New Year's holiday.

Bethlehem Town Hall will be closed tomorrow (Jan. 1). New Scotland Town Hall will close at noon today (Dec. 31) and remain closed on New Year's Day. The Town of New Scotland annual meeting will be held at town hall on Jan. 1 at 11 a.m. Voorheesville Village Hall will remain closed on Jan. 1 and 2.

Most area bank will close at 2 or 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and remain closed on New Year's Day.

Today the Voorheesville Public Library will close at 3 p.m. and the Bethlehem Public Library will close at 5 p.m. Both libraries will reopen for normal hours on Friday, Jan. 2.

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The Chanukkah message

One of the most misunderstood holidays in the Jewish calendar is Chanukkah, perhaps due to its calendrical proximity to Christmas.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Yehoshua the son of Yosef and Miriam who is revered by Christians as the Messiah (Hebrew—annointed one). It is the most important holiday in the Christian calendar.

Chanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus Epiphanes in the year 165 B.C.E. (165 years before the birth of Jesus). Although Chanukkah is a holiday of great significance: (It celebrates one of the first recorded battles for religious freedom), it is a minor holiday in the Jewish calendar for two reasons. Firstly, any holiday not mentioned in the Torah (Pentateuch) is of secondary religious status. Secondly, even if it were mentioned in the Torah, Chanukkah lacks any prohibitions in terms of forbidden activities (unlike the weekly Sabbath).

Unfortunately many Jews and non-Jews retain a childish and untutored understanding of the holiday. You will frequently hear the eight-day holiday explained as the consequence of a tiny container of oil burning for eight days.

Why do we celebrate Chanukkah for eight days? During the Maccabees battle for their right to retain their own identities, they were unable to observe a very important holiday in the Jewish calendar, Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles).

Sukkot is found in the Torah. While Sukkot has many beautiful rituals connected with it, many Melachot (forbidden labors) except for cooking and carrying are pro-

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hibited. In the year 165 B.C.E. — the Jews observed the eight day holiday of Sukkot two months later beginning on the 25th day of Kislev. "And they celebrated it for eight days with gladness like the Feast of Tabernacles, remembering how not long before, during the Feast of Tabernacles, they had been wandering like wild beasts in the mountains and caves and were unable to celebrate the holiday (11 Maccabees).

Chanukkah, therefore, celebrates the right and persistence of the Jewish people not to assimilate into the majority culture. Chanukkah's universal significance is that it reminds all of us of the Prophet Micah's vision of the future.

"And they shall beat their swords into plowshares.

And their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not take up sword against nation;

They shall never again know war;

But every man shall sit under his grapevine or fig tree

With no one to disturb him.

For it was the Lord of Hosts who spoke.

Though all the peoples walk

Each in the names of its gods,

We will walk in the name of the Lord our God
Forever and Ever."

Smokeless New Year

Many people quit smoking as a New Year's resolution; and chances are it's not the first time they've tried to stop smoking. Smokers who have tried to quit before and have abstained for more than 24 hours, double their chances of becoming a non-smoker in the next two years, according to statistics offered by the American Lung Association.

"Health is often a big motivator for those trying to stop," said Tim LaPier of the American Lung Association Smoking or Health Program. "Most smokers know that cigarettes are unhealthy. Studies tell us they cause up to 30 percent of all cancers, about 85 percent of lung diseases, such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and 30 percent of all cases of coronary heart disease."

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ASO records 2 disks

The Albany Symphony Orchestra has completed a series of recording sessions at the Troy Music Hall. The orchestra will release two record in 1987.

The first recording, produced by New World Records, will feature works written for Albany's tricentennial celebration, including *Pentimento* by Ezra Laderman and *Symphony No. 3* by Lester Trimble.

The second recording, done by Conifer Records of London, consists of only one work — the *Symphony No. 11* by George Lloyd.



Robert J. Saba, left, the Grand Union Company's northern region vice president, and Dr. Edward Arenson of Elsmere, director of the Child Cancer Program at Albany Medical Center, are asking area residents to make a contribution to the Child Cancer Programs by depositing returnable cans and bottles in special bins at area Grand Union stores.

To aid child cancer center

Grand Union supermarkets throughout northeastern New York, western Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire have begun a holiday bottle and can collection program to raise funds for the Child Cancer Program at Albany Medical Center.

Through the middle of January, customers may make a donation to the Child Cancer Program by depositing their returnable bottles and cans in special collection bins in Grand Union stores. Each store will also have a canister located at the service counter for those wishing to make cash donations.

ROTC scholarships

Aaron Daniel Halsdorf of Clarksville and Christine Marie Roche of Glenmont, both aeronautical engineering students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, have been awarded four-year Army ROTC scholarships. Both students plan to graduate in 1990.

Gardeners wanted

In January 1987, Albany County Cooperative Extension will be selecting new trainees for the Master Gardener Program. The extension is looking for 10 to 15 volunteers.

Volunteers will receive horticultural training by experts from Cornell University, local Cooperative Extension agents, and area horticulture business people. Topics will include: soils and fertilizers, vegetable gardening, lawn care, small fruit and tree fruit culture, insects and diseases of plants, and other pertinent subjects.

In return for this training, master gardeners will be asked to volunteer to help other Albany County residents with their horticultural concerns. Activities will primarily involve answering phone questions, assisting at soil test and diagnostic clinics, working on exhibits and presenting workshops and lectures. There is no limit to what master gardeners can do to help Albany County.

Call the Albany County Cooperative Extension office at 765-3510 for an application.

Twelfth Night sing

The Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., will celebrate the Twelfth Night with an old-fashioned hymn sing from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6.

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Family traditions

(From Page 1)

intended as decorations, the white ceramic cups, in the shape of a Santa Claus face, hold hot chocolate on Christmas eve. The mugs have traveled with their now adult owners all over the country, in Kentucky, in Washington: "Believe it or not, they never got broken."

Holiday tradition for Barry and Joan Isbister, Delmar, has become The Tree. As one of six children, Joan Isbister recalled their annual week-end quest for a Christmas tree. On a nearby farm, the family would hike for a while, ("Seems like there's always a hill") taking about an hour for the search. "We have to have the perfect tree," she explained.

Now in her own family with their two daughters Erin and Caitlin, husband Barry has adopted the ritual: "It has to be tall, maybe six feet, and full, and wide. It has to take up a good portion of our living room."

In Voorheesville, Connie and Michael Burns' family honor their relatives unable to join the family for Dec. 25. It is their gifts that the family opens on Christmas Eve, a tradition continued from Connie's childhood.

The Burns' tree is decorated with ornaments that have been gifts, or that their children made during the years. A special food, salted pecans, is served.

For Bob and Kay Hendrick of Delmar, the end of the formal sitting dinner became the beginning of a practical buffet. The family is so large — our six children who are still near enough to visit and their families — I prepare foods that can be left out all day, so everyone can come as they please." So on Christmas Day,



Drawings by Linda Irons

children, she tells the Hanukkah story, lights the candles, teaches the dreidel game, then directs the students as they make potatoe latkes. Continuing the custom of "the spirit of sharing," Hillinger initiated her yearly visits with her active belief in "man's humanity to man and helping it make a nicer place to live."

Flaming plum pudding! For Fran Teeter, Delmar, her son Alex, and their West Virginia relatives, watching the brandy flame of the plum pudding has become at least a fourth generation tradition. After dinner, after the lights are out, they enjoy the flame dance in the pudding until it is no more. And, although no one really likes the pudding, each has a taste. Because "It all seems so traditional to us."

At their music store on Delaware Ave., Tom and Joan Van Curler's grown son called to be sure "The little tree is up in the kitchen." Years ago, when Van Curler taught at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, he was given a handmade ceramic tree by a student. Just a foot tall, with all colored lights, each year the ceramic tree was placed on their kitchen table. Now it is that little tree that announces the holidays, "Then I'll know it's Christmas."

In Voorheesville, the Roger and Ethel Cooper family can watch

husband Don cooks up kettles of tomato sauce for those who favor his recipe. He bakes his lasagna for Christmas dinner, and each year it is gifts of their homemade chili sauce, banana bread, handmade decorations for families and friends.

John and Lorraine D'Aleo of Delmar will add to their collection of nutcrackers for the fireplace mantle each year. This tradition began because their nine-year-old son enjoyed a gift of his first nutcracker so much, half his young lifetime ago. In the D'Aleo's neighborhood, each Christmas Eve, all gather at the circle in the center of the street to sing carols and to light candles.

In Voorheesville, Sandy and James Feck display their growing treasure of Christmas bells. Each year, Sandy Feck receives the gifts from the children, relatives, from friends. Sandy's father has built a cabinet to feature them year-round.

