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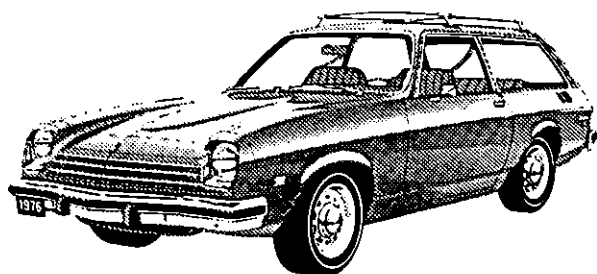
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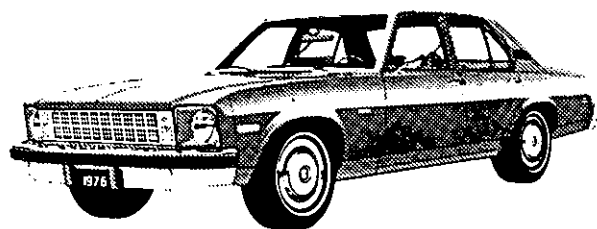
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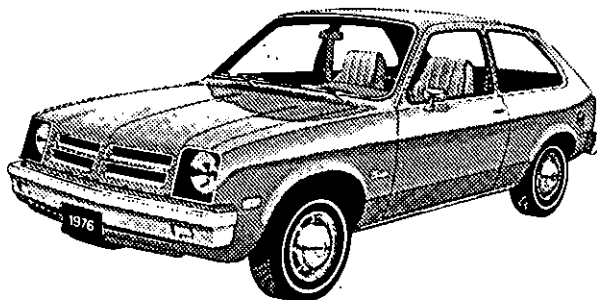
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Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

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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.

League of Women Voters, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., once or twice a month, at Bethlehem Public Li-brary. 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.

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

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AARP meets 12:30 p.m., third Tues-day of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave-nue, Delmar.

Half Moon Button Club of Albany, third Wednesday noon of the month at Bethlehem Public Library. For information 872-0068.

Kiwanis Club of Delmar, Mondays at 6:15 at Center Inn, Glenmont.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Meet the Candidates for the school board, sponsored by Save Our Schools, Delmar School cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Two one-act plays, Slingerlands Players' Playhouse, Unionville, 8:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: "What's New In The Care Of Mother And Baby," sponsored by The Bank, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Public invited.

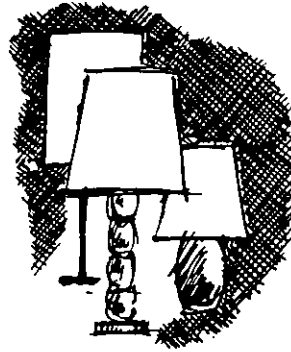
Middle School Spring Musical Festival Part II, Middle School, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

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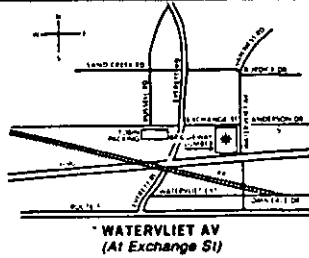
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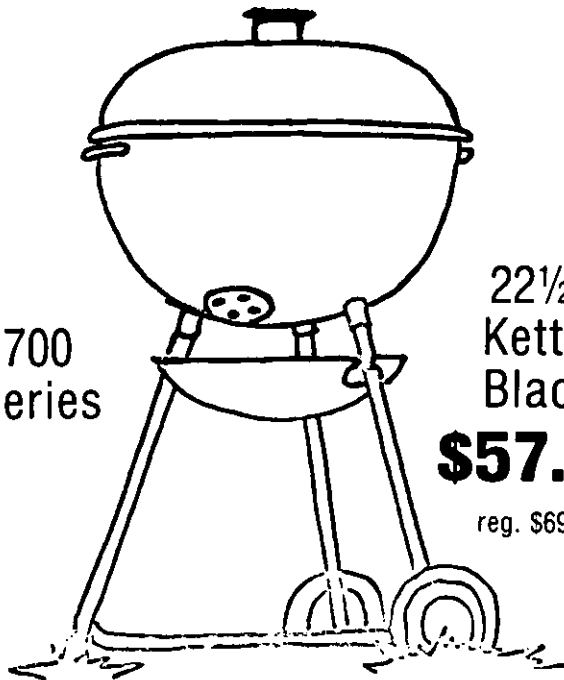
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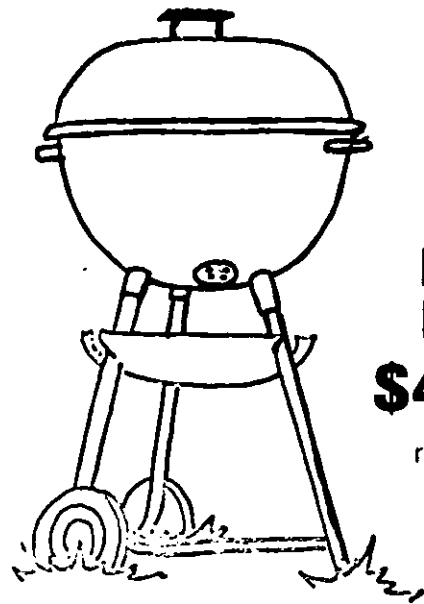


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Annual strawberry supper, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, servings 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., adults \$4, children \$1.50, reservations: 439-2046.

