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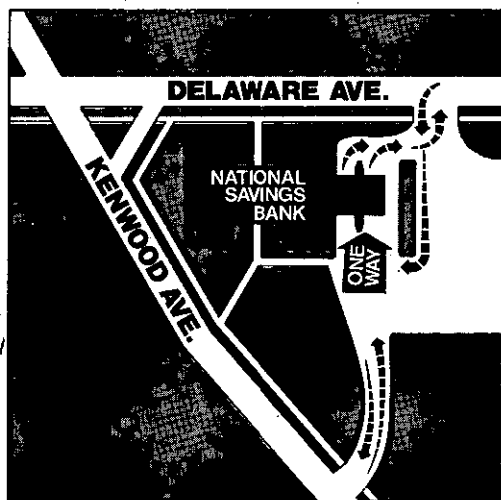
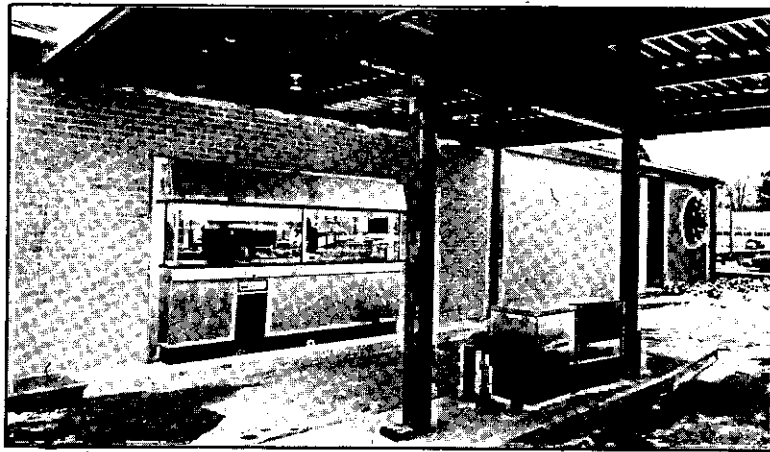
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**Bethlehem Jaycees** meet first and third Wednesdays of the month, 8 P.M., Center Inn, 9W, Glenmont.

**Welcome Wagon** — Newcomers and mothers of new babies call 785-9640, Mon. thru Sat., 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M. so you may have a Welcome Wagon call.

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary** to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**The Albany County Pistol Club**, Winne Place and Maewin Drive, Delmar, welcomes guests at its indoor pistol range every Tuesday at 8 P.M. Information: Dave Herbach, 439-4372 or Tom Corrigan, 439-3301.

**Monarch Club** of Albany meets every Tuesday night at 6 at the Center Inn, Glenmont.

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**Every Thursday** at 7 P.M., Delmar Reformed Church, scout meeting for handicapped, Troop 159.

**Kiwanis Club** of Delmar meets every Monday night at 6:15 at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont.

**Bethlehem Lions Club** meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:30 P.M.

**AARP** meets 12:30 P.M., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.

**The Delmar Community Orchestra** rehearses every Monday evening from 8 to 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

**Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club** meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 P.M., Bethlehem Public Library.

**Bethlehem Recycling Program** (paper, cans, glass), Town Garage, 114 Adams St., Delmar. Mon. thru Fri. 8 A.M.-4 P.M. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles clean w/metal removed.

**Rosary** — St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, every Thursday at 11:45 A.M.

**Nathaniel Adams** Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion Auxiliary, meets third Tuesday of month except July & Aug., 8 P.M., Post rooms.

**Nathaniel Adams** Blanchard Post #1040, American Legion, meets first and third Monday of month (when holiday occurs, move to Tuesday) except July and August. 8:30 P.M.

**8:15 P.M., meeting**, every Wednesday, Gam-Anon, wives of compulsive gamblers, St. Pius Church, Loudonville. 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

**Onesquethaw O.E.S.** meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

**Glenmont Lions Club** meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 P.M. Visitors welcome. Info: Frank Muria, 767-2408.

**Glenmont Homemakers** meet 3rd Wed. of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 P.M.

**8 P.M., monthly meeting**, last Thursday of each month, Elsmere Fire Co.

**Bethlehem Lodge** meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, Ladies' Auxiliary meets on 2nd Wednesday of every month.

