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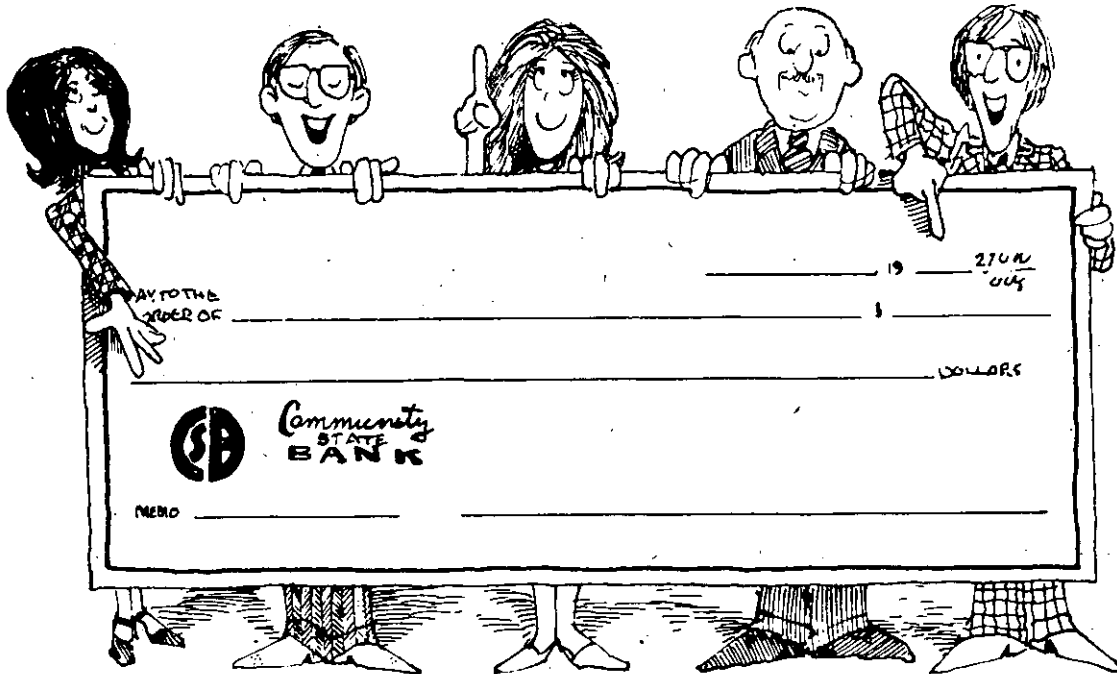
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**Kiwanis Club** of Delmar meets every Monday night at 6:15 at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**11 A.M.-9 P.M.**, DAR Antique Show and Sale at Bethlehem Middle School.

**9 P.M., Concert** with Tom Winslow, at Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St. \$1.50.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9

**12 Noon-6 P.M.**, DAR Antique Show and Sale, Bethlehem Middle School.

**2 P.M., Large Community Room**, Bethlehem Public Library, Movie, TALES OF HOFFMAN. Free.

## MONDAY, MARCH 10

**1:15 P.M., meeting**, Senior Citizens, Cafeteria of Bethlehem Middle School.

**8 P.M., meeting**, Women's Group, at 49 Tamarack Drive, Delmar. Information 439-7994 or 439-0343.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 11

**8 P.M., meeting**, United Methodist Women of Slingerlands Community Church, at the Church.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**12:30, St. Patrick's** bridge luncheon, by ladies' of Normanside Country Club at Club House.

**8 P.M., Card Party**, Ladies' Auxiliary of Bethlehem Lodge No. 2233, public invited. Route 144 and Winnie Rd., Selkirk.

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14

**8 P.M., meeting**, Great Dane Club of Greater Albany, at Center Inn, Glenmont. Info: 785-7253.

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9 P.M., Concert at Bethlehem Coffeehouse, Rich Rugan and Kevin McCann. Admission \$1.50.

**MONDAY, MARCH 17**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

1:15 P.M., meeting, Beth. Senior Citizens, Cafeteria of Beth. Middle School.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**

8 P.M., Tryouts for The Father, SCP Playhouse, Unionville.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

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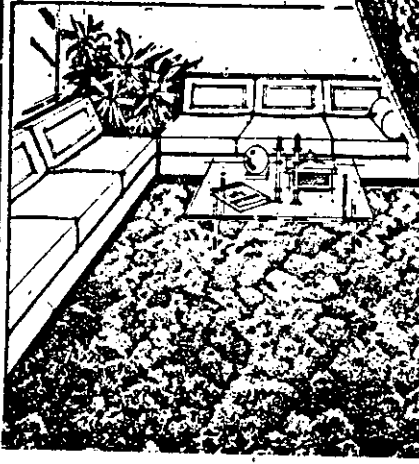
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## bicentennial bulletin

(editor's note: this is a new column developed for any organization with news of Bicentennial Events.)

