Oklahoma!

Rogers and Hammerstein's classic musical "Oklahoma!" remains as fresh and charming today as when it first opened on Broadway 25 years ago. If you would like to see for yourself, come to the Bethlehem Central Senior Class production of "Oklahoma!" April 17, 18, and 19.

The story concerns the incessant battle between the ranchers and the cowboys during the territory days of Oklahoma, with just the right amount of love interest to keep things exciting. Curley, the conceited, but handsome lead cowboy is played by Mike Sharpe. No stranger to the BC stage, Mike has been active in Charlatans and has appeared in their productions of "Our Town," "The Adding Machine," "The Brick and the Rose," and "The Inspector General." At Syracuse High School, Mike distinguished himself as the first and only sophomore in the history of the school to play a major role in their senior play, "The King and I."

Pam Rich, who plays sweet innocent Laurie, the romantic interest in Curley's life, is an active member of Swing Choir and Choraliers. Interested in sports and singing, Pam is a welcome new face on the BC stage.

Ado Annie, the dumb blonde who "can't say no," is probably the best known character in the play. Janice Baldwin, who has appeared in Charlatan's productions of "The Inspector General" and "The Brick and the Rose" and who placed second in last winter's Charlatans Dramatic Interpretations Contest is Annie. A cheerleader, Jan is in Choraliers and was chosen for the All-State Chorus.

Jan's beau is Will Parker, a naive country hick newly returned from Kansas City, played by Merle Winn. Merle has been active on the "Oriole" staff and soccer team, and is a member of Swing Choir and Choraliers. Besides being an excellent singer, he is also an accomplished pianist.

There are numerous other talented performers involved in this year's production of "Oklahoma!" in addition to the four just mentioned. With all these gifted seniors, the direction of Sydney Turner, choreography of Richard Feldman, and musical direction of Mrs. Magdalene York, it promises to be an exciting night of theatre for the whole family. The play will be performed April 17, 18, and 19, at 8:15 P.M. in the BCHS auditorium. Tickets are \$1.00 for students and \$1.50 for adults, and may be purchased from any senior.



IN "OKLAHOMA!" -- Left to right: Mike Sharpe, Merle Winn, Pam Rich, Jan Baldwin

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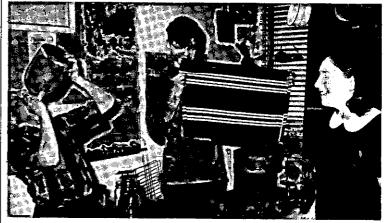
Old Fashioned General Store

Prize quilts, iron kettles, cracker barrels and other artifacts from great grandmother's day are on display in an old fashioned "general store" in a social studies classroom at Bethlehem Central Junior High School.

It all started when social studies teacher, Jane Feisthamel, brought several old artifacts to class in connection with a study unit she had planned on The Age of Homespun — 1800-1865. Students were so fascinated with the objects that they began searching their own attics for other items to add to the collection. Several pupils in the class undertook the project of creating a general store display with the

old objects in one corner of their classroom.

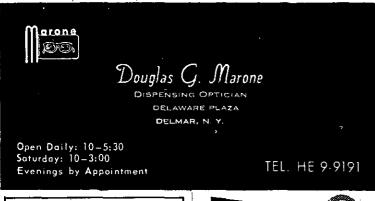
At the end of the study unit, parents will be invited to school for a Homespun Fair to see student demonstrations of quilting, ox cart making, and other forgotten crafts of the "good old days." The 7th grade pupils will also describe the uses of some of the older objects on display for their 20th century parents.



7TH GRADE STUDENTS, Bruce Harro, Lance Brisee, and Sue Elbow, point out the usefulness of some of the old fashioned objects on display in their classroom General Store.



Kathy Meany tries the crank of an old fashioned ice cream freezer while Lance Brise ignores the wall sign admonishing "All Smokers and Chewers will please spit on each other and not on the stove." The students organized an old fashioned "general store" in their classroom at Bethlehem Central Junior High School.



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LETTERS

What happened to Americanism and good old-fashioned love of one's country? Why are Americans becoming so passive about ethics and morals? Are we really becoming a nation of double standards; one for Sunday morning and one for the balance of the week?

Go to the newsstand and look at the material displayed on the counters. Newspapers and magazines are full of human miseries, sordid stories, murders and rapes. The movies, with the exception of Walt Disney films, advertised good wholesome family entertainment, are becoming harder to find. This moral decaying trend seems to be prevalent everywhere you look.

The latest figures show that 22 out of every 100 girls are pregnant before marriage. Dope and drugs are almost openly peddled on college campuses. Subversive groups are allowed to openly attack our country and try to destroy the things our forefathers fought and died for so we could have a country to be proud of.

When are Americans going to take a stand and combat this moral decay? Where do they start, and how?

First of all, this must start by putting God into our lives, in the bringing up of our children and in the example we set for them; by trying to establish spiritual and moral standards, and not being afraid to speak out for what we know to be right.

This won't be easy; nothing worthwhile is attained without an effort. People who can't clean up our rivers, eliminate air pollution and stop littering our countryside, certainly wouldn't be able to clean up the moral decay in our country without a concerted, united effort. The time is long overdue. We can no longer sit back and "Let George do it." He could use our help; the problems are getting too large for him to handle alone.

(Name submitted)

A great deal of controversy has developed over the different approaches to sex education in our schools by various organizations and groups. Ideas and material available from these groups go to extremism in both directions, for and against. Some individuals want nothing taught and claim they, as parents, are the only ones who should discuss sex with their children. People on the other extreme want to have advanced technical data and experimentation with sex started

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Somewhere there is a solution, probably nearer to the left than to the right. It is our obligation as parents to work together in a constructive manner to work out what we feel is a reasonable answer.

