POEMS . . . in Praise of Practically Nothing!

'Tis the time of year when everything dormant all those long Winter months suddenly springs to life . . . yea, even Tri-Village poets are blooming! —Ed.

Uncle Bert

Last night as I lay sleeping, I had a dream so fair;

I dreamt I attended a meeting that is held four times a year.

My Supervisor, brave and strong, was there to do our bidding, The people's man was who he was - the truth must not be hidden.

He stood up against the flood of nays - as he ne'er had in the past.

His stand was firm - he voted yea! (It could very well be his last!)

He renounced all inuendos and spoke so straight and true -I was proud to call him Uncle Bert and to have him our leader too.

I rushed to congratulate him, my happiness complete -

But tripped over my pet elephant, which was lying at my feet.

With a jolt and a start I woke from my bed to realize the dream was in my head.

He voted "yea," that much was true - it can of course be said.

But for the rest, I'm afraid my friends, I had too many pickles before bed.

Progress!!!

Our sleepy town of Slingerlands Of late has been distressed, For more, new, busy projects Are giving us no rest. At first, it was the By-Pass,

At Hist, it was the by-rass,
A little road designed

To slice our homes and yards apart

And leave our back yards lined

With miles of trucks and cars and such.

"The traffic will not lag!"
Our sons all cheered, their cars
soon geared,

"Another road where we can drag!"

But now a new idea has come, A better one by far!

A shopping center right next door.

(To drive a mile's too far?)
A beauty shop, a liquor store,

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Discussing the arrangements for the Hamagrael Barbeque are Mrs. John Pellettier, Publicity Chairman, John Falvey, Principal, and John DeMallie, Chairman of the event. The barbeque, catered by John Geurtze, is being arranged for June 4, at 6:30 P.M. on the school grounds. The committees have been busy making plans for a bountiful chicken barbeque along with musical entertainment.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FINALE: MONUMENT DEDICATION

The Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade will start at 10 A.M., Saturday, May 30.

The route of march will be

Each one step away.

A market, drug store, parking lot,
In which our kids can play.

In which our kids can play. Want more? Apartment houses, too.

And later more, ah, yes!
And this is going to save our town

From "ticky-tacky-ness."

Re-zoning laws don't stop this

Nor do the people's cries, So watch that road or market

Right up before your eyes!

And then, perhaps, five years from now.

Worse trouble then, because, You'll find an office building, where

Your living room once was!
- S.L.C.

from the Blanchard Post south on Elsmere Avenue to Kenwood Avenue, west on Kenwood Avenue to the Four Corners, then east on Delaware Avenue to the Veterans' Memorial Park near the underpass.

The new Veterans' Memorial, generously subscribed to Tri-Village residents and organizations, will be unveiled during the memorial services at the Park.

"FUN NIGHT" PROGRAM IS SET FOR WED., MAY 27

Plans for a "Fun Night" to honor Hamilton Bookout, Rolland Truitt, and Leslie Edsall, the three retiring supervisors of the Bethlehem Central Schools on Wednesday, May 27, at 8 P.M. at the BCHS Auditorium have been completed.

The affair, sponsored by the combined parent groups of all the schools in the Town of Bethlehem, will be a humorous program entitled "The Utter Limits" - a take-off on the new TV series and based on the lives of the three educators.

Hamilton Bookout is retiring as Supervising Principal, Rolland Truitt as Supervisor of Music, and Leslie Edsall as Supervisor of the Science Department of the Bethlehem School System. Each of these outstanding educators has served for at least a quarter of a century.

Roast Beef Supper

United Presbyterian Women of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Roast Beef Supper at the church on Saturday, May 23. First serving at 4:30 until all are served. Menu will include, to mato juice, roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, green bean salad, rolls, butter and beverage.

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THREE NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED TO NURSERY BOARD

Three new trustees were elected to the board of Tri-Village Nursery School at a parents! meeting Monday evening, May 11. Mrs. Gerald Austin, The Rev. William Vigne, associate pastor of the Delmar Methodist Church, and Edward Jenick, Jr., all of Delmar, will begin three-year terms on the nine-member board July 1. In addition, Dr. Harold Bookbinder, guidance director at Bethlehem Central High School, has accepted a trustee invitation to fill the unexpired board term of Richard Barzin, who is leaving the area.