**Bethlehem Youth Employment Service**, 114 Adams Street, Delmar. School year schedule, Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30 P.M. Telephone 439-2238.

**The second Saturday** of each month there is a waste paper drive at the town parking lot on Kenwood Ave. just above the four corners. This drive is sponsored by the youth groups of the Reformed and the Methodist Churches of Delmar. They will pick up papers from Senior Citizens or shut-ins. For pick-up call the church offices during the preceeding week.

**Bethlehem Jaycees** meet 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M., for further information please contact Denise Linstruth 439-5312.

**Rotary Club** of Delmar meets every Tuesday night 6:15 at Schrafft's Motel.

**Berne Lodge #684** of F&AM meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 8:00 P.M. Fellowcraft every 3rd Monday 6:00 P.M. Eastern Star on 2nd & 4th Tues. of every month.

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**Great Danc Club** of Greater Albany meets 2nd Friday of the month, 8 p.m., Center Inn, Glenmont. Guests are welcome. Info: 785-7253.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**8 P.M., meeting**, BC Bond Issue, Clarksville Elementary.

**8 P.M., meeting**, Audubon Society, at St. Michael's Church Hall, 49 Killean Park, Colonie.

**9:30 A.M., meeting**, League of Women Voters, Bethlehem Public Library. Information: 439-4266.

**8:00 P.M., meeting**, Auxiliary of New Salem Fire Dept. at Fire House.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**7:30 P.M., Retirement Reception** for Barbara Rau, Large Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1

**4:30 P.M., Pancake Supper**, Berne Firehall. \$3.00 adults, \$1.50 children.

**5-8 P.M., Spaghetti Dinner**, Auxiliary to N.A. Blanchard American Legion Post #1040, at post rooms, Poplar Dr. \$3.00, Adults; \$2.00 12 yrs. or under.

**5-7:30 P.M., Spaghetti Dinner**, Boy Scout Troop #260, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., \$7.00 per family, \$1.75 adults, \$1.25 12 years or under.

**9 P.M., Concert** featuring David O'Doeherty, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St.

**9 A.M.-Noon**, Open House, all B.C. schools, (except Delmar).

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

**2 P.M., Large Community Room**, Bethlehem Public Library, Movie, MY DARLING CLEMENTINE, Free.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

**8 P.M., meeting**, Bethlehem Art Association, De mar Library.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

**7 P.M., Women's Evening Exercise Class,** 10 week session, Delmar Reformed Church, Register 439-2058.

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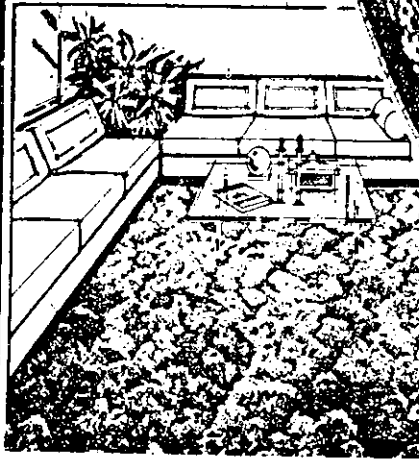
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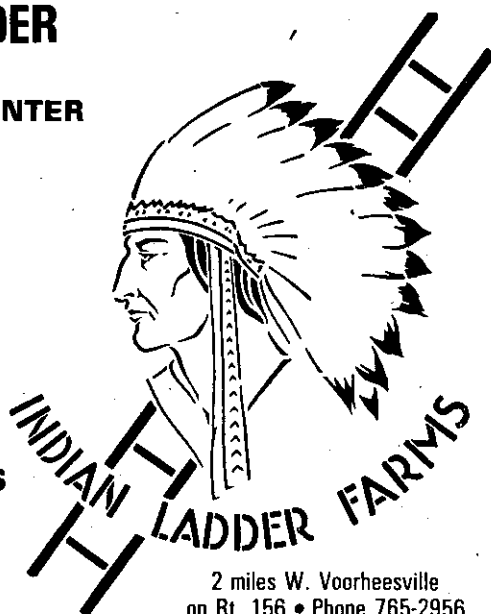
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## JOTTINGS

by  
Joni

Following is an editorial  
with which I agree with com-  
pletely. It points out one of  
many cases of neglect by a gov-  
ernment organization.

