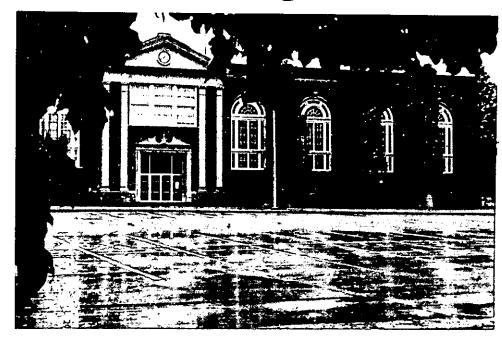
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Kiwanis Club of Delmar meets every Monday night at 6:15 at The Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont.

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

Bethlehem Lions Club meets first and third Wednesdays at LaCasa, Selkirk, 6:30, p.m.

AARP meets 12:30 p.m., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Aveenue, Delmar.

Elsmere Fire Co., last Thursday of each month, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Lodge meets on first and third Wednesday of every month, Ladies Auxiliary meets on second Wednesday of every month.

Citizen Band Radio Club firstThursday. Third Tuesday at the Center Inn, 8:00 p.m. Mrs. John Silivia. 463-7675.

Great Dane Club of Greater Albany meets second Friday of the month, 8:00 p.m., Center Inn, Glenmont. Guests are welcome. Info: call 785-7253.

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.

Bethlehem Jaycees meet 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Center inn. Contact Denise Linstruth 439-5312 or Nevanne Merril at 439-6138.

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Glenmont Homemakers meet third Wednesday of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 p.m.

Sports Car Club of America, first Wed, of each month 8:00 p.m. at the Center Inn, Glenmont, Marie Corrin, 869-6948.

Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Public

Rosary - St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, every Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Macbeth, Slingerlands Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, to take action on application of Robert & Barbara Jasinski, RD No. 1 Bender Lane, Glenmont, for a Special Permit Use under Art. V of the Zoning Ordinance to harbour more than two dogs on their premises for their own use. Town Hall, 393 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m.

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Slingerlands Homeowners Assn., informational meeting, on sewer installation, Merwyn K. Atwood, speaker, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Young Adult Film Series, "Of Mice and Men," Steinbeck, Bethlehem Library, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Macbeth, Slingerlands Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Bake sale to benefit "Helping Hand," Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, at McCarroll's Market, Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m.

House plant class, Garden Shoppe. Glenmont and Guilderland, free, 11 a.m.

Trapping workshop, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fee \$2.

Macbeth, Slingerlands Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

"Joylul Noise" Singers, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Macbeth, Slingerlands Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Delmar Progress Club, music group, "Der Rosenkavalier," Bethlehem Library, 11:30 a.m.

Last day to pay town property tax.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum, Chancellor's Hall, Albany, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Public welcome. Garden group meets at Bethlehem Library, "Colonial Gardens," Mrs. John Mather, 9:30 a.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile at Guilderland High School gym, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group, "Early homes of Bethlehem Area," Allison P. Bennett, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

Macbeth, Slingerlands Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

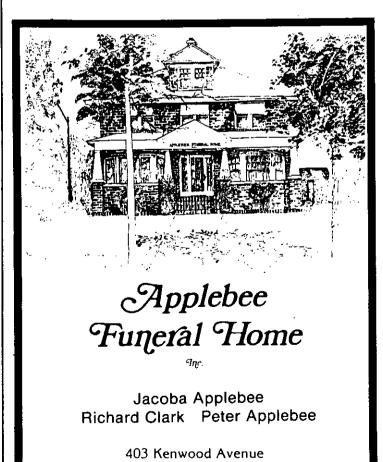
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

United Methodist Church Women, slide show, dessert and coffee, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Macbeth, Slingerlands Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Coffee for Birch Bayh, home of Ann Brandon, 84 Parkwyn Dr., Delmar, 10 a.m.



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BUDGET CUTBACK:

Schools' state-aid picture: muddy and gloomy

Taxpayer applause for Gov. Hugh Carey's bare-bone New York State budget may be premature, at least in respect to school taxes. To keep the school system running, property owners will have to pick up the slack by shelling out more local tax dollars or see their school programs cut back.

