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Members of the New Scotland Planning Board, including, from left, Mabel Braite, Anne Richards, chairman Richard Stickley, board attorney Fred Edmunds and William Childs, review plans for

development in the area. Absent from the photo are board members John Loucks, Samuel Tommell and E. Walter Miller.

Tom Howes

RCS board cuts, but tax hike seen

By Theresa Bobear

By removing \$226,400 for buses from the regular budget and eliminating \$128,525 in other proposed expenditures, the RCS Board of Education last Wednesday called it a night satisfied they have a conservative spending plan for the 1985-86 school year.

The \$10,705,668.60 budget proposed for 1985-86 is up only 4.3 percent from last year's \$10,264,237 budget. Decreases on the revenue side, however, will mean tax rate increases of 7.03 percent for New Scotland, 8.06 percent for Bethlehem, 12.41 percent for Coeymans and 7.65 percent for New Baltimore. The tax rate for Bethlehem will increase from \$125.24 per \$1,000 assessed value in 1984-85 to a projected \$135.34 per \$1,000. The tax rate for New Scotland will increase from \$209.86 per \$1,000 to a projected \$224.62 per \$1,000.

The board cut more of the additional spending proposed for the new year, including \$24,000 for an additional elementary level librarian and \$11,000 for an additional business office account clerk. Other items and staff members cut for savings include: one English teacher and one business education teacher, \$38,500;

one part-time administrator, \$10,000; transportation supplies, \$6,000; school cafeteria subsidy, \$20,000; funds for field hockey, \$1,500, and funds budgeted for a marching band, \$325.

After learning that the district had not yet received any assurances from the state Education Department regarding aid for the proposed solar project, the board voted to not include the solar project as a special proposition with the 1985-86 budget.

"I just hope we don't let it die," commented board member Ronald Selkirk. Anthony Williams, president of the board, said the board would either hold the project another year or present a special proposition later.

After a considerable amount of debate, the board voted to present a \$50,000 special proposition for computers instead of the \$90,000 proposition previously approved. The computers would add another \$1.82 to the tax rate for Coeymans. Board member Wayne Fuhrman thought the computer funds should be included in the regular budget. "I think it's ludicrous to talk about adding now," superintendent Milton Chodack said.

The special proposition in-
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Keeping a lid on growth New Scotland planners wrestle with development

By Mary Pratt

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When a new resident has settled in New Scotland, a typical reaction, if not stated in so many words, often is, "This place is so nice. If it grows much more it will be ruined."

Observing this, Richard Stickley, chairman of the town planning board, says the town can't shut the door. "Growth and development have to be controlled, and everyone has to play by the same rules."

The "rules" are the town's four-year-old zoning ordinance and 10-year-old subdivision regulations. The "referees" are the seven-

member Planning Board, a traditionally nonpartisan appointed group of Democrats, Republicans and Independents from all sections of the town. Although the Town Board has a Republican majority, Robert Cook, the immediate past chairman of the planning board, was a Democrat.

"We are a diverse group," comments planning board member Ann Richards. Its members have worked for the telephone company or state government, or are farmers, salespeople or homemakers. They tend to be longtime or lifelong residents of the town.

The planning board must at times be strict. Recently it strongly

suggested the map for a proposed subdivision be redrawn to avoid entry to a busy road at what it felt was an unsafe location. It responded to suggestions from neighbors regarding the safety of an early traffic plan for the Carradale subdivision near the intersection of Swift and New Scotland Rds. It has called in the town's consulting engineer to examine drainage plans for at least two proposed subdivisions.

The planning board must also be sharp-eyed to insure that proposals comply with the zoning ordinance. The questions brought to it are generally routine. But at

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Why the Irish go back home

By Ann Treadway

St. Patrick's Day in the Republic of Ireland isn't nearly as big a celebration as it is in America, according to a Slingerlands couple who have done anthropological research in that country.

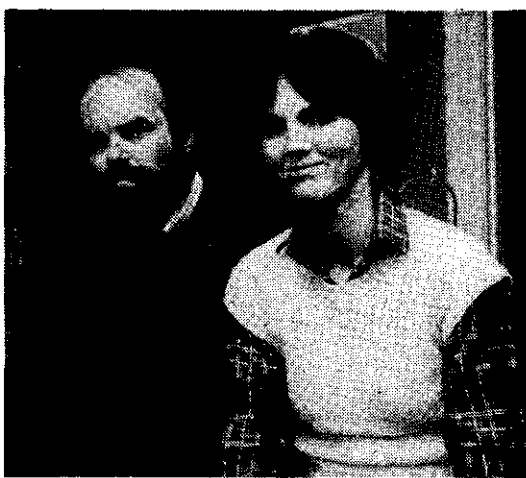
In fact, they said recently, Irish Americans frequently visit Dublin just for the occasion — to lend their numbers and enthusiasm to the St. Patrick's Day parade held there.

George and Sharon Gmelch of 127 Font Grove have a professional, rather than a personal, interest in Ireland. They share a faculty position in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Union College, and travel frequently to other parts of the world to do anthropological research.

One of the specific studies George Gmelch has done is on return migration patterns among natives of the Republic of Ireland. Specifically, he has researched and published articles on how many people who leave Southern Ireland to establish new lives in America or Europe eventually return to their homeland, why they do so, and how successful they are at re-adapting to their native culture.

This "ideology of return" interested him, Gmelch said, because while immigration patterns in general had attracted the attention of scholars for years, not much research had been done on people whose departures weren't permanent.

When he began this study in 1977, he said, just about as many Irish people were re-migrating back to that country as were immigrating to the United States. "Every month, about 15,000 Social Security checks were sent to people there from America," he said.



George and Sharon Gmelch in their Slingerlands home.

Tom Howes

The current number of Irish immigrants to America is low, according to Gmelch, because our immigration laws have recently been tightened — people moving here now from Ireland must have a promised job, or at least a demonstrable work skill. So it's likely, he said, that people returning to southern Ireland from America now outnumber those arriving.

Economic factors have always been the main impetus for people who have left Ireland for other shores, Gmelch said, going back to the potato famine in the 1840's. But when he looked at why so many returned, he found the reasons were mostly social and patriotic.

"They were pulled back, rather than pushed out," he explained. Many had "hung onto" their old language and customs, and never felt truly at home here, although most had acquired dual citizenship as a security measure.

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Spring has sprung for the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps. The group was outdoors practicing last Sunday.

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Town seeks water solutions

New developments — in one case literally and in the other figuratively — may make it possible for two isolated roads on either side of the Town of Bethlehem to finally get adequate public water supplies.

In the case of Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands, the new development is the Deerfield subdivision, which may make it economical to run new pipe west to serve not only town residents but also people living in nearby New Scotland.

In the case of Halter Rd., a dead-end street off Rt. 144 in Glenmont, the new development is news from a consultant that the town has a better chance at federal money to pay for the badly needed water line if it doesn't try for money for sewers also.

Font Grove Rd. has the longer history, and Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor illustrated it at a recent town board meeting with a piece of old pipe dug up by a town crew making repairs — half the pipe had crumbled as it was being taken out of the ground.

The pipe is part of the old Suburban Water Supply Company system that had been laid to serve the Slingerlands area more than 50 years ago and was taken over by Bethlehem in the 1950s. In the last year, Secor said, failures all along the system have multiplied: "people at the end of the line have been plagued all winter long with little or no water."

Up until recently, the cost of running new eight-inch water main all the way from New Scotland Rd. would have been prohibitive, but with a new section of the Deerfield subdivision now reaching as far as the railroad tracks, the cost may be more reasonable, Secor said.

If Bethlehem does go ahead and replace its Font Grove Rd. pipe, Secor said, New Scotland will consider forming a new water district to extend the main along Upper Font Grove Rd. back toward New Scotland Ave. and also possibly along Oliver Lane. That district would buy water from Bethlehem, which would in turn need an agreement from Albany that an increased supply would be available.

The board told Secor to start the process by hiring an engineering firm to prepare a plan and cost estimates for the Bethlehem segment. Although houses in the town are served by the Bethlehem Water District, they are not in the district, so that also will have to be changed.

Halter Rd. on the other side of town, has an equally frustrating

history with both sewers and water. The town first got involved three years ago when county health officials condemned a number of septic systems on the small, dead-end road. It soon developed that residents were just as concerned about their wells, Secor said, so last year the town paid a consultant, Ronald H. Laberge, about \$6,000 to prepare an application for federal funds to solve both problems.

But because of the high cost of

the project, Bethlehem ended up 109th on the priority list — nowhere near high enough for the funds. Secor reported last week, however, that most of the septic problems appear to be under control. If the town were to apply only for water, he said, Laberge feels it as a "realistic chance."

No action was taken on that proposal pending more information on Laberge's fee for preparing another grant application.

Music festival at BC

The Bethlehem Central music department will present a district orchestra festival on Thursday, March 21, at Bethlehem Central High School, beginning at 8 p.m. More than 230 students from all the district's schools will participate under the direction of Charles Schneider, conductor of the Schenectady Symphony, the Catskill Symphony, the Utica Symphony and the Glimmerglass Opera Theatre. Mrs. Kevin Blanchard will conduct the three middle school and high school orchestras.

The event is being coordinated by Samuel Bozzella, district music supervisor.

Shooting case unresolved

Authorities say they are not sure what may be the outcome of a case involving Scott D. West, 17, of Delaware Ave. in Delmar, who faces a felony charge of first degree reckless endangerment following the accidental shooting of his mother, Carol A. West, early last Wednesday. Mrs. West, who suffered a .22-caliber bullet wound in the neck, was discharged Saturday from Albany Medical Center Hospital, a hospital spokesman said.

The boy was discharged Thursday from the Albany County Jail, where he had been sent following arraignment in Town Court on the felony charge. A psychiatric evaluation was ordered by a county court judge in connection with the incident, in which the youth reportedly was attempting to commit suicide. According to Bethlehem police reports, the youth was depressed over the recent breakup of a friendship and also over an injury suffered in a motorcycle accident last fall. The police report said the boy had also been drinking earlier in the evening.

As of Tuesday, no decisions had been made as to how to proceed with the case, according to an assistant district attorney. It was noted by another official who wished not to be identified that the felony charge made it possible for authorities to have the youth detained. A lesser misdemeanor charge could have meant his immediate release, either on bail

or on his own or another's recognizance.

Town Justice Peter Wenger said the case illustrated the need in the county for "a secure facility that can handle people who are disturbed. I'd like to get over to the public that we don't like to send (disturbed people) to jail — we need less detention and more care."

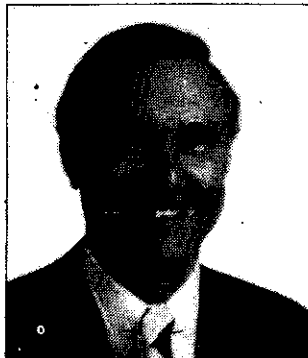
Vandalism widespread

Bethlehem police are investigating numerous reports of damage to car windows by what is believed to be a high-powered BB gun, according to police reports. Eleven Slingerlands and North Bethlehem residents reported damage to their vehicles overnight Saturday, police said.

Deer hit

A Troy man told Bethlehem police Thursday morning that six deer had leaped across the road in front of his car as he was driving on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont shortly after 11 a.m., according to police reports. His car struck and killed one deer, police said.

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Why the Irish

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And how successful were the return immigrants at re-adjusting to life in Southern Ireland? At first, Gmelch found, about half had great difficulties. They had lived in big urban areas such as New York City or Boston — where they had found jobs — but were returning to quiet country villages, so it took them a while to get used to the slow, relaxed pace of life again. ("It can take months to get a telephone fixed," he said.)

Two groups of Irish immigrants to America don't tend to go back, Gmelch's research showed: those who have become very successful, and those who don't do well at all. "The first group is happily assimilated," he said, "and the second can't face going home as failures."

Sharon Gmelch first went to the Republic of Ireland in the summer of 1970, as a graduate student at the University of California at Santa Barbara, where she and her husband met. Her Irish research centered on the travelling groups of nomads, or "tinkers," that she came across there.

She was so intrigued by their lifestyle that she persuaded George to join her there and they lived in a horse-drawn covered wagon themselves, to be able to study this segment of Irish population firsthand. The result was a book, "Tinkers and Travellers," which won Sharon the Irish publishers' 1976 Book of the Year Award.

George, too, has published a number of books, as well as journal articles, on his Irish research, including "To Shorten

the Road, Traveller Folktales" and "The Irish Tinkers, Urbanization of an Itinerant People."

During the past five years, their research interests have taken the Gmelches to Alaska and Barbados, an island in the West Indies. They've spent the past two winters in Barbados with groups of Union students doing field work.

This summer, they will return to the Republic of Ireland, with their 2½ year-old son, Morgan, so they can update their research on the tinkers. They expect having a child along will be an advantage on future anthropological forays, Sharon said, because that will make them appear more "normal" to the groups of people they are studying. "In Mexico once, the people insisted we must be brother and sister, rather than a married couple, because we had no children," she said.

Though their academic work requires many trips to distant cultures, Sharon and George Gmelch are happy at this point in their lives to re-migrate regularly to their shared office at Union College and their charming old Victorian home in Slingerlands.

Dancing and learning

The Tri-Village squares will host a class-level square dance on Saturday, March 16, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 8 to 11 p.m.

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Air of the manor still on Font Grove

No story about the Font Grove section of Slingerlands can be complete without mention of the man who turned that area into a vast country estate over 100 years ago. Col. James Hendrick came to America from England about 1837, studied law and was admitted to the bar in Albany. This was only the beginning of a successful and prosperous career that spanned the ownership of a large insurance company, the presidency of several other corporations and a directorship of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

Col. Hendrick married Judith Anne Wands, daughter of an early Scottish immigrant family that had settled in the region around New Scotland. Hendrick began acquiring land for his estate about 1863. Eventually he amassed 600 acres and built a mansion house for himself and his family, plus 12 other houses and cottages, along with hay and dairy barns and extensive greenhouses.

The boundaries of Font Grove ran roughly from the lower railroad crossing near New Scotland Rd., fanning out to include the land on the north side of that road up to and beyond the upper railroad crossing. The south farm of 70 acres encompassed the area

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Allison Bennett



that is now the Helderview community and more. All that is left of this imposing "manor" is four homes that were built as summer cottages on Ridge Rd., off of Upper Font Grove Rd., two houses above the lower crossing, and "Edgewood," the home that Col. Hendrick built for his daughter, Mrs. Charles Thaddeus Terry. The present owners of Edgewood are scions of another old-time Slingerlands family, the Andrew Carnells, the family that founded and still operates the Albany Business College.

The Carnells believe, from information gathered from previous owners, that their house may be an outgrowth of an earlier structure on the property. Certainly the architectural style of the main block would indicate an earlier date than Col. Hendrick's occupancy of the land. Perhaps the Colonel remodeled an earlier farm house for his daughter and her husband, who moved into the home in 1905. The impressive



The Andrew Carnells own Edgewood, on Font Grove Rd., once the heart of a 600-acre estate.

wide central hallway is of that period, with wainscoted panelling in rich dark wood patterned in Old English style. The hallway

leads up the generous wide stairs to a marvelous spindled built-in bench spanning the entire upstairs landing. Downstairs and to the left of the entrance hall is a

house at one time looked out on a large verandah that has long since been torn away.

Across the entrance hall to the right is a large dining room,

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He amassed 600 acres and built a mansion house for himself and his family, plus 12 other houses and cottages, along with hay and dairy barns and extensive greenhouses.

generous-sized living room with fireplace and beyond, through a large archway, is another living room-library of one story. The Carnells feel that this room could well be a later addition because of certain structural features. This room and the entire front of the

papered in a striped wallpaper that is a copy of an antique paper of 200 years ago. Leaded Old English-style casement windows grace this room, as they also do the kitchen, but they are not original to the house. A large harvest table provides plenty of

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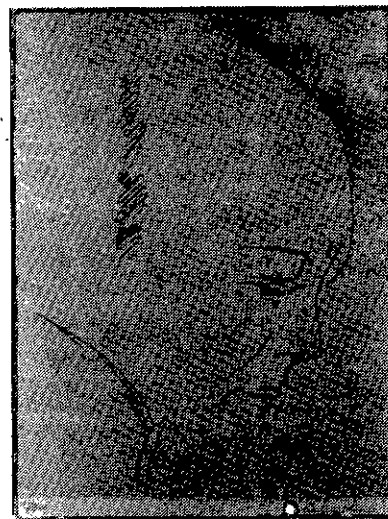
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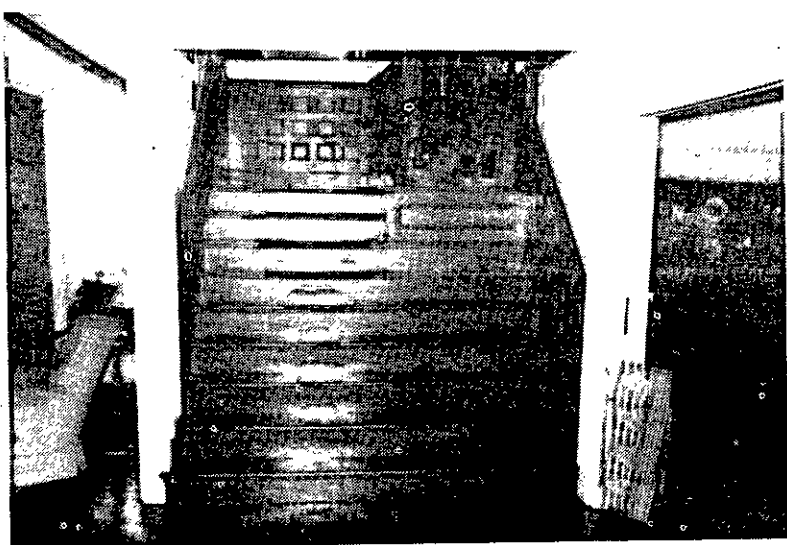
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The front hallway at Edgewood, in Slingerlands, leads to a wide, paneled stairway. The dark wood is patterned in the Old English style.

room for entertaining dinner guests, who sit on small Victorian side chairs. Two of the important pieces of furniture in this room are a 1790 Vermont pine hutch and a Hepplewhite sideboard. A quaint early washstand is used as a bar storage cabinet and an Oriental rug covers the wide board floors. The Carnells say that this is the only room in their house that they consider complete and it reflects their early but now often side-tracked interest in collecting Early American furniture.

