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**KEEPING WARM WITH WOOD**— Doug Vetting of Roselle stirs the ashes in his pot-bellied stove. Vetting got a permit to burn wood in the vintage heater from his local building inspector, Frank Belluscio. He also went beyond the required safety specifications, installing a brick fireproof wall before putting in his stove. (Photo by Roy Graves)

## Inspectors have final say on hearths

By DANIEL P. JONES  
If you are considering installing a wood-burning stove or fireplace, you should know that safety requirements may vary from town to town. Putting in an alternate heating source may be a bigger project in your town than in a neighboring community.

The state adopted strict Building Officials Code Administrator (BOCA) regulations last year that require stoves and fireplaces to meet certain specifications.

The BOCA code reads in part, "Approved factory-built fireplaces may be installed and shall conform to the applicable portions of this code." The operative word above is "may."

Local building inspectors differ in their interpretations of code requirements.

Homeowners who are burning wood without a permit may be taking a risk, putting both lives and property in danger.

"I think that for every permit issued in this area, there are probably one or two stoves or fireplaces going in without permits," Fire Marshall Gerard Richelo of Springfield said. "Homeowners are being extremely foolish in not taking the expert advice of building and fire inspectors," he added.

A municipal building inspector goes by the recommendations of the fire inspector, and both officials are licensed by the state.

The greatest interest shown in wood-burning stoves and fireplaces in the past two years was in Springfield. The township's figure more than doubled, and the town had the greatest number of permits of area municipalities in both 1978 and 1979.

Harry Kolb, the Springfield building inspector, issued 24 permits to homeowners in 1978. Last year, 53 homeowners received permits, according to Kolb.

In Springfield, Richelo is more lenient than inspectors from other

towns. "Many of the things being required are unreasonable," the fire marshal said.

"I do one thing which is unreasonable, myself," Richelo said. He insists that the homeowner seeking a permit install a smoke detector. BOCA does not require a smoke detector.

In Linden, the number of permits issued by Chester Chrobak quadrupled during the past year. In 1978 there were five permits given to homeowners. In 1979 the number of permits issued was about 20, according to Linden's building inspector.

In Roselle, Frank Belluscio issued about 15 permits in 1979. Most of them were for woodburning stoves, while most of the permits issued in Linden were for fireplaces.

"There were only five or six permits given out in 1978. The price of oil is causing the rise," the Roselle building inspector said.

Union had a constant figure for the two years. Building Inspector Salvatore Mauro said he issued 15 permits in 78 and 15 in '79.

The reason for the relatively low numbers in Union can be attributed to the fact that Mauro is the strictest inspector around. He said he will not issue a permit unless the stove or fireplace is installed with a masonry chimney.

Mauro said he will not issue permits for metal chimneys for the following reasons: Toxic chemicals from flames may eat away the metal; creosote from certain kinds of wood, which can be ignited by a spark, adheres to metal chimneys better than to masonry chimneys and wind or deteriorating wood may cause a metal chimney to move, creating a fire hazard near a ceiling or floor.

"Green wood is sometimes burned and creosote and soot builds up. Unburned particles stick to flue linings and can cause fires," Roselle Fire Capt. Edward O'Grady said.

## Precautions stop fires

"Will we have a rash of fires caused by wood-burning stoves and fireplaces?" asks Roselle Fire Capt. Edward O'Grady. "Probably, we will," he says, "because we have a new generation of people buying, installing and maintaining them."

According to state fire officials and the NFPA in Boston, the following safety precautions should be observed when installing a wood-burning stove or fireplace:

—Stoves should be 36 inches away from combustible materials, side and back walls. Carpets, pillows, furniture, papers and spare wood should be kept away from the fireplace area.

—A fireproof pad under the stove is essential. The pad should be made of 24-gauge metal or 1/4-inch asbestos millboard. The intense heat of a stove has been known to burn a hole through a floor, dropping the stove to the floor below, according to O'Grady.

—The factory-built stove or fireplace must bear the approval

seal of Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), the NFPA or another recognized testing lab.

—If you are buying an old pot-bellied, square or Ben-Franklin stove, examine it for cracks, loose hinges and legs, missing grates, and malfunctioning louvers and dampers.

—When building a fire, use a layer of sand as a base. Cover the sand with cold ashes and ignite a few small sticks with scraps of paper. Use a match; never use kerosene or gasoline.

—Do not overload the fireplace with wood. When kindling is ignited, add dry hardwood, a few pieces at a time. Never use damp or green wood.

—Never leave a fire unattended or allow it to burn overnight.

—Don't burn coal in a wood-burning stove or wood in a coal stove. Do not use artificial logs in a wood-burning stove, because they burn too hot.

DANIEL P. JONES

# Council advised of ways residents can fight crime

By SAM FINNELL  
Police Commissioner Abe Suckno Tuesday night released a statement at Tuesday night's Mountainside Borough Council meeting outlining the role residents can play in the curbing of burglaries in the borough. The statement emphasized that suburban communities are prime targets for burglaries because of the high prices of gold and silver.

Following is the text of that release. "The Mountainside Police Department in response to the increase in burglaries, commonly known as break and entries, in the suburban communities, wishes to enlighten the residents of their responsibility in the prevention of property-related crimes.

"The citizens, working with the police department, can be a very effective force in deterring and eliminating the opportunity to commit burglaries. Sound residential security procedures and good locks are a deterrent to eliminate the opportunity for an easy burglary. Any delay a burglar encounters attempting to enter a

residence increases the risk of being apprehended.

"It is with this in mind that the police department is soliciting the public's cooperation to reduce the chance of a house's being burglarized, especially during these times when the prices of gold and silver are at an all-time high.

"The residents should seek the assistance of the police department to reduce the chances of being burglarized. There are many ideas that can be utilized to reduce the opportunity of a residence's being burglarized. The police department has trained officers who will be glad to assist any resident by making recommendations to protect his property.

"There are many preventive measures that can be taken by the homeowner, such as using sound locking devices, using identification marks on property, and giving the appearance of someone's being at home. The most important deterrent is that the police department be notified immediately of any unusual activities,

such as a stranger ringing the doorbell, a strange vehicle parked in the street or in the neighbor's driveway, someone seeking assistance for a vehicle and wanting to make use of a telephone. There are numerous reasons a burglar will use in order to burglarize a home. "When something suspicious or unusual occurs, immediately notify the police department, and stay on the telephone and give the police whatever information is necessary to ensure a quick response.