This can't be done by getting emotionally upset when we are confronted with pornographic literature, name calling, or burying our heads in the sand, hoping the problem will go away. As long as there are extremist elements at work trying to tear down what we believe in, we will have to roll up our sleeves and work hard to see that they don't prevail.

Let's get behind our School Boards, our school administrators, our clergy, and each other. This is a battle that we can't afford to lose. If the groups who are trying to destroy our spiritual, moral and ethical beliefs win our children, what do we, as parents, have left?

Andrew W. Koonz, Jr.

An open letter to all Parents:

It is time for all parents to give careful thought to the Sex Education Curriculum being taught in some of the schools in this area.

I have given the Sex Education Curriculum under the Health Education Program the benefit of the doubt and have now come to the conclusion that this whole idea is wrong. I have many reasons for saving this.

I am a mother who out of love and Christian principles conceived two children, and as a mother have the responsibility and the right to teach as I see fit and proper LOVE, DISCI-PLINE, RESPONSIBILITY and last but not least SEX INFOR-MATION.

In the opinion of my husband and me, due to our religious convictions, Sex Education cannot be taught in an appropriate manner if Christian principles are not involved, nor to a Jewish Bhuddist or any other child if their religious teachings are not interjected. And a public school legally being unable to teach sex involving these principles winds up with an off-balance, purely physical approach to sex with no emphasis on responsibilities or the repercussions of the unwise use of sexuality.

Further, it is time for parents to look into and seriously question the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) in regard to the sex material for school children. After reading the background of these board members I question

whose best interest this council of supposedly educated people is out to serve?

In my estimation you either produce pornographic films, moveable clay models and a magazine called Sexology or you research and formulate material with the best interest of children in mind.

There seem to be many conflicting stories being voiced by school personnel and the State Education Department in regard to the material they are using. I, for one, have been told to take heart and not worry, "certainly we do not use this SIECUS" material in our school, and from that very school I have access to a book which is for 5-8 year olds showing in picture-form animals mating and a very detailed explanation of the way parents go about reproducing, and going a step further I have proved that

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So I urge all parents to start asking questions of your school personnel, your political representatives, and more importantly your church, or synagogue. It is your LEGAL RIGHT to know.

And now thinking back on this whole subject I was never approached by the State or the school to vote yes or no, or even voice my feelings one way or the other before this program was instituted.

WERE YOU?

Mrs. Dale Thomas Rice

Author Day

Reading a book is a must when you have invited the author to tea. And that's precisely what students at Delmar and Glenmont Elementary Schools are doing in preparation for their annual Author Day program on April 22.

This year, the pupils will have a chance to meet and talk with Mrs. Miriam Biskin, author of a novel for young people entitled "Pattern for a Heroine."

Mrs. Biskin's book tells the life story of Rebecca Gratz, founder of the first Jewish Sunday School in America. Rebecca is also considered by many scholars to have been the model for the heroine in Sir Walter Scott's novel, "Ivanhoe." The story takes place in post-revolutionary Philadelphia, but also contains many historical references to the Albany and Saratoga areas because of the marriage of the heroine's aunt to Dr. Nicholas Schuyler.

The geographical references to Albany came easy for the author as she was born in Cohoes and now lives with her family in Troy. She was graduated from Albany State University and teaches English at Cohoes High School.

In spite of only having begun to write for publication a few years ago, Mrs. Biskin has managed to accummulate a very impressive list of publications and awards. She won First Prize in the National Roxbury Short Story Competition in 1960 and was winner of a Freedoms Foundation Award in 1964. She has written numerous short stories, plays and essays which have appeared in childrens' and adult publications. A second book, entitled "My Life Among the Gentiles" was published last year and she is presently at work on a text-book for Hebrew scholars.

"Author Day" is an annual event organized by Mrs. Catherine Boehm, librarian for both Delmar and Glenmont schools. She makes arrangements for an author to visit the schools, but the children do all the planning from that point. Students introduce the guest author, prepare questions they wish to ask the author and serve the refreshments following the program.

SCUBA Course

A Nationally Certified Course in Skin and SCUBA Diving for

men and women, age 14 and over. will be held at Bethlehem Central Senior High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, beginning Monday, April 14. Applicants may register at this time in room 190 at 7 P.M. Classes will be from 7 to 10 P.M., Monday and Thursday for 6 weeks. The fee for the course is \$25. A deposit of \$10 is required for registration. Students must furnish mask, fins and snorkle, but it is suggested they do not purchase these items before the first class, as some types are not recommended. Only a bathing suit is needed at the first class. The course will be conducted by the Adirondack Underwater Diving Instructors Organization, AUDIO will provide for the use of SCUBA and issue workbooks to each student.

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Winners

The twenty-eight delegates of the Bethlehem Central Senior High School Chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America returned from the annual DECNY Leadership Conference on March 26. While at the Concord, four of the nine students who had participated in contests were winners.

Steven Hornberger earned an Honorable Mention among 28 speeches given in the Public Speaking contest; Jean Markley's store layout won a third place among 12 entries; Terry Ralston's poster placed second from among 17 entries and Philip Giacone placed first in the Mathematics Contest from among 98 contestants who took the examination.

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BCHS, and advisor to the DECA group, has announced that Philip Giacone, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Giacone, Murray Avenue, Delmar, will receive an expense-paid trip to the National DECA Convention in Atlantic City early in May where he will represent New York State as a voting delegate.

