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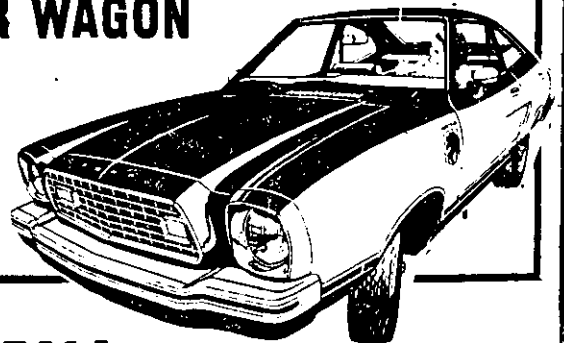
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**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary** to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**The Albany County Pistol Club**, Winnie Place and Maewin Drive, Delmar, welcomes guests at its indoor pistol range every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Information: Dave Herbach, 439-4372 or Tom Corrigan, 439-3301.

**Monarch Club** of Albany meets every Tuesday night at the Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:00 P.M.

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

**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 Library.

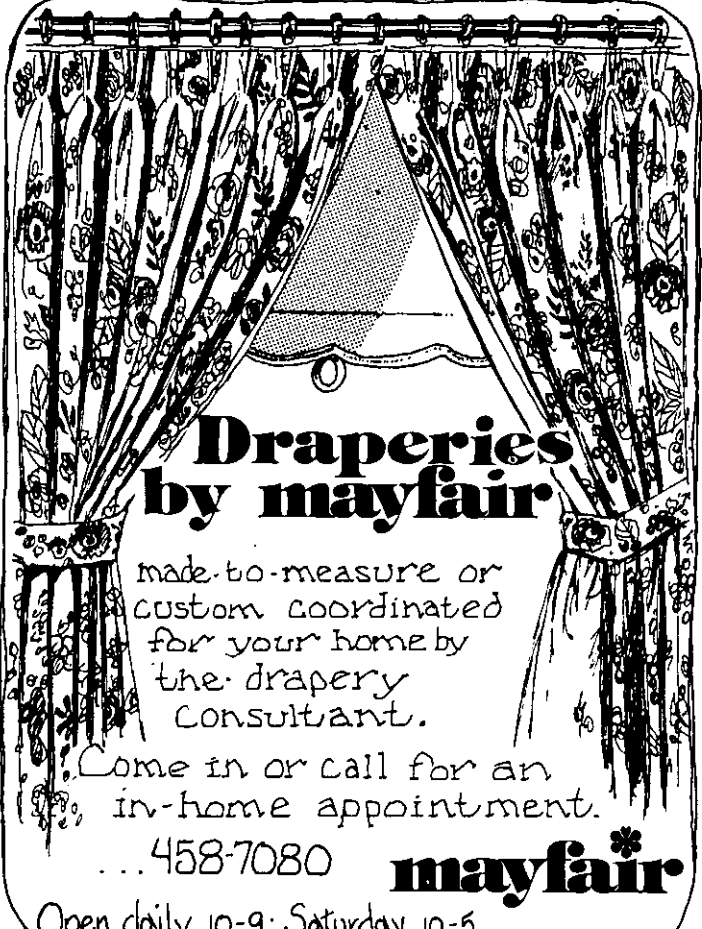
**Rosary** — St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, every Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

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

**Empire Motor Sports Club**, every Thursday at 8 at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Lee Beauregard — 456-0019.

**Citizen Band Radio Club**, first Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Danny Oathout, 463-0804.

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League of Women Voters, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., once or twice a month, at Bethlehem Public Library. Information, 767-2094.

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

The Delmar Community Orchestra rehearses every Monday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

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.

Paper Drive by Youth Groups of Methodist and Reformed Churches, second Saturday of each month. Bring papers to Town Parking Lot next to Applebee Funeral Home, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Papers will be picked up from the elderly or infirm if you call either church office.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, 114 Adams St., Delmar. School year schedule, Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30 p.m. Telephone 439-2238.

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 Avenue, Delmar.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Young Adult film series, "Rocketship Flash Gordon," Bethlehem Library, 3:30 p.m. for public, 7:30 p.m. for high school students.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Film, "Transatlantic Tunnel," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

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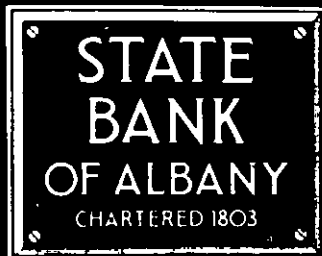
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**MONDAY, MARCH 15**

**Bethlehem Bicentennial Committee meeting**, organizations invited, Bank community room, Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Handicraft demonstrations**, Bethlehem Library, 10-10:30, 11-11:30 a.m. (concurrent with children's story hours).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

**Legislative Forum**, "Cooperation in Higher Education" and "Problems of Urban Education," Chancellor's Hall, Albany, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

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

**Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post Auxiliary**, supper meeting and initiation, American Legion Post rooms, 6:30 p.m.

**Delmar Progress Club**, Library Drama Group presents a short play.

**Public Hearing**, Bethlehem Planning Board, to take action on the application of Gould Erectors and Riggers, Inc., Albany, for approval of a proposed industrial subdivision to be known as Gould Park, located on the east side of Route 9W approximately 200 feet south of Asprion Road, Glenmont, town hall 7:30 p.m.

**Association of Retired Persons**, Delmar chapter, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, Dr. Edward Landoli, "Problems of Hearing and Speech," social hour 12:30 p.m., program 1:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, public business meeting, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Tomboys' girls softball program**, final registration, Bethlehem Library, 7-9 p.m. Bring birth certificate.

**Public hearing**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Juris Vancans, 1509 N. Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, for special permit use under Art. V of Zoning Ordinance to erect a four-unit apartment house on Jericho Rd., Selkirk, town hall, 8 p.m.

**Public hearing**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Eugene Ouderkirk, 1545 N. Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, for special permit use under Art. V of the Zoning Ordinance to convert an existing two-family house into a three-family house at above address, town hall, 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

**Bethlehem Lodge BPOE Auxiliary**, card party, Elks Lodge, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m.

**Ecumenical Bible Study series**, "James and John," Delmar Presbyterian Church, coffee 9:30 a.m., bible study 10-11 a.m.

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# The Spotlight

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## THE CAPITOL

# Ceilings pegged on school aid cutbacks

Gov. Hugh L. Carey's bare-boned state budget currently in the wrangling phase in the Legislature includes reductions in financial aid to localities. But signs this week pointed to a state-imposed ceiling of 1.9 percent in cutbacks on aid to education.

If that figure survives, it would mean that no district's state aid would be pared by more than 1.9 percent of last year's totals. The formula is based on last year's operating expenditures, which include transportation and expenses for BOCES (Boards of Cooperative Educational Services.)