The Bethlehem Central School District is taking the lead in initial planning for a Bicentennial Pageant to be produced in April, 1976.

As envisioned now by school officials, the school district will cooperate with the Town of Bethlehem Bicentennial Committee in the sponsoring of a musical and dramatic production in which school children and adult residents of the community will participate.

It will incorporate musical selections, both choral and instrumental, with dramatic scenes and readings, and use of many special effects.

Because this is viewed as a very ambitious undertaking, the school district plans immediate appointment of a staff member to serve as director, so he can begin script preparation and rehearsal scheduling. It is expected that Richard Feldman, a High School English teacher whose expertise as a choreographer and musical director is well-known, will get the assignment.

An initial meeting to begin plans for the pageant was held on Feb. 25, and it was agreed that all segments of the community should be represented

on a planning committee. Anyone who would like to become involved in the pageant may contact Dr. Zinn.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Free Movie

On Sunday, March 9, at 2 P.M. in the Large Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library there will be a free showing of the film, TALES OF HOFFMAN. This movie version of the ballet features Moira Shearer and Leonide Massine. It runs for 118 minutes.

### Art Exhibits

During the month of March there will be two interesting displays at the Bethlehem Public Library. In the entrance corridors will be art work by Barbara Wooster of Delmar. The works will be winter barn scenes primarily. Mrs. Wooster's mother was an artist and she has been painting since she was little. Her talent is evident in the works on display.

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## The Spotlight Goes to School

### BC Students are Finalists

Four Bethlehem Central High School seniors have now been named Finalists in the 1975 National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition.

They are: Wendela C. Moore, Dianne M. Pohlsander, David E. Quinn, and Mary J. Wen-  
gfar.

The four students are among about 14,000 finalists throughout the country. Of this number, 2,400 will be awarded four-year scholarships and 1,000 will receive \$1,000 scholarships.



John Willard

### On Dean's List

John D. Willard son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Willard of Delmar has been named to the Fall quarter Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology at Melbourne, Florida.

John D. Willard, 1974 graduate of BCHS is a Freshman and is majoring in Marine Science at Florida Institute of Technology.

### Banks to Display Student Art

The Catskill Savings Bank, Ravena Branch and the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Main Street



Planning distribution of posters advertising the March 8 Holy Names Campus fund raiser, RAGTIME NITE AT THE PALACE, are Maureen O'Brien, lower school; Charlotte Forrest, middle school; Cindy Haselsteiner and Carol Turner, upper school. For information concerning the event call the Palace, 465-3333.

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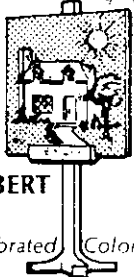
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## Here & There

### SCP Tryouts

The Slingerlands Players announce tryouts for their final show, Strindberg's **The Father**, on March 19, 20 and 21 at the Playhouse. Bill Frankonis, director of the show, explains there is a cast of 8, 5 men and 3 women. The five major roles call for 3 men and 2 women in their 40's.

Technical assistance in all forms is needed — lights, props, sound, make-up, and costumes. Anyone interested in these areas should come to the tryouts on the above nights. **The Father**, a classic in modern drama will be performed May 7 through 11 and May 14 through 17 at the Playhouse in Unionville.

### "The King and I"

The Guilderland Players of Guilderland High School will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The King and



Bill Wells, Executive Secretary of "The Northeastern Harness Horsemen's Association," who has served as President of that group will be the guest speaker at the "Retired Man's Fraternity" at the Holiday Inn on the Alb.-Sch'dy. Rd. west of the Northway at 12 Noon on March 13th.

l", on March 6, 7, 8, and 9, in the High School Auditorium.

Tickets are priced at \$2 for the Thursday at 8 p.m. performance and \$2.50 for the performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. Tickets may also be purchased up to 15 minutes before the Thursday, Friday, and Sunday performances.

### Israeli Star to Perform

The second of the Performing Arts Series presents "Israel's Goodwill Ambassador of song," **GUELA GILL**, Saturday, March 8, 8:30 p.m., at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road.

