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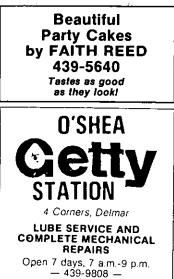
Albany Ski Club, first & third Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, Joe Quillian, 274-1873.

Bethlehem B.P.O.E. 2233, first and third Wednesdays, 8 p.m. at the Lodge in Cedar Hill, Rt. 144. Ladies' Auxiliary second Wednesday.

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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.

Bethiehem 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 Aveenue, Delmar.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

Concert by Wagner College group, St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany, 8 p.m.

Bethiehem 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.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Young Adult Films, "Great Guns," with Laurel & Hardy, Bethlehem Library, 3:30 p.m. for public, 7:30 p.m. high school students only.

Capital Area Family Resources Workshop, "Anatomy and Repro-duction," Dr. Margery Smith, Clarksville Community Church, Rt. 443, 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Film, "The Time Machine," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Hymn sing with "Joyful Noise" choir, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m., public welcome.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

Public hearing, 1976-77 budget expectations for BCHS, High School auditorium, 8 p.m.





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Progress Club, Legislative Forum, Chancellor's Hall, 10 a.m., Drama Group presents two productions, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Program on "Native Americans," Philip Tarbell, State Education Dept. specialist on Indian culture, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Slingerlands Players, "Love Rides the Rails," Playhouse, 8:15 p.m. Runs March 24, 28, March 31.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Lenten Ecumenical Study Group, "Philip and Nathaniel," Rev. Robert Thomas, at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m. Coffee 9:30 a.m.

Voorheesville PTA variety show, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. (also Friday).

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

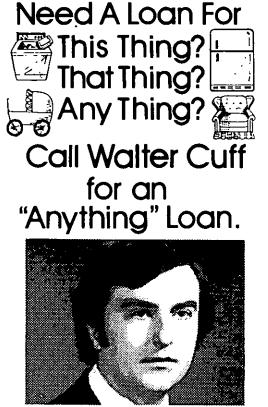
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## PLANNING BOARD Half-acre zoning: where and how

With Triple-A zoning on the books in Bethlehem, the next step is to put the town's newest classification to use. For the moment, according to Planning Board Chairman William R. Weber, there are no immediate plans to put that tag on any local real estate.

Zone AAA as a category has been in the works for some time, but it was not until this winter that the town planning board submitted a formal recommendation to the town board. The town council set up a public hearing, a legal requirement for amending a town ordinance, and this week was expected to approve the change.

### Hearing held

Triple-A zoning, the highest on the books in Bethlehem. contains a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet - little under half an acre - for a single-family dwelling. Last week's public hearing, apart from a few surprises, was routine.

The surprises: the Bethlehem unit of the Albany County League of Women Voters, a longtime proponent of a master plan to control the town's growth, opposed the new classification, and Lindsay Boutelle, the land surveyor who represents a number of area builders and developers, spoke in favor of it.

### Favor master plan

Mrs. Andrea Marr of Glenmont and Mrs. Libby Schapire of Delmar, who conducted the LWV's two-year study of Bethlehem planning, told the board they opposed "any new categories until a master plan is

adopted." They did not file a cent, with the purchaser abwritten objection.

Boutelle, who has made more appearances before town boards and commissions than any other citizen, spoke in favor of the proposed amendment. He called Triple-A zoning "a step in the right direction," a position that seemed incompatible with that of developers whose interpretation of residential density differs substantially from that of single-lot property-owners.

Also filing in opposition to the zoning change was Wolf Krahmer, Slingerlands financier associated with John V. Wheeler Homes, Inc., and Wheeler. In a joint statement more in keeping with the typical-developer, they declared the change would increase the cost of land development for single-family houses by 30 persorbing the additional cost.

#### Density the key

The opposition by the LWV and Wheeler Homes -- the latter as the developer of the controversial Lyndhurst subdivision in Slingerlands - was expected to be regarded as not sufficiently weighty to block approval of the proposal. "It's just a matter of priorities,' said one town official.

Crux of the matter was residential density, a factor that has consistently dominated recent citizen opposition to developers' proposals. Present property owners regularly object to development of adjacent tracts subdivided into lots consistently smaller than those existing in the neighborhood, a factor they contend lowers the value of their properties. The density problem has been compounded by completion of the town's sewer system, which has eliminated previous restrictions imposed by the county in regard to septic systems and drainage.

At the same time, government agencies take a dim view of regulations that appear to deny the right of a person to build a house of his choice because of restrictive zoning.

The AAA classification will probably be applied to some parts of the town that have vet to be zoned. About 30 percent of Bethlehem is unzoned. The planning board is expected to discuss these points, along with possible upgrading of present zoning where appropriate, over the next several weeks.

J.W. Campbell Bethlehem Chamber President Bill Bennett, left, congratulates honor members Henry J. Klersey Jr., Richard H. Bailey and Richard H. VanWoert. Story on page 8.