### Actually higher

State Budget Director Peter C. Goldmark has released district-by-district preliminary estimates of state aid for public schools for the 1976-77 school

year reflecting a proposed \$110 million aid cut statewide. Because of built-in increases under existing formulas; on a state fiscal year basis the aid for public schools of \$2,886.38 million is actually \$4.32 million higher than what it was in the 1975-76 state fiscal year, Goldmark explained. If no change had been made in the current statutes, he said, the 1976-77 fiscal year education appropriation for local assistance (excluding special categorical assistance programs) would have been \$3,000.69 million. This would have been an increase of \$114.31 million over the 1975-76 state fiscal year appropriation of \$2,886.38 million.

### Less than others

The proposed cut in state aid for schools represents 3.7

percent of what the program level for elementary and secondary schools would otherwise have been, Goldmark said. He pointed out that the reduction compares favorably with those made in other local assistance programs, which range from 5 to 13 percent and reductions in state operations, which averaged 10 percent.

Even if all school districts in the state pass the state aid reduction onto property taxpayers, it would mean a statewide property tax increase of about 2.5 percent to give districts the same spending levels as they had in the 1975-76 school year, Goldmark said.

Translated locally, Goldmark's cuts include a 0.9 percent reduction for Bethlehem school district, amounting to \$93,523 and a cut of 0.3 percent in Voorheesville, a relatively small \$9,231. The totals are considerably below previous estimates by the districts themselves.

Meanwhile the Bethlehem board of education held the final budget meeting in a sequence of three public sessions to receive taxpayer suggestions and input. The hearing was held Wednesday night at the Clarksville school on the same pattern as previous lightly-attended sessions in Delmar and Glenmont.

## SOS files Nyquist appeal on closing

An embattled group of supporters of the Delmar Elementary School have filed a formal appeal with State Ed-

ucation Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist as another in a series of maneuvers to thwart a shutdown of the 50-year-old school in September.

The petition, served on Bernard E. Harvith, president of the Bethlehem board of education, was filed by the newly formed Save Our Schools (SOS) group, which claims district-wide membership in the campaign to reverse the board's Feb. 4 decision to close the school as an economy measure in the face of a declining district elementary enrollment. The petitioners are Linda and William Frye, Timothy and Marjory O'Brien and Francis and Joseph Vanderloo of Delmar. They are represented by John T. Mitchell, an Albany attorney.

The petition requests the board to delay for two years its final determination on the school closure, and seeks to have Nyquist order the board to redistrict the entire district rather than the area served by the Delmar school.

## New tradeoffs for Brookfield

Brookfield, the longtime controversial subdivision that has made Brockley Dr. the most publicized street in residential Delmar, was back in the news this week — unexpectedly.

Just when both sides — the developer and the critics, primarily residents of the Brockley Dr. area — had been placated by the board's decision to



W. Jack Weaver, 85, generally credited with centralizing the Bethlehem school district, was honored recently by Bethlehem Senior Citizens at a luncheon attended by 120. From left, John H. Clyne, who served as MC, Weaver, Mrs. John C. Flynn Sr., chairman, and John Falvey, Hamagrael School principal.

grant conditional approval for the 131-lot project, the developer unexpectedly declared he could not live with one of the primary conditions.

In approving the plan filed by the Biatess Corp., the board specified that two access roads to the property from Brockley Dr. could not be opened until 10 houses had been built on Longmeadow Rd. This was a concession to neighborhood property owners who had opposed the development, citing as a serious hazard the heavy vehicle traffic during the construction stage. This restriction imposed by the board had the effect of confining construction traffic to entering from Delaware Ave. only.

A week after the decision, Biatess Corp. informed the board that it was rejecting

the conditions on the ground that the developer planned merely to sell lots for building rather than build houses. The 10-house restriction, Biatess complained, upsets a practical timetable because there would be no incentive for private contractors to speed construction so that the two access roads to Brockley Dr. could be opened.

This week board members were mulling the Biatess request to remove the stipulation. The declaration that Biatess intended to sell lots instead of houses caught several of the planners by surprise, but it did not disturb Chairman William R. Weber. "In my opinion, the question of who does the building is not relevant," he declared.

Meanwhile Brockley Dr. residents were watching the situation carefully. "The board imposed the conditions to prevent the developer from developing the property in a disorderly fashion," observed Daniel R. Santola, 42 Brockley Dr.



Guido DiCioccio, Albany County Boys' State chairman, presents certificate of appreciation from the New York State American Legion to retiring chairman William Johnston Jr. Oliver Palmer, commander of Blanchard Post, is at right.

### A 3-family unit in Slingerlands?

A public hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday night on an application by Eugene Ouder Kirk of Slingerlands for a special permit to convert his two-family house into a three-family unit. Bethlehem board of appeals, which rules on zoning matters, has set the hearing for 8:30 p.m. at the town hall.

The Ouder Kirk family lives in the house, a Slingerlands landmark. Mrs. Ouder Kirk is co-chairman of the Slingerlands neighborhood association that has vehemently opposed the Lyndhurst subdivision plan and other nearby housing developments.

### Cited by Boys State

William Johnston Jr. of Delmar was honored for his service of over 20 years as Albany County chairman for the American Legion Boys' State. In recognition of his many years of handling the county program, Mr. Johnston was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Department of New York of the American Legion.

Mr. Johnston, a past commander of Nathaniel Adams

Blanchard Post, is business manager for Armory Garage Inc. and is a councilman for the town of Bethlehem.

### Bankathon race set

More than 400 long-distance runners from throughout the country are expected to compete in the Sunday, March 28, Bankathon road race from Schenectady to Albany.

The 30-kilometer (approximately 18-1/2 miles) National AAU senior and masters championships will again be at stake in the race sponsored by the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. This is the second consecutive year those titles have been decided in the Bankathon.

The Women's Invitational, Adirondack AAU Open and Masters, and National High School Invitational titles also will be decided in the Bankathon. The race will start at 11 a.m. in front of the bank's Schenectady office, 436 State St. The finish line will be at National Commercial's 60 State St., Albany, headquarters.

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*On the cover*

Girl Scout Junior Troop 362 of Bethlehem prepares candle holders for the "Flames of Freedom" ceremony Friday in the Bethlehem Public Library. From left are Maura O'Brien, Linda Heffernan, Jackie Blendell, Andrea Portnick and Jane Mosher. Troop 362 is led by Mrs. Marge O'Brien. Photo by Richard Davis

**Girl Scouts plan anniversary rites**

"Flames of Freedom" will burn in Delmar Friday when Girl Scouts and their leaders from the Onesquethaw and Normanskill neighborhoods will light candles in a ceremony at the Bethlehem Public Library. The nationwide ceremony will mark the 183rd anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Bethlehem and the 64th birthday of Girl Scouting in the United States.

Girl Scout week is being celebrated this week by more than 3.2 million girls and men and women volunteers in America. Bethlehem Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer will be present at the Delmar ceremony. Miss Mary Prytherch, field executive with the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, will light the first candle, with lights passing to troop leaders and then to Scouts. The program will include a flag ceremony, songs and a birthday cake for the Scouts to celebrate the anniversary of Girl Scouting.