Carried over from her childhood is the burning of the bayberry candles. "To keep love and peace and harmony in the house until next Christmas," she echoes her mother's phrase, two candles are lit after dinner on Christmas Eve. "We don't want to put them out, and so they burn through the night."

Also on Christmas Eve each year, the family reads the *Night Before Christmas*. James Feck read for the children until they became old enough, but now each of the three takes turns reading the Clement Moore classic. What has become especially interesting, explained their mother, is to see "where they put the emphasis, and each has favorite parts now to read."

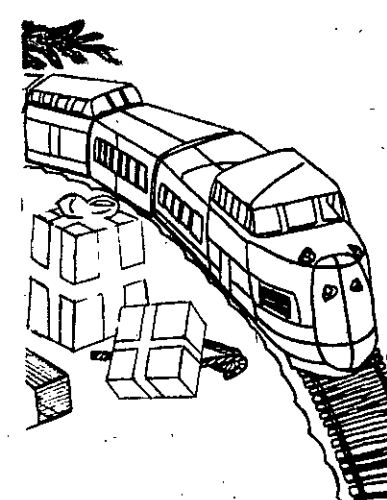
For seven years, the Ed and Judy Languish family, Elsmere, has invited the John and Debby Kaplan family, Elm Estates, to decorate their Christmas tree. A special tradition this, since the Kaplans are Jewish and don't have a tree. They always bring a new ornament, usually one they have made, and the four children exchange presents. Everyone has

eggnog, and Ed Languish is always persuaded to set up his German Marklin train set around the tree.

For each of their six children, Charley and Pat Sweeney Gunner, Delmar, present special ornaments each Christmas. Perhaps the ornaments are marked with a birthday, or the year of their marriage, maybe handmade, something special to salute the year. And each year, the entire family — parents, children, spouses, grandchildren, in all totalling 15 — go carolling to homes of their neighbors.

With nine children, Herb and Sue Reilly of Voorheesville celebrated a live nativity scene in their home until the youngest, now in school, would no longer be baby Jesus. Traditional elements included impromptu costumes, some Bible passages, and occasional unexpected humor: "We are the Three Wise Guys."

Still ongoing at the Reillys is their cookie baking and gifting. Ten, twelve different recipes for hundreds of cookies to bring around to neighbors. "It gives the children a special thing to do."



Favorite foods introduce the holidays in homes all over the world. It's Grandmom's raisin filled cookies come Christmas at Meads Lane, Morris and Mary Irons house, and their seven children. The Irons' put up their tree the day after Thanksgiving, "to make Christmas last longer."

To bring good luck to the New Year, the Irons' have boiled ham, cabbage and dumplings cooked in the ham pot liquor.

For David and Beverly Barlow, Delmar, it's a long list of favorite holiday customs. Collections of Christmas books, making stuffed animals for the children to donate to the underprivileged, advent wreath and candles, a lighted gingerbread scene that lasts or is remade from year to year, roast goose for Christmas dinner.

For each of eight years, special edition mugs depicting Dickens' Christmas Carol were given as gifts to the Barlows. Now, filled with greens, they decorate the fireplace mantle.

From their festive inside-and-outside home, Bev Barlow explained, "We never had a real traditional Christmas because my father worked different shifts. It's one of the reasons I've become so traditional."

And now, the New Year beckoning, fresh with revival, alive with hope and renewals, the customs become regenerated, perhaps, by yet another generation; or they will be revised to reflect the changes of time.

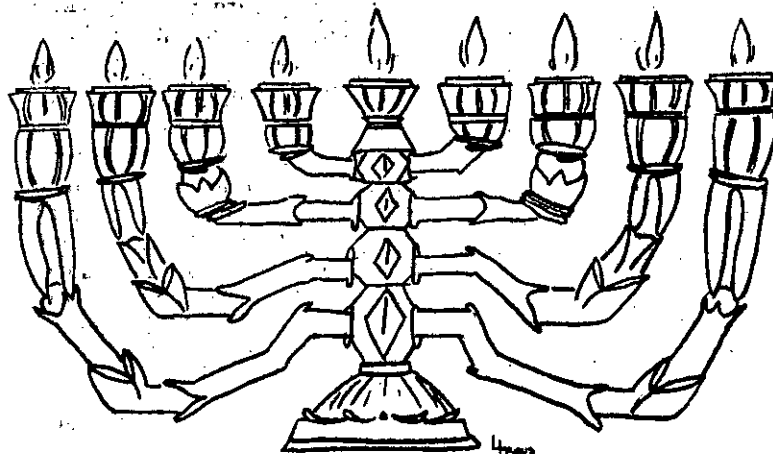
Local revelers

Sarah Manning and Liza Tonetti, both of Delmar, were among students at the Emma Willard School in Troy to appear in *Revels*, the school's annual Christmas pageant.

Manning is the daughter of Kathleen G. Manning of Slingerlands and Jeremiah F. Manning of Delmar. Tonetti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Tonetti of Delmar.

Lights out

Cords on six strings of Christmas lights on a tree in the front yard of a Montrose Dr., Elsmere, home were cut between Sunday, Dec. 21, and Monday, Bethlehem Police reported. The lights are valued at \$42.



Bethlehem Town Supervisor Hendrick prepares his buffet, ham and beans and simple fare. He does all the cooking for the holiday, and prides himself on a special potato salad. Their own exchange of gifts comes after church candlelight services Christmas Eve, "When it's peaceful and quiet."

Although it is customary to have only one Menorah in the Jewish home, at Phyllis and Stephen Hillinger's, Elsmere, each child lights his own candles. Phyllis Hillinger explained that while each of her four children had been eager to light the candles, on the first night only two candles are lit. Now all may participate. The Menorah for each child has a design that is unique, that brings special meaning to that child.

For the last ten years, Phyllis has become the Hanukkah Lady at Elsmere School. In the classrooms of each of her

itself grow on the Christmas tree skirt. The children trace their hands on the flannel tree covering, Ethel Cooper embroiders the name, the year. The youngest was only three months when the Coopers introduced this custom, and now she is a big six years.

Also because "It's fun to see the girls grow," Charlie Gaudet and Cappy Whelan of Elsmere display annual photographs of their two girls with Santa Claus. Nine-year-old Ellen and younger Marika talk about the photos all year long, especially of those showing them crying. The idea continues from Charlie's childhood, and is a favorite with everyone, family and visitors alike.

In Clarksville, Mary Ann Hendrickson makes centerpieces of bright ribbons and candles atop evergreens brought in from the woods. She began creating them for her own table and those of elderly friends no longer able to do it themselves. Meanwhile,