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### GRANDMOTHER TO GOLDFISH A 'first lady' steps aside

Everyone who attended the Slingerlands Elementary School between 1951 and 1965 was in some way affected by the teachings and encouragement of Mrs. Ann Reardon. Now, 25 years after she joined the Bethlehem Central faculty, she is retiring as reading specialist, a job that she has held since 1966. In this she has touched many more young lives.

Mrs. Reardon was hired in the fall of 1951 as the second first grade teacher at Slingerlands by Miss Mary Bida, then principal of the six-room school. The expanding first grade class was split in two, and Mrs. Reardon's pupils had the dining facilities in the basement as a classroom until the new wing was completed in 1954.

"Around lunchtime, we'd have to move everything out of the lunchroom and make way for the students," she recalled



Andrew Jones Ann Reardon

with a smile. "After lunch, the sand-box and other mainstays of a first grade classroom were carried back in. We learned to be portable."

Thinking back to those first grade classes, Mrs. Reardon said that her fondest memory



was that her classes were more of a family than a group of sixyear-olds who met in the same room for six and a half hours of the day. She made it a practice to know every child's parents as well as the rest of each pupil's family. Her method was simple: each child was assigned to bring in a family picture and write about those that he or she lived with. From Grandmother to goldfish, the results were nothing short of amusing.

The pictures were captioned and put into book form and the book circulated from family to family for all to see and enjoy. Mrs. Reardon was a welcome dinner guest in the homes of her pupils, sometimes a part of her conference schedule, and these visits added to the "family" atmosphere of her classes.

Mrs Reardon's capacity for knowing names and faces made her "parents' nights" memorable for parents. "I'll never know how she could introduce all those parents to each other and never slip on a name," remarked one admirer.

Upon retiring in June, Mrs. Reardon, an avid traveler, will journey to Ireland. "This is the first time I have ever planned and looked forward to a trip," she said. "Usually I just go and don't worry." She plans to enjoy her free time, something that she has worked hard for and which she deserves, and those affiliated with any aspect of the Slingerlands School and the reading program wish her well.

> Larry Boynton, Grade 1-R 1959-60

# Chamber cites 3 for long service

Three prominent Delmar businessmen were honored for more than 25 years of service to the community at the annual awards dinner of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. They are:

Richard H. Bailey, proprietor of Bailey's Garage, a second-generation family business that is a landmark on Oakwood Rd., Elsmere.

Henry J. Klersey Jr., well known Delmar builder, contractor and realtor.

Richard H. Van Woert Sr., of Van Woert & Son, Inc., local builder and contractor.

A special citation was given to George M. George of the Delaware Plaza Pharmacy for two years' service as president of the chamber.

More than 80 members and their guests attended the dinner at Schrafft's. Speaker was Joseph Kilgallen, Albany TV and theater personality, former stage official and newsman. Roger DiNucci of Slingerlands was dinner chairman.

### Planners tackle subdivision work

Top priority on the Bethlehem planning board agenda this week and next is to push their subdivision work along. Closest to completion is the file on Bicentennial Woods in Feura Bush.

On the docket for decisions in the weeks ahead are the Gould Park industrial area on Rt. 9W, subject of a public hearing this week, and Oak-





William Frye

wood Estates. The Oakwood Rd. developer, A. T. Zautner & Son, Inc., has filed a change of plans from eight three-bedroom duplex houses with garages to four three-bedroom duplexes, two two-bedroom four-family buildings and two one-bedroom four-family buildings.

#### 'Minimal' lots planned

William Frye of Residential Concepts, Inc. has filed prepreliminary plans for dividing 12.3 acres of the Elizabeth Murray estate adjacent to the Woodstream development into 34 single-family building sites. Frye's firm has acquired contractual rights to the tract, densely wooded with white birch in a Double-A zone. Frve said the lots would "meet the minimal standards" of the zone, which requires at least 10,400 square feet. Eleven of the lots would front on Murray Ave.

In preparation are pre-preliminary plans by Wolf Krahmer, Slingerlands developer, for the Appledorn subdivision on Van Dyke Rd., Delmar. An option by another developer, who obtained planning board approval for Cornwall Gardens, has expired, the property reverting to Krahmer.

### In sailfish tourney

Robert K. Heineman, 23 La Grange Rd., Delmar, caught and released a sailfish while fishing out of Islamorada in the metropolitan South Florida fishing tournament.

### Board modifies Brookfield terms

Bethlehem's planning board ran a narrow gauntlet between a protesting developer and a wary citizen "watchdog" group and came away unscarred.

When the board granted approval to the Biatess Corp. for its plan to develop the 131-lot Brookfield subdivision off Brockley Dr. several weeks ago, it stipulated that two access roads to Brockley Dr. could not be opened until 10 houses had been built on Longmeadow Dr., the project's main artery. This condition was a concession to area residents who feared heavy construction traffic using Brockley would pose a safety hazard to children and pedestrians.

When Biatess complained that the stipulation placed an unrealistic restriction on their development plans, the board modified the requirement. It specified that all construction traffic must use the Delaware Ave. access on Longmeadow for the full duration of the project. The two access roads can be built, but not opened until there are enough houses to justify their use.