Lt. Gov. Mary Ann Krupask will meet with Mrs. Helen Hawn of Albany, president of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, and girls from the four levels of Scouting — Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior — in a "Flames of Freedom" ceremony in the Capitol in Albany. Girl Scout neighborhoods or troops will light "Flames of Freedom" and in some cases Scouts will light candles in their homes.

Communities holding ceremonies include Ravana, Voorheesville, Guilderland, Rensselaer, Cohoes and Albany. There is no set format, but all are timed to take place at 5 p.m. March 12.

**Fullers move shop to Albany location**

Capitol Cold Comp Inc., nee the Fullers, has moved its printing and composition services from Feura Bush to new offices at 301 So. Allen St., Albany.

The business was started in 1955 by the late LeVere L. and Mary G. Fuller on Delaware Tpk. in Bethlehem. They had nine children, eight have at one time participated in this business and three remain.

Susanne, head of the composition department, is married to Wayne Smith. They have five children Suzee, Sheri, Wayne Jr., Eddie and Chad and reside in Feura Bush.

Annina, who has been working with the Fullers for 10 years, is head of the paste-up department. She enjoys such hobbies as bowling, swimming and anything to do with the great outdoors.

Last is Jim with five years, who does the selling, delivering and pick-ups.

In 1960 the business was moved to Feura Bush village, and the following year to South Rd. (Quarry Rd.), Feura Bush. The business was incorporated last year as Capitol Cold Comp Inc., with James L. Fuller as president.

**Hymn sing scheduled**

The "Joyful Noise" choir will lend an added touch to a hymn sing at the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. Kenneth Van Der Wal is chairman of the committee, assisted by Mrs. Helen Crosier, Mrs. Lois Kane, Mrs. Emily Kennedy and Mrs. Joan Markel. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.



Dr. Robert Bair, Supr. Sheaffer and proclamation.

**Lions keynote Eye bank drive**

If March came in like something less than a lion, it may be because March is Eye Donor Month in the town of Bethlehem in honor of the Bethlehem's Lions' Club. The third month of the bicentennial year got that designation officially this week when Supervisor

Harry H. Sheaffer affixed his signature and the municipal seal to a formal proclamation.

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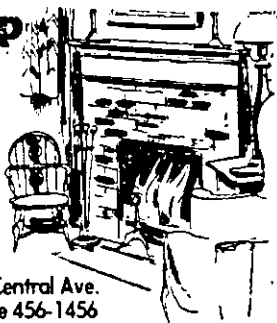
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## 5th grader wins 'muster' contest

James DiBernardo, a St. Thomas School fifth grader, is the winner of a \$25 savings bond for naming Bethlehem Bicentennial's big fall weekend "A Look Into History."

The bond was donated by the Bethlehem Jaycees, the 'muster' weekend will be Sept. 18-19, and Bethlehem Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer was on hand to congratulate the winner.

Two honorable mention prizes, a record "Musick of American Liberty" donated by The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, and two tickets to the town bicentennial pageant donated by the pageant committee were awarded to Wendy Bunis of Grade 5 of the Hamagrael elementary school for the slogan, "Bethlehem Community Jubilee," and Robert Irvine of Grade 4 of the Delmar elementary school for "Beth-le-hymn of Liberty."

## Bicentennial meeting set

All organizations representing a wide variety of civic and social functions are invited to the Bethlehem Bicentennial committee meeting Monday at 8 p.m. at the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co. Delmar office community room.

## In Albany cast

Four Delmar residents have been cast in Albany Civic Theater's third production of the year, "Anne of the Thousand Days," a costume spectacular. The cast will include Charles Losacco, Michael Sharpe, Seth Grossman and Mary Skelly, all of Delmar.

Show dates will be March 17-21 and 24-28.



Sen. Henry Jackson

## Bethlehem Democrats host 'Scoop' Jackson

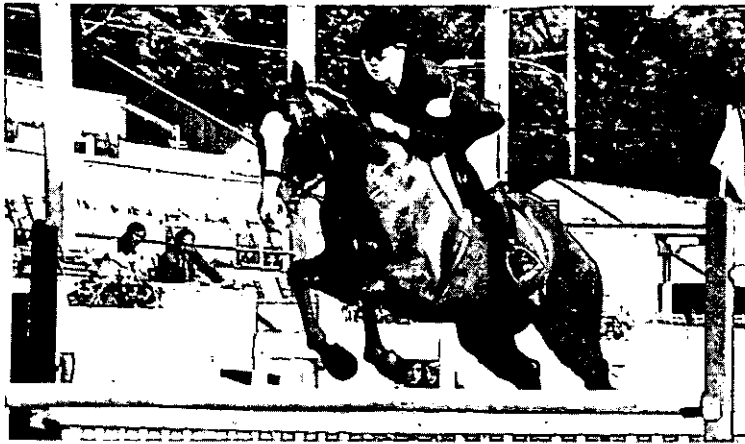
Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson, D-Wash., a leading candidate for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination, will be the speaker at the Bethlehem Democratic Committee's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner dance. The event on April 2 has been moved to Michael's in Latham to accommodate the large attendance expected.

"We're lucky to get such a prominent speaker, and we anticipate a sellout," beamed an enthusiastic Ken Thacher, town Democratic chairman. Bill Burkhard is chairman of the event, with Tom Hamill as ticket chairman and Mike Breslin handling the dinner program. For tickets call 439-9536.

## Vanguard preview coming

Vanguard's Albany Symphony prevue will be held for the public Thursday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of SUNY Chancellor Ernest Boyer, 40 Marion Ave., Albany. The speaker will be Theodore Lettvin, piano soloist with the Albany Symphony March 19-20. He will play Franck's "Symphonic Variations" and Litz's "Totentanz" at the concert. Refreshments will follow the prevue. The public is invited to this rare opportunity to meet the virtuoso of the concert.

## Delmar's top ribbon collector



Margaret Holbriiter on Happy Kan at Devon show.

Margaret Holbriiter wears two hats these wintry days — figuratively and literally.

One is the woolly one to keep her head and ears warm in the March chill on the Russell Sage College Campus, the other is the smart cap of a champion horsewoman.

Margaret has won more than 250 ribbons in horse shows all over the East, is champion of the junior hunter class by virtue of winning first and second in two classes in a steady rain at the Oklahoma track at Saratoga, and has competed at the two most prestigious horse shows in the U.S. short of Madison Square Garden.

### Aiming for the top

On the basis of her riding last year at Devon, Pa., a nine-day competition that is the oldest in American horse show annals, and at Harrisburg, Pa., second in prestige only to the Garden, Margaret feels she will qualify for the Madison Square Garden pinnacle in 1977.

She rides five days a week at Dutch Manor in Albany, seven days a week during college vacations. Although she comes from a horse-oriented household — her older sister had two horses and her mother had a pony when she was young — Margaret didn't start riding seriously until she was 13. She started competitive riding in 1971 with a burnt orange chestnut gelding named Karmele Treat, a registered quarter horse, but it was on Savoir

Faire, a bay gelding, that she won over 75 ribbons in two years.