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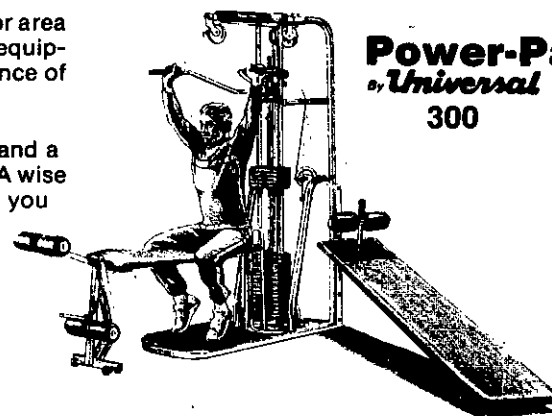
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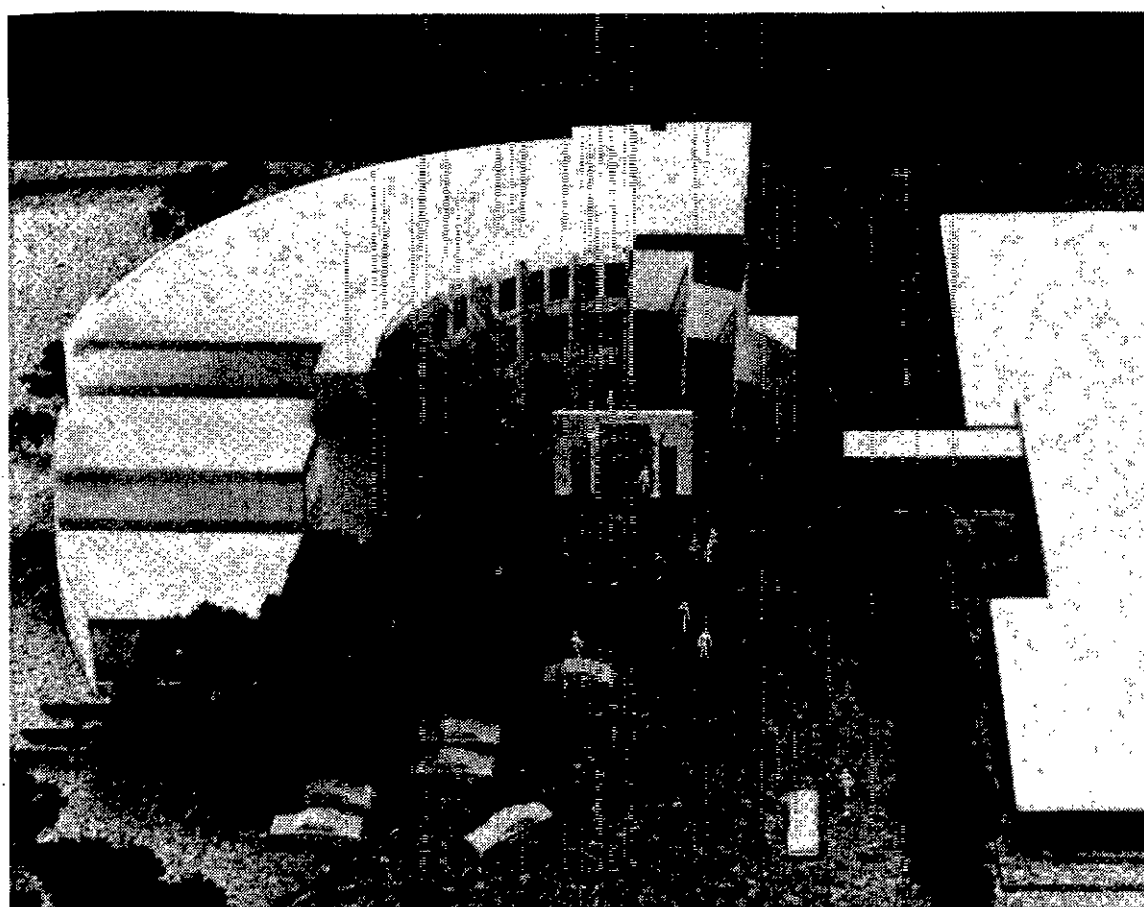
Like one of the good corn crops that it has helped farmers nurture over the years, Farm Family Life and Mutual Insurance Companies is also growing.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on Dec. 12 for an addition to the company's home office on Route 9W in Glenmont. The 54,000 square foot addition will present a new face to Rt. 9W and is expected to cost \$3.8 million. Completion is expected by the end of 1987.

Gathering for the occasion were executive officers and members of the Farm Family board of directors, representatives of the Town of Bethlehem, Crozier Associates architectural firm and MLB Industries, Inc., the general contractor.

"In 1981-82, Farm Family employees numbered 200 at the Glenmont location," Dan Neville, vice-president of personnel services, said. "That number has grown to 300 today. The rate of growth has increased dramatically in the past two years in response to the increasing volume of our business. The largest percentage of our new positions has been in the data processing area."

Bob Miller, senior vice-president of marketing said: "The reason for Farm Family's growth and the real measure of our success is the increase in member participation, the number of Farm Bureau members in our ten states purchasing Farm Family insurance. Figures indicate that currently 63.6 percent of the Farm Bureau membership in the Northeast is participating in the Farm Family insurance program, a 13 percent increase since 1982. That's six out of every ten members of our market using at least one of our products or services."



A scale model of the new building that Farm Family Insurance Companies will build on Rt. 9W in Glenmont in front of the company's present office building, at right.

For many years prior to 1953, farmers in the Northeast had been concerned about the insurance programs available to them. The need for a stable source of insurance products for farm families prompted a group of Farm Bureau leaders from numerous Northeastern states to charter the Farm Family Life Insurance Company in 1953. Although it provided much financial security for the Farm Bureau members, the company could not fill all the farmers' insurance needs. So in 1955 work

began to organize an insurance company that would write automobile, liability, and farm fire insurance especially for farmers.

In 1956 the company occupied a portion of two floors in an apartment house converted to office space on State St. in Albany. The work force expanded from 6 to 58 and in 1957 Farm Family moved to Delmar, across from the Delaware Plaza. Additions were added in 1958 and 1960, increasing square footage from

6,300 to 7,800. In 1966 the company moved to its present location in Glenmont, with 30,000 square feet of office space and over 200 employees. In 1972, 7,000 more square feet of office space was added.

The new addition consists of a curved glass curtain wall covering the front of the three-story structure, which will offer a wide-angle view of the Albany skyline from the top floors. A courtyard facing south leads visitors into an atrium at the new main entrance. The atrium, which visually connects the three floors above ground, links the new structure with Farm Family's two existing buildings. Two hundred parking spaces will be added and handicapped parking will be available.

Currently, Farm Family has 300 home office employees, 100 field employees and an agency force of 200.

Alesse gets post

Mark Philip Alesse of Delmar has been appointed director of public affairs for the Retail Council of New York. In his new post Alesse will manage the council's public and media relations program and will communicate the association's standing as the leading representative of retailing in New York. He will also share in administering the council's legislative lobbying and government affairs program.



Present at the recent ground breaking ceremony for Farm Family Insurance Companies were, from left: Gerald Spillane, vice president of Crozier Associates; Marty Cornelius, executive director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; Peter Curra, president of Farm Family Insurance

Companies; Verne Kenney, executive vice president and chief executive officer of Farm Family Insurance Companies; J. Robert Hendrick Jr., Bethlehem town supervisor, and John McManus, executive vice president of MLB Industries Inc.

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New direction for Stone Ends

Progressive American cuisine with a European influence has come to Glenmont.

Or rather, to the Stone Ends Restaurant under its new owners, owner-managers Ginger and Jerry Menagias and owner-chef Dale Miller.

At the end of November, the new owners moved in, closed the restaurant on Rt. 9W for three days to clean and add a new menu, linens, a mauve color scheme, plants, china, crystal, fresh flowers, pictures and a mesquite grill. And so far, they say, the response to the changes has been good.

The trio had been looking for a restaurant to buy, and the Stone Ends was the only one available that Miller felt would accommodate a gourmet restaurant. The previous owners of the Stone Ends, the Junco family, had other buyers interested in the restaurant, Miller said, but they decided to sell to him and the Menagias.

Miller and Ginger Menagias met at the Tavern on the Square in Schenectady while he was a chef and she a waitress. Jerry Menagias is the manager at the Olympic Restaurant, also in Schenectady, and the three decided to go into business together, and looked for a restaurant.

"We figured we would make a good team," Miller said. "Ginger would be in the dining room, and I'd be in the kitchen, and Jerry is a master with the books."

Miller, a resident of Schenectady, is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, and has also been a chef at the Raindancer in Amsterdam and the Marriott.

A former waitress with 12 years experience, Ginger Menagias has also helped manage the Olympic Restaurant with her husband, Jerry. They also live in Schenectady.

The Stone Ends now features Porvimi veal and is the only restaurant in the Capital District serving certified Black Angus beef. Tableside cooking is available with the nightly special. Miller said the vegetables have an Oriental influence, and sauces have a touch of French.

"We're unique," Miller said.

Also featured are fresh fish, including Louisiana red fish for blackened fish, Cajun-style, planked lobster tails with the original Pacific Northwestern recipe with herbs and butter, Norweigen salmon, soyfish and dover sole.

Many dinners feature fresh vegetables and chicken, and the menu highlights seasonal foods that are low in calories, cholesterol

and salt. A fresh vegetable platter has been added.

All baking for the Stone Ends is done on the premises and ice cream is made fresh by Miller, who also makes up to 30 different specialty cheesecakes. Featured desserts include Black Forest cake, chocolate English toffee torte and flaming baked Alaska.

Two wine cellars were added for red and white wines, and the new owners will choose a selection for each dinner.

For the future, new drapes and carpeting will be installed, a rose garden and a fresh vegetable garden to supply the restaurant will be planted, and weddings and rehearsal parties will be accommodated.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are served in the Blue Stone Lounge, formerly the Quarry Lounge, and the Copper Room is available for parties.

Twilight dining with a light menu is available from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Stone Ends is open until 10 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Patricia Mitchell



The Stone Ends Restaurant on Rt. 9W is under new ownership, with a new decor and menu, and more changes to come. Here two of the new owners, Ginger Menagias and Dale Miller, get ready for business.

Patricia Mitchell

Safety message

The Farm Family Insurance Companies and the Glenmont Elementary School have participated for many years in a fire prevention awareness program. The children design and draw posters that call attention for smart safety measures at home and school. Messages like "Keep wires in good repair" and "Turn off appliances when not in use" are some of the posters that can be seen throughout the hallways of Farm Family's home office.