We hear cases where people  
unjustly receive welfare; these  
cases are presented in the  
newspaper, magazine, and on  
radio. What we don't hear very  
much about is when the gov-  
ernment fails to award financial  
aid to those who need it. I'm  
speaking of those people who  
do not receive their Social Se-  
curity benefits when they  
should and I'm sure there are  
many of these people. A good  
example of this is when a wid-  
ow who has no dependent  
children, no income to speak  
of, nothing from which she can  
obtain money. She and her  
husband paid money for Social  
Security benefits. The husband

died, leaving the benefits to his  
wife. For some stupid reason,  
the woman is told that she can-  
not receive benefits until she  
is **sixty** years old! (Review the  
situation stated before about  
the woman having no income  
and no source of obtaining  
money). Given this situation,  
how can the government deny  
this woman, and many others  
like her, their benefits? Does  
the government know whether  
she has food to eat, suitable  
shelter, and clothes to wear?  
Do they care? For all the gov-  
ernment knows, this woman  
could be starving! How can the  
government not give this per-  
son the necessary money? She  
and her husband paid so there  
would be ample money for  
benefits. What good is this  
money doing rotting in the  
governments' hands when the  
woman could put this money  
to good use? It's true, we are  
in an economic recession, but  
people still are entitled to their  
rights and one of those rights  
is that he receive his benefits  
when situations arise where he  
receives no income and, there-  
fore, is incompetent to support  
himself. This is one of the  
many things in this country  
that needs straightening out.  
Let us, as citizens, DO some-  
thing about it!

Kaye Fuller

Dear Joni:

I would like to add my voice  
to that of the writer whose let-  
ter appeared in the February 6  
issue of the SPOTLIGHT. The  
"incompetent business prac-  
tices of the Handy Dandy Clean-  
ers on Delaware Avenue" have  
resulted in the loss of a coat to  
me also. However, there was  
never any explanation of what  
happened to my coat — dam-  
aged or otherwise.

In my case, a raincoat was  
left at the Handy Dandy Clean-  
ers in April of 1972, and I was  
unable to reclaim it. The man-  
ager also "neglected" to call  
me and it was almost impos-  
sible to call him; only with the  
help of some people in one of  
the town offices did I obtain a  
telephone number to locate him.

The writer thinks two months  
is a long time to wait — well,  
I have been waiting two years  
and I still do not have my coat.  
Incidentally, this matter has  
been brought to the attention  
of the newspapers, the Cham-  
ber of Commerce, the Consum-

er Protection Board, and the Office of the Attorney General and I will continue to spread the word about this "business" establishment and what kind of service it renders to the public until some restitution is made. A complete file of the correspondence about this matter is in my possession as is the claim check for the raincoat.

- Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Jean Smith

**After hearing of two reported cases of incompetency of this one business, it seems to me that legal action should be taken to put an end to the bad service rendered to the public. I will be happy to print any explanation of these mishaps — but if there are any, why weren't they told to these two women?**

## LIBRARY NOTES

The week of March 1-7 has been named as "Return The Borrowed Book Week." It was so designated primarily to get people to return books they had borrowed from friends, but the Bethlehem Public Library thinks that it's a fine time to return overdue borrowed Library materials as well. While you're looking for books to return to your friends, look for books to return to another friend, the Library. It will improve all your friendships.

### Is Monopoly Your Game?

Monopoly is considered by some to be simply a game of chance with the players relying on each toss of the dice for their success. Many, however, consider Monopoly as a game of skill in which a clever player can manipulate many situations to his advantage and ingeniously outwit his opponents.

Do you believe that Monopoly is a game of skill? Would you like to have a chance to prove your skill at playing Monopoly? The Bethlehem Public Library will give you a chance. On Saturday, March 22nd, there will be a Monopoly Tournament in the Large Community Room of the Library. The Tournament, open to all ages, will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. The play-offs will be from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

If you want to play in the Tournament, you must register at the Library by Friday, March 14th. There is no fee to participate, but, if you own a Monopoly Game, you may need to bring it for the Tournament.

