

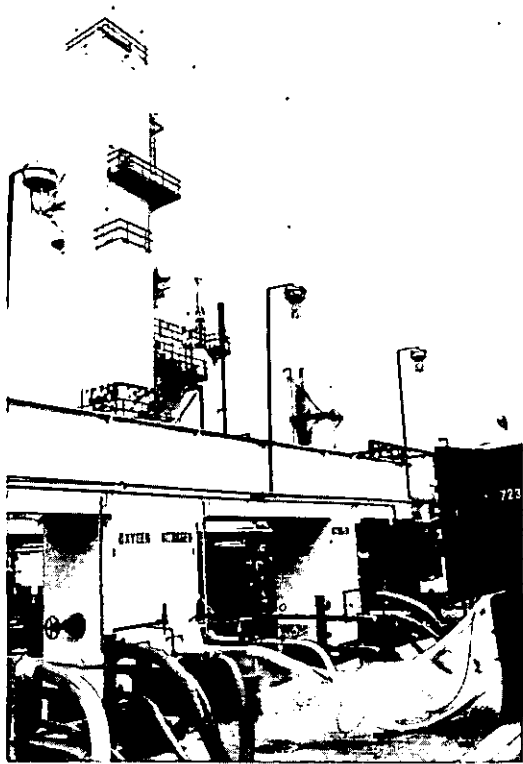
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**Onesquethaw O.E.S.** meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

**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.

**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.

**Career Education Resource Center**, Bethlehem Senior High School, every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.

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

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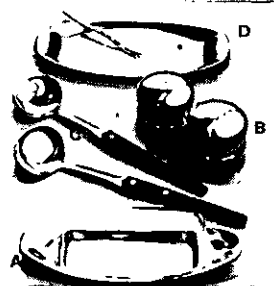
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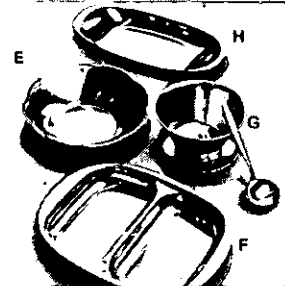
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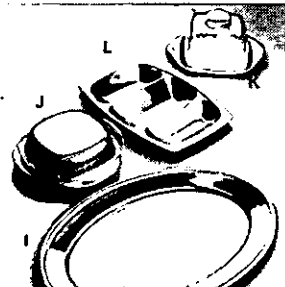
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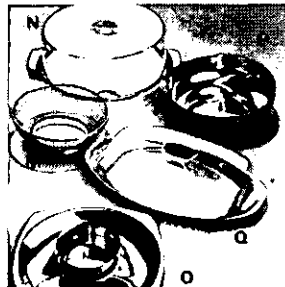
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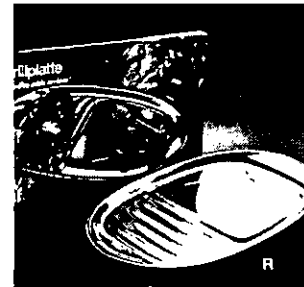
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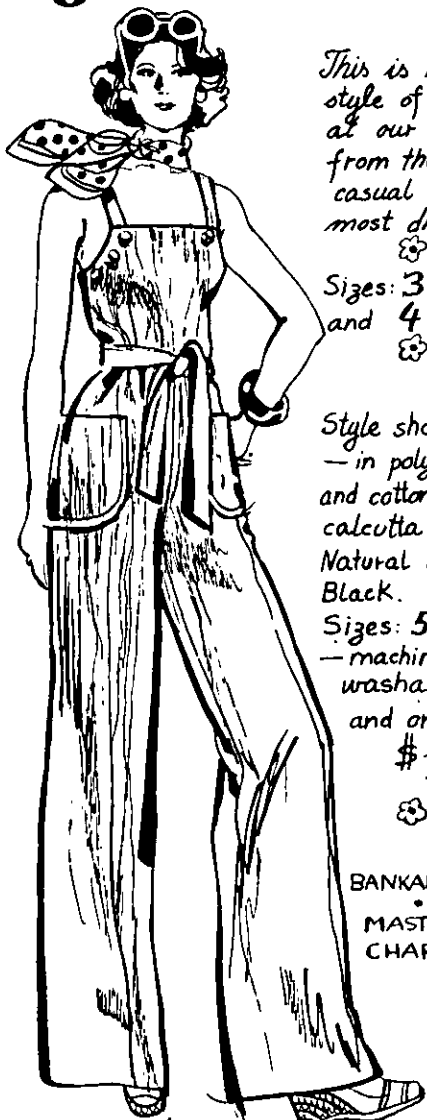
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Historical films, Community Room, Bethlehem Library, 12 noon, bring lunch, free coffee.

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 La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Info: Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

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.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

"Home Vegetable Gardening" sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Berne, 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30**

St. Thomas fashion show and card party, St. Thomas School, 7:30 p.m.

Bridge Party, Gansevoort Chapter DAR, at First Congregational Church, Woodlawn and Quail Sts., Albany, 12 noon.

Young Adult Film Series, Jimmy Stewart in "Broken Arrow," Bethlehem Library, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Roast beef dinner, sponsored by the Men's Club of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, settings 5 and 7 p.m. Reservations 439-9287 or 439-2694.

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**

Beta Gamma Rho Sorority will do spring cleaning, wash windows, yard cleanup, babysitting, other jobs all day. 465-8137.