Since mid-1973 she has doubled that total on Happy Kan, a large junior working hunter over 16 hands.

### Personally rewarding

What inspires a riding champion? In Margaret's words: "It gives me great satisfaction to feel that I've mastered an animal as large as 1,000 pounds, that I can negotiate them over fences 3 to 6 feet in height, and be considered by the judges as the best in class. Sometimes that's the best of 20 riders or so, but occasionally it's the best in 60 or more."

Her biggest thrill: "No matter how much experience an animal has had, you can always teach him something new."

Margaret will be 19 in April, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Holbriiter of Delmar. Her father is a former dean at Russell Sage. She entered the freshman class last September from Albany Academy for Girls, and has declared a history-political science major.

Margaret also skis on both snow and water and plays tennis, but admits that "doing needlepoint is my passion." As if being a nationally ranked horsewoman wasn't — but then, there's no needlepoint competition in Madison Square Garden.

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### New shop opens on Delaware Ave.

Lena and Mike Bignucolo, well known residents of the Ravena area, have opened Lena's Children's Shop as the newest business in Delmar. The shop is at 253 Delaware Ave. in the renovated area recently occupied by Roger Smith.

This is the second shop for Lena and Mike, who have been successful in Ravena at the original location of Lena's Children's Shop. The Ravena facility will continue to operate.

Lena herself is an authority on children's clothing and accessories, having worked five years at the Ravena Dress Shop. Unsubstantiated reports indicate that the Ravena Dress Shop will soon open a Delmar branch in the Elsmere area.

Ravena Dress is owned by her brother, Colude Isolino.

Another brother is co-proprietor of Ari Andretti Ltd., quality men's shop at the Twenty Mall shopping center, Guilderland.

The new shop in Delmar will carry a full line of top brand name items.

### Fair for third year

For the third year in a row Mayfair Home Furnishings, Wolf Road Park, is holding a needlepoint and crafts fair.

This year the emphasis will be on crafts.

The schedule of workshops includes: March 9, pottery; March 11, wall hangings and wood carving; March 12, quilting; March 13, macrame; March 15, stained glass; March 18, tapestry weaving and four-harness weaving, and March 19, stenciling hand-painted furniture and metal ware. Workshops are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



J.W. Campbell

Claire Sellitti, left, and Linda Gondolfo model rainwear

### Fashion show set by Welcome Wagon

Linda Gondolfo and Claire Sellitti, co-chairmen of the annual Tri-Village Welcome Wagon fashion show, will model fashions from Town & Tweed, Delaware Plaza, at a luncheon at the Albany Country Club (March 23) at 12 noon.

Welcome Wagon members and their guests are asked to make reservations by next Monday (March 15). Claire Sellitti is handling reservations, call 439-6349.

### Altar-Rosary to elect

St. Matthews Altar Rosary Society has invited past, present and future members to the March 29 meeting at the church. Nominations for new officers will start at 8 p.m.

### Panhellenic card party

Albany Panhellenic Assn. will have its 15th annual card party Tuesday, March 23 at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, Elsmere. Marge Day of Glenmont is chairman. Tickets are \$1.75 and are available from Nancy Olsen, Glenmont.

Albany Panhellenic conducts the annual card party for its scholarship program started in 1963. Mary Lou Friedlander of Delmar is chairman of this committee.

### 'Tomboys' to hold final registration

Final signups for the popular Bethlehem Tomboys girls' softball leagues will be held at the Bethlehem Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

The Tomboys were formed in 1972 under the Miss Softball America program. After one season, they left the Miss Softball program and have operated as an independent league. The league is financed by team sponsors, advertisers and individual contributors.

The Tomboys play their games at Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar. In the past year 250 girls participated in the program.

The league has three divisions: minor, 8 to 11; intermediate, 11 to 13; and majors 14 thru 18.

All team members play in every game. Each team plays 15 or 16 regular league games.

### Grocery is sold

Brate's store in Feura Bush is now Houghtaling's.

Ann and Charles Houghtaling Jr., both members of families who have lived in the area for several generations, have purchased the grocery in the center of the hamlet. The former owners, Daniel and Jennie-Mae Brate, operated the store for 12 years.

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### Exhibit at library

The Bethlehem Public Library is featuring an exhibit by Mark Schaming of Elsmere and Greg Miller for the remainder of March. The combined exhibit includes etchings by Mark and photography by Greg.

Also on exhibit in the Library will be the turtle collection of Clayton Dedes of Delmar. The turtles will be in the display case near the circulation desk.

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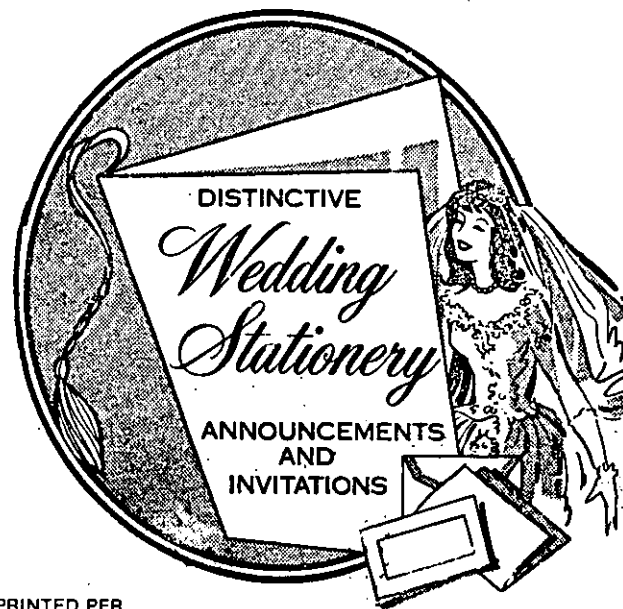
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## Women's GOP notes 50th anniversary

When a group of women gathered at the home of Mrs. William Glen in Elsmere on a warm July evening 50 years ago, the meeting started like every other session of the Albany County Republican women's organization.

But Mrs. Miriam Schindler, county vice chairman (a high post for a woman in 1926) suggested the women decide for themselves how best to pursue "some kind of organization" to prepare for the fall elections. "It was decided," the minutes read, "to form a club to be called the Women's Republican Club, Bethlehem branch."

### Miss Miner elected

In good tradition they nominated an absent member to be president. When Miss Ruth Miner of Slingerlands was notified by telephone, she accepted "providing plenty of help be pledged from the various committees." The other officers elected on that evening 50 years ago were Mrs. Glen, vice president, Miss Dorothy Van Wormer, secretary, and Mrs. William Comstock, treasurer.

In the intervening half century the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club has grown from the original 15 members to more than 700. Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Bethlehem Library the club will honor nine past presidents at a public meeting. Scrapbooks and memorabilia will be on display, and there will be refreshments.

Perhaps the outstanding scrapbook is that kept by Mrs. Comstock, whose house stood at the corner of Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Bethlehem Center, known in the early years of the century as Babcock Corners.