Banquet

The Future Business Leaders of America Chapter at Bethlehem Central Senior High School is beginning plans for its Annual Spring Banquet. Terry Kinns, Chapter President, has named Blanche Hathaway chairman of this year's event. Blanche is currently working with Mrs. Mary Elliott, Chapter Advisor, to arrange the date and place for the final FBLA event of the

year. She will be assisted by Mary Jane Stout.

The banquet program will be the installation of the FBLA officers for the school year 1969-70. Students will have an opportunity to invite a guest and members of the Business Department will be present to add to the festivities.

On Dean's List

Kim M. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Clark, 112 Mosher Road, Delmar, has been named to the Dean's List at Colgate University for the fall semester of the 1968-69 academic year.

A junior, Clark was in England during the fall semester as a member of Colgate's London Study Group in history. He is a member of Phi Society of Phi Beta Kappa.

He was graduated from Bethlehem Central in 1966.

Recent Weddings

Geurtze-Nelson

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Geurtze of Elsmere announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Donna Ruth Geurtze on March 21, to Bruce H. Nelson of Albany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Nelson of Coxsackie.

The Evangelical Protestant Church of Albany was the setting for the 8 P.M. candlelight service.

After a reception at the New Elsmerian Restaurant, the bride and groom left for a wedding trip to California.

The bride is a graduate of Philip Schuyler High School and



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James-Moore

In a candlelight ceremony at St. Thomas' Church on April 5, Barbara James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William James, 421 Wellington Road, became the bride of Donald A. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore. 57 Paxwood Road.

After a reception at Normanside Country Club, the couple left on a motor trip to Florida.

The bride is a graduate of BCHS. She attended Junior Col-

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Mrs. Donald A. Moore

lege of Albany and was assistant buyer at Town and Tweed.

Mr. Moore is also a graduate of BCHS. He attended Adirondack Community College and is presently a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force stationed in the Philipines.

Quay-Willey

Jane Quay. 21 Borthwick Avenue, Delmar, was married March 29 to Richard J. Willey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Willey, Sr.. of 256 Old Niskayuna Road. Latham. The Rev. James K. Hilton officiated at the 1 o'clock ceremony in St. John's Lutheran Church, Altamont. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Quay, 177 Maple Avenue, Altamont.

Following a reception at the Bavarian Chalet, Guilderland, the couple left for a two-week trip to Florida. They will reside in Delmar upon their return.

Mrs. Willey is a graduate of Guilderland Central High School, and the State University of New York at Albany, and is currently a business education teacher in the Voorheesville Central School system. Her husband is employed by the Robert A. Keasbey Company of Albany.

Meeting

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company will hold its annual meeting Thursday, April 10 (tonight), at the fire-



hall. The meeting will get underway at 8 P.M. with Mrs. Anthony Granito presiding.

Annual reports will be due and election of officers for the 1969-1970 term will take place.

Elected

At the regular March meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Selkirk Fire Co. #2, the following ladies were elected to office:

President, Mrs. Charles Fritts; Vice-president, Mrs. Richard Hummel; Corres. Secretary, Mrs. Ed Nowak; Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Fabe; Treasurer, Mrs. Francis Melick; also, Mrs. Jonathan Van der Poel was appointed Auxiliary Chaplain. There will be a joint installation of all three Selkirk fire companies and their auxiliaries on April 26 at LaCasa's Restaurant in Ravena.

The retiring president, Mrs. Charles Vagele, will also be honored for 12 years of perfect attendance.

Card Party

Saint Matthew's Altar Rosary Society will hold its annual card party on Thursday, April 17 at 8 P.M. in the Church Hall on Pleasant St., Voorheesville. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. John Zangrone is Chairman of the event.

Meeting

An organization and planning meeting of the Bethlehem Community Ambassador Project will be held at 8 P.M., on Wednesday, April 16, in the Reading Room of the Delmar Public Library. The time will be devoted largely to the programming and planning for the visit of the Swiss JETS arriving May 15. As these are all business men, visits to area businesses as well as cultural and historical excursions are to be programmed.

In all probability many people besides the host families would enjoy participating in the activities scheduled for the three-week visit to the JETS. Anyone wishing to help with driving on one of the short trips, to entertain a young man for dinner, or to include one in other family activities, please join in the planning session. If you find attendance impossible, a call to 439-5068 or 439-1926 will put your name on the list.

Supper

On Saturday, April 19, the Delmar Masonic Temple Association will serve a spaghetti supper from 4:30 to 7 P.M.

Adults tickets are \$2; children under 12, \$1.25.

The public is invited.

Auction

The Glenmont P-TA will hold its annual Spring Auction, Rummage and Bake Sale on April 19, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. in the Glenmont Elementary School Gymnasium located on Rt. 9-W in Glenmont.

The Auction will begin at 11 A.M. in the school cafeteria.

Coffee will be served from 9 A.M. until noon in the Social Corner, courtesy of the Glenmont P-TA.



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The Delmar Dolfins Swim Club participated in the First Annual Winter Junior Olympics which was held at State University of New York at Albany pool on March 29 and 30.

The Dolfins, coached by Ned Monthie, entered 40 swimmers in 119 events and made an exceptionally fine showing. Jim Clyne in the 10 and under age group took a gold medal in the 50-yard breaststroke and Rich Bailey in the 13-14 class won two gold medals in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

Silver and bronze medals were won by Beth and Chris Clyne, Kathy Goodway, Ellen Doherty, Carolyn Bailey, Linda Schiavo, Kathy and Jeanne Gorman, Kathy Connolly, Shawn and Kevin Goodway, Lorren Elkins, Steve Steele, Jim Powers, Rich Nolan, Chip Morris, Len Van Ryn, Chris Gilham, Chester Johnson, Criag Doremus.

