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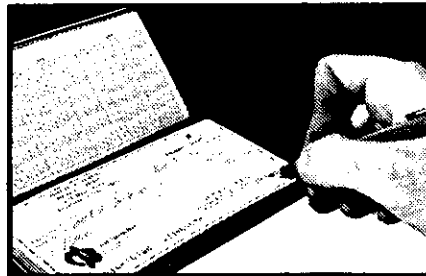
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**Kiwanis Club** of Delmar meets every Monday night at 6:15 at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont.

**Bethlehem Lions Club** meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at LaCasa, Selkirk, 6:30 P.M.

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

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

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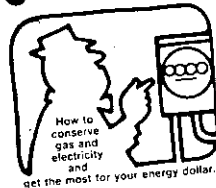
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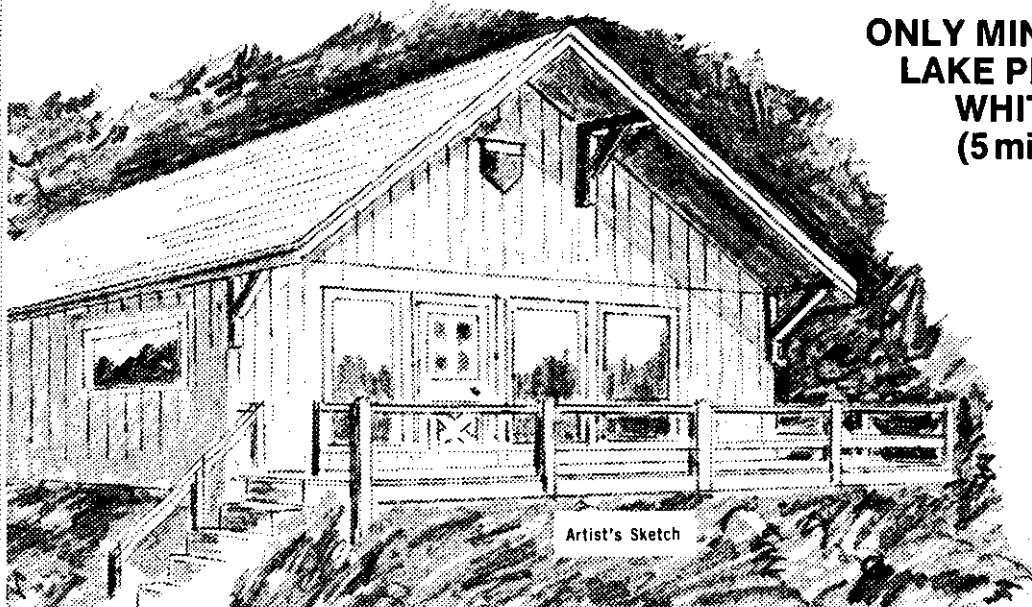
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**Hospitality House-Halfway House** 5th annual dinner, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Speaker, child psychiatrist, Dr. Fritz Redl. Donations \$12.50 person. Information call 438-6844.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Ladies Auxiliary**, New Salem Fire Dept. will hold Annual Punkintown Promenade at the Firehouse, Route 85A. Open to public, \$8 a couple. Round and Square dancing from 9 till 1.

**Harvest bazaar**, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., luncheon 11:30 a.m., auction 2 p.m.

**Ravena Grance** Roast pork supper, 5 p.m. tickets at door, public welcome.

**Bethlehem Jaycees home party bazaar**, Bethlehem Coffee House, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Sunday movies**, Bethlehem Library, "South of the Rio Grande" with Buck Jones, 2 p.m., free.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**Free blood pressure clinic**, American Heart Association, Bethlehem Coffee House, 9-11, 1-3, 7-9.

**Bethlehem Planning Board** public hearing on proposed nine-lot subdivision south of New Scotland Rd. and east of Southwood Dr., Slingerlands, town hall, 7:30 p.m. Second hearing on one-lot subdivision in same zone, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Women's Republican Club**, The Bank Community Room, "Women in Politics," 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**Bicentennial Thanksgiving dinner**, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Selkirk. One setting, 5:30 p.m. only.