Carey's proposed state budget, presented to the Legislature last week, calls for sharp reductions in state services and no new taxes. New York taxpayers, conditioned to a steady acceleration of profligate spending in nearly 16 years of Gov. Rockefeller and by a Legislature dominated by New

York City lawyer-politicians, remained skeptical. They will have to wait several months — maybe more — to see if some-body isn't kidding them, let alone a Democratic governor. In any event, the budget will be in the headlines for weeks to come before any clear pattern emerges.

Formula is complex

For local school districts the picture, as viewed by Bethlehem's superintendent of schools, Lawrence A. Zinn, is "gloomier than ever before." Just how the state would go about finding ways to appor-

tion cuts in the complex aidto-education formula remains unclear. Early signs, however, point to elimination or modification of the "save harmless" provision in the aid formula. "Save harmless" is an in-phrase that identifies a clause in the aid formula that provides that no district shall receive less than it did the previous year.

If this provision is thrown out, Bethlehem school officials estimate the district could lose some \$400,000 in state aid next year. If it is modified, either on a per-pupil basis or on a percentage formula applied to district operating budgets, the Bethlehem cut could be closer

to \$200,000. A possible approach in cutting state aid is to limit the cut to a maximum of 1.9 percent of the district's current operating budget.

Dig deeper or cut back

What are the options if Bethlehem's 1976-1977 state aid is trimmed by \$200,000 to \$400,000? The answer: saddle district property owners with a substantial boost in the tax rate or find the most expedient ways to cut back "fringe" areas in the school program.

Bethlehem property owners already face a healthy tax rise to cover a quarter of a million dollar increase in teachers' salaries in the new contract ratified by the board of education last week, and by the relentless pressure of an inflationary economy. Bethlehem's current district budget is \$10.7 million.

New contract costly

The teachers' settlement will boost the Bethlehem tax rate an estimated \$4 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. A \$300,000 cutback in state aid would add another \$5 per thousand. The current rate is \$114.71 for Bethlehem and \$176:16 for New Scotland on a district budget of \$10.7 million.

In the Voorheesville school district the cutback in state aid could run from \$16,000 to as much as \$80,000, according to Dr. Warner Berglas, district principal. Voorheesville's budget this year is \$3.3 million.

The reactions of Zinn and Berglas were in sharp contrast to some neighboring districts.



Delmar Cub Scout Den No. 2, Pack 59, helped Assemblyman C. D. "Larry" Lane of the 102nd district open the 1976 session of the Legislature at the Capitol. From left, Tom Nucci, Seth Brandon, Bill Webb, Brian Harte, Eric Patrick, Rick Harrison and Mike Engstrom. Den mothers are Gretchen Patrick, left, and Pat Engstrom.

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In Guilderland the estimate was given as \$800,000 in lost state aid, twice the highest Bethlehem estimate, and in Troy school officials went into a near panic, announcing the possibility of firing 150 teachers and closing several schools.

School officials will be putting figures together for the 1976-1977 budget this spring without knowing the outcome of the upcoming state budget hassle. The local school budget is due to go before district voters in mid-June.

In New York State, school taxes are levied only on property owners, but residential requirements for voter eligibility are sufficiently loose to permit nearly all residents, including tenants, to cast ballots.

Crowded calendar for planning board

Subdivision developers, land surveyors and private citizens are bringing additional traffic to the Bethlehem town hall's



Bethlehem Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer snips the ceremonial ribbon formally opening the Fabric Care Center at Delaware Plaza. From left, Ken Schenkel, president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn., Alan Alpart, co-owner of the Center, Jim Mulcahey, Shelley Lippman, co-owner, Photo J. W. Campbell Sheaffer and Norris MacFarland.

second-floor hearing room, which also serves as operating headquarters for the town's seven-member planning board. There is no sign the flow will abate in the near future.

As the Spotlight went to press, these items were filling up the board's weekly meeting agenda:

- Residents of Brockley Dr. and adjacent neighborhoods were poised for a public hearing on preliminary plans by the Biatess Corp. to build 133 single-family houses on approximately 55 acres of a 77acre tract west of Brockley Dr.
- David Elliot, a land surveyor representing Charles Kondla, a developer, last week submitted revised plans for a 44-acre plot near the Hudson River at Van Wies Point, Glenmont.
- The possibility of two different sets of plans for a 27acre site on Van Dyck Rd., Delmar, cropped up when the owner submitted plans for 35 housing sites under the name of Appledorn while another developer has final approval for a subdivision called Cornwall Gardens.
- The question of rewriting local zoning requirements on stage. The latest plans sub-

lot sizes, possibly creating a new zoning classification to control housing density, confronts the board in the coming months.