Beyond the dining room and behind the kitchen is a small den-television room. Also beyond the dining room a wing that was once a summer kitchen and woodshed has been translated into the kitchen. The blue cabinets and blue and white tile floor seem a most appropriate foil for the leaded windows that add a European touch to the room. Here an old schoolmaster's desk is used for kitchen computing and copper pots adorn the walls. A breakfast table and chairs sit before a wide window that looks out upon the back ravine. Behind the dining room the last remnant of the old porches remains. This large porch literally hangs out over a ravine behind the house. Young Bradley Carnell likes to climb in under the porch with his playmates since it makes an ideal fort for playtime troops storming up the hill. He

Quilters invited

The Panhellenic Alumnae Association of Schenectady is inviting exhibitors to participate in its seventh annual old dorp quilt and needle arts show April 30 and May 1. Quilts, wall hangings, pillows and other quilted accessories, old and new, may be exhibited, as well as examples of crewel, embroidery, needlepoint and woven coverlets. This year there also will be a display of antique dolls.

Registration forms for exhibitors are available from Mrs. Fred Grimm, 117 Acorn Drive, Scotia, 12302. Forms must be completed and returned to Mrs. Grimm by March 29. Exhibitors will be limited to three quilts each, since no more than 100 quilts in total can be accommodated for display.

The two-day show will be held at the First Reformed Church, Scotia. Demonstrations of quilting and needlework techniques also are planned. Shops on the premises will have materials and gift items for sale. Proceeds from the show support the Louise L. Newkirk Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to area high school graduates attending college.

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BC students form SADD chapter

By Theresa Bobear

If a new group at Bethlehem Central High School is successful, nothing will happen.

But the Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) have a difficult goal — in alcohol-related automobile accidents they're up against the number one health problem among American teens.

"I have a lot of friends who drive to parties. I don't want anything to happen to either them or myself," said one member of the group. "I've seen them (my friends) drunk and I know they can't drive while they're drunk," said another.

"A lot of my friends do drink and drive." "We're not against drinking or driving. We're not against any person. We're against driving while drunk." "You don't have to drink to be cool." "Don't do it because other people do." These comments and others reflect the confidence of students who are mature enough to look beyond themselves and care about what happens to other people.

In the upcoming months the group hopes to get their message out by meeting with parent organizations, working with Bethlehem Youth Opportunities Unlimited, holding a general meeting with the community, writing a platform, hanging a sign at the Four Corners and speaking to classes.

The group will present some sad facts, such as the fact that this year about 26,000 people will be killed by drunk drivers and about 750,000 will be seriously injured at a cost exceeding \$24 billion. Breaking communication barriers between students and students and between students and parents, the students hope that people will realize that there is nothing glamorous about endangering the lives of family members and friends.

says that it is really a "neat" house in which to live because of its many rambling rooms and outside play spaces.

The master bedroom, with its own fireplace, is directly over the living room and combines two smaller rooms. The Carnells added a large double closet and bath from parts of an adjoining room. They feel there are several mysteries in the house as to its construction, since there are interesting odd jogs and partition placements in the upstairs rooms. Bradley's bedroom and bath are located over the dining room. The guest bedroom is adorned with an old free-standing tub with unusual dolphin-shaped feet. This room must have been another bedroom or passageway at one time, since one has to pass through this bedroom to reach the guest bedroom. Beyond that other bedrooms extend onward over the kitchen and garage wing and back stairs lead down into the kitchen.

Surrounded by stately trees, the ravine and five acres of ground, the house cannot be encroached upon by near neighbors. It has been a landmark along the sharp turn on Font Grove Rd. for a long time and the Carnells expect to keep it that way for many years to come.



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With information provided by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the members of SADD will offer realistic advice to parents who want to deal effectively with the problem.

Since November the Students Against Drunk Driving at Bethlehem Central High School, co-ordinated by president Paula Mueller, have been meeting every week.

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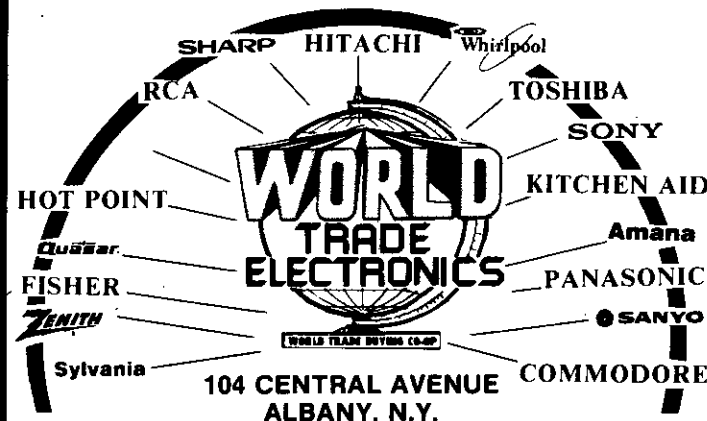
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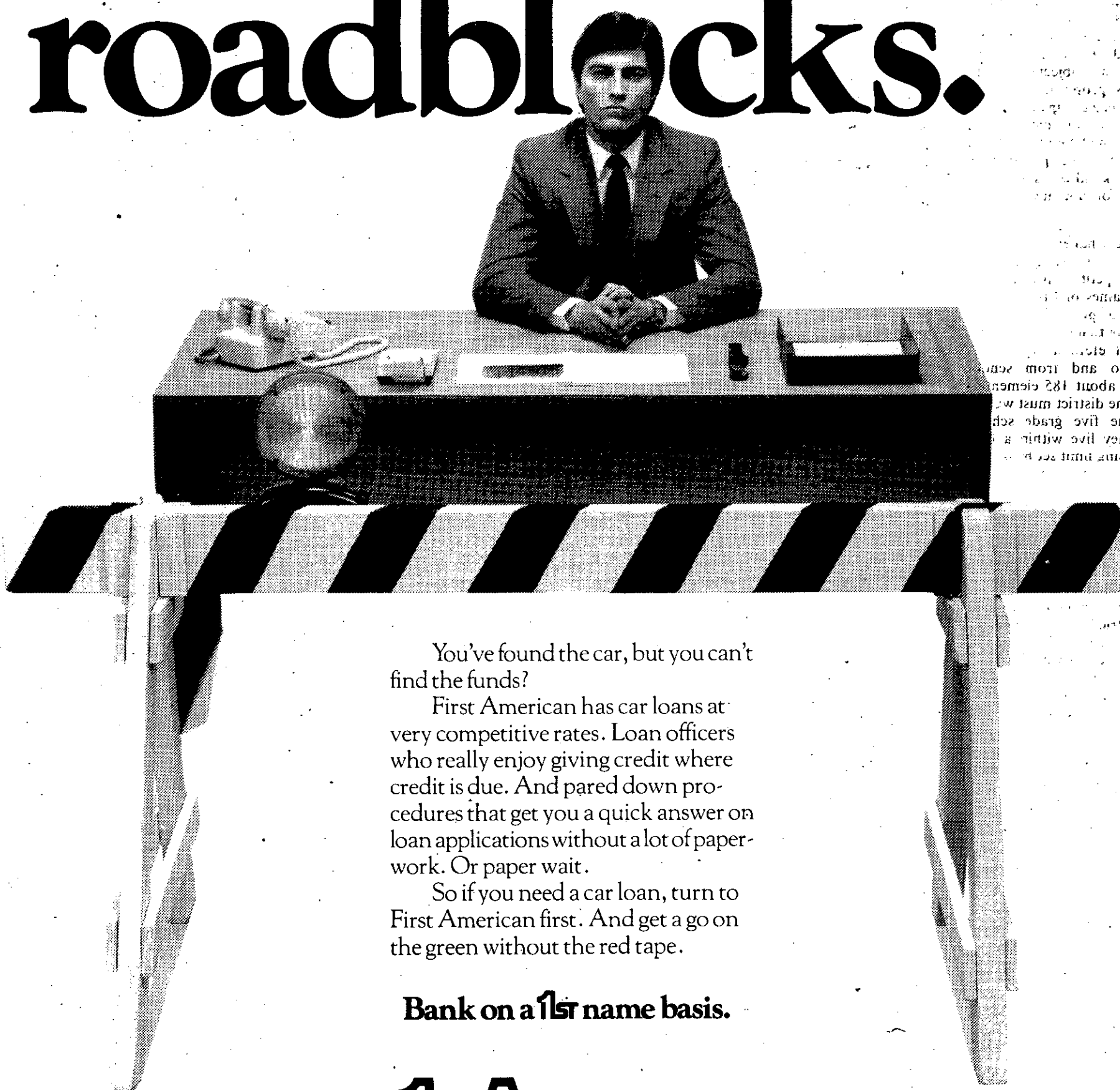


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Challenge report gets put on hold

By Caroline Terenzini

The Bethlehem Central school board, feeling the pressure of yet-to-be-resolved budget matters, last Wednesday postponed scheduled discussion of the Challenge Review Committee's report. The board did vote, however, to retain the present two teaching positions to provide "gifted and enrichment programs."

The difficulty the board had in finding a satisfactory way to word the motion to retain the teaching positions foreshadows a long discussion about the district's program for "gifted" children sometime in the future. Some points likely to be brought up were identified in a statement read by Mary Jack of Elsmere, an observer, who objected to the committee's proposal to include all children in a group destined for enrichment, saying that in doing so the panel had "bowed to those who criticized the program as elitist." Jack also faulted the committee for not having relied on experts.

With the Challenge discussion on hold, the board quickly acceded to a petition presented by Barbara Eames of Elsmere seeking a special proposition on the May 8 ballot that would authorize busing all elementary school children to and from school. Currently, about 185 elementary pupils in the district must walk to one of the five grade schools because they live within a half-mile, a busing limit set by district vote some years ago. Approximately half of these walkers attend the Elsmere school and they must traverse heavily trafficked portions of Delaware Ave.

State law forbids selective busing so, if approved, the additional busing would apply to all of the district's five elementary schools. District administrators have said no buses would have to be purchased to eliminate young walkers, but additional driver time and mileage costs would amount to about \$7,000, they estimated. The additional busing would require double elementary trips for some drivers.

The petition carried 268 signatures, Eames said.

Another petition, with 185 signatures, was presented to the board by Marie Hornick of Clarksville, asking that the board make the principal's job at the Clarksville Elementary School a full-time position. Currently, the principal, Cheryl McCullough, teaches for half the day, as did previous principals there. That arrangement is "unfair to Clarksville students and teachers,"

Hornick said, and "the job is unrealistic."

A regulation promulgated by state Education Commissioner Gordon Ambach is due to go into effect in September would prohibit part-time principals unless an exception is granted by the commissioner. Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn said the district has already requested exemption, citing the small enrollment at the school (176 pupils), past successful experience with a half-time principal and the fact that the principal is in the building full-time, although teaching part of that time.

The board then took a look at the equipment section in the draft 1985-86 budget. This portion of the budget currently totals \$315,000, but board members were talking cuts. For example, \$85,000 is sought to buy computers and computer peripherals, but board member Velma Cousins questioned their value in the schools and also wondered whether voters who turned down a special proposition for computers last spring had "changed their minds." Board member Bernard Harvith didn't want to make cuts in the equipment section without seeing "a list of what I'm cutting." No decisions were made last week, but the board is set for a budget session tonight (Wednesday) at Slingerlands Elementary School, beginning at 7 p.m. with a ride on a borrowed 81-passenger bus.



Fourth grade students at Slingerlands Elementary School identify with the American Indians during the school's "I Love New York" show last Friday. Tom Howes

In other business, the board:

- Approved a school calendar for the 1985-86 school year that provides for two weeks off at Christmas time, with the last regents' exam on June 26. The long Christmas holiday accommodates the later exam period — set by the state — while keeping to the minimum required 180 school days.

- Learned that the district's foreign language department had received honorable mention in a statewide competition.

DWI charges to 4

Four motorists were charged with driving while intoxicated this past week, according to Bethlehem police reports. All are from out of town.

Thief hits company

A thief or thieves made off with \$2,700 in cash and two signed checks after breaking into the offices of Keenan Construction Corp. in Glenmont sometime last Thursday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. The break-in was discovered shortly after 5 a.m. Friday, police said. The report noted that the outer layer of a locked steel file cabinet had been peeled off to gain access to the cash and checks.

Break-in probed

Bethlehem police are investigating a break-in at a Longwood Dr., Delmar, residence last Tuesday. According to police reports, a door leading from the attached garage to the house was kicked in and the house was ransacked sometime during the day Tuesday. The only items immediately identified as missing were coins from a child's bank, according to the report. Footprints were found in the snow leading from Elm Ave. to the house and back.

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Restaurant parking OK seen

Figuring that the proposed change might help the parking situation on New Scotland Rd., the Bethlehem Board of Appeals last week instructed board attorney Donald DeAngelis to draw a resolution for granting Frank Mairoana's request for a variance to permit additional parking at 1360 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, now Pvt. Benny's. The board will vote on the resolution at its March 20 meeting.

Mairoana wants to start an Italian restaurant at that location and his plans call for the elimination of five parking spaces in front

of the building and the addition of 11 spaces to the rear.

The board also instructed DeAngelis to draw up a resolution to grant Richard and Deborah Strawbridge permission to construct a duplex in an A-Residential zone at 461 Monroe Ave. in North Bethlehem. The couple purchased the property prior to the removal of duplexes as permitted uses in A zones last fall.

In other business, the board:

- Instructed DeAngelis to draft a resolution for granting Harold J. Berben, Jr.'s request for a variance to permit construction of

a duplex in an A zone on Beacon Rd., Glenmont. The board will vote on the resolution at its April 3 meeting.

- Accepted two applications from A.T. Zautner for permission to build duplexes at 456 Feura Bush Rd. and 460 Feura Bush Rd. The board scheduled public hearings to consider the requests for April 3 at 8:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

- Held a public hearing to consider modification of a previously approved special extension to allow exterior building changes and the addition of basement garages to 15 four-unit buildings in a section of the

Woodhill subdivision, Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont. The change was proposed by Vincent Riemma of ABCO Building, Inc. Barry Gold, attorney representing the adjacent Bethlehem Preschool, asked the board to require the developer to install fencing for the safety and security of children in the area.

- Held a public hearing to consider David Traub's request for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to allow construction of an addition at 423 Wellington Rd., Delmar. No one spoke in opposition to the proposal.

- Adopted a shortened State Environmental Quality Review form for use when appropriate.

Group to work on easements

The Central Delmar Neighborhood Association will work with town officials to improve pedestrian safety along Kenwood Ave., the association's president, Douglas Zeno, said Saturday.

Zeno said a committee will meet with Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor as soon as the snow clears to see where Secor wants to move sidewalks.

Moving sidewalks further off the road on busy Kenwood Ave. near St. Thomas School and the Bethlehem Central Middle School was the solution proposed by the town to concerns about the safety of children walking to school in that area. Supervisor Robert Hendrick asked the association to help the town in obtaining the easements that will be necessary to install new sidewalks.

Zeno and other association members were present March 6 when the town board discussed their requests for safety improvements on Kenwood, at Herber Hill and Delmar Place.

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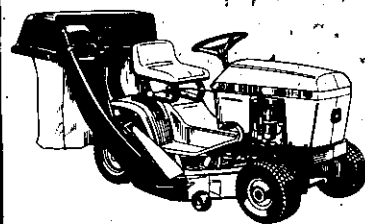
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Two hurt in crash

An Elsmere woman and her 9-month-old daughter were treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital and released Saturday after an accident on Delaware Ave. near Bedell Ave. According to Bethlehem police reports, a Selkirk youth, 17, said he was blinded by the sun and didn't see the woman's car stopped for a red turn. Hollisid Sunshine, her daughter, Emily, 9 months, and son, Bradley, 5, were taken to the hospital by the Delmar Fire Dept. Rescue Squad, police said. The other driver did not require treatment, according to the hospital. No charges were filed in the 4 p.m. accident.



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Aging plan not forgotten

By Theresa Bobear

With attention focused on a proposed extension of the Delmar Bypass that crosses Delaware Ave. and extends as far as New Scotland Ave., Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor doesn't want the original bypass extension plan forgotten.

That plan, abandoned by the state Department of Transportation some 20 years ago, would have taken the bypass west as far as the Stonewell intersection in New Scotland, where the road would have linked with the (also long-dead) Slingerlands bypass.

That route is still part of the town's "long term" plans. Secor told the Bethlehem Planning Board last week. Later in the meeting, his observations were reinforced by a preliminary report on the town-wide traffic study being conducted by Vollmer Associates, which indicated that existing roads will be overloaded in the next 10 to 20 years.

Secor used a 20-year-old map prepared by DOT to trace the route of the original bypass extension, and explained how the proposed Juniper Fields development on Elm Ave. and the proposed development off Delaware Ave. owned by HMC Associates relate to that.

Secor said it is not correct to refer to the proposed route through the HMC development and then down Fisher Blvd. as a proposed bypass extension. That route, he said, would serve as an interim solution to traffic problems until the bypass was extended west.

John Smolinsky, a resident of the Orchard St. area, asked Secor whether the town was interested in an extension of the bypass or "interested in only an interim solution," referring to the road connecting the bypass to Fisher Blvd.

"At some point it (the road to the Stonewell Plaza) is going to develop. It may be 20 years from now," Secor said. "Let's put this on paper and make sure everybody understands it."

Neither route is on the DOT's

funding list for future construction, and town officials have said they simply want to make sure that development does not preclude the possibility of building a road at some future time.

"We've talked to the state people and, as of the moment, they have no plans to do anything for us," Supervisor Robert Hendrick said Friday. But, he said, the hope is that if the town does secure as much of the right-of-way as possible, and demonstrates the need — through the Vollmer traffic study — the state's position may change.

William Ihlo, project manager with Vollmer Associates, said he had completed his inventory of existing traffic patterns in the area. He said the town could expect six to 10 vehicle trips per day from each of the 5,000 housing units that were "likely to be built" in the next 10 to 20 years. While admitting that all the figures were not compiled yet, Ihlo said the projected addition of 3,000 to 5,000 vehicle trips per hour would create the need for another New Scotland Rd. or another Delaware Ave. — both roads connect to Albany.