Registration for the Bethlehem Baseball League's junior division, players 13-15, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

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**Luncheon-fashion show, Helderberg Chapter, OES, fashions by Dorothy Lynn of Delmar, Western Turnpike Golf Club, Rt. 20, Guilderland, 12:30 p.m.**

**Annual Spring Supper** (donation), Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Old Fashioned Country Fair**, Albany County Mental Health Assn., Sweeney Farm, intersection of Rts. 155 and 156, Voorheesville, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**"Needlework 76"** annual exhibit, Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Schrafft's Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 2

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**"Needlework 76"** annual exhibit, Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Schrafft's Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**"Yoga Day,"** Doane Stuart school, Rt. 9W, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Chamber Music Recital**, Bethlehem Music Assn., Bethlehem Library, 2:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, MAY 3

**"Needlework 76"** annual exhibit, Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Schrafft's Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

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**Discussion:** "The Lives of Emily Dickinson," Sarah Youngblood, professor of English, Mount Holyoke, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

**Bird Walk**, Five Rivers Environmental Conservation Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Spring Concert**, BCHS Instrumental Music Dept., BCHS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Public hearing**, Bethlehem Planning Board, on application of Built-Mor Contracting Corp., 2120 Western Ave., Guilderland, for approval of Union Ave. South, Ext. No. 2, proposed subdivision on south side of Frederick Pl, near its intersection with Union Ave. South. A portion of property is in Residence Zone "AA" and the remainder in Residence "B", Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

**Declaration of Independence** available for signing by New Scotland residents, Town Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily through Dec. 1.

**Roast Beef Dinner**, sponsored by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Scholarship Fund, Sr. High School cafeteria, 5:30 and 7 p.m., tickets at the door, or through faculty members.

**Public hearing**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Andrew Chainyk, 400-A Schoolhouse Rd., Albany (N. Bethlehem), for special exception under Art. V of zoning ordinance to convert existing 2-family dwelling into a four-family dwelling at 7 Elm Pl., Albany (No. Bethlehem), Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Central Board of Education**, adoption of 1976-77 budget, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Art Assn.**, meeting, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 7

**Helderberg Council**, Church Women United, program on "Valiant Women," First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 9:30 a.m. Babysitters.

**Young Adult Film Series:** "The Scarlet Pimpernell," Bethlehem Library, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**Spaghetti Supper** benefitting the Tri-Village Nursery School, Delmar Reformed Church, 5-7:30 p.m. Adults: \$2, children \$1.50.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 8

**Film Festival**, showing films made the previous Saturday by the class on film-making, Bethlehem Library, 1 p.m.

**Fund Fair**, Garage Sale, Plants and Flowers, Baked Goods, Bethlehem Senior High School, sponsored by the Bethlehem Teachers' Assn. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Telephone numbers are for information and tickets.

#### THEATER

**Cabaret revue, "It Better be Good,"** Marilyn Abrams and Robert Boggs, Cohoes Music Hall, April 30-May 1, 8:30 p.m. 237-1675.  
**Ballet Workshop** (Schenectady New School of Ballet) and Suzuki violinists, program of dance and music, Cohoes Music Hall, May 2, 2:30 p.m.  
**Russell Sage College Dance Theater**, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy, April 29-30 at 8 p.m., May 1 at 2 p.m.  
**"Harvey,"** light comedy, Vincentian Student Theater, Madison Ave. at Ontario St., Albany, May 7-8, 8 p.m. 438-3544.

#### MUSIC

**Troy Musical Arts women's chorus**, concert, Cohoes Music Hall, April 29, 8:30 p.m.  
**Concert pianist Yvar Mikhashoff**, "Transformations," Albany Institute of History & Art, April 30, 8:30 p.m., free.  
**Annual benefit concert for American Cancer Society**, soprano Rae Kaplan and The New Chamber Ensemble, Albany Institute of History & Art, May 2, 3 p.m. 449-8722.  
**Ilum String Quartet**, free concert, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, May 2, 2 p.m. 273-0552.  
**Bethel Baptist Church Gospelsaires Concert Choir**, Cohoes Music Hall, May 2, 8 p.m. 237-7700.  
**Benefit performance**, The Jazz Workshop Orchestra, direction of Emil Kalled, featuring Nick Brignola group, Guilderland High School, May 3, 8 p.m. 456-4344.

#### LECTURE

**African Culture Series final lecture**, Dr. Harry O. Ododa of SUNYA, "East Africa: The Reality vs. the American Perception," First Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m.

#### EXHIBIT

**Fifth annual Exhibit for the Visually Impaired**, "The Shape and Sound of Music," Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, opening May 2, 2-5 p.m., continuing through May 30, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5.

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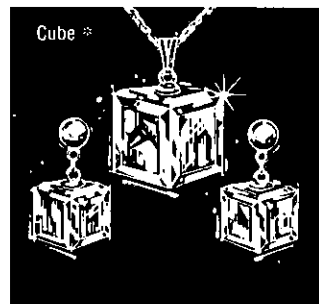
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## BETHLEHEM

### Zoning board: the apartment complex

As a popular mid-week attraction, Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals regularly runs second to the planning board. With few exceptions, it doesn't draw as many spectators or citizen commentators, it doesn't have a chairman who is a target for a vocal minority, it doesn't have a counsel who runs public hearings and tries to cast a vote, and it doesn't get the newspaper publicity the planners do.

#### Double squeeze

This week is different: the squeeze is on the appeals board from two directions as an aftermath of decisions at last Wednesday's session. In those actions, the board denied the request of Eugene Ouderkirk of Slingerlands for permission to convert a portion of the basement of his two-family house into a one-bedroom apartment, and rejected the petition of Juris VanCans of Slingerlands to build a four-unit apartment house in a rural section of Delmar.

The decisions riled their respective petitioners and raised the possibility of court action. Ouderkirk, whose wife Jacqueline is a frequent critic of town planning board procedures and actions, termed the rejection of his petition "political re-creation," and declared he would "pursue what avenues of recourse" were available to him, including, he said, "the legal aspects of the ruling."

#### Second time

VanCans said he had asked his attorney, Jonathan Diley,

to start legal action against the board to overturn the decision. Diley said he was "reviewing the decision of the board with an eye for a possible court proceeding."

For VanCans it was the second time his petition had been denied. On each occasion he sought approval to build a four-unit apartment structure on land he owns at the Jericho Rd.-Elm Ave. intersection, where three years ago a similar structure was approved, he said, "next door."

Neighbors had opposed the plan, fearing that approval of such a building would open the way for further development of the site.