Annual Strawberry Festival, ladies' Auxiliary of the North Bethlehem Fire Dept., North Bethlehem Fire Co., Schoolhouse Rd., 12 noon until dark.

Beta Gamma Rho sorority will do spring cleaning, wash windows, yard clean-up, babysitting, other jobs, all day. Call 465-8137.

Garage and Rummage Sale, Glenmont Community Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Carnival, Clarksville Elementary School, Delaware Tpk., Clarksville, 2-8 p.m. Rides, booths, magic shows, games.

Garden Day, sponsored by the town of Bethlehem, at the town highway garage, Elm Ave. East, Selkirk, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Play: "Free to be . . . you and me," presented by Shaker High School, Bethlehem Library, 2-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Spring Music Festival, Clarksville School, Delaware Tpk., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, St. Stephen's Church parish hall, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Lecture 8 p.m., Florence Becker on "The World of Photography."

Literary Evening offered by the Teacher Resource For Innovation Grant, featuring Dr. Theo S. Adams of SUNYA, "A Vision of America Through American Literature," Room 46, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Spring Choral Concert, Delmar School, Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Informational meeting on Bethlehem Central school budget, Hama-grael School, McGuffey Lane, 8 p.m. All district residents invited.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Annual May Choral Concert, Bethlehem Senior High School, Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. \$1 donation.

Deadline for entering the Bethlehem spring tennis tournament to be held June 5-6, 12-13. Entry forms must be received by John Shafer, 21 Bennett Terr., by mail or personal delivery.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

No school for Bethlehem Central residents.

Young Adult Film Series: Return of the Apeman," Bethlehem Library, 3:30 and 7:30.

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

Dinner Theater, "Don't Just Sit There," featuring Betty Taylor, Joseph Kilgallen, others, Italian American Community Center, Wash. Ave. Extension, Albany, May 23-25, dinner 7 p.m., curtain 8:30, 372-6888.

MUSIC

International Festival of Chamber Music series, Amadeus String Quartet of London, Union College Memorial Chapel, May 20, 8:30 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, "Little Symphony" playing light classics, free concert for senior citizens, Russell Sage College, Troy, May 23, 3 p.m. 270-5346.

FILM

"Augustine of Hippo," Italian film with English subtitles, directed by Roberto Rossellini on the life of St. Augustine, Italian-American Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, May 23, 7:30 p.m. Free.

EXHIBITS

"The Black Artist in Historical Perspective," collection of over 60 paintings and sculptures by prominent American black artists born prior to 1900, Albany Institute of History & Art, through May.

"Funny," exhibition examining peculiarities and foibles of man, Rensselaer Newman Foundation Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy, through June 7, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. daily.

Exhibit and sale, Mayfair Art Studio, 289 Ontario St., Albany, original graphics and prints from Roten collection, Baltimore, May 26, 1-8 p.m.

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VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL

School budget stirs flap in New Scotland

An embattled Voorheesville Central School District board of education, thrust into a verbal melee with taxpayers over the new school budget, will rely on renewed communications to stave off a ballot-box crisis next month.

For two nights last week the battle of the budget was the top attraction in town. Public presentation of the district's \$3.4-million 1976-77 budget drew more than 400 people to the high school auditorium the

Voorheesville budget highlights

- 1976-77 budget of \$3.4 million is \$77,000 above 1975-76.
- Expenditures are up 2.7 percent, anticipated revenue 13 percent short.
- New Scotland tax rate up approximately \$44.38 per \$1,000.
- Teachers have agreed to extend current salary scale one year.
- Teaching staff reduced by four through consolidation.

first night and another 150 the second night. Both times the dialogue lasted to midnight.

Mood of the audience was more of frustration and disappointment than anger despite a number of heated exchanges between board members and residents who face a 45 percent jump in school taxes next year.

A new experience

This wallop to the citizens' wallet was the big factor in drawing the crowds to the New Salem facility last week. It is also a new experience to Voorheesville district taxpayers, who for years have been accustomed to enjoying a comprehensive school program at substantially lower cost than those in neighboring Bethlehem and Gunderland, and having to put up barely one-third of the money themselves.

This time a combination of circumstances ganged up on school officials and the public alike. Operating costs are up, state aid is down and the modest kitty the board had been trying to protect as a balance in escrow from year to year-melted away this year. This slush fund grew from \$62,000 in 1973-74 to \$370,000 for the 1975-76 school year in

anticipation of a possible need to build a new school; instead the current balance of \$170,000 will be swallowed up in the new budget and will be zero a year from now.

The proposed 1976-77 budget actually is only 2.7 percent higher than the current budget, but anticipated revenues fall 13 percent short of meeting expenses. Hence the boost in the tax rate.

The squeeze from inflated costs and the cutback in state aid compounded the tax hike. "Outside" sources of revenue (state and federal aid, plus interest received) cover only 56 percent of the new budget, leaving the rest to be raised through local taxes.

In the current school year district taxpayers are financing only 31 percent of the school's total expenditures. In the three previous years they footed less than 33 and 32 percent each time. Now, with 44 percent of next year's school costs having to come out of local pockets, the tax rate for New Scotland residents in the district will be approximately \$145.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, up from the present rate of \$101.12. New Scotland residents comprise 87 percent

of the Voorheesville district population.