Also to assume office on July 1 are newly announced members of the 1964-65 executive committee: Mrs. Alvin Lierheimer, chairman; Mrs. Allan Kunsisto, co-chairman; Mrs. S. H. George Allen, secretary; and Mrs. John L. Moore, treasurer.

The nursery school is currently accepting applications for the 1964-65 school year. Registration will be limited to 42 pupils residing in the Bethlehem Central School District. Children who will be 3 or 4 years old by December 1, 1964

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Classes for 4-year-olds will meet five mornings a week, and a single class for 3-year-olds will meet four mornings a week. The new tuition rate for a 4-year-old child will be \$55 per 8-week quarter if his mother participates in the classroom four sessions per quarter; or \$70 if his mother does not participate. Tuition for a 3-year-old child will be 20% less. The cost of bus transportation will be included in the tuition.

Mrs. Hugh Flick of Slingerlands, director of the 17-yearold cooperative school, points out that the majority of mothers choose to participate. "They develop an increased understanding of their children through classroom experience with a trained teacher," she explains, "and their children thrive on this tangible sign of parental interest."

Elected President

At a recent meeting of the Albany Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute, John C. Marsh, Delmar, Comptroller of the Associated Hospital Service of Capital District and Northeastern New York Medical Service, Inc., the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans serving Northeastern New York, was elected President for the coming year.

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On May 18, at a banquet at Schraffts, the Delmar Men's Orchestra presented Rollie Truitt, the retiring Music Supervisor of B.C.H.S. this pastel painting of "Three French Horn Players." The artist, Tom McDowell, is shown here applying the finishing touch. The French Horn Players are I. to r., Ed Raynor, G. Challis Franklin and Ed Newcomb.

Musical Program

A program of ensemble piano music will be presented by the students of Vivian Granato at the Delmar Reformed Church, Saturday, May 23, at 3 P.M.

Performers: Rachel Adler, Catherine Benedict, Dan Caldwell, Ann-MarieCassidy, Carolyn, Catherine, and Jay Chetney, Edith Cohen, Linda Cook, Lucinda Denson, Virginia Drake, Marilyn Drew, Barbara Erkson, Jean Ferguson, Betsey Friedman, Deborah Geurtze, Esther Harkness, Virginia Heinrichs, David and Peter McKee, Elizabeth Morse, Linda Ochs, Deborah Petersen, Deirdre Platt, Margaret and Mary Ann Preston, Linda Schrade, Deborah, Linda and Susan Shaw, and Susan Stone.

To World's Fair

Onesquethaw Chapter #818, Order of The Eastern Star, will sponsor a one-day bus trip to the New York World's Fair Saturday, June 20.

The bus will leave from the Masonic Temple, Delmar promptly at 7 A.M. Round trip fare, including admission to the fairground, will be \$8.

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Terms of the new officers, who will be elected May 18, start June 1st for one year.

All Post members are urged to attend.

Dancing for all Post members and their guests will follow the installation.

Library Gift

The Delmar Public Library has many mothers, one of whom reversed the usual process and gave the Library a Mother's Day present. Two serving trays of mahogany formica rimmed with beaded aluminum edgings were presented by the Delmar Day Unit of the Home Extension Service to Mrs. Barbara R. Rau, Librarian, on Friday. Mrs. Robert H. Taylor, President of the unit, in making the presentation, mentioned the pleasure the group has in using the Library's Community Room for their meetings.

Cynthia Foster Wins Honor

Miss Cynthia Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Foster, 395 Wellington Road, Delmar, has received an Assistantship for Graduate Studies at Cornell University. Miss Foster will be graduated May 25 from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Purchase, N.Y.