"Any information, such as a description of the individual, make of the vehicle or direction of travel would be helpful in the apprehension of the individual.

"It is only through the combined cooperation of the citizens and the police that we can continue to maintain the high degree of safety for the community."

In other Tuesday night business, the council introduced an ordinance designed to allow easier exiting from the Children's Specialized Hospital. The measure would restrict parking on

New Providence Road near the hospital exit.

The ordinance was drawn up in response to complaints from persons who use the driveway that the parked cars on either side of the exit impair the drivers' view of traffic on the roadway. Robert Koser, borough engineer, told the board he thought the signs should cover 75 feet on either side of the driveway, which is on the north side of New Providence Road.

Councilman Suckno questioned restricting parking "piecemeal" and suggested a survey on the feasibility of eliminating parking on the section of road from Mountain Avenue to Route 22.

The council also passed a resolution to appropriate more than \$13,000 to the temporary budget to purchase two police patrol cars. One car would replace an older vehicle. Adding the other vehicle to the force, said Suckno, will allow for service of patrol cars, while still leaving three vehicles available for patrol. One vehicle could

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**NEW HORIZONS**—Youngsters at the Mountainside Public Library listen wide-eyed as children's librarian Maryann Sheehan begins new series of children's story hours. Story time, for children 3 1/2 to 5, also features songs, filmstrips and



games. Shown, from left, are Katherine Wyckoff, James Forker and Kathleen Attenasio (at rear), Ronnie Heymann, Chris Gigantino and Sarah Relick. (Photos by Jan Queen)

## Dear mom and dad, about school and all...

Parents of some seventh-grade English students in Mountainside received more than their children's grades at the end of the second marking period.

Students in two of Dr. Debbie Clifford's classes at the Deerfield School were asked to compose a kind of cover letter to their parents to accompany their report card.

"I hoped for the letters to help kids know where they stand in terms of being a student of English and in terms of being a person," Clifford said.

The project began with asking her students to make some notes about their strengths, weaknesses and how they could improve their performance.

She then reviewed those notes, making suggestions where she thought necessary. The students wrote the letters from these notes. Clifford did not edit the letters, she said.

She also said the letters provided a chance for the students to practice expressing themselves by using the letter format and to communicate with their parents about school work. The letters give the students a particular direction toward improvement they can concentrate on, Clifford explained.

"I am definitely going to do it with other classes," she said. "Some of the students felt it was helpful. I didn't hear

anything negative." No student complained that the exercise was not graded, she added.

She did say, however, that she had hoped more parents would have given her some feedback about the letters, even though she did not specifically ask the parents to respond. Only one student's parent commented to her about the letter, she said.

### VFW program on heart care

A program sponsored by the VFW, "Can Caring for Your Heart Make a Difference?" will be held today at 7:30 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside, House Lane and Deer Path.

The program will be presented by medical and nursing professionals of Elizabeth General Hospital.

## Skiing, skating trips planned for February

Skiing and roller skating are both on the February Mountainside Recreation Commission calendar.

A roller skating trip is set for Wednesday, Feb. 20, and a ski trip to Camelback in the Poconos is scheduled for Feb. 21.

The roller skating trip is for those in the third grade and above. The registration fee is \$3.50 per person and includes bus transportation to the Livingston Roller Rink, admission and skate rental. The bus will leave Deerfield School at 1:15 p.m. and return at 5:30 p.m.

The Camelback ski trip is for those in the eighth grade and above. Seventh-graders and younger may

participate if accompanied by an adult. The registration fee is \$16 per person, which includes bus transportation and lift ticket. Rentals and lessons are available. First-day-on-skis packages are available for \$26 and \$29. Specific information on the packages is available at the Recreation Office.

The bus for the ski trip will leave Deerfield School at 6:15 a.m. and return at 7 p.m.

Registrations for both trips are being accepted at the recreation office. All registrations are on a first come, first served basis, and payment must accompany registration.

The recreation office is open weekdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

## Little League signups scheduled for Feb. 2, 9

Registration for the 27th year of Mountainside Little League baseball will be held Feb. 2 and 9 only, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria.

Any child who will be eight years of age or older by July 31 is eligible to enroll as a player, and any youngster of

at least Pony League age may apply to umpire.

Registration fee will be \$20 for the first child, \$15 for the second and \$10 for each thereafter. There will be no uniform deposit. Applicants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The league will require parent participation for a maximum of two hours during the season in any of the following areas: fieldwork, painting, paper-drive, ad-book, dance, coaching, or fund drive.

Further information is available from Hank von Der Linden at 233-1328, or any board member.

### Chief in hospital

Mountainside Police Chief Edward Mullin was listed in critical condition yesterday in the coronary care unit of Overlook Hospital, Summit. Mullin entered the hospital Sunday at 2 p.m., according to a hospital spokesperson.



**CHESS MATES**—Ready to make his next move is fifth-grade chess enthusiast Don Kuczera, at right, one of a number of Deerfield School students who use before-school time to develop logic and reasoning skills through chess in the Media Center. Looking on are Kevin Laurent, at left, Geoffrey von der Linden, and parent volunteer and chess expert Connie Morton. Mrs. Morton gives the players strategy pointers on a weekly basis.



HEART MONTH — Freeholder Rose Marie Sinnott presents the Union County Board of Freeholders resolution designating February as Heart Month to Dudley A. Roberts, M.D., president of the American Heart Association-Union County Chapter.