Further cuts made

In the wee hours of last Friday morning following the post-midnight breakup of the second auditorium hearing, the school board and Werner W. Berglas, supervising principal of the system, chopped and chipped another \$15,000 out of the document in several places, which shaved about \$1.50 off next year's tax rate. They wheedled \$4,000 from school supplies, materials and equipment, \$2,000 from textbook funds, \$4,000 from transportation money for field trips and additional services, and made smaller cuts in half a dozen other categories. They saved another \$1,000 by eliminating funds supporting a summer playground program in the village of Voorheesville on the basis that the village itself provides a program described by one board member as "excellent."

Then, weary from seven straight hours of debate and discussion that started at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, the board formally adopted a budget that will go to the voters June 9 at \$3,402,839. The anticipated tax rate for New Scotland residents is approximately \$145.50.

"We've cut everything we possibly can," commented one board member. "The cost is low compared to other districts, we are certainly competitive and we have a good school program."

Observed Berglas: "We hope when the voters study the re-

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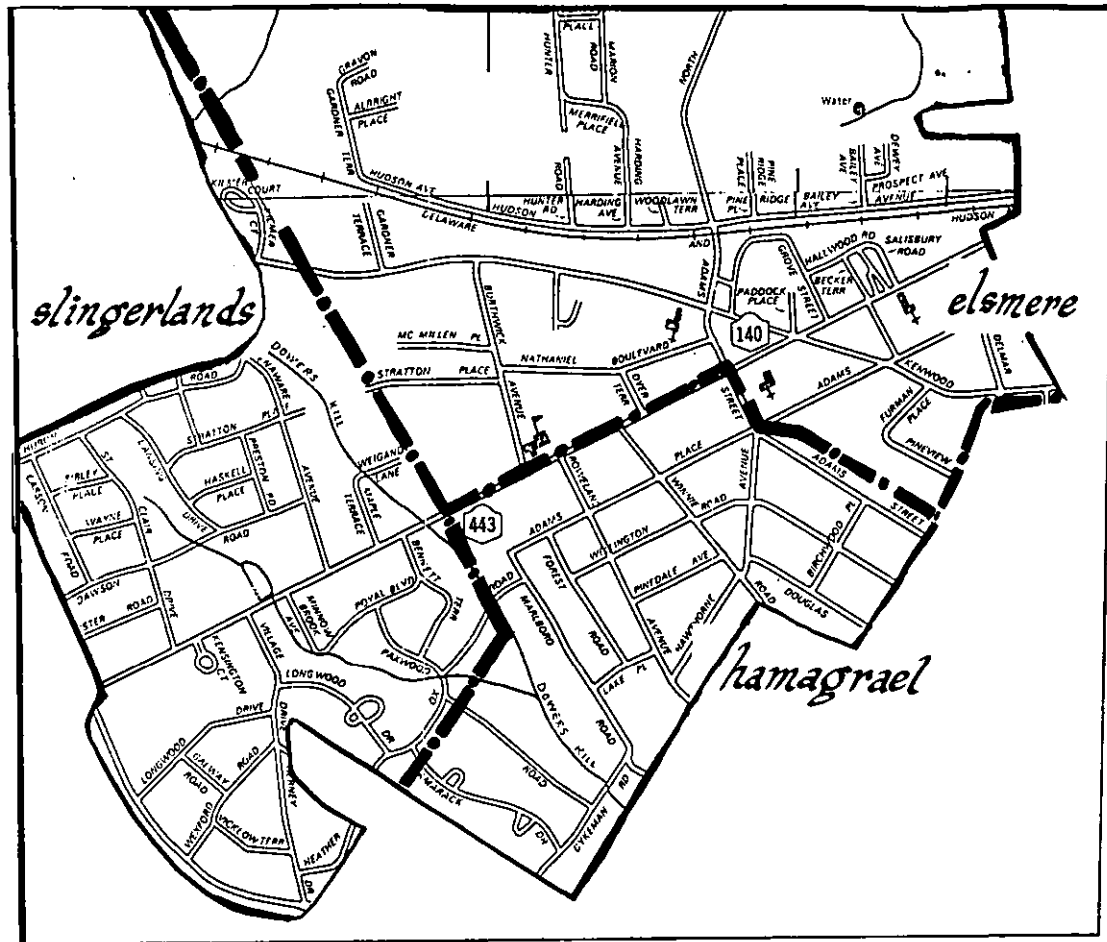
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submitted budget they will see that we have made the effort to serve their best interests. It's a good budget."

Many in the audiences at last week's hearings and around town don't agree, and will turn out next month to vent their frustrations by voting the budget down. To spare the system from another long go-round and an eventual austerity budget under state-mandated rules, the board is preparing at least one explanatory mailing to district residents and a series of coffee-klatch briefings over the next three weeks.

There will be only one opportunity for a mass public meeting before the June 9 voting. The board's annual meeting is scheduled for the evening of June 8, but by then it will be too late to publish any changes.



Present Delmar School area will be assigned to three other schools under redistribution plan.

Pupil redistribution: 3 wedges in pie

The plan for distribution of Delmar Elementary School pupils into other nearby schools as a result of the Bethlehem board of education's decision to close the structure in June now is official.

Notices of the reassignments were mailed last week to parents of 270 pupils in grades K-5. Lawrence A. Zinn, superintendent of schools, said the reassignments are based on a combination of geographical

location and the availability of facilities at the Elsmere, Slingerlands and Hamagrael elementary schools.

On the map, the redistribution follows roughly the pattern of three pie-shaped wedges in the area presently served by the Delmar school, with the main dividing lines on or near Delaware Ave., the Dowers Kill, Adams St. and Old Ox Rd.