**Bethlehem Board of Appeals** public hearing on application of John W. N. Ray, Niskayuna, for a special exception under Article V "Special Permit Uses Applicable to the Entire Town" to convert existing building at 414 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, into four apartments and one office, 8 p.m. Second hearing on application of Charles F. & Gayle M. Fleig, Feura Bush, for a special exception under same article of harbour one riding horse on their premises, 8:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Central Board of Education**, regular public business meeting, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**Bethlehem Historical Association** card party, Elks Club, 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**Lecture**, SUNYA Tuesday evening lecture series, Dr. Edward Hixson, Lake Placid, "Hypothermia, Killer of the Unprepared," Lecture Center 18, 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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Photo by Longabaugh

From left, councilmen Corrigan, Johnston and Bickel, counsel Harry Rezzimini, comptroller Martin Smith and Supervisor Sheaffer.

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## Battle of budget a routine fizzle

Bethlehem's annual public hearing on the town budget, a popular issue in election campaigns, was strictly political and on schedule.

The hearing last Wednesday drew fewer than three dozen citizens. Henrik Dullea, unsuccessful candidate for the town board, led a contingent of prominent Bethlehem Democrats in a prepared series of questions on items in the \$3.4 million document, as he did a year ago.

Dullea's complaints centered on what he termed sizeable

unexpended balances in several categories of the document, and on the board's presentation procedure, which he charged "should provide more information than it does."

### Suggestion ignored

Sheaffer, conducting the hearing in an unwavering businesslike tone, declared he was the architect of the budget, as he has been each year for the last 14, including 13 years as town comptroller.

The supervisor, a professional accountant by training

and career, ignored a suggestion from the opposition clique that the town hire a fulltime financial advisor.

"We have given the town sound financial management over the years," he said later. "We have been able to expand services while keeping the tax rate relatively stable in an inflationary economy."

## Bethlehem vote getting closer

In the wake of Bethlehem's closest-ever town election, it is back to business as usual for the Republicans and a more authoritative watchdog role for the Democrats.

Less than 24 hours after the final vote tabulations were in, the all-Republican town board gave grudging recognition to the Democrats' strong showing at the polls by tabling adoption of the 1976 town budget until this week's meeting (Wednesday). That action came at the close of the two-hour budget hearing last Wednesday, the night after election. In the past the board has taken the budget vote immediately following the public hearing.

### Plurality slim

Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer, winning his first elective office after being appointed to fill Bertram H. Kohinke's unexpired term, had the narrowest margin in the major races last week. His plurality was 352 over Democrat George Harder, who lost to Kohinke by some 2,000 votes in 1971.

Councilman Ruth O. Bickel, also seeking the voters' mandate for an office she was appointed to last Jan. 1, won by 865 votes and Councilman William Johnston, Jr. was reelected by 755 in the unofficial tally of more than 11,800 ballots.

Town Clerk Marion T. Camp ran far ahead of the ticket with a smashing plurality of 3,394.

### Fewer voters

The vote total fell just short of the 11,904 who pulled levers two years ago. In the supervisor race, the Democrats captured seven of the town's 21 districts, compared to four in 1973. Harder's biggest margins were in the 14th (Colonial Acres) and the 11th (Hamagrael). The 14th will probably be divided into two districts next time, a normal procedure when registrations climb near the 1,000 level.

Sheaffer won both districts in Slingerlands, where residents were reportedly soured by recent planning board refusal to conduct environmental impact studies before granting approval to major housing developments, but the margins were slimmer than last time. A swing of seven votes in District 1 and nine in District 15 would have changed the complexion.



Henrik Dullea



Supervisor Sheaffer

### COVER PHOTO

Incumbents Ruth Bickel and William Johnston, Jr. celebrate their election victories in Bethlehem's two council races at Republican headquarters in Delmar. Cover photo and photo on page 8 by Joseph Schuyler.



**Bethlehem Democratic Chairman Ken Thacher tabulates votes as district workers report on election night.**

"It's a sign of the times," Sheaffer said in reviewing the returns. "The incumbents had a rough time almost everywhere."

Voters in other suburban towns — New Scotland, Guilderland, Colonie and the "hill towns" in the Helderbergs either ousted established supervisors and councilmen or gave the incumbents the scares of their political lives.

## New Scotland GOP minus 2

New Scotland Democrats will have two seats on the town board for the first time in nearly half a century as a result of last week's voting that also saw an election rarity—a dead heat.