Local Author

A Delmar insurance man is

author of an article appearing in the April issue of "Life Insurance Selling," one of the three

leading nationally-circulated life underwriter magazines.

He is Thomas B. Thornton, supervisor of the Carl Payne Agency of Security Mutual Life Insurance company, with the local office at 387 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

Entitled, "I Begin With a Question," the article points up the value of using questions in determining needs before making recommendations for specific pol-

A former city editor of a midwestern daily, Thornton was promotional representative for the U.S. Savings Bonds Division of the U.S. Treasury Department before coming to Delmar in 1955. He and his wife, Eileen, reside at 195 Adams Street, and are parents of five sons - Timothy, second year student at Albany Law School; Terence, graduating this year from Plattsburgh State; Thomas E., currently attending the University of Wurzburg, Germany, as an exchange student from Oneonta State; Todd, a sophomore at Bethlehem Central High, and Trent, 8th grader at Bethlehem Junior High.

New Member

Susan Swett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Swett, 33 Dumbarton Drive, Delmar, has been named a member of the Blue and White Guides, the senior honorary society, for the year 1969-70 at Vermont College.

The Guides aid the Dean of Students as campus hostesses, correspond with new students, and assist with freshman orientation.

Dr. Office Suit

Three property owners in Surrey Mall, Slingerlands, have gone to court to prevent a second variance in a A Residence zone which would permit additional physician offices.

The protestors are Robert B. Keyes, 14 Surrey Mall; Bertram Schaeffer, 24 Surrey Mall and Hyman I. Kramer 32 Surrey Mall. Their attorney is Mr. Keyes who is employed by the state.



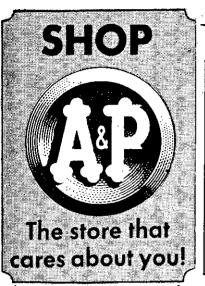
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Supreme Court Justice T. Paul Kane had reserved decision to their application for a restraining order aimed at reversing the variance granted by the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals for 1525 New Scotland Avenue which is near Surrey Road.

Karl A. Schrade, the board's attorney and Edward J. Grogan, attorney for his brother, Dr. John P. Grogan of 455 Kenwood Avenue, who obtained the variance, opposed the injunction.

The first variance granted Dr. Grogan covered only the lower floor of a former two-floor home at 1525 New Scotland Avenue. The upper floor was under consideration for apartments.

The variance for the doctor's office on the first floor was granted on the theory that the area needed physicians.

When the doctor's offices were completed, Dr. Grogan then applied for a second variance, this time to convert the upper floor into additional doctors offices, rather than apartments. Three offices for psychiatrists and one for a medical doctor were indicated.

When the variance was granted, the three Surrey Mall property owners objected.

Mr. Keyes cited as "a classic example" the rejection of the courts of a variance granted by the appeals board in the "St. Regis case," proposing alteration of a vacant building in New Scotland Ave., near Whitehall Road in the Karlsfeld area which has since been annexed to the City of Albany.

He said that Dr. Grogan, like the purchaser of the house in the St. Regis case, "was aware of the risk" in zoning change when the property was purchased and may not later allege "Hardship," as is alleged in the current dispute.

The Grogan-owned property is "at the entrance to a one family home subdivision," Mr. Keyes said.

Mr. Schrade said, as he did in seeking the original variance,



that "doctors are wanted in the town" and that "it is the underlying policy of the appeals board to grant variances in the public interest."

Justice Kane has reserved decision.

Birthday

The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. - S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. is celetrating its thirty-first year on Friday, April 11. An initial meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the whim of O.C. Cash and Rup Hall gathered some twenty-five men together just to sing the old songs. They had a lot of fun and now over 32,000 members in every state of the Union and in most of the Canadian provinces do the same weekly. The Ravena-Coeymans - Selkirk - Glenmont - Ceder Hill, New York Chapter, one of the Society's seven hundred chapters, is participating in this birthday celebration by presenting a gala Night of Harmony.

The evening's program will begin at 8 P.M. at the R-C-S Central High School on Saturday, April 12. There will be four quartets and two area choruses participating in this musical event. All the way from Portland, Maine, will come the Lighthouse Harmony Four, a noted east coast quartet, who just this past year were among the District finalists at the competition in Hartford, Conn: To complement this fine quartet, the Spikehorns will offer the Haystack Four from Worcester, Mass., a famed country-comedy quartet. From the local chapter, the current Div. II Champion Quartet, Les Enfants, will appear and the Four Pointers, Ravena's newest quartet, will debut for the local audience. Special guest chorus will be the lovely and talented River Valley Chorus, Sweet Adelines, Inc., from Guilderland. This championship group won first place honors in Hartford, Conn. in 1967, competing against twenty-seven other choruses. The Spikehorn Chorus, hosts for the evening, will present several numbers.

The production includes a replica of the Robert E. Lee which



will steam across the R-C-S Central High School stage. The music is based on the good, old riverboat days on the Mississippi and the cast includes riverboat dandies, levee people, and a bevy of southern belles who recall that nostalgic era with their harmonious renditions of "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee," "Carolina in the Morning," "Roll on Mississippi," "Curse of an Aching Heart," and "Goodbye My Lady Love." Tickets will be available at the door.

