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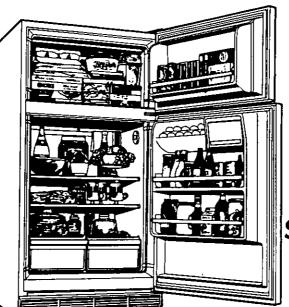
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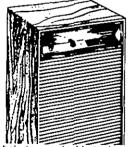
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Kiwanis Club of Delmar, Mondays at 6:15 at Center Inn, Glenmont.

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

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

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

Gam-Anon, for wives of compulsive gamblers, meets Wednesdays 8:15 p.m., St. Pius Church, Loudonville, 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

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

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#### THURSDAY, JULY 22

Clarksville family film night, Clarksville Community Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m. "An evening with Walt Disney."

Storyhour, ages 6-8, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

Outdoor worship service, behind New Salem Reformed Church, 7 p.m. Rev. Stephen Wing.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 23

Family film night, "An evening with Walt Disney," four Disney films. Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Storyhours — Swimming Pool, 10, Hamagrael School, 11 a.m.; Clarksville School, 1 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 24

Smorgasbord and concert, Camp Pinnacle, 5:30-7 p.m., concert 8. Reservations 872-1053.

## 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

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham Fairgrounds, through July 25. Tickets, PD Box 204, Chatham, N.Y. 12037, phone 393-9292.

"The Faun," Victorian comedy, Woodstock Playhouse, July 21-24 and July 28-31, matinees Saturdays. Tickets reserved by mail or phone, PO Box 396, Woodstock, N.Y. 12498. 914-679-2015.

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Bethlehem Library, pre-school story hour 10 a.m., "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Puppets," 2 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 27

Public hearing, Built-Mor Contracting Corp. subdivision off North Helderberg Pkwy-Carstead Dr., Slingerlands, Bethlehem planning board, town hall, 7:30 p.m.

Guided Walk, "Trees and Shrubs," Five Rivers Center, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Library, pre-school story hour (ages 3-5) 2 p.m., poetry reading by students 8-14, 7:30 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**

Bethlehem Library, television special, "Free to be You and Me," 2 p.m.

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JOB CORPS

### Glenmont: truce is stranger than action

Glenmont's seminary scenario moved into a new wheelspinning phase this week as embattled neighbors of the proposed Job Corps training center looked to Rep. Samuel S. Stratton for support and assurance.

Stratton took action by holding a meeting of community leaders, but the ceasefire he asked between the pros and cons of the federal move through no fault of his apparently turned out to be just words. He told U.S. Dept. of Labor officials to stick to their previous pledge of halting all activities toward setting up the center, and he asked a group of Glenmont residents to hold off organizing a neighborhood meeting to fight the move. He said the moratorium was needed "until we get more answers to questions" and to give community leaders time to "work toward some kind of compromise that will be acceptable."

Despite his pleas Job Corps regional headquarters in New York seemingly didn't break

stride in following standard government procedures of seeking bids and letting contracts, including one session reportedly for construction contracts in Glenmont in an architect's office on East 54th St., New York City at 11 a.m. Tuesday. For their part Glenmont residents, now accustomed to the Labor Dept. format of saying one thing while dopublic meeting Tuesday night in the Selkirk fire hall to organize a community associa-

were obvious: Job Corps officials have a tight deadline in driving for an October opening of the co-ed rehabilitation center for 275 disadvantaged youths and cannot afford to lose even a day in community rhetoric and committee calisthenics, and local residents feel they must do what they can quickly to halt or slow down the government takeover of the \$12-million 240-acre facility.

Stratton said the committee

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Washington visitors to Delmar seemed to be going in opposite directions physically and politically last Friday. Parked on Adams St. were Rep. Samuel Stratton's yellow VW and a government staff car that carried three Job Corps officials to the meeting with Stratton and local leaders. On the cover: Bethlehem Supervisor Harry Sheaffer, Pierce A. Quinlan of U.S. Dept. of Labor, Washington, and Stratton. Spotlight photos he invited to last Friday's Delmar meeting would meet again in two weeks and then help federal officials arrange a public information meeting after the community has obtained further data and answers to questions. Newspaperand television reporters on hand were not admitted to the meeting, but Stratton talked freely to them later.