The new councilmen are Kenneth Tice, who also is the party's town chairman, and Charles Houghtaling, who upset Republicans William Seymour and James Sanderson. Republicans salvaged the only other council post at stake in the balloting when incumbent Wyman Osterhout won over John McKenzie.

The dead heat came three days later when a recount of impounded voting machines at the Albany County Board of Elections showed Town Justice Harold Shultz and his Democratic challenger Donald Meacham with identical vote totals. When the Spotlight went to press the outcome was unre-

solved and may bounce around the courts for awhile.

Incumbent supervisor Steve Wallace won a narrow victory over Guy Paquin of Clarksville by an unofficial 245 votes in a turnout of more than 3,700. The new term will be the second for Wallace.

Even closer was the race for town clerk, where Elizabeth Feldman was the winner over Eileen Farley, Democrat, in another recount.

## Hearing set on subdivisions

Bethlehem Planning Board will hold a public hearing Tuesday at 7:30 at the town hall, on the application of Residential Concepts, Inc., for approval of a proposed nine-lot subdivision south of New Scotland Rd. and east of Southwood Dr. in Slingerlands. The area is in a Residence AA zoning district in which the permitted residential use is for single families only.

## PROFILE

# Ruth Bickel: shy in spotlight

Serving on the Bethlehem town board comes naturally to Ruth Bickel of Slingerlands, the first and only female to sit on the town's governing council since the days of Adamsville and President Andrew Jackson a century and a half ago.

Mrs. Bickel is the daughter of John Oliver of Slingerlands, who served 17 years as Bethlehem supervisor until his death in 1959. She was appointed last Jan. 1 to fill the unexpired term of William Segur, who retired and moved to another state.

### A female 'first'

Last week she became the first woman to be elected to the board when she and the rest of the town's Republican slate were voted new terms after a campaign fought mainly in the newspapers.

"It was a very satisfying experience," observed Mrs. Bickel. "Serving on the board takes a lot of time, there are volumes of minutes and reports to read every week, and there are lots of extra-curricular activities."

Like the free blood pressure clinic she was instrumental in starting in Bethlehem. The clinic will be held next Tuesday and on the third Tuesday of each month hereafter at the Adams St. coffee house.

Seems a member of Mrs. Bickel's bridge club mentioned her husband was making regular trips to the Guilderland town hall for blood pressure counts. A check with Guilderland officials and the American Heart Association gave Mrs. Bickel the momentum to organize one in Delmar.

"With frequent criticism of town actions, it's good to have some positive aciton." she remarked.

### People and publicity

She is also chairman of the board's bicentennial committee which has already added to her duties.



**Ruth O. Bickel**

Ruth Bickel likes people — she has long been active in St. Thomas Church, PTA and other civic enterprises — but she admits to being "basically a shy person."

The publicity given her during the election campaign made her "somewhat uncomfortable" but she did her part in the Republicans' house-to-house canvassing.

"I'm not the salesman type," she confided. "But people in this town are so nice. You can tell by the look on their face when they weren't with you politically, but they were always gracious. It was heartwarming to have such a good reception."

She even did some door-to-door calling alone and on foot in Slingerlands, where she grew up.

She went through the local school system and worked for the telephone company for 14 years, much of it in personnel work in the engineering department. She almost took up engineering, but two years of riding buses at night to Siena College gave her a new appreciation for staying home with her family. Husband George is in production control at GAF Corp., Rensselaer, and their 16-year-old son is a junior at BCHS.

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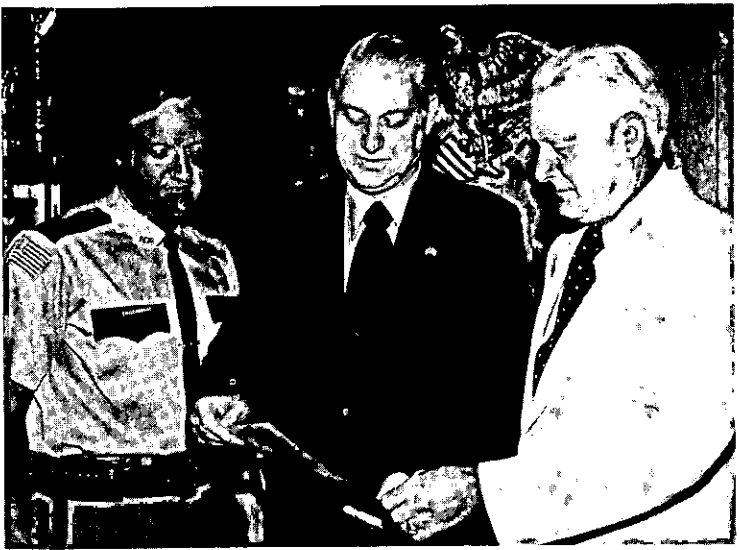
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**Rev. McDowell called**