Who's on first?

The Van Dyck Rd. tract is owned by Wolf Krahmer, a codeveloper with Ralph V. Wheeler in the controversial Lyndhurst project in Slingerlands. Krahmer was reported as having intended to sell the land to the Lambeth Trust, which later obtained final planning board approval for the Cornwall Gardens subdivision. Last week a board spokesman said Marshall Stewart, a trustee of the Lambeth group, had notified the board by letter that Lambeth has a valid purchase agreement with Krahmer and intends to develop the property.

The Van Wies Point project is in the pre-preliminary plan



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mitted by Elliot show a reduction in the number of building sites from 50 to 32, all singlefamily. The tract is not served by the sewer district or the water district.

Democrats protest Stasiuk PR role

Appointment of a part-time public relations communicator for the town of Bethlehem has drawn fire from the Bethlehem Democratic committee.

A statement adopted by the local party's executive committee and released by Town Chairman Ken Thacher criticized the town board for adding Mrs. Helenna "Cissy" Stasiuk to the payroll "at a time when other local governments were trimming their budgets in anticipation of reduced levels of state aid."

The statement continued:

"We know the town board had a difficult time with the

press during the last campaign, but hiring a public relations staff is not the way to correct that problem. Sound policies and open government would do the job at no extra cost to the taxpayer. If the supervisor and councilmen were able to communicate well with the town's residents, they would have no need for a public relations expert to tell them what to say and how to say it.

"Must Bethlehem taxpayers pay for a position whose main function is to improve the image of the town board? We emphatically say NO!"

Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer shrugged off the broadside. "We were asked to get more information to the public and to improve our relations with the public and the press. We want to cooperate, so we responded by appointing an experienced person to a part-time position."

Sheaffer said Mrs. Stasiuk was appointed "strictly on a trial basis" at \$5.50 per hour for "roughly the equivalent of two days a week."



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Recreation post to Bud Wilson

Lloyd R. "Bud" Wilson Jr., a Delmar native who spent his boyhood in Clarksville, was expected to be appointed acting administrator of the Parks and Recreation Dept. of the Town of Bethlehem this week. The action was on the town board's agenda for its Wednesday night meeting.

Wilson has been assistant director of recreation for the town since 1972. He succeeds Robert Carr, who retired last month.

A Bethlehem Central graduate in 1964, Wilson trained as a Navy hospital corpsman and spent 13 months with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. He returned to get a BA degree in sociology from State University of New York at Albany. He is currently studying for an MA in administration at SUNYA and Russell Sage College. He is married to the former Carol Muller of Long Island, a nurse at Albany Medical Center.

An extra day for paying taxes

Late payment penalties for payment of town taxes will go into effect Tuesday, according to Kenneth P. Hahn, receiver of taxes for the town of Bethlehem

Hahn has announced that due to the fact that Jan. 31 falls on Saturday, payment of the 1976 property tax can be made on Monday, Feb. 2, without the usual 1 percent collection surcharge. The normal tax deadline is Jan. 31.

The late payment charge will start Feb. 3 for those choosing to complete their property tax payment in February. Bills also may be deferred into the month of March, but incur a penalty of 1-1/2 percent for belated payment.

All mail received on Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, will be honored without a late payment fee, Hahn said.

'Dimes' grant renewed

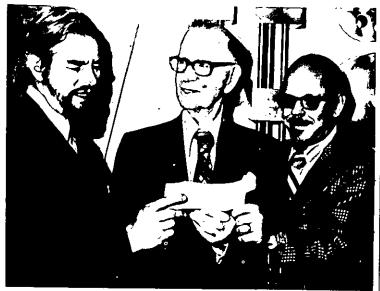
The Albany County Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes has renewed a \$9,990 grant to the Albany Medical College Department of Preventive and Community Medicine. The funds will be used for a program at the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Community Health Center, Albany, an affiliate of the Albany Medical College and its Department of Preventive and Community Medicine.