The board further specified that the town would not issue a certificate of occupancy for any dwelling on Longmeadow until that street is accepted by the town highway department.

The modifications in the original conditions were voted with a delegation of interested Brockley Dr. residents present in the hearing room. The residents raised no formal objections to the board's action, which apparently clears the final hurdle to the start of developing the 44-acre site.

### THE CAPITOL Consumers tangle with educators

New York State's Consumer Protection Board is going to court to battle the State Education Department. In a freedom of information action, the board seeks to obtain records relating to promotion and op-



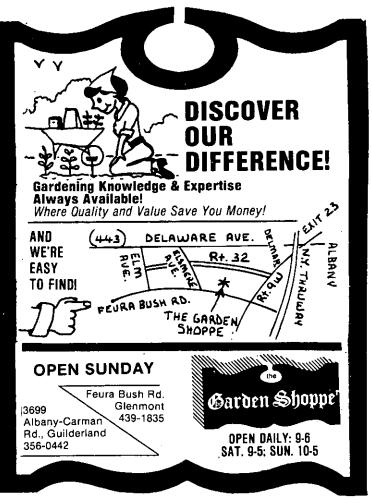
C.S. Burriss, vice president of the Atlantic Cement Co. presents Coeymans supervisor John Biscone a check for \$215,193 in payment of the company's town taxes.

eration of private vocational schools in the state.

The Consumer agency is investigating possible fraudulent and deceptive practices of these schools.

Board director Rosemary Pooler says the board has been trying to obtain certain documents from the Education Department since last Oct. 6.

"We are asking for access to documents that show the disposition of complaints against private vocational schools, documents that indicate the school's drop-out and placement rates, and reports of field



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supervisors' inspections of the schools," Ms. Pooler said. "These records are the ones which contain the very information prospective students should know before they sign up for courses which can cost them thousands of dollars in tuition, fees and books."

### **Dropout rates high**

The Board director says the federal government estimates that there are about three million vocational school students in this country. About 75 percent of all veterans enrolled in correspondence courses drop out and from 70 to 90 percent of other students in the schools drop out. The dropout rate in computer schools is 77 percent, 56 percent in the truckdriver school, 43 percent in business and secretarial schools and 55 percent in electronics repairs school.

"We would like to know how many of the approximately 72,000 New York state students drop out each year," the director said. "We have information on the national dropout rate, but can't get the same information on New York state from the state agency that has that information. I can't accept that and I don't think any prospective student should accept it either."

If the agency is having this much trouble obtaining this information, Ms. Pooler said, "just think how much chance the average consumer has for obtaining these vital records."

### **Disclosure** bill sought

Senator Edwyn E. Mason of Hobart and Assemblyman Clark Wemple of Schenectady are pushing legislation to require public disclosure of all negotiations concerning public employee's contracts. The proposal would affect teachers, negotiating terms and conditions of employment with school boards as well as other local and state governmental employes.

Demands and counter-demands would be publicly disclosed within 48 hours and full detailed public information would be required on all contracts.

### More 'Soap Box' entries sought

A meeting to stimulate Bethlehem entries in the annual Capitol District Soap Box Derby will be held Sunday afternoon (March 20) from 1 to 4 at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, off Rt. 144, Cedar Hill opposite the old red schoolhouse.

Jeff Voller of East Greenbush, 1975 area champion, will be on hand to describe his experiences in the national finals at Akron, O. There will also be several actual race cars available for inspection by interested boys and girls.

There will be two classes this year — juniors 10-12 building and driving "kit" cars, and seniors 13-15 driving cars of their own design. Boys and girls compete in the same classes — last year's national champion was a 14-year-old girl.

Boys and girls interested in the derby or curious as to what it's all about are encouraged to come to the Sunday meeting. For information call 346-0250 or 439-6319.





Princess finalists Cindy Knox, Judi Fisch, Donna Mazzara.

### NEW SCOTLAND Teenage princess to lead parade

First there were 11, now there are three, and on Memorial Day there will be one. Miss New Scotland will be crowned just before the Memorial Day parade in Voorheesville, and she will again reign over all bicentennial events in the town in '76.

The bicentennial princess was selected Sunday afternoon from three finalists among New Scotland's fairest, but her identity will be a secret for two more months. Her name was sealed in an envelope to be opened May 30 by Mrs. Richard Long and Mrs. Louis Mi-

### Cover Photo

Candidates for title of Miss New Scotland: from lower left, front, Betsy Fisch, JoAnne VanZetten, Ruth Manss, Susan Hansel, Cindy Knox; rear, from left: Deann Putnam, Judi Fisch, Tove Tetreault, Ellen Coote, Louise Gilhooley, Donna Mazzara. Photos by Joseph Schuyler

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cheli, co-chairmen of Genetaska, sponsors of the contest with New Scotland Kiwanians.