#### Resolution issued

In rejecting the Ouderkirk request, the board issued a four-page resolution in which it concluded that the special exception asked by Ouderkirk "would not be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district and

would be detrimental to it and adjoining districts."

The Ouderkirk house, one of the largest in the hamlet, is a three-story brick edifice that at various times in the past century and a half has been a tavern, a hotel, a Prohibition-era speakeasy and a private club for Delaware & Hudson Railroad executives. It is located on Mullens Rd. adjacent to the D&H track at the New Scotland Rd. underpass. There are several multi-family structures in the immediate area.

Ouderkirk said his intention was to help defray the rising cost of fuel oil in maintaining such a large structure.

"Everyone who could see the house signed a petition saying they didn't object to the proposal," he said after the ruling. "If it had been approved, we still would have had a density factor of one family per half acre. According to the zoning law, I could put seven duplex houses on the acre and a half I own. No one who lives within

half a mile came to the hearing."

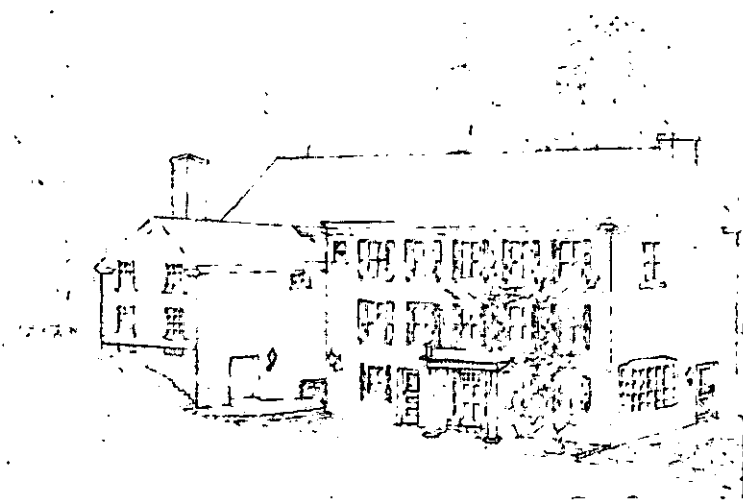
He added that "people should preserve the older homes, but maintenance costs are punitive."

#### Denies 'politics'

Board Chairman Charles B. Fritts denied any political implications in the ruling. "This is not the way this board works," he told the Spotlight. "It never has and it never will. The hearing was fair and exactly the same as all other hearings. There is too much integrity on this board to have anything any different. No one will gain in a battle of press statements."

In the resolution, the board pointed out that no requests for special exceptions had been filed for any dwelling on New Scotland Rd. since the zoning ordinance went into effect 10 years ago. It continued: "While the granting of one request would not, per se, be a precedent for this board, how could it find differently for similar dwellings in the same area? It would be a substantial change in the character and appropriate development of the area. It would forebode the detrimental change from residential to multi-family-commercial for the district and adjacent areas . . ."

"The area to the rear of this property had many single-family dwellings, either constructed or planned. It would be detrimental to both areas if the single-family dwellings of the past, bordering the single-family dwellings of the

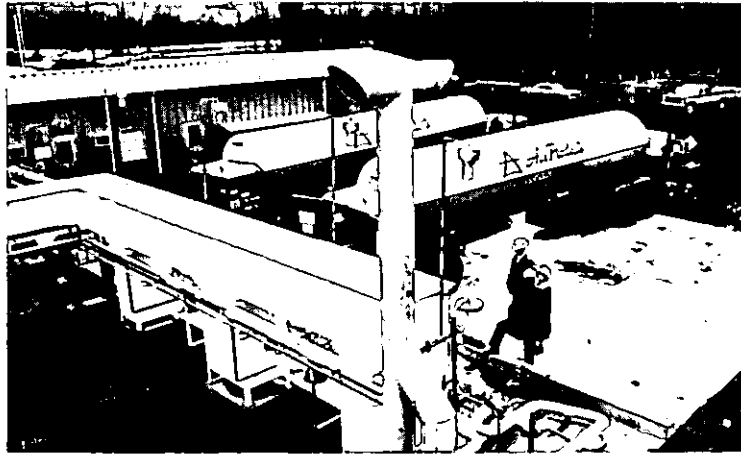


present and future, became three-family and four-family dwellings. The former area would diminish in character and value as a neighborhood and the development of the latter area would be hindered and substantially injured."

### BCHS musicians present concert

Bethlehem Central High School instrumental music department will present its annual spring concert Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the BCBS auditorium.

The program will include the Symphonic Orchestra under the direction of Salvatore Gangi performing works from Handel, Mozart, Bartok and Hanson. The band literature will be performed by the Wind Ensemble directed by Samuel S. Bozzella and the Concert Band by Mr. Gangi. The Wind Ensemble selections include "Suite of American Dances" by R. R. Bennett and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."



Air Products: 300 tons a day in Glenmont

### Glenmont chemical plant now on-line

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Charles Klauger is plant manager and Thomas L. Reinfuss assistant manager.

### PLANNING BOARD A 'full count' on Gould Park

For the second week in a row Bethlehem's planning board has gone down to three balls and two strikes, last of the ninth inning, in taking action on a developer's proposal. First it was Bicentennial Woods, the 145-lot residential subdivision in Glenmont; this time it was Gould Park, a projected seven-site warehouse development off Rt. 9W in Glenmont.

Under the law, the board must make its decision within 45 days of the date of the public hearing or let the plans stand approved by default. The string ran out this week on the Gould Park proposal, hence the board went into Tuesday's regular session knowing it was smack against the deadline.

But this time the action was expected to be routine after board members spent most of last week's session hammering out modifications to the plan filed by Gould Erectors and Riggers, Inc. The modifications specified by the board require the Gould firm to change the street configuration and to install a landscaped buffer zone along neighboring residential properties.

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possibility of a connection with Asprion Rd. Instead, the board asked that the main access road, to be called Middle Rd., be extended the full length of the property to the east boundary. In effect, the road layout is changed from a "T" to an "I" formation.