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Dr. Alan D. Miller, Delmar, left, director of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Community Health Center, and Dr. Robert E. Carroll, Delmar, right, admire the March of Dimes contribution presented by Thomas McEnaney, Albany chapter chairman.

born infants are examined to identify and treat developmental problems as early as possible. Older children are screened for developmental disorders through regular health examinations and are treated by a child psychologist who encourages the family to help the disadvantaged child.

Oil firms seek a free market

A phased and orderly return to the traditional free market in petroleum is vital to speed the development of energy supplies so critically needed in the United States, according to a Mobil Oil executive.

James G. Tate of Delmar, district manager for Mobil, told the Bethlehem Lions Club that "unless we find and develop new domestic production, the U.S. could find itself dependent on imports for fully three-fourths of our oil needs by 1985."

Production declining

Tate cautioned that while demand is growing, U.S. production from known reserves is declining, and the nation must depend on unstable foreign governments for nearly 40 percent of our oil needs. He called for increased conservation of energy, cutting waste without diminishing the nation's economic muscle, and continuing and orderly development of promising offshore potential while safeguarding the environment.

Although some environmental groups have opposed the practice, Tate noted, close to 200,000 oil and gas wells have been drilled in U.S. fed-

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Indian Ladder Farms ... sure, I've been there. That's way out in the boondocks, right? I was there once last October. What a scene! Couldn't get near the place. People and cars everywhere. The donut line stretched clear to the door. Cider? Forget it.

Hmmm. Is this the same place? The apples are here, but carefully tucked away in coolers instead of spilling out of bins and baskets. I smell donuts, but where is the line? The cider still flows, but where are the people waiting for refills with their thermoses, wine bottles and roasting pans? This must be the place. Those trees outside didn't grow in straight lines by chance.

A real donut 'freak'

I catch the eye of a fellow customer. She confides to me that she is a genuine donut freak stopping by for her daily pick-up. She hopes that word never gets out that the donut window is in clear sight, and that Marge Kropp and Ginney Mousley actually sit down now to eat their lunches. She also whispers another fact closely guarded by the donut and cider set — Bill Crawford is actually 100 gallons ahead in cider!

Just then Kay Montondo puts down the phone saying she thought December, not January, was the big month for gift orders, yet look at them all! Dick Montondo breezes through looking like one of Admiral Peary's party on his way to prune trees and touch up the cross-country trail.

Hey, wait! Cross-country trail? Can I come? After grabbing my snowshoes from my car trunk, swerving to escape Louis Mousley plowing the new snow in the parking lot, I jump on the back of Dick's snowmobile. With a deafening roar we shoot through the trees and pick up the trail.

The 'contraption'

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good way to pack a trail or get around in an orchard, but it's hardly the way to relish a winter landscape whose most singular feature is its stunning silence. Laughing at the frozen fear on my face, Dick stops to talk to DeWitt Wager, who is perched atop a tree in an improbable contraption that can best be described as a swivel ladder on wheels. He is pruning one of the 10,000 trees on the farm. Dick tells me that although Indian Ladder Farm may seem like a big farm, its size is about average for a commercial operation. Still, 10,000 trees are a lot of trees to prune, and the work looks much too cold and hard if the only result is a pretty orchard.

The art of pruning

Dick explains that although farmers take as much delight as anyone in seeing an elegant, well-tended orchard, pruning is done for other purposes. He tells me that whenever a tree is cut it is stimulated to produce new growth, and new growth produces good fruit. By relieving the tree of old or dead wood the pruner makes it possible for the tree to renew

Sketches by A. Laurie Palmer

itself. But not just cutting is done during pruning.

As the pruner cuts he also shapes the tree, opening it up so that in the fall sunlight can touch each apple. An apple warmed by the sun and cooled by the night air turns red. Dick, as do all people who raise apples at the foot of the Helderbergs, believes that the cold air that rushes down from the Helderberg escarpment in the evenings produces a particularly beautiful apple.

The Helderbergs also have a tempering influence during an orchard's most critical periods blossom-time and harvest. These features together with the well-drained soil left by the glaciers make this area ideal apple country.

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Jack Whipple: a winning formula

One of the most perplexing problems in high school coaching is the toll that graduation takes on a team. Somehow Bethlehem Central's Jack Whipple has not let a cap and gown interfere with his swimmers in their dominance of the Adirondack Council.

