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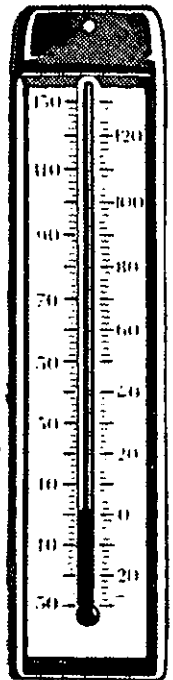
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Glenmont Lions Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Lacasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Info: Frank Muria, 767-2408.

Gam-Anon, for wives of compulsive gamblers, meets Wednesdays 8:15 p.m., St. Pius Church, Loudonville, 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

Historical films, Community Room, Bethlehem Library, 12 noon, bring lunch, free coffee.

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Great Dane Club of Greater Albany
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Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Bethlehem Art Association, Jane
 Kirstel critique, Bethlehem Library
 8 p.m.

American Issues Forum Discussion
 Bethlehem Library, 12 noon. Bring
 lunch, coffee provided.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Young Adult Film Series, "Bride of
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 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

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 mont, 10 a.m. — 3 p.m. Bring con-
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MONDAY, JANUARY 12

General Meeting, Bethlehem Bi-
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Jazz Concert, Nick Brignola and
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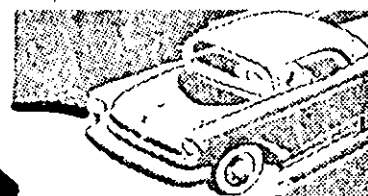
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Delmar Camera Club will star its 1976 program Jan. 13 with a discussion on filters led by Amelia Anderson at 7:30 p.m. and a competition on the subject, "Locomotion," at 8. The club meets at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church parish hall.

Curriculum planning

A curriculum discussion program for pupils at Bethlehem Central High School and their parents will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 in the high school cafeteria.

Purpose of the meeting is to help parents and pupils plan for the pupil's selection of courses next year. High school principal Charles Gunner will moderate the meeting. Supervisors and department chairmen will be present to answer questions.

Gym course to start

The Albany YMCA will conduct a course in girls gymnastics for eight weeks on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 p.m., starting Jan. 14.

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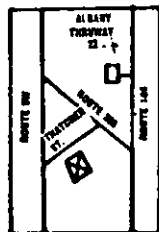
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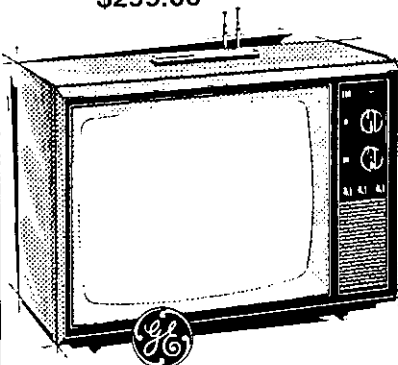
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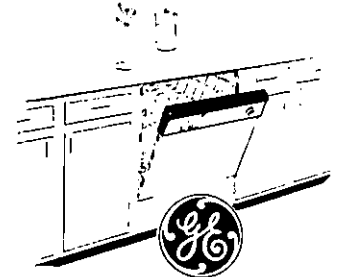
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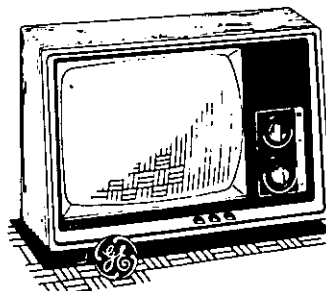
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BETHLEHEM

Tax time for the sewer system

Town tax bills go out this week to more than 8,000 Bethlehem addresses, and for some 2,400 of these there's an extra bite in the annual bad news: it's time to start paying for the new sewer system.

It may be small comfort that the envelopes contain the bill for the first installment of a municipal milestone: completion of the \$13-million addition to the collection system that includes a \$2.5-million water treatment plant at Cedar Hill and 41 miles of new sewer mains.

The Delmar-Elm... District's Extension No. 8, newest and by far the largest in the 48-year history of the district, was completed last week when "connect-up" letters went out to the last 213 of the 618 residences in the Slingerlands sector.

The Slingerlands project, the last of three contract segments to tie into the vast collection

system, was opened to 155 hookups Nov. 21, another 77 on Dec. 11 and an additional 173 on Dec. 22. Segments of the other two contracts, Glenmont-Selkirk and Hamagrael, have been hooked in at various intervals over the months since the first connect-up notices were mailed last April 3.

80 Miles of pipe

Overall, Extension No. 8 serves approximately 1,800 new hookups in a 15.1-square mile area of Bethlehem. The original Delmar-Elm... district was inaugurated in 1928, and with seven extensions over the years, serves some 13,000 people in 2,900 hookups with 39 miles of underground pipe in 3.5 square miles in the "older" part of town. Extension No. 9 is earmarked for the Skycrest development off Elm Ave.

The new water pollution control plant at Cedar Hill

went into operation in August, 1974, allowing the district to phase out the original treatment plant on Rockefeller Rd. under the Delaware Ave. viaduct. There are 15 pumping stations where gravity doesn't work on the system.

See Map on Pages 12 & 13

Aorta of the collection network is a 7.5-mile-long interceptor main with pipe diameters from 21 to 48 inches running from the Delmar Bypass to the Cedar Hill treatment facility. The main follows roughly the route of the Dowers Kill and the Vroman-kill, and for much of the way has been embedded in the stream bed without disturbing the natural drainage of the streams.