1964 Tour of Homes

The Albany Area Wellesley Club will sponsor its 1964 Tour of Homes on Saturday, May 23 from 1 to 5 P.M. for the benefit of the Wellesley College Faculty Advancement Fund. Tickets at \$3,00 may be obtained from Mrs. Robert Campbell, ticket chairman, or from any member of the Wellesley Club. Eight homes, selected for their interesting features, will be included on the tour. They were built over a period ranging from the mid-1800's to the present decade. Each reflects the interests and hobbies of the owners.



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The summer session, beginning June 26, will cover six weeks and is open to both men and women. Registration is currently by appointment; final registration dates are Friday, June 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 13, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Special graduate programs are available. Courses leading to a master of arts degree in speech correction and hearing are being offered. There will also be a four-week practicum to prepare teachers of the mentally retarded. Tuition grants are offered by the State Education Department to teachers or future teachers of classes for children with retarded mental development. Application forms are available in the Graduate Office of the College or The Bureau for Handicapped Children, State Education Department. These applications should be filed before May 31,

The graduate level cooperative program between Siena College and Saint Rose will be continued. Under this plan, with the permission of their respective deans, students may take up to 12 hours on the campus of the other college, to be counted toward degree requirements in his home institution.

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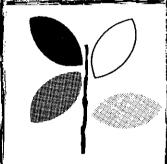
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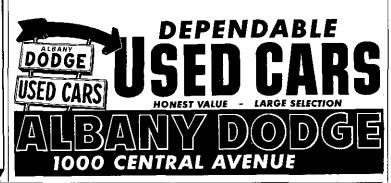
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Both these answers are not so, according to studies reported in the American Medical Association Journal of Diseases of Children.

The studies show that not only is there a greater incidence of diaper rash in older babies but the most distressing cases occur in babies a year or more old. More cases also occur in the winter months. There are several reasons for this

During baby's early months, a mother fusses more with her baby. She's fastidious and prompt in changing baby's diapers, almost the very moment they're wet or soiled. She's alert for diaper rash and the slightest skin blemish is a cause for alarm and prompt attention. She uses a diaper service, aware that professional diaper processing is done under strict laboratory control, thus providing protection against diaper rash.

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tion through skin damaged by diaper rash increases as baby wins freedom of the floor and the lawn.

As for the higher incidence of diaper rash in the winter, it's due to mother relaxing her standards because of the erroneous belief that the distressing skin irritation occurs only during the summer. Yet, during the winter, baby wets more. In the summer most of the fluids that leave baby's body, leave as perspiration. In the winter, baby is also bundled up more, thus encouraging a tendency not to change the diaper as often.

As long as diapers are worn, medical authorities warn that the possibility of diaper rash remains. The best preventive still remains good diaper hygiene. Even when baby reaches that stage when training pants are worn by day and diapers only for naps and at night, the diapers should be processed just as correctly as when baby was a tiny infant and a fastidious diapering routine should be followed just as carefully.

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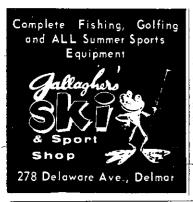
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ANNE FEICHTNER CHOSEN COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR

It is with great pride and pleasure that the Bethlehem Community Ambassador Project announces the selection of Miss Anne Feichtner as Bethlehem's 1964 Community Ambassador to Yugoslavia. Anne is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leo V. Feichtner of 37 Fernbank Ave., Delmar. Dr. Feichtner is Chief of the Bureau of Health Service in the State Education

Department.

Born in S. Carolina, Anne has lived in Delmar since she was nine years old. She attended Delmar Elementary School, Bethlehem Central Jr. High School and was graduated from Bethlehem Senior High School. For the past four years, she has been a student at State University College at Plattsburgh on a year round basis. She will be graduated on June 7 with a BS degree, an RN, and certification for school nurse teaching.

At college, in addition to her studies, Anne has found time to serve on various committees and boards of student government. She has held various offices in her sorority. This year, on recommendation of the faculty, her name will appear in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, " a publication recognizing campus leaders in universities and colleges all over the United States.

Two years of Anne's nurses' training were spent at Metropolitan Hospital in New York City. Here she was called on to help people of different races and nationalities, many of whom spoke no English.