Whipple builds his teams on depth, something that can be very important in a long winter of swimming. He does not believe in specialists, and often has members of the team swim in several different events during a season.

Last year's outstanding performers were the four members of the medley relay team that broke the state record and went on to become All-Americans. Malcolm Cooper, now at Harvard, swam the backstroke, Jeff Gillham the breast-stroke, Kirk Harmon the butterfly and Dennis Fitzpatrick was the freestyler.

New stars emerge

Cooper and Gilham along with two others were lost to college, but their places have been adequately filled with the addition of freshman Kenny Neff, backstroker, and the emergence of Loren Elkins, who swims everything and Andy Neff, a distance freestyler.

With the introduction of sixlane pools in the conference this season, a new scoring system has been installed to go along with the six-lane setup. Entering three swimmers from each team instead of the usual two makes it more important



Jack Whipple

for a team to have depth. Whipple feels that his team is three deep in each event. His ability to juggle his entries gives him an advantage over other teams who rely on specialists.

Strong background

A native of Massachusetts, Whipple had no real background in competitive swimming as a participant, but a great deal of experience as a coach. After working with YMCA youth in his home town, Danvers, Mass., he went to Springfield College, where he was the winter aquatic director. Home for the summers, Whipple ran age-group competitive swimming at local clubs.

He received his master's degree in physical education at Penn State, and in 1968 came to what was then the Bethlehem Junior High School. He supervised the Delmar Dolphins in the summers, and has won the league championship with this 4-to-19 age group for the past six years. He now is aquatic coordinator for the Elm Ave. Park, where he is devising pro-

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Innovative coaching

With his diving assistant Bob Keens, Jack Whipple has invented a training program where he can control the times that his performers turn in: He has divided the season into three sections, and each segment deals with a different aspect of training. The first few weeks of the season are devoted to body conditioning dealing with controlling the progression. The middle segment is headed by training for competition and maintaining enthusiasm. Finally, Whipple employs the section he calls quality and finishing touches, where minute items of the race are dealt with in order to run smoothly.

Whipple also is a great believer in morale and the role that it plays on a winning team. He believes it's very important to make the swimmers reach their over-all best times in the later and more important meets. He feels that if a boy reaches his peak too early in the season he may become discouraged with subsequent times. His 1974-75 record underscores his methods: Adirondack Relay Carnival champions, Division I Adirondack champions, Section II champions, fourth in Eastern Interscholastic meet at Lawrenceville, N.J., first in New York State, sixteenth in the United States, and five All-American swimmers.



Winter carnival set for Elm Ave. park

Highlights of Bethlehem's winter outdoor program will be the 1976 Bicentennial Winter Carnival scheduled for Jan. 31 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The carnival is sponsored by the Blanchard Post American Legion in cooperation with the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission and the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. Everyone is invited to participate, according to Carnival Chairman, James Beck. A Bicentennial costume contest will feature those who dress in colonial garb for the event. Costume judging and the awarding of prizes will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Ice skating contests, under the direction of Warren Moessner and Sid Kaplan, will be run in six divisions with prizes awarded to 4-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds, 9-11 year olds, 12-13 year olds, 14 and over. An old fashioned skate race is open toi all ages using any skates except modern shoe skates. Partici-

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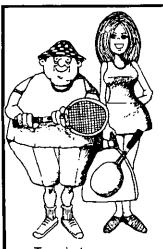
Mr. Knight has recently become an Associate Realtor Member of the Albany County Board of Realtors. He has been an area resident for five years and has been very active in civic affairs. Rick was Charter President of the Bethlehem Jaycees. He served as Chairman of the 1975 Albany County March of Dimes Walkathon, raising \$25,000.00 for the National Foundation. He is currently directing the 1976 Walkathon and is serving as District President of the New York State Jaycees.

Rick received a BA degree from McGill University, Montreal, in 1971. He is currently living at 13 Winne Place, Glenmont.



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A snow sculpture contest will award three prizes, open to individuals, family groups and organizations. The snow sculpture contest will start at 9 a.m. with judging at 3 p.m. Check with the sculpture chairman, Henry Eckhardt, for site assignments at the park when you arrive.