3 billing bases

The extra twist of the tax-

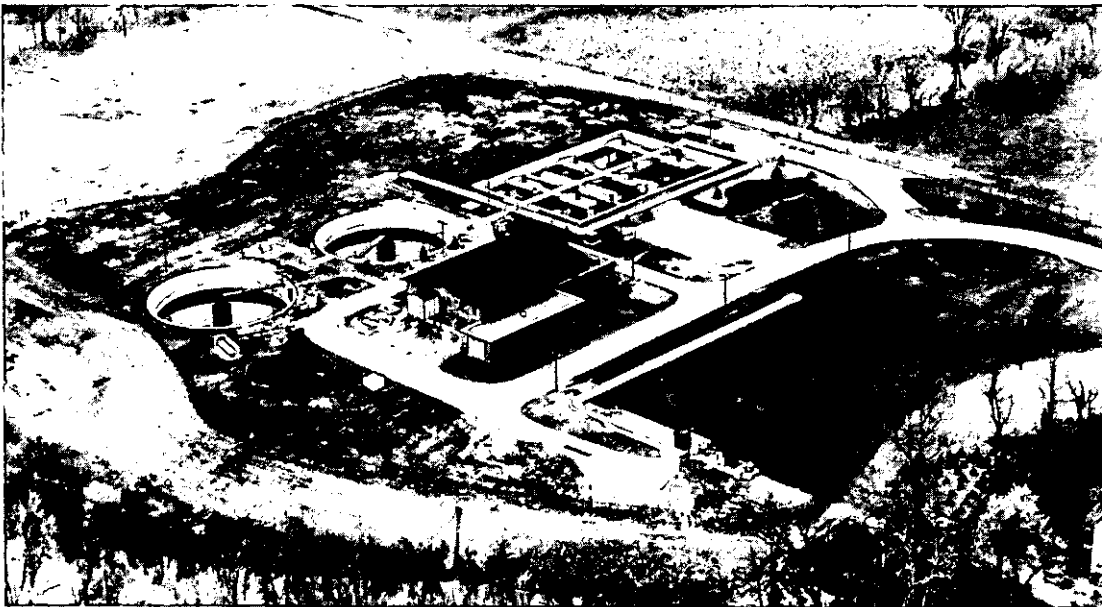
payer's arm in the town's once-a-year billing is directly attributable to the fact that 1976 is the year townspeople must start paying for the multi-million-dollar sewer system — those who live on the 41 miles of buried aqueducts. First-

year charges are based on three measurements: assessed valuation, front footage and water usage.

When the system was first proposed in 1969, the total cost estimate was \$10,118,000, which translated into an estimated \$200-\$225 average surcharge per household for first-year service and installation, and somewhat less in subsequent years. In the six intervening years inflation has projected its shaggy head, and this week's bills are averaging \$325-\$350 per household. For what comfort it's worth, succeeding bills won't be as rough on family wallets.

Administration change

Prime chaperone for the massive six-year project has been a 57-year-old career administrator, Merwyn K. Atwood. Atwood, a former insurance adjuster and Niagara Mohawk administrator, was appointed superintendent of the Bethlehem Sewer District in 1964 when Bethlehem's official status changed to the "suburban" town category, thus mandating a new administrative setup. Under the original concept, the Delmar-Elm... Sewer District was



Bethlehem's \$2.5-million water treatment plant at Cedar Hill replaces outmoded facility.

administered by three elected sewer commissioners.

"We have been fortunate," observes Atwood, "in having good consulting engineers, good attorneys and a cooperative town board." The fact that the monstrous project has come off on schedule with an inflation-prone cost escalation favorably comparable to existing rates indicates the town is fortunate to have Atwood as well.

Under his wing are two permanent secretaries and 11 maintenance men and plant operators, including four men who check the 15 pumping



Merwyn K. Atwood



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stations daily. The district also is responsible for cleaning the 80 miles of pipe every summer.

Impetus for extension of the sewer district came from several vectors: overwhelming approval of the state's Pure Waters bond issue in the 1965 election, a state order to the Delmar-Elsmere Sewer District to abate pollution of the Normanskill caused by inadequate facilities at the Rocke-

feller Rd. treatment plant, and pollution citations by the State Dept. of Health to Slingerlands and Selkirk, then dependent on septic tanks. The plans were submitted to townspeople at a public hearing Jan. 8, 1969, incorporating \$3 million in state aid from Pure Waters bond revenue.

Today, on the sixth anniversary of that hearing, the project stands completed except for sporadic testing being conducted by contractors' crews and for considerable cosmetic work on the restoration of lawns and shrubbery, which must await spring weather.

William D. Mulholland, who has headed the board for the past year. He has been ill in recent months.

Also appointed to a full seven-year term on the board was Warren D. Kullman, who has been serving a one-year interim term.



William R. Weber

Weber new head of planning board

The newest member of Bethlehem's seven-man planning board is also its new chairman. He is William R. Weber, a Delmar building contractor and realtor, who was named last week to fill the unexpired term of Harold C. Geurtze of Glenmont.

Geurtze's resignation was announced to a small audience at the New Year's Day organization meeting of the Bethlehem town board. Weber's term on the planning board will run through 1979, but his term as chairman is for one year.

As chairman he replaces

'I solemnly swear . . .'

Town of Bethlehem's newly elected officials were sworn into office in an unprecedented inauguration ceremony on New Year's Day in the town hall.

A small audience of families and friends watched as State Supreme Court Justice Edward S. Conway administered the oath to Supervisor Harry H.