### Freeholders designate February Heart Month

Under the leadership of Freeholder Rose Marie Sinnott, the Union County Board of Freeholders recently approved a resolution designating February "Heart Month." Sinnott, of Summit, has been named chairman of the 1980 fund drive of the Heart Association. She will direct a volunteer force of 2,000 who will work door-to-door throughout the county to raise money for the chapter's programs. Sinnott has been active in Heart Fund work for many years, serving as a member of the Union County Chapter

Board of Directors, and chairman and treasurer of the New Providence Heart Fund. She has been chairman of the county Heart Fund drive for the last four years. "I am honored to be chairman for a fund drive as important as the Heart Association, and urge everyone to support it," she said. Sinnott was elected to her first full term on the Board of Freeholders in November 1975. She is a graduate of Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y. "We are very pleased to have someone who is so highly respected in the community and who has worked so

hard for us for so many years as chairman of our 1980 fund drive. We are sure it will be a success with Mrs. Sinnott as chairman," Dr. Roberts said. Sinnott stated, "The number of deaths caused by heart and blood vessel diseases, particularly heart attack and stroke, is overwhelming. They claim over one million lives a year. Heart attack alone will kill more than 160,000 in 1980. In Union County, more than 54 percent of all deaths are due to heart and blood vessel diseases, compared with 52 percent nationally. This is

unacceptable, and that's why I'm calling on all to help us in our fight to save lives from, still, America's number one killer, heart disease. "The Union County Chapter of the American Heart Association is working hard to reduce these deaths." Commenting on one of the more ambitious programs, Sinnott added, "The Union County Chapter has been working for over two years to implement training programs in the life-saving techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in our county schools.

### Trialside lists tree program

"Winter Tree Walk," Sunday's Trailside show, will present methods of identifying trees. Combining a lecture, film and field trip, the program begins at 2 p.m. in the nature and science center, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Holly Hoffman, Trailside's director, will explain how to recognize trees by examining twigs and bark.

### Education unit set on cancer

In an effort to disseminate the latest information on cancer prevention, detection and treatment, the American Cancer Society has formed a professional education committee in Union County. Because the physician and other healthcare professionals play a major role in the control of cancer, the committee hopes to provide continuing updates on current concepts in cancer control.

In December, the committee sponsored an "ovarian cancer" conference for physicians in cooperation with Elizabeth General Hospital. Over 35 physicians attended the afternoon conference. "This first-time effort indicates interest within the physician community and paves the way for our committee to assume a professional education," said Dr. Elliott Fishkin, committee chairman. The unit also has an extensive list of literature and audio-visual materials available free of charge. These items outline the

services provided by the Union County unit as well as information on the various forms of cancer. In addition, public education materials are available for patient distribution. "We encourage all area health professionals to take advantage of our services and to become active in the committee's efforts," Dr. Fishkin said. Information on professional education materials is available at 354-7373 or 232-0641.

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### Ski tour, hike set Saturday

A 12-mile Mohonk Ski Tour is slated Saturday by the Union County Hiking Club. Leader Marge Seymour will meet skiers at the Suffern, (N.Y.) Police Station at 8:30 a.m. Dwight and Dot Berreman will lead the Knickerbocker Ice Hike Saturday Hikers, who are requested to bring lunch; will meet at the Hoboken ticket counter of the Lackawanna Railroad Station, located upstairs from the PATH station, at 10:10 a.m.

Additional information schedule can be obtained by calling 352-8431.

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**LIGHTING UP** — Mountainside volunteers decorate the borough's Christmas tree at the corner of Route 22 and New Providence Road. Shown are, from left, Lewis Strohmeier, Leroy Mumford, Frank Magnolia, Bill Whitbred, Walter Christoffers and, in rear, Bud Walls.

Funds for the project were donated by members, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Women's Club, Rotary Club and Lions Club. Anyone wishing to donate may call Strohmeier at 232-8797. (Photo by Eva Obermeyer)

### Marching band plans blow-out

Members of the Jonathan Dayton Marching Band will be honored at a covered dish supper tonight at the high school. The Band Parents Organization is host at the dinner to thank the students for the hours of work which led to the band's winning the Tournament of Bands Chapter V Championship, Class I.

Following the dinner, the band will present its annual December concert.

### Cleanup time: glass, papers

The Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Key Club will hold its twice-a-month Glass-In on Saturday. All residents of the area were urged to bring glass, sorted by color, with the metal rings removed from around the mouth of the bottles, and newspapers (tied in bundles), for recycling.

The Glass-In will be held in the high school parking lot from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### A holiday 'gift' idea—blood donors sought

Union County residents can donate a gift of life and health for the holiday season during a special blood drive tomorrow at Red Cross headquarters, 203 West Jersey St., Elizabeth, from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The special blood drive is an attempt to bring up the level of local donations, which have been dropping during the past two years because of resident "apathy," according to the Red Cross.

No appointment is needed for tomorrow's blood drive and locations of other area blood banks outside of Union County are available from the Red Cross at 353-2500.

Blood donations are needed especially before the coming holiday season and must-holiday weekends, when there are more emergency accidents and bloodmobile hours are cut, Overton said.

The amount of blood being given by Union County residents is becoming lower and lower, according to Peter W.

Overton, manager of the Union County chapter of the Red Cross. Two years ago, the Red Cross used to receive about 40 pints of blood per drive day; now it receives between six and 10 pints per day, he said.

"Alienation from one's neighbor is spreading," he said.

"Severe public apathy continues to deteriorate the position of the Red Cross in collecting voluntary blood"

because of a "lack of concern, for others," agreed Vera Maier, chairman of the local Red Cross blood program.

The Red Cross now must import about 35 percent of the blood used for medical purposes from Europe. About 5,500 pints of the 8,000 pints used annually in Union County donated by residents, Overton said. As a result, the Red Cross now requires that patients who receive blood must replace it, Overton said. That can be done by finding friend or relative to donate the blood, he said. Until now, the Red Cross has provided blood to anyone who needed it without that requirement, Maier said. She noted, however, that the Red Cross will continue to cover all individuals participating in the program, senior citizens and those unable to give blood, but in need of it. Another problem is receiving donations from unhealthy specimens. Overton cited an example of a New Years Day in Lowell, Mass., when a number of people lined up to give blood, but most of it was unacceptable.

### Group seeking more vests aid

The Honorary Mountainside PBA 126 inaugurated a "Bulletproof Vest Fund Drive" in October for the purpose of raising monies to equip each member of its police force with a bulletproof vest. A spokesman said, "The fund drive has been successful but is still short of its goal, and it is hoped that those who were of a mind to contribute and who have not yet done so will do so in December."

Businesses and individuals were requested to send their donations to the Honorary Mountainside PBA, Local 126, Vest Fund, 895 Mountain Ave., Mountainside, 07092.