The buffer zone requirement was in response to complaints by Asprion Rd. residents, many of whom feared the development would aggravate drainage problems and would be unsightly in their views of nearby countryside. The board specified that a 40-foot zone setting the industrial area apart from Asprion Rd. dwellings should be designed "by a licensed landscape architect" and be "coniferous" in character.

At this week's meeting an engineer from the State Department of Transportation was to make a traffic report prior to the decision. On the drainage angle, the town's engineering consultant had previously stated that any change in runoff patterns as a result of the development would be "minimal."

The developer's plans call for seven 40,000-square-foot warehouse sites on the tract between Rt. 9W adjacent to the Dairy Queen and Asprion Rd. The area is zoned for light industry.

### 'Cancer days' coming

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the first of three "cancer donation days" May 12 at the Elsmere A&P store.

The A&P will contribute a sum equal to 5 percent of the purchase price of items bought that day by members of the Legion and auxiliary and participants from the community. To participate, residents are asked to obtain a special card at the Blanchard Post rooms, Poplar St., Elsmere and turn the card in to the cashier to get credit for the purchases.

The full register tape will be credited, with the exception of cigarets, beer and sales tax.

## Boating safety course offered

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a unique combination of American Red Cross small craft safety courses starting with an organizational meeting for boys, girls and adults 12 years of age and older at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St. at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 15.

An American Red Cross basic rowing and basic canoeing course plus the New York State Young Boatmen's Safety training course as well as a canoe instructor course also will be offered.

The program will be under the direction of James H. Carnahan, director of safety programs for the Albany Area Red Cross. Other instructors will include, Robert L. Carr, Sharon L. Carnahan, Greg Sagor and Lloyd R. Wilson, director of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept.

Paddling and rowing practice will be done on the Hudson River at the Henry Hudson Park for eight Saturday afternoons from 1-4 p.m., following the organization meeting. Instruction will be free, but a \$1.00 fee will be charged for basic course books and a \$3.00 fee for the instructor course materials.

To enroll call the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. 439-3073 or the Red Cross, 462-7461.

### Scout leaders hear Budliger

Robert Budliger of Elsmere, director of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, was the speaker at the annual dinner of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council Wednesday in the Polish Community Center, Albany.

A graduate of Cornell University, Budliger taught junior high school science and biology for nine years. He was formerly a ranger-naturalist with the U.S. National Park Service.

### Bloodmobile in Delmar

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, Tuesday, May 4, from 1 to 7 p.m. to receive contributions for the Northeastern New York Red Cross Blood Center, Albany.

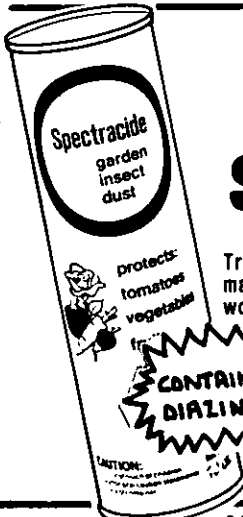
### Potting demonstration

Bethlehem Art Assn. will meet on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. Carl Benenati, a teacher and potter from this area, will demonstrate the "Elements of Throwing Pottery on Wheel." All are welcome.

### COVER PHOTO

Dedicating a grave marker: from left, Earl Jones, chairman of the board of trustees of the South Bethlehem Methodist Church, Mrs. Hildreth Bailey, regent of Tawasentha chapter, DAR, and Robert Mayl, superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, South Bethlehem. Photo by Michael McCloskey.

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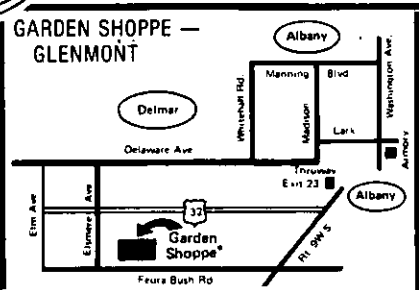
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Greater Ravena Lions Club has been cited for receiving the most pledges during the eye donor drive in March. The award was presented by Roger A. Swartfiguer, Lions district

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# Strategist, 9, thrives on chess

Eddie Volkwein of New Salem is a chess champ at the age of 9. Now that he has won the New York State chess championship for his age group, Eddie is getting serious about the game. He and his dad, Fred Volkwein, are clipping the chess column from the New York Times and reading books on strategy, for chess is a game of skill played as if on a battlefield.

The simple objective is to capture the opponent's king, but the game is seldom simple as indicated by one of the rules in the tournament: "your first 40 moves must be made within 60 minutes." Some games go on for four hours, the outside limit in a championship game.

## Surprise for teacher

Back when Eddie was 4 his uncle came for a visit and taught the youngster the basics of chess. A year later a very surprised uncle found himself beaten at the game by a 5-year-old! With such an early start, Eddie soon ran out of opponents among his contemporaries and now belongs to the Voorheesville Chess Club at the Clayton A. Bouton High School, where his mother teaches English.

Appraised by the chess club's faculty adviser that Eddie had beaten everyone in the club including the adviser, Mr. and