The Bethlehem Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Friday evening, February 28th so that all of Mrs. Rau's friends and co-workers will be able to attend the Retirement Reception being held that night in her honor. The Reception will be from 7:30-9:30 P.M. in the Large Community Room of the Library and all of Mrs. Rau's friends are invited to attend. She is retiring after almost twenty years as Director of the Library, and the 28th is her last day. Do stop in to wish her well.

The film MY DARLING CLEMENTINE will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Large Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, March 2nd. The film, directed by John Ford has been called "One of the best Westerns." It stars Henry Fonda as Wyatt Earp, and also has in it Victor Mature, Linda Darnell, and Walter Brennan. It runs for 97 minutes and is free.

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## The Spotlight Goes to School

### Open House

Words and pictures can tell you a lot, but there's no substitute for seeing things with your own eyes. Residents of the Bethlehem Central School District will have the chance this Saturday, March 1, from 9 A.M. to noon, to visit any or all of Bethlehem's schools (except Delmar Elementary School) and personally inspect building conditions.

The principals of the schools have made arrangements for guided tours, so that everyone can judge for themselves whether the building renovation projects in the bond issue are needed or not.

### Voter Qualifications

To be an eligible voter in next Wednesday's Bethlehem Central School District bond issue election, these are the **only** qualifications: United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, resident of the district for at least 30 days.

You don't have to have registered at any time. You don't have to be a property owner. You don't have to be a parent.

If you meet the above three qualifications, simply come to the Middle School between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., sign in and vote.

### D.E.C.A. Dance

The Distributive Education Club at Bethlehem Central High School is sponsoring a dance on Friday, February 28. It will be held in the girl's gym from 8-11 P.M. with music by "Adrenalin." Admission will be \$1.25. Profits from this event will be used toward club expenses at the New York State DECA Convention to be held March 12-14 at the Concord Hotel.

### Student Studies in Russia

Nancy S. Rapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rapp, of Delmar, was among nine Kirkland students to participate in Hamilton College's winter study trip to the Soviet Union during January.

Miss Rapp, a Kirkland senior concentrating in literature, traveled to Leningrad, Mos-

cow, Tbilisi, Kieve and Tallinn with the group, which concluded its trip with a seminar in Helsinki, Finland.

### On Dean's List

Eight Delmar residents have been named to the Dean's List of State University College at Oneonta for the first semester of the 1974-75 school year, according to Dr. Carey Brush, Vice President of the College.

Included are: Linda Clark, Sorelle Cohen, Kathleen Curtin, Craig Doremus, Maureen Geyer, William Primono, Karen Reissig, and Rita Silverman.

## Here & There

### Ragtime Nite

The people out on Holy Names Campus, The Academy and The Arts Center, have come up with a fund raiser that promises to be a fun-raiser as well. On March 8 Albany's Palace Theater will be the place to be when the very popular NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY RAGTIME ENSEMBLE presents an evening of Scott Joplin and other ragtime greats such as Jelly Roll Morton, who turned ragtime into jazz, and James Scott.

Tickets for "Ragtime Nite" will go on sale shortly and may be purchased at the Palace.

### Evening Exercise Class

After five years of successful day classes, Mary Reich, will hold a ten week evening class on Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. beginning March 13th at the Delmar Reformed Church. Mrs. Reich's background in Modern Dance, Physical Fitness and Yoga enables her to offer a varied program which builds strong, beautiful and healthy bodies.

To register call 439-2058.

### Three-Hour Driving Course

The New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law requires that all applicants for driver's license must have taken the Three-Hour Safe Driving Course. Proof of completed training must be presented at the time of scheduling the road test appointment. Bethlehem Central Continuing Education will offer this course on March



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The course will be offered again April 7th and 9th. If further information is desired call 439-4905.

**Childbirth Preparation**

Classes in the Lamaze Method of Prepared Childbirth will begin Thursday, March 20 at Albany Medical Center Hospital and Wednesday, March 5, Thursday, March 13, Wednesday, March 19, Tuesday, March 25 and Monday, March 31 at St. Peter's Hospital.

Prospective parents usually take the classes during the last two months of pregnancy; however, registrations are accepted at any time. Review classes are available for couples who have had a previous Lamaze experience. Call 456-6857, 456-7708, or 463-7575.