New Controls

· Approval of plans for new air pollution control measures at Atlantic Cement's Ravena plant was announced today by Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, state health commissioner and chairman of the State Air Pollution Control Board.

More efficient dust catching devices will be installed on two stacks in the section where cement from the plant's kilns is cooled, and a new disposal area for all the plant's waste cement dust will be established in an isolated section of the company's property.

Plans for dust disposal include: Construction of a road from the plant to the disposal site which will avoid any populated areas; a windbreak at the site to prevent scattering of dust; closed chutes for loading dust into covered trucks for hauling to the disposal area and portable water sprays to be used year-round at the disposal site to keep dust permanently settled.



April 25th has been set as the date for the St. Thomas Altar-Rosary's 13th Annual Card Party & Fashion Show. "A Wonderful World of Color" is the theme for the event. Looking over a few of the over 2000 flowers which will be used for decorations are (I. to r.) Mrs. William P. McKeough, Mrs. James A. McCarroll, Jr., Mrs. Thomas E. Travison 2nd, and Mrs. Seward J. Pittz.

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2) Oriental dip — Combine one cup mayonnaise, one cup sour cream, two teaspoons chopped ginger, one teaspoon soy sauce, two teaspoons chopped water chestnuts, two cloves garlic chopped fine, 1/2 cup chopped green onions,



one teaspoon chopped Chinese parsley, cilantro or fresh coriander, 1/4 cup chopped parsley. This is delicious with either shrimp or lobster.

Under a State Health Department order issued last September, dust control equipment at the materials handling areas of the Albany County plant must be kept in use "during all seasons of the year, all days of the week, and during all hours of the day" when dust producing facilities are in operation.

Meeting

The Glenmont PTA will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at the Glenmont Elementary School on Rt. 9-W, at 8 P.M.

Dr. Richard Moomaw, Superintendent of the Bethlehem School District will be the guest speaker. Mr. Moomaw's topic will be "Plans for the Bethlehem Central School District for 1969-70."

Dr. Harold Bookbinder and a member of the School Board will assist in the program.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this informative meeting.

BSA

Scouts of Troop 85 of Elsmere began their spring out-of-doors program with an all day 20-mile bicycle hike last Saturday. Twenty-one scouts led by Assistant Scout Master Ken Pitman cycled along the area's secondary roads to Onesquethaw Creek.

A temporary camp was set up and cooking tests conducted under the guidance of Scouts Phil Moore and Larry Macumber. Others practiced the use of ropes

Visitors

On March 31, a group of high school youth from North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, visited this community. Forty-three teenagers and five advisors were on a week-long trip

ter a chicken dinner they went to work again sharing their creations of the afternoon, folk singing, and leading worship. The theme of the evening was in keeping with the national day of mourning for President Eisenhower.



called "Faith on Tour," visiting Methodist churches in six cities in the Northeast. The youth are using their Spring vacation this way to share their creative program and ideas with other groups.

In the afternoon the group met with local youth at First United Methodist Church for workshops on the arts, drama, dialogue, music, and creative writing. AfThe visitors were guests in various homes in the community overnight and for breakfast, leaving for Boston early the next morning.

Rev. Chatterton, associate pastor in Delmar says: "It was an inspiration for me as well as for our local youth to see these talented young people give themselves so enthusiastically to this program."

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While traveling on the road the boys rode in small groups and precautions were taken to warn traffic of the presence of cyclists ahead with the use of red flags on the trailing bikes.

Library Notes

A charming pair of train engine bookends has been given to the Bethlehem Public Library by Mr. and Mrs. William Larkin of Delmar. The little engines immediately settled down to a career of holding books for special occasions in the children's room. They are being enjoyed by everyone.

Children's Movies — Saturday, April 19, at 9:30 and again at 11:00. "Journey into Spring," winner of several prizes, tells in detail the story of pond, animal and plant life in the English countryside. (You had better come - this may be all the spring you will see this year.) "Cornet at Night" portrays the life of a young boy on a prairie homestead. Chet Huntley narrates "Sun Flight," the legend of the first man to fly. (This was long before anyone ever heard of America much less the Wright brothers.)

Register Now

Registrations are now being accepted for a Spring series of Painting Classes offered by the Bethlehem Art Association. Frank Alexander, well known Woodstock artist, will be the instructor.

Call Mrs. L. Shapiro - 439-5069 - for registration.

The BAA is sponsoring the showing of three art films on Monday night, April 14, 8 o'clock Community Room of the Delmar Branch, National Commercial Bank and Trust Co.

Eve Screening

For the third year, the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club for Newcomers in connection with the Albany Association of the Blind will sponsor a free preschool vision screening program which may detect amblyopia or other eye defects in children.

The eye screening will be for all three, four and five year old preschoolers in the Town of Bethlehem. It will take place on April 21, 22, 23 and 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Glenmont children will be screened on April 25 at the Glenmont Community Church from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The screening will be done by volunteers from the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club for Newcomers who have had 6 hours of training. Training sessions will be held at the First United Methodist Church on April 15th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and April 16 from 10 A.M. to 12 noon, under the supervision of Dr. Peter G. Kansas, Ophthamologist and Mrs. Patricia Lamont, Co-ordinator of Pre-School Vision Screening, Albany Association of the Blind, Anyone who would like to help the screening program can do so by calling Mrs. Lawrence Heinzmann, 439-6978 or Mrs. David Smart, 439-4646.