### Board votes on migrant pay pact

The board voted 4-1 for migrants.

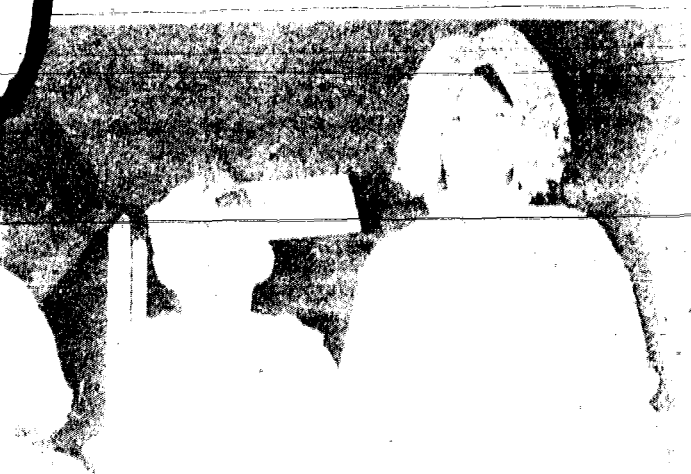
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The controversial application again involved Clifford, who has asked for money to put on another musical show this year. Board member Pat Knodel mentioned that the migrants originally were to be used for innovative programs.

"It bothers me to see the money for the play come out of the migrants, however, I have no objection to the play," she said.

The vote to table the request was 4-1, Barre dissenting.



Costumes for the Beechwood School holiday play. From left, Scott Boyd and Jennifer Garippa. The play will be performed Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school. (Photo by Ruth Townsend)

### Roller skating sessions planned

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### 'Grandmother's' book on view

An exhibit of photographs, costumes, posters, books and regalia which represent historical costumes as social history is on display at the Free Public Library of Mountainside, through Jan. 3. Featured in "Grandmother's Trunk: Costume as Social History," are costumes for mothers and children from approximately 1890-1920, selected in honor of The International Year of the Child.

Two films on Costume as Social History will be shown next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. At that time all of the items from the exhibit will be on display, and books and bibliographies will also be available.

The display and films are part of the project, "Ways of Knowing: The Humanities in New Jersey."

### Holiday deadlines

This newspaper has instituted 5 p.m. Wednesday deadlines for material intended for the Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 issues because printing schedules will be disrupted by the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

All organizational, social and other material meant for the Dec. 27 issue must be submitted by this coming Wednesday, Dec. 19; all material for Jan. 3, by Wednesday, Dec. 26.



**DEERFIELD PROGRAM**—Patty Kelly, on the alto sax, and Judy Geiger, on clarinet, will be among Deerfield School students participating in a traditional holiday musical program to be presented next Thursday at 1:30 and 8 p.m. in the school. Participating will be the fourth- and fifth-grade choir, the sixth-grade choir, the mixed chorus, and the seventh and eighth-grade chorus, and the Deerfield Advanced Band.



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MR. AND MRS. EGERMANN

### Jane Keebler is married in Pennsylvania

Jane H. Keebler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keebler of Hatboro, Pa., was married Nov. 11 to Kenneth C. Egermann, son of Mr. Fred Egermann of Toms River, and the late Mrs. Egermann.

The Rev. Robert Jones officiated at the ceremony in Jenkintown Methodist Church in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Nancy Hyde of Warminster, Pa. served as matron of honor.

Ross Caplan of Baldwin Harbor, N.Y., served as best man. Ushers were Andrew Jacobs of Livingston and Roger Jacobs of West Orange.

Mrs. Egermann, who was graduated from Lehigh Valley College, is a computer systems analyst for Prudential Insurance Co., Roseland.

Her husband who was graduated from Rutgers University, received a master's degree from the Rutgers Graduate School of Business. He is a computer systems engineer for Electronic Data Systems.

The newlyweds who took a honeymoon trip to Aruba, reside in Union.

### Heather Lee born to Schweighardt

A seven-pound, three-ounce daughter, Heather Lee Schweighardt, was born Dec. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schweighardt of Elizabeth.

Mrs. Schweighardt, the former Joan Foster, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foster of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schweighardt of Union.



LORI ALLEN

### Betrothal told of Lori Allen

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen of Mt. Vernon Road, Union, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to David W. Hefty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hefty of Newton, Pa.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union High School, attends Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., where she is majoring in early childhood education.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from Council Rock High School, Newton, also attends Messiah College, where he is majoring in accounting.

### Mr. Ottenstein to be married

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sara J. Regenthal, daughter of Mr. Frank Regenthal of Elizabeth, to Larry A. Ottenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ottenstein of Springfield, Miss Regenthal also is the daughter of the late Mrs. Betty L. Regenthal.

The bride-elect was graduated from LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Ill.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, attended Brookdale College, Lincroft. He is employed by White Power Files, Union.

A June, 1981 wedding is planned.

### Bowling party slated by PTA

Washington School PTA, Union, will hold its annual bowling party Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Four Seasons Bowling Alley, Union. Marge Frankovich, fundraising chairman, has announced that there will be a hot and cold buffet after the bowling games. Tickets are \$9 a person and may be purchased by calling Mrs. Frankovich at 686-0249.

It also was announced that the PTA's annual social function will be held March 14 at the Elks Club in Union.



LISA FAZZARI

### Lisa Fazzari to be married

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fazzari of Fairway Drive, Union, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Gordon Unger of San Jose, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Unger of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Mount St. Mary's Academy, North Plainfield, and East Stroudsburg St. College in Pennsylvania, is employed by Ronton Advertising Co., Union.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from East Stroudsburg St. College, received a master's degree at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. He is employed as an adaptive physical education teacher in San Jose.

An August wedding is planned at Braidburn Country Club, Florham Park.



DIANE BEACH

### Diane Beach plans nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Beach Jr. of Townley Avenue, Union, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Dr. Dennis E. Rice, DDS of Alexandria, Va., son of Mrs. Mary Rice of Parkersburg, W. Va., and the late Mr. Paul O. Rice. The announcement was made on Dec. 28.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union High School and West Virginia University, is a third year student at the West Virginia University Medical School. She will be graduated with a medical degree in May, 1981.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from West Virginia University School of Medicine and Dentistry, is a captain and dentist with the United States Air Force and is stationed at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

A summer wedding is planned.