### Parties for funds

In subsequent years after the founding of the club, there were annual garden parties that attracted large numbers of members and guests. They were

held at the estates of Charles Baker and Mrs. William Pelz in Selkirk, Miss Miner's gracious home in Slingerlands and Mrs. Orlin Wheeler at Van Wies Point. The accounts noted that "men in white were much in evidence, as were the women in their bright ensembles." On one occasion a newspaper reported the hospitality committee had 104 members and issued more than 1,000 invitations.

Later there were tea parties in many private homes in the town, always with prominent speakers, music and refreshments. An annual feature is a meet-the-candidates luncheon, another is a spring card party. The card party in 1976, an election year, will be held April 14 and will feature current fashions, floral arrangements, a white elephant sale and refreshments, open to the public.

## Library given books, albums

A 13-item donation of books of poetry, fiction and photographs and a four-record album of music has been received by the Bethlehem Public Library from the Creative Artists Public Service (CAPS) program.

CAPS — a statewide arts service organization made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts — gives almost 200 fellowships each year to visual artists, writers, photographers, film and video makers, choreographers and composers to encourage work of exceptional quality.

The record album, "New American Music," features work by 19 CAPS composition fellows, and is a sample of nearly every form of contemporary music — jazz, concert, computer, synthesizer, ethnic and improvisatory.

The books and record set will be on display at the library until April 1, after which they will be placed in general circulation.



Fannie Munlin, right, CARE Co-ordinator of Special Events congratulates Sylvia Geddes, left and Leslie Gohlke, center, for accepting the responsibility of the Lose-A-Thon in the Delmar area. The Lose-A-Thon is a Diet Workshop benefit for CARE, the international relief organization. Participants will raise pledges per pound for the weight they lose over a six-week period.

#### School budget on tap

A meeting for Bethlehem Central High School parents on school budget planning and expectations for 1976-77 will be held on Tuesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at the school. The Parent-Faculty Organization has scheduled the meeting to give parents the opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions while the budget is still being prepared.

Principal Charles Gunner will be the main speaker. Also on hand to answer questions will be Supt. Lawrence Zinn, Asst. Supt. Briggs McAndrews, Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer and Bernard E. Harvith, president of the school board.

#### Dimes walk-a-thon set

The third 20-mile March of Dimes walk-a-thon will be held on Sunday, May 2. Rick Knight of Glenmont has been appointed general chairman. The committee in charge will make a drive this year to secure 5,000 walkers. Those under 18 years of age will require parent's signature on entry blank.

#### Mayfair seminars on

Mayfair will continue with its series of topical seminars geared to today's women. The next session will be "Family Medicine: Health Care When You Need It," on March 24, 1-3 p.m.

Other proposed topics include: Women and the Law, Career Options, Women in Transition, Rape and Fad Diets and Drugs. For information call Denise McCoy, 458-7080.

#### Clearwater meeting

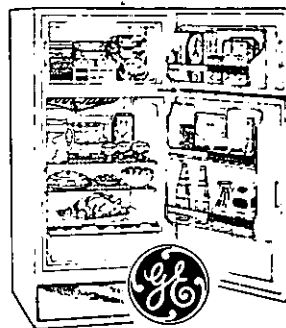
Supporters of the Hudson River sloop Clearwater will gather in Albany Sunday afternoon, for a meeting concerning the future of the environmental sloop and the Hudson River. Several legislators and State agency representatives are expected to talk with the group about working with the Legislature and agencies. Environmental lobbying will also be discussed. The economic health of the sloop is also expected to be a topic.

The meeting will start at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts. Public is welcome.



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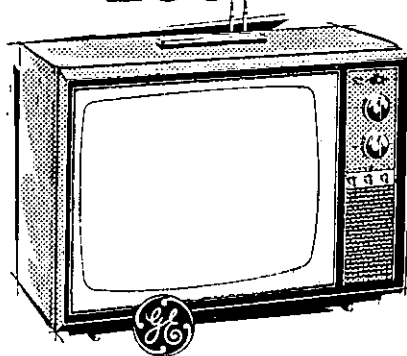


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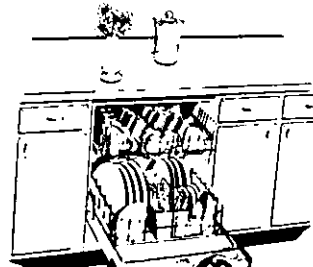


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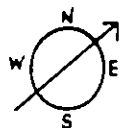
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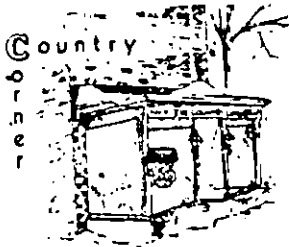
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Voorheesville High School seniors staged a bicentennial spoof called '1776 and All That' last weekend with a full cast and back-stage support. At top, a Colonial scene, above, Donna Mazzara as Angel Cecile and Jim Wilde as Voltaire. Photos on these pages by Dom Biagiotti.

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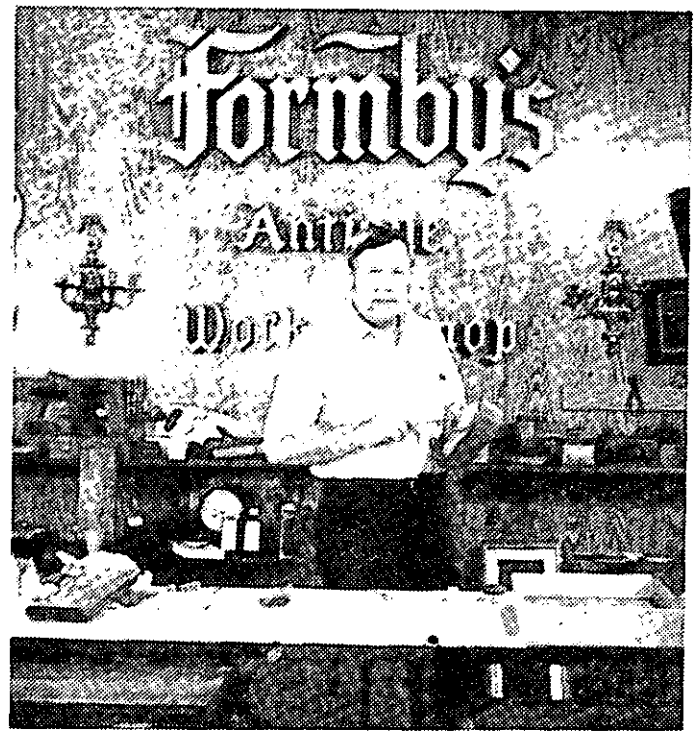




Top, Jim Gage, Fred Edmunds and Tove Tetrault in a scene about George and Martha Washington. Above, the same trio with Rod Wilson.