Amblyopia, or "lazy eye blindness," is a disorder in which an eye appears healthy, but actually has low or poor vision, which in many cases cannot be helped by wearing glasses. If not treated early in life, it can lead to blind-

Amblyopia is known to effect one out of twenty American children. The National Society for the prevention of Blindness points out that amblyopia is nearly 100% preventable. It could be conquered if parents would seek the knowledge and help which is available such as literature provided by the Society, the preschool screening programs, which are being conducted all over the country, or by having eye examinations. Since the critical period of development of acute vision is between the ages of one and seven, a child's eyes should be examined before he is four years old, and treated, if necessary, the earlier the better.

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Donkey Basketball

The basketball "Game of the Year" as far as local residents are concerned, will be played this Saturday, April 12, in the Bethlehem Senior High School beginning at 7:30 P.M. It is estimated that only 200 tickets will be left to be sold at the door by game time. Tickets may be purchased at Grover's Stationery Store, Mullen's Pharmacy and Gallagher's Sport Shop.

The Donkey Basketball game will be an area first, and hopefully the first of several to be scheduled for future dates. The game of basketball will be attempted to be played while riding "real, live," donkeys. The players are awaiting the arrival of the donkeys on the 12th. The teams will be made up of school district personnel along with a few Youth Center Supervisors. The final team rosters are as follows, Dark Team — Bill Fuller, Leo Dorsey, Neil Brown, Gene Fitzpatrick, John Whipple, Les Boyer, Ray Linstruth and Nelson

Harrington. Light Team — Art Ritchko, Dale Walts, Ray Sliter, Sam Bozzella, Merle Miller, Ken Hodge, Irv Small and Bruce Austin.

The game is being sponsored by the Bethlehem Youth Center Councils and the CAC of the Youth Center. The money raised from the game will be used for improvements for the Bethlehem Youth Center located on Kenwood Avenue in the Jr. High School Building.

Beginners Tennis

The Bethlehem Recreation Spring Beginners' Tennis Program will begin on Saturday, April 19. In case of bad weather, the program will be held in the Jr. High School Boys' Gymnasium. Weather permitting, registration and the first sessions will be held on the Jr. High School Tennis Courts beginning at 9 A.M. All participants are requested to bring their own tennis equipment, mainly a racquet and 1 ball, 5th grade boys and girls should report at 9 A.M., 6th graders at 10 and 7th graders and up at 11. The program will be held for six Saturdays for instruction and conclude on Saturday, June 7, with a Skills Test and a "Hit The Spot" contest for all the participants. Additional information pertaining to this well-attended program may be obtained by calling Mr. Fuller at 439-4984 on school days.

Board Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting of the Delmar Progress Club will be held at 9:30 A.M. at Bethlehem Library in Delmar on Monday, April 14, a half hour earlier than usual.

Due to the trip to SUNYA planned by the Music Group at 11:15 that morning, the board meeting is being called earlier than usual and will close by 11 A.M.

All Progress Club members are eligible to attend board meetings and are urged to do so.

Contest

The Outdoor Planting Contest is open to all entries from residents of Albany County, it was announced this week by Mrs. J. Francis Purdy, chairman. Mrs. Purdy, who is a member of the Women's Club of Albany, is heading up a committee of Albany women who will select appropriate contestants for final judging.

Albany will celebrate its 20th

Tulip Festival over the weekend of May 9-12, in ceremonies that pay respect to the settlement of the Dutch in upper New York State. Tulips are the center theme of the Dutch tradition.

Yards throughout the County will be judged in the Outdoor Planting Contest. Tulips must predominate in the displays, and no ornaments of any kind are allowed in the plantings. Spring flowers, however, may be used in edgings for the tulip beds.

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From left to right: Steven Hornberger, Honorable Mention in Public Speaking; Jean Marklay, third place in Store Layout; Terry Ralston, second place, Poster Contest; and Philip Giacone, first place in Math Contest. These four Bethlehem Central Senior High School members of the Distributive Education Clubs of America display their trophies won at the New York State Annual Leadership Conference held at the Concord Hotel, March 24-26. Robert A. Pierson, Coordinator of Distributive Education at Bethlehem Central, accompanied the group. Philip Giacone will represent New York State at the National Convention in Atlantic City in May.

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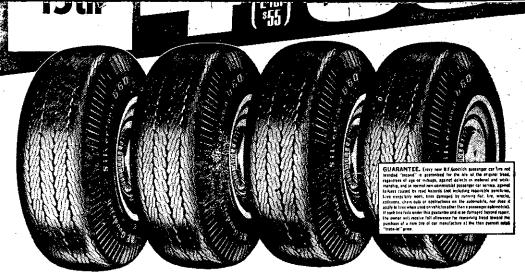
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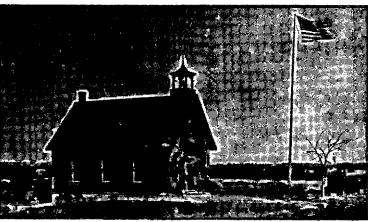
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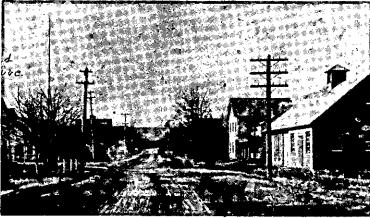
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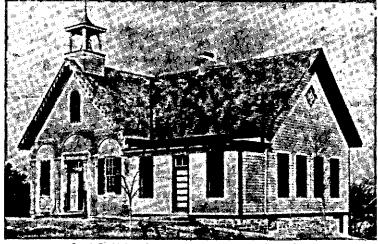
One sunny day this past summer, we sat with Fred Condon of Selkirk on his front porch and watched the auto carriers, the gas tank trucks and the cement haulers passing by and we commented on the noise and confusion of today's world as compared with the quiet and slow pace of yesteryear. Fred was born and raised in the Town of Bethlehem and lived in South Bethlehem as a young man and later in Selkirk, where he now resides at the pleasant age of 82. But oh, how he loves to talk of the early days in South Bethlehem and of the industries that once flourished there to maintain the life of the village.