Once again, architect Clark Shaughnessy and surveyor Paul Hite reviewed plans to build 280 apartment units and 57 single-family houses on a 93-acre parcel between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St.

Howard Nolan, Norris MacFarland and Mark Heller, owners of the parcel, have asked the town board to change the zoning on the parcel from A and AA-Residential and CC-Commercial to Planned Residence District.

The developers plan to build one 2,750-foot collector road, which may connect with an extended bypass.

Shaughnessy said between 25 and 30 acres of the land would be left in its natural state. He stressed the fact that the apartments would be "visually as remote as possible from adjacent property."

Secor said HMC Associates has granted the town the right-of-way for the widening of Orchard St. at the site.

A neighbor reported that the 85-acre parcel across from the proposed PRD is now on the market.

"I'm the new boy on the block," said board Chairman John Williamson, noting that he would like to study the plan. The board tabled the proposal for further discussion.

After receiving a recommendation from the planning board, the town board will hold a hearing and decide whether or not to rezone the property.

In other business, the board:

- Heard Hite's informal presentation of a proposed four-lot subdivision to be located on a nine-acre parcel off Forest Hill Rd. Hite said three more houses would be built on the land owned by Joseph Frangella. Each house would be connected to the end of Forest Hill Rd. by a long driveway.

- Granted conditional final approval to Monia Investors, Inc. for a one-lot subdivision on Bradford Pl., Slingerlands. The board's approval is subject to approval from the Albany County Planning Board.

- Scheduled a public hearing for April 2 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Franz Zwickbauer's request for a three-lot subdivision to build three four-unit apartment buildings on a 1.6-acre parcel in an AB-Residential zone on Cherry Ave. Much of the board's discussion of this proposal was inaudible to the audience.

- Adopted a new State Environmental Quality Review form for use in place of the current short form when necessary.

- Received a letter from Lindsay Boutelle, requesting that the original plan for the proposed 17-lot Beacon Woods subdivision be removed from consideration due to discussions with the Department of Environmental Conserva-



Daniel Blaustein, winner of the Bethlehem Central district spelling bee, quizzes Deanna Greer, left, third place finisher, and Evelyn Wright, second place finisher.

Tom Howes

tion regarding the effects of wetlands on the subdivision. Some 17 single-family houses were planned for the parcel by owner Alfred Alvaro of Algray Construction.

- Announced that their next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

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times maps for proposed subdivisions have not had large enough lots to meet zoning requirements, or had cul-de-sacs longer than the 500 feet allowed, or had curves in roads that were too tight.

New Scotland is divided into various zones where the minimum residential lot sizes range from about 10,000 square feet (about a quarter of an acre) in the Commercial-Hamlet and Industrial zones (with public water and sewer provided) to three acres in the Residential-Forestry zone. Although the survey of residents, taken when the zoning ordinance was first worked on over a decade ago showed a preference for the rural feeling of the town, the minimum lot sizes in the Residential-Agricultural and the Low-Density-Residential zones, which encompass about half the town, are 40,000 and 30,000 square feet respectively, and can drop to 20,000 square feet with both public water and sewer. These and the three-acre Residential-Agricultural Residential-Forestry minimums were set so that existing residences would conform to the ordinance, Richards explained, and so that a mixture of activities could take place there.

Although considering variances to its zoning ordinance and proposals for subdivisions take up much of the planning board's time, other issues surface that affect the future of the town. In the past year, the New Scotland Town Board passed an ordinance to restrict the presence of junk cars. The planning board has dealt with the placement of large satellite-receiver dishes. Town Supervisor Stephen Wallace said he frequently receives inquiries about the possibility of the town's building a public swimming pool in the town park on Swift Rd. As soon as he finds funding, he said, there will be a pool — a year, five years, or 10 years from now.

Wallace said the town board generally stays clear of deliberations of the planning board. Richards confirmed this. "We are as free of political pressure insofar as you can be in a political job."

Only a handful of people attend planning board meetings with any regularity. Shelly Buzzard gave the board good marks. "The planning board seems to be taking a positive approach. It's being cautious and is doing a better than



Richard Stickley

average job to guide development responsibly."

Planning board meetings are sufficiently unstructured so people have the opportunity to make comments and ask questions, although Niki Belleville, another of the regular attendees, feels that at times it has not taken sufficient input from citizens. With all the new or possible developments popping up, she said, the board will have to work closely to the rules and does seem to be doing that.

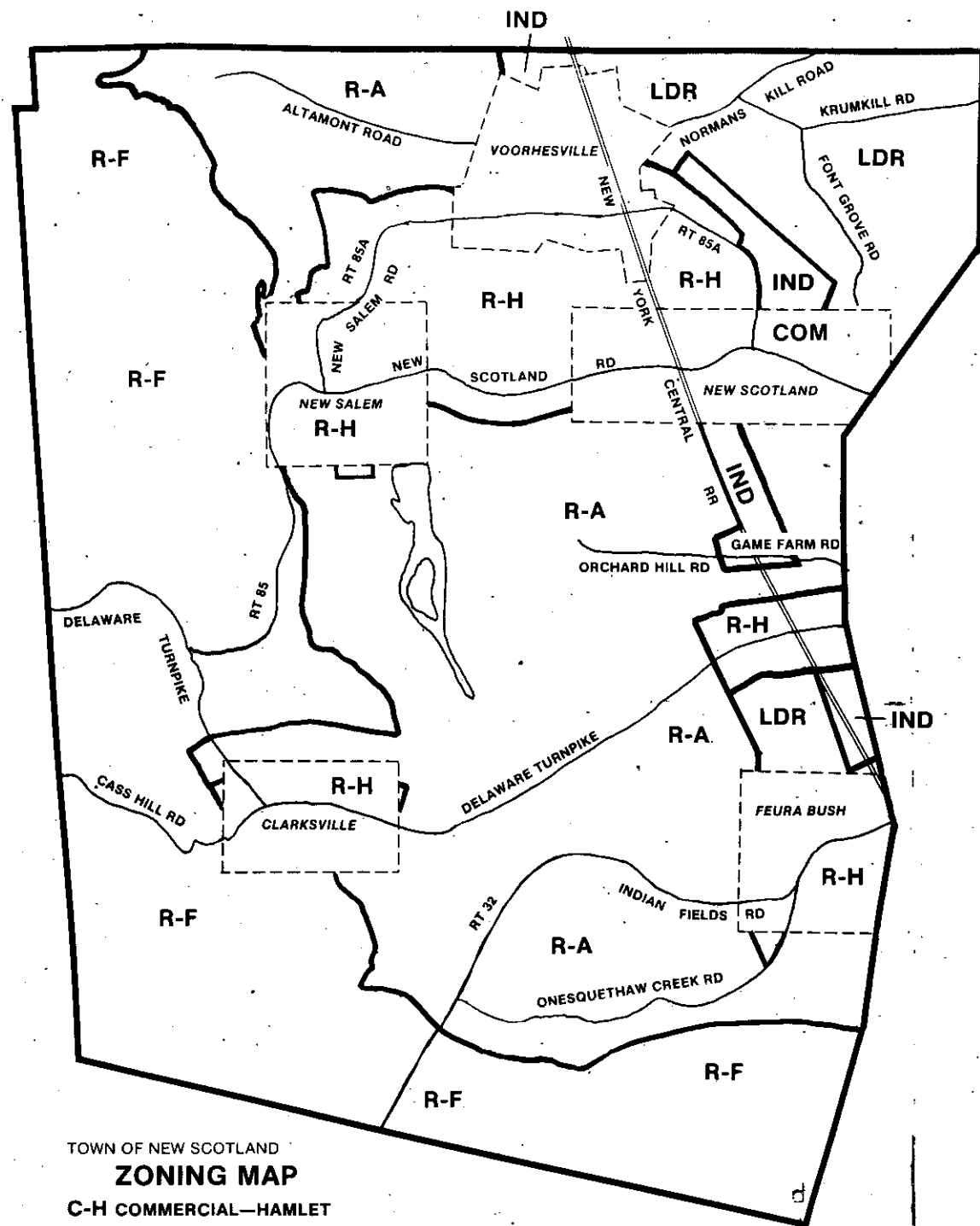
If the planning board in New Scotland is relatively free from political pressure, the potential for it is much greater with the elected town board. Many of the most important decisions to affect the town are made by the town board. The most crucial of these is the establishment of water districts.

Next week: The effect of water districts on town planning and development.

State yanks school buses

Non-public school students and handicapped BOCES students who live in the Voorheesville Central School District were left without transportation last Wednesday (March 6) as State Department of Transportation (DOT) officials pulled the operating permits for the buses of Harvey Dubb Bus Transportation, Rotterdam, according to Superintendent Werner Berglas.

Berglas said district business administrator Rodger Lewis notified parents of the unexpected interruption of transportation service. The superintendent reported



New Scotland's zoning code permits residences on lots of varying sizes depending on whether there is public water and sewer. For instance, in an R-H zone, a residence must have 20,000 square feet of

land if there is no water and sewer, but only 10,200 if there is. Residences are also allowed in commercial and industrial zones with special use permits. *Spotlight map*

that only three of the 13 runs contracted to Dubb were covered.

Berglas said Dubb Transportation was able to cover eight of the runs on Thursday, Friday and Monday with buses that had passed the state inspection. The district leased Voorheesville buses to Dubb to cover four routes, and the last route was covered by a Voorheesville driver.

Berglas said the district will honor its contract with Dubb provided the company's buses pass the DOT inspection. "The vast majority of the time they provide satisfactory service," Berglas said.

Berglas pointed out the fact that all school buses and school bus drivers are subject to strict regulation by the DOT for the good of the students. Whether they are employed by the district or by a private company, all drivers must submit a complete file, including records of their training, health examination, driving record evaluation and certification to the district.

After receiving several service complaints from parents, DOT inspectors visited the Harvey Dubb Bus Transportation facilities in Rotterdam on Wednesday,

Feb. 27. The inspectors found the company's records in a state of disarray. When the inspection team returned on Friday, March 1, they decided to conduct a full fleet inspection of Dubb Transportation.

Eighteen of the company's approximately 70 buses were inspected on Tuesday, March 5, and major defects were found. The transportation company and school district officials were notified that the buses would not be allowed to operate until restored to safe operation.

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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 the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

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

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

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

THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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

FISH, Tri-Village 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year 'round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon.-Sat. 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.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

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

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

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, trip to Capital Repertory Theater, to see *Master Harold and the Boys*.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, with Rev. James Daley of St. Thomas the Apostle Church discussion "The Humility of Christ," all welcome, Delmar Reformed Church, 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Supper and Bible Study, with discussion of current social issues, all welcome, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session on handicapped, BOCES, professional services, guidance, inservice and library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Lecture, about legal aspects of vandalism and substance abuse, sponsored by Voorheesville PTSA and New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force New Scotland Town Hall, Rt. 85, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, Lily S. Carl Lecture, sponsored by First United Methodist Church, Schenectady, 9 p.m.

Bethlehem Garden Club, luncheon to celebrate group's 20th anniversary, Margaret Rodenhausen will speak about African violets, Bethlehem Public Library, noon.

Lenten Dinner and Devotions, presented by Faith Lutheran Church and Glenmont Community Church, both located at 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, 6:30 p.m. Information, 465-2188 or 436-7710.

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

Seminar, "Tax Tips," with Gordon D'Angelo of H&R Block, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free.

Lenten Service, "Helping Hands... the Women Who Served," discussion by Rev. Warren Winterhoff, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Child card available; information, 439-4328.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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

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

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary, meets second Thursday of each month, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Phonathon, to benefit Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, Siena College, Loudonville.

Foreign Language Day, Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Energy Assistance Form Aid, for Heating Energy Assistance Program, offered by Harold Maher of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, Tuesdays by appointment, 1-4 p.m.; Thursdays on walk-in basis, 1-4 p.m. Appointments 439-4955, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Income Tax Form Aid, every Thursday, sponsored by Tri-Village AARP and Internal Revenue Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon-3 p.m. by appointment. Free; information, 439-4955.

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

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

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

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

Open House, The Diet Workshop, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Free. Information, 458-9616.

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, 8 p.m.

Video Program, about fruit tree pruning, Albany County Resource Development Center, Martin Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2331.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Rollerskating, at Bethlehem Central Middle School. Information, 439-3650.

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

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

Workshop, demonstration of fruit tree pruning sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, Shaker Orchard, Rt. 155 and Airport Rd., 3 p.m. Information, 765-2331.

Book Review, Ross Campbell's *How to Really Love Your Teenager*, reviewed by discussion group at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

"The Music of 1861 and '62," will be presented by Dan Steadman, community room, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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

St. Patrick's Eve Dinner Dance, St. Thomas School auditorium, \$11.50 admission, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 439-2233.

Lenten Service, with music of guitarist Jeffrey Green, all welcome, First United Methodist Church of Delmar, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Book Sale, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Delmar Progress Club, drama group will sponsor trip to Egg to see *The Prince and the Pauper*.

Shopping Trip, for Bethlehem Senior Citizens, van reservations, 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m., weekdays.

Book Sale, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Book Sale, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, The Art of Watercolor, 7 p.m.

New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force, meeting at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross, Farm Family and Farm Bureau, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461.

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post #3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

Workshop, "Serving from the Table," with Lisa Goldstock and Gary Brennen, stuhl of Schenectady Community College culinary arts dept., presented by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Mother's Time Out, members of Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers hear Carol Lillis speak about "Hollywood and the Fan Magazines," Delmar Reformed Church, 10:11:30 a.m. Child care provided; information, 439-9929.

Commissioners of Selkirk Fire District, meeting at Selkirk Fire Co., Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, with Dan Lucy of Bethlehem/Coeymans Project Hope discussing early intervention program for adolescents and their families, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

Voorheesville PTSA, meeting with discussion of after-school child care led by Nancy Basil, cafeteria, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Voorheesville Village Elections, village trustees Rich Langford and Ed Donohue running in uncontested races, Voorheesville Fire Hall, noon-9 p.m.

Book Sale, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Workshop, applications of computer spreadsheet, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Minna Breuer Group, Albany Chapter Hadassah, anniversary celebration, all welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Illustrated Lecture, on honey bees, all welcome, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary 1040, meeting at American Legion post rooms, 7 p.m.

area arts

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

THEATER

"Fifth of July," Studio Theater, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, March 13 through 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 457-8606.

"Master Harold... and the Boys," black surrogate father and white son in South Africa, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theater, Albany, through April 7, (March 9, 8 p.m.; Tues.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat. 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.). Tickets, 462-4534.

"On Golden Pond," St. Andrews Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, March 15-17 and 22-24. Reservations, 462-3822.

"Grease," Cohoes Music Hall, March 13 through 23, (Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.). Tickets, 235-7969.

"The Prince and the Pauper," The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany March 17, 2 p.m. March 18, 19, 21 and 22, 10 a.m.; March 22 and 23, 8 p.m. Tickets, 473-3750.

"Veronica's Room," Albany Civic Theater, March 20 through 24 and March 27 through 31 (Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m.). Tickets, 462-1297.

MUSIC

Organ Concert, with Mary Bon and Neil Keen, following noon Lenten service, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, March 15, free.

Tommy Maken and Liam Clancy, Irish singers, Saratoga City Center, March 14, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 482-5028.

Soprano Anne Turner and pianist William Jones, recital hall, Performing Arts Center, SUNYA, March 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 457-8606.

Berkshire Chamber Players, Russell Sage College, Troy, March 14, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

"For God and Art," concert in celebration of J.S. Bach's birthday, Capitol Chamber Artists, Albany Institute of History and Art, March 16, 8 p.m.; March 17, 3 p.m.

DANCE

Ballet Folclorico Nacional de Mexico, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, March 13, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Albany, March 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4755.

ART

"True Tale of a Tinsmith," Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Inc., Albany, through April.

University Art Gallery Exhibit, State University at Albany, through March 14.

"Off the Press: Contemporary Photo Printmakers," Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through March 18.

Alice Manzi, sculpture and drawings, Harmanus Bleecker Center, March 10 through April 5.

"Interplay," open juried exhibit, Albany Institute of History and Art, March 5 through April 4.

"The Figure in Ceramics," Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, through March 22.

"The West," six-screen video installation, Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, through March 22.

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Joseph Kilgallen, left, Jerry Nicklas and Deb Smith-Conroy perform in a scene from *On Golden Pond*. The play will be presented at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, Albany, on March 15, 16, 22 and

23, following a 7 p.m. dinner, and March 17 and 24, following a 5 p.m. dinner. For reservations call 462-3822.

Book Discussion Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Blood Pressure Clinic, third Tuesday, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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

Delmar Peace Breakfast, third Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 a.m. Information, 439-2941.

AARP Tri-Village Chapter, meeting with "Robert Hendrick," Bethlehem town supervisor, discussing "What's New in Bethlehem," Bethlehem School District residents over 50 welcome, First United Methodist Church, 12:15 p.m.

Science Fair, Hamagrael Elementary School, Information, 439-3650.

Open House, Clarksville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

BCHS Community Org., meeting at Bethlehem Central High School, Information, 439-3650.

Delmar Progress Club, legislative group meeting at Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

Workshop, on carpet care and protection, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30-9 p.m. Registration 765-2874.

Food Stamp Form Aid, representative will assist persons in applying for food stamps, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9:15 a.m.-noon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

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

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

Support Group, for working mothers, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

Travel Planning, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Spring Pops Concert, Voorheesville High School stage band, concert band and chorus, gymnasium, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, Readings for visually impaired, 4-7 p.m.; Lily S. Carl Lectures, 9 p.m.

Prayer Service and Slide Show, slides of Nicaragua, all welcome, St. Thomas the Apostle School, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Dinner and Devotions, covered dish dinner, Faith Lutheran Church and Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearings, on application of Jean Madison, 33 Bennett Terr., Delmar, for variance to permit conversion of existing deck to sun room, 8 p.m.; on application of Ethel P. Brown, 9 Salisburg Rd., Elsmere, for variance to permit enlargement of existing sun room at premises, 8:30 p.m. Bethlehem Board of Appeals, Bethlehem Town Hall.