Delmar School principal Joseph Schaefer is the prime architect of the plan, which tries to avoid splitting families while keeping class sizes proportional in a logical geographical order. The final plan reassigns 112 pupils, 41 percent of the school's present enrollment, to Elsmere School, which has the largest capacity. Slingerlands will receive 83 students, 31 percent of the total, and Hamagrael will get 75 students.

The final plan was approved by Zinn before being adopted. According to Zinn, there were "surprisingly few" problems involved in organizing the redistribution. "I had anticipated much more difficulty to get it balanced out," he said.

Hamagrael will have 366 students this fall, Zinn said. Although this is an increase of 60 pupils over last fall, enrollment has been dropping steadily dur-

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fore that he spent three years as a sixth grade teacher in the Delmar School, two years as teaching principal at the Bethlehem Center School and three years as principal of both the Clarksville and Bethlehem Center Schools.

JCC fashion show

The Women's Service League of the Albany Jewish Community Center will hold a public card party and fashion show Monday at 12:30 p.m. Two color TVs and a stereo will be raffled off and door prizes given. Donation is \$1.50.

ing the last few years. During the 1973-74 school year Hamagrael had 370 students. The average class size for the three schools this fall will be 22.3 students, Zinn said.

To accommodate the new students, the four extra rooms in the Slingerlands Elementary School, the three in the Elsmere School and the two in Hamagrael will no longer be available for use as music room, art rooms and resource centers. However, the Elsmere and Slingerlands schools each will continue to have one extra room, and if enrollment continues to drop as expected more extra rooms may be possible.

Two full-time custodians will lose their jobs with the closing of the Delmar School, as will one full-time teacher aide, one full-time senior stenographer and five part-time lunch aides. All Delmar Elementary School teachers have been reassigned to schools within the district.

Retirement resolves matter of principal

Closing of the Delmar School and the retirement of Hamagrael principal John Falvey have caused a shift in elementary school principals within the Bethlehem school district. Joseph Schaefer, principal of the Delmar School, will fill the vacancy left by Falvey. He will not return to his former position as Clarksville principal as originally planned, leaving David Murphy to continue in that post.

A petition signed by 250 Clarksville residents was submitted to the school board, asking that Murphy be retained as Clarksville Elementary School principal. As the district principal with the least seniority, Murphy was originally expected to be demoted to assistant principal, allowing Schaefer to resume his post as Clarksville principal.

Falvey was principal of Hamagrael for 22 years. Be-

Cover Photo

Terri Mason, a student in a social psychology course at BCHS, plays a student-devised educational game with two young friends, Jimmy and Robby McCuen. As part of the family unit of this popular course, high school students plan and construct various toys and then invite pre-schoolers into their classes for a week, to observe first-hand how the children behave. Afterwards, the toys are donated to a local day-care center. This part of the course is designed to help the teenagers gain some understanding of parenting — a head start on that area of knowledge that many of today's parents probably wish they'd had!

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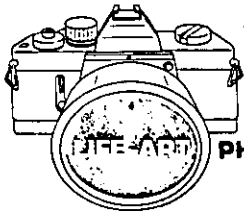
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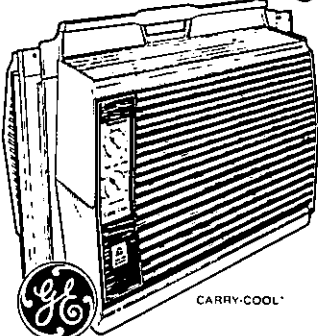
Reno S. Knouse, professor of distributive education at the State University of New York at Albany, was the recent recipient of a certificate of appreciation presented by the Junior Collegiate Division of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA).

The award was for having contributed guidance, inspiration and support to the program of youth activity of the New York State Association of the Junior Collegiate Division of the Distributive Education Clubs of America. He served as the first state advisor of the High School Division of DECA from 1950 to 1960, and as the first chairman of the board of governors of the Junior Collegiate Division in 1967-68. He is currently serving as state advisor of the newly organized collegiate division.

Prof. Knouse and his wife reside at 40 Thorndale Rd., Slingerlands, and are the parents of Robert Knouse of Voorheesville and Elizabeth Ralph of Delmar.

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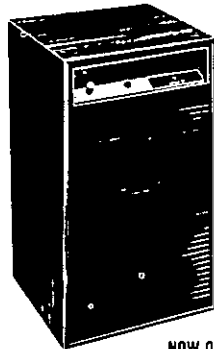


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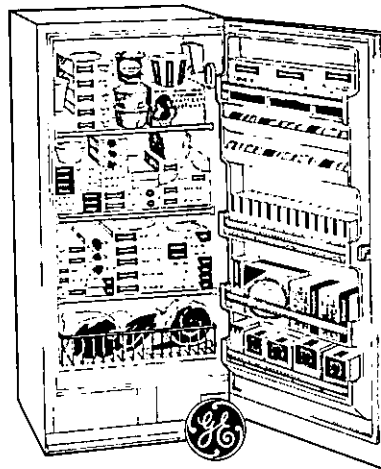


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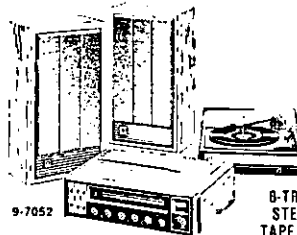
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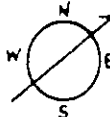
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Puppet show, a feature of Elsmere School's annual fair, is "hawked" by Principal Richard Herrmann, upper left. Above, seven young faces watch the puppets, one watches the camera. Left, Jonathan Fischer, Grade 5, takes a break from activities.