Though fire prevention week was in October, the children's messages should be heeded throughout the year, especially during the holidays, says John Atkinson, chairman of Farm Family's Health and Safety Committee.

"Unattended candles and hearth fires, frayed wiring and overloaded electrical circuits, dry tree needles and hot tree lights are potential fire hazards that can steal the joy of the holiday," said Atkinson. "Become wary of fire and electrical hazards around your home. As an added safety measure, clear the snow away from any fire hydrants near you. Should there be an emergency, quick access to the hydrant will greatly facilitate your local fire department."

June in Hawaii

Maria College will sponsor an alumni trip to Hawaii from June 7 to June 14, 1987.

Real estate counselor

Martha A. Crisafulli of Voorheesville, a local associate broker with Donald E. Welch Real Estate, has completed a course in real estate counseling recently conducted in Natick, Mass.

Crisafulli is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the New York State Association of Realtors, the Albany County Board of Realtors, the Commercial and Industrial Real Estate Board and the Empire State Real Estate Exchangors. She has a gold card pending with the National Council of Exchangors and the Graduate Realtors Institute.

Johnson productive

Doris Johnson of Delmar, an SG-9 Information Processing Specialist with the State University of New York Central Administration, won third place and \$500 as Gov. Mario M. Cuomo presented the Governor's Productivity Awards to nine New York State employees. An annual program, the award seeks to recognize outstanding state employees who have found innovative ways to cut costs and improve the state's productivity.

Christenson cited

Kira Christenson of Delmar, a student at the Academy of the Holy Names, has been named a commended student by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. She the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Stephen Christenson of Delmar.

Altamont Fair elects

LeRoy Minshell of Selkirk was elected as a new member of the Altamont Fair Board at the fair's annual members meeting on Dec. 13.

Fifteen directors were elected, including Frederick Edmunds and Clara Marsh of Voorheesville, Walter Miller of Slingerlands and Roger Smith of Delmar.

Miller was elected as treasurer.

Ekstein and partners

Alan R. Ekstein of Delmar has formed a new accounting firm with three other area men. The firm, Ekstein Lutz Cichy and Zeronda, has offices in Albany and Gloversville. The firm specializes in auditing, tax consulting and management advisory services for commercial enterprises.

Ekstein is a graduate of the Wharton School of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and became a CPA in 1968.

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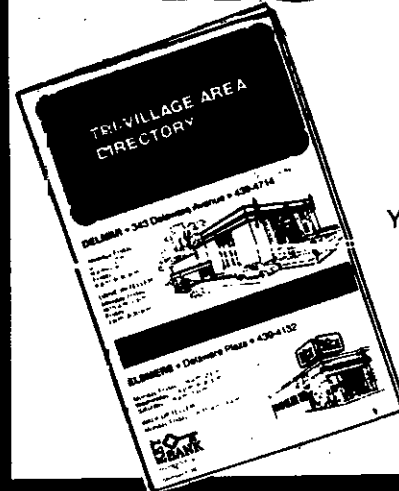
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Voorheesville defeats Bethlehem in consolation game

Birds lose to Guilderland, 59-57

By Rick Leach

The Voorheesville basketball team finally got the monkey off its back, winning its first game of the season over Bethlehem, a Class A and Suburban Council school, by a score of 56-48.

The victory came after the team's third straight frustrating loss, a 59-57 reverse at the hands of Guilderland, another Class A school. The Eagles had been beaten by the same margin by Rensselaer, the eventual tournament champion. However, the Birds wanted this contest and they came out fired up in the first quarter, out scoring their opponents, 10-6.

"Bethlehem has some big kids but they are not very fast, and our goal was to push the ball up the floor, as well as contain their big people," coach Bob Crandall said. The Birds seemed to accomplish just that, as they were led by the outstanding play of guards Dean Decker and Kyle Larabee. Larabee had 13 points and added three assists.

"It was probably the best game of Dean's high school career," Crandall said of his senior point guard. Also playing well for the Birds were center Marty Gordinier, who had 13 points and 14 rebounds, and John Meacham, who poured in ten points and grabbed nine off the boards. Especially important was Meacham's foul shooting, as he hit on 6 of 6 from the line in the fourth quarter.

As a team the Birds shot 80 percent from the line and 40 percent from the field. "This was by far

BASKETBALL

our best game of the year, and hopefully it will be a turning point for better things to come," Crandall said.

The first game of the tournament, against Guilderland, was a seesaw contest that went down to the wire. Again leading the Birds was Decker, who had nine of his 11 points when he brought the squad back from an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter. He also had four assists and seven steals.

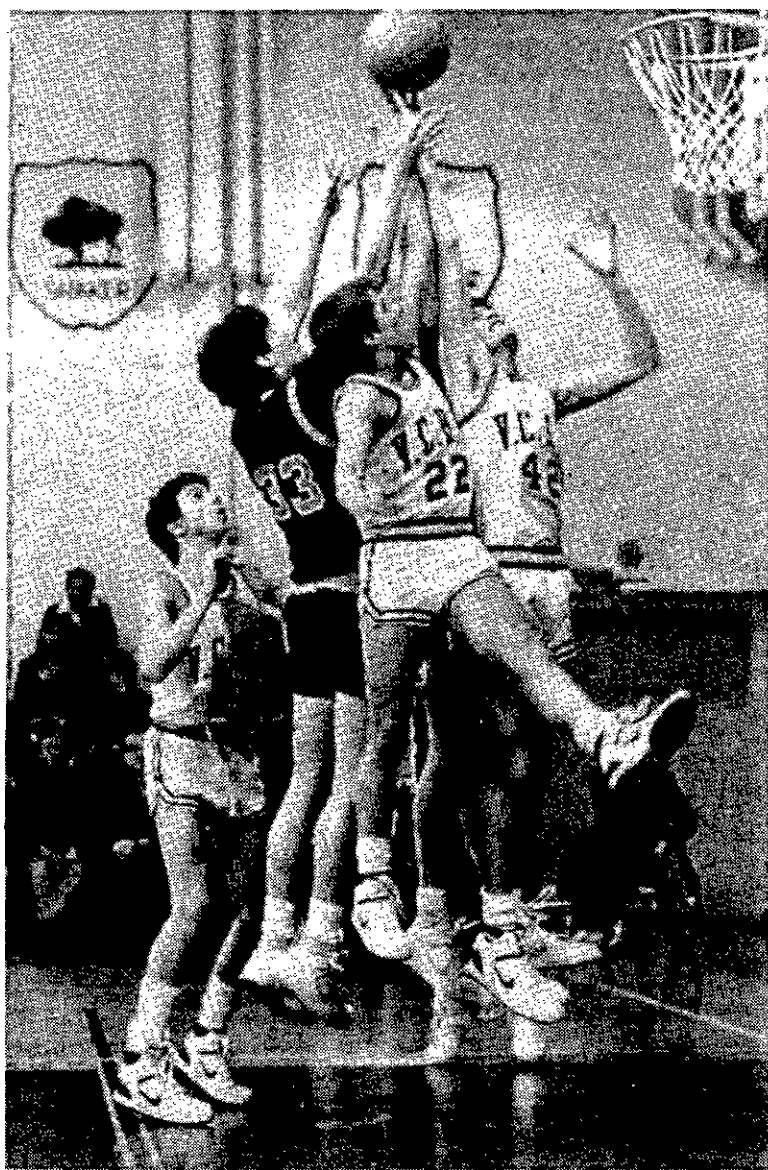
The difference in the contest for the Birds was foul shots, as they missed nine in the third quarter alone, allowing Guilderland to get back in the game. Overall they shot a dismal 46 percent from the free throw line. They shot 38 percent from the field, led by the likes of Gordinier (15 points, 11 rebounds), Larabee (14 points) and Meacham (6 points, 10 rebounds). The Birds were in the game until the last 14 seconds, when the Dutchmen made some key free throws to ice it. "Everything was pretty even, except for the foul shooting," Crandall said.

Voorheesville's only game this week is a makeup game at home Tuesday against Mechanicville at 3:30 p.m. The Birds are 0-3 in the league and 1-6 overall.

Presents stolen

A couple from PennYan discovered someone had broken into their car parked at the Albany Motor Inn Thursday morning. Several Christmas packages were missing, Bethlehem Police reported.

Two suitcases and a brief case were also taken, police said. Entry was made by breaking a window.



...And only one ball. Eagle Paul Curran, no. 33, and Blackbirds Joe Harding, 24, John Meacham, 22, and Marty Gordinier, 42, reach for the sky during their consolation matchup at the Helderberg Tournament last week.