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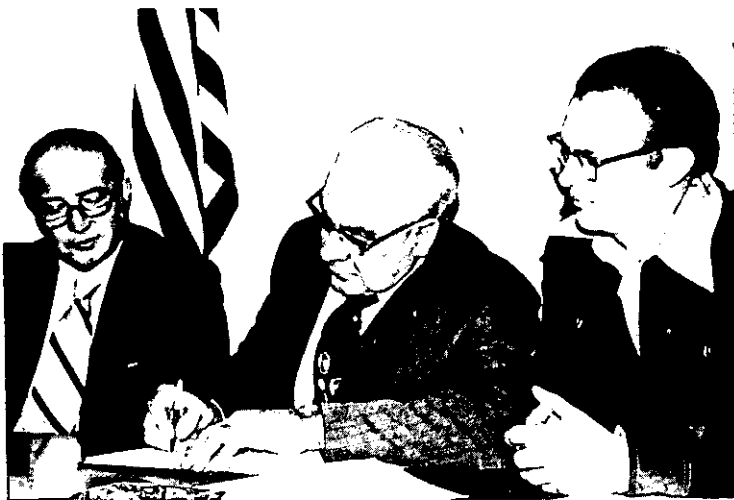
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Sheaffer, Councilmen William Johnston Jr. and Ruth O. Bickel, Town Clerk Marion T. Camp, Highway Supt. Martin J. Cross Jr. and Receiver of Taxes Kenneth P. Hahn.

Schultz renamed in New Scotland

Harold H. Schultz, New Scotland town justice for the past 12 years who was ensnared in a 3700-vote election tie in November, has been reappointed for a one-year interim term. Schultz, a "lay" judge, is a Voorheesville resident and a salesman for a heavy equipment firm. To complete the regular four-year term he must win a special election for the post next November.

In last November's balloting Schultz and Democratic challenger Donald Meecham ran a dead heat at 1,834 votes each.

Schultz' appointment was one of several in the customary organization meeting of the



Ken Tice: victory smile

new town board on New Year's Day, at which two Democratic councilmen took seats for the first time in 46 years. Kenneth Tice, New Scotland Democratic chairman, and Charles Houghtaling signed the pledge of office in the brief routine ceremony at the town hall before a small audience.

In the abbreviated business session the board appointed Corinne Cossack town clerk for one year pending a special

On the cover: Bethlehem Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer takes oath of office for his first elected term from Justice Edward S. Conway as Town Attorney Harry Rezzimini and Town Clerk Marion T. Camp stand by. In New Scotland, Supervisor Steve Wallace congratulates Councilmen Charles Houghtaling, center and Kenneth Tice, right, as they take their seats on the town board. Photos by Andrew L. Jones.



Harold H. Schultz

election in November. Mrs. Cossack, a lifelong resident of Voorheesville, succeeds Elizabeth Feldman, who died in December after winning reelection.

Carr steps down

Robert L. Carr, town of Bethlehem director of parks and recreation, has resigned for reasons of health.

Carr has been instrumental in administering a major expansion in town recreation programs and facilities. Under his guidance, Bethlehem has become the leader in recreation



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In recent years the town has built and dedicated the Elm Ave. park facility, the Hudson River park area, and has added new tennis courts, a swimming pool and playfields in addition to expanding the winter recreation program in the school district.

His successor is expected to be named in another month.

GOP scores T-U for 'sources' info

For years the suburban "beat"—Bethlehem, Guilderland and the rest — has been a training ground for young reporters on the Albany dailies. In these town halls ambitious newswriters, sent on assignments by the city desk to gain experience



William Johnston Jr.

in competitive journalism, have learned the workings of town governments and how to report them as a stepping stone to more prestigious and lucrative beats: Albany city hall, Albany county, the Capitol, and others. In time there is the city editor's job itself, or even higher . . . like writing a column, or

putting the editorial page together.

In their zeal to do a comprehensive and competitive reporting job, suburban reporters often feel they must, by some unwritten journalistic law, launch into thin speculations on political implications whether real or imaginary, when there's nothing else to write about.

Last week the Times Union's Linda Rosenblatt, back from an Arizona vacation and needing a story to fill a 10-day gap in the T-U's coverage of Bethlehem, waxed into a speculative piece the paper's suburban desk headlined, "Bethlehem GOP in for some changes." She followed a tip that the town Republican executive committee had met, called party leaders for the story, and, applying an age-old journalistic technique on a day when there's nothing else newsworthy, resurrected the Kohinke resignation, Harry Sheaffer's Dec. 31 resignation from the town Republican committee, and the familiar Mocker-Redmond insurrection, quoting "sources."

The story didn't set well with Bethlehem's Republican hierarchy. This week the secretary of the town GOP committee, Councilman William Johnston Jr., responded with a public statement:

"I feel that the people of the Republican party in the town of Bethlehem should be told the facts concerning the meeting of the executive committee on Dec. 17, 1975, and should not be misled by information that is entirely untrue.

"Firstly, this was not a 'secret' meeting. It was a duly called meeting by the president for the purpose of discussing the upcoming primary elections and the distribution of petitions for committeemen. Also, it was announced that four new committeemen were needed to fill vacancies.

"Secondly, let me tell you what was not discussed, contrary to statements in the above-mentioned article: We did not discuss, nor even mention, a resignation by Mr. Kohinke as president of the com-

mittee. Mr. Kohinke previously announced at the annual dinner on Dec. 6, that he will retire when his term expires next April. That is the way it will be.

"We did not discuss any particular person as a new president. Bernard Kaplowitz was definitely not mentioned to fill this position. It was felt that the committeemen should present their choice of candidates.

"We did not consider Charles Redmond for a position on the executive committee nor for any position other than his present position of committeeman.

"The article refers to anonymous 'sources'. It is unfortunate that unnamed 'sources' are given publicity to spread false information. It is hardly representative of a responsible press."

Cable TV bids to be screened

Steps toward providing the Town of Bethlehem with access to cable television come with agonizing slowness. A large stride forward was taken this week when the town board was scheduled to receive closed bids for a cable TV franchise. If a franchise is awarded promptly, it could be as long as five years before cable pictures show up on local tubes.