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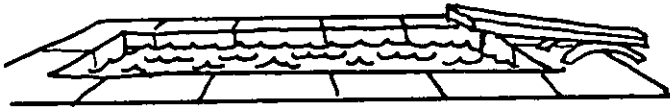
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Volunteers and youngsters have built their own playground in Clarksville. Here Dean Trotta supervises his mother, Mrs. Anthony Trotta, from a first grade standpoint.

Town of New Scotland residents will be signing a replica of the Declaration of Independence during the town's Bicentennial celebration and until Dec. 31. It is their way of reaffirming the values upon which the country was founded.

On Wednesday the Genetaska organization will announce the winner of the New Scotland "princess" contest. The three finalists and their families, supervisor Steve Wallace and Kiwanis president Mike Bartholomew and Mrs.



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At the close of the parade, booths will be open on the playground behind the American Legion Post. The Helderview Garden Club will be selling pots, soil, peat moss and other gardening supplies. The proceeds will go towards red, white and blue plantings in the town's flower boxes. Remembering that the nation's garden clubs planted Liberty Trees in 1876 to replace the country's fading elms, the Garden Club will plant a Liberty Tree in the town this year.

On June 4 Clarksville will be the site of a block (round and square) dance from 9 til 1. Bicentennial costumes are optional attire. June 5 will be a doubly busy day in New Scotland township as the Voorheesville Elementary School will be buzzing with the Historical Society's Flea Market and Quilt show.

Meanwhile in Clarksville the big Bicentennial weekend will be in full swing. Clarksville Girl Scout Troop 582 will be selling professionally printed 50-page souvenir booklets for \$2. The booklet contains the weekend's events and the times and places for each, the

line of march for the June 6 parade and 20 pages of local history. The booklet will be sold door to door and will also be available at McNab's Grocery and Lange's Pharmacy.

The evening of June 5 from 8-11 p.m. there will be a young adult dance with music by the Adrenalins.

Music Hall refurbished

Tri-Village patrons of the Cohoes Music Hall will be able to attend the theatre in greater comfort and safety than in the past, according to Louis J. Ambrosio, executive director of the hall. Three major projects, air conditioning, sprinkler system and additional parking spaces will have been completed by the fall opening, Ambrosio said. An additional 300 parking spaces within one block of the Music Hall are being created by the City of Cohoes, which is now in the process of demolishing substandard structures in the area. It is anticipated that these spaces will be graded and blacktopped within the next few weeks.

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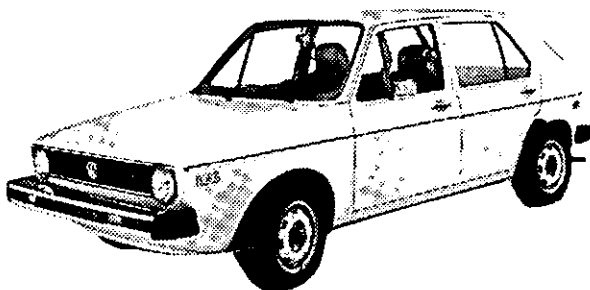
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**Barge itinerary
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The revised schedule of the state's Bicentennial Barge includes a four-day visit to Albany as one of its 37 stops. The floating exhibit will be in this area July 1-4 after a trip up the Hudson.

From Albany the barge will make its way to Plattsburgh before retracing the Champlain Canal route to the Mohawk for visits across the state as far as Buffalo.

The barge will feature a historical exhibition mounted on two decks of the vessel, which is 250 feet long by 39 feet wide. The exhibition will tell the story of New Yorkers in the Revolutionary period and will focus on the lives and experiences of people of that time.

Communities across the state are coordinating locally-planned bicentennial festivals with the visit of the barge, including cultural events and local history programs.

The \$926,000 required to fund the program was provided in the 1976-77 regular state budget.

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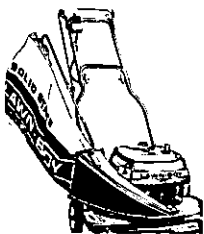
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The organizers, Barbara Adams and Harlow Wetmore, both of Delmar, have scheduled the session for 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the Delmar School cafeteria, Delaware and Borthwick Aves. It will be the public's first opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their views in an open discussion.

In this year's school election five candidates are seeking one vacant seat and one other candidate is challenging an incumbent for a second seat.

Running for the seat being vacated by Dr. Timothy Harris, who is not seeking reelection, are William Acquario, George Kawas and Bruce S. Dix of Delmar, and Robert P. Zick and John G. Sigsby of Glenmont. The other seat on the seven-member panel is being contested between Bertold E. Weinberg of Elsmere, incumbent seeking a new five-year term, and Arthur Van Wie of Clarksville.

The voting will be on June 9.

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Ceremony at Record Town: Councilman Ruth Bickel cuts ribbon officially opening Delmar's newest business as Jack Miorin, owner, second from left, smiles approval. Others are Jim Mulcahy, left, and Norris McFarland, operators of Delaware Plaza, Ken Schenkel, second from right, president of the Plaza Merchants Assn., and Ken VanKampen of Record Town, right.