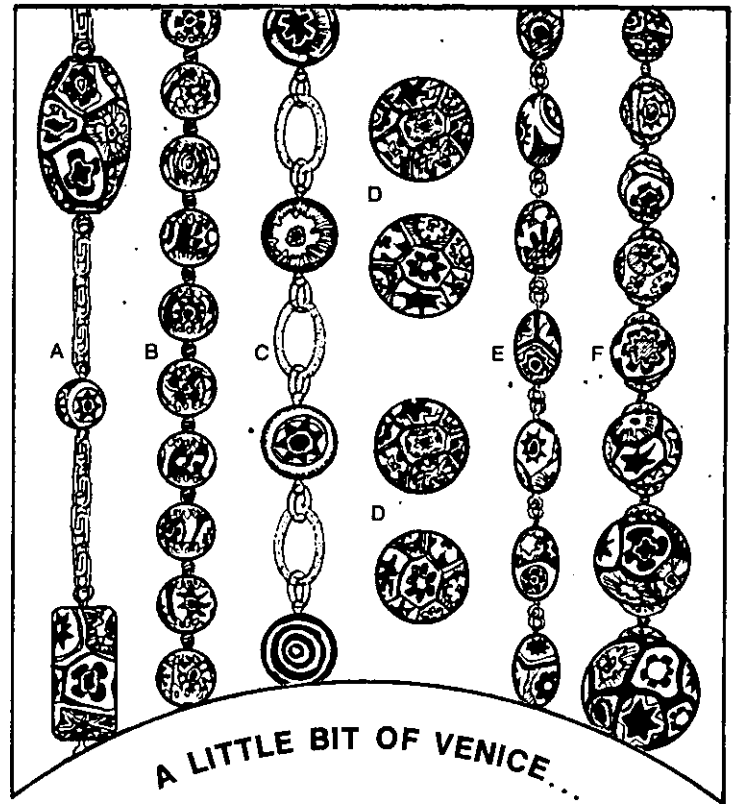
Barbara Schultz  
**Eddie Volkwein**

Mrs. Volkwein agreed to take him to Vestal, near Binghamton, when the Voorheesville team went to compete. It was a busy weekend for Eddie, who played six matches (none against girls: "There weren't many girls there," Eddie explains). Only one of his opponents was an elementary school student, a sixth grader. But being in the fourth grade has nothing to do with one's chess-playing ability, as Eddie proved when he defeated each of his opponents in turn. Although players are of assorted ages, awards are made according to age.

While Eddie thrives on chess and plays constantly, (the club meets every Wednesday after school and in between he plays

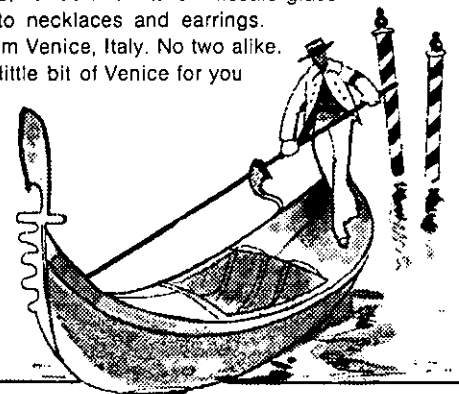
with his father) Eddie has other interests, too. He enjoys reading mysteries, swimming, cross-country skiing and is looking forward to playing Grasshop-

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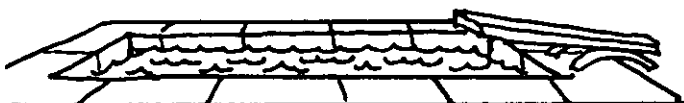
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that "Eddie's good at ping pong, too!"

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*Ann Eberle*



**Lyle J. Schoenthal**

**Sycamore women golf schedule to open**

The Ladies League of the Sycamore Country Club will launch a busy golf season Saturday with a nine-hole Spring tournament. Harriet Belinski is chairman of the event.

Ladies Event Day will be Thursdays, with tee-off at 9 a.m. For women unable to join the Thursday league there will be tournament play Wednesday evenings with tee-off from 4 to 4:30.

Other events will be: June 17, member-guest tournament, Charlotte Benson, chairman; July 15, ladies invitational tournament, chairman, June Rieth; Oct. 4, Falling Leaves member-member tournament, chairman, Kay Buker. The club championships will be held in the latter part of July and through August.

Betty Paquette of Delmar is president, Eleanor Moore of Coeymans is tournament chairman, Grace Day of Ravena treasurer and Marie Zolner of Ravena secretary.

**In conference post**

Lyle J. Schoenthal of Delmar, director of operational services for the New York State School Boards Assn., was co-coordinator for the 20th annual statewide BOCES meeting in Syracuse this week.

The conference brought together more than 300 leaders from the state's 46 BOCES — those composite systems made up of local school districts.

Schoenthal joined NYSSBA in 1952 after serving as business official for the Lancaster school district near Buffalo. He is a past executive secretary of the Erie County School Boards Association and is a member of the Rotary Club of Albany.



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## A crimson maple for town park

It was a misty day, with an intermittent drizzle, but the ceremony took place on schedule: the dedication of a "bicentennial tree" — a crimson maple — at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park.

The town's newest tree is a "bicentennial gift to the town" by the Bethlehem Tri-Village

chapter, American Assn. of Retired Persons (AARP), according to Richard Reissig, president of the 400-member unit.

At the dedication last Tuesday were Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer, who did the spade work, Mrs. William G. Reuter, who coordinated the event, Daniel Maffeo, assistant state director of AARP, Reissig and members of the chapter.

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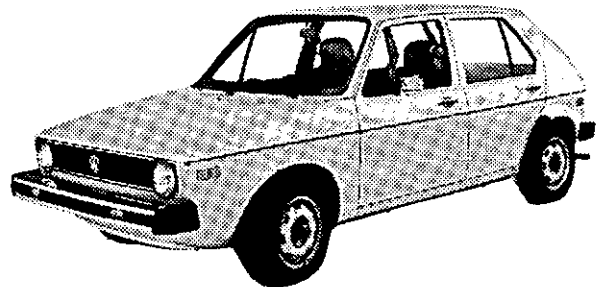
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### Presbyterian Fair set for May 8

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Others are home preparing candy, jams and baked goods for the Kitchen Kuponboard.



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## Needlework exhibit due next week

The Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will hold its annual exhibit "Needlework '76" on May 1-3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Schrafft's Albany Motor Inn, Route 9W.

Besides exhibiting over 300 pieces which have been worked by chapter members, there will be several guest pieces. Among the guest exhibitors will be "Field Bouquet" by Elsa Williams, which is on the cover of her book "Creative Canvas Work;" a cross stitch sampler worked by Julie Nixon Eisenhower for Paragon Kits; "Patchwork Pearl" by Gloria Vanderbilt and featured in a McCall's Needlework Magazine; a piece of creative stitchery by Lisbeth Perrone titled "Santa Cruise Falls;" a wall hanging of needleweaving by Bucky King called "Winter Trees," and Erica Wilson will exhibit a piece of her stitchery.