"It's not a simple procedure," said J. Clayton Relyea, retired telephone company engineer who heads the town's five-member advisory committee on cable television, a volunteer panel. "There are rigid regulations, and it's a very difficult thing to expedite."

Controls strict

The committee's recommendations for "request for proposal" were adopted by the town board last Aug. 27. There is no indication when the board will act on any commercial proposal.

The committee's spec-sheet, following guidelines and regulations prescribed by the state Cable Television Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, also recognized educational and

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Among the requirements set by the committee and the board were posting of a \$25,000 security bond, system capability of 20 channels including one designated for production of local programs, a TV studio in Bethlehem and a five-year deadline on putting the system into service.

Relyea declined to estimate what such a system would cost, but he guessed the successful applicant would have to construct 50 to 100 miles of cable in the town. The trunk would be underground where feasible and aerial where the franchise could negotiate agreements with New York Telephone and Niagara Mohawk on pole space.

Tully concedes 'political' release

State Tax Commissioner James H. Tully Jr. has graciously conceded his news release on a recent New York City speech "was more political than the speech." It was, he said, "actually an attempt at humor" before a largely Republican audience.

The commissioner, a Democrat, was taken to the task by the Spotlight and by a Knick News reader for issuing a politically oriented release on a state letterhead. Robert G. Fitchenberg, executive editor of the Knickerbocker News, printed the reader's complaint in his column of Dec. 26, two days after the Spotlight had gone into the mails.

In a letter to Fitchenberg, copy to the Spotlight, the commissioner said: "You're quite right that so blatant a political statement should not have been made in the press release and I now know better. I have also learned that Republicans don't laugh as much as Democrats do."

Run on stamps jams postoffices

Postoffice lobbies were jammed all last week as a result of the last-minute court ruling

reversing Judge Sirica's Washington stay on postal rate increases. The 3-cent boost in first-class postage went into effect barely one business day after the court action, and people were caught with their 3s and 13s down.

Delmar postoffice sold 60,000 3-cent stamps in three days before and after New Year's Day as long lines threaded through the lobby. According to Robert E. Meyers, superintendent of mails, it was the busiest three days in more than two years, which includes the '74 and '75 Christmas rush periods.

Stockup not enough

"We stocked up with 10,000 3s in advance," Myers said, "but it wasn't enough. We went into Albany twice on Friday, once for 20,000 and then for 30,000 more."

The 13-cent stamps are going "about normal," he said and the lines slimmed down this week as business returned to normal.

Mrs. Maurie Flanigan, postmaster at Slingerlands, said the Albany postal center wasn't able to fill her order for extra 1-cent, 2-cent and 3-cent stamps.

"We ended up selling 6s and 7s," she said, as long lines crowded to the windows.

In Voorheesville, postmaster Nancy D'Arpino said she stocked up as best she could, but still ran out of 3s and 13s.

The run in Delmar was amplified when the town government bought several thousand for the annual mailing of tax statements. Overall, Meyers said, year-end business, including Christmas mailings, topped 150,000 stamps sold at Delmar, more than 2,500 higher than the volume a year ago.

Diet session set

The Diet Workshop will hold open house on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church to present its newest dieting program entitled, "Feel Good." The public will be welcome.

"Feel Good" is a "behavior modification" technique that

will enable the dieter to be in charge of her eating behavior while leaving ample freedom for making choice. For details contact Diane Green, 869-2229.

Sports art on exhibit

The Albany Jewish Community Center will have an exhibit of unique paintings by Barbara Kessler, MA Fine Arts, SUNYA, beginning Friday, Jan. 9 and ending Sunday, Jan. 18.

The Center is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Barbara Kessler specializes in paintings of athletes, a different subject from most, in an individual style.

Awareness Group to meet

Delmar Women's Awareness Group will have two programs this month. The first will feature Barbara Will speaking on "Sexism in Children's Litera-

ture" Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. New consciousness raising groups will be formed at the session.

Author Alan Brody will discuss his new book, "Coming To," at the library Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. For information call Nancy Lund, 439-9243.

House plant course

The Albany County Cooperative Extension Association has scheduled a two-lesson series on "Plants in Your Home." This course is geared to the beginner and intermediate "House Plant Gardener."

The meeting will be held on two Tuesdays — Jan. 13 and 20 — at the Extension Building on Martin Rd., Voorheesville, from 7:30 to 9:30. There is a charge of \$3 for the course. Please register by Jan. 9 by calling 765-2331 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