**Attention Mothers!**

The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville is still accepting applications for Fall 1975 registration. The child must be four by Dec. 1, 1975. Please contact Mrs. David Curtin, 765-4886 for further information.

**Everyone's Welcome**

The Bethlehem Baptist Church will hold its first service on March 2nd at 421 Kenwood Avenue, (Masonic Temple building). Sunday School will be at 9:45 A.M. and morning Worship at 11:00 A.M.

The Pastor, Rev. Glen Watts and his wife, the former Linda Ogden of Delmar, have four children and live at 16 Herber Ave.

The public is cordially invited to attend our services.

**Graphic Art Program**

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**BC Bond Issue**

As a member of the Bethlehem, Central Board of Education, I would like to address myself to the upcoming bond issue. A letter in the Feb. 13 issue of Spotlight contained several errors, both of misstatement and omission. In order not to confuse our voters, may I point out these errors.

Contrary to the Feb. 13 writer's statement, the \$1,336,240 bond issue proposal DOES include about \$130,000 for all fees (not \$149,000 as claimed by that writer). Furthermore, the Board in all its publicity on projected tax rates through the bond issue HAS included the estimated interest cost. This cost has NOT been omitted in our presentations of information to district voters. The law requires us to state the maximum cost — including architectural and legal services, but excluding interest — as the bond issue proposal.

There is NO 18-1/2 per cent "padding" as claimed by the Feb. 13 writer. This percentage represents the estimated architectural and legal fees, plus an amount our architect estimates the contractors will add to their bids because of inflation. The stated bond issue amount is the MAXIMUM that can be spent. If the contractors bids come in lower, fewer bonds will be sold and the tax rates will be lowered accordingly. The list of work to be done cannot be increased just because the contractors' bids are lower than the authorized bond issue.

There are two legal requirements which the earlier writer fails to mention. First, at any school building on which a

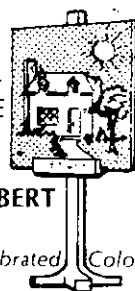
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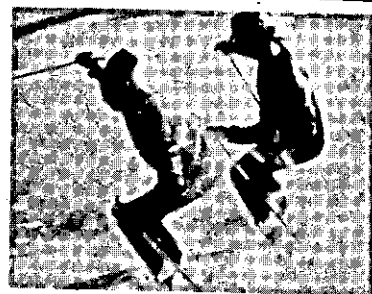
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Second, we must spend about \$75,000 to connect four of our schools to the Town of Bethlehem's new sewer system. This is a legal obligation of the district's, which the Board believes properly belongs in a bond issue instead of in a single year's budget.

Beyond the above, there are many other conditions which need fixing to protect the community's \$14-plus million investment in its school buildings. These conditions are just as important to the buildings' "survival" as leaking roofs. Let me point out a few examples: We have many leaking masonry walls and window frames. The High School and Middle School stage curtains must be fireproofed (by law) every three years. Both curtains are so old and worn, (we are still using the original 1954 need fixing to protect the community's \$14-plus million investment in its school buildings. These conditions are just as important to the buildings' "survival" as leaking roofs. Let me point out a few examples: We have many leaking masonry walls and window frames. The High School and Middle School stage curtains must be fireproofed (by law) every three years. Both curtains are so old and worn, (we are still using the original 1954 High School curtains) that they cannot withstand another fireproofing application. Therefore, they must be replaced. At the bus garage, we must add a sump pump to the mechanics' pit. At present, the mechanics frequently work with electrical tools while standing in several inches of water. At several

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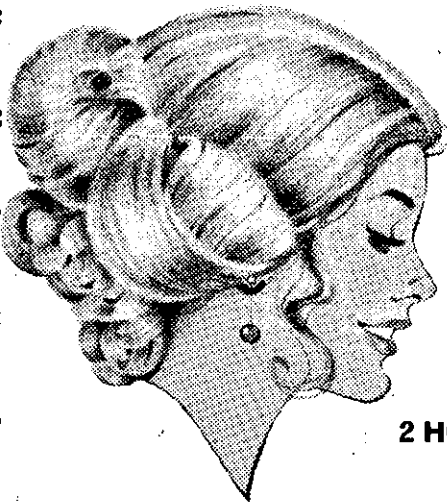
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Originally, a citizens' committee including many builders, architects, and engineers inspected all our buildings. Their list of needs, coupled with items noted by our own staff and architect, totaled about \$2.4 million. Careful review, item by item, first by our staff

and then by the Board, reduced this to \$1,336,240. This represents those items which the Board feels must be done now to preserve our buildings. They are items which cannot be ignored, for they represent conditions which will only get worse (and thus more costly to fix) if not corrected now. They are also major repair items which should properly be paid for over a ten-year bond issue period rather than in two or three annual budgets.