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**Comedy on AJC stage**

Delmar residents are key figures in "A Hole in the Head" being presented by the Drama Workshop of the Albany Jewish Community Center. The Arnold Schulman comedy will be presented at the Center on two consecutive weekends, March 20-21 and March 27-28.

The play is being directed by Dick Harte of Elsmere. Two of

the major roles in "A Hole in the Head" are being played by Delmar residents, Doris Vineberg and P. J. McKenna.

Mrs. Vineberg is a school nurse-teacher, while P. J. McKenna is a 7th grader at St. Thomas School who has acted in several plays at school. The young actor plays a precocious 12-year-old who masterminds events of the play.

**DAR grant renewed**

Tawasentha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is again actively seeking candidates for its \$100 Lt. Henry Klein memorial fund. Lt. Klein was one of the town of Bethlehem sons killed in action in Vietnam. This award is given annually to a youth from the town of Bethlehem sponsored by a local civic organization, a local church or the school district. There must be evidence of financial need. For specific information, contact Mrs. Clifford E. Bowdish, Jr., 160 Adams St., Delmar.

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### MTI names Cappadozy

Albert P. Cappadozy of Voorheesville has been appointed controller at Mechanical Technology Incorporated, Latham. Prior to joining MTI, Cappadozy was with the public accounting firm, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Albany. He had been associated with that firm since his graduation from Fordham University where he received his BS degree in accounting.

### Opera buffs busy

During March the Opera Buffs will be holding day and evening bridge parties for the benefit of Capital Artists Resident Opera Company. Anyone wishing to participate may call 439-3673 for information.

### Lifesaving course set

An advanced lifesaving course will be offered by the Red Cross, taught by Frank E. Ferro of Delmar, water safety chairman of the Albany Area chapter. The 30-hour course is exclusively for training Red Cross water safety instructors. It is scheduled for the Bethlehem Middle School pool in Delmar, starting Wednesday, March 24. The sessions will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for 10 consecutive Wednesdays.

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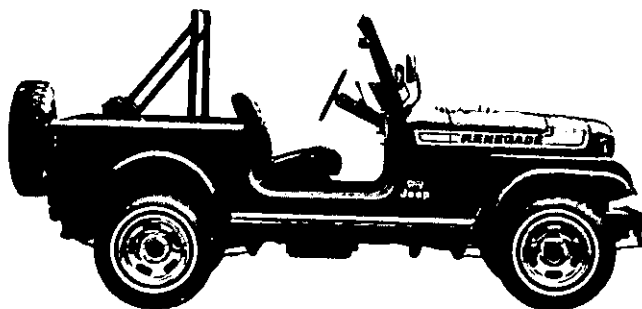
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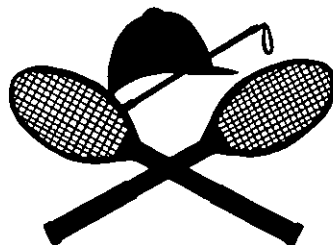
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### Karate series starts

The town of Bethlehem Karate club will start a program for beginners this week under the auspices of the town's Department of Parks and Recreation.

The club meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, Bethlehem Central Middle School. Club members pay \$2.50 per session for instruction. Registration can be made at the first session in the new series tonight. For information, contact Al Cannella, 439-6561. The classes are billed as a family activity and are open to boys and girls, men and women.

Two of the club's original members, brothers Mike and Bruce Boettcher, recently earned their first degree black belts. They began learning the art in October, 1972.



Raymond C. Willey

### Talk on dowsing

Raymond C. Willey, of Schenectady, author of "Modern Dowsing," will be the speaker at the Retired Men's Fraternity luncheon next Thursday at the Italian-American Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany.

### Legion parade planned

Sal Mazzara and Bruce Brunk have been designated co-chairmen of the Memorial Day celebration in Voorheesville this year. Donald Duncan, commander of the local American Legion Post, states that this event, annually sponsored by the post, will be given particular attention during this bi-centennial year.

Participants will meet at the Elementary School yard for a 10 a.m. start on Saturday, May 29. Invitations will be sent to each of the community organizations to help celebrate the nation's 200th birthday.

The Memorial Day ceremony will take place behind the Legion Hall building.

### Embroiderers meet

Capital District chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. The program will be "A Potpourri of New Embroidery Techniques and Ideas" by Carole Balick. This program will be followed by a mixed media workshop.

### Auditions for 'Mrs. Dally'

Slingerlands Community Players will hold auditions for two companion one-act plays, "Mrs. Dally Has A Lover" and "Today Is Independence Day," written by William Hanley and directed by William A. Frankonis. This final offering of the Slingerlands season has parts available for one woman and two men. One of the male characters is a boy of about 17.

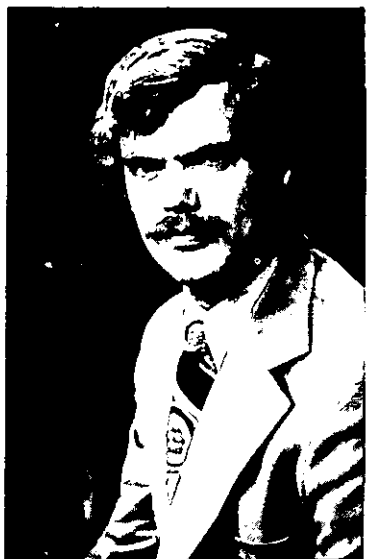
Auditions are scheduled for 8 p.m., March 15 and 16 at the Slingerlands Playhouse, Delaware Tpk., Unionville. A special audition for those who are unable to attend the regular auditions will be held Sunday, March 14 at 8 p.m. at the Playhouse. Production dates are May 12-16, 19-22.

### Young peoples' musical

"Hansel and Gretel," the third in a series of four new musical plays commissioned for Young People's Theater at the Cohoes Music Hall, will open Saturday. Performances will be given at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on March 13 and March 20.



Mrs. Arthur Wendth of Delmar, right, is general chairman of the St. Peter's Hospital benefit card party and fashion show to be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Mercy High School auditorium. At left is Mrs. Benjamin Norris of Guilderland, co-chairman, and Mrs. Howard Shafer, auxiliary president.



Warren R. Mohr

**Promoted by bank**

Warren R. Mohr, assistant manager of the Manufacturers Hanover/Capital Region Bethlehem office, has been promoted to manager of the office. He succeeds George E. Scrivani, who has been assigned to the Glens Falls office scheduled to open in the spring. Mohr joined the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. in New York in June of 1972 in the management training program. In August, 1974 he was transferred to Capital Region. He is a 1972 graduate of Hartwick College, is married to the former Janè Callan, and they reside in Latham.

**Honors at St. Rose**

Eleven Delmar area residents have been named to the honor roll for outstanding academic achievement during the first semester at The College of Saint Rose. They are:

- Laura M. Bernard, Susan E. Darling, Jonathan Gray, June D. Green, Stephen H. Judd, Martha Mullen-neaux, Wallace J. Safarik and Jann M. Wilkinson of Delmar, Margaret M. Rutnik of Clarksville and Therese C. Restifo of Feura Bush.