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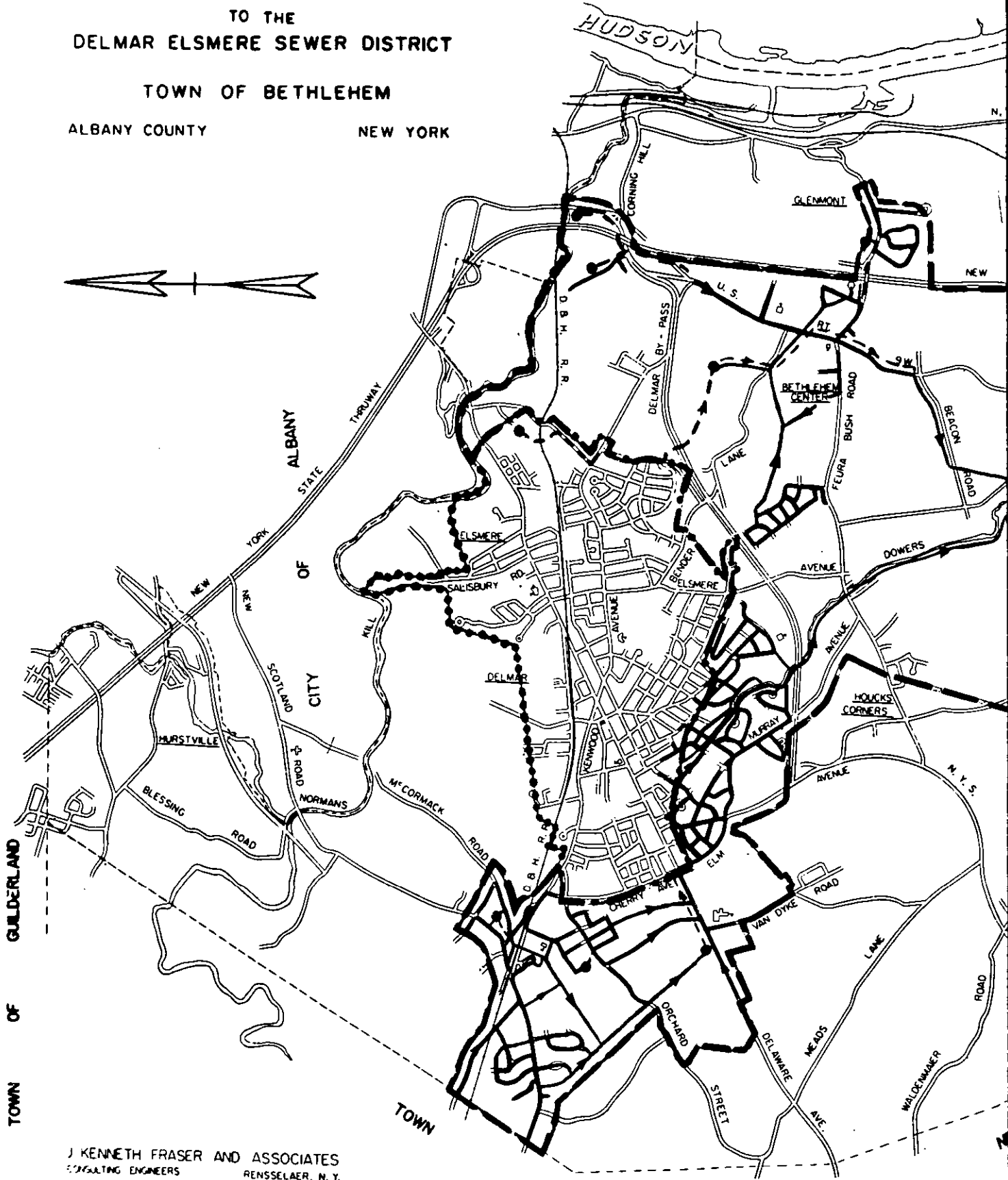
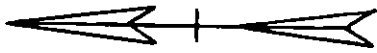
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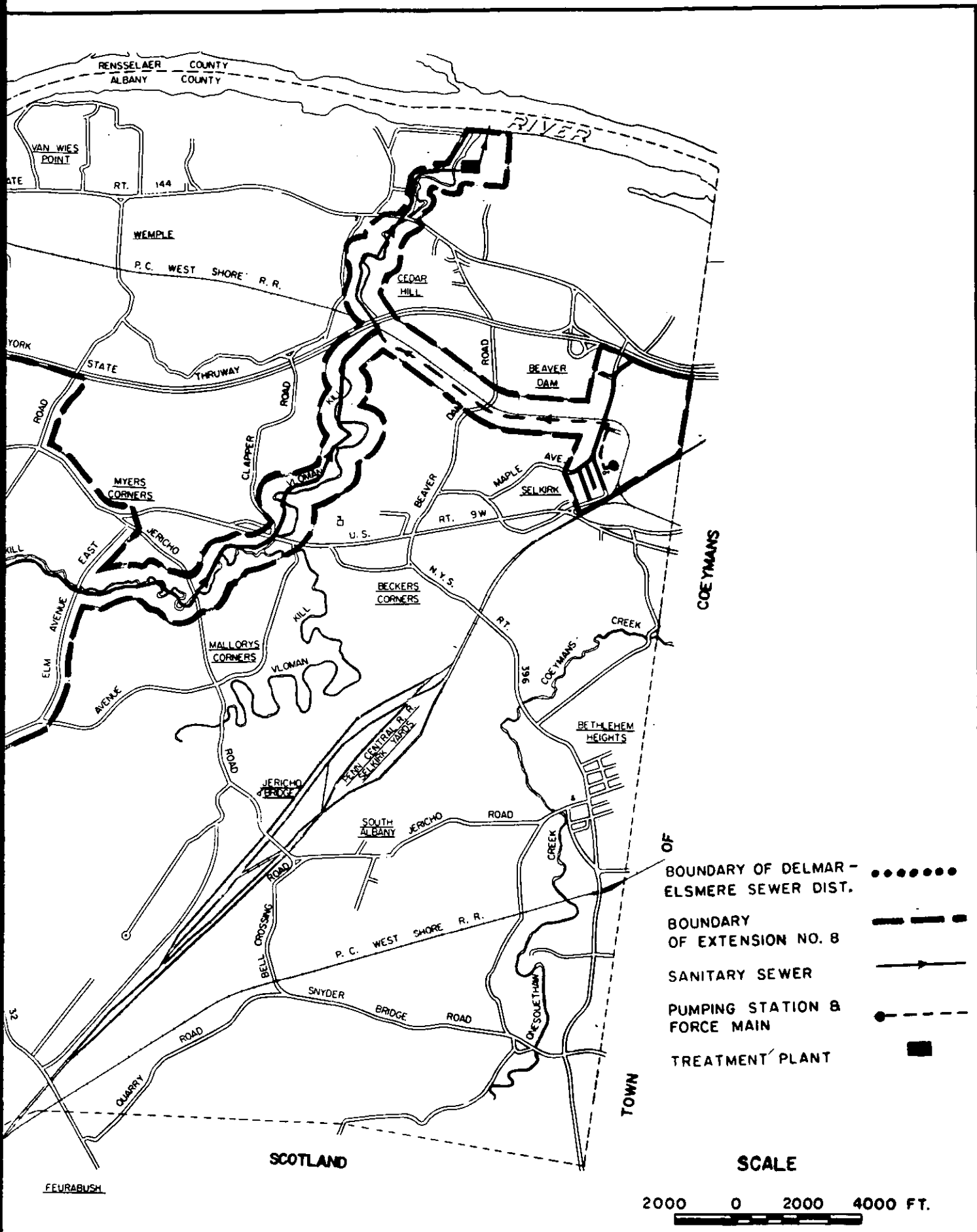
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Graceland office building: a landmark in its last month