Finalists are Judy Fisch, 17, Cindy Knox, 16, and Donna Mazzara, 17, all of Voorheesville. Other entrants were Susan Hensel, Tove Tetreault, Betsy Fisch, Deann Putnam, Ruth Manss and Louise Gilhooly of Voorheesville, Ellen Coote of Slingerlands and Jo-Anne Van Zetten of New Scotland.

Judging was at the New Scotland church by an out-oftown panel: Anne Rose of Guilderland, a nurse and county legislator from the 32nd district, Russ Campbell of Altamont, a telephone company construction foreman and president of the Helderberg Kiwanis Club, and Bill Friebel of Albany, a plumbing and roofing contractor and past president of the Western Turnpike Kiwanis Club.

### VOORHEESVILLE

### **PTA variety show** a musical 'tour'

Breaking away from tradition, this year's Voorheesville PTA variety show has a bicentennial theme. The musical show plays next Thursday and Friday and the theme is "Touring the USA."

Our "tour" starts on Broadway with the adult chorus and soloist Bob Andrews, moves to Pennsylvania for a trio doing the Pennsylvania Polka, and then on to "Carolina in the Morning" by Budd Tetreault and a Georgia tap dance by Christine Fragameni.

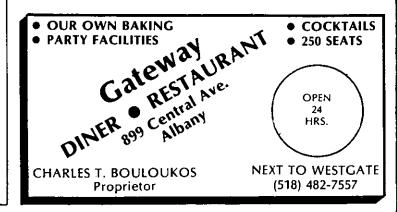
The show continues on to Florida, and then to Alabama, Texas, Arizona, and Las Vegas. After that, California, Tennessee, Kentucky, New Jersey, Vermont and back home to Broadway.

### 'Beauties' on parade

Some of the special presentations include: A hilarious bicentennial fashion show by Allen Wilcon, and an original "Miss America Pageant" with beauties Dick "Clutzy" Freyer, Richard "Della" Mele, Robert "Potato Picker" Samuel and Dave "Klondike" Cady. A treat for all will be the California act, which has a tribute to Walt Disney by children in grades K-6. The youngsters will dress up as Disney characters and sing some of their favorite Disney songs.

These, of course, are only a few of the many acts in the show. There wouldn't even be a show, however, if the PTA didn't have the help and support of the community. Codirectors are Andrea Gleason and Anne Lennox. The music directors are Cynthia and Frank McDermott, and the dance director is Barbara Gallagher, plus many "behind the scenes" workers. Drawing for the U.S.A. quilt will be held during intermission on Friday night. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults, and 1.00 for students. They can be bought in advance at the high school or at the door on show nights. When was the last time you enjoyed two hours of fun and music for only \$1.50? Come to the Voorheesville PTA Variety show and have a great time.

Lisa Wilcon





The Widow Hopewell, left, played by Joan Deanahan, and her daughter, Prudence, played by Louise Alfasso, in happier moments during the Slingerlands melodrama opening Wednesday.

### 'Mailtrain' thriller runs at playhouse

Slingerlands Community Players will open on March 24 with the American melodrama, "Love Rides the Rails, or Will the Mailtrain Run Tonight?"

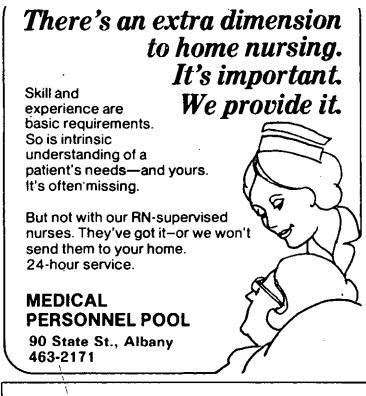
Staging the production with typical "Gay Nineties" vitality, director Christopher Dammer invites the audience to cheer the innocent and true-hearted hero, Truman Pendennis (Tyler Wymer) and hiss the villainous Simon Darkway (Tracy Trimm) as they become involved in the dastardly plot to cheat the Widow Hopewell (Joan Deanahan) out of her railroad franchise.

Songs, dances, and entreact entertainment specials will be featured under the musical direction of Judy Lamprecht.

The Slingerlands "Mailtrain" runs March 24-28 and March 31-April 4 at the Slingerlands Playhouse, Unionville. Tickets are available at Mullen's Pharmacy, Delmar, or by calling 434-1777. A special benefit performance for the Feura Bush Montessori School will be held on Tuesday, with tickets for this special performance available by calling 439-7906.