ALISON WIRTH FRANK HELBIG

### Alison Wirth betrothal told

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wirth of Caldwell Avenue, Union, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alison, to Frank Helbig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Helbig of Livingston.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union High School, is employed by Chubb and Son, Inc., Summit.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from Bloomfield Technical High School and Union County Technical Institute, is employed by A.K. Stamping Co., Mountainside.

The couple plans to be married next year.



LINDA BUCCITELLI JOHN MCKENNA

### Date planned by Linda Buccitelli

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buccitelli of Biscayne Boulevard, Union, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to John McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McKenna of Webster, N.Y.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains and Boston College, received a master's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University, Mass. He attends Boston College Law School.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from Boston College, attends Duke University in North Carolina, where he is working toward a master's degree in business.

An August wedding is planned in St. Michael's Church, Union, with a reception at the Patrician, Livingston.

### Workshop meeting slated

Mrs. Donna Lynch, first vice-president of the Junior Woman's Club of Connecticut Farms, Union, has announced that a workshop meeting will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., Union. Mrs. Susan Benford and Mrs. Terry Cecil, state project chairmen, have arranged for a representative from the Hemophilia Association of New Jersey to attend the meeting. Hemophilia is the Junior department's state project for 1979-1980. The meeting also will feature Dick Swankie of Harrison, a cartoon creator and illustrator.

Mrs. Linda Stachelin, international relations chairman, has announced that international desserts will be served at the meeting, and members of the

### Festival of Belles scheduled Feb. 8

Mrs. Joan Hayes of Union and Betty Turick, committee chairmen for the "Festival of Belles," sponsored by the Parents' Club of Union Catholic Girls' High School, Scotch Plains, have announced that the card party and fashion show will be held at the school Friday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Louise Hamilton and Peggy Walsh will serve as co-chairmen. Models and fashions will be from Stan Sommers of Union. Proceeds will help defray educational expenses at the school. Ticket information may be obtained by calling the school at 889-1615 or Kathleen Melleky at 486-8639.

### Mothers Auxiliary to hold card party

A workshop was held recently by the Mothers Auxiliary of Seton Hall Preparatory School, South Orange, to make table decorations for the annual card party scheduled Friday, March 28, in the Galleon Room at Seton Hall University. Among the members participating were Mary Blake, Mildred Buerle, Eleanor McGee and Janice Simmons. Reservations for the party may be made by calling Neva Rathbun at 736-5666.

### Girl born to Stahls

A seven-pound, 11-ounce daughter, Danielle Rae Stahl, was born Nov. 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Stahl of Creston Avenue, Union. She joins a brother, Karl Thomas.

### Lori Michele born to Robert Tisches

A seven-pound, three-and-a-half-ounce daughter, Lori Michele Tisch, was born Dec. 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tisch of Maryland.

Mrs. Tisch, the former Carolyn Weaver, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver of Virginia. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Ann Tisch of Union and the late Mr. Harold N. Tisch.

### Fashion show set March 14

The Union County Chapter of the College of St. Elizabeth Alumnae Association will hold a dessert-fashion show March 14 at Mother Seton High School, Clark. It was announced at a recent committee meeting at the home of Mrs. John Manhardt of Clark, general chairman.

### Woman's Club of Connecticut Farms

Woman's Club of Connecticut Farms has been invited to attend. Additional information may be obtained by calling 687-2647. A state project window display will be featured next week at the Investors' Savings and Loan, Stuyvesant Avenue, Union.

### Mrs. Terry Leschinski, president

recently reported on her attendance at a presidents' council meeting in Verona of the Seventh District Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Marie Kaplan and Mrs. Lynn Zaleski, membership co-chairmen, recently welcomed new members. They were Dr. Sandra Kantorek and Mrs. Jane Brovsky, both of Union, and Suzanne Pennet of Elizabeth.

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# Tax forms for '79 include few changes

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Among the tax changes affecting the 1979 forms are several new items that will reduce taxes, and a few that will increase taxes. "Whether or not an individual will realize a tax reduction,"

explained Coleman, "will depend upon which of the new tax changes affects the individual, and whether or not income increased or decreased. In general, a person with the same income as last year who files the same type of tax form will pay less tax." The tax brackets have been widened to reduce the chance of inflationary increases in income pushing an individual into a higher bracket.

The personal exemption allowed each

taxpayer and dependent has been increased from \$750 to 1,000. As in past years, those who are blind or over 65 can claim an extra exemption.

The "zero bracket amount," the standard deduction in pre-1978 years, still is built into the tax tables and tax rate schedules, but has been increased to \$2,300 for single taxpayers and \$3,400 for married persons filing joint returns.

The tax credit for political contributions

has been increased and can be claimed on either the 1040 or 1040A. The credit is half the amount contributed, but cannot exceed \$50 for single taxpayers or \$100 for a joint return.

The child care credit has been revised so that payments made to relatives who are not dependents can qualify. A Form 2441 is used with the Form 1040 to claim this credit, which is based on 20 percent of the expenses for child care.

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earners with a dependent the Earned Income Credit, a direct payment from the government to individuals based on a percentage of earnings, has been increased to maximum of \$500, up from \$400 in prior years. This credit is available whether or not the qualifying individual owes taxes for the year. Individuals who received unemployment compensation in 1979 may, depending upon the amounts of compensation and other

income, be required to include a portion of their unemployment compensation in taxable income.

**Dysautonomia**  
The Northern New Jersey Chapter of Dysautonomia will meet today at 8:30 p.m. at the City Federal Savings & Loan, 1057 Stuyvesant Ave., Union.

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**Dissident reception**  
A reception will be held at the Ukrainian Community Center, 140 Prospect Ave., Irvington, at 2 p.m. Saturday for Valentyn Moroz, who came to the United States with four other dissidents last spring in exchange for two Soviet spies.

Moroz, a Ukrainian human rights activist, had been held in Soviet prisons for 14 years. The reception for him, which will be preceded by a press conference, is being sponsored by the Ukrainian community of Newark, Maplewood, Irvington and vicinity.

**'Roberta' set**  
"Roberta," the Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers musical, will be the next feature in the Classic Film Series at the YMWHA of Metropolitan New Jersey, 760 Northfield Ave., West Orange, Thursday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m.