Andrew Jones

Graceland: an obituary in a cemetery

From the exterior the building looks as if it had a colorful and colonial history. But apparently its chronicles are unspectacular. Now it is going under the wrecker's ball.

The structure is the 19th

century three-story brick residence that since 1902 has served as an office for Graceland Cemetery. For generations it has been a familiar landmark for passers-by on Delaware Ave. just north of the Normanskill viaduct. It has dominated an extensive tract of land, originally believed to be 234 acres, and now slightly under 200 acres. The tract has irregular boundaries, and its extremities to the north form the boundary between the town of Bethlehem and the city of Albany.

Gordon Morris, superintendent of Graceland, and several historians have established that the land was part of the original holdings of patroon Philip VanRensselaer. No record has been found as to the date the house was built, but it is believed to be early 19th century and not colonial. Town deeds show it was sold for the nominal price of \$8,000 to a John Kranz in 1840. Mr. Kranz must have lived in an inflationary economy, for he sold it for \$23,000 in 1869 to a James Hall, thus nearly tripling its value in less than 30 years.

The house changed hands several times in the next three decades, and was acquired by the cemetery association in 1902.

The Bethlehem Board of

Appeals last month approved the cemetery's application to raze the structure and erect a new building to serve as the office. If the weather is favorable, the 26-room brick-and-frame house, which has double walls, will come down in early February when the one-story ranch-style replacement, now under construction to the rear, is completed.

But even with its disappointing history — no presidents or generals have slept there, nor were Revolutionary troops ever billeted there — traces of the old house will survive for Bethlehem's antiquity. John Mesick, the town's consultant-architect who has been doing the Bethlehem House restoration, has requested the front windows be saved, along with the small irons in the openings of the three fireplaces, the porcelain doorlock sets and some of the rafter beams.

Skating classes start

The Albany YMCA will again sponsor its winter ice skating program at Swimburne Park Rink. Classes will begin on Jan. 3. Professional instructors will teach skills to those five years of age and up. For further information, contact Jeff Dillon at the YMCA, 449-7196.

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Elsmere Elementary School pupils Julie Salisbury, Larry Markessinis and Steve Davidson ignore the camera while listening to Det. Sgt. Richard LaChappelle discuss drugs on a recent visit to the school.

Drugs discussed

Det. Sgt. Richard LaChappelle of the Bethlehem Police Dept. believes there has been a "definite decline" in the drug problem locally, and feels one of the reasons for the trend is drug information discussions in the schools.

His recent visit to Elsmere Elementary School was in conjunction with the school district's health curriculum. His portable display is effective in giving words of caution about drug use and abuse.

Bicentennial groups to meet with clubs

The next general membership meeting of the Bethlehem Bicentennial Committee will be held Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, Delmar. The meeting is open to representatives of the various clubs and organizations who wish to submit their Bicentennial-related programs and activities for the coming year.

The American Legion will sponsor their annual parade in Bethlehem on May 31. Legion members are searching for bands and floats for their parade. Inquiries should be directed to Sidney Kaplan, 28 Mayfair Dr. Slingerlands.

Many organizations have become involved in the Muster

Week-end scheduled for Sept. 18-19.

Muster weekend slated

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps and other organizations are setting the stage for the final event of the Town of Bethlehem's Bicentennial Celebration. A Muster Weekend will be held on Sept. 18-19, which will consist of delegations of fife and drum corps and militia units who will stage demonstrations at the Bethlehem High School.

There will also be a craft fair and antique show and many other activities to help accent the importance and history behind our nation's founding.

Students in grades 3 through 8 in the Bethlehem school district have been asked to help in selecting a name for this weekend celebration. The name should show the reason for the celebration and its connection with Bethlehem and the Bicentennial. Students may enter as often as they wish.

Prizes for the winners include a \$25 savings bond presented by the Bethlehem Jaycees, a record "Musick of American Liberty" presented by the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps and two tickets to the Town Bicentennial Pageant to be held in late March.

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TV auction chairmen

Two Voorheesville residents have been named co-chairmen from Southern Albany County area for the 1976 WMHT/17 TV auction.

Mrs. Paula Mosher of Crow Ridge Rd., and Karl Scharl, also from Crow Ridge Rd., will coordinate the activities of several dozen volunteers.

Both neighbors have been active volunteers for the TV auction for several years.

Mrs. Mosher is a graduate of the Columbia University Presbyterian School of Nursing. She is the wife of Dr. Paul Mosher, and has two children.

Karl Scharl will work with Mrs. Mosher in Voorheesville, Delmar, Altamont and Berne-Knox. A graduate of Syracuse University, Scharl is assistant director of public safety at the State University in Albany.

The TV auction, to be held in the spring, is a major source of revenue for the public broadcasting station.

Library fines raised

Inflation has reached into library fines. The Bethlehem Public Library has announced that due to rising costs of postage and other supplies, it has been forced to raise its fine rate. As of this month all overdue adult books will be charged a fine of 5 cents per day. Overdue children's books will

continue to be charged 2 cents per day. Senior citizens will not be charged for overdue books. The library encourages its users to return their books promptly and avoid all fines.