#### Who, what and how

Although many citizens derived some degree of comfort from the intervention of the popular congressman, it was not immediately clear what information or "answers" Stratton felt should be forthcoming or who would supply such data. Nor was there any indication what steps should be taken or by whom to bring about a "compromise that would be acceptable." The possibility of a compromise was a puzzler: o n e listener commented, "Either they're coming or they're not."

Apart from the abortive June 21 "informational" public meeting in the Bethlehem town hall and last Friday's three-hour conference with civic leaders, Job Corps representatives have been "selling" their program to the community for several weeks in small meetings, and newspaper stories have profiled the program and its objectives. Meanwhile documentation of some previously unsubstantiated information from other areas where training centers are located has been coming in, most of it disturbing to both sides. A Spotlight reporter spent two days in Baltimore last week

checking out reports of problems at the Woodstock Seminary, a situation that closely parallels Glenmont in geography and demography, and the Times Union's Bethlehem correspondent reportedly surveyed other Job Corps centers for a roundup feature article this week.

Friday's meeting of the Stratton committee featured Pierce A. Quinlan, Washington-based administrator for comprehensive employment development of the U.S. Dept. of Labor, who said he is responsible directly to Assistant Secretary of Labor William Kolberg. Both Kolberg and John H. Stetson have reiterated to Stratton and to the press that they will not go through with the \$250,000 annual lease on the Our Lady of Angels property if the community continues to resist the move.

Also at the meeting were Rubin Friedman, regional administrator for the Job Corps based in New York City, and Robert Walters, chief of recruitment and placement under Friedman. Representing the town were Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer, Councilman Ruth Bickel, Town Attorney Harry B. Rezzimini and Sgt. Leo A. (Pat) Dorsey of the police youth bureau. U.S. Sens. Jacob Javits and James Buckley sent representatives. Among the citizens present were Charles Fritts, John H. Clyne and Harry Hamilton. Also at the table were Rev. Gregory Weider of St. Thomas Church, Delmar, and Rev. Gary Ruethinger of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Observers said the only matter resolved at the session in Bethlehem's justice courtroom was that Stratton would be the spokesman for the group. Privately several attendees, including Friedman, said it was "a good meeting," and one citizen said he felt "something positive will come of it."

#### BC '56 seeks classmates

Bethlehem Central High School class of 1956 will hold its 20th reunion dinner on Oct. 9, and is currently tracking down "lost" classmates. Barbara Broader, reunion chairman, asks anyone knowing the present addresses of 17 classmates to call 756-2746 or 439-4260. They are: Norman Bunker, Al Easton, Dick Hoult, John Lomont, Edgar Smith, Dick Scepkowski, Bob Steffen, Dick Sundel, Don Widdowfield, Duane Amsler, Betty Browne, Gail Daingerfield, Ginny Dapson, Jan Orendorf, Gail Traverse, Shirley Wands, and Sandy Zitko.

#### Maryland center: Woodstock experience

In an effort to separate fact from rumor, the Spotlight assigned a staff reporter to the Job Corps center most similar in environment and background to Glenmont. Helen Burggraf went to Baltimore and researched the Maryland Job Corps Center situation. Her reports appear on these pages and in next week's Spotlight.

Baltimore, Md.

For nearly 100 years the Woodstock Jesuit Seminary occupied a 64-acre campus in western Baltimore County, Maryland, about 40 minutes from the city. The 45-year-old buildings were surrounded by 614 acres of woods. Near-by communities of Woodstock and Granite were predominantly rural, with approximately 300 mostly middle-income families scattered over a 10-square-mile area of open and wooded land.

In 1971 the seminary went up for sale. Although "99.9 percent of the community opposed it," according to John Hiltz, president of the Greater Patapsco Community Council, a Job Corps center was set up. The surrounding acreage was incorporated into Patapsco State Park.

A quasi-governmental corporation, the Youth Opportunity Foundation, (YOFI) was formed by the state of Maryland to run the federally funded program.

In the spring of 1972, 275 youths between 16 and 21 — all male — entered the campus. Although the Woodstock Job Corps center was intended as a state facility, most of its trainees came from Baltimore.

The first year was marked by internal problems, according to Hiltz. He said there were no incidents "of any consequence" occurring outside the facility at this time. Pinkerton men patrolled the grounds but were later discontinued when they proved too costly and impractical for the large facility. Staff members then took over.