**Nuclear Energy Forum**  
Public Service Electric and Gas Company has invited distinguished scientists to participate in this forum of views on nuclear energy. No personal fee or payment of any kind has been made to individuals expressing their opinions here. In lieu of personal payment, PSE&G has made a contribution to scientists and engineers for Science Energy.

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"The anti-nuclear propaganda we are hearing from a small but vocal minority puts democracy to a severe test. When our economic existence is at stake, we cannot blindly afford to turn our backs on any practical source of energy. We need to use them all.

"It is my personal belief that we must carefully evaluate the risks and recognize the great benefits of nuclear power for energy independence and for the survival of our American free society."

*Edward Teller*  
Dr. Edward Teller - University of California Senior Research Fellow, Hoover Institution Stanford, California

Formed in 1976, Scientists and Engineers for Secure Energy is a society concerned about incorrect, confusing and untrue information being spread by organized groups against nuclear technology. The efforts of these groups are designed to scare, bewilder and mislead Americans into abandoning a domestically available nuclear resource that's been thoroughly tested and proven over the past thirty years. Nuclear energy has kept the lights on through the country during coal strikes, oil embargoes and natural gas shortages.

The society does not claim that technologies, including nuclear energy, are free of faults. It also encourages frank and vigorous debates in search of better understanding. The society hopes this series of statements will contribute to the understanding that nuclear energy has the potential to bring enormous benefits to America and the world. It has served as well for a third of a century. The society supports the mastering of our best thoughts—not our worst fears—to continue to utilize this potential wisely and safely.

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## Mastectomy workshops

One of the most important goals of the American Cancer Society is letting cancer patients know that they are not alone. Thousands of other people are battling the same illness and cured cancer patients are always willing through the Society, to talk about the fears, problems and hopes associated with the disease.

With that objective in mind, the Essex County Unit of the Society is sponsoring a discussion group for women who have had a mastectomy.

The group is meeting Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5:30 at Seton Hall University. The women attending the sessions have an opportunity to share both the physical and psychological adjustments that have to be made due to a mastectomy.

Persons interested in attending a mastectomy workshop can call the Cancer Society at 678-1990.



**ARTHUR F. WHITLEY** of Union has been appointed group vice-president, Engelhard Industries, Iselin. In his new position, Whitley will provide management and commercial services, including the administration and negotiation of long-term contracts with automotive company customers and platinum metal suppliers. Prior to his new appointment, Whitley served as vice-president and associate general counsel with the company.

## Business counseling

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in conjunction with Seton Hall University, will provide free counseling to owners of businesses or those thinking of starting a business.

A member of the Active Corps of Executives (ACE) will be available by appointment between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 762-9000. Interviews will be in Room 207, Stillman Hall, in the Placement Office at Seton Hall University.

**FRIDAY DEADLINE**  
All items other than spot news should be in our office by noon on Friday.

## Business news

Charles J. Pfost, president of CAPITAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION with offices in Cranford, Fanwood, Orange, Westfield, and the Linden-Roselle area, noted that advances at all levels of operation have been recorded in the institution's statement of condition released for the 12-month period ending Dec. 31.

According to Pfost, total resources now stand at an all-time high of \$152,862,799 with members' savings showing a considerable gain of nearly \$10 million, to \$134,662,143. Capital Savings' mortgage loan portfolio now exceeds some \$117.7 million, while reserves and undivided profits have gone over the \$5.7 million mark.

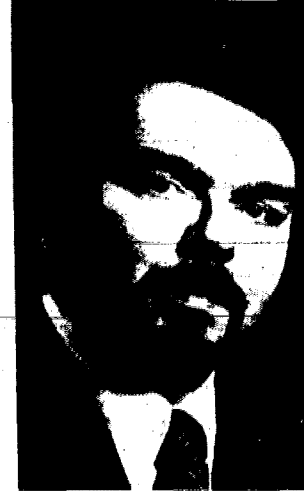
Mountainside, the company's other branches are in Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago.



**DIETER F. KRETSCHY** of Union has been appointed National Sales Manager of Bahlsen of America by Henry E. Witte, executive vice-president. Bahlsen is the leading importer of biscuits and cookies in the United States.



**ROBERT R. CARTER** of Short Hills has been promoted to vice-president of Summit and Elizabeth Trust Co. and its holding company, the Summit Bancorporation. He will continue as treasurer of both the bank and the Bancorporation. Carter, a CPA, holds a B.A. in business administration and a B.S. in accounting from Rutgers University.



**FRANCIS PATRYN** OF LINDEN has been promoted to assistant vice-president, controller's department of Summit and Elizabeth Trust Co. He is a graduate of St. Peter's College and a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Patryn joined the bank in 1976.

**ALL-STATE LEGAL SUPPLY COMPANY** President Harry Busch recently announced acquisition of an engraving-die stamping operation in Detroit.

The company, established in 1946, specializes in providing law offices with printed forms, engraved stationery and a variety of office products. Headquartered in



**GEORGE KEANE** of Roselle has been appointed assistant treasurer of Elmore Savings and Loan Association. His promotion was announced by John J. Rainey, president.

**JAMES A. MASON**, director of the New York sales district for Mixing Equipment Co., Union, has been named a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). He lives in Berkeley Heights.

He was elected by his fellow members in recognition of his contributions to the field of mixing technology.

**BREEZE CORP. INC.** (AMEX) has declared a 5 percent stock dividend payable April 1 to holders of record Feb. 29.

Breeze declared a 5 percent stock dividend last January also.

Unaudited results for 1979 indicate earnings

## Car seat, restraints can save child's life

Your family car can be hazardous to your child's health and safety.

According to the National Safety Council, car crashers are the number one killer andcrippler of young children. In a crash, a swerve, or sudden stop, they can be thrown into the windshield, the dash, some other part of the car or even into another passenger.

Some parents think they can protect infants and young children from being injured by holding them in their laps. They cannot. If you are not wearing a seat belt, both of you and your child will fly forward, with the probability that your child may be crushed between you and the dash. If you are wearing a seat belt, the child can be torn from your arms and hurled into the dash or windshield.

Restraint devices can cut the risk of fatal injury in a crash by more than 90 percent.