### Charlatans on stage

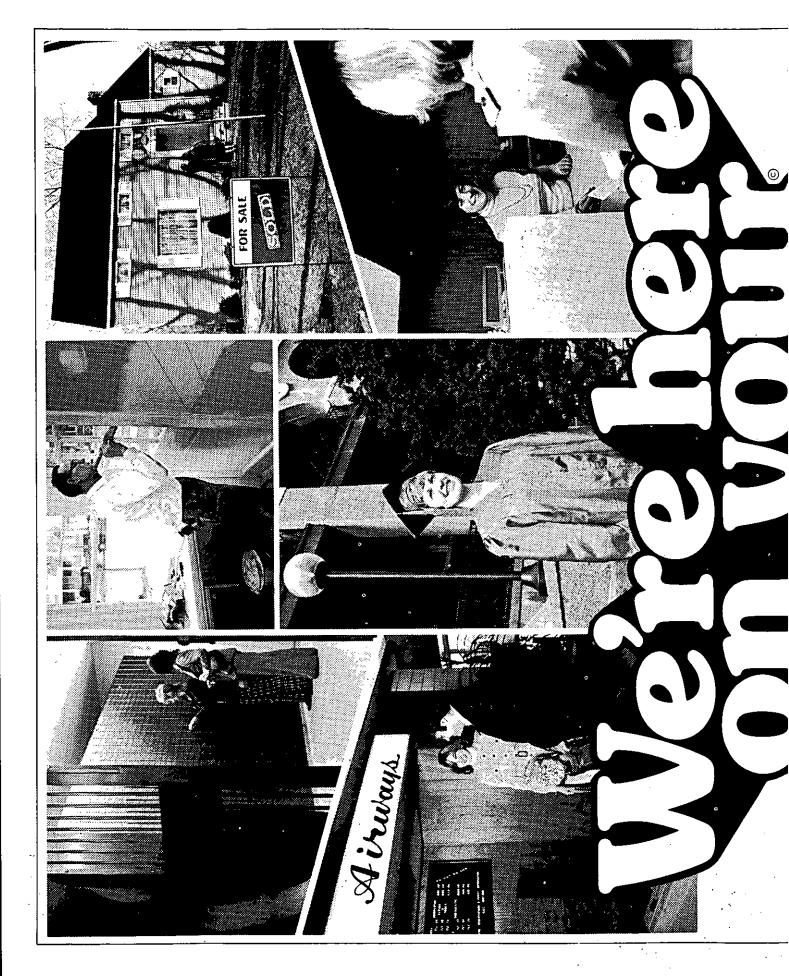
Charlatans, BCHS drama club, will present Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" on March 25-27 at 8 p.m. at the "Little Theater" (Room 146) at Bethlehem Central High School.





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### Helderberg Workshop shrub sale underway

Order brochures for the Helderberg Workshop's third annual tree and shrub sale are being distributed. Plant orders will be taken through April 10, with pickup of orders Saturday, May 1, at the Helderberg Workshop Land, Picard Rd.

The brochures are available at local libraries and banks, or from committee members Mrs. Jan Huth (765-4186), Mrs. Ruth Wharton (765-4271) or Mrs. Doris Houghton (765-4221).

The tree, shrub and groundcovers are transplants and seedlings of viable size and excellent price range.

The Workshop is a community organization funded by contributions and the tree and shrub sale, and is operated solely by volunteers.

The services made available to the community through this acreage, familiarly called "The Land," is to maintain it as a natural environment to be enjoyed and the ecology studied by individuals, groups, school classes of the area on field trips. A summer program of a three week Workshop is held annually in August for children in the Albany and surrounding areas.



Lori-Nan Kaye

### Honored at Skidmore

Lori-Nan Kaye, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Kaye of New Scotland has been elected to the Skidmore College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Miss Kaye will graduate in May with a bachelor of arts degree in English-modern languages, an inter-departmental major which she, as the first student to concentrate in these disciplines, designed.

### Higher than-em mall

The 44-story office tower at Empire State Plaza (nee South Mall) is the tallest building in the state outside New York City.



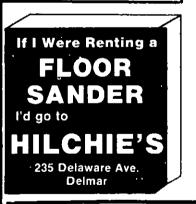
### Sign painting starts in New Scotland

Three youth groups have started the bicentennial signpost painting project in New Scotland, according to Mrs. Jane Rezza, chairman of the town bicentennial committee. The groups are Sigma Kappa Delta fraternity, the Youth Fellowship of New Scotland and Troop 89, Boy Scouts, Clarksville.

The New Scotland town board has allocated \$350 to the committee for bicentennial projects, including paints and brushes. The town's street markers will be painted red, white and blue in three bands, starting with red at the base. The project will be completed by April 12.

Mrs. Rezza's committee is compiling a list of all organizations in the town for bicentennial activities.

### Planning a Bicentennial Party? CHICKEN BARBECUES by John Geurtze 434-8903





Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Hopkins

### Golden wedding noted

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur D. Hopkins of Delmar recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party given in their honor by their son and his family at The Breakers Hotel in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The party was attended by 25 relatives and friends who enjoyed the music and dancing as well as a seafood dinner.

A three-tiered cake and appropriate floral arrangements added to the beauty of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have lived in Delmar for over 40 years of their marriage.

### **Builders' drive on**

Albany Area Builders Assn. has launched a membership drive. The association has more than 200 members in Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene counties. For information call 785-0559.

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William Swire, chairman of the Beth Emeth bicentennial committee, stands by the historic marker dating from the 1938 centennial of the Albany Jewish community. Congregation Beth Emeth's founding in March, 1838, was preceded by almost 200 years of individual Jewish residence and contacts. The congregation is observing its anniversary this month along with the nation's bicentennial.