Rev. David P. McDowell, minister of Bethlehem Community Church, Delmar, will begin his new duties as assistant chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, next week.

Mr. McDowell has served as Bethlehem Community Church's minister since mid-1973. Previously, he had served a two-year period as the Delmar interdenominational church's associate minister.

He was ordained to the ministry in June 1971 in East Glenville Community Church. He is a graduate of Niskayuna High School, Wheaton College in Illinois, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass.

Mr. McDowell, his wife Gloria, and their daughter Bethany have resided at 11 Oakwood Place, Delmar, since 1973.

**St. Stephen's bazaar**

Patchwork quilts and pillows, dried flower arrangements and apple and pecan pies are among the items at the harvest bazaar sponsored by the Women of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Luncheon featuring homemade soup and sandwiches will be served from 11:30 to 1. The always popular auction will begin at 2.

**New Scotland cuts tax rate**

New Scotland town board adopted a budget of \$763,000, up from \$717,000 a year ago, in a routine public hearing last Wednesday.

Board members trimmed 34 cents from the 1975 rate of \$27.51 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The 1976 rate will be \$27.17.

**International Center opens new quarters**

The Albany International Center will hold open house Sunday afternoon, at its new home in the Wellington Hotel in Albany. The center recently moved from Willet St., where it had been since its inception in 1955.

Dr. Harold Howes of Slingerlands, president of the organization which helps overseas visitors, said the open house will enable friends and members to inspect center facilities, geared to short-term stays by foreign officials, educators, businessmen, students, and

good-will ambassadors. They also will view the office from which a variety of services are rendered to visitors from other nations.

Founded in 1955, the center is a private non-profit group. During the current year it has helped resettle Vietnamese refugees, arranged home hospitality, provided low-cost overnight accommodations, assisted crews from ships docked at the Port of Albany and sponsored a trip to the Canary Islands

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**Tennis party slated**

Bethlehem Tennis Association has arranged to use all 12 courts of the new Colonie Tennis Club Saturday evening from 7 to 1.

The tennis party for members and guests will feature scrambled doubles and prizes. The association will provide a buffet.

Mrs. Beverly Tucker is chairman of the event. Mrs. Jean



**The Kiwanis Club of Delmar is embarking on a fund raising campaign through the sale of large coloring books shown above. Holding the books from left are Jack Boykin, Walter Laut and Bob Sager.**

Balint is handling reservations (439-3876). Reservations will be closed at approximately 100 persons.

**Whither Delmar school?**

The future of the Delmar Elementary School, which has been hanging by a thin thread since the Board of Education labelled it as a candidate for a shutdown in the light of the school district's declining pupil population, will have two public airings next month. The board has not indicated when it will make the decision as to whether the school will be closed.

Superintendent Lawrence Zinn will present a report on the topic on Dec. 8, following the board's regular business meeting at 8 p.m., at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

A public hearing on the Delmar School's future will then be held on the following Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m., also at the Educational Services Center.

All district residents are invite to attend these public meetings as information will be aired on future projections for all school district buildings and how they may be affected by population and enrollment changes.

**Card party set**

Bethlehem Historical Association will hold a card party, a showing of antique gowns and a turkey drawing at the Elks Club Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call Betty Van Oostenbrugge at 767-9919.

**Rt. 85 bids due**

The State Department of Transportation will open bids Nov. 20 on a project to shield or relocate light posts and large highway signs along 2.5 miles of Rt. 85, Albany's Crosstown Arterial, between the Thruway overpass and the Northside Arterial, Rt. I-90.