Delmar Fire District, regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House, No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Lenten Service, with discussion of "Helping Hands... the Women Who Served," by Rev. Warren Winterhoff, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Day of Recollection, sermon, exposition Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Mass and unct., led by Fr. Alan Jupin, all welcome, St. Thomas Church, 9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information, 439-4496 or 435-3878.

Lenten Gathering, light Lenten supper, discussion of social issues and Bible study, First United Methodist Church of Delmar, Kenwood Ave., 6 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session on staffing, following 8 p.m. meeting, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Music Festival, presented by Bethlehem Central School District, Information, 439-3650.

Tri-Village Ecumenical-Lenten Bible Study, with Rev. Robert Hess of Delmar Reformed Church discussing "Christ and the Unifier," all welcome, Delmar Reformed Church, 9:30 a.m.

Embroiderers' Guild of America, Capital District Chapter, meeting with slide presentation by Mickey Lawlor, author of *Not Just Another Quilt*, Delmar United Methodist Church, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Musical, Slingerlands Elementary School, grade 5. Information, 439-3650.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Tae Kwon Do: Korean Self Defense," 7 p.m.; "Sew What?" with Stephanie Pouliott and Jody Phillips, 7:30 p.m.; *Conservations*: James Tedisco and Ken Baechel talk about problem of missing children, 8 p.m.

Information Meeting, for parents of 1985-86 kindergarten students, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Reading of *The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Workshop, "Discipline Is Not A Dirty Word," Albany County Cooperative Extension Family Resource Center, 230 Green St., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Registration, 765-2874.

Bethlehem Historical Assoc., will view slide program entitled "18th Century New York Furniture," with John Scherer, Bethlehem Historical Assoc. Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

Albany County Audubon Society, with Nelson Maurer of Albany Camera Club presenting slides of trip to Colorado, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, 8 p.m.

District Music Festival, with more than 230 students from district's schools participating, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Food Stamp Form Aid, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointment required, 439-4955.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr. and Elsmere Ave., third Thursdays, 12 noon.

Albany Area Retired Teachers' Assoc., meeting with Erastus Corning III speaking about Russia, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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Embroiderers' Guild of America, Capital District Chapter, meeting with Mickey Lawlor demonstrating how to make her coat vest, Delmar United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

String of Beads, for children under 3 years, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Empty V," 7 p.m.; *Real George's Back Room*, 7:30 p.m.; "Cycle Tunes," 8 p.m.

Musical, Slingerlands Elementary School, grade 5. Information, 439-3650.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Lenten Service, with review of "Christ as Teacher," First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Field Study, and search for signs of spring, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

Workshop, on nature photography, with Frank Knight, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 10 a.m. Free; registration, 457-6092.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Breakfast, sponsored by Voorheesville Area Ambulance, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, \$3 and \$2 admission, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dance, to benefit Joyce Westervelt Heart Transplant Fund, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, \$5 and \$2 admission, 2-9 p.m. Information, 768-2859.

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Lecture, Dr. Hugh Maclean of SUNYA will speak about "Shakespeare's Art and The Midsummer Night's Dream," sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "The Art of Watercolor," 7 p.m.

Public Hearing, on 1985-86 budget for Voorheesville Central School District, Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Public hearing, on 1985-86 budget for RCS Central School District, RCS Senior High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Delmar Progress Club, garden group members may attend meeting of State Federated Garden Clubs in Rochester.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Bethlehem Board of Education, final budget review. Information, 439-3650.

Workshop, learn to enter and edit on Apple Writer, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

Art Show, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Open House, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, Readings for the Visually Impaired, 4-7 p.m.

Lenten Service, with discussion of "Hosana Hands-Hostile Hands... Crowds of Palm Sunday and Good Friday," by Rev. Warren Winterhoff, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, with Rev. Susan Hager-Smith of Delmar United Methodist Church discussing "The Conqueror of Death," at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Dinner and Devotions, covered dish supper, Faith Lutheran Church and Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 436-7710.

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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Renew Mass, with Fr. Walter Laskos speaking about "Cost of Discipleship," Christ the King Church, Westmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 456-7820.

"Dine on Broadway," with Judy Harris sharing memories from Broadway shows, Louise Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Registration, 465-3325.

Lecture, artist James Sullivan will speak at orientation theater, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross, Albany Medical Center Hospital, student nurse recreation room, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461.

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 2 p.m. Free.

Two-Rivers Aquarium Society, meeting at Waterford Community Center, 35 Third St., Waterford, all welcome, 8 p.m. Information, 237-2508.

Forum, "The Philippines: What Future For Democracy," with David Easter, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

Workshop, "Healthier Ways of Cooking," with Melissa DeNardo, sponsored by Hudson Valley Dietetic Assoc., all welcome, Macy's Colonie Center. Information, 270-2518.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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

Lecture, Margaret Lanoue will discuss traditional French bread making, Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Information Session, with Stanley Wright of SUNYA's continuing education dept., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m.

Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc., meeting of Albany area task force members, Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Mohawk Chapter DAR, meeting with Jean Olton, Colonie historian, speaking about history of Pruyn House, Pruyn Mansion, Old Niskayuna Rd., Loudonville, 2:30 p.m.

Noontime Lecture Series, with Geoffrey Stein speaking about "Agricultural Implements in the New York State Museum's Collection," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free; information, 463-4478.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Films, *With These Hands* and *Tender Game*, part of Artists on Art series, concourse level auditorium, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 15, 12:10 p.m.; March 17, 2 p.m.

Bloodmobile, Albany Academy Rd., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461.

Fish and Wildlife Expo, featuring "name the eagle" contest, world's largest tackle box, Adirondack basket making, DEC poster contest, convention center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$3 and \$1.50 admission, noon-10 p.m., March 15; 11 a.m.-10 p.m., March 16; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., March 17.

Cooking Demonstration, area chefs and cooking teachers will show food preparation techniques, Northway Mall, 1440 Central Ave., Colonie, noon - closing. Free.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Teen Night, to benefit Arthritis Foundation, Chuck E. Cheese Pizza Time Theaters, Northway Mall, Colonie and Crostown Plaza and Schenectady, \$4.95 admission, 8:30-midnight.

Art Auction, oils, watercolors, graphics and sculpture, sponsored by Guiderland PTA Council, to benefit PTA Council scholarship fund, Chariot Restaurant, Western Turnpike, Rt. 20, Guiderland, 7:30 p.m.

Contra and Country Dancing, with music by Fenning's All-Stars, David Kaynor calling, beginners welcome, sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., Guiderland Community Center, 211-B Western Ave., 8-11:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461.

Lecture, "The Melting Pot: Life in Albany for Ethnic Groups," with John J. McEneny, author and local historian, orientation theater, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 3 p.m. Free.

Concert, "Prelude to Spring," presented by Monday Musical Club, with pianist Anna Georgiopoulos of Bethlehem Central High School and soprano soloist of Delmar Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany, 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Tax Information Program, representative of State Dept. of Taxation and Finance will offer tax forms and information at Cossackie Village Hall, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Conference, sponsored by State Coalition for Criminal Justice, with C. Vernon Mason, civil rights lawyer and attorney for one of the men shot by Bernard Goetz, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State St., Albany, 12:30 p.m. \$35 registration, 436-9222.

Information Session, Empire State College, SUNY, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 447-6746; free.

Women's Club of Albany, club day and business meeting, with Jahe Johnson of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp speaking about energy conservation, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 2 p.m.

Auditions, for resident company of Mac-Haydn Theatre of Chatham, Jackson's Towne House Restaurant, off Rt. 66, Chatham, March 18 and 19, 4-8 p.m. Information, 392-9292.

Workshop, "Fund Raising for Non-Profits," sponsored by Federation of Historical Services, Guiderland Historical Society, Rt. 146, Guiderland Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10 and \$15 registration, 273-3400.

Lenten Preaching Series, with Rev. F. Goldthwaithe Sherrill, of Grace Church, Brooklyn, St. Peter's Episcopal Church Albany, noon, March 11-March 15.

Philosophy Forum, "What is Reality and How Do We Know It?" Kellas Formal Lounge, Sage College, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Free.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Former Smokers, support group sponsored by American Lung Assoc., meets first and third Tuesdays at American Lung Assoc., 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

Albany Artists Group, meeting with demonstration in pastels by Leo Loomis, West End Presbyterian Church, Central Ave., at Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

College Fair, with representatives from many four-year institutions, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 9-11 a.m. Information, 283-1100, ext. 611.

Daughters of American Colonists, Fort Orange Chapter, luncheon, at Tom Sawyer Motor Inn Restaurant, Western Ave., 11:30 a.m. Information, 286-3283.

Workshop, Mila Andic will demonstrate needlecrafts at Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10-11:30 a.m.

Book Review, Frances Ingraham reviews Judith Martin's *Miss Manners' Guide to Rearing Perfect Children*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

State Legislative Forum, with Paul Elisha, executive director of NYS Common Cause, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m.

Albany Postal Customer Council, meeting and election of officers, Albany Post Office, 30 Old Karner Rd., Colonie, 9:30 a.m. Reservations, 869-1587.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Oriental Rug Sale, to benefit Albany Symphony, Kermani Oriental Rugs, 1593 Central Ave., Colonie, March 20, 5-9 p.m. (by invitation only); March 21 and 22, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; March 23, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and March 24, noon-5 p.m.

Workshop, to train 4-H teen members and adults to judge at 4-H presentation and Altamont Fair, Farnsworth Middle School, Guiderland, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Registration, 765-2327.

Film, *The Artisans of Quebec*, sponsored by Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series, Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Loudonville, March 20, 7:30 p.m.; March 24, 2 p.m.

Renew Mass, with Fr. Rick Shaw speaking about "Healing of the Disciple," Christ the King Church, Westmere, 7:30 p.m.

National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, Capital District chapter, meeting with Dr. Christina Clanchard, Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 458-2517.

Forum, "Population Growth: Critical North-South Issue?" with Scott South of SUNYA, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon.

News from AROUND BETHLEHEM CENTRAL

Two Board of Education seats are to be filled by voters on May 8. Candidates should get nominating petitions at the district clerk's office, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. The completed petitions must be turned in by April 8.

The All-District Orchestra will be held Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in the high school upper gymnasium. Everyone is invited.

Clarksville — Students in Mrs. Jan Xeller's resource room wrote stories about kites, then they designed and made their own kites. The kites are now hanging from the walls and ceilings in the school. Finalists in the logo design contest are Libby Tarleton, Sarah Cook, Kerry Cross, Lisa Eaton, Brandy Mitchell, Laura

VanValkenburgh, Nicky Tom-mell, Cara Platt, Peter Dorgan, Sarah Robbins, Billy Smith, Becky Romagnoli, Michele Craft, Matt Choppy, Heather Lawrence, Michael McGoey, Christina Haight, Tommy Dorgan and Jenny Meyer.

Elsmere — Four representatives from Elsmere School's fourth and fifth grades participated in the annual district spelling bee. They are Jennifer Burrell, Katie Carazza, James Cornell and Peter Cohen. Pat Eckhardt's morning and afternoon kindergarten classes performed at the Good Samaritan Home on March 7 and 12. Their program included songs, dances, poems and dramatizations. The kindergartners also



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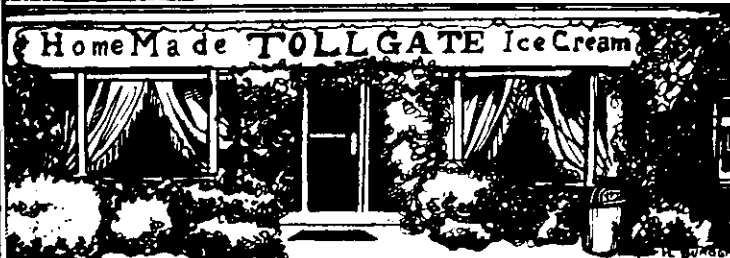


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Glenmont — Candi and Kerry Meeker have surpassed the 500 mark in the Kellogg Co.'s Liberty Campaign. The PTA is pleased with the active part Glenmont children are taking in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and thank everyone who sent in labels . . . The PTA after-school program has begun its second six-week offering. Ten classes are listed: needlework and crafts, fun with cooking, nature, woodwork I and II, learning French through cooking and crafts, clowning around, soccer, sugar egg creations, and theater . . . The Glenmont PTA will sponsor a craft fair with 83 exhibitors on Saturday, March 30, at the Glenmont school.

Hamagrael — Students heard an Albany Symphony ensemble at the Friday assembly as part of the Vanguard Young People's Concert preview . . . The fifth grade classes are working on a musical play "Strictly U.S.A.," which they will present at the March 21 assembly . . . Five Rivers Environmental Center staff will present a workshop for Hamagrael teachers on March 25. The workshop is planned to show teachers how the school's nature trail can be used in all four seasons.

Slingerlands — Slingerlands School had its annual spelling bee for fourth and fifth graders on March 1. Four winners were chosen from 24 participants. The four Slingerlands students who participated in the district spelling bee are all from Peter Xeller's fifth grade class. They are Melissa Tanner, Jennifer Day, Kent LaPointe, and Karen Stornelli . . . Richard Welsh, the parent of a third grader in John Caporta's class, spoke to the students about Indian tribes of the 1770s. Welsh's hobby during the summer is to re-enact Revolutionary War times at the Saratoga battlefield.

Middle School — Four math students placed first in Albany County in a competition sponsored by the Capital District Engineering Society at RPI. The three-part competition lasted four hours and required students to work individually and as a team. Representing the Middle School were seventh graders Jeff Ballou and Fred Wu. The eighth graders who went were Raymond Robb and Evelyn Wright, who scored first and second, respectively, in the individual written portion of the exam.

High School — Junior Parents Night will be March 19 at 8 p.m. at the high school. Juniors and their parents are invited to a presentation by experts on two and four-year colleges, financial aid, and the job outlook . . . The school newspaper, *Star*, is sponsoring a Trivial Pursuit contest on March 15 . . . The music department's submarine sandwich sale will be March 23. Anyone who would like to order a sandwich at \$1.75 each can call Aggie Clark, 439-4921, by March 18.

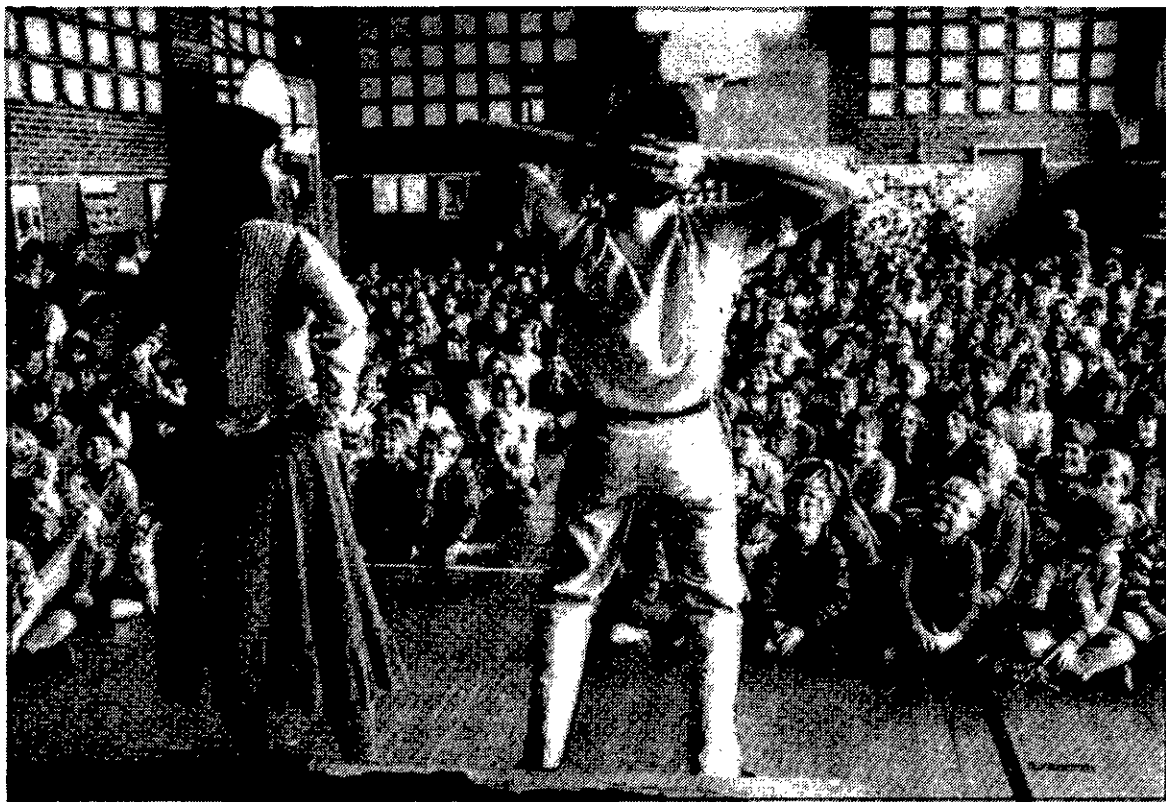
Call Cheryl Stees, 439-3650, mornings, with your school's news.

Busy bees

A lecture and slide program on honey bees will be presented at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. The program will focus on the economic and ecological importance of honey bees in New York State. The center's hive will be shown by Nancy Payne, amateur apiarist and center naturalist. For information about the free program call 457-6092.



Storytellers Mitch Weiss and Martha Hamilton, at left, hold pupils at Elsmere Elementary School enthralled with tales of enchantment. The Ithaca couple, billed as "Beauty and the Beast," are artists-in-residence at Bethlehem elementary schools this week, giving perform-



ances, classroom demonstrations and lessons for teachers. They are at the Glenmont School today (Wednesday) and will be at Hamagrael Thursday and Clarksville Friday.

To hear about Russia

The Albany Area Retired Teachers' Association will meet at the Bethlehem Public Library on

Thursday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m. Members in attendance will hear Erastus Corning III speak about life in Russia.