Kudos to students

Three Bethlehem Central Middle School pupils have been commended by the Five Rivers Environmental Center for their volunteer help with the "Conservationist" Art Show held in November. Marina Logrillo, Laurie Witt, and Sherri McCann helped promote and set up the art show, and were praised in a letter from the Center to the school for their "intelligence, enthusiasm, interest and effort."

Trial in Elsmere

A "fake trial" was held in Mrs. Ricciardelli's fourth grade class at Elsmere School recently. The trial was conducted by Lanny Walter, a lawyer and father of one of the students.

The case dealt with a fictitious nine-year-old girl named Jane who was accused of shoplifting in a neighborhood store. The children heard the case story from the teacher listening to the manager's opinion and also the girl's story as she had told it.

The classroom then became a courtroom. There were 12 children as the jury, a judge, Jane, a manager of the store, Jane's mother to testify for her, a court clerk, a witness in the store, and a stenographer.

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Book reports in Elsmere: first grader David Hamilton, left, Mary Pat Henahan, Michael Roberts and Donna Burkins.

Book reports in Grade 1

Elsmere Elementary School first-graders recently prepared "book reports" and read them to the class in the school library. Each child in Mrs. Hase's room chose a book he could read independently, then drew an illustration from the book and wrote, "I like this book because . . .". Some of their reasons were: "it was funny," "because I can read it," and "it is interesting."

Photo lecture planned

An illustrated lecture on the "Beauty of Nature Through The Seasons" will be presented by Alice Porter of Delmar at the luncheon meeting of the Retired Mens Fraternity on Jan. 15 at the Italian American Center.

Shortly before retiring as a

teacher, Mrs. Porter became interested in photography and developed it as a hobby. She is a member of the Photographic Society of America and the Delmar Camera Club. She has five times won top photo awards in local newspaper contests and received five awards of merit in the national.

Needlework series planned

The New York Capital District Chapter of the embroiderer's Guild of American will hold a series of mini-workshops starting next Wednesday at the Delmar Reformed Church from 10 to 2. Among the workshops will be "Shisha" by Marilyn Coll; "Reverse Applique" by Charlotte Rheinhardt; "Thread-Count" or "Cross Stitch" by Jan Robinson; "Needlepoint Variety Stit-

ches" by Harriet DeGraff; and "Detached Stitches" by Yvonne Welch.

Winter week planned

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will offer a guided program entitled "Animal Tracks" on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. The program will include a short walk and will last approximately one hour.

Patterns clinic set

A new approach to the old problem of getting patterns to

fit will be shown at the Colonie Room in Colonie Center twice daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Jan. 12-17. The sessions will be held by Universal Pattern Clinics of Ft. Lauderdale, a pattern publishing company. Some of their ideas in the home sewing field are: your figure is proportionally correct, the commercial pattern is wrong; sewing in sleeves can be fast and fun; in mismatched pattern pieces, when understood, are no longer mismatched, and zippers go in quick and easy, straight and smooth — and with pleasure.

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Dorothy Behringer, left, of Weight Watchers' Delmar class was awarded second prize in the Weight Watchers Magazine annual cooking contest. Her recipe for clove liver drop soup will appear in the January issue.

The NET SET

by Nat Boynton

When a tennis promoter dangles \$5,200 in negotiable currency in front of itinerant tennis players, he is bound to draw a crowd, and Jack Lauroesch has done just that. The new general manager of the Colonie Tennis Club, seeking a splash to publicize the area's newest tennis enclosure, has attracted national and Eastern ranked players by the dozen plus a few internationals, for an inaugural tournament starting Friday and running through Sunday.

This is not just another tournament. It is attracting more high-level tennis tourists than any local event within recent memory. The thousand-dollar runoffs Tony DeOrio and the Schenectady Racquet Club boys have been putting on the last few years were dandies, but not close to this caliber. The reason is simple: the men's singles winner carts home a cool \$1,000, the losing finalist \$500, and even quarter-finalists cut into the boodle, courtesy of the Americana Inn and Desormeau Vending.

The list of ranked players shooting for this kind of moola is longer than can be mentioned here. With an unquenchable smile on his ruddy young countenance, Jack reeled off the list of entrants in both men's and women's singles, such as:

Roger Guedes, one of Brazil's top players now a senior at Hampton Institute, Va., who upset John James of Australia in the Schenectady Invitational last September in a match on-lookers will not soon forget.

John James, a world-class player on the international tour, who recently lost to Stan Smith in five sets in the Australian Open.

Steve Turner of New York City, probably the best tennis player in the East, unranked

this year because of playing in too few tournaments.

John Molin of Yonkers, the East's top-ranked junior player.

Joe Bouquin of Danbury, Conn., No. 4 in New England, the tournament's dark horse on the basis of several "big wins" over nationally ranked players this year.

Joel Ross of Hartsdale, who won the Big Ten singles crown while at University of Michigan.

Hubert Hoyt, No. 6 junior in the East who barely lost his qualifying match for the WCT (World Championship of Tennis) tour this fall.

Plus Peter Fishbeck of Great Neck, No. 2 in the Eastern men's singles; Ray Kelley of Australia just in from India; Mir Rahim of Pakistan, who gives line judges fits with the fastest serve on the Atlantic seaboard, and the host club's pro, Bidjut Goswami, a Davis Cup player from India who might just beat everybody on the foregoing list.

Local tennis watchers will also be able to welcome back Brigitta Warbach, Finland's No. 1 player before she settled in Syracuse, a stroking machine personified; Lindsay Beavan, a ranked British player who made the Round of 16 at Wimbledon last June, and Rebecca Sadoff, a nationally ranked junior now playing No. 2 on the Williams College men's team.