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Miorin, a bachelor living in East Greenbush, went to work for BeeGee Record Distributors of Latham in 1962 after graduating from Catholic Central High School, Troy. He was there 11 years, including a two-year hitch for Army service. In 1973 he teamed with four associates to form Trans World Music, Inc., the parent corporation of the original Record Town chain. Last January Miorin sold his interest in the 10-store Record Town chain to set up his own venture in Elsmere.

"I like it here," he said last week. "I feel this area has long needed its own record shop, and I look forward to serving all segments of the community."

Flower show planned

Delmar Progress Club is sponsoring a Bicentennial flower show June 4-6 at the Bethlehem Library. The show will feature arranged flower displays, a collection of quilts loaned by club members and a display of butterflies on loan from the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and the New York State Museum.

The show will be open to the public without charge. Hours will be Friday, June 4 from 3:30-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

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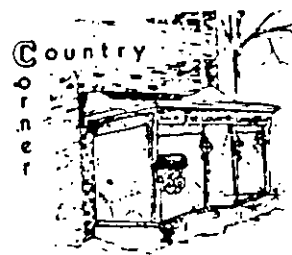
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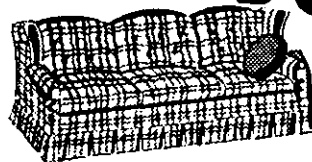
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See photos page 12

Forty men, women and children completed a playground project at the Clarksville School after much planning and preparation and two Saturdays of hard work. The playground, modeled after one at the Glenmont School, was suggested by Bill Fuller, phys. ed. teacher, and Dave Murphy, school principal.

When Fuller and Murphy approached the PTA with the idea they found Charlie Beringer a willing chairman. Charlie and his wife, Marge, in turn rounded up a sizable crew of

workers. Involved were parents, students and school personnel making it, in Murphy's words, "Truly a school-community project."

Charlie said that the project, which included setting up huge tractor tires, smaller tires and graduated lengths of utility poles, would have taken "eight times longer" without the help of Tom La Duke and his backhoe. The back-hoe and other equipment plus the tires and poles were donated.

Tom Bruno and Arthur Van Pragg were particularly help-

ful, according to Charlie, and he said Bill Fuller and Dave Murphy deserved a lot of credit, too. Marge Beringer organized the women and children to paint the new equipment in rainbow colors.

Several days after the work was completed Charlie stopped by on his way home from work and saw a group of youngsters enjoying the refurbished playground. "You really feel elated when you see those little guys having such a ball," Charlie explained. "That's all the pay you could want."

Where once there were just nine pieces of play equipment there are now 25, including such things as a snake walk, sand box, balance beams, leap

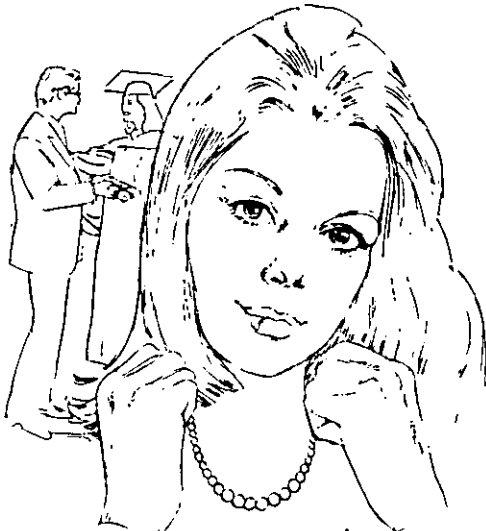
frog areas and a cluster of tires that spell out "Clarksville," but you might have to go up in a balloon to read that!

Ann Eberle

Transit forum Tuesday

Capital District Transportation Authority will conduct a public forum on transit service Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Chancellor's Hall in the State Education Building, Albany, directly across Washington Ave. from the Capitol. The forum will present an opportunity for individuals and groups to bring their comments directly to the Authority's policy-making board.

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**PLANNING BOARD
Developer asks
project speedup**

A Long Island construction firm will learn this week whether it can begin work on a huge Glenmont housing development or whether it faces further delays in getting started on the project.

Abco Builders, Inc. filed a request with the Bethlehem planning board last week for permission to start the first section of the 145-lot Bicentennial Woods subdivision, a project that encountered numerous delays before the board last month voted to approve the preliminary plans. Final approval has not yet been granted.

The builders, William Raganella and Vincent Riemma, told the board each day the start of construction is delayed costs their firm \$100. They want to start work on a 17-lot section of the 44-acre tract between Feura Bush Rd. and Beacon Rd.

The board, declaring this was the first time a developer had made such a request, departed from its new open-meeting format by scheduling an executive session for this week's meeting, at which it was to review the situation with Harry B. Rezzemini, town counsel, and Earl S. Jones Jr., planning board counsel.

**BOARD OF APPEALS
Apartment plan
denied by board**

The Bethlehem board of appeals has denied the petition of a North Bethlehem builder to convert a two-family house into a four-unit apartment, a plan that drew substantial opposition from residents of the area.

Andrew Chainyk had sought a special exception to the town zoning ordinance that would have permitted him to make the change in the structure he owns at 7 Elm Pl. just off Schoolhouse Rd. in North Bethlehem. At a public hearing two weeks ago some 20 neighbors told board members they opposed the plan as setting a precedent for subsequent multi-family units in the area, which, they said, would aggravate traffic and drainage problems.