However, according to Physicians for Automotive Safety, "It is far safer to use a belt than to allow children to ride loose.

When you consider that your child's life could depend on it, restraints are not that expensive. Careful shoppers should be able to find the restraint they want at a price between \$20 and \$40. They can be purchased from the parts departments of some new car dealers and in many retail stores.

More information on where and how to purchase infant and child restraints, is available from New Jersey State Safety Council at (201) 642-3123.

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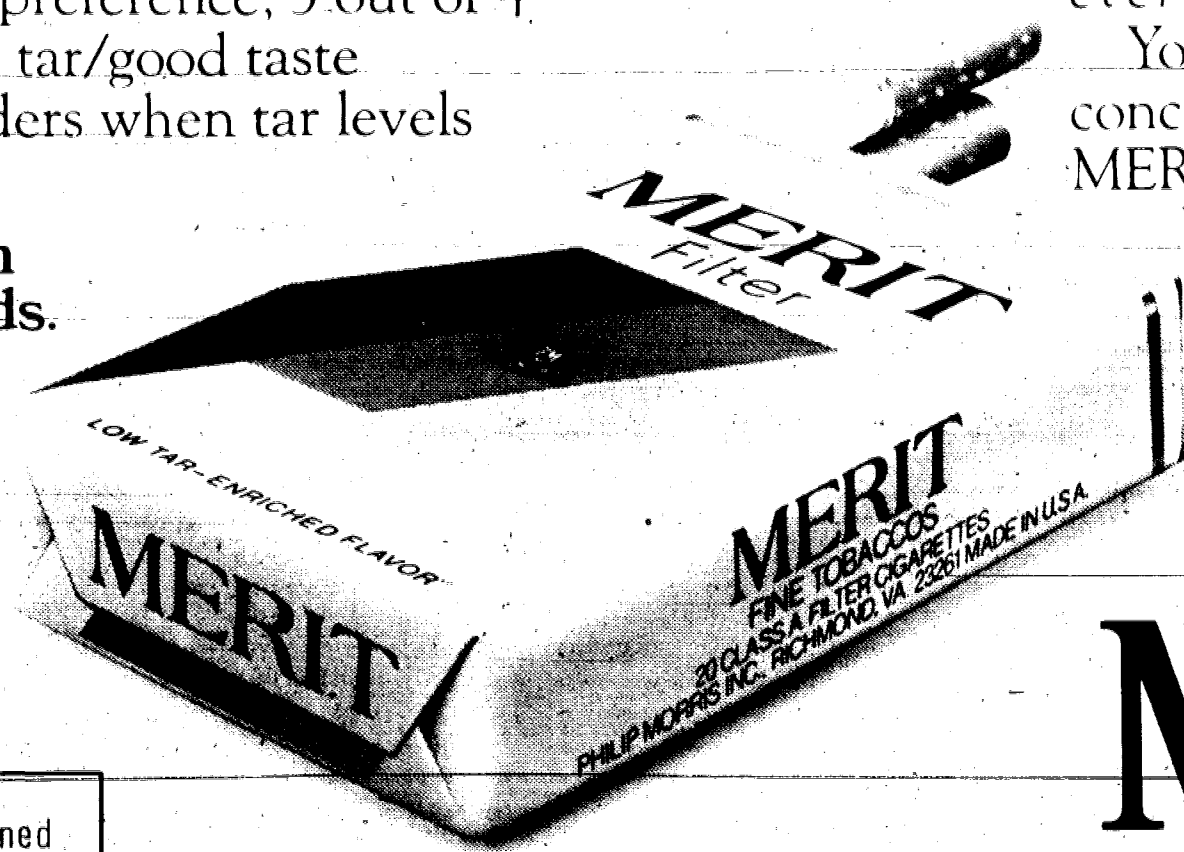
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# National poster child loves studies, sports

Whether it's disco roller skating, jogging or jumping on a trampoline, her "special leg" proves no deterrent for Betsy Burch of Stone Mountain, Ga. Betsy, who was born with a malformed right leg and webbed fingers, is the 1980 National Poster Child for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. She represents more than a quarter-million Americans born each year with physical or mental damage.

Betsy is an independent, cheerful six-year-old. She also is a very brave one. When she was six months old, Betsy underwent surgery to separate her thumbs from her other fingers. Since then, she has had 13 more corrective operations. All her fingers are now separated and extra toes have been removed from her left foot. Although her right foot has been amputated, she has been fitted with a conventional prosthesis and walks well.

The outdoors provide a perfect setting for Betsy's vigorous activities. These include riding a two-wheeler with training wheels, swimming and climbing monkey bars. She also enjoys competitive sports and came in second in a three-legged relay race at the All-good School in Stone Mountain, where she attends first grade.

On her more subdued side, Betsy's creative talents are evident in her drawings, paintings, singing and dancing. Her love of music is apparent

in her participation in the children's choir of the Indian Creek Baptist Church, where she practices every Wednesday and attends Sunday school with her brother and sister.

Betsy was the 1979 March of Dimes Poster Child for Metropolitan Atlanta. She wants to be a nurse some day so she can help her hand surgeon.

As National Poster Child, Betsy will meet with March of Dimes volunteers, senators, congressmen and celebrities around the country. During a trip to Los Angeles, she met Johnny Carson prior to the taping of his 17th anniversary show. There was instant magic when she met Eric Estrada, star of the television series "Chips," and March of Dimes Walkathon chairman in Los Angeles. She also visited the TV sets of "Little House on the Prairie" and "The Dinah Shore Show."

Traveling and meeting new people has had a positive effect on Betsy. She has developed into an outgoing little girl and any fear of people that she may have had has dissipated. It is not uncommon to find her walking up and down the aisles, talking to strangers during airplane trips.

May Ferguson Burch, Betsy's mother, is active with the March of Dimes Mothers March on Birth Defects. Along with Betsy's sister, Sara, 11, and her 10-year-old brother, John Robert, Mrs. Burch participated in a 1979 March of Dimes Super walk. These

events, held nationally, help raise money to support research, medical service and

education programs for prevention of birth defects. The Burches are a

close family and enjoy doing things together. Their favorite activity is a good soccer game in

the back yard. As always, Betsy and her "special leg" take an active role.