Hot chocolate and dogs

Hot chocolate and hot dogs will be given free to all participants and available at moderate cost to spectators, according to the refreshment committee headed by Harvey Hasen, Joe Mantaro and Ollie Palmer.

A cross country ski clinic titled "All you need to know" will be conducted by Bill Hanson's Trail North at 2:30 p.m. The Helderberg Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club, under the direction of Charles Groesbeck, will give a demonstration followed by free rides at 2:30 p.m. A program by the Village

Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps will be conducted in conjunction with the Bicentennial costume contest at 3:30 p.m.

Bud Wilson of the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. and his staff will be on hand to ensure a good time for all.

Business women meet

Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Schraffts Restaurant, Glenmont. Mrs. Dorothy Brown, president, will conduct the business meeting. Plans for the forthcoming bake sale will be formulated.

The evening's program will be the annual "game night" which will provide fun and entertainment for club members.

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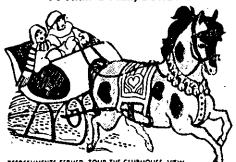
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Bobby Hackett was playing guitar in Glenn Miller's original band in 1941 before he became one of the jazz world's all-time greats on the cornet. That was at Nick's in the Village, jazz capital of the East Coast.

"There were already four good trumpets in the band, and the guitar was the only way I could get a job," he said last week between sets at Averill's. Then came the Jackie Gleason albums that made his cornet famous, and now he's a jazz legend.

Bobby played three nights last week at Averill's en route to a major benefit in Saratoga with the Riverboat Jazz Band. He's a friend of Mike Flanagan, maestro of those big-band evenings at Petit Paris on Madison Ave. before the fire. Mike is playing with Bobby in Elsmere, fingering his abbreviated bass. Frank Brown is piano and Lyle Warner drums. Last Thursday five or six locals, in-



Bobby Hackett

cluding Joe Slovak on clarinet, sat in off and on. "There are some great musicians around here," observed Bobby.

In the dimness of the lounge the patrons sat quietly as Bobby tilted his cornet into the soft spotlight and let the sweet sound come out. The rhythm was on the slow side, just the right beat for "Moonglow" and "Body and Soul," plus other classics that will live forever. It was nice having a classicist in Elsmere.

Bobby will play on Delaware Ave. through Saturday, and then will come back for one weekend a month for a while. Saturday will be his 61st birthday, and he will observe it the way he has for 45 years - putting the Hackett sound in the air. "I'm still trying to learn it," he said, tapping his cornet. "I'm going to stay at it 'til I get it right."

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The immediate task confronting the committee is compiling a list of organizations in the town and representatives to coordinate Bicentennial observance plans in cooperation with town officials.

Mrs. Rezza has requested each organization or group in the town to send the name, time and place of meeting and name. address and telephone number of each representative to the town hall by Feb. 15. For information, call Mrs. Rezza. 765-4534.

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Richard W. Provost

Claudia L. Carl of Selkirk, formerly of Delmar, has been promoted to assistant secretarv.

Provost is a member of the Colonie-Guilderland Rotary and on the panel of the 1975 United Fund. He resides in



Claudia L. Carl

Latham with his wife, Mary, and family.

Ms. Carl started with Home Savings as a clerk, then teller. head teller and was promoted to general bookeeper. She is now manager of the accounting department. A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School Ms. Carl is a member of the Savings Bank Women of the Capital District.

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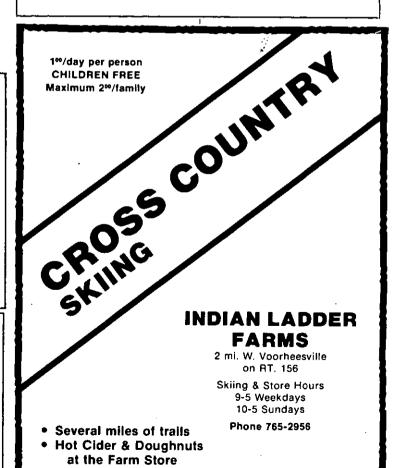
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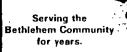
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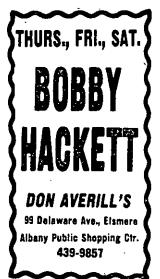
Merwyn K. Atwood, administrator of the district, will be the speaker and will answer questions. The meeting has been called for 8 p.m. by Roger DiNucci, president.