**Free clinic Tuesday**

The first in a series of monthly clinics to check blood pressure will be held Tuesday at the Bethlehem Coffee House, Adams St., Delmar, from 9-11 a.m., 1-3 and 7-9 p.m.

The clinics, sponsored by the town in conjunction with the American Heart Association, will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. They are staffed by volunteer nurses.

**Exhibiting batik**

Lorraine Schapiro of Delmar is among the exhibitors in the bi-annual regional crafts show on display at the Schenectady Museum through Jan. 18. Her batik, entitled "Three Women," is the only batik in the show.

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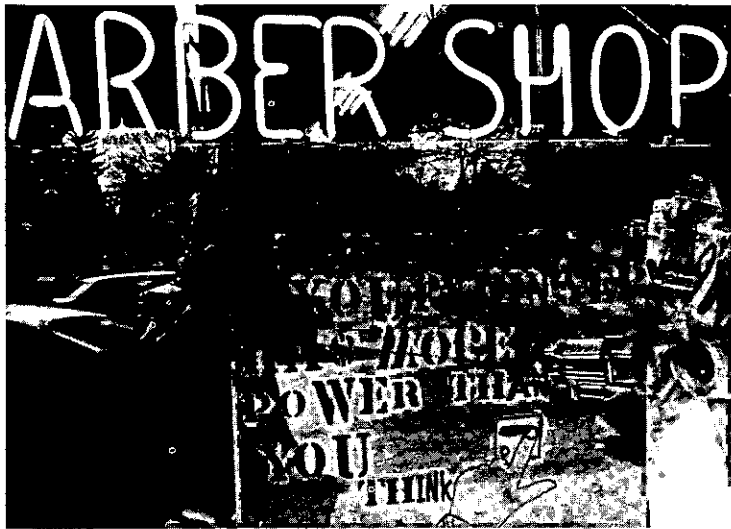
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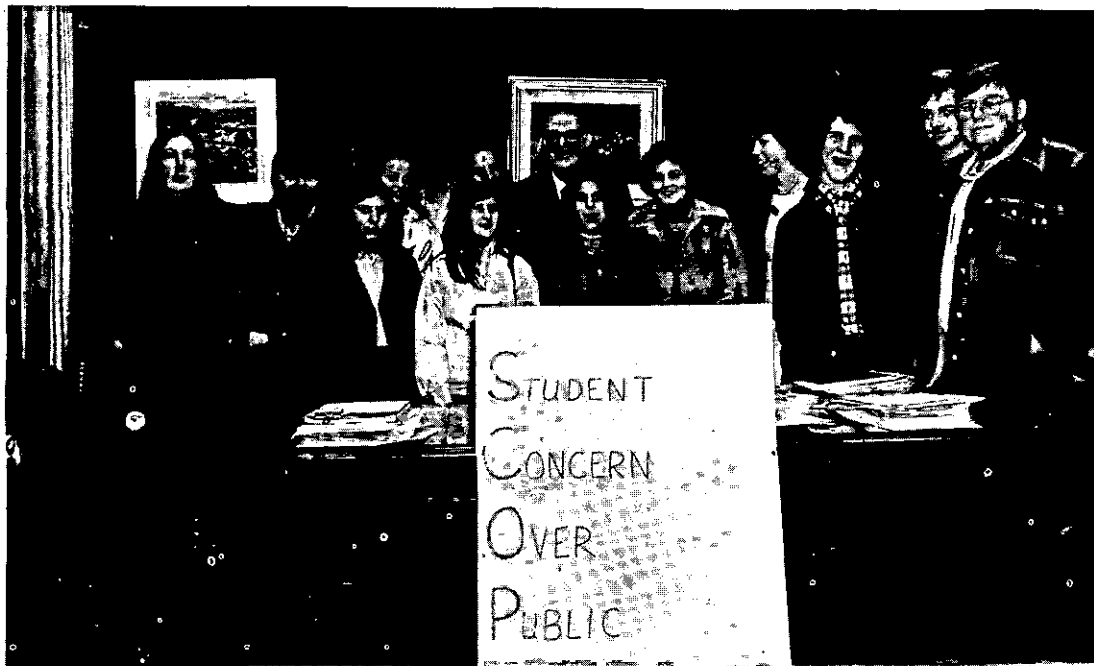
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Students in the 10th year Interdisciplinary Program at Bethlehem Central High School display to Supervisor, Harry Sheaffer, a poster stating the name and purpose of their group. The students call themselves SCOPE, which stands for "Student Concern Over Public Elections", and their purpose is to increase voter turnout and responsibility on Election Day.