One-room school with Aussem's mill in right of picture. There were 60 pupils in attendance with one teacher for the eight grades.



Bridge St. with South St. entering at left. John Folsing's blacksmith shop on right of nicture

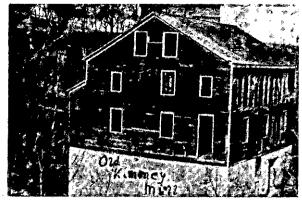


South Bethlehem School with addition put on about 1916.

Today South Bethlehem is a quiet residential town with most of its people driving to their work in Albany. It doesn't even have local bus service as it once did. The young people probably think it too quiet! However, it wasn't always this way, in 1825 a tannery was operated here at this place known as Janes Corners. South Bethlehem, listed on an 1854 map as Kimmey's Corners (probably because the local inn was run by Philip Kimmey) was

the thriving hub of an agricultural region. It was "going to town" for the local gentry and farmer boys who came in to get their hair cut by William Groat for the sum of 15¢ and shaved for 10¢. The barbershop was open every night of the week except Sunday and on Saturday night the barber stayed open until midnight.

Of course, there was the usual small hotel and on the corner the saloon for daily refreshment and



Kimmey's Mill on South Street — near entrance to present Callanan Quarry. Now completely demolished.



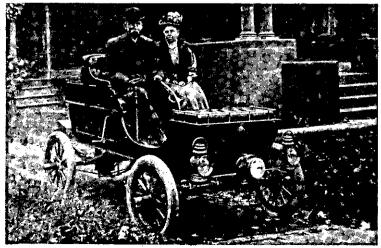
South Bethlehem Railroad Station with steam locomotive.



South Bethlehem station with hay barns in background.



Aussem's Mill on corner of Bridge Street and South Albany Road. This mill burned to the ground.



Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson — he was the physician in South Bethlehem. Picture taken about 1900.

Her parents put her on MEH, and she can't tell the world fast enough.



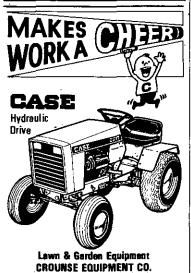




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Saturday night frolicking. There were two shoemaker's shops where you could get repairs and three grocery stores helped to supply provisions. One also incorporated the post office in 1874 and an ice cream parlor was also a part of its business. The ice cream was made by Mrs. Condon's aunt, right on the premises and a little bell tinkled when the door opened to announce a customer. Country children would wait all week for a chance to make a big decision in front of the penny candy case, with jelly beans and marshmallow bananas the big favorites. There were also all-day suckers, licorice that

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In the days before autos, Bob

McDowell and later Charles Smith and John Folsing had a wheel wright shop where they made sleighs and fixed wagon wheels. They also had a forge where the blacksmithing trade was carried on and Joe Scharbauer had a harness shop upstairs over Ginder's store, where harness was made and repaired. In the days of horse transportation these were very necessary businesses. Mr. Condon remembers too the big sawmill, run by John Aussem and what a busy place it was. Wood was sawed into boards and shingles and lath for house building were made as well. They used a windmill which pumped water from the nearby creek. In the fall the local apple crop was always so plentiful that it was very profitable for the sawmill people to also run a cider mill. Cider and vinegar were made and taken into Albany to be sold on the farmers' market. The generator in the mill powered the first street lights in South Bethlehem - a homemade affair consisting of a few poles along the main street, but nevertheless spectacular progress for the year 1907! It was most unfortunate when the mill burned to the ground.

Of course, the Callanan Quarry played a big part in the industrial life of the village and many inhabitants worked there. These quarries are still in business, but are just over the town line in the Town of Coeymans. Modern day mechanical operation has lessened their need for manpower although several residents of the town are employed by the Callanan Company.

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up." The writer remembers in the 1930's boarding the train often in South Bethlehem to go to Voorheesville to visit her grandmother, but that was about the end of the train era for the town. In the early nineteen hundreds the children who lived in Feura Bush and South Bethlehem rode the train to Ravena to attend high school. There was two big hav barns near the station and Peter Ginder was agent to ship hay and straw to the New York markets to supply the needs of the many horses there. The hay was stored in the barns and held there until the market went up and then it would be shipped. Beautiful fruit was raised in the area and apples in bulk would be brought to the station in wagons and loaded into railroad cars. Plums would be packed into four quart baskets for shipping and many old timers can remember during the harvest season when the train would be held at South Bethlehem in order to load apples and plums for the New York mar-

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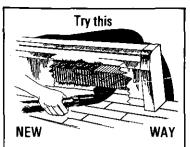




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His past activities and memberships include being past President. of Board of Education, Guilderland Central School District: Past President of Northeastern New York Speech Center; Past President Sales Executives Club of Northeastern New York. He has also taught classes at Russell Sage Evening Division and at Seminars at the University of Vermont.

Mr. Koschorreck began employment with Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. in New York City in 1934, and from 1943-1944 served as Service Manager in the Albany Office. He became District Manager in 1944, and has held that position until present.

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The Maria College Glee Club will be under the direction of Mr. J. Robert Sheehan, Maria College Director of Music, and the St. Joseph's Glee Club will be directed by Mr. Herbert Fiss.