Japan slides at church

United Methodist Women of the Delmar First United Methodist Church will meet on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Raymond Vanderlinde will take the group on a slide visit to "Japan, Land of Temples and Shrines." Bring a sandwich. Dessert and coffee will be served by the refreshment committee, Mrs. Edward Boutelle and Mrs. Philip Moore, co-chairpersons.

Photo exhibit set

The Capital-Champlain section of the Professional Photographers Society of New York will present a photographic display at the Colonie Center Mall Feb. 2-7. Section Chairman Bob Riccardo has announced that all phases of photography will be covered in this display, including portraits, candid weddings, commercial-industrial and pictorials.



Vox Pop

Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters over 300 words are subject to abridging by the editor. All letters must be signed but names will be withheld on request.

The 'New' Spotlight

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is a pleasure to see the results of professional reporting and makeup. All of a sudden the paper is lively, witty and informative.

We particularly like your signed editorial opinion and the lead articles which treat a topic of local concern in some depth and objectively. Keep it up!

Slingerlands

Nancy Winn

Editor, The Spotlight:

We wish to join other readerwriters in complimenting you on the refreshing new structure of "The Spotlight." Your effort is a fine demonstration of the free enterprise system. It provides continued vigor and growth in these days of monolithic government, television, radio and newspaper monopoly of public action and thought.

Slingerlands Nancy Carter

Should pull together

Editor, The Spotlight:

Couldn't have said it better myself, re: Werner Liebich letter on the Delmar School. The silent majority is not being vindictive or insensitive, only practical in these very "trying"

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times. We should be pulling together instead of pulling apart.

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On quality education

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to respond to Mr. Liebich's letter (Vox Pop Jan. 15) in regard to the closing of the Delmar School.

As to his being the "silent majority" and putting his faith in the school board to take care of him, it is too bad he did not come to the meetings. Then he would be aware of the fact that the Delmar school parents were not looking for "private schools" but just that the children would have a place in the school system. We do not want to keep the Delmar School open just to have a "neighborhood school." The school board made a mistake in calculating. As a result, it left 25 children in limbo and some classes exceeding the board's committed 23-1 classroom ratio. Also, the whole system will lose the art, music and resource rooms, which is completely contrary to a quality educational concept. We are all supposedly committed to this and have been for years. The entire curriculum of all elementary schools would be severely affected. Therefore, isn't it premature at this time to close a school? This is not just the problem of Delmar parents!

I would also like to explain to the "silent majority" that none of us want to pay unnecessary taxes, but if the trend of declining enrollment suddenly reverses, which can happen with shifting population, how will that affect our taxes when new facilities will have to be built? Certainly, the cost of building new today far exceeds the utilization of existing facilities.

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Inappropriate appointment

Editor, The Spotlight:

Three cheers for the resuscitation of The Spotlight! Bethlehem needs a community newspaper which does more than chronicle local civic and social events, and your coverage of school district and town governmental affairs in detail is a welcome and much needed service.

The recent article on the debate surrounding the Town Board's naming of Bill Weber, a prominent local builder and real estate developer, as chairman of the planning board is a good case in point. While I wish you might have remembered to include my objections to the appointment which were voiced at the Jan. 7 town board meeting, before any of the publicity on the subject appeared, it was nonetheless a fine review of the issue.

Last fall I campaigned on a Democratic platform which promised to eliminate conflict of interest opportunities for town officials. The Weber appointment presents just such a conflict — not necessarily in the narrow sense of personal profit, but rather because it is simply inappropriate to have a local developer serve as chairman of the board which must rule on the applications of other developers. At the very least, the repeated necessity of Mr. Weber's abstaining from voting due to his personal interests should have been avoid-

The planning board needs the advice, but not the votes, of well-respected builders in the community, and Mr. Weber could have continued to provide that advice in his prior role as a consultant to the Board. The town board has once again refused to look to the future by failing to appoint at least one professional planner to the planning board.

Delmar Henrik N. Dullea

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Public Forum

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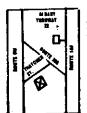
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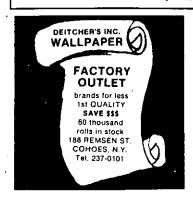
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