The project is being carried on as an adjunct to the curriculum of the 10th year Interdisciplinary Program under the instruction of Neil Brown, Miss Karen Rothaupt and William Hunter.

Posting with the supervisor in his office are, from left, Jennie Winters, Ron Weisheit, Michele Scholer, Ann Demarest, Donna Osterhout, Viola Garhartt, Diana Keezer, Lori kavoikian, Dawn Kneeland, Mary Fultson, Eddie Downes and Fred Bink. Photo by Andy Jones.

## Q. and A. on Social Security

**Q. I have Medicare coverage under the kidney disease provision of the law, and it's really been a big help with the expenses of my treatment. But I don't have any other health insurance and it's hard for me to pay for the things that Medicare doesn't cover. Is there some place I can get financial help?**

**A. In some States, there are agencies that, under certain conditions, help with some of the medical expenses that Medicare does not cover. Some**

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States have Kidney Commissions that help people who need assistance in meeting expenses of kidney dialysis and transplant services. Every State has a Medicaid program that helps pay medical expenses in cases of financial need.

**Q. I'm 67 and get supplemental security income payments. Part of my monthly check is a Federal payment and part of it is a State supplementary payment. If I move in with my daughter, who lives across town, will the amount of my check change?**

**A. Yes. Under the law, the supplemental security income payment to a person who lives in the household of another is reduced by one-third. This reduction, which takes the place of determining the dollar value of support and maintenance, applies *only* to the Federal**

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1975 and 1976 under the "carryover" provision of Medicare medical insurance, according to social security officials here.

Medicare medical insurance doesn't pay for the first \$60 in covered medical expenses in a calendar year. "But people who haven't had \$60 in covered expenses before October should be sure to send in all the bills for covered services they receive in October, November, or December," a spokesman said.

"Any expenses you have during the last 3 months of the year that can be counted toward

The carryover rule helps people who might otherwise have to pay the \$60 deductible twice in a short period of time—at the end of one year and at the beginning of the next year.

Bills for covered medical services should be attached to a filled-out *Request for Medicare Payment* form and sent to the health insurance organization that handles Medicare claims in this area.

*Request for Medicare Payment* forms are available at any social security office and at many doctors' offices.

abled people under 65 who have been entitled to social security disability benefits for at least 24 consecutive months, and of many people with permanent kidney failure.

Medical insurance is the voluntary part of Medicare, funded by individual premiums and Federal general revenues. Medicare is administered by the Social Security Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

## Changes in 1975 Earnings Estimates Should Be Reported to Social Security

Working people under 72 who are getting social security payments should report any changes in their 1975 earnings estimates as soon as possible according to social security officials here.

"Social security payments to people 72 and over aren't affected by their earnings," a spokesman noted. "But earnings can affect payments to people under 72. They should re-

port any change in their work or earnings on the post card sent to all people who work and get social security checks."

If the post card is lost, the report can be taken care of by a visit or phone call to any social security office, according to the spokesman.

"People who find they are earning less than they originally estimated may get additional social security payments

during 1975 if they report the change," he said. "But people earning more than they originally estimated who don't report the change may get social security payments not due them and have to pay back some money at the end of the year."

Social security payments are not affected by earnings of \$2,520 or less for the year. Payments are reduced \$1 for each

**Q. Since my wife and I both will reach 65 early in 1976, we plan to apply for retirement benefits next month. What papers should we take with us to the social security office?**

**A.** You should take your social security card or a record of your social security number, proof of your age and your wife's age (preferably a birth or baptismal certificate made at or shortly after birth), and your marriage certificate. If your wife is applying for benefits on her own work record, she should take her social security number, too.

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"But no matter how much people earn in a year," the spokesman said, "they can get their full social security payment for any month they neither earn over \$210 nor do substantial work in their own business."