Rapid reader

Seth Palmer of Ravana was one of 34 students recently honored for their contribution to the

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Font Grove Rd. wants water

By Charles Casey

Having learned that Bethlehem plans to install a new water main on Font Grove Rd., residents of the New Scotland part of the road approached their town board last week with a petition for a new, two-mile-long water district. The project would require the installation of new water mains and fire hydrants along Upper Font Grove Rd.

Robert Cook, of Font Grove Rd., explained the water situation. Homes in the area, which receive Bethlehem water, are still being serviced by the two-inch mains that were installed in the 1920's by the Suburban Water Company. Bethlehem is expected to replace the six-inch water main, which feeds into the Font Grove line, with eight-inch pipe. Font Grove's two-inch line, now plagued with cracks and leaks, will not be able to handle the increased water pressure of Bethlehem's new eight-inch mains.

Cook and his neighbors proposed that the town replace the existing two-inch line with eight-inch pipes, install a meter station and connect five hydrants to the main. The only difficulties in

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installing the new line, said Cook, will be in crossing ravines and going under the railroad tracks at the south end of Font Grove. Highway Superintendent Peter Van Zetten said that water lines may be pushed under the railroad bedding.

Denise Carnel presented the petition, which contained the signatures of 16 residents from 11 families. She said the most distressing problem at her home has been a lack of water pressure. "There have been mornings this winter when I turned on the water and nothing came out," she said. The other six Font Grove residents at the meeting related the same problems. Superintendent Peter Van Zetten said larger pipes will allow more pressure and eight-inch pipes are necessary to provide sufficient water for fire hydrants.

Supervisor Stephen Wallace said he thought the proposed water district was feasible, but would consult with engineers to

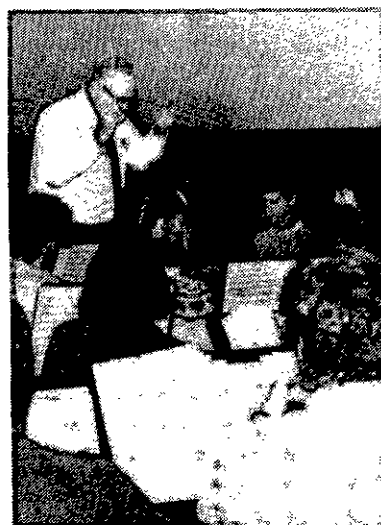
determine the cost. He cautioned Font Grove residents that they would be charged for the installation of the mains — a significant fee for the many who own large amounts of road-front property.

Cook made it clear that there is a limited time schedule for the establishment of the water district. The project could be most easily completed if Font Grove's pipes are installed with Bethlehem's new main. Cook said he expects Bethlehem to replace its water pipes within a year.

In other action, Van Zetten made a request for the purchase of a pickup truck to replace a 1978 vehicle with 90,000 miles. Van Zetten explained that three pickups are necessary because they are used more than the town's larger trucks. The board approved the \$11,300 purchase on the condition that the town sell two used trucks on bid.

On picking a carpet

The Albany County Cooperative Extension will offer a workshop on carpet selection and care from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on March 19 at the Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd. Voorheesville.



Voorheesville High School band members are tuning up under the direction of Frank McDermott for the pops concert to be held in the school gym at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20. The band will be joined by the high school vocal groups under the direction of Margaret Dorgan.

GOP dinner-dance

The New Scotland Republican Committee will hold its annual dinner dance on Saturday, March 30, at the Italian American Community Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$15 per person. For information call Kenneth Connolly at 765-4218.

VOORHEESVILLE

Two trustee seats are up

Trustees Richard Langford and Edward Donohue will run uncontested for two seats on the Voorheesville Village Board. Residents of the village will have the opportunity to vote at the Voorheesville Fire Hall on March 19 from noon until 9 p.m.

Langford, who will begin his fourth two-year term on April 1, is a former member of the Voorheesville zoning board. He serves as board liaison to the village youth and recreation commission, the village building inspector and the village historian.

Donohue, who was appointed to the board following the resignation of Larry Dedrick in November, serves as board liaison to the village sewer advisory commission and the village dog catcher. He is president of the St. Matthew's Parish Council and a member of the Voorheesville Library Board. He is also an advisory committee member for State University College at Cobleskill. He has served as exalted ruler of the New Scotland Elks and as an officer of the American Legion.

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



In the mood for spring

Spring will "pop" into Voorheesville next week when the annual spring "pops" concert is held at the high school on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The concert and stage bands under the direction of Frank McDermott and the high school chorus, directed by Margaret Dorgan, will brighten up the evening with contemporary music such as Herbie Hancock's "Rock It," "Bye Bye Love" by the Everly Brothers and a medley of Broadway tunes called "Curtain Up." The high school chorus will feature soprano soloist Courtney Brennan and Lisa Summer, as well as barbershop quartets. The entire community is "invited to come and enjoy this free and harmonious harbinger of spring."

Dance marathon on tap

Seniors at the high school will be on the move on Friday, March 15, in the gym "dancing themselves breathless so that others may breathe." Participating in a dance marathon sponsored by the Student Council, ambitious students will dance from 4 p.m. until midnight to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Those who would like to know more about the project or are interested in pledging money to sponsor a dancer with all proceeds going to the foundation — may contact Student Council adviser Don Belcer at 765-3314.

Young musician chosen

Congratulations to Melissa Donnelly, a ninth grade student at Clayton A. Bouton High School, who has earned a place in the Empire State Junior Orchestra. The daughter of Peg and Hank Donnelly, Melissa will be performing with the group on March 22-24 at the International Music Festival in Boston and on May 19 in the Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady.

Label campaign 'souper'

According to coordinators Anne Lenox and Diane Relyea, the Campbell's Labels for Education program at the Voorheesville Elementary School this year was a "souper" success. More than 25,000 labels were collected, as well as 2,200 bonus points, which weighed in for shipping at 52 pounds. In return the children at the grade school will receive a "Cavalcade of Presidents" filmstrip, an art appreciation filmstrip, filmstrips on ancient Egypt and Rome, an Apple Joystick, 12 100-foot jump ropes, and an electronic keyboard, all at no cost to the school district. The students send a warm thank you to all those who sent in labels.

Pot-luck with international flavor

The Voorheesville PTSA invites the community to celebrate their heritage and get together with their friends and neighbors at an international dinner on Wednesday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School. Everyone is welcome at this free pot-luck supper. The PTSA will provide the beverages, as well as salad and rolls, and asks each family attending to bring an ethnic main dish or dessert.

To assist in making adequate arrangements those interested in attending are asked to RSVP before March 25 by calling Joyce Schreiber at 765-2210, Sue Panthen at 439-6706 or Jeanne Knouse at 765-2136.

Area musicians are invited to bring their instruments and lead the group in international songs. Those who would like to do this may call the same numbers to inform them. Also, a display from around the world will be set up. Those who have items they would like to show are asked to call so table room will be available.

The next meeting of the PTSA will be on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the grade school faculty room. All are welcome.

Plan for the big day

Parents of children entering kindergarten in September are invited to an informational meeting on Thursday, March 21, in the elementary school cafeteria. At that time parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 4, 1985, will be given information about the school's kindergarten program. Registration and pre-kindergarten screening will take place on April 2 and 3 at the grade school. Families that are new to the district and have not received registration information are asked to call the elementary school office at 765-2382.

Flapjack fund-raiser

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance Squad will have a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 24, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat fund-raiser are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, and may be purchased at the door.

Bake sale on Sunday

The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, March 17, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Voorheesville Stewart's. Everyone is invited to stop by to purchase some Sunday morning treats.

Auxiliary to plan dinner

The Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Plans will be discussed for a roast beef dinner.

Task force meets Monday

The New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force will meet on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The meeting will deal with the upcoming "Safe Spring" program and the con-

Thumbs down on track

By a vote of 226 to 484, residents of the Voorheesville Central School District last Wednesday rejected a proposed \$393,500 capital construction project, including a \$335,570 running track.

The proposal also included \$57,930 for removal of asbestos from the high school boiler room and replacement of the high school cafeteria ceiling. At the public hearing for the project board President John McKenna said the inside projects would be done regardless of whether or not the track was approved.

When asked about the inside projects, Superintendent Werner Berglas said, "The board has yet to meet on the subject; but, I don't think that they'll be talking track." Berglas said the board would decide what to do about the other projects during the next couple of months.

tinuation of parent, and peer support groups. All are welcome to attend.

Passover meal planned

The annual Passover supper sponsored by the United Methodist Women will be on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church. All area women are invited to take part in this re-enactment of the Last Supper. Those interested in participating in the candlelight meal are asked to call the church office at 765-2895 by March 15 to make reservations.

Community helpers to meet

The Human Concerns Committee of St. Matthew's Church will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the home of Jean Lewis, 176 Georgetown Court. All are welcome to join this group, which aids persons in need in the community.

Food distribution due

The next government cheese distribution will be on Wednesday, March 20, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. Although no but-

ter will be given out that day, surplus rice, flour, cornmeal and dry milk will be distributed. Anyone receiving unemployment benefits or government assistance is eligible to obtain this food.

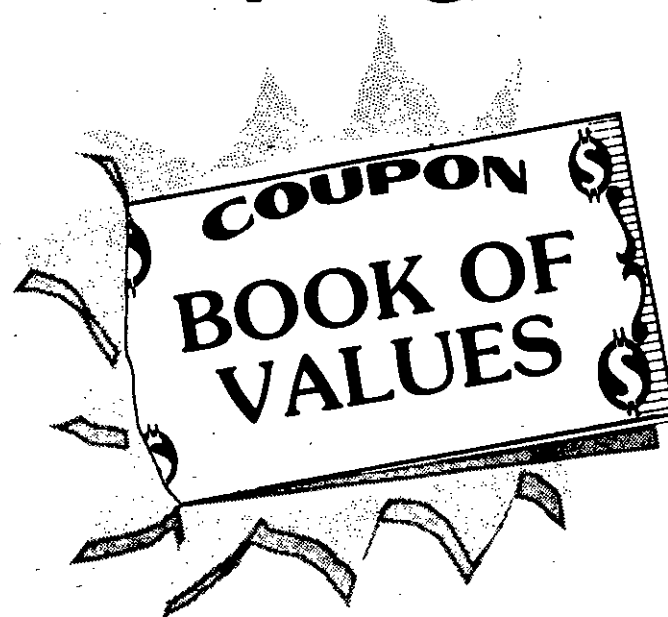
PTSA meets

The Voorheesville PTSA will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, in the cafeteria of Voorheesville Elementary School. At the meeting Nancy Basil will lead a discussion about after school day care.

Ticketed in accident

An Albany woman, 22, faces a charge of leaving the scene of an accident after her car slid off Krumkill Rd. and hit a power pole Saturday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. The woman called a tow truck, but not police, the report said. She was ticketed at her residence, where the car had been towed, according to the report. The car also hit a junction box at the base of the pole, police said.

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cludes funds for computer programs in the junior high school and the elementary schools. Robert DeSarbo, principal of the junior high, agreed that the additional computers would allow more students — as many as possible — to have time on the computers.

With board members Robert VanEtten and Susan Gottesman absent and board member Wayne Fuhrman dissenting, the board decided to move \$226,400, allocated for the purchase of four 60-passenger vehicles, one 30-passenger vehicle and two wagons, out of the regular budget. The spending proposal for transportation will be presented as a special proposition. The buses would be paid for over a five-year period, beginning in 1986-87.

The board approved a plan to make the school lunch program self-sufficient, thus saving the district an estimated \$20,000 annually. Under the plan, some meals will be cooked at the junior high and transported to the other schools to be served hot. The district also plans to raise the price of full price lunches from 70 and

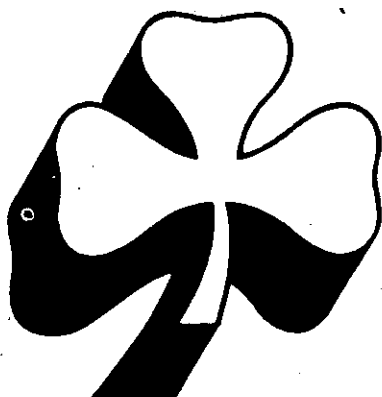
80 cents to 80 and 90 cents. The reduced price lunches will be raised from 35 to 40 cents.

Citing the importance of proper nutrition during school time, Fuhrman voted against the price increases. He said even a nickel increase would exclude some children.

The district expects to carry a fund balance of only \$35,000 as revenue to next year's budget. Last year's fund balance was \$500,000. Using an estimated state aid figure of \$5,079,478, the board is planning to receive an additional \$462,000 in state funds next year.

Bad checks alleged

An Albany woman, 29, faces multiple bad check charges after her arrest last Tuesday by Bethlehem police, according to police reports. The woman is charged with four counts of issuing bad checks, four counts of petty larceny and four counts of second degree criminal impersonation in connection with incidents in November of 1984, the report noted. She also is wanted by Catskill, Troy, North Greenbush and Glenville authorities, according to the report.



ST. PATRICK AND THE SHAMROCK

As March 17th draws near, there blooms an abundance of shamrocks in everything from store and classroom decorations to newspaper advertisements. For many, the tiny, green, three-leaved plant is sort of a clover, a vague symbol of Ireland and the Irish. As religious celebrations have become secularized, the sacred meaning behind their symbols often get lost. So it has become with the shamrock.

Legend has it that St. Patrick, upon beginning his mission of Christianizing Ireland in 432 A.D., used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three Divine Persons in one God, was a difficult concept to understand. An ingenious teacher, St. Patrick plucked from the ground a tiny shamrock which grew wild in Ireland's lush green fields. Holding up the three-leaved plant by its single stem, St. Patrick explained that the Trinity was not unlike the shamrock. As the three leaves of the shamrock grew from the one stem, so the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were Three Divine Persons in one God.

As Ireland's sons and daughters travelled to distant lands, they carried with them this symbol of their Christian faith. For the Irish, the shamrock is not only a symbol of their homeland, but is a reminder of their faith in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

In our St. Patrick's Day celebrations, may we remember the sacred teaching behind the shamrock. May we remember the first of the many Irish missionaries, St. Patrick, and may we commemorate his feast day in the true spirit of his holy life.

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Students vie in arts

Seventeen Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School students participated recently in a statewide competition called Olympics of the Visual Arts. The event, at the Schenectady Museum, was sponsored by the New York State Art Teachers' Association.

Work selected in that event will be displayed at the museum until March 19. Categories for participants were drawing, painting, architecture, art history, advertising, three-dimensional sculpture, media arts and performing arts.

RCS students at the competition were Cory Theile, Anthony Cardin, George White, Sherie Stalker, Tammy Stalker, Laura Nicholson, William Cornell, Arthur Hobbs, Amy Wagoner, Jennifer Schwartz, Thomas Preston, Jennifer Tucker, Dawn Koonz, Theresa Armina, Joy Donnelly, Placio Grammas and Lori Bradley.

The war and its music

Dan Steadman will present a program about the history and music of 1861 and 1862 at the March 15 meeting of the Capital District Civil War Round Table. All are welcome to join the group at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of Bethlehem Public Library.

Course in pottery

Elizabeth Vigoda of Delmar, professional potter and owner of Cold Mountain Pottery, will teach the art of pottery making through State University at Albany's division of continuing education, beginning March 14 and April 11.

To register call 455-6121.

News from Selkirk AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Early furniture is the topic

John Scherer, associate curator in charge of the decorative arts and print collection at the State Museum in Albany, will give a slide talk on New York furniture of the 18th century at the March 21 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association. The program, entitled "Queen Anne Legs and Garmoon Skirts," will begin at 8 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk.

Scherer has published articles on furniture in *Antiques* magazine and has recently published a book, *New York Furniture at the New York State Museum*, which is available at the museum gift shop. He will discuss general style trends and New York regional characteristics — that is, what makes a Queen Anne side chair a New York side chair.

The public is invited to the meeting, which will include a question-and-answer period and refreshments.

Junior Achiever at parley

Matthew Smith, a junior at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, represented the Capital District at the annual Region One conference of Junior Achievement recently. Matthew participated in business-related seminars, workshops and competitions. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Smith of Selkirk.

Elks wearing the green

St. Patrick's Day will be cele-

brated at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 on Saturday, March 16, with a dinner-dance. The corned beef and cabbage dinner is scheduled for 8 p.m., with dancing immediately following from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the lodge, Rt. 144 in Selkirk. Reservations are required.

A royal evening

Red's Restaurant in Coxsackie was the setting for the RCS Senior High School "Sno Ball" on Saturday, March 2. Highlight of the annual dinner-dance is the announcement of the princess and prince of the freshman class and duchess and duke of the sophomore class. Nominated by the student body, and selected by the Steering Committee, the prince and princess were Bray Engel and Lisa Hosapple, with a court consisting of Tracy Tucker, Missy Mogul, Terri Gardner, Mike Frazzetta, Larry Smith and Tom Dilleberg. The duchess and duke were Colleen Farrell and Tony Williams, with a 10th grade court made up of JoAnne Goes, Vanessa Pape, Rebecca Bull, Mark Williams, Brian Zdziebloski and Ken Koonz.

Guild invites storyteller

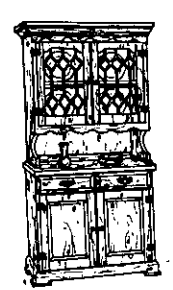
The Guild for Christian Service of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will have its annual Lenten breakfast on Saturday, March 30, at 8 a.m. Guest will be storyteller Mary Murphy, who will present a program of poems and stories by Shakespeare, James Weldon Johnson, Thomas Hardy and others. Murphy holds a bachelor's degree in theater arts from The College of Saint Rose and teaches workshops in storytelling and drama. All women of the church are invited. Reservations are not necessary.

Sentenced in death

Donald Mooney, 31, of Glenmont was sentenced Thursday in county court to two to six years in prison in connection with the theft of a pickup truck last Aug. 15 that was involved in a fatal accident in Slingerlands. Mooney pleaded guilty to charges of second degree grand larceny and criminally negligent homicide in the incident which took the life of Donald McCoy, 25, of Albany, a passenger in the stolen truck. Mooney was sentenced to a concurrent term of 1½ to four years on the charge of negligent homicide.



Mrs. Erma Zull, seated, Mrs. Vera Briger and Alphonso Williams, three of the original residents of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Delmar, joined other residents and staff members recently to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the institution.