R.H. Davis



Bethlehem's John Peyrebrune, no. 25, brings the ball up against Voorheesville's Dean Decker, 44.

R.H. Davis

Eagles fall 49-47

By Dave DeCecco

If Bethlehem basketball coach Jack Moser had to choose a place to play an important away game this year, it is doubtful that he would choose Guilderland. Bethlehem has lost three games there in the last three weeks: one controversial, one well-played and one a disaster.

None of last week's games involved host Guilderland, which won a disputed Dec. 16 game after a scorekeeper's error. The second loss came on opening night of last weekend's Helderberg Holiday Tournament. Without help from senior co-captains Brian Battle, who will be out for an undetermined amount of time with mononucleosis, and Ed Perry, who was away for the holidays, the Eagles took on undefeated Rensselaer and almost pulled out a victory. The Rams had beaten Bethlehem in the first game this season by a sizeable margin, and BC was out for revenge.

The Eagles came out fast and took charge of the game early, and that led to a 27-19 halftime lead. Rensselaer apparently did not want to see their win streak snapped, and came back to outscore the Eagles 18-9 in the third period. BC played well, but ended up on the short end of a 49-47 score. Todd Wright led Bethlehem with 18 points, and Paul Curran, filling in for Perry netted 14. Rensselaer ended up winning the tournament by beating Guilderland, 70-47, in the championship game Saturday night.

The third loss on Guilderland's home boards was one the Eagles would like to forget. After playing extremely well on the previous night against an undefeated team, they appeared to have nothing left for Voorheesville, a winless team, in the consolation game. Said Moser, "the attitude was just not there." The Blackbirds took a 27-18 halftime lead which they never relinquished, and finished up with a 56-48 victory, their first of the season.

Moser added that Wright played well, and was named to the All-Tournament team. He led the Eagles with 16 points. Jeff Schaeffer, who does not see much playing time, "came off the bench and sparked us," according to Moser.

Earlier in the week, the Eagles travelled to Bishop Scully, another undefeated team, and found themselves in a high-scoring contest. They exploded for 72 points, their highest total this year, but it was not enough to match Scully's 81.

Moser was obviously impressed with the opposition. "They shoot well, they are very patient, and they run a good control break. They may beat Rensselaer for the Class CC title this year," he said. John Peyrebrune led all scorers with 25 points and Wright had 20.

Open for skiing

Despite financial problems the Beresford Farms Ski Touring Center near Duaneburg is open this year for cross-country skiing. The center offers 14 miles of groomed trails, including a two-mile loop of lighted trails for night skiing, ski rentals and lessons, a day lodge, hotel rooms and a ski shop.

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By Tom Kuck
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Indians win four

By Bart Gottesman

How about those Injuns?

Two victories, one against last year's Colonial Council champ and the other against a 5-1 team, extended the RCS boys basketball team's winning streak to four games.

The victory over Mechanicville, last years champs, ended with the most excitement Ravena fans and players had seen in many years. In the closing minute of the contest Ravena was down by three points, but a steal by sophomore Phil Nicewonger, who fed the ball to senior Tony Williams, led to a easy bucket and one-point deficit.

Coach Jim Gorham admitted that when his team was down by three he was a little nervous, but added that "the team never gave up."

What is the definition of a captain? If he is the person who keeps his team together when times are rough, keeps them up when they are doing well and the player who usually gets the ball when the game is on the line, that definition fits Ravena captain John Waddingham. The senior forward, a three-year varsity player, was the Indian player given the ball to shoot with seven

seconds left on the clock and the game on the line. With the time winding down Waddingham took a jumper from the corner and hit it. An attempted buzzer shot by the Raiders was off target and the Indians had secured a 40-39 victory.

Against Berne-Knox the Indians had no trouble defeating the non-league team, despite its winning record. Gorham felt his team shot well and used the press effectively.

During the year, Gorham had felt that his team came out of half time and didn't get quick baskets like he wanted them to. That feeling changed in this game. The Indians came out strong in the third quarter and used its press with more success than it has had all season. Three quick baskets and hot shooting from the floor gave Ravena a 24-11 scoring edge in the third quarter and 54-31 margin heading into the final quarter. After playing virtually the whole fourth quarter with subs Ravena came away with a 70-48 victory, one that could have been much worse.

Wheeler paced Ravena with 26 points, 14 in the third quarter. Lance Tuckerscored 12 while Waddingham and Williams added 10.

Lady Indians still undefeated

By Paul Curley

Down by seven in the middle of the third quarter, the Ravena girl's basketball team turned the game around to add Mechanicville to their growing list of victims, winning 57-46.

"It wasn't easy," commented Coach Betty Faxon with a relieved laugh. The Indians undefeated record (4-0) seemed on shaky ground throughout the first half. Ravena was being forced to shoot 15 and 20-footers, and knew the only way to win was to get the ball inside, but Mechanicville's full court press slowed the offense. Seventeen points from the Mechanicville center did not help. Faxon changed the defense four times in search of a way to stop Mechanicville.

The turning point came in the third quarter when two passes by point guard Terri Baker found their way inside to center Jackie Mulligan, who put in two key baskets. After that the Indians were unstoppable, outscoring Mechanicville 22-15 in the third quarter and 11-6 in the fourth quarter. Baker and Tracey Tucker led in scoring with 18 points apiece, while Mulligan added 11. "The three of them did a great job offensively," said Faxon.

This week Ravena were scheduled to play in what Faxon called a "super tournament" in Rensselaer, where they played one-loss Rensselaer on Monday while undefeated Tamarac faced Columbia. The championship and consolation games were scheduled for Tuesday.



Kelly Burke

Letters at Tufts

Kelly Burke of Delmar has earned a varsity letter with the women's soccer team at Tufts University, Medford, Mass. The team compiled an 11-4-0 record and was ranked sixth among New England Division III schools this season.

Burke, who attended Bethlehem Central High School, is a junior. She is the daughter of Gerald and Katherine Burke of Delmar.

Bike gone

A boy's 10-speed bicycle, valued at \$170, was taken from a Murray Ave., Delmar home between Dec. 12 and Monday, Bethlehem Police reported.

Ravena first in council

By Tim Penk

The RCS Girls Volleyball team has now compiled a six-game winning streak to keep them atop the Colonial Council. The Indians have been crushing teams like Watervliet, who they beat 15-6 and 15-6 last week.

The first game started quickly when Tammy Sampsel served ten straight points. RCS had total control and the only opposition Watervliet could pose was their good serving.

The second game followed the same pattern with the Indians destroying the opposition with their control offense. Marie Setford and Kris Gerg each had six kills to lead the squad. Setford ended the game with eight straight serves and finished by performing a difficult jump serve.

RCS has a week off but will resume play on Jan. 5 against Holy Names.

Junior Girls—Tammy Smith-193, 522.

Prep Boys—Jim Porter-132, 333, Brian Garver-353, Mike Aylward-228, 571.

Prep Girls—Hollie Amsler-150, 379, Gretchen Seaburg-171, 384, Kelly Farrell-377.

Rogers honored

Patricia Cole Rogers, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been designated Region III-2-Elect by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Rogers is director of athletics and physical education at the State University at Albany. She will represent all Division III colleges and universities at the 1987 N.C.A.A. convention in San Diego, Calif.

A graduate of the State University College at Cortland and the University of Oregon, Rogers resides in Delmar.

Lady Eagles win, 47-39

By Rose Docteur

It was an exciting beginning for the Bethlehem Central girls basketball team as they beat Niskayuna 47-39 in overtime to open the season.

Coach Gene Lewis had expected a hard game and was not disappointed. Bethlehem was ahead most of the game, until the last 27 seconds of the game when the lead changed hands several times.

In overtime Julie Francis scored the first two points and made two foul shots. Leslie Anderson and Nancy Fratturra also both scored two points each. High scorers were Nancy Fratturra with 16 points and Julie Francis with 13 points and 20 rebounds. The team played very well on defense.

The girls play Mohansen on Tuesday.

3 firsts for Church

Delmar Dolphin Jonathan Church finished first in the 100-yard IM, the 25-yard back and the 25-yard free during Sunday's Gator Holiday Invitational in Glens Falls. Church also finished second in the 25 fly for the 8 and under boys.

Melanie Veazy, competing with 8 and under girls, finished second in the 25 back, sixth in the 25 free and sixth in the 25 breast. Katie Fish, 13 to 14 girls, finished third in the 100-yard breast.

Meredith Dix, 13 to 14 girls, finished fourth in the 100 breast and fifth in the 100 fly. Pat Fish, 13 to 14 boys, finished fifth in the

100 fly and sixth in the 200 IM. Marc Kanuk, 10 and under boys, finished sixth in the 100-yard IM.