For a year, as administrative problems increased security tended to decline as trainees were "testing" the leadership "to see how far they could go," Hiltz said.

John Juba, center director until 1975, defended the operation. In 1973 he told the Baltimore News American of the corpsmen's aid to citizens following tropical storm Agnes and their participation in local sports events as evidence of community acceptance of the Job Corps.

In 1975 the center's problems "spilled out into the community." Job Corps youths roamed the woods and along the area's main road. A resident said she was forced off the road by a campus bus she estimated as traveling "at least 60 miles per hour." Area wo-

men reported verbal assaults, from center youths, cars were stopped and a one-lane bridge blocked by corpsmen.

State Police Capt. William T. Gerwig told reporters he had no knowledge of an increase in the local crime rate, but Robert Douglas, an investigative reporter for the News American, found police patrols in the area had been reinforced.

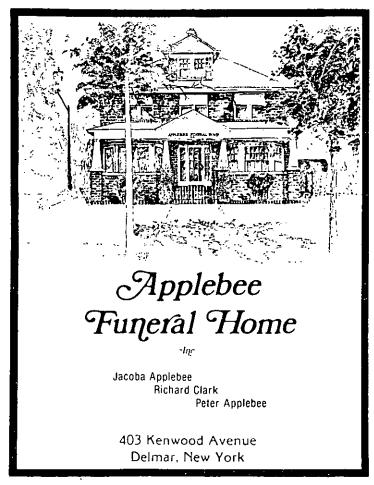
On June 8, 1975 William Hearnton was appointed director of the center. Immediately there was chaos as he instituted a system of tight control and strict adherence to federal policies. Accustomed to doing as they pleased, the staff rebelled against Hearnton. The News American on Aug. 8 reported 16 of the 101 staff members had resigned and another 11 dismissed within two months of Hearnton's appointment.

A busload of 50 corpsmen invaded a 7-11 store on a return trip to the center and allegedly pocketed about \$150 worth of merchandise. One youth was arrested. Six fires broke out in the center over the July 4 weekend that summer, and the News American reported trainees openly engaged in loansharking, gambling and widespread use of drugs with staff members "looking the other way."

Hearnton, a 43-year-old black, had spent several years saving troubled Job Corps centers across the country. "I have been in Job Corps 12 years working in several programs across the country and I have never seen as many wrongs. This program was run for the convenience of the staff," Hearnton told reporter Douglas that August.

Hearnton instituted a pass system to control roaming corpsmen, and residents noticed some improvement. Life at the center was beginning to improve, and Hearnton was credited with the change.

But in December the state pulled out of the center and a new contract was awarded the



Radio Corporation of America (RCA). A U.S. Dept. of Labor audit preparing for the transfer to RCA disclosed in February that \$200,000 worth of equipment was missing from the facility. It included four trucks, four cars, nine portable televisions, Il electric typewriters, couches, lounge chairs and furniture among the estimated 313 unaccounted-for items. The News American quoted officials as saying the majority of the missing items pre-dated Hearnton.

Although top center officials blamed incompetent bookkeeping for the missing property, newspaper articles quoted others who said stealing on the part of trainees and staff members was to blame.

Douglas exposed further problems in subsequent News American articles, including Job Corp employees misuse of petty cash allowances, and 49 separate incidents of theft reported by the center's management over the center's fouryear history.

In April, at Hiltz's request, the federal General Accounting Office (GAO) began an official audit of the center. The preliminary report, released in April, verified earlier suspicions of inaccurate inventory reports and sloppy recordkeeping, but also led Sen. J. Glenn Beall of Maryland to instigate a Senate sub-committee hearing on the Woodstock cen-

#### Delmar man promoted

Edward C. Corcoran, general line sales representative for L.B. Smith Inc., New York, has been named branch manager of the company's Albany facility. He will also act as territorial manager for southern New York State.

Corcoran, a native of Englewood, N.J., has been with L.B. Smith for 17 years. He is a graduate of Rutgers University, and lives in Delmar with his wife, Jean, and their two daughters.

## Woodstock, Md.: 'a constant problem'

For residents of the semirural community of Woodstock, Md., 40 minutes from Baltimore, the presence of a Job Corps training center in a former Jesuit seminary has been a steady struggle against government bureaucracy and a continuing vigil for personal

Citizens in the vicinity of the Maryland Job Corps center formed a community relations council to work with training center officials on mutual problems in 1971 and have held monthly meetings since the center was established four years ago.