The Community Ambassador program is a part of the Experiment in International Living, which last year arranged visits to 32 foreign countries for 1,879 Americans, and American visits for 2,088 people from other countries. aim of the Experiment is to promote world friendship and understanding on a person to person basis.

Bethlehem's Ambassador, like every Experimenter, will spend five weeks living as a member of a family, adopting its customs, diet, and general pattern of living, insofar as this is possible. The success of the venture requires great tact, open mindedness, and a true desire to help promote better relations between people of different nations, all qualities which are considered in selecting the person who will represent the community.

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three weeks of travel through other important sections of the country in a group composed of Experimenters and a family member from each "adopted" family. On her return, the Ambassador will share all these experiences with the community through talks and pictures.

This year, Bethlehem residents will also have an opportunity to share the American way of life with a Yugoslavian national for an "Incoming Ambassador" will reside with community families for about eight weeks during the summer. To complete the international picture, a group of ten Experimenters from Greece will also be welcomed.

It is only through the support of the local organizations and the community support of the Children's Film Festival that this international program can be carried out. The Project wishes to thank all of you and invite you to avail yourselves of the services of the Ambassador on her return.

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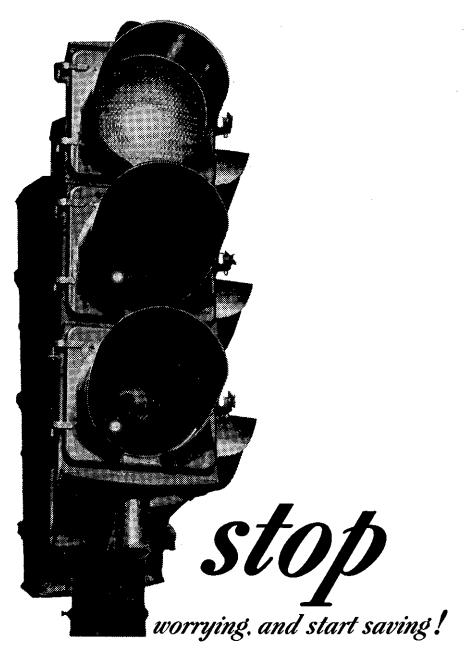
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What do you know about the village of Normansville? Very little, I imagine, except that you pass above it every time you travel over the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Avenue on your way into Albany.

I chatted recently with the Rev. James R. McClenaghan, pastor of the Normansville Community Church, and was interested in much of what he had to say about this little-known section of the Town of Bethlehem.

It's an old, under-developed area. About 21 families make their homes there, along the Normanskill, and their living conditions are greatly hampered by the lack of an adequate water supply. Negotiations are being carried on with town water officials to remedy the unhealthy situation, but the estimated cost to the landowners (between \$12,000 and \$15,000) is a discouraging factor. "Many of these people would have to mortgage their homes to pay their share, Mr. McClenaghan told me. (The average Normansville home is assessed at \$1200).

But he had some brighter news to pass along, too. The Normansville Community Church, a one-room building that is more than 75 years old, is thriving now as never before. Mr. McClenaghan is its first full-time pastor, and he has just completed his first year in the job.

The building seats only 70 people, and nearly that many make a regular practice of attending Sunday morning services. In addition, an average of about 50 people congregate for weekly Sunday evening services - many of them from outside the village.

Mr. McClenaghan has been

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responsible for doubling attendance at Sunday School classes; about 70 children regularly attend them to receive instruction from 14 teachers.

The church also sponsors a Cub Scout Pack and a LTDW (Learn To Do Well) Club for children. Its bulletins are mimeographed on a machine donated to the church by the Delmar Women's Bible Club, and "The Crusader," a monthly publication, is edited by Mrs. McClenaghan.

Mr. McClenaghan, a graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., is a former counselor for the Salvation Army. He receives about half of his support from four other churches who donate individually and voluntarily.

The McClenaghan's have six children, the oldest of whom is nine, and they reside in an apartment at 10 Hallwood Rd. in Delmar.