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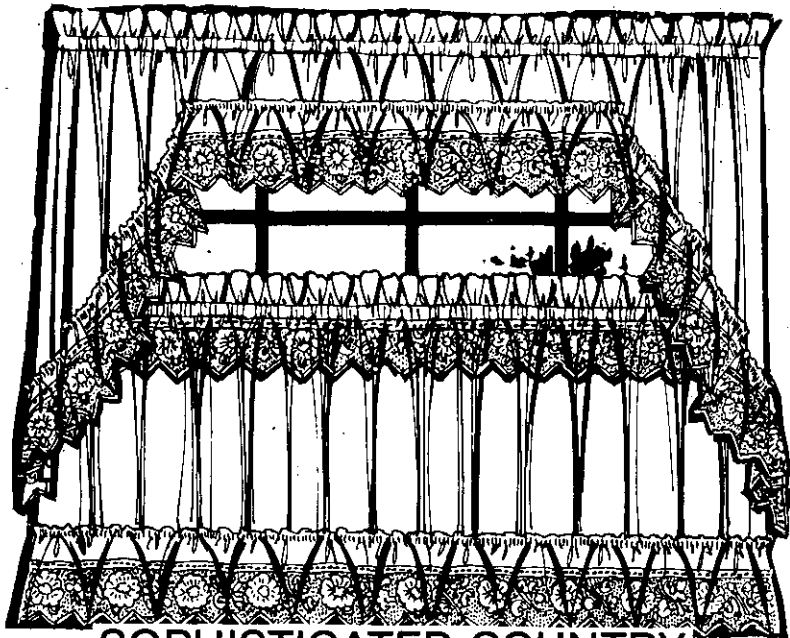
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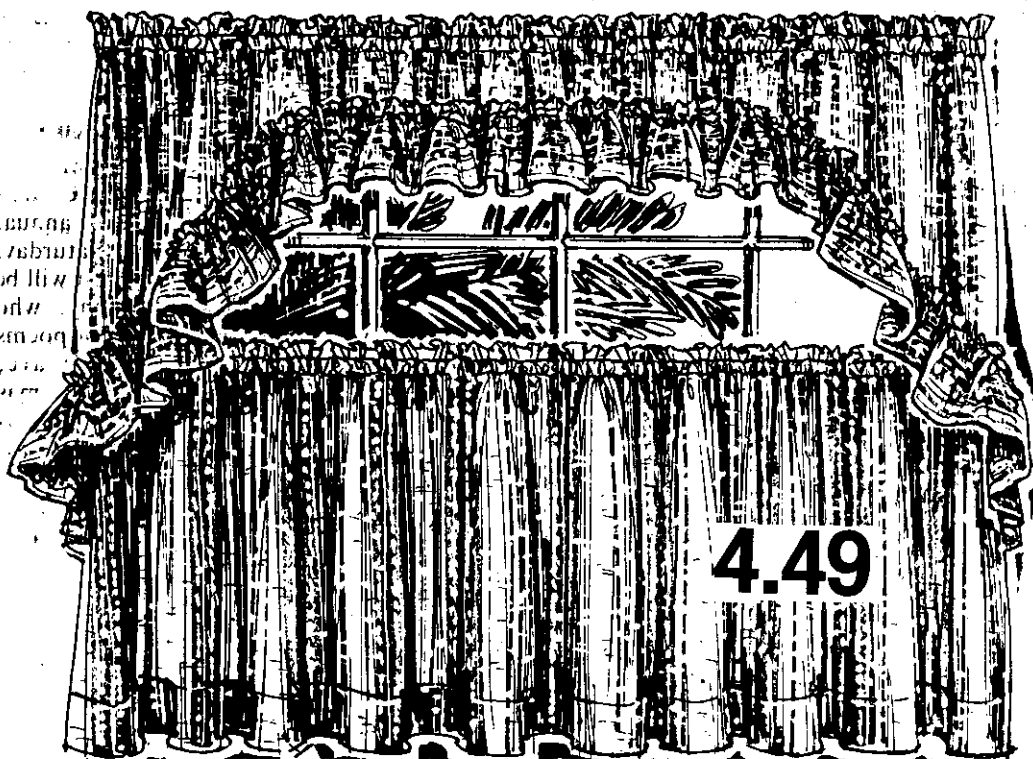
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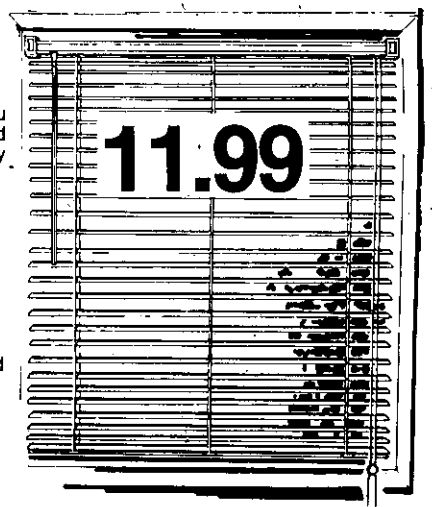
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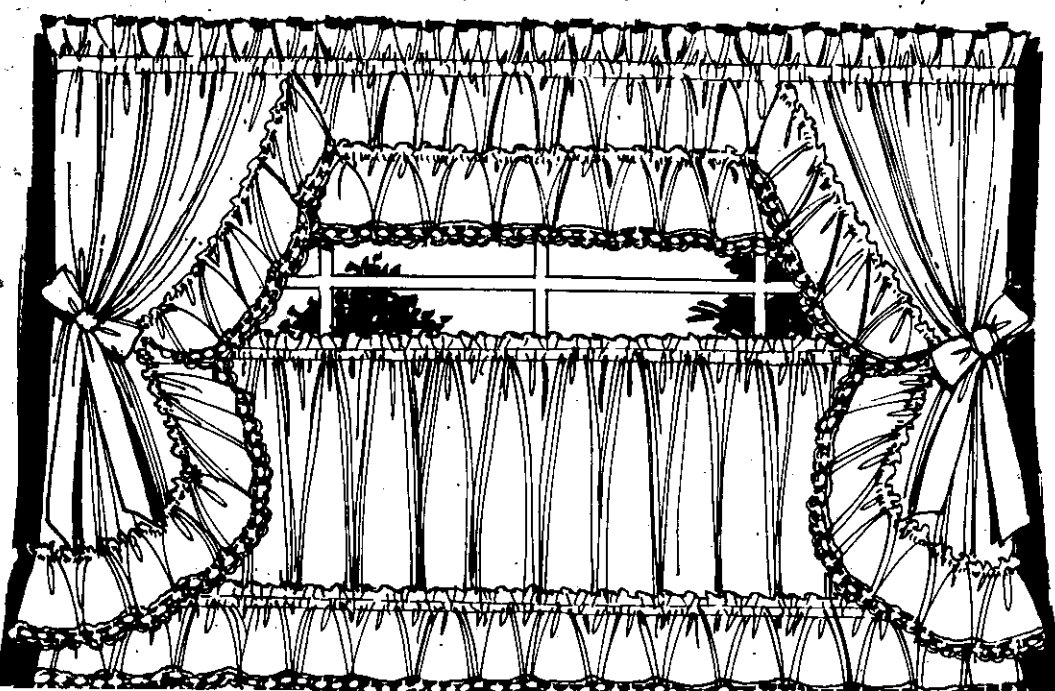
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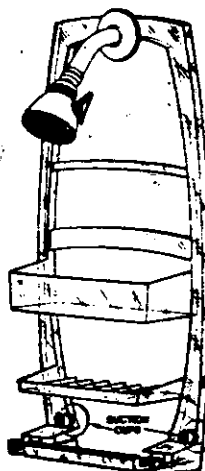
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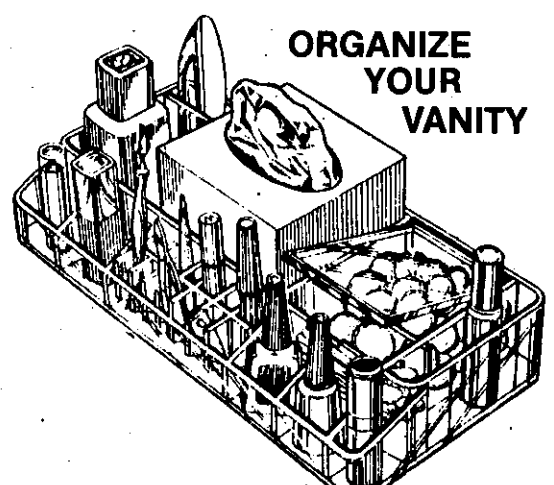
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One day last week I was walking to the store and saw a man sitting on a park bench. I remembered seeing him there before, and talking with him once. My impression that he was neither old nor young remained as did my memory that his conversation stimulated my thinking. So I greeted him, and sat down beside him to pass the time of day and to share a few thoughts of the moment.

"Hi. Remember me?"

"Why, yes, I do. We spoke a while ago about lying on the grass looking at clouds and standing on lakeshore docks watching waves. I remember you well, because I felt like you understood, or at least you were trying hard to understand. How have you been?"

"Fine . . . well, not really. I've been struggling more than I ever thought I would. It's hard and I'm not sure what I have to show for it all."

"What are you struggling at?"

"I guess the same thing most people struggle at: making ends meet, raising our kids with values and opportunities, having some fun, being happy. What else?"

"Nothing else, if that's how you see your life. Are your struggles worthwhile?"

"If you mean 'Am I accomplishing my goals?' then I have to answer 'Not yet.'"

The man shifted his position on the slatted bench and appeared a bit taller as he crossed his legs and turned toward me. "Must one reach the goal for the struggle to have worth?" he asked.

"I think so," I answered. "Otherwise the effort was wasted, and all the struggling simply led to failure."

He frowned at me and pressed further, "Don't you learn anything from failure, my friend?"

"Well, yes, I suppose so, but sometimes what I learn is to

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abandon the struggle, because the goal is out of my reach."

"But," he retorted in a staccato tone, "if you are struggling for something you deem worthwhile, and you abandon that struggle, then you abandon that part of yourself. Your life as a whole is then diminished by that abandonment."

His words made sense, but I challenged him anyhow. "But if the struggle leads to failure time and time again, and you're not learning anything, isn't it wise to give up the fight?"

He relaxed his posture and

My God, that's amazing! That's wonderful! Congratulations."

I began wondering why an idealist dreamer such as this fellow would even think to purchase a lottery ticket, but before my question formulated, he explained, "Like you, I had spent years questioning the daily struggle that life poses for most of us. I was beginning to feel old and dejected that not only had I fallen short of my goals, but that I had lost the dreams of my youth. It felt like the struggle to make things easier for me and my family was wearing me down. I began reminiscing about earlier times in my life when burdens were less, pleasures were simpler and imagination carried me through when reality was unsatisfying."

"I used to play poker with my high school buddies, and it was innocent fun, no high stakes, just

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leaned back on the bench looking up into the cloudy sky. "That depends on what's important to you. I learned something over this past year I never realized was important to me, something that had always been with me, that I had taken for granted and didn't realize its worth. Its importance became clear to me only when it was taken away and its absence created an emptiness in my life that I had never known."

I expected the park philosopher to quote some piece of classic literature he had studied or summarize a seminar on theology he had attended. Instead, to my disbelief, he announced, "Last fall I won close to two million dollars in a lottery."

My breath caught in a bubble somewhere deep inside my throat as I blurted "You won the lottery?"

dabbling with the turn of a card. So I bought a lottery ticket with that fun in mind. I had no thought of winning."

"When I learned that my number had won, and just how much my share was, I was excited like you were a moment ago when you learned of my fortune. 'My toil had ended,' I thought. 'No need to fight the uphill battle any longer.' And I quit my job and took the family on a month's vacation."

"Pardon me, my friend," I interrupted, "if I envy you your newfound wealth."

"Ah, my good benchmate, you have no need to envy me my wealth, because the real wealth I have found is no more than what you have already found in your life. You see, what I discovered over the months of leisure I spent



Dodie Seagle, of Delmar, left, a volunteer at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, leads a second grade class from Mechanicville Elementary School in exploring the outdoors. The center is seeking other volunteers who are interested in children and the environment. For information call the center at 457-6092.

was that something critical to my existence was missing, something that had always given me a sense of worth about living."

"You mean the thing you had taken for granted until it was taken away from you?"

"Yes."

"What was it?"

"The struggle itself. Don't ever let go of it, no matter what your circumstances, because from birth on it is our ability and our willingness to struggle for life that makes it worthwhile."

"I understand, my good man," I agreed quietly, almost reverently, as his wisdom penetrated to the

bottom of my heart. "Come on, let's get a cup of coffee . . . on me."

2 days of quilting

The Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on March 20 and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 21 at the Delmar United Methodist Church, Delmar.

On Wednesday, March 20, Mickey Lawler, author of *Not Just Another Quilt*, will present a slide program. On the following day (March 21) Lawler will show members how to make her "Snap, Crackle, Poppies" coat vest, which appeared in the February 1985 Quilters' Newsletter. For information call 273-1260.

Search for spring

Naturalists at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will lead a search for signs of spring on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy the free program. For information call 457-6092.

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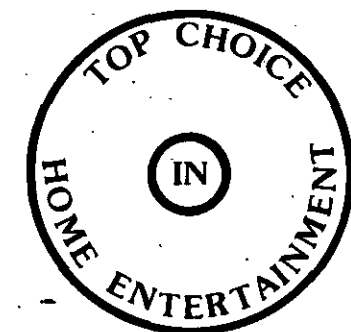
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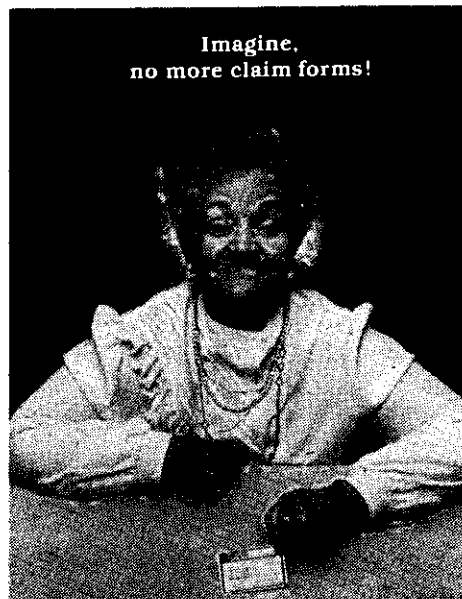
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Delmar United Methodist Church



The church has not been a very hospitable place for single adults during recent history, but single ministries are cropping up everywhere. Delmar Reformed started singles members social activities last year. St. Thomas has a social group for single and divorced people, and Delmar Methodist now has a singles pot-luck group. Churches that used to have couples clubs have changed to friendship clubs, and efforts are made to include the single in the life of the church.

And despite all that, church still rarely meets the single's needs. Why? First of all, single adults represent about 10 percent of the church, while they are 36 percent of those singles in church are — you guessed it — women. Single you guessed it — women. Single moms come to church with children to worship God, for fellowship

and education, but rarely will they find a Christian husband!

In the history of the church, singles have had a privileged position. Jesus was after all a *single* adult who changed the course of history. Paul and other men and women of the New Testament were single adults who led the mission of the early church. What more powerful role models for a single Christian man or woman. In singleness comes the possibility of placing a greater priority on one's relationship to God and service to other people in Jesus' name.

Singles do contribute greatly to the church, and they are involved in boards, committees and fellowships of all sorts in my church. Singles, however, do need alternate support systems, both in and outside the church, because rarely does the church provide for the

needs of singles — especially the need for deep friendships and relationships.

This is perhaps a cutting edge for our churches: to challenge the members to evangelize and bring in single men — and more singles, men and women. To challenge the congregation to develop more inclusive groupings and small family-like groups that can serve as alternative families for singles to begin to meet their needs. To challenge families to invite singles home to Sunday dinner once in a while.

Prayers for Nicaragua

A prayer service and slide show about Nicaragua, sponsored by the peace and justice commission of St. Thomas Parish, will be presented at St. Thomas School, Delmar, on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The event has been planned in observance of Central America Week (March 17 through March 24).



Rev. Robert Hess

Leads Bible session

Rev. Robert Hess of the Delmar Reformed Church will discuss "Christ as the Unifier" at the March 20 session of the Tri-Village Ecumenical Bible Study at the Delmar Reformed Church. All are welcome to hear Hess speak from 10 to 11 a.m. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m.

Cheese distributed

Persons who are eligible for aid from HEAP, food stamps, WIC, Social Security or unemployment insurance are eligible for a portion of government surplus cheese to be distributed on March 20 at several area locations.

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Day of Recollection

Rev. Alan D. Jupin will lead a Lenten Day of Recollection at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Wednesday, March 20.

The day will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a talk by Rev. Jupin followed by exposition on the Blessed Sacrament, reflection time, confessions and Mass at 12:15 p.m. The day will conclude with a "bring your own sandwich" lunch. To help plan the event call 439-4496 or 439-3878.

Reunion breakfast

The Delmar Peace Breakfast will host a reunion breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 a.m. The group will read an excerpt from "The Mustard Seed Conspiracy" by Thomas Sine. For information call 439-2941.

Hadassah anniversary

All are welcome to join the members of the Minna Breuer Group of the Albany Chapter of Hadassah in celebrating its tenth anniversary on Tuesday, March 19, at Bethlehem Public Library, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Highlights of the group's activities will be shared.

Tickets for the dance

A dance to benefit the Joyce Westervelt heart transplant fund will be at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, Delmar, on Sunday, March 24, from 2 until 9 p.m. The dance will feature the music of several country and western bands, including Larry MacIntosh and Country Edition, Carl Perajine and Country Casuals, Steve Bart and Ramblin Fever, Gold Rush and Blue Thunder Country. The event will also feature guitarist George Kendall and steel player Frank Holdridge. Raffle tickets will be sold, and a door prize will be given.

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IDA has application for food warehouse

The Bethlehem Industrial Development Authority, with two prospective new members in attendance, was to consider Tuesday a proposal to issue \$1.2 million in tax free bonds for a company that wants to build a food storage facility on Wemple Rd.

If approved, the facility for Eastern Ingredients Inc. would be the first project financed by the town's IDA in its 10-year existence.