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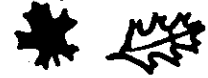


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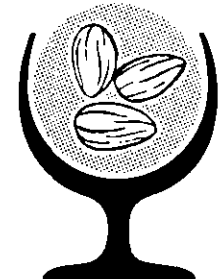
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### Library speaker

Kay Cassell, director of the Bethlehem Public Library, will address the AARP on Nov. 18 on "What your Library can do for you and what you can do for your Library."

### Constance Sargent bride

Constance Sargent and Carl Schmidtke were married on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. The Rev. George Phelps Jr. performed the ceremony.

She is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Edward H. Sargent Jr. of Delmar. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Schmidtke of Wappinger Falls, New York.

The bride is a graduate of State University College at Plattsburgh and is employed at St. Anne's Institute, Albany, as a child care counselor. Her husband attended Dutchess Community College and New York Institute of Technology and served with the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion as an engineer in Vietnam. He is employed as a sales representative for the Kraft Foods Company, Albany.

Attendants for the ceremony were Pamela Sargent, sister of the bride, and Richard Lotano.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidtke are making their home in Colonie.

### Fashion Show Set

A card party sponsored by the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association, featuring a fashion show of antique gowns modeled by members, will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Elks Club, Route 44, Cedar Hill to raise funds for the association and the Museum.

For tickets call 767-9919.

### Board to death

The federal government and all 50 states are slowly winning their long battle against the nation's two foremost visual polluters — billboards and auto junkyards.

According to the Federal Highway Administration 362,432 highway billboards and 876 junkyards have been removed and another 2,193 junkyards screened from view since 1972. That leaves 320,000 billboards and 14,000 junkyards to go, the FHA says.

Lady Bird Johnson started the campaign in the mid-60's and President Lyndon Johnson signed the Highway Beautification Act in 1965.

### Camera winners

Latest winners in Delmar Camera Club competition: color slides, Fredericka Florant, Bob Andersen and Selig Katz in that order; in black and white prints, Florence Becker, Bob Andersen and Monica Bishop. The club will have a competition on nature photography Nov. 25, both at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church parish house, Elsmere.



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"Go, Eagles!" plead BC cheerleaders Liss Stokoe and Cathy Whitney during a rainy football game.

#### Prevention clinic

The second in a series of Prevention Medical Care programs will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, on Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. The topic for the evening will be "Diet and Heart Disease." For information call Doris Rowland, 439-4785.

#### Builders To Install

Rep. Samuel Stratton will be the installing officer for the 28th annual dinner dance of the Albany Area Builders Association Saturday at the Turf Inn, Albany.

To be installed are: Iggy Tenzyk, president, Eric King, first vice president, Rudy Paulsen, second vice president, Joe Bonville, treasurer and Barry Hollander, secretary.

#### Honored in London

Victor Hansen of the Hansen Insurance Agency of Clarks-ville, was honored as a member of the 1975 agent-company advisory council of the Merchants Insurance Group of Buffalo, at a six-day meeting in London, England, last month.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

# Gibraltar on defense

While inconsistency has been a trademark of this year's BC football team, week after week, one player has been consistently excellent, Glenn Yelich. As one of the hardest working players on the team, Yelich also has helped the younger players that have played along side of him. According to his coach, Art Ritchko, "We can depend on Glenn every week, he always gets the job done."

This season Glenn has been named Times Union Lineman of the Week, and is considered as an outstanding prospect for college football. Thanks to Yelich's play at defensive tackle, the Eagles have been able to shut down opponents' inside rushing game. On offense, "Glenn is an excellent pulling guard, he is quick off the line and always knows his assignments," said Ritchko. "Everyone recognizes Glenn as one of the outstanding linemen in this area."

### Offense quiet

Though Yelich played an outstanding game against Colonie, his teammates did not fare as well in Bethlehem's 23-0 shellacking. The loss dropped Bethlehem to a 3-4 record, in Suburban Council play, 4-4 over-all. The Eagle offensive unit hardly played errorless football, committing four fumbles.

"This had to be the worst offensive performance I've seen in my 18 years of coaching here," said Ritchko. "When we committed all those turnovers we just gave the ball game away."

Bethlehem's final game of the season was against Shaker, a well balanced team in all respects. Ritchko was hoping the Eagles would score some points, something they have had a hard time doing all year.

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symphony on the soccer field — a classic photo by Bill Longabaugh for the BCHS Bethlehem Star.