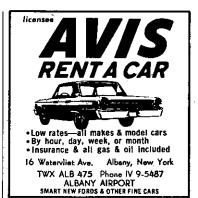
"I took this job because it was a real challenge," the inter-denominational minister told me. "Normansville is a poor little village, and the needs of its people are many." Nevertheless, he believes "The Lord has been good to us," and he strives daily to help the residents of Normansville live a better, fuller life.

The village of Normansville is probably the oldest inhabited section of the Town of Bethlehem, and today it is surely the least prosperous. Nestled under a bridge dividing the capital of New York State and an upper-middleclass suburban area, it has been forgotten by many - but not by all.

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Richard Clark and Bernard Hungerford have been elected new members of the teacher's salary advisory committee.

Mrs. O'Hara will serve as the group's delegate at the annual NEA convention in Seattle, Wash., next month.

Kenneth R. Thacher Jr., a 1951 graduate of Bethlehem Central, has returned to his home area to open his own insurance agency at 112 State St. in Albany. His parents live at 1 Oakwood Pl. in Delmar.

Mr. Thacher, nephew of the late John Boyd Thacher 2d, former mayor of Albany, received a BA degree in business administration from St. Lawrence University and has been employed as a field representative for the Aetna Casualty

and Surety Co. for the past eight years.

His wife, Elizabeth, is a native of White Plains and also graduated from St. Lawrence.



Kenneth R. Thacher

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country, education received very little attention. In the thinly settled neighborhoods away from the city, it was usually conducted in the family, with sometimes several families uniting to employ a teacher. As population and prosperity increased, a growing interest for the advancement of knowledge gave impulse for school buildings. The early schoolhouses in this town, like those in neighboring communities, were built in almost every instance of logs, and the teaching as well as the accommodations were primitive and unsatisfactory.

It was not until the beginningof the 19th Century that districts were arranged and schools
organized by concentrating the
children of particular areas.
The first schoolhouse in the
Town of Bethlehem was built
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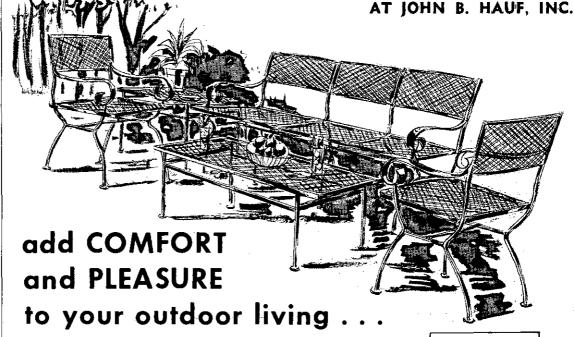
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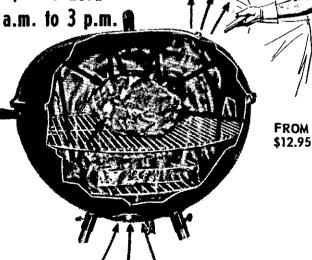
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In 1883, there were 119 children of school age with 69 attending school in Cedar Hill. The total district expenses for the year were \$520.

By 1902, there were nine grades being taught in the school. The pupils went to the Senate Chamber in Albany to take their final examinations. Cedar Hill was the richest of all the school districts at this time.

A 100th anniversary celebration was held in the school building on June 23, 1959 with approximately 200 guests present. The event was planned by the two teachers at the school. Mrs. Adaline Johnson and Miss Laurella Butler, having taught at the school for 22 and 18 years, respectively. The Town of Bethlehem is indeed fortunate to have acquired this lovely old building which is an exceptionally well designed example of the classical architecture of its period and which has such a proud heritage of service to this area.

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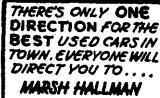
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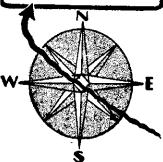
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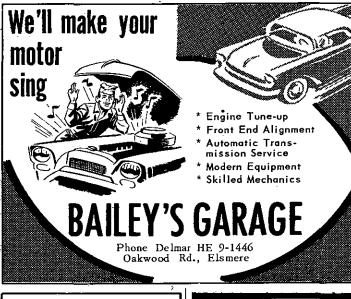
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