## ORT plans antique show

The Greater Westfield Chapter of Women's American ORT will sponsor an indoor antique show on Sunday, Feb. 17, from 11 a.m. to 6

p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. More than 40 antique dealers will display their selections of antique

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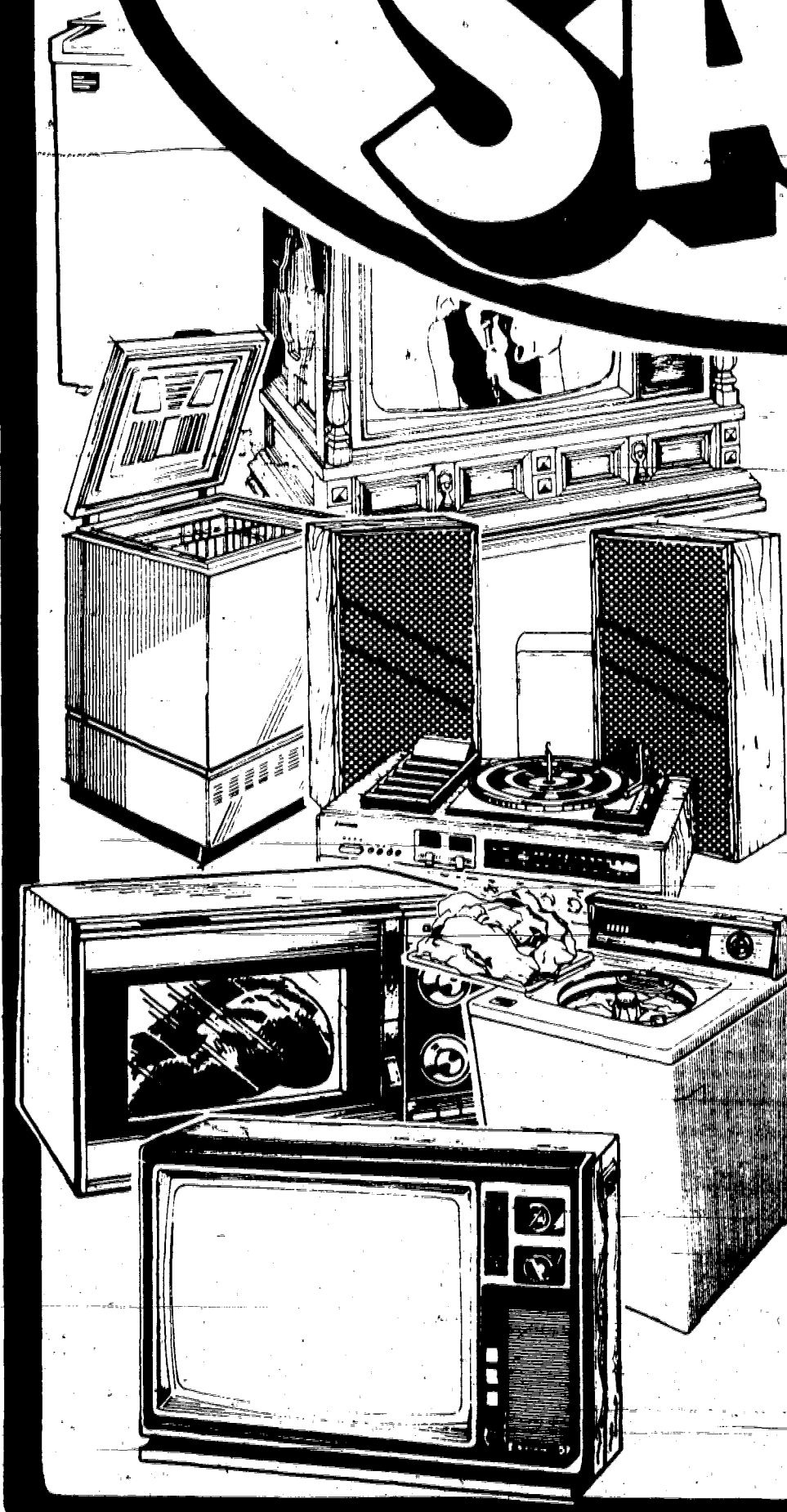
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## For the Birds

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During World War II someone suggested pigeons be trained to aim bombs. According to the plan, as the missiles fell from the plane, the birds would steer them so they would be sure to hit their target. Pigeons were to be trained on an aerial photograph of the target and then stowed away in transparent compartments attached to the bomb. Here, they were to peck at the target they saw below, thus correcting the flight of the bomb.

More recently, pigeons have been trained to perform life-saving tasks. The U.S. Navy is using them to help spot life rafts or swimmers in life jackets at sea. The birds are carried in the search helicopter or plane where they can see the surface of the water. In practice they've been able to spot their floating targets 90 percent of the time while human spotters only have a record of 38 percent. When the birds spot an object in the water they peck at a key, which alerts their human flying chauffeurs.

The training course takes between six and eight months, and is done by the Navy at Kailua Bay in Hawaii. Presently there are 10 pigeons under instruction, and it is hoped that at least six will finish the course. The first part of the training teaches the birds to peck at a particular key. When they carry out their part of the bargain, they're rewarded with food. Then the pigeons are

taught to peck at the key when they see the color orange. First an orange flag is used and then an orange life jacket. Once they pass the life jacket test they're subjected to helicopter noise so they won't become frightened in midair. The final phase of their training is flying the pigeons out to see and teaching them to peck at the key when they spot an orange buoy bowed thousands of feet beneath the plane.

The first pigeons to be trained were drowned when their helicopter crash-landed at sea. Navy crewmen aboard were saved but the birds couldn't be extricated in time. Now their observation post has been redesigned and they ride in plastic pods on the side of the helicopter where they can be reeled in above the water level if trouble threatens.

The epithet "bird-brain" hardly applies to pigeons. They have been used for their uncanny ability to find their way home from great distances for hundreds of years. Much of the bird navigation research being done in this country at Cornell, and also in other countries, is done with pigeons. One researcher found that near the bird's brain was a deposit of magnetic iron oxide, probably enabling the pigeon to steer a course by the earth's magnetic field. This is something man can't do without a compass.

Next time you chase a pigeon from your feeder, remember his cousin may some day save your life.

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