## Case of the walking wounded

Plagued by an oftentimes efficient offense and by an epidemic of injuries, Bethlehem Central's varsity soccer team nevertheless finished the year with a highly respectable record of 12-3-3. BC was 11-2-1 mark during the regular Suburban Council schedule, good for third place behind Colonie, 12-2-0, and Burnt Hills, 12-3-1. In the sectionals they went to the semifinals before bowing to Burnt Hills by one goal.

Averaging less than three goals per game, BCHS was held to merely one goal in its three losses (two to Burnt Hills and one to Colonie). Injuries to Bruce Peters and Austin Cline were largely responsible for the problem. In his first three games, Bruce scored four goals. Then in game 4 against Mohonassen he injured an instep and missed five games. When he returned to the lineup, Peters tore ligaments in his knee and was lost for the year.

Cline suffered a similar instep injury and was out of action for several contests as well. Although he tallied seven times for the Eagles this year second on the team to Keyvan Ghonloo's 10), it is safe to assume

that Austin's total was reduced considerably by the mishap.

### Halfbacks On Attack

Mark Bryant, Mark Groblewski and Bruce Morgan combined for nine goals, but Bethlehem depended largely on their halfbacks for scoring punch. Craig Lindell and Bryan Dieter were second and third for the most shots on goal, and Randy Miller added five goals, giving the halfbacks a fine total of 13 markers.

In the sixth game of the season against Scotia, starting goalie Mike Cebry suffered a collapsed lung that forced him to miss the next nine games. Pete Walsh, an untested junior, was put in the unenviable position of having to replace one of the league's top goaltenders.

"I was nervous. The responsibility I felt was tremendous, and I felt every goal was my fault." Such was Pete's reaction at the time.

But he responded very well to the situation, and finished the year with an impressive 1.41 goals-against average. Included among his efforts were a sensational save against Guil-

derland that preserved an important win and a shutout over Scotia two days later.

### Clearing The Ball

Bethlehem's two goaltenders can thank fullbacks Roger 'Mongo' Bone, Bill Brooks and Kirk Harmon for making their job somewhat less difficult. Bone's nickname stems from his powerful kicking leg, and Harmon is certainly no sloches at booting the ball out of trouble.

Several juniors will give next year's team a strong nucleus. The play of fullback Bill Brooks, forwards Lorren Elkens, Dave Kuk, Rich Mereu and Bruce Morgan, halfback

Steve Steele, goalie Pete Walsh and halfbacks Andy Waugh and Dan Weinberg (a sophomore) give Coach Walts reason for optimism when looking to 1976.

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Editor, Spotlight:

We seem to live in an era where society takes pleasure in criticizing and demeaning our police department.

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We are personally grateful and hope and pray that similar situations don't occur, but should they, we as a community can be assured of prompt action on our behalf.

*R. C. Greenman*

Delmar

Editor, Spotlight:

I would like to add my grateful thanks to the Bethlehem police, specifically to Gerard DeMeur, for promptly assisting my husband on Nov. 1 when he was suddenly and violently attacked by a crazed young man. I would also like to fervently thank our friend and neighbor, Albert Melick, for coming immediately to his aid.

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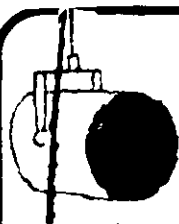
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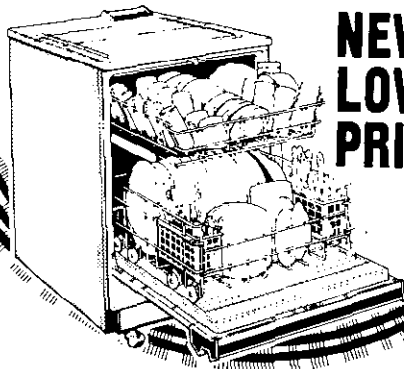
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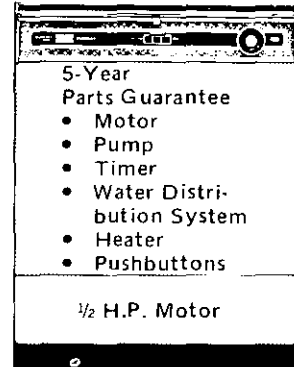
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