Mrs. Alice Mahoney will serve as accompanist.

Miss Carolyn Heidt of 29 Elsmere Avenue and Miss Gail Gilbert of 15 Middlebrook Avenue, both of Delmar; and Miss Jane Soule of 122 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands are members of Maria College Glee Club.

Joint Meeting

The Delmar Progress Club Garden Group and the National

Council of Jewish Women's Garden Club will have a joint meeting at the Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, on April 16.

The speaker will be Mrs. Melvin Jaffe of Long Island, New York, and her subject will be "Dramatic Design in Fruits, Flowers & Foliage." Mrs. Jaffe is a past president of the Manhattan Beach Garden Club, and is on the Board of Ikebana International, New York Chapter. She is the winner of monthly and



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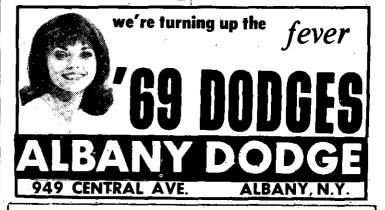
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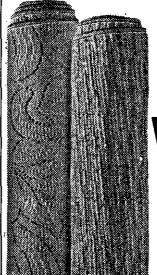
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Certain precautions are necessary when dormant oil sprays are used. The ideal time to spray is in the morning of a sunny, windstill day when the temperature is at least 45 degrees F. In addition to this, the temperature should remain above freezing until the oil is dry. This means that, under most conditions, temperatures the next night should not get below freezing.

Another precaution concerns the type of shrubs and trees that you have on your property. Not all plants should receive this spray! Dormant oil sprays should never be used on beech, black walnut, butternut, Japanese or sugar maple, magnolia and walnut. Certain evergreens such as yews, Douglas firm, the true firs, larch, hemlock, junipers, chamaecyparis and cryptomeria may be injured in some seasons. Oil sprays will temporarily remove the bloom from blue spruces. This bloom, which gives these trees their attractive appearance, will reappear in a month or so. If you have been troubled with the spruce gall aphid, you'll agree that the damage caused by this insect is more unsightly than the temporary loss of bloom.

Don't let the precautions keep you from using a dormant oil spray. A single dormant spray now can save several sprays later on in the season.

For more information on spraying trees and shrubs as well as controlling other pests in home and garden, send 25 cents to Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County, Agricultural Division, 209 Federal Build-

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Saddled Prominent.

State Conservation Commissioner R. Stewart Kilborne today announced plans for combatting the depredations of a serious forest insect pest - the saddled prominent. Noting that threequarters of a million acres of hardwood were defoliated by the caterpillar stage of this insect in 1968, the Commissioner stated that this was a major concern to the maple syrup industry in New York State which is the largest in the country.

The saddled prominent derives its name from the characteristic reddish-brown marking which appears on its greenish back while it is in the caterpillar stage. Last summer it was responsible for defoliation in the counties of Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Oneida, Rensselaer and St. Lawrence.

The Conservation Department's Bureau of Forest Insect and Disease Control will undertake aerial spraving with sevin. an insecticide which - unlike DDT - is biodegradable. This means that there are no lingering aftereffects from the spraying because the chemical breaks down into harmless components. Approximately 70,000 acres may be eligible for spraying this year, depending on the availability of funds. The cost of such selective spraying is estimated to be about \$3 per acre. The State and the landowner will share the cost.

Eligibility for spraying will be limited only to maple syrup producers - operators of a minimum of five acres of sugar bush who specifically request aid in controlling the saddled prominent. Tree death or top dieback may result when trees are heavily defoliated by this pest for two consecutive years. Even if the trees are not killed, the defoliation results in reduced sugar content and sap flow and consequent lowered syrup production in afflicted sugar bushes.

The saddled prominent attacks most hardwood species when mixed in an infested stand, but his "dessert" is the sugar maple and beech. This is a forest insect, however, so it rarely attacks homeowner's shade trees unless they are adjacent to an infested forest.

Being a late feeder, the saddled prominent also creates problems of refoliation. Many trees do not refoliate after an attack and those that do come out so late that the new growth tissue does not have time to harden off. As a result, when these trees are subjected to fall frost, the new growth is damaged and can provide a point of entry for disease.

The insect is now in the resting or pupa stage in the soil and leaves of the forest floor. The pupa is reddish-brown and about three-quarters of an inch long. It will emerge and transform into a moth in late May or early June. The moths are pale grav and a wing-spread of about an inch and three-quarters. Each female moth is capable of laying about 400 eggs. The pale green eggs are laid singly and glued to the leaf surface in the upper crowns of trees. In eight to 10 days the eggs hatch and the tiny caterpillars begin their destructive work. They first feed on the leaf surface but as they grow older feed on the entire leaf except on the principal veins. This is the stage at which they do the most noticeable damage.

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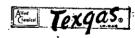
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The Bureau also is cooperating with the State University College of Forestry's Applied Forest Research Institute to try to determine from pupal surveys the probable population of the saddled prominent this coming season. A survey made last fall indicates that problems might be expected in Delaware, Franklin, Herkimer, Lewis, Oneida, Rensselaer and St. Lawrence Counties. These tentative predictions will be checked by another survey to be conducted this spring.

Individuals wanting more detailed information on the saddled prominent can obtain leaflets from the forest insect and disease control representative in their local forest districts or by writing to the New York State Conservation Department, Bureau of Forest Insect and Disease Control, Albany, New York 12226.



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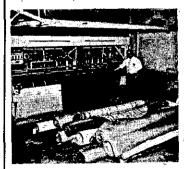
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