## Chicken 'n' biscuits

The Women's Guild of the Onesquethaw Reformed Church will put on an old-fashioned chicken and biscuit supper in the church hall Saturday. Servings will be at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations: Mrs. Elwood Vanderbilt, 768-2213. The public is welcome.

## Hearings set on subdivisions

Bethlehem planning board has scheduled public hearings on preliminary plans filed by developers for two subdivisions in Delmar.

The board will hold a hearing Tuesday on a proposal for eight residential lots on Union Ave., South by Gerald Goldie.

The board set May 11 for a hearing on a proposed subdivision in the Murray Ave.-Woodstream-Parkwyn area. The developer, Residential Concepts Inc. of Delmar, originally planned 34 lots for the property, formerly owned by Elizabeth Murray, but was requested by the board to revise the street layout.

The development, to be known as Springald Wood, is triangular in shape and is bounded by Murray Ave. and existing residential lots on Lyons Ave. and Pheasant La.



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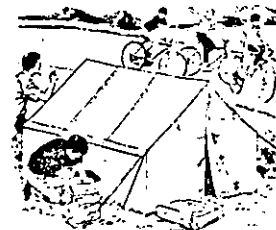
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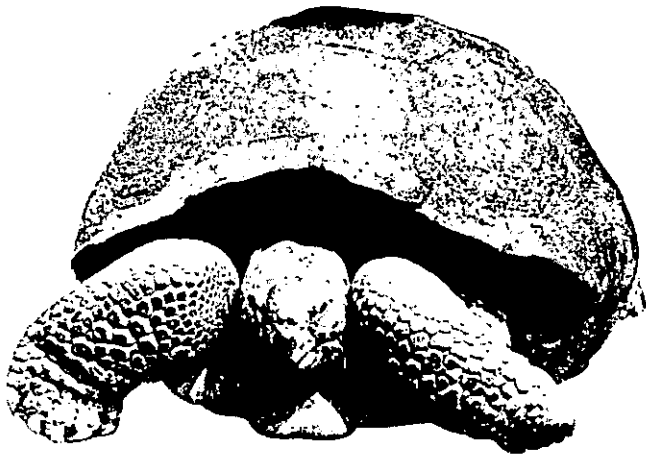


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According to Ron Stockman, upstate New York area

manager for the Howard Johnson restaurant chain, the contemporary design of the Rhum Runners is the first example of the "California Experience" style the company now is building nationally.

The lounge will be open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days. Luncheon will be served catering to business people, and the dinner menu (5 to 9) will feature steaks and prime ribs. In addition to the cock-

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Eileen Schuyler with Chip Alford, left, and Michael Steese

tail lounge, the adjacent restaurant and all Howard Johnson restaurants in the Albany area are open 24 hours, a trend that has spread to more than 70 percent of the chain's restaurants across the country.

Manager of the Southern Blvd. facility is Dan Cornell, a lifelong resident of Delmar. Banquet manager is Ann Gould.

### Eileen Schuyler in playhouse lead

Eileen Schuyler of Slingerlands, fresh from her triumph as Lady Macbeth, returns to the Slingerlands Playhouse in the lead role as Mrs. Dally in the Slingerlands Players' final production of the season.

The two one-act plays directed by W. A. Frankonis, "Mrs. Dally Has a Lover" and "Today is Independence Day," will run May 12-16 and May 19-22.

Michael Steese, cast in the role of Sam Dally, made his debut with Slingerlands this season as Duncan in "Macbeth." Steese has acted and directed with almost every community theatre in the area. Chip Alfred, as the teenaged Frankie, appeared in the Players "The Tempest" and has also performed with both the Albany and Schenectady Civic Theatres.

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Among the classroom themes are: children at play in games of today and yesterday, hand-made heirloom dolls, a collage of "Women in America," a 22-foot mural on American progress, arts of the "Roaring Twenties," the Amer-

ican frontier, symbols of freedom and others.

Other features include: bakery shop, Mrs. Julio Quaglieri, Mrs. John Haggerty; house plants, Mrs. James McCormick; grand prize and tickets, Mrs. August Franze, Mrs. Michael Hodom; refreshments, Mrs. Nancy Applebee, Mrs. James Cameron; door prize, Mrs. Paul Gratzel; country store, Mrs. Robert Ganley and Mrs. William Haas; posters, Mrs. Diane Clyne; program, Mrs. Luciano Junco, Miss Rita Gagnor, and flower arrangement and stage setting, Mrs. Alfonse Verstandig and Robert Verstandig.

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Soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War 200 years ago are buried in several locations throughout the town of Bethlehem. As a bicentennial-year project, the Tawasentha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is attempting to place a permanent marker on as many cemeteries as possible that contain the graves of these soldiers.

The first to be completed is a marker to commemorate the service of Patrick Callanan. According to Allison P. Bennett, chairman of the chapter's bicentennial committee, Callanan served in the 3rd Regiment, Albany County Militia, Land Bounty Rights, under Capt. John Vanderheyden. He died Oct. 4, 1824, aged 89 years. His wife, Susan, died Feb. 2, 1816, aged 53. Both are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, So. Bethlehem.

## ABC student winner

Janyce Mims, 372 Maple Ave., Selkirk, a student in the evening division at Albany Business College, won first place in a statewide competition of the Junior Collegiate Division of the Distributive Education Clubs of America recently at Glens Falls. Her entry was judged best in the category of fashion merchandising. She is a graduate of Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk Central School and of Tobe-Coburn College. She is enrolled in the two-year executive secretarial program at the college.

## A country fair in Voorheesville

Albany County Mental Health Assn. will kickoff Mental Health Month with an old-fashioned Country Fair featuring a garage/rummage sale, baked goods, craft items, food, free entertainment, displays and pony rides. The fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sweeney Farm at the intersection of Rts. 85A and 156, Voorheesville.