"Because of our problems we have recently become a monitoring force," said Ronald Schuman, a member of the council and a federal employee with two children. "We have had to form a very strong citizens group, particularly since RCA has been lax in their road patrols."

The Woodstock Center has been operated by the Radio Corporation of America under contract to the U.S. Department of Labor since the State of Maryland pulled out of operating the facility last winter. RCA reportedly is one of the bidders for the contract to operate the proposed center at Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Glenmont.

"We were able to get RCA to institute road patrols after a series of incidents," Schuman told a Spotlight reporter. "Things got pretty bad when the state was running the center because we got little cooperation from the state police and the county police tended to keep the reports quiet. But once they became aware the Job Corps is sending juvenile and other offenders here, they have become more responsive. Now when we see boys from the center on the road, we call and log the reports."

Schuman said RCA and the council had reached an agreement that trainees were not to be on the road through the area

Baltimore between the center and Baltimore.

> Job Corps officials have insisted that members are recruited, carefully screened and do not have police records. Schuman contends that "They send us juvenile offenders but they don't admit it, and our local police have confirmed this."

> As a result, he said, virtually every resident in the area has a watchdog or a gun for protection, and farmers carry guns on their tractors in the fields.

Asked if his statements

might appear extreme, he said: "There's no way to provide security at a facility like this. We're not impressed with the way RCA is running the place. but we realize that unless they can put up fences they cannot physically guarantee security."

The council has been charting success of the Woodstock program from monthly reports. Schuman said, to see if the 1973 national dropout rate of 50 percent in 90 days or less was improving. Woodstock's 1975 performance, he

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said, was 9 percent graduated and 50 percent stayed fewer than 90 days.

Informed that Bethlehem residents in a semi-rural neighborhood adjacent to a former seminary were currently contesting the U.S. Dept. of Labor in a similar situation, he commented: "You are where we were five years ago. You're going to find the same thing we did. You're not told anything. The concept (of the Job Corps) is excellent, you can't fight it. We were looked upon as rednecks. It wouldn't be so bad if the program was properly run, but it's a failure here. Things are quiet now, but we're pretty tired of policing."

(Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer, said this week Bethlehem. Police Chief Peter Fish reported that his survey of police experience in communities with Job Corps centers showed the Woodstock area's crime rate had increased substantially in a number of categories since the center was established. there. There is no confirma-

tion of a report that RCA is one of the bidders for the government contract to administer the Glenmont center.)

#### At Marine base

Marine Pfc. Orville P. Boehlke Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville P. Boehlke of Blossom Hill Rd., Ravena, has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A 1975 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, he joined the Marine Corps in September

#### Ends recruit training

Marine Pvt. Steven R. Riedel, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan K. Riedel, 24 Lincoln Ave., Delmar, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

A 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Marine Corps in October 1975.



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Betty - Mrs. Ray A. Elliott Jr. - with her partner, Doris Miller of Schenectady, entered the cross-country air race for the first time and finished 171st of more than 200 planes. That may seem like a lowly finish. but to Betty it was a proud achievement: "We made it, and that's something," she said.

Then she added: "When we got to Sacramento we were

awed to find we were entered in a race dominated by racing professionals. If we had known we would be up against pros with thousands of hours of flying time and hundreds of hours of racing and soupedup engines, we never would have entered, but then we never would have had such a fabulous experience."

Betty and Doris estimated they could fly the 2,900-mile course from Sacramento. Calif., to Wilmington, Del., in two days, but it took longer because of "unbelievably bad" weather. "We had thunderstorms one after another," Betty said, "and this put pressure on us because the experienced racers had their own pri-



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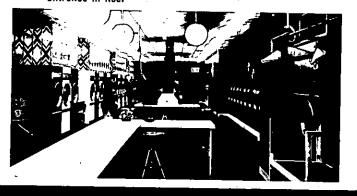
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At A Glance

children photographed by Barbara Schultz 861-6013 vate weather observers charting their course."