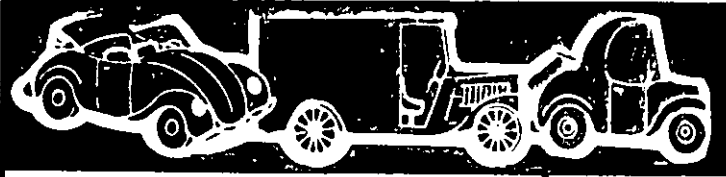
**Bank distributes 1776 news tapes**

Bethlehem Central school district is one of 23 regional districts to receive reproductions of the "News Bicentennial with Frank Blair" radio series from Bankers Trust Co. according to Richard F. Lindstrom, president of the bank.

The program, sponsored by Bankers Trust, is heard week-day mornings at 7:20 over radio station WROW. It presents authentic news stories as reported in newspapers of the Colonies 200 years ago to the day during the American Revolution. Blair, who spent 23 years reporting news on the "Today" show, narrates the series.

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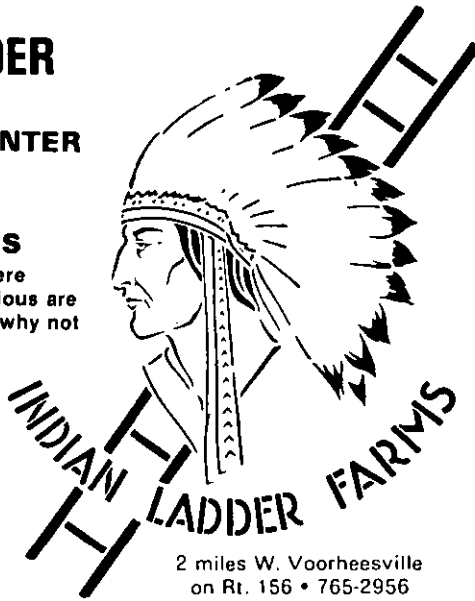
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Arnold W. Proskin

**Scouts name Proskin  
for county shows**

Albany County Judge Arnold W. Proskin has been named general chairman of the 1976 Boy Scout Shows for Albany, Rensselaer and Columbia Counties.

Proskin will direct finance, promotion, and ticket sales for the three scouting shows that will be held simultaneously on May 1. The shows, which are expected to draw at least 50,000 area residents, will have a bicentennial theme, "Scouting Spirit of '76." The Albany County exhibit will be shown at Albany High School.

Stewart Sacklow of Voorheesville is ticket sales chairman for the events.

**Falcon, anyone?**

Spotlight readers who like to look up are invited to bird-watch for Cornell University's home-bred peregrine falcons, now thought to be migrating south with blue leg bands. If you see one — even if you can't spot the bands — call the university's Laboratory of Ornithology on 607-256-5056.

**Plant manager named**

Jerry E. O'Neill has been named manager of the newly designated Delmar Supply Center operated by the Supply Division of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

O'Neill, who joined Owens-Corning in 1970, formerly was senior sales representative at the Delmar Center. He also served as territorial and senior salesman at the East Hartford, Conn., Supply Center.

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## Signers: the price they paid

Excerpted by Allison P. Bennett from files of Tawasentha Chapter, DAR

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Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mills were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

### Cherry Hill heritage

The historic mansion known as Cherry Hill near the Albany-Bethlehem line was built in 1768 by Col. Philip Van Rensselaer. His descendants lived there for nearly 200 years. It is now a state historical landmark open to the public.

### Career Resource center

The Career Resource Center at Bethlehem Central High School is open every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. Miss Carol Wilson, career education assistant is willing to assist students, former students and adults to use the resource materials and to discuss with them their career plans. The College catalogues and college resource books are also available.

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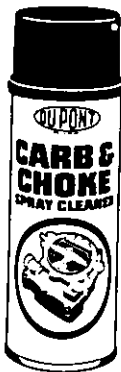
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If there were five Community Corners in each issue of the Spotlight it would hardly be enough to accommodate the requests. There is never a week when requests from civic, church, neighborhood and social organizations representing a complete cross-section of the community do not compete for the space available. Spotlight editors try to be fair to everyone, but disappointed publicity chairmen should not be discouraged: your turn will come. Meanwhile we will continue to try to pick the notice each week that affects the broadest segment of our readership and take care of the others elsewhere on these pages.

A happy footnote: City and County Savings Bank, through its agency, Devey, Thompson & Vignola Advertising Inc., has recently renewed its option on the "corner" for the next year as a community service.

### Tax aid for retirees

The town of Bethlehem, Tri-Village chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is again sponsoring a "Tax Aid Program" to assist retired persons in the preparation of their income tax returns.

Volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service will counsel other retirees in the area. This service is free to all retirees in the town of Bethlehem. Call Ray Hilton, tax aid coordinator, 439-1663, for an appointment.

### WAMC airing forum

WAMC, 90.3 FM, is broadcasting the Legislative Forum, a series of provocative programs devoted to current New York State issues, legislation and the legislative process. The programs, recorded in Chancellors' Hall in Albany, are broadcast by WAMC on successive Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Delmar girl engaged

The engagement of Christina Ann Chrysogelos and Peter F. Rossman, both of Delmar, has been announced by



the future bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chrysogelos, 6 Merrifield Pl.

Miss Chrysogelos was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, attended Hudson Valley Community College and is employed by Alfred's Fabric Center.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron P. Rossman, 53 Gardner Terr., and is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is employed by the Town of Bethlehem Highway Dept.

The wedding will be on July 18.

### Kathleen O'Toole troth

The engagement of Kathleen T. O'Toole of Delmar to Charles N. Colasurdo of Latham has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan-



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of New York at Oswego and is a lab technician at the American Red Cross. Mr. Colasurdo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Colasurdo of Clyde, graduated from Paul Smith's College and attends Siena College. He is employed at Verstandig's Florists, Delmar.

A Spring wedding is planned.

### Garth Hilchie engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Fennell, 819 Washington Ave., Albany, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maureen A. Fennell, to Garth K. Hilchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hilchie, 39 Alden Ct., Delmar.

Miss Fennell is a graduate of Mercy High School and Albany Business College. She is a legal secretary with Schrade



**Maureen A. Fennell**

& Kimmey, attorneys at law, Albany.

Mr. Hilchie was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and the State University of New York at Morrisville. He is employed by Hilchie's American Hardware, Delmar.

The couple has chosen Aug. 15 as their wedding date.

### Patricia Delehanty wed

Miss Patricia A. Delehanty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Delehanty, 29 Homestead St., Albany, and Richard Tuzzolo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tuzzolo, 27 Harding Ave., Delmar, were married Jan. 24 in a high noon ceremony at St. Vin-



**Mrs. Richard Tuzzolo**

cent de Paul Church, Albany. Rev. Joseph Cebula officiated.