Anyone interested in contributing garage sale items, craft items, baked goods, free entertainment, or volunteering to help is encouraged to call the Mental Health Assn. at 438-5939.

## Town park adds 4 tennis courts

Four new tennis courts will be added to the Bethlehem town park on Elm Ave. in time for the July 4 weekend if contract specifications can be worked out on schedule, according to Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer.

The park now has four all-weather courts lighted for night play. Specifications for the additional courts have not been determined, the supervisor said. He also indicated it was unlikely the new courts would have lighting, at least for the first year.

Town officials also are talking with officials of the Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk school district on a plan to build two tennis courts in the rear of R-C-S board of education building on Thacher St., Selkirk.

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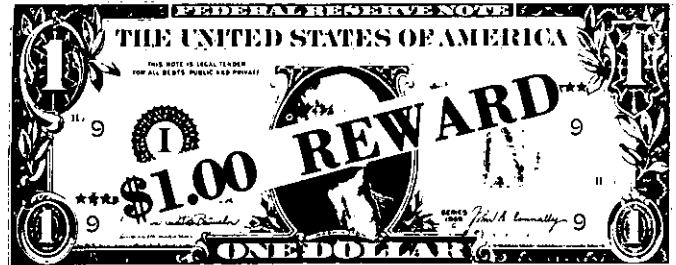
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When an item or service is presented that strikes your fancy, a phone call to Channel 17 mentioning the item number of your selection and a bid is all that is necessary.

### Assigned to ship

Navy Electrician's Mate David L. Ristau, 22, son of Mrs. Nancy A. Ristau, 34 Cherry Ave., Delmar, has reported for duty aboard the amphibious command ship USS Mount Whitney homeported at Norfolk, Va. A 1972 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Navy in 1973.



Rev. Lawrence G. McTavey

### Fr. McTavey to speak

Rev. Lawrence G. McTavey, vice president of the Albany Diocesan School Board and pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Cohoes, will speak to parents of students at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Delmar, at 8 p.m. Wednesday (May 5). His topic will be, "The Role of the Parent in the Catholic School of Today."

Fr. McTavey served as principal of Cardinal McCloskey High School from 1967 to 1972, and studied last fall in Rome.

### Scout show Saturday

Some 3,000 Cubs, Boy Scouts and Explorers from throughout Albany County will stage a bicentennial Scout show on Saturday, May 1, at the new Albany High School gymnasium. It will be one of the largest youth-oriented demonstrations ever held upstate, with nearly 100 different activities and displays. Cubs will demonstrate crafts and hobbies and will compete in PineWood derbies and rocket races. Scouts will have rope bridges spanning the gymnasium, watch towers soaring to the roof, outdoor camping and cooking displays.

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## 9 mailboxes have Sunday collection

Louis J. Picarazzi, Selkirk postmaster currently in charge of the Delmar postoffice pending appointment of a successor to retired postmaster James Mulholland, reminds local postal patrons there are Sunday mail collections at nine locations in the Tri-Village area.

Outgoing mail is picked up at 12 noon Sunday at these boxes: Kenwood and Elsmere Aves., Delaware Plaza, Kenwood and Adams, Mullens Pharmacy, Cherry and Dawson, 532 Kenwood, Albany Public Market and boxes in front of the Delmar (both sides of street) and Slingerlands postoffices.

Mr. Picarazzi stated his office "is always open to correct a problem or potential problem in mail service to customers."

## Helderberg Council meets

May Fellowship Day will be celebrated by the Helderberg Council of Church Women United on Friday, May 7, at the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville. A coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. will be followed at 10 by the program emphasizing "Valiant Women" of the nation. There will be a baby sitter.

## Chamber concert Sunday

Bethlehem Central Chamber Music Society will present a free recital on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Bethlehem Library. The club is composed of 40 high school students who are accomplished on strings, winds, percussion and piano. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

## Dial-a-garden

Albany County Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, has a "Tip-o-Phone" for the latest in home and garden care — 765-3132 — 24 hours a day with a new message each day. The gardening information is given Monday, Tuesday, Friday and weekends. Home Economics information is given on Wednesday and Thursday.

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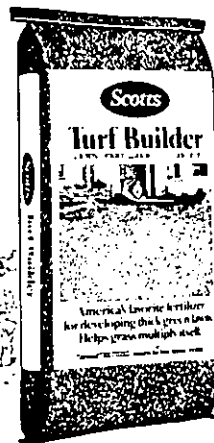
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The first of three YWCA-sponsored bicentennial charter bus trips to historic places on Saturday is expected to attract a number of Tri-Village residents. The trips leave at 8:15 a.m. from Stuyvesant Plaza, near Howard Johnson's.

This Saturday's trip goes to Farmington, Conn., and Hartford to visit Hill-Stead house and museum, the 1660 Stanley-Whitman House, the home of Harriet Beecher Stowe and the boat-shaped residence of Mark Twain. Other trips are:

Saturday, May 15, the tiny Revolutionary town of Tappan and the DeWint House.

Saturday, June 5, Old Deerfield with its restorations and the charming Deerfield Inn.

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### Scores golfing ace

Andy Lawrence, 16, of Glenmont scored the first hole-in-one of the local season recently when he sank his tee shot with an 8-iron on the 115-yard 12th hole at Tall Timbers Country Club.

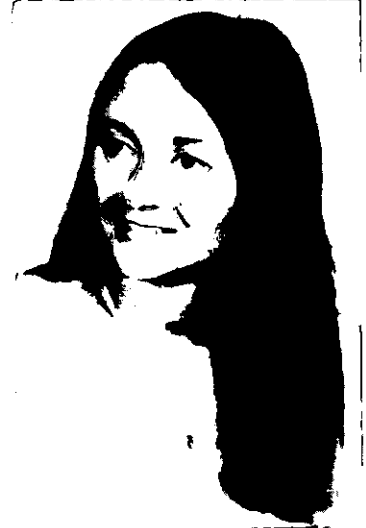
Andy, a first-year golfer, was playing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Lawrence, when he achieved the feat many others have been unable to do in a lifetime on the links.