Bethlehem Supervisor Robert Hendrick said Friday the firm's proposal says it plans to build a facility on a 28-acre site on Wemple Rd. southeast of the rail line. The building would be for "storage and distribution of dry and frozen ingredients" for industrial food service, he said.

According to the application prepared by the Albany law firm of Burke, Cavalier, Lyman and Shanley, Eastern Ingredients is owned by Howard and William Drescher of Syracuse. Hendrick said he understands the company

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has other warehouses in western New York and wants to expand its operation. The application seeks \$800,000 for a building and \$400,000 for machinery and equipment.

"They're very anxious to get going," Hendrick said, explaining that he moved the meeting forward a week at the applicant's request.

That will mean that the two new IDA members recruited by Hendrick will not be officially appointed at the meeting. The new members are Neal Moylan, a former state commissioner and Bethlehem Planning Board member, and Ken Ringler, a local businessman representing the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Hendrick said he will ask the town board to approve the appointments Wednesday.

Town buys an ad

The Bethlehem Town Board has agreed to spend \$1,050 for a full-page ad in a booklet promoting the virtues of Albany County.

The booklet will contain economic and cultural information about the county, and 20,000 copies are to be distributed to businesses, according to Supervisor Robert Hendrick. Supervisor Robert Hendrick and Guildford have also decided to take full page ads, he said.

The board agreed to spend the money despite some misgivings from Councilwoman Sue Ann Ritchko. "This is a profit-making venture," she warned of the booklet. "I don't think that's a bad thing; what I am concerned about is Jim Coyne using his official stationery to promote it."

County Executive Coyne has urged municipalities in the county to participate in the venture.



Jeanette Koch

Teaching at athletic club

Jeanette Koch of Delmar has been appointed aerobic coordinator for the new Delmar Athletic Club. She will be responsible for designing and coordinating a variety of fitness programs set to music.

Formerly an aerobic instructor with the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, Koch has organized and led a variety of fitness and creative movement musical programs, including the "Aware, Active and Alive" programs for adults, the "Come Fly With Me" program for youths and "Mommy or Daddy and Me" for pre-schoolers.

She has taken a variety of classes in jazz, modern dance, disco, break dancing, creative movement, choreography, nutrition, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

Koch has organized her new program with an emphasis on injury prevention. She will be available to discuss her programs on Friday, March 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Delmar Athletic Club.

Heads NBC bureau

Susan Boyd, formerly of Slingerlands, has been appointed manager of NBC News for Europe and the Middle East. Boyd is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University at Albany. She will reside in London.

Small business help

A workshop on "Small Business Start-Up and Survival" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Ramada Inn, Albany. Sponsored by the Small Business Administration, Norstar Bank of Upstate New York, the Albany County Cooperative Extension and the Albany County Executive's Office, the workshop will feature discussion of goals for success, personal factors, legal factors, financial considerations and government regulations. To register for the \$12 workshop call Pearl Wait at 447-4144.

Post no bills, please

Niagara Mohawk has issued a reminder to organizations sponsoring community events to refrain from attaching signs and posters to utility poles and street-light stands.

Spotlight coupons return

The success last year of a coupon book premium in a subscription drive has prompted *The Spotlight* to convert that premium into a coupon book insert that is being readied for its March 20 issue. *Spotlight* publisher Richard Ahlstrom said the insert will carry more than \$900 worth of coupons offered by more than 70 *Spotlight* advertisers. The bright yellow coupon "Book of Values" will be included in both subscription and newsstand papers.

The newsstand price of the paper is 25 cents — "which buys all those coupons," Ahlstrom said.

"If the response to the coupon insert is good, we probably will do it again," he added. *The Spotlight*, with a circulation of 6,300, is offering the coupon book insert independently of a subscription campaign.

Postal routes changed

If the mailman walking up your sidewalk is not the mailman you saw last week, don't be surprised — just about every letter carrier working out of the Delmar Post Office is getting familiar with a new route this week.

The wholesale change, in effect since Saturday, is an attempt to compensate for population shifts that have, over the years, made some routes too large for one carrier to handle, said Paul DiDonato, the current officer in charge at the post office.

In particular, DiDonato said, the area near Bethlehem Central High School has experienced a great deal of growth, requiring the restructuring of the route that served it. "In doing so, each carrier shifted territory," he said.

Some of the shifts were minor, and the rerouting made it possible to develop more logical groupings of entire streets in many cases, DiDonato said. Much of the impact was felt on the other end of

Delaware Ave., toward the city, where there were major changes, he said. Only two routes were unaffected.

DiDonato is replacing Postmaster Henry Betke, who is on temporary "detail" to work on a postal service real estate project in Massachusetts, DiDonato said. Betke is expected back in April.

Fashions on display

Local dress designer and manufacturer Rachael Criscione of Gingersnips, Ltd. will be featured on *PM Magazine*, on Channel 10. The March 18 program will include clips of a fashion show filmed at Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School with models Megan and Molly Flynn of Delmar, and Jill Foster and Emily Criscione of Elmsmere.

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Mat enthusiasts go year-round

By Dan Tidd

There's nothing like a club that breeds success in its athletes. Just ask Joe DeMeo, head coach of the Albany State wrestling team and the driving force behind ATWA (Adirondack Three-style Wrestling Association).

The club was started back in 1975, and it was DeMeo who devoted all his time to making it the best. "We needed a club where wrestlers could train year-round to build up skills," said DeMeo. "More emphasis had to be put on international wrestling, the style of wrestling used in the Olympics and in Europe. This club can do exactly that."

ATWA trains its wrestlers in Greco-Roman and Freestyle wrestling, something that is not taught on the high school level. High school wrestlers use the folk style, a type of wrestling that has been in effect since the early 1900s. In Greco-Roman wrestling and freestyle wrestling the athlete can only attack the body from the waist up. In folk style, the wrestler can attack any part of the body.

ATWA has qualified more athletes for Greco-Roman wrestling than any other club in the United States. "This is a great club to train with," said Ike Anderson, assistant coach at Albany State and a member of the club. "I met Joe at a tournament in Florida when I was coaching in North Carolina, then I decided to come north to train full time."

The club is open to anyone who wants to learn Greco-Roman wrestling. This consists of pee-wees, high school, college and open (college graduates). The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Albany State wrestling room. Practice is year-round, and qualifying meets are open to anyone who is interested.

Most of the athletes (Capital District Olympic Contenders) are making a big commitment — taking time off from fulltime jobs, delaying careers and even delaying marriages to train with ATWA. "No one ever became an Olympic or World Cup champion

by not showing up," said DeMeo. "Take a look at Olympic Gold medal winner Jeff Blatnick; he had to battle Hodgkins disease and train full-time to win that gold."

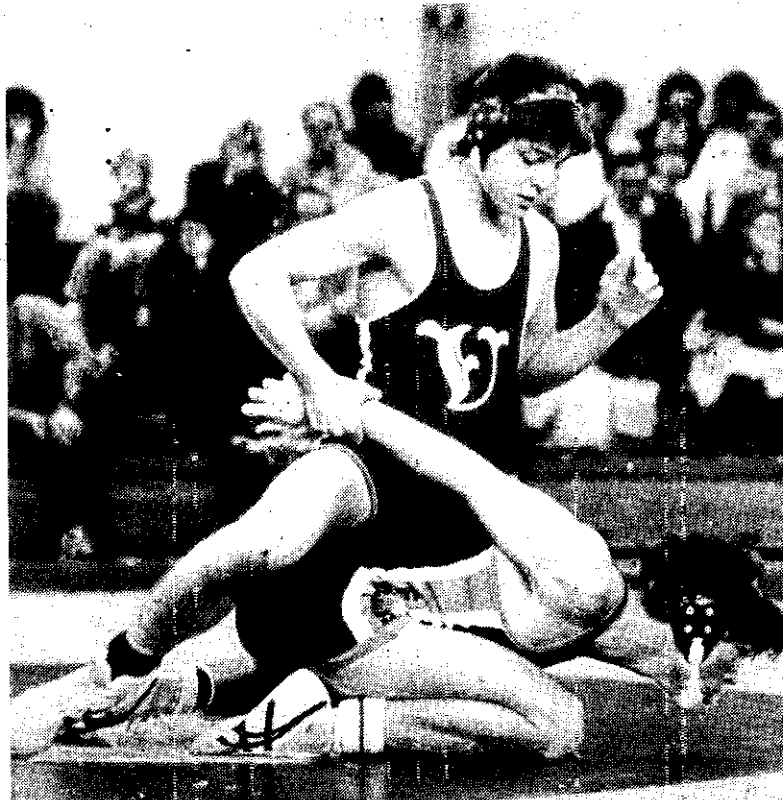
Blatnick is just one of many Capital District athletes who train year-round with ATWA for international competition. Three of ATWA's members represented the USA in the World Cup competition in Finland last November. East Greenbush native and former Voorheesville star Shawn Sheldon (115 pounds) finished in third place, Albany State senior Andy Serras (149) placed fifth and Chris Catalfo (Syracuse University graduate, 163) finished a strong second and was also named America's most outstanding wrestler by the Europeans.

ATWA also sent four wrestlers to the United States Junior World competition in Sweden. John Cardi of Burnt Hills (North Carolina, 163) won the gold medal, John Placek (149) and Chris Tironi (220) picked up silver medals and Matt Ryan (180.5) wrestled well but did not place. The team was coached by DeMeo and Pavel Katsen of Oregon.

Where does ATWA get all the money to train these athletes? "The area support has been just fantastic," said Ike Anderson. "McDonald's and Price Chopper have really given us a lift. We get a percentage of money for coupons distributed by McDonald's and Price Chopper gives us 5 cents on every bottle returned."

The RCS high-school wrestling association also aids in the support of ATWA and its members. "We run concession stands at all home tournaments, sell advertising in programs and a number of other things," said Woody Cowles, head of the RCS booster club. "The money we raised was used to purchase spotlights and a wrestling mat for the kids and also helps send kids to summer camps and tournaments." Almost every high school in Section 2 has athletes currently involved in ATWA.

For the remainder of the winter



Voorheesville's Jeff Clark, shown here in a 1984 match, trained during the off season with the Adirondack Three Style Wrestling Association while working toward a berth on the U.S. Olympic team.

Tom Howes

months ATWA will be training for the Freestyle Nationals to be held April 19-20, the Greco-Roman Nationals on April 26-27 at the University of Michigan and the National Sports Festival this August.

Bethlehem Central wrestling Coach Rick Poplaski feels ATWA has made a big difference with his program. "For some of our kids, the ATWA is a real confidence builder," said Poplaski. The winter wrestling season is demanding enough on the wrestlers, so it takes a special athlete to train with ATWA during the season.

"It's an extra season," said Poplaski. But it costs money to train and travel with ATWA when the kids go away to summer camps. "You need support from your family and friends, the cost and travel is also hard on some wrestlers' families," said Poplaski.

The RCS wrestling program is in a rebuilding stage and Coach Gary VanDerzee couldn't be

happier. "We have about 10 kids in the ATWA program, that is junior varsity and varsity combined," said VanDerzee. With a very young program, the RCS wrestlers can only get better, according to VanDerzee.

"ATWA has really helped," said VanDerzee. "It has given some of our wrestlers a new perspective on the sport. Not only are they more receptive at practice, but they have additional mat time and learned new tools." VanDerzee is expecting 25 to 30 wrestlers to attend ATWA training sessions this summer for a one-week period. Two kids are also attending Greco camp this summer in Massachusetts, run by Jim Peckam, one of the top Olympic coaches in the field of Greco-Roman wrestling.

"It's a fine program and it gives our wrestlers and other wrestlers a chance to work year round," said Voorheesville coach Dick Leach. Leach had four kids in the ATWA

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program in 1983-84, but doesn't know how he expects to work out this summer. "We must remember ATWA is not for everybody; you can easily get burned out with too much wrestling," said Leach.

Leach felt former wrestling star Jeff Clark was a better wrestler because of ATWA. "Joe DeMeo is a good teacher and the wrestlers who attend ATWA are learning from one of the best," said Leach.

Drama hits home

A drama about teenage substance abuse and youngsters' struggle to overcome their problems, entitled *Halfway There*, will be presented by Periwinkle Productions, Inc., on April 8 at Bethlehem Central High School at 8 p.m.

The play, portraying the tragic consequence of drug use, is the collaborative effort of a teenage playwright, a professional playwright, ex-drug addicts and recovered alcoholics.

The play is being sponsored by Bethlehem Youth Opportunities Unlimited with support from the State Council on the Arts. Students at Bethlehem Middle School and Bethlehem High School will have an opportunity to view the presentation during the school day.

BC magazine winner

The Thinking Reed, a literary magazine put out by students at Bethlehem Central High School, won second prize in its category in a national competition sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, at the Columbia University School of Journalism in New York City. The magazine, published as an extracurricular activity at the high school, won the award for its 1984 issue.

Staff members for the winning issue were Jaron Burke, Anne Comi, Nina Deibel, Peter Fabry, Anna Georgioulous, Andrew Gordon, Rachel King, Sherri Levine, Deirdre McShane, Alicia Morris, Carol Slaughter, Lori Wasserstrom, Gillian Williams and Portia Wu.

Driver, 15, charged

A 15-year-old Selkirk boy was ticketed by Bethlehem police after he was found operating a three-wheel vehicle on Beaver Dam Rd. in Selkirk Sunday afternoon, according to police reports. He was charged with operating an unregistered, unlicensed and uninsured vehicle, as well as being underage, the report said.

Supervisor to speak

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on March 19 at the First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar. J. Robert Hendrick, Bethlehem town supervisor, will speak about "What's New in Bethlehem" at the 12:15 luncheon. For reservations call 439-0492 or 463-7113.

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RCS girls make it all the way to finals

The RCS girls' basketball team made it all the way to the Class B Sectional finals Monday night before running into a taller, more skilled team from Glens Falls.

The result was a disappointing 64-31 end to the season, but Coach Betty Faxon's team had much to be proud of with a 19-3 record. Coach Faxon was particularly happy with the wins that got the team as far as the BC gym Monday night.

In both the 38-26 win over Queensbury Wednesday and a 50-42 triumph over Hudson Falls Friday, it was defense that made the difference, she said.

Playing at Schalmont Wednesday, the score was tied 25-25 at the end of the third quarter. "We didn't handle it very well offensively," Faxon said. But a fourth quarter press led by Terri Baker shut down Queensbury without a field goal. Baker ended the night with 18 points, eight in the final period coming off steals.

Again at Niskayuna Friday the game was tight most of the way, with the Indians holding a six point margin over Hudson Falls at the half and only four points

with 1:25 left in the game. The difference was in Hudson Falls' foul shooting, said Faxon — eight for 10 in the first half, and only five for 14 in the second.

"I think again our defensive press made all the difference, because they're an excellent shooting team and they didn't have time to get their shots off."

Sophomore point guard Jackie Mulligan played a "phenomenal game," scoring 17 points and "leading the team in just about every category."

Faxon knew her team was up against something special Monday — Glens Falls has three six footers and showed skills on the court not normally seen in small school hoop. Nevertheless, the Indians made it a game through the first quarter, trailing by four until Hudson Falls went on a spree and widened their lead to 20 at the half.

"We just didn't play basketball," mourned Faxon. But, as she said before the game: "That's okay — we got this far."



Jackie Mulligan, No. 23 above, goes for a jumper Monday night against Glens Falls. At right, Sheila Seery, No. 11, and Tracey Tucker No. 32, go for a rebound. Their efforts weren't enough against a taller Glens Falls team.

Tom Howes



Eagles suffer early shutout

By Tania Stasiuk

After winning the Suburban Council's Gold Division with a league record of 12-3, the Bethlehem Central girls basketball team failed to get past the quarterfinals of the Section 2 championship meet last week against Catholic Central.

A close first quarter ended with BC behind, 12-10. Catholic Central put their winning defense into play in the second quarter and outscored Bethlehem by seven, bringing the score to 24-15 at the half.

Catholic Central kept the pressure high throughout the third quarter and began the fourth with a lead of 36-20. Bethlehem outscored CC in the fourth quarter but never came closer than eight points. The final score was 54-40.

Bethlehem Coach Eugene Lewis played only the more experi-

enced girls in the tournament. Senior center Kim Zornow ended her record-breaking career with a 19-point game, while senior Julie Liddle played what Lewis called her best game ever, scoring 12 points and grabbing 17 rebounds. Liddle was important in the first half especially, as she took charge of the scoring while Catholic Central placed two or even three against Zornow.

Sophomore Liza Tonetti scored seven points while Megan Burse netted two. Junior Peg Jeram had a tough time against CC's Trish Slocum, a 6-2 guard who scored 30 points. Lewis commended his opponents for their speed, timing and good coaching.

Next year's team looks promising. Zornow will probably be replaced by Tonetti at center, while six other varsity players will be returning. This year's JV team consisted of several very talented

girls who should add great depth to the 86 varsity. Of course, Lewis hopes to see new talent and is even now looking for any Bethlehem girls with height and/or ability for next year.

"I was extremely happy and proud by the end of this year," Lewis said. "The girls worked hard and put together a team. Early in the season we had sickness and injury, but we never collapsed."

Summer softball

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Bethlehem signs on two new coaches

There will be wholesale-coaching changes in Bethlehem Central's spring sports picture this year, including two coaches new to the scene.

Newcomers are James (Jim) Armstrong as coach of varsity tennis and Kelly Keller guiding the girls' softball varsity. Ken Hodge, a veteran member of the BC athletic staff, will move from JV baseball to the varsity as successor to Art Ritchko, who retired. Nelson Harrington will move up to JV baseball from the freshman team, and Jesse Braverman will take over the frosh.

Keller, a Glenmont resident serving her first year as a physical education teacher at BC, replaces Braverman at the helm of the softball program. She coached boys' freshman soccer last fall and was girls' JV basketball coach this past season.

John Furey, a former BC athlete who has been assisting in football and indoor track, will coach the boys' track team and Denise Minnear will coach girls' track.

Assistant coaches will include

Ron Cameron and Michael DeAngelis for boys' track and James Cross for girls' tennis. Christine Behrens will coach JV softball and Marnie Annesse will be in charge of the modified players.