The board also learned that a routine check by the town's building inspector revealed that Chainyk had installed four electric meters in the Elm Pl. dwelling after being granted a permit for a duplex house.

Bus trip planned

Bethlehem Senior Citizens are planning a bus trip to Mt. Snow, Vt., June 3. Mrs. Elizabeth Spinrad is in charge of reservations.

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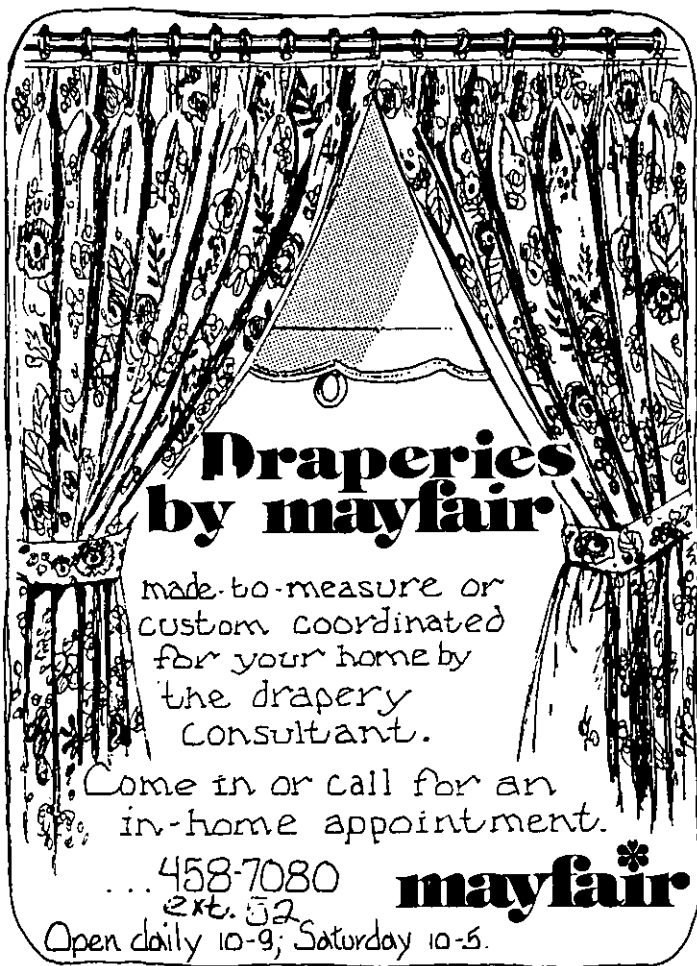
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Appearing in this year's parade will be the high school band, antique cars, dune buggies, the Dairy Princess, town of New Scotland princess, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Historical Society, Sigma Kappa Delta fraternity, Indian Guides

and even some horses. Four fire companies will also take part.

Assemblyman Larry Lane will be the keynote speaker at the playground ceremony, which will also be the time for a speech from Fred Blackman Jr., a West Point cadet from the area. There will be an announcement of the winner of the hydrant painting contest and the appearance of the newly named Miss Town of New Scotland. When the speeches are over there will be several foot races for both young and old, an opportunity to sign the Declaration of Independence and a number of booths to visit.


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Last week the pole was stolen.

There is a reward for the pole's return. Mrs. George Heilman, Westphal Dr., Del-

mar, Mrs. Schaming's mother, says the couple do not wish to prosecute the thief, but want their gift returned, no questions asked.

To speak in Mexico

Bertold E. Weinberg, 47 Dumbarton Dr., Elsmere, has been invited to lecture in Mexico City on June 28-29 as part of a course on concrete inspection sponsored by the Instituto Mexicano del Cemento y del Concreto, G.C. for Mexican architects, engineers and builders.

Weinberg, an engineer and project manager for the State Dormitory Authority and a member of the Bethlehem Central board of education, is chairman of the Committee on Inspection of Concrete of the American Concrete Institute (ACI).

Injured in crash

Mrs. Joseph Leonardo, 376 Delaware Ave., Delmar, is in serious condition in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, with a fractured neck suffered on the Thruway May 3. Mrs. Leonardo, proprietor of the Delmar Bootery, faces possible corrective surgery next week.

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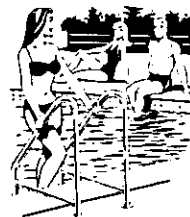
**2 vie for seat
on library board**

One of five members of the Bethlehem Library Board, Mrs. Ethel K. Birchenough, is being challenged by Stephen Aronson of Elsmere for the board position she has held since 1964.

Aronson, an area resident for more than six years, is a pro-

gram auditor on the staff of the New York State Legislative Commission on Expenditure Review. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1960 with a BA in political science.

In 1964 he received an MPA in public administration, and later did graduate work in public management and finance at New York University Graduate



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Born in Albany and a resident of Slingerlands since 1939, Mrs. Birchenough graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1936 with a degree in economics. She is division chairman of volunteers for the Red Cross and has been a member of the Red Cross for 26 years. She is a member of the Slingerlands Community Church, and is the mother of two sons.

The library board meets monthly to determine library policies and set budgets. Board members serve five-year terms for which they receive no salary. Mrs. Birchenough is board secretary.

Water extension hearing

Bethlehem town board has scheduled a public hearing June 9 on a request by Airco, Inc., for an extension of the town water district to serve the corporation's proposed new plant off Rt. 32 in Feura Bush. Cost of the extension would be borne by Airco.