### Bird walk Tuesday

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will conduct a one-hour guided bird walk on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Participants should wear boots or walking shoes and bring binoculars if possible.

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### College senior honored

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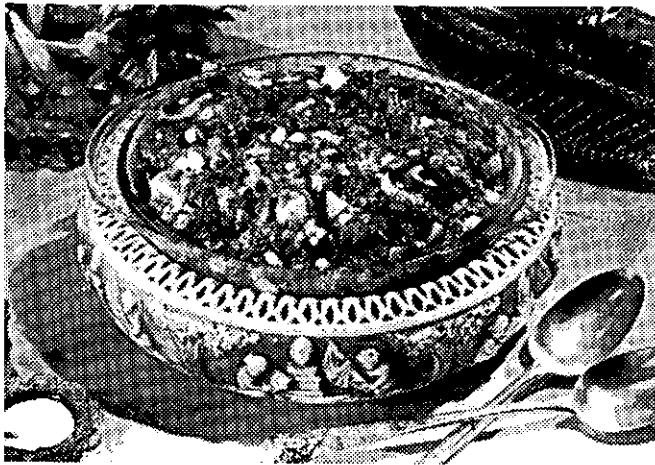
### GOP elects Scaringe

George P. Scaringe, Albany County Republican election commissioner, is the party's new county chairman, succeeding Joseph Frangella of Slingerlands. Frangella had headed the GOP county committee for the past 10 years, but had been under heavy fire in recent campaigns for failure to prevent splits in the party's ranks and for disappointing vote totals in key county races.

### Local artist cited

V. Remington Rich, Slingerlands artist, has been commissioned by the Chemical Bank Eastern, N.A., for pen-and-ink sketches of outstanding historical buildings of Cohoes. Mrs. Rich is currently exhibiting part of a collection of sketches in the Chemical Bank's new branch office in the Harmony Mills section of Cohoes.

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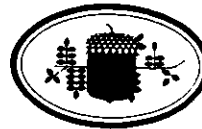
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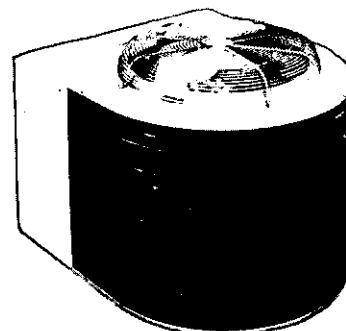
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do it. In the seven weeks between now and the Fourth you should be ready to enjoy a full season on the outdoor courts.

In addition, Hank has signed up more than 100 youngsters in a special junior clinic sponsored by Rawlings May 3-7. The clinics will be at 4:30 and 5:30, and will be under the supervision of Jim Dumas, the club pro, and Jill Linett, assisted by Pat Podgorski, Kevin Mullin and Rick Bergman.

**New courts, new club**

The best of all news for a tennis player is an announcement of expanded court facilities.

Sandy Bookstein and Lee Aronowitz, who began this indoor madness seven years

ago at Tri-City, will add six all-weather outdoor courts to their six carpeted jobbies at Latham, and Frank Romeo, an Albany builder has signed a contract to erect a new eight-court indoor club on Rt. 155, Guilderland, in the Pine Bush area.

The outdoor complex at Tri-City Racquet will be ready by July 1. The Pine Bush layout is scheduled for a Sept. 1 opening, which seems a bit ambitious. Groundbreaking is scheduled for May 1, and the courts will be Latexitite.

Let's hope that someone can talk Romeo out of his proposed name — the Capitaland Tennis Club — before the masonry gets too far along, unless he insists on sounding like an

unimaginative newspaper advertising manager talking to the sixth grade tour group.

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**TENNIS SHORTS:** Carolyn Stoll, the 15-year-old phenom from Livingston, N.J. who played two tournaments in Schenectady last year, improved her national status considerably by winning the Easter Bowl in New York City last weekend, an event dominated by the nation's top junior players . . . Grace Findlay of Clifton Park has been ranked No. 16 in the U.S. in women's "40" singles . . . Bethlehem Central's tennis team made a shambles of what was expected to be the Suburban Council showdown, 7-0, but still faces a major threat in Niskayuna.

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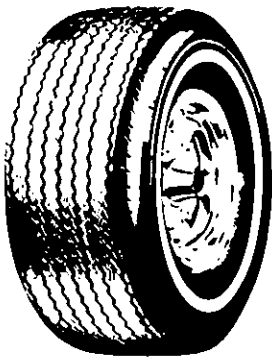
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## A 'preposterous' idea

Editor, the Spotlight:

We feel it is necessary to clarify recent reports of an ill-conceived proposal by a New York City assemblyman who has called for state legislative terms to be expanded to four years at an annual salary of \$44,800. This idea is frankly so preposterous that it is hard to believe anyone would take it seriously.

Unfortunately, news reports in this area have not made it clear that this idea stems from

one legislator — an Assembly Democrat who represents the Ocean Parkway section of Brooklyn — and that it is in no way endorsed, co-sponsored or, to our knowledge, even being considered by legislators other than this one man. The problem, however, is that it is easy for our constituents and residents in this Capital District area, who are sensitive to matters of this kind, to get the impression that this is a "legislative proposal" involving some or all of us. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Naturally it is the right of any legislator to propose those measures he or she feels may be of value to a particular area or the state as a whole and we would not deny this right. However, we think that this particular suggestion — whether made seriously or not — does a disservice to all state legislators because it advocates a salary range which is simply impossible and impractical for these times. It should also be noted that, although a number of us have supported the concept of full-time legislators and will continue to do so, we now consider ourselves "full-time" assemblymen and feel that this proposal, with a \$44,000 salary attached to it, is totally unnecessary and unwarranted.

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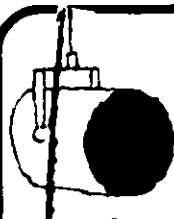
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*Then there's the two-day fair at the Sweeney Farm in Voorheesville (Rts. 85A and 156) for the Albany County Mental Health Assn.*

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