Armstrong, who has been a teaching assistant on the Southwood Tennis Club's professional staff, will be seeking to return Bethlehem to its long-acquainted perch atop the Suburban Council in tennis after several disappointing seasons. He played varsity tennis for four years at Columbia-Greene Community College and Plattsburgh State after graduating from Hudson High School. He has been teaching tennis in various town programs in the Capital District and attended the Arthur Ashe instructional tennis school before joining Southwood as an assistant to Phil Ackerman, former Bethlehem Central singles standout and a former varsity coach. Armstrong is a former Columbia County doubles champion and his mother, Joanne Armstrong, is a former Columbia County singles champion. He is a native of Claverack and now lives in Albany.



Jim Armstrong

Beginning exercise

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer an adult exercise program, "stretch, smooth and swing," beginning April 1. The program is for residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District who are looking for beginning, low-aerobic activity.

The program will be held from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays, beginning April 1, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, and from 6:15 to 7:15 Thursdays, beginning April 4, at the Bethlehem Central High School's girls' gym. Participants can elect to attend either or both sessions. Fees are \$11 for Mondays, \$8 for Thursdays.

Pre-registration is required and can be made in person or by telephone (439-4131) at the Elm Avenue Park Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

License altered

An 18-year-old Schenectady youth faces charges of criminal possession of a forged instrument after he was found to have an altered date of birth on his driver's license, according to Bethlehem police reports. The youth, stopped Saturday evening on Schoolhouse Rd. in North Bethlehem, reportedly had an alteration in the recorded month of his birth. He is due in court March 19.

Blackbirds cling to No. 1 in standings

By Rick D'Errico

The Voorheesville spikers fell to Germantown and Ichabod Crane in tournament action Thursday, bringing their record to 16-2. The Birds beat Berlin 15-10, Catskill 16-14, 15-6 and New Lebanon 15-10 and 15-4.

Germantown boosted its win total to 15 for a 15-3 record, but the Blackbirds remain on top of the standings by a game. "It took a total team effort," Coach Tom Kurkjian said. "Germantown outplayed us, but we beat ourselves." Ichabod Crane played much better than expected and gave blemishes to both Germantown and Voorheesville.

Kurkjian stated he would "make no changes in the starting lineup for the next tournament." This Tuesday each team will play 10 games, and each starting player

VOLLEYBALL

for the Birds has to play two and a half hours. The pressure mounts as every game has to be won. Other factors include the fact that Germantown never has to travel, which Kurkjian remarked, "is a small factor, not an excuse."

When the '85 volleyball season ends coaches from each of the eight schools in the league will discuss the possibility of playing in the fall, with a regular season like other sports, instead of just three or four tournaments. One other topic that is sure to be discussed is the lack of gyms, which Kurkjian said, "is why we can't play during basketball season." Another tournament starts Tuesday at Germantown.

BC aiming for 2nd spot

Niskayuna triumphed over Bethlehem Central in volleyball action last week, which probably clinched the Gold Division title of the Suburban Council for Nisky. BC and Scotia were scheduled to contend for the second place standing on Monday at Scotia.

The Eagles lost to Niskayuna 6-15, 10-5 in a short but well-played match. Two days before, BC beat

Shaker, 15-5, 15-9, with Todd Smith replacing an absent Chris Maerckli. These two games brought their record to 8-6, the same as Scotia's. Each team was scheduled to play games Monday and Tuesday; both are trying to place second in the division to get a good position in the Sectional championships.

The Suburban Council tournament will begin the eliminating rounds Thursday and Friday. All games will be played at Columbia High School, beginning at 3:45 p.m.

Tania Stasiuk

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Intersectionals tough competition

Last Friday, eight BC swimmers and one diver led a 20-member contingent to Syracuse for the Intersectional meet to compete with the best in the state. The high-flying Eagles, who had just finished cleaning up in their sectional meet, were brought down to earth by the powerhouses of Central New York. Competing in a section, the team finished a distant tenth.

Against the tough competition, Bethlehem was only able to score in the relays and diving events. Bernie Colligan was Bethlehem's only individual place winner,

BC contingent comes close

By Dave DeCecco

The New York State Indoor Track Meet was held Saturday in the Syracuse Carrier Dome. For Bethlehem Central's Anne Carey and Dave Ashe, it was a night of close calls.

In the 600 meter run, Carey led the pack past the halfway mark, ranking out a speedy 61.3 400-meter split. "She would finish third, with a personal record of 3:36.4; just three tenths of a second off the state sophomore record. Carey also placed eighth in the 55-meter hurdles, a new distance for her, with a time of 8.5 seconds.

Dolphins place high in meet

Two Delmar Dolphins came home with high-point awards from the third annual Knights' swim classic Sunday in New Hartford, N.Y. Tracie Mull, competing with girls 10 and under, and Jennifer Mosley, in the 11-12 age group, picked up the plaques in a meet that saw 25 Dolphins competing.

Mull took firsts in the 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke, setting meet records in both. She also earned second place in the 200-yard freestyle and third in the butterfly. Mosley, too, set meet records in winning the 50-yard freestyle and breaststroke events. She took seconds in the 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke.

Among 13-14 boys, Justin Baird came up with a first in the

Frosh excel

The Bethlehem Central Freshman Basketball Team, coached by Chris Rutschmann, has finished an exciting season with a 10 and 4 record.

Averaging almost 50 points per game, the players scored a total of 74 points for the season. Top scorers for the season were John Freyrebrune with 179, Paul Curran with 119 and Dave Cardona with 100.

The team can boast of three particularly impressive victories. The Eagles defeated the Shenendehowa Plainsmen 68 to 55 and came out on top against a strong Colonie team, winning at the buzzer 58 to 56. The Eagles also defeated Columbia 55 to 53 in overtime.

SWIMMING

finishing 16th in the diving. BC's medley of Chris Drew, Peter Greenwald, Damon Woo and Jim Krajeck finished in tenth place. The freestyle relay with Drew, Pierre LaBarge, Eric Patrick and Knut Hvalsmarken fared a little better, finishing in sixth place.

Neither relay turned in a best time, but Coach Paul ("Buzz") Jones said he could not complain.

"Both relays came through when they had to," Jones was referring to the weekend before, when both relays were at their best to win Sectionals and qualify for the state meet.

The state meet marked the end of the season and with it the end of high school swimming for seniors Krajeck, Woo, Hvalsmarken and Patrick. There were mixed emotions; as Patrick put it, "it's a relief to have it over, but it was a lot of fun."

fourth in her heat with a 10:49.0 clocking.

Freshman Kelly Ross, who cleared 5 foot 4 inches in the high jump earlier this season, missed the opening height of 5 feet on a new surface. "She was not used to the tartan surface, so her steps were different and she couldn't jump as well," said Cameron. "All in all, I have been pleased with the time and effort put in by the team and I look forward to another great season next year."

Seniors earn many firsts

Four Delmar swimmers earned fistfuls of ribbons Sunday at the third Pittsfield (Mass.) masters swim meet, which drew more than 700 swimmers age 22 to 72 from New York, Vermont and Massachusetts. Irving and Steven Bonawitz, father and son, garnered nine firsts between them, with Steven swimming in the 20-24 age group and the senior Bonawitz in the 60-64 category.

MaryLou Schulz, in the 45-49 age group, took five blue ribbons and Barbara Riedel, among the 25-29s, had two seconds and a third. All are members of the Adirondack District Masters swim team, which will host a meet March 30 and 31 at the State University at Albany pool.

About fruit trees

A fruit tree pruning video program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, at the Albany County Resource Development Center, Martin Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

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Feb. 28	11:06 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Personal accident
March 1	12:21 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
March 1	6:32 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
March 1	9:59 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
March 1	12:31 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
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March 3	8:10 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
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March 4	1:54 a.m.	Selkirk fire	Structure fire
March 4	1:54 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Emergency standby
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 20, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Jean Madison, 33 Bennett Terrace, Delmar, New York for a Variance under Article VIII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit conversion of an existing deck on rear of a garage to enclosed sun room at premises, 33 Bennett Terrace, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem.

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(March 13)

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Plea for busing

Editor, The Spotlight:

During the past several months, the Elsmere School ESCO PTA Safety Committee has been active in efforts to reduce the hazards faced by the young children who walk to the elementary school along Delaware and Elsmere Avenues. These children, ranging from age 6 through 11, walk along these extremely busy, heavily trafficked commercially zoned roads during the peak rush hours. They cross numerous parking lots and driveways, and all too often during the winter months must walk in the streets themselves since the snowdrifts totally block the sidewalks. The snowbanks also make these young and very small children all but invisible to motorists.

The primary goal of our committee is to obtain busing for these children, who presently are not eligible to ride school buses because they do not live more than a half-mile distance from the school. We have met with the school board and subsequently begun a petition drive to place a proposition on the ballot this May when the school district budget vote takes place. This drive was successful, and thanks to the support of many town residents, the proposition to offer busing to all elementary children will be voted upon.

We have also worked closely

with the Town of Bethlehem and are pleased to report that the cooperation of Supervisor (Robert) Hendrick, his predecessor Tom Corrigan, and the town board has resulted in several positive developments to make the area immediately surrounding Elsmere School safer for the children. In addition to the town government, we have met with both Assemblyman (Clarence D. "Larry") Lane and a representative from the state Department of Transportation (DOT) since both Delaware and Elsmere Avenues are state-maintained roadways. This has resulted in promises to better identify the school zone and make the crossing areas safer.

We would like to thank all those mentioned above for their time, cooperation and assistance in helping to make the improvements to date. However, major problems still exist. There is at present no plan to reduce the speed limit in front of the school below 30 miles an hour, nor is there a solution to the problem of snow removal. Also seen is a prosperous growth in new business along this area of Delaware Ave. that will bring more cars and traffic problems for children to cope with on their way to school.

In conclusion, the Safety Committee believes that the only satisfactory solution for eliminating the potentially tragic dangers our children face is to provide the opportunity for these children to be

bused. We strongly urge all concerned and interested Bethlehem residents to support us and our proposition in May, and take a giant step toward making the children safer.

Please, remember to vote on May 8, giving careful and serious consideration to our proposition and the school budget.

The Elsmere School ESCO/PTA
Safety Committee

Program needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Federal budget as proposed by President Reagan would completely eliminate Section 16(b)2, which is part of the United Mass Transit appropriation allowing for funds for provision of vehicles for seniors or disabled persons.

When the program was originally developed, the thought was to not only recognize the transportation limitations of the elderly and the handicapped, but also provide a method of assistance that would enable the underserved to function in a way similar to the general population. During the past few years, millions of senior citizens and disabled Americans have availed themselves of special use transportation and programs, which have both enriched their existence and greatly improved their lifestyles.

The elderly and disabled are not only a responsibility for all Americans, but a measure of our compassion and sensitivity to our own humanity. I would encourage all concerned to write letters to their congressman and senators and especially to the President urging acknowledgement of the special transportation needs of the elderly and disabled.

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Obituaries

Helen Howd

Helen Koch Howd, 87, of Delmar, a life member of the Delmar Progress Club, died March 5 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after a brief illness.

Born in Schenectady, she was a resident of Delmar for more than 60 years.

She was a communicant of the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, and a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration and the Embroiderers Guild of America.

She was the wife of the late Albert I. Howd. She is survived by a son, Frank H. Howd of Orono, Maine, and a daughter, Miriam Halpin of Toms River, N.J. She is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutts and Sons Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

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Raise safety standards: put seat belts on buses

By Linda Anne Burtis

Seat belts on school buses may be the safety-sleeper issue of 1985. Many parents and children are appalled that school buses are exempt from New York State's seat belt law. Belting up students, simply, makes a "safe vehicle safer." There is a national groundswell, as school districts from Chicago to North Carolina to New York have become the role models by installing belts on their buses.

OPINION

The Bethlehem Central school district is at a critical turning point on the issue. Tonight (Wednesday) the board will be considering the purchase of five or six new buses. Adding to the drama of their decision, board members will ride on an 81-passenger bus and, incidentally, struggle over another safety question — the possible purchase of a vehicle which, with standees, carries 96 students. Since the manufacturer's representative will be aboard to answer their questions, this is an excellent opportunity to learn about the company's attitude towards seat belts. Not all bus manufacturers install belts.

Installing belts on newly purchased buses is an attempt to use state of the art safety methods for the more than 1,000 students transported twice daily. Injuries are either eliminated or reduced. As a state trooper put it, "After 20 years at the scene of crashes, I've never unbuckled a dead person." Proponents also argue that it is hypocritical to teach children to belt up in their cars, while undoing a fine habit on school buses.

If purchased when new buses come on line, the cost of installing belts is negligible. A 59-passenger bus costs about \$35,000, with an additional \$1,000 for seat belts — a mere three percent of the cost of the bus or \$1.20 yearly per belt. Retrofitting, on the other hand, is expensive because it requires structural changes. If Bethlehem Central begins now, according to Gardiner Tanner, supervisor of transportation for the district, all buses would carry belts within the next seven to eight years.

Interviews with school board members indicates that most are not prepared to vote to install belts on the buses under purchase consideration. Marjory O'Brien presented such a proposal at the March 6 board meeting. Robert Ruslander said he "doesn't think belts are necessary," and the other board members expressed reservations about their use. These range from fears of the inequities inherent in installing them only on new buses to concern about lawsuits.

But unless the district opts for retrofitting, the only alternative is to install them as buses are purchased. Also, serious inequities in terms of safety exist right now. Those children who ride to and from school standing are ENORMOUSLY less safe than the seated youngsters.

Lawsuits are becoming an issue in districts which decide against seat belts. Parents are beginning to initiate actions against districts for their failure to install belts, following an injury to their child.

The upcoming purchase of five or six school buses is an important moment, a "window of opportunity," for the school board to raise the safety standards for the children of the Bethlehem Central School District. I urge the board to put seat belts on those vehicles.

Linda Anne Burtis is an editorial contributor to the *The Spotlight* and an Elsmere parent.

Mary A. N. Wagoner

Mary Anna Nadoraski Wagoner, 80, of Selkirk died March 8 at Memorial Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness.

She was the wife of the late Morgan Wagoner.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church, Albany, and she was a member of the Degree of Pocahontas.

Survivors include a daughter, Sally Cadoo of Selkirk, and two sisters, Catherine Staats and Anna Maybury of Albany.

Arrangements were by Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Emma E. Bressler

Emma E. Williams Bressler, 91, of Elsmere, died March 4 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a long illness.

A longtime resident of Albany, she was the wife of the late Riley A. Bressler. She was a resident of Elsmere for the past three to four years.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

Survivors include a son, Allan H. Bressler of Walden, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Bette) Shaw of Elsmere and Mrs. Mary Lou Brown of Annapolis, Md. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy.

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Francis Wisley, left, and Oscar Barrett, right, joined their mother, Suzie Wisley, for her 100th birthday party last Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall. Tom Howes

Show entries set

Members of the Bethlehem Art Association may submit their entries to the group's open show at Bethlehem Public Library between 1 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 31.

The show will be critiqued by Lillian Mulero, an artist and a graduate of State University at Albany, during an opening reception at the library on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. The entries will be displayed at the library through the month of April.

Membership in the association is open to all who are interested. For information call Micki Ahl at 439-7039.

Lunch and the flag

The Fort Orange Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists will meet for lunch at the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn Restaurant, Western Ave., Albany, on March 19 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a program about "Our Flag." For information call Mrs. Alton V. Hotaling at 286-3283.

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Food for the masses

Lisa Goldstock and Gary Brennstuhl, culinary arts and hotel technology instructors at Schenectady Community College, will speak about "Serving from 1 to 100" at the Delmar Reformed Church on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, the free program is open to the public.

Auxiliary meets

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary 1040 has scheduled its monthly meeting and covered dish supper for Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the American Legion post rooms.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Town of Bethlehem senior van will be used to transport senior citizens in the town who wish to "dine out" at the Toll Gate Restaurant in Slingerlands on Tuesday, March 26. Pickups will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m. and the trip is open to the first 11 seniors who call the van reservation line, 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m. weekdays.

The next dinner out is scheduled for April 10 at Brockley's Delmar Tavern.

Time Out for movies

Carole Lillis, hostess of "Bethlehem Bijou," will speak about "Hollywood and the Fan Magazines," at the March 18 meeting of Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers. The group meets every Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. Child care is provided. For information call 439-9929.

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They're on stage at Lincoln Center

The 83 members of the Empire State Youth Orchestra, including eleven students from the Bethlehem Central School District and one student from the RCS School District, will perform in Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York City, at 3 p.m. this Sunday.

Conducted by Victoria Bond, the students will present a program including Mozart's *Allegro in E Major* and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*.

The students will leave for the city by bus on Saturday morning. After a rehearsal at Lincoln Center, they will have an opportunity to see one of three Broadway plays — *Cats*, *42nd St.* or *Chorus Line*. The group will rehearse again on Sunday morning and return to Albany shortly after their 3 p.m. concert.

The orchestra is thriving thanks to the efforts and support of parents, private music teachers, public school music teachers, area businesses and diligent young musicians.

"It's a very time consuming group," said Mrs. Kathleen Bragle, mother of Meg Bragle, the youngest member of the orchestra. "It's very challenging and very exciting." Because of the time and effort required of the students, each orchestra member must delicately balance his time between involvement with the orchestra and involvement with other school organizations.

Members of the orchestra range from 12 to 18 years of age. Each member must audition every year in June to retain his or her seat in the group. Many of the students study their instruments with a music teacher at school and with a private music teacher.

In recent years the group has traveled to Philadelphia, Penn., and Washington, D.C., for performances.

The Empire State Junior Youth Orchestra, which is conducted by David Gibson, will travel to Boston, Mass., next week for a youth orchestra festival.

On the cover: Bethlehem Central students and one RCS student, Meredith Bryant, pictured below, will perform with the Empire State Youth Orchestra Sunday at Lincoln Center in New York City. The young musicians are: front row, left, Meghan Dorgan, Portia Wu; second row, left, Meg Bragle, Gabrielle Robinson, Meredith Bryant, Dan Balsam, and third row, left, Jennifer Tweedie, Paul Robinson, Ted Harro, Katie Lempert, Susan Loegering and Jeremy Williams. Tom Howes

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