Don't look for any local players to last through the second round, but drop in Saturday or Sunday for the best spectator tennis hereabouts in a decade or more.

In the Colonie Tennis Club's holiday junior Championships familiar names rose to the top like cream, but it wasn't that easy for the area's top teenage tennis players.

There were Brad Roberts and Chris Ann Jones of Niskayuna and Jodie Nichols of Schenectady, for instance. Brad made it to the finals in both the boys' 16-and-under and 18-and-under, which will be played later this week, and Jodie and Chris Ann made a shambles of the girls' draws.

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Matt Reisch in the boys' 18 final and Niskayuna's Neil Vohr in the boys' 16 showdown. Neil, heir of a well known tennis family, upset Lance Tucker of Delmar in the semifinal.

Chris Ann, 14, won her division in a breeze and lost to 16-year-old Jodie in the girls' 16 bracket, 6-3, 6-4. Jodie, "playing up" another age bracket, won the girls' 18 also by taking Trisha McCall of Delmar one-and-one.

There was also some high-powered tennis in the annual Tri-City Racquet Club holiday doubles tournaments, the most venerable of the area's indoor events. The Gould brothers, Gene and Tom, won the men's doubles from a surprisingly strong field, and Dick and Sue Edridge conquered Don and Carolyn Miller in an all-Troy mixed doubles final. Don and Carter Hoyt won the men's consolation crown.

Brignola bringing jazz to the buffs

Nick Brignola, the Capital District's emerging ambassador of jazz, will present a comprehensive concert and workshop on popular music styles at Bethlehem Central High School Auditorium Jan. 14. With him will be Ted Moore on percussion, Dennis Irwin on electric and string bass, and Phil Markowitz on keyboards.

Brignola himself will play flute, saxophone and clarinet. The concert, slated for 8 p.m., will be open to the public at \$1 a ticket at the door.

The concert, sponsored by the Bethlehem Music Association and the Bethlehem Central Music Dept., will follow a day-long workshop for music students at BCHS which will include opportunities for music students to play with the group.

DAR to meet

Mohawk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edward Gardner, 113 Euclid Ave., Albany. Dr. Caroline Lester will speak on "The Cherry Valley Massacre."



Chuck Slater

Slater honored

Two All-American team selections have closed out the football career of Chuck Slater at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. The senior offensive tackle from Glenmont earned nationwide recognition from the Associated Press (third team) and the Kodak All-American squad (first team).

The AP team was selected by sports editors, announcers, and AP football committee members from across the country, and the 22-man Kodak unit was chosen by the American Football Coaches Association.

Slater was regarded as the premier offensive lineman in the President's Athletic Conference, earning all-star status three of his four years at Allegheny.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central in 1972 Chuck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson D. Slater of Glenmont.

Recorder program set

Bethlehem public library will have an evening of recorder music on Wednesday, Jan. 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Jim Mullen and his associates, Phoebe Sheres, Eloise Scherze and Joan Mullen, will also play guitar, a krummhorn, an old Renaissance instrument nicknamed a "buzzy" because of the noise it makes, similar to the noise made by playing a comb, and a cornet, an ancient woodwind with a mouthpiece like the mouthpiece of a trumpet.



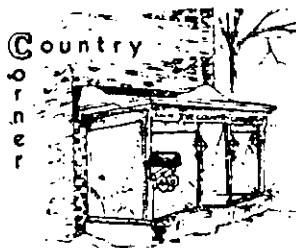
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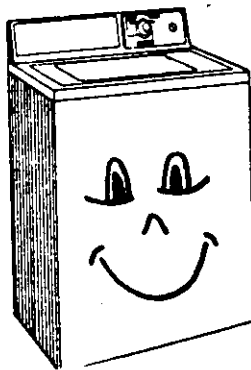
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An award-winning photo taken by William Longabaugh, 487 Haskell Pl., Delmar will be on display at the Kodak Photo Gallery in New York City, Jan. 13 through March 13 as part of a major presentation of finalists in the 1975 Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Awards (KINSA).

Longabaugh, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School whose photos appear regularly in the Spotlight, is represented by a high-contrast picture of an air-show parachutist. The black-and-white photo was a winner in the Knickerbocker News-Union Star summer snapshot contest, and as such was submitted to the international competition where it competed for \$55,000 in cash and travel prizes. KINSA, sponsored annually by Eastman Kodak Co., last year drew more than 300,000 entries.



This high contrast shot of an airshow parachutist will represent William Longabaugh of Delmar in a Kodak display in New York City.

A photo hobbyist for four years, Longabaugh snapped his prize-winner at an air show in Duaneburg last May.

"I like airshows, and I took my camera along to shoot anything that looked good," notes Longabaugh. "I had an idea for a high contrast shot of a parachutist so I concentrated my camera on that aspect of the show."

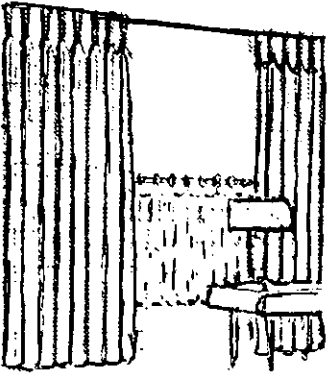
Meeting time changed

The regular meeting date for the Bethlehem Senior Citizens has been changed to Wednesdays. The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 14 at 12:30 p.m. at the Coffee House, Adams St., Delmar.



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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Lewis F. Krupka is the executive director at Hope House. Rev. Michael Hogan holds a similar position at Hospitality House.

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An unheeding driver

Editor, The Spotlight:

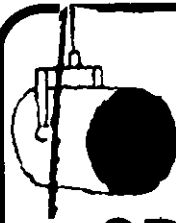
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