Betty Taylor stars

Betty Taylor, Delmar actress, is one of the featured performers in "Don't Just Sit There," an original musical revue being presented by Theatrical Services Unlimited's dinner theatre at the Italian American Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Doors open at 6 p.m., a complete steak dinner is served at 7 and curtain is 8:30. For reservations call 372-6888.

Named Workshop head

William Morrison of Voorheesville has been appointed chairman of the Heldeberg Workshop, an Adventure in Learning, for 1976 by the board of directors.

Morrison is a science teacher in the Bethlehem Central School system. At the workshop he has worked with drama and stage for middle and high school students. His productions on Open House nights are a crowded feature of the evening.

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Anyone who is an accomplished gardener or who aspires to be one is invited to the town highway garage, Elm Ave. East, Selkirk, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., rain or shine. The event will feature some free specials:

- Leaf compost, prepared by the town highway department. There will be a limit of one and one-half bushels (roughly one 20-gallon trash

can full) per family, since the amount of compost is limited.

- Wood chips, in a mixture of soft and hard woods.

- Free soil testing will be done at the event, under the supervision of David Reville, Albany County Cooperative Extension. Those wishing soil tests should bring a one cup sample prepared as follows: dig soil from three or four spots from the area for testing. Each sample should come from a depth of two to three inches and should be free of insects or other foreign matter. Air dry the soil (it need not be bone dry) and mix the samples together.

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Spanish veterans gather

United Spanish War Veterans, Sons, Daughters and Auxiliary members will hold a memorial service Sunday at 2 p.m. at the USWV monument in Graceland Cemetery. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6776 will assist. Leonard Friedlander, VFW past department commander, will speak.

Woods walk Tuesday

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Walkathon for Guatemala

Capital District Aid to Guatemala will sponsor a walkathon from four locations to the State University campus on Sunday. One of the starting points is Bethlehem Central High School at 8:30 a.m.

A trophy will be awarded the school of organization with the most participants.

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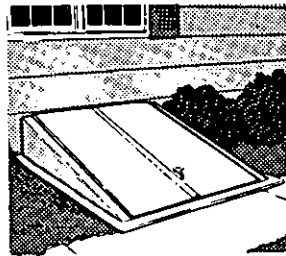
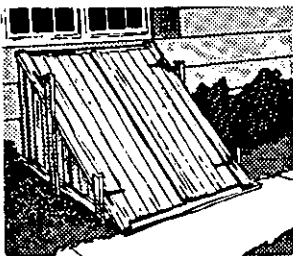
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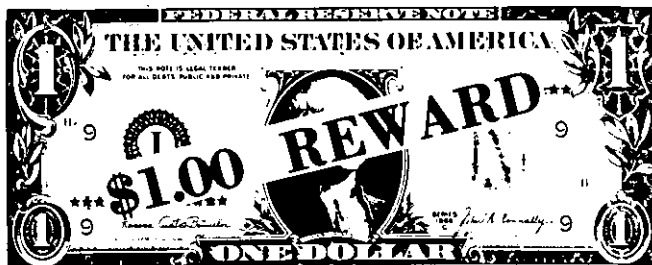
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Who's apathetic?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was stunned to read in the May 6 issue of the Spotlight that Dr. Harvith, head of the school board, was "amazed" at the apathy of school district voters relative to the current budget. He was quoted as saying he had had no phone calls, letters or comments.

On February 4, my wife and I sent a letter and some specific and wide-ranging suggestions on ways courses might be eliminated, with a view toward cost savings in the school budget. This letter and proposals was sent to Dr. Harvith, Mrs. Patton, Dr. Harris, Mr. Ruckterstuhl, Mrs. Stringham, Mr. Weinberg, Dr. Zinn, Dr. McAndrews, Mr. Gunnar, Mr. Karp and Mr. Rodgers. These are the 11 leaders of this district.

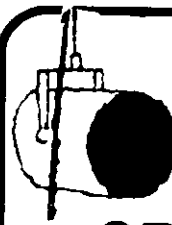
Over a month passed without one single reply or acknowledgement. After I sent a follow-up letter to Dr. Zinn I received a belated letter from Mr. Gunnar asking that I "call him and we would discuss the matter."

From the 11 leaders of this district, not even the courtesy of a one-line acknowledgement to a lengthy and thoughtfully prepared number of suggestions. That's what I call apathy!

We are not professional educators, but we are parents and taxpayers in this district. As taxpayers, this sort of behavior on the part of the leaders of the school district only firms our resolve to vote against the next budget. Apathy begets apathy.

Philip K. Raeder Jr.

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SPOTLIGHT on community corner

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A community religious service for all denominations is being planned for the closing weekend of the Bicentennial events in the town of Bethlehem, Sept. 18-19. "Since religious freedom played such an important part in the building of this nation, commemorating the interlinking of our national and religious heritage seems quite appropriate," says Ruth Bickel, chairperson of the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission. Traces of religious services of 200 years ago are presently being researched and may be included in the service.

Anyone interested in joining the coordinating committee for the Bethlehem Community Service may contact Mrs. Noreen (Roy) Cooke at 439-3057 or Mrs. Lois Bub at 439-3156. The Bethlehem Community Service has been sanctioned by the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commissions.

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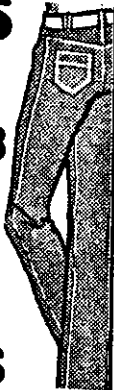
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