### SOS campaign continued

Members of the Save Our Schools (SOS) organization distributed more than 2,000 copies of a fact sheet urging citizens to contact school board members in a continuation of the group's campaign to avert closing of the Delmar Elementary School in September. The handout was circulated in the major shopping centers of the school district.

Mrs. Carole Rosenbloom, spokesman of the group, re-

iterated the organization's independence of the PTA or any other parents' group. "This is a district-wide organization of concerned taxpayers, including senior citizens," she said.

Last week's Spotlight erroneously attributed the filing of a petition appealing to State Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist to the SOS group. The petition was signed by six residents who are not affiliated with SOS. The Spotlight regrets the error.

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### Wins speech contest

Ann Marie Luck, a secondyear student at the Junior College of Albany, has been named winner of the college's semiannual speech contest. Ms. Luck, a resident of Ravena, spoke on "Toys That Don't Care."

Second place winner was Michael Masucci of Schenectady. Honorable mentions to Anne Schroeder of Delanson and William Ziman of Coeyman's Hollow.

### Yankee magazine has V'ville talent

A Voorheesville free-lance writer and a Voorheesville artist appear simultaneously in the March issue of Yankee, a major-circulation magazine published in Dublin, N.H.

Mrs. Donald J. White, writing under the name of Leigh Cree White, is the author of a feature article, "Great Grandmother's Dress," in the issue. In addition to writing for magazines, Mrs. White is a book reviewer for Wilderness Camping magazine. She has two children.

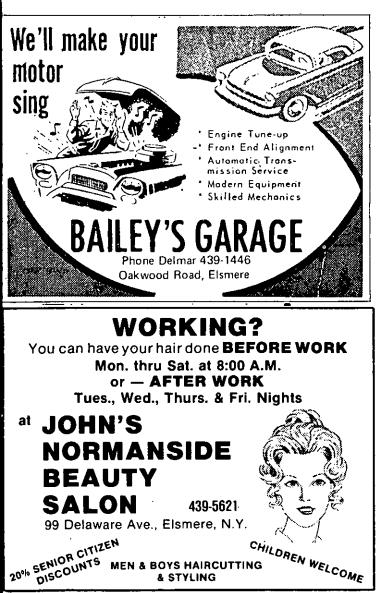
Yankee's March cover painting is by Ryland Loos, well known local artist. The cover painting is entitled, "Champlain Farm."

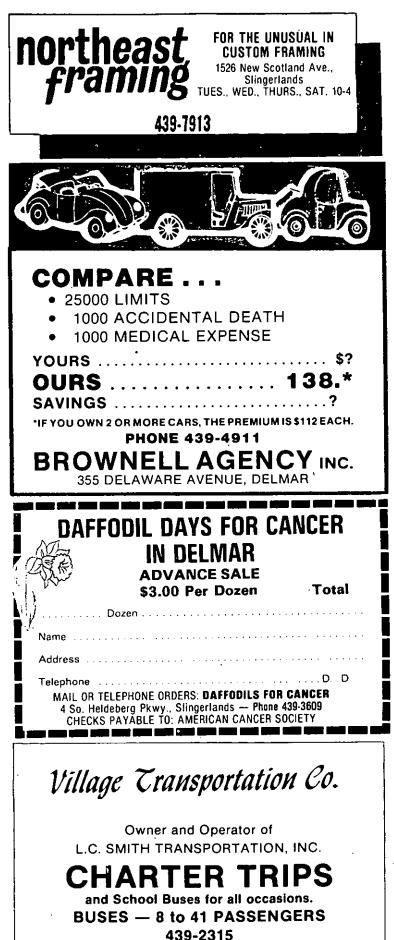


Dawn Margaret Joslin

### **Dawn Joslin engaged**

The engagement of Dawn Margaret Joslin to Harry Charles Hook 3rd has been announced by her parents, Mr.





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and Mrs. John F. Joslin Jr., 19 Maple Rd., Voorheesville.

Miss Joslin is a graduate of Voorheesville Central High School and is employed in the State Department of Taxation and Finance. Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Hook Jr., McCormack Rd., Slingerlands. He was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by the State Department of Transportation.

The couple has selected July 24 as a wedding date.

### Caroline Meyers to wed

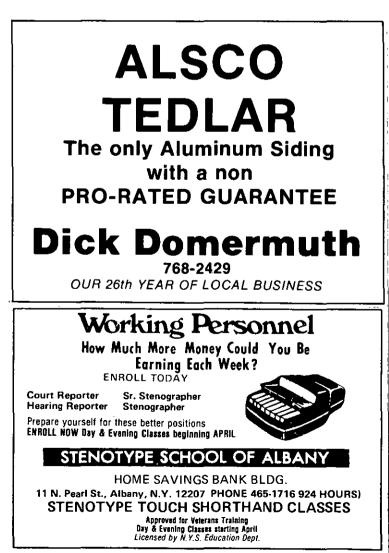
Mr. and Mrs. Collin D. Meyers of Hempstead have announced the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Mc-Donald Meyers, to Jeffrey G. Plant of Albany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Plant, residing in Poestenkill, New York.