It should also be noted that about 35 per cent of the bond



ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, at 9:45 A.M., students at Bethlehem Central High School will have the opportunity to attend a performance of Menotti's one act opera **The Telephone** presented by Capital Artists Opera Company. Appearing in the program will be Anne Turner, lyric soprano, and Ed Willette, baritone.

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issue (and interest payments) will be reimbursed to the district as State Aid. Of course, this is also taxpayers' money, but it is a burden shared State-wide, not a direct charge on our local taxpayers.

After the most careful and prolonged study, the Board decided (with only the Feb. 13 writer's dissenting opinion) that it had an obligation to point out these building deficiencies to the community and to recommend the most prudent way to correct them. That is why we voted to place this bond issue proposal before the community, and we urge voters to approve it on March 5.

Bertold E. Weinberg

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The use by Bethlehem Central School District administrators of "contrived" pictures made by a professional photographer to promote the proposed School Bond issue is being criticized by John H. Clyne, a member of the Board of Education.

The "contrived" pictures are being used to fool the taxpayers to show supposedly needed school repairs.

Also under criticism is the attempt by both administrators and school board members at the "set-up" meetings to intimidate taxpayers. These intimidations attempt to scare the taxpayer as to what will be done if the taxpayers fail to give the "big spenders", the money the bond issue will waste.

Clyne says School Board members and administrators should be responsive to the

needs of taxpayers, and not assume they are the Masters of taxpayers.

Also being criticized by Clyne is the exploitation of children in the schools by making the children pose for pictures by professional photographers to promote the bond issue. Children go to school to learn, he says, and not to be "used" by administrators.

The proposed Bond issue is for \$1,336,000, plus interest costs of \$513,760, for a total expenditure of \$1,849,760. Clyne concedes the need for \$361,000 for roofs and a boiler as bondable items. But the balance of \$1,488,750 is wasted on such things as \$149,000 of architects fees; \$513,760 for interest charges; and for simple repairs that should be done by the maintenance crew now on the payroll of the School District. This maintenance crew consists of five experts and a supervisor. The latter is paid \$16,000 a year, plus fringe benefits of 25% for a total of \$20,000.

These "add-on" repairs in the bond issue for a total \$974,990 (including architects fees) are the type that any prudent home-owner would do himself week-ends on his own property.

Bethlehem Central School District tax-payers are urged to vote "No" on the Bond issue referendum in March, and send the issue back to the School Board for revision in the light of present depressed economic conditions.

John H. Clyne  
Member, Bethlehem  
Central Board of  
Education

## COVER STORY

### POP WARNER RAFFLE

**PICKING-OFF THE POP WARNER FOOTBALL RAFFLE** are Harry Heaffer (left), Bethlehem Town Supervisor and Sgt. Pat Dorsey (right), of the Bethlehem Police Dept., purchasing books #1 & 2 from team players Bob Verstandig #88 & Dave Reed #00.

The raffle consists of a one week expense-paid trip to Bermuda or Nassau. The drawing will be held Mothers Day, May 11th. Proceeds of the raffle will be used to purchase new equipment for the teams.

Spotlight

# community corner

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**When:** Saturday, March 1.

**Where:** Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Boy Scout Troop #260 will be serving their dinner continuously from 5:00-7:30 P.M. Tickets will be available at the door. \$7.00 per family, \$1.75 per adult and \$1.25 for children under 12.

## VOTE!

**What:** Bethlehem Central Bond Issue

**When:** Wednesday, March 5

**Where:** Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar

Residents of the Bethlehem School District will be able to vote on a bond issue proposal of \$1,336,240 to finance renovation of district buildings from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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