Geula has recorded twenty albums with Columbia and Epic labels, and has numerous television credits. She recently completed her third movie co-starring with Charles Aznavour, "Is Israel Real?". Tickets are available in advance or at the door (\$3.75 general admission; \$2.75 senior adults).

### March of Dimes Walkathon

The March of Dimes announced that plans are well underway for the 1975 Albany County Walkathon. The Walkathon will be held Sunday, April 27th. The walk will begin at 10:00 A.M. at the State Office Building Campus on Western Avenue and will follow a circular route through Albany and Bethlehem. The 1974 Walkathon raised \$22,000.00 from 1300 walkers.

The chairman of the 1975 Walkathon is Rick Knight, chairman of the Board of the Bethlehem Jaycees. Knight was actively involved in the 1974 Walkathon. Knight stated that he hopes that this year's Walkathon will raise \$50,000.00 and that an estimated 3000 walkers will participate.

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Two classes will be held — the first, for elementary school youngsters, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and the second, for high school students and adults, from 11:00 a.m. until noon. The course will run for ten weeks, and will be under the direction of James Carnahan, Director of Safety Programs for Albany Area Chapter, Red Cross.

Co-sponsors of the program are the Town of Bethlehem Recreation Department and the South Albany Team of Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services. For more information and applications for this program, write to the Safety Programs Department, Albany Area Chapter, Red Cross, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Drive, Albany, N.Y. 12208.

**Water Safety Course**

A new Red Cross Safety Instructor review course begins Friday, March 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bethlehem Middle School.

The ten-week course is open to currently-authorized Water Safety Instructors, and will be taught in cooperation with the Town of Bethlehem Recreation Department under the supervision of Bud Wilson, Assistant Director of Recreation for the town, and James Carnahan, Director of Safety Programs, Albany Area Chapter.

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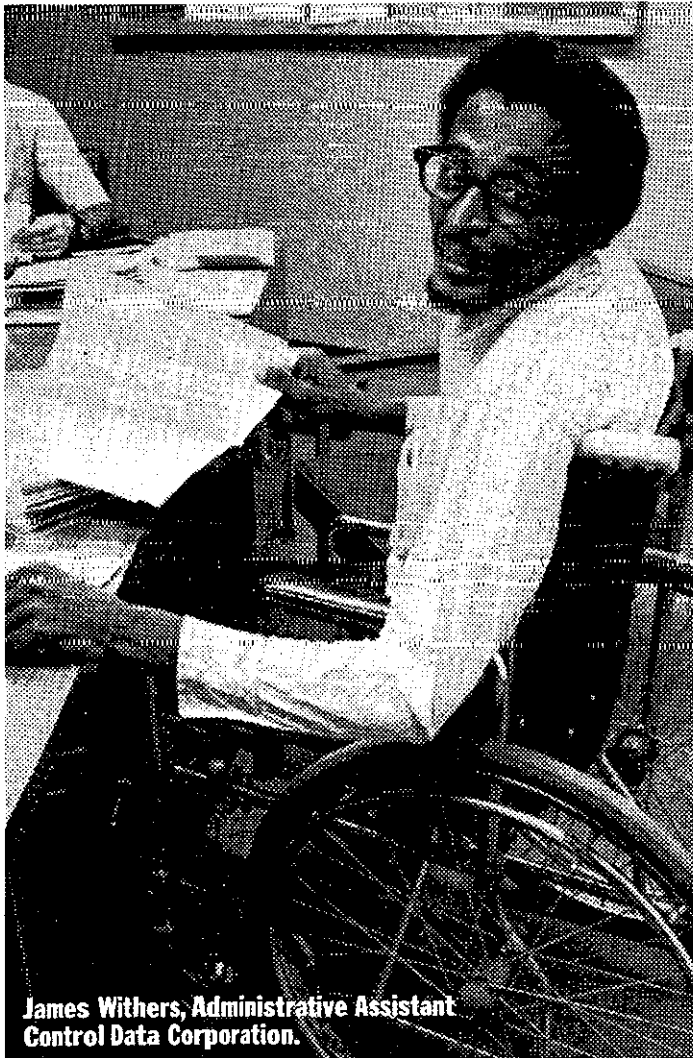


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### **AJCC Open House**

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### **Help Beautify Your Town**

The Town of Bethlehem Tree Planting Committee is still working to beautify the town by planting trees. As a town committee they have planted the small park at the corner of Adams Place and Wellington Rd. and the new Town Garage on East Elm Street.