Finally, the team of Seegal (back), Mattox (breast), Church (fly) and Kanuk (free) placed third in the 10 and under boys medley relay.

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Indians 2-1 in council Eagles showcase talent

By Josh Curley

The RCS wrestling team pulled out of an early hole to beat Voorheesville in a Colonial Council match up last week on the strength of first period pins by 112 pounder Ken Losee and Bob Jordan at 177.

In hopes of earning team points Coach John Vishneowski moved brothers Geoff and Kevin Demis each up a weight class. This strategy was unsuccessful because both Demis had to go against undefeated wrestlers, one last year's Colonial Council champion.

Luther Legg was faced with his toughest challenge so far this year — another undefeated wrestler. Legg won the eventful match with an 11-4 score.

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The Indians found themselves down by a score of 31-19 when they reached their main force, the last three weight classes. At 167, Tim Baranska willingly accepted Voorheesville's forfeit, giving RCS 6 points. Then, Jordan came away with the deciding match of the night with his pin at 1:06, putting RCS up by one. Undefeated Jerry Baranska accepted Voorheesville's forfeit at 215 pounds completing Ravena's win by a close 37-31 score.

The Indians are 2-1 in the council and 4-3 overall.

The Bethlehem Indoor Track team tuned up for the upcoming '87 season last Saturday night at RPI. The meet was non-scoring, there were no relays, and each athlete was allowed to compete in just two events instead of three. As a result, the meet would seem pointless, but the Eagles used it as a chance to showcase their multiple talents to twelve other area schools.

The girl's distance contingent has been strong for many years now, and, for once, they are joined by a talented boy's distance crew, even without Mark LeBeau, the outdoor 800-meter state champion last year. Both boys and girls had extremely successful cross-country seasons under John Nyilis, and the girls capped it off with a trip to the State Meet.

Kathy Saba, a tough freshman runner from that same Sectional championship team, placed second in the 1000 at the league meet in 3:15.3 behind the seemingly immortal Chrissy Smith of Guilderland. Juniors Brendan Kears and Brendan Mitchell also ran the 1000; Kears was the overall winner in a blazing early season time of 2:46.1, and Mitchell placed third in his heat with a personal best.

Senior Dave DeCecco placed fifth in the 1600 in 4:46.6, and classmate Pete Winkler, a team co-captain, placed third in the 3200 in 10:20.0, another good early-season time. Junior Craig Isenberg, a five-year veteran of the area running scene, ran a smooth 10:24.2 en route to a fourth in the 3200, and Kim Cornaire, a transfer from Averill Park, displayed some leg speed in the 600, which she won in 1:43.3.

Not only does the team have a solid distance crew, but its sprinters and middle-distance runners are looking better than in recent years. Senior co-captain Anne Carey, a standout since eighth-grade in hurdling and middle-distance events, tried her hand in the 1500 where she placed third in 5:06.2 behind Smith and the experienced Vicki Dorety of Duaneburg. She

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also won the 50 meter hurdles in 7.5 seconds, tying her best.

Classmate Jen Engstrom ran a 9.1 in that event to finish fourth. Mark Freeman ran a 1:36.6 in the 600 to place third in his heat, and freshman Andy Nelson showed that BC has a bright future by running a respectable 1:43.9 in the same event.

Senior co-captain Bob Colquhoun and junior Connie Pogue have been setting the track on fire for two years now, and they continued to do so at Saturday's meet. Colquhoun won his heat of the 300 in 39.7, and placed first overall in the 45 with a speedy 5.66 clocking. Pogue's evening went much the same way, as she reset her own school record in the 300 with a quick time of 44.9. She also won the 45 in 6.3 seconds.

Things are looking up in the field events also. Junior co-captain Kelly Ross, who has seen numerous State Meets and reigns as Section II's premier high jumper, cleared 5 feet even — excellent by most people's standards but sub-par for her — and placed first in that event. Senior Russell Ruckterstuhl represents Bethlehem's first bona-fide shot putter in many years, and he will be joined this season by Dave Brown, also a senior. In Saturday's meet Ruckterstuhl placed third, just 1/2 inch out of second, with a throw of 40 feet 7 1/2 inches, resetting the indoor school record he chalked up the previous week at Union College's Christmas Rush. Sophomore Judy Stasack will throw for the girls, and she placed fourth with a heave of 24 feet 11 inches.

The triple jump was not contested Saturday, and sophomore Steve Connolly will do the honors in that event, where he has proven himself to be a 40-foot jumper.

This year's squad is instructed by third-year coach Ron Cameron

and Sue Schaeffer, the women's cross-country coach at the College of St. Rose. Cameron has an eventful track career dating back to high school, where he also wrestled. At the 1876 NCAA Division III Nationals, he beat 1984 Olympic champion Edwin Moses in the semi-finals of the 400-meter hurdles. Through a noble feat in any case, there is a slight catch. In a driving rain storm on a flooded track, Cameron came up on Moses in the final stretch, and as Moses looked back he nailed the next hurdle and Cameron went on to win the heat.

With talented athletes under experienced coaching, this year's team should fare very well against the local competition. Their next meet is Jan. 6 at the Washington Avenue Armory, where quick times are rare because of the wooden surface.

BC will face Albany High, Burnt Hills, Colonie, Fonda and LaSalle at this meet.

Birds 2-1 in league

The Voorheesville Varsity wrestling team suffered a tough defeat to rival Ravena last Tuesday, 37-31. Voorheesville fell to 2-1 in league play and 4-2 overall.

The winners for the Blackbirds were Christian Clark, Pat Ryan, Chris Dell'Acqua, Jason Depasqual, Paul Novac and John Traudt. In Voorheesville's lightest weight class, Clark brought his sixth win of the season with an 11-0 victory. His record of six wins and no losses is very respectable, especially for an eighth grader on the varsity level.

Pat Ryan won by a pin to

remain undefeated. His record is now 5-0-1, and he has been a key to the Blackbirds four successes this season. Chris Dell'Acqua also won his match by a pin. Jason Depasqual handily defeated his opponent 11-2 which gave the Voorheesville crowd something to cheer about. Paul Novac pinned his opponent, for another important victory, and Paul Novac and John Traudt also posted wins.

The Blackbirds next match is Tuesday at the the Queensbury tournament. Although they lost to Ravena, the Blackbirds should come back strong.

Tree downed

A blue spruce tree on University St. was cut down by a saw between Sunday and Monday, apparently for use as someone's Christmas tree, Bethlehem Police reported.

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(December 31, 1986)

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS, TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 23, 1986
(December 31, 1986)

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
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there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, on December 23, 1986 Local Law No. 1 of 1987 Regulating the Sale, Installation and Maintenance of Burglar, Fire and Other Emergency Alarms in the Town of Bethlehem.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK

Dated: December 23, 1986
(December 31, 1986)

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Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
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(December 31, 1986)

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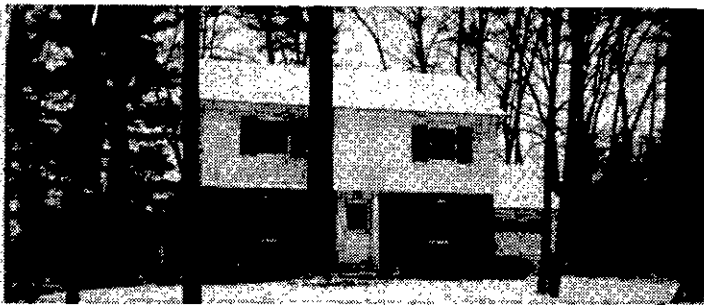
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OBITUARIES

Helen Ethel Wilt

Helen Ethel Wilt, 73, of Slingerlands, a former service assistant with American Telephone & Telegraph Co., died Friday, Dec. 19.

Born in New York City, she was a resident of Slingerlands for about eight years.

She worked as a service assistant for AT&T for 42 years.

She was a former communicant of St. Gerard's Magella Church in Hollis, Queens.

She was the wife of the late Henry Wilt.

Her survivors include two sons, Gerald Wilt of Slingerlands and Robert Wilt of Albany; a sister, Beatrice Freda of Long Island; and a brother, Charles Fuller of Maine.

Burial was in Pine Lawn Memorial Park, Long Island. Arrangements were by Chicorelli Funeral Home of Albany.

Norris Ackert

Norris A. Ackert Sr., 65, of Schoolhouse Rd., North Bethlehem, a veteran of World War II, died Sunday, Dec. 21, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Saugerties, he was a resident of the area for most of his life.