Miss Meyers is associated with Beckman Associates advertising and is music director of the Electronic Body Arts Dance Group in Albany. Mr. Plant is a partner in the law firm of Sneeringer and Rowley of Albany. An August wedding is planned.

### Ellen Carnahan engaged

James H. Carnahan of 10 Wiggand Dr., Glenmont, announces the engagement of his daughter, Ellen Elizabeth to James Edward Corcoran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Corcoran of Penn Yan.

Miss Carnahan, daughter of Mr. Carnahan and the late Marene Carnahan, is a field representative for the National American Red Cross, Rochester Division. She is a graduate



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Ellen E. Carnahan

of Bethlehem Central High School and completed her education at the State University of New York at Brockport. Her fiance is a recent graduate of Brockport.

The wedding will take place at the Bergen Presbyterian Church, Bergen, N.Y., at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3. Following a honeymoon in the South Seas the couple will live at 40 King St., Brockport.



Anita Marie Carroll

### Anita Carroll to wed

Anita Marie Carroll of Elsmere and Stephen Payne Parrott of Glenmont have chosen Sept. 18 as their wedding date. Both are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School.

Miss Carroll is the daughter of Mrs. Ann Colonna Carroll, 16 Werner Ave. and is employed at Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Mr. Parrott is the son of Mrs. Anna Parrott of Glenmont and David Parrott of Boston, Mass., and is employed with J. N. Hart & Sons.

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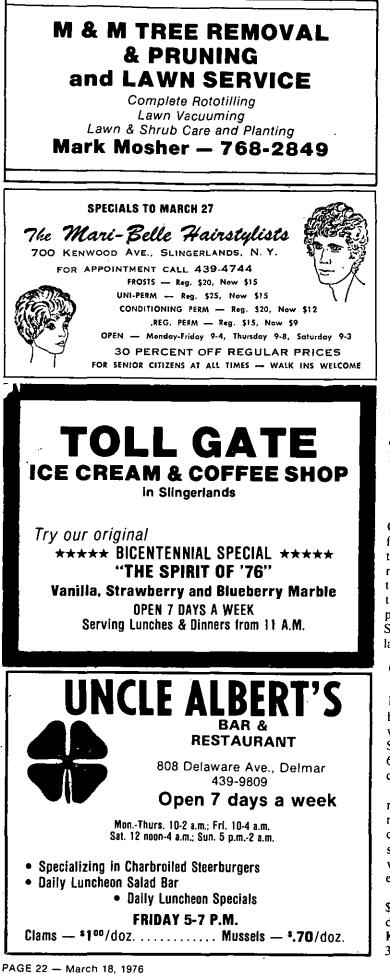
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The five-minute test will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each of the three days at the First United Methodist Church, 161 Adams Pl., Delmar. The test will be administered by volunteers trained by Dr. Stephen J. Sills, ophthamologist, and by Mrs. Elaine Hoyt, coordinator of pre-school vision screening for the Albany Association of the Blind.

The screening is designed to detect amblyopia, or "lazy eye," a disorder in which an eye appears healthy but actually has low or poor vision. If not treated early, it can lead to blindness.

For information call Mrs. Charles Scholes (439-7759) or Mrs. Rose Pocock (439-3838).

### Lunch with Santa check

Bethlehem Junior Women's Club has turned over a check for \$125 to Robert Taylor, treasurer of the White Christmas Festival, which works through local schools to help the needy. The funds represent proceeds of the Lunch With Santa sponsored by the club last December in Slingerlands.

### German sing-along

Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk High School German Club will hold its fourth annual knackwurst dinner and sing-along Saturday, March 27, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Students will dress in German costumes, will serve German foods and will present the club's own Oom-Pah Band. A special attraction this year will be the Schuhplattler dancers performing in costume.

Tickets are \$4, \$2.50 and \$1.50 and are available at the door. Information call Werner Knudsen, 765-2155 or 943-3957.

### Appointed in N.H.

Gary A. Sagendorf, formerly of Voorheesville, has been appointed executive director of the Souhegan Child Development Center in Peterborough, N.H. Mrs. Sagendorf is the former Maria Muia of Slingerlands.

### Sorority work day

Beta Gamma Rho sorority members of Bethlehem Central High School will put on a fundraising work day all day Saturday, March 27.

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### IA elects Sheridan

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Sheridan is a partner in 'Connor Associates, an Alany architectural firm that as designed a number of local uildings, including Executive ower at Stuyvesant Plaza, the nvironmental Conservation uilding on Wolf Road, Guildland Town Hall, the Social ervices Building at 1450 Westn Avenue and St. Bonavenre Church in Troy.

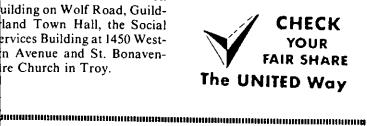
### 2 win at judo

Brette Alexander and Brian Fleming, members of the Bethlehem Recreation Judo Club's first competitive team, won placques at an invitational judo tournament in Troy Feb. 8. Brette won third place in lightweight girls' and Brian second in lightweight boys' classes. Other team members competing were Shoshona Mindell, Greg Nerses and Mike Alexander.