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THE BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE had a record turnout at its February meeting at the Normanside Country Club. Town Supervisor Harry Sheaffer and Town Comptroller, Martin Smith were guests at the luncheon meeting. School Board President Bernard Harvith was the main speaker and discussed the Board's recent Bond issue. Shown here after the meetings are Mr. Sheaffer, Mr. Harvith, George George, Chamber President and Mr. Smith.

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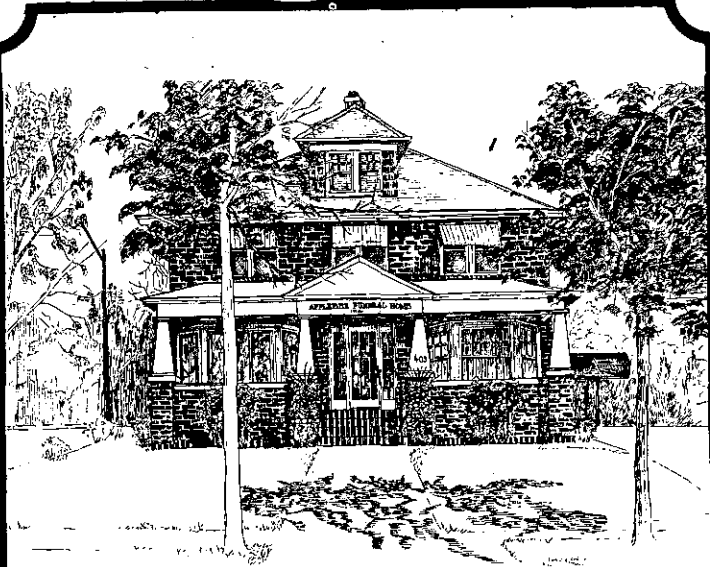
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Joni

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Dear Joni,

As the manager of the Handy Dandy Cleaners at 240 Delaware Avenue, I would like to present to the residents of Bethlehem my side of the story. I would like it known that since June 10, 1974, when I took over management, all dry cleaning has been done right here at Handy Dandy. In addition, since June of 1974, I have not had to settle any sort of claim resulting from dry cleaning done here in Delmar. In fact business has picked up considerably to what it was prior to my taking over Handy Dandy Cleaners. Same day service, the lowest professional dry cleaning prices in the Tri-Village area, and prompt rectifying of any complaints have helped toward this end.

In reference to the letter published by Mrs. Jean Smith in the February 27th issue, let me state that I have never heard of this case since I have been in business in Delmar. Mrs. Smith apparently believes I am the same manager she had trouble contacting three years ago. Here six days a week, I am available to receive compliments, inquiries, and complaints about my dry cleaning business. The raincoat to which Mrs. Smith refers was cleaned by the Commodore Cleaners of Troy, owners of Handy Dandy Cleaners, and not done here.

As to the letter published in the Spotlight on February 6 by Mrs. Carlton Engelhardt, the same explanation holds true. The coat was sent out to the Commodore Cleaners. The white vinyl coat was taken to Flah's, where Mrs. Engelhardt

purchased it, and the people there said the coat looked fine. I will not "admit that the coat is beyond looking fit to wear" because that would not be true. Mrs. Engelhardt also attributed to me the quotation "just give me one more chance and I'll kill it, or cure it." At no time did I say this to her.

In conclusion let me restate what I have noted here: first, all dry cleaning, both bulk and professional, has been done at Handy Dandy Cleaners for the past nine months. Secondly, the claim of Mrs. Smith as well as that of Mrs. Engelhardt were not a result of "incompetent business practices" of Handy Dandy Cleaners, rather of the Commodore Cleaners of Troy. I trust the residents of Bethlehem will realize that my business is suffering through these problems which occurred before I took over the business. Thank you for hearing my side of the story.

Wheeler Smith, Jr.

Manager,

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**Thank you for writing. I sincerely hope everything is worked out to satisfy everyone involved. I am also very sorry if the printing of these two letters has affected your business intake, but I felt as an editor, I must be ready to publish anyone's opinions, because I believe everyone has a right to be heard.**

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## COVER STORY

DECNY AWARDS WON

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR, Robert Pierson, congratulates Bethlehem Central students on their awards won at the Area 9 DECNY contests held at Cohoes High School on February 12. From the left they are: Susan Hadsell — third place in management decision making, Kenneth Lenseth — second place in wholesale sales representative, James McCarroll — second place in job interview, and Cheryl Lazare — fourth place in job interview. These students are eligible to compete in the state finals at the DECNY convention March 12-14 at the Concord Hotel.

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