He was a bodyshop manager at Marshall's Garage in Ravena, and retired in 1984 after 40 years there.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Fourth Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. He was a long-time member of the Menands Post 5989 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His survivors include his wife, Geraldine Mosall Ackert; five daughters, Geraldine Wigand of Schenectady, Michelle Ackert of Schenectady, Linda Guzzo of Schenectady, Diana Morgan of San Antonio, Texas, and Carol Ackert of San Antonio; and a son, Norris A. Ackert Jr. of Coeymans Hollow. Also, his mother, Mabel Ackert of Albany; a sister, Ethel Travis of Stillwater; two brothers, Thomas Davenport of Seekonk, Mass., and Alfred R. Davenport of Albany; and 17 grandchildren.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie. Arrangements were by the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home of Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Hospital for Children, Memphis, Tenn., 38101.

Irene Sibilla

Irene A. Sibilla, 82, of Village Green Apartments, died Sunday, Dec. 21, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a short illness.

She was a resident of Delmar for 11 years. She was born in Lowell, Mass., and lived in New York City most of her life.

She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens and the American Association of Retired Persons.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar and a member of the Altar-Rosary Society.

Her survivors include a daughter, Anne Louise Rizzuto of Delmar; a son, John P. Sibilla of Suffern; and eight grandchildren.

Burial was in Gates of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne. Arrangements were by the Scarr Funeral Home of Suffern.

Contributions can be made to the Guiding Eyes for the Blind, care of the Sibilla family, 49 Westgate Rd., Suffern.

Catherine Wallace

Catherine M. Wallace, 77, a longtime resident of Feura Bush, died Monday, Dec. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Albany, she lived in Feura Bush for more than 30 years.

She was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Her survivors include her husband, LeRoy Wallace; a daughter, Catherine Perrault of Feura Bush; two sons, John W. Caswell of Feura Bush and Robert J. Caswell of Averill Park; a sister, Rachel Snyder of Rensselaer; a brother, William Monroe of Clarksville; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands. Arrangements were by the Hearley and Son Funeral Home of Albany.

Richard Storm

Richard Peter Storm, 82, of Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville, died Thursday, Dec. 25, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

A native of Holland, he was a longtime resident of Clarksville.

He was a stevedore at the Port of Albany for 45 years, retiring in 1976. He was also a member of the Longshoreman's Union Local 1294.

His survivors include his wife, Mildred McDermott Storm; a daughter, Caroline Fiocco of Rensselaer; four sons, Lawrence C. Storm Sr. of Clarksville, Sherman Storm of Coeymans, Robert R. Storm of Clarksville, and Richard Wright of East Berne; three brothers, Peter

Storm of Clarksville, Henry Storm of Florida and Marty Storm of Florida; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie. Arrangements were by the Meyer's Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Clarksville Community Church or the Onesquethaw Fire Co. of Clarksville.

Joseph Talimo

Joseph Talimo, 86, of Greenleaf Dr., a longtime resident of Elmsmere, died Friday, Dec. 26, at the Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Italy.

He was a laborer with the Carpenter's Union Local 190.

He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church of Delmar.

His survivors include his wife, Ernestine Quenneville Talimo; two sisters, Rose Talimo of Albany, and May Talimo of Albany; and two brothers, Matthew Talimo of Albany and John Talimo of Albany.

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Maude Dougherty

Maude Dillard Dougherty, 88, of Feura Bush, died Sunday, Dec. 21.

She was born in Virginia, and had also lived in Albany.

She was a homemaker and the wife of the late James Dougherty.

Survivors include a son, James Dougherty, M.D., of Feura Bush; a sister, Sarah Penick of South Boston, Va.; a brother, Magruder Dillard of Pauley's Island, S.C.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Meyer's Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the James Mason Dougherty Memorial Library Fund of the Albany Medical College.

On college trip

Mark Davitt of Delmar, a senior accounting major at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., recently attended a college-sponsored career trip to New York City. Davitt and other students met with corporate representatives and St. Michael's alumni working in the city.

Davitt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Davitt of Delmar.

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Dec. 18	9:19 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 18	11:44 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Dec. 18	12:19 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 18	2:51 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Dec. 18	7:55 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Wires burning
Dec. 18	9:01 p.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Transform fire
Dec. 18	9:01 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Dec. 18	9:11 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Pole fire
Dec. 18	9:11 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Dec. 18	11:12 p.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Pole fire
Dec. 18	11:24 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto accident
Dec. 19	12:12 a.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Tree fire
Dec. 19	12:19 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Maternity
Dec. 19	12:44 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 19	1:30 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Dec. 19	2:53 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 19	2:53 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Dec. 19	6:18 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Pole fire
Dec. 19	6:18 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Dec. 19	7:19 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Tree fire
Dec. 19	8:01 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 19	8:02 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Dec. 19	8:04 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 19	8:04 a.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual aid
Dec. 19	8:04 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad 2	Standby
Dec. 21	12:54 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 21	2:52 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 21	3:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 21	5:04 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 21	8:51 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 22	8:16 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto accident
Dec. 22	9:36 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Dec. 22	1:14 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 23	6:48 p.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Wire burning
Dec. 23	6:48 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Dec. 24	9:55 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad 2	Respiratory distress

The Elsmere Fire Dept. drill team, The Wanderers, will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Jan. 11, beginning at 8 a.m.

Heads Princeton daily

Julie Ann Sosa, a Princeton University junior and a resident of Delmar, has been named chairman of *The Daily Princetonian*, regarded as the highest elective post in the undergraduate body of 4,200 students.

Her election was announced after the governing board of the 112-year-old campus newspaper had concluded a 25-hour marathon session in which seven candidates were considered. The newspaper reported that the selection was made on the sixth ballot.

Sosa, 20, will take over the newspaper's top position at the beginning of the fall semester of her senior year next September. As a freshman she was one of the first members of her class to be named to the *Daily Princetonian* staff, and as a sophomore she was awarded the paper's top writing prize.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Sosa was president of her class for the last three years of high school and later was elected permanent president of the BC Class of 1984. She was treasurer of the student senate and served four years as a high school correspondent for *The Spotlight*. During her last two years in high school she held a part-time position on the *Spotlight* news staff, working weekends and summer vacations. She also



Julie Ann Sosa

served for three years as student representative on the Town of Bethlehem Youth Advisory Council on Substance Abuse.

At Princeton she is majoring in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and is enrolled in a pre-medical program. She is undergraduate chairman of the university's Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, a member of the Course of Study Committee, an Orange Key campus guide and a two-year member of the badminton team.

A native of Montreal, Que., she has lived in Delmar since 1971. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Julio Sosa.

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On the record

Editor, The Spotlight:

To set the record straight the "Omission an insult" item published in *Vox Pop* Dec. 24 neglected to show that Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion, was represented at the Dec. 1 public meeting for input for the Bethlehem Central School District search for a superintendent.

The representative was there at the authorization of the Post Commander Thomas L. Frazier. That representative announced at the meeting that Blanchard Post was being represented because another Post member had expressed concern that the post was not mentioned in a published article that community organizations had been invited to participate in the on-going search program.

Less than a dozen individuals were at the Dec. 1 gathering. It would have been one less had not the Post representative been present. It was not publicly reported that the school district consultant, Dr. James O'Connell, expressed regret that a formal invitation was not sent to Blanchard Post, and other organizations, for their input.

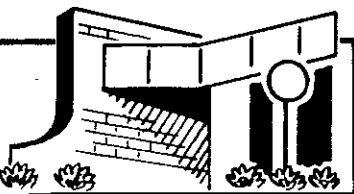
Had they something to contribute to the effort in the search for a new superintendent it would have served the community well for the "name submitted" author of the Dec. 24 *Vox Pop* letter and other so inclined to take the time and effort to present themselves at meetings of such importance. I was there on behalf of Blanchard Post and spoke my personal thoughts since there was no specific input for the meeting given to me.

Alexander J. Woehrl

Delmar

Check It Out

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Library's Media Center will inaugurate several new services in the new year. The Center will begin its monthly Monday Movie Break with a series of entertaining and thought-provoking contemporary short films on the theme "Remembering our Roots/Celebrating our Legacies." Each exquisitely photographed film explores our history and way of life.

"The Shakers" and "Mirror of America," the U.S. of 1914-1921 will be shown on Monday, Jan. 5, at 3 p.m. The program is free and refreshments will be served. History buffs, film fans and anyone who wants to learn more about our past is welcome. Other films in the series will be shown on Monday Feb. 9, March 2 and April 6.

The Media Center now has compact discs available for circulation. CD's are causing a lot of excitement among music fans. Their sound quality is superb and, since they are played by a laser, they are not subject to damage like a conventional recording. They should, however, be kept clean and free from fingerprints and debris, but they are easy to maintain.