The class, coached by James C. Hrbek of Ravena, meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7 in the Bethlehem Recreation facility at the Middle School, and has 17 adults and youngsters enrolled. For information call the Bethlehem Recreation Dept. or 489-1831.

### Cubs' paper drive

Slingerlands Cub Scout Pack 272 is sponsoring a paper drive on March 27. Contributors are asked to bring papers to the Slingerlands Elementary School parking lot between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. For pickups contact any member of the troop or Paul Schuster (439-6320) or Spike Dinneen (439-5503) any day after 4 p.m.

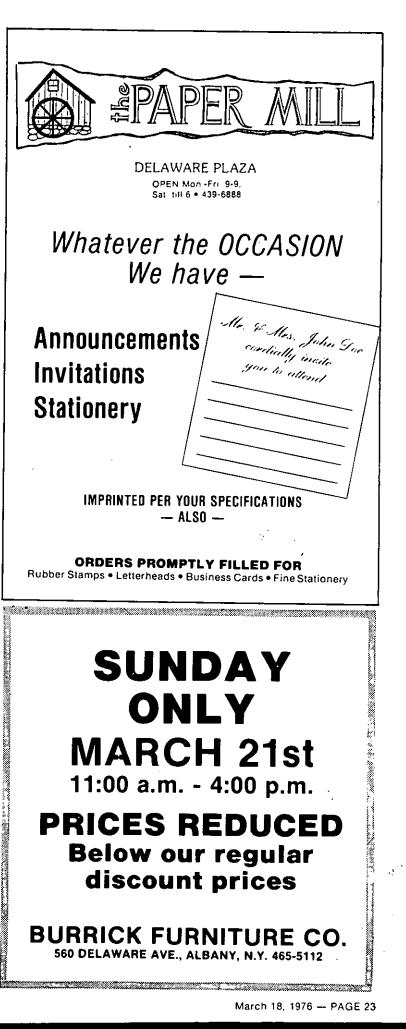


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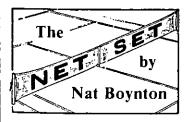
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For sheer joy there is nothing like a tennis excursion, and last weekend's junket to the World Cup matches at Hartford did it up brown for local tennis watchers. In the roster of 25 on the overnight bus and another 45 on the "day" bus it was hard to tell how many were first-timers on Tennis Action Agency's charter coaches without checking out the list name by name, but one thing was sure: everyone had a ball.

The World Cup is international tennis at its best, pitting Arthur Ashe and Jimmy Connors among others versus John Newcombe, John Roche et al, of Australia, in a real honestto-goodness shootout for honor and country, for a change, instead of for cash and personal glory. It doesn't quite rank with Wimbledon of Forest Hills, it isn't quite the WCT "superbowl" at Dallas, but the same top players are there. There is a refreshing absence of the sham and phoniness of



10 YEAR GUARANTEE ON INSTALLATION the sand-dune challenge matches. This is the U.S. vs. Australia head-to-head, and its stature is so lofty the world's top pros will fight their hearts out for a monetary pittance. The fans snapped up more than 40,000 reserved seats four months before the first serve. so there must be something special about it. No tennis event in recent history has had such an early sellout, tennis fan population is exploding. Most important, Hartford is a brief two hours from here.

With the huge interest, it was surprising to discover that the media in the Capital District are still oblivious to the fantastic proportions of the tennis boom.

Picture an Albany area resident dependent on his newspapers, radio and TV for information beyond his block. The U.S. is playing Australia in a World Series of tennis, best four of seven matches, and wins the Thursday night match for a 1-0 lead. Ashe and the first doubles go Friday night in two more crucial matches. There isn't a word in Saturday morning's Albany paper nor on WROW, the only local kilocycle with a sports report. There was even some bowling and autoracing, but no World Cup tennis.

Dawns Sunday morning, and now five of the seven matches have been played. If you weren't there you'd get no scores on the electronic media, but in the Sunday sports section there was one paragraph without a head in an obscure sports "roundup" saying the U.S. had won the World Cup. The New York Times, however, came through, as always.

On Monday morning, more than 36 hours after the U.S. victory, the morning paper carried a story, the evening paper was busy with other matters, and the broadcast media, except for Channel 17 which gave us five hours of live tennis, were still in their own world.

Small matter to the happy groups on Dave Corbin's buses. They are already signed up for Hartford 1977. So are Connors and Ashe.



# SPOTLIGHT on community corner

### Go to the Theater!

Community-minded theater groups are offering an unusual bonanza for playgoers. For family entertainment, get tickets for:

• The Bethlehem bicentennial pageant opening March 31 at BCHS.

• The Slingerlands Players melodrama opening Wednesday at the Playhouse in Unionville.

• The Voorheesville PTA variety show playing next Thursday and Friday at VCHS.

• The BCHS Charlatans presenting "Witness for the Prosecution" March 25-27 in the "Little Theatre" at BCHS.

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