Mary Louise Delehanty was her sister's maid of honor. Patrick Tuzzolo was best man for his brother.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. After a reception at the Italian-American Community Center, the couple went to Key Biscayne, Fla., before making their home in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mrs. Delehanty is a graduate of the College of St. Rose. Her husband was graduated from St. Lawrence University and Boston University, and is a sales representative for the Albany International Corp.

### Bonnie Kawczak bride

Miss Bonnie Marie Kawczak of Wheaton, Md., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kaw-

czak of Feura Bush, became the bride of Laurence J. Hagerty of Silver Springs, Md., Feb. 21 at the RPI Chapel.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was graduated from Russell Sage College as a registered nurse and will be attending the University of Maryland graduate school for a master's degree in nursing.

She was attended by Mary Krutz, Wheaton, Md., maid of honor, and Donna Secovnie of Valatie, Linda Schipiano of Feura Bush and Margaret Jean

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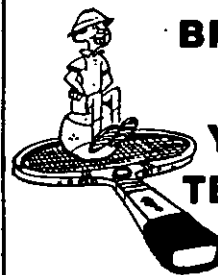
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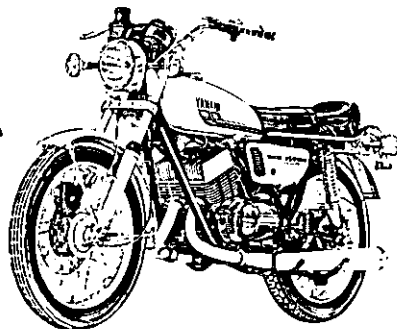
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**Mrs. Laurence J. Hagerty**  
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gerty of Bowie, Md. He was  
graduated from RPI with a BS  
degree in management and is a  
consultant for Arthur Ander-  
son Co., Washington, D.C. Af-  
ter a reception at the Ameri-  
cana Inn, the couple left on a  
wedding trip to the Catskills  
and will reside in Silver  
Springs, Md.

### Stephen Rice engaged

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Far-  
rell of Rockville Centre an-  
nounced the engagement of  
their daughter, Nancy Elaine,  
to Stephen Wayne Rice, son of  
Judge and Mrs. Robert H.  
Rice of Delmar.

Miss Farrell, a graduate of  
South Side High School, is cur-  
rently attending the University  
of Buffalo. Mr. Rice, a Bethle-  
hem Central graduate, will be  
graduating from the University



Nancy E. Farrell

of Buffalo in May and will en-  
ter Albany Law School in the  
fall.

A June wedding is planned.

### Edward Benedict to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zan-  
ghi announce the engagement  
of their daughter, Miss Joan  
Tapken, of McKee City, N.J.,  
to Edward L. Benedict, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Bene-  
dict, 31 Forest Rd., Delmar.

Miss Tapken, daughter of  
the late Henry Tapken of  
Laureldale, N.J., is a graduate  
of the Oakcrest-Absegami  
school in Mays Landing, and is  
employed at the Social Security  
Office in Atlantic City. Mr.  
Benedict, a graduate of Bethle-  
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## BC tankmen churn more waves

Jack Whipple's Bethlehem Central swim team churned up another tidal wave Saturday, splashing to their fourth straight Section 2 championship and fifth in the last six years. En route they shattered five sectional records and generally made a shambles of the 14-team meet.

Now it's on to Rochester and the New York State championships for eight members of this powerful dynasty, the most ever to represent Bethlehem in the state meet. There is no team competition, just section teams, and Section 2 pales before the onslaughts of 73 teams from the Buffalo area, 53 from Long Island and 47 from the Syracuse region.

### Records tumble

Once again diver Craig Lindell led the way as five BC mermen posted new marks in the Section 2 splashdown. Craig amassed 503.30 points, only 10 off the state record set six years ago by Dick Finn of West Islip, L.I., now diving for Indiana University, a national swimming power.

Others who fractured sectional records were Andy Neff in the 200-yard freestyle, his younger brother Kenny in the 200-yard individual medley, Lauren Elkins in the 500-yard free and Lauren, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Marc Ugol and Keith Harmon in the freestyle relay.

Bethlehem's dominance was awesome: 88 points compared to 59 for second-place Shaker, followed by Glens Falls and Queensbury at 25 each and Albany Academy 19.

What buoyed Whipple was that four of the five records were set by underclassmen. Only Lindell is a senior.

The sectional meet also established freshman Kenny Neff as a coming superstar, at least on the area interscholastic level. Fully aware of a strong array of star swimmers who have represented BC over the years, Whipple calls 15-year-



Andrew Jones

Craig Lindell warms up

old Kenny "potentially the strongest swimmer we've ever had at Bethlehem."

### Dolphin swimmers 2nd at Plattsburgh

The Delmar Dolfin Swim Club, with only a small busful of its team, took second place at the North Country Invitational A.A.U. Swim Meet on Feb. 29 at the Plattsburgh State University College pool. Twelve teams with 293 swim-



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**BC girls' gain  
hoop sectionals**

Bethlehem Central girls' basketball took a new bounce this year with varsity, JV and freshman teams each having their own coach instead of one coach for all three. The result so far: the BC girls' varsity will be in the Section 2 championship tournament at Mechanicville next weekend and the JV team is undefeated.

All three teams end their Suburban Council schedule tomorrow (Friday) against Burnt Hills, the varsity and JV at the high school and freshmen at the Middle School.

Ken Hodge coaches the varsity team consisting of seniors Karen Heaphey, Julie Mayfield (co-captain), Sue Collins, Carolyn Bailey, Pam Chin; juniors Katie Mooney (co-captain), Joce Vanheest, Terri Houck, Lisa Stokoe, Judy Piechnik, Jenny Gunnell, and sophomore Krina Dankert.

The girls have adapted themselves to the change in coaching and are working well with



*Andrew Jones*

**Joce Vanheest (40) in action**

the new offensive and defensive patterns. Their record is 10-2 with both losses going to Niskayuna.

Junior varsity players are co-captains Jean Velhage and Cindy Veltman, seniors; Karen Webster, Lori Pelham and Gina Tucker, juniors; Linda Allaway, Alex Roberts, Pat McSherry, Sue Young, T. De-flumer and Abby Collins, sophomores, and Joanne Vanwoert, freshman. They are coached by Paulette Judd, a physical education teacher at the Middle School.

Gene Lewis, who also coaches BC boys' junior varsity, soccer, is in charge of the freshman team this year.

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## Speeders on Fernbank

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Many of the older homes on Fernbank are now being bought by young families with children and the speeding sit-

uation here is dangerous. For the sake of the children, the older residents taking walks, the joggers and the many cyclists, I plead with the residents of Delmar to slow down on Fernbank. I believe that it is imperative to have one or two stop signs placed on Fernbank, as well as more radar control by the police. Please help us to preserve the beauty and the safety of this lovely village street.

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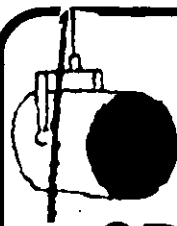
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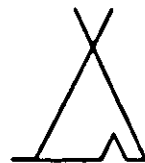
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