The Media Center's collection is growing and has all different types of music, from jazz, to symphonies. The Center also has a basic compact disc player equipped with headphones for anyone interested in trying this new, exciting form of sound reproduction.

Many library users already know about and use the Media Center's free circulating video cassette collection. Now a portable VHS video cassette player is also available for circulation. The player can be used with most home television sets and comes with complete instructions. Residents of the Bethlehem Central School District and the Town of Bethlehem over the age of 18 who

are library card holders may borrow this player for one day at a time.

Beginning in February the Media Center will have supplementary material for use with the Bethlehem Channel's "Sign Language: An Introductory Course." The series is taught by Lori Wasserstrom of Delmar. Word lists, finger spelling exercises, and later, video tapes of the lessons, will be available to help students learn this valuable skill.

The six-part program is being rebroadcast by popular demand. Instructor Wasserstrom has wide-ranging experience using American sign language. She began studying sign language while attending Bethlehem Central High School and is now a certified interpreter. She received her certification from the State University at Albany in 1985. She has worked as an interpreter on a free lance basis and with individual hearing impaired students at Junior College of Albany. Lori has assisted applicants taking Civil Service Exams and was an interpreter for the deaf at St. Thomas Church in Delmar for several years.

For more information on these or other Media Center services call 439-9314.

Music til midnight

On New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m. the Canadian Brass will perform at the Palace Theatre in Albany. The concert will include music by Purcell, Handel, Vivaldi, Henderson, Kompaned and P.D.Q. Bach.

Immediately following the concert, a New Year's Eve Gala, sponsored by Vanguard-Albany Symphony, will be held in the Well of the Legislative Office Building. The dinner-dance will feature a silent auction, entertainment by the Arthur Murray Dancers and music by Doc Scanlon's Band.

Concert tickets range from \$12 to \$21 and are available at the Palace Theatre box office (465-4663), Records 'n' Such, Frame of Mind and the Troy Music Hall box office. Gala tickets are available for \$60 by calling the Albany Symphony at 465-4755.

Musician is Kids' Fare

Paul Strausman, a children's recording artist, will open the 1987 season of Kids' Fare with a concert at the Albany Hilton, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, on Sunday, Jan. 4, beginning at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children. For information call Ric Chesser at 482-2826.

Beverly Hills guest

Frank T. Goggin of Feura Bush and his guest have been invited to spend New Year's Eve as guests of Fred J. Hayman, chairman of Giorgio, Beverly Hills. Goggin may attend a celebration for Giorgio's premier float entry in the Tournament of Roses on New Year's Day. Goggin won the trip through a contest held at Filenes, Crossgate Mall.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Sherman

Long Island wedding

Audrey Ellen Nicoll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Nicoll of Bayville, Long Island, and Andrew B. Sherman, son of Mrs. Nancy Sherman of Glenmont and Jerry Sherman of Phoenix, Ariz., were married Oct. 4 at the Village Church, Bayville, Long Island, with the Rev. Florence Eddins officiating.

Mrs. Janet Pippitt and Mrs. Barbara Garlick, sisters of the bride, were matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Sally Sherman, sister of the groom, Ruth Blankschen and Nancy Smith. Charles Herel was best man.

Ushers were William Witsleben, Brian Burns, Michael Gebhard and Patrick Cuzzola.

The bride is a graduate of Locust Valley High School and the State University College at Plattsburgh. She is a registered nurse at Albany Medical Center Hospital. The bridegroom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Plattsburgh, is employed at National Savings Bank in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Acapulco, the couple will reside in Watervliet.



Mr and Mrs. Martin Davidson

Wendy Kleinhans married

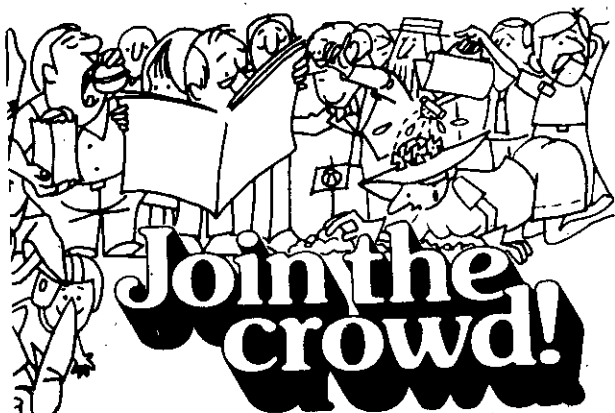
Wendy Susan Kleinhans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kleinhans of Delmar, and Martin Alan Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger C. Davison of Selkirk, were married Oct. 11 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Lisa Kleinhans, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lori Kleinhans and Lynda Kleinhans, sisters of the bride, Kathy Davidson, sister of the groom, Faith Kleinhans, sister-in-law of the bride, and Debbie Palermo. Dennis Davison

was best man; and, ushers were David Dennison, brother of the groom, Wayne Kleinhans, brother-in-law of the bride, Brian Dillon, Brian Winne and Don Guilboard.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a claims coder for Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield. The bridegroom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is an apparel manager at the Glenmont K-Mart.

The couple took a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and plans to reside in Glenmont.



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Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rukwid

Delmar wedding

Diane Rose Geraci, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Geraci of Schenectady, and Scott Rukwid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rukwid, Sr. of Elsmere, were married on Oct. 19 in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar.

The bride is a graduate of Linton High School and attended Siena College.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University at Oneonta. He is employed by First Albany Corp. in Albany. The couple will reside in Schenectady.

Steinberg-Scribner

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Steinberg of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Christopher Scribner, son of Mrs. Dorothy Maher of White Plains and the late Peter Scribner.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Tufts University, is working toward a master's degree in social work and business at the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of Business. Her fiancé, a graduate of Earlham College, is earning a doctorate in psychology at the University of Tennessee.

An August wedding is planned.



Mr and Mrs. James Brennan

Lisa Hamill married

Lisa M. Hamill, daughter of Thomas and Alice Hamill of Delmar, and James Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brennan of Syracuse, were married Oct. 25 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Nancy Hamill was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Hamill, Millie Brennan, Bridget Hamill, Rhonda Roberts and Cynthia Herubin. James Daniszewski was best man. Donald Murphy, Donald McCarthy, Joe Brennan, John Brennan, Frank Watson, Mike Hamill and Tom Hamill served as ushers.

The bride, a graduate of LeMoyne College, is director of

employee relations for the Jewish Home of Central New York. The bridegroom, also a graduate of LeMoyne College, is data control coordinator for Empire Blue Cross in Syracuse.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Syracuse.

SADD aiding dance

Bethlehem Central Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) is assisting Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited in planning a New Year's Eve dance. All high school students are invited to the celebration to be held at Bethlehem Central High School from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$3 from any SADD member.

Bethlehem's SADD chapter has sponsored a variety of events and public announcements to stress moderation and the use of judgement. Recently, members of the group, in cooperation with Pepsico, presented an "Amber Lights" program for the freshman and sophomore classes.

Cherry Hill calendar

Historic Cherry Hill, celebrating its 200th anniversary in 1987, is offering a calendar that "is an album of family life in Albany."

The calendar, nine by 12 inches, has a nine by 24 inch pull out documentary centerfold that can be displayed as a poster. Fifty illustrations — many never before published — have been carefully reproduced from the originals in the Cherry Hill archives.

From the delicately painted miniature portrait of Philip Van Rensselaer to a snapshot of his great-great-grandsons about to leave for World War I, Historic Cherry Hill has searched its collection of rare Van Rensselaer family documents — personal letters, diaries, and photograph albums — for the attractive 1987 commemorative wall calendar.

Blood pressure clinic

A free blood pressure clinic will be held at Brooks Drug Store, Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, on Friday, Jan 9, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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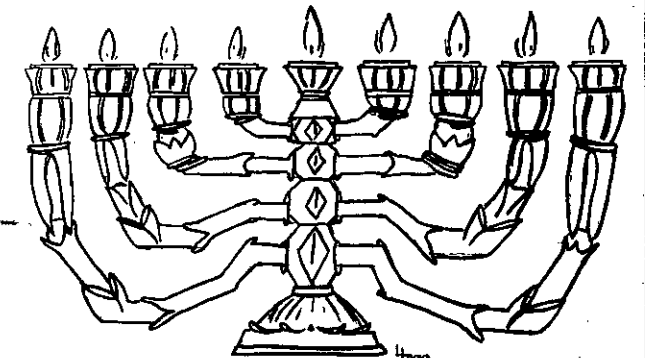
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