When she got home late last week Betty received a rewarding trophy of the 1976 Powder Puff Derby, the 29th and last of the classics originated by Amelia Earhart. It was suitably engraved: "Betty Elliott, Powder Puff Derby 1976," and topped with an airplane. It was the private gift of her surgeonhusband and their three sons welcoming her home from a rugged brush with the airracing professionals.

#### Ann Brandon to serve

Ann M. Brandon of Delmar was recently elected vice chairperson of a new consumer's advisory committee to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Northeastern New York. This 35-member volunteer committee will articulate the health needs of Albany county residents

Ms. Brandon is a former president of the Albany County League of Women Voters and past chairperson of the Citizens for County Executive.

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PBA President Ted Wilson and Supervisor Harry Sheaffer with attorneys Steve Cleary and Harry Rezzimini after signing new contract.

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## At long last: a police pact

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ly, were on hand.

After months of fact-finders reports, third-party mediators and a string of bargaining sessions, the final agreement was hammered out by the two negotiators, Cleary for the PBA and Edward Bookstein, an Albany attorney, for the town. Last week the 26-member PBA ratified it and the town board accepted it, just six months and two weeks after the old contract had expired.

tion News sent a reporter and a cameraman, and the Spotlight was there with another

camera. The scene was Super-

visor Harry H. Sheaffer's office

in the Bethlehem town hall, the

occasion the formal signing of

the new contract between the

town and the Bethlehem po-

lice, which had run a full cycle

of negotiations for the better

nine minutes, and was accomplished by Officer Ted Wilson,

president of the BPBA, and

Sheaffer. Their legal counse-

lors, Stephen M. Cleary and Harry B. Rezzimini respective-

The signing took less than

part of nine months.

Both sides won concessions: the town on the pay raise, the PBA on liberalizing retirement plus other "fringe" benefits. On the salary squabble: the PBA had sought a 15-percent boost, the town stuck to its offer of 5 percent, the factfinder recommended 7.3 percent. In the end the police accepted the 5-percent offer, which is retroactive to Jan. 1, but won a stipulation that members can retire on halfpay after 25 years service regardless of age. The old agreement specified "starting at age 55." This concession could be costly to taxpayers: private industry pensions, closer to one-quarter pay than half, generally do not start until 55 at the earliest, most deduct percentages for each year of "early" retirement before 65.

Other contract terms included liberalized overtime, insurance and vacation benefits. In the wake of the long stalemate, Sheaffer and the PBA indicated they would get started very soon on negotiating next year's contract.



#### Principal named in Voorheesville

O. Peter Griffin, assistant principal of Scotia-Glenville High School since 1971, is the new principal of the C. A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville. He succeeds Dr. Robert O'Connor, who resigned last year.

Griffin, 37, served as a mathematics teacher and administrative assistant at Guilderland High School before taking the Scotia post. He is a graduate of St. Michael's College, Winooski Park, Vt., and holds an MA degree from State University at Albany.

Donald Belcer, who has been assistant principal for the past



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three years, will continue in that post, according to Dr. Werner W. Berglas, supervising principal of the Voorheesville district.

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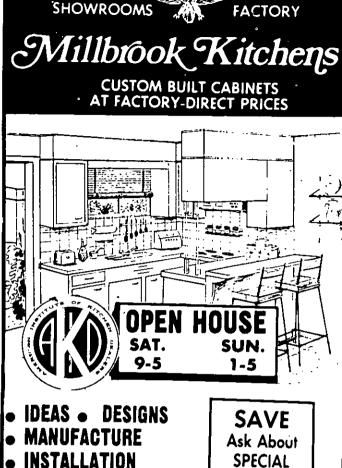


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## Town board acts on park safety

A crossing guard is stationed on Elm Ave. at the entrance to the Bethlehem town park this week. At its regular meeting last week, the town board authorized the immediate employment of crossing guards to aid bicyclists and pedestrians approaching the park entrance between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The board also authorized Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer to apply to the State Department of Transportation for a seasonal traffic signal at the intersection of Elm Ave. and the Delmar By-pass and on Elm Ave. opposite the park entrance.

"We are taking these steps to increase safety," Sheaffer said after signing the letter to the State DOT. "We also count on parents to help educate the youngsters on safety procedures, and on the youngsters themselves to observe the safety precautions they have been taught."

The town has been sponsoring sessions on bicycle safety at playgrounds this summer, conducted by Sgt. Leo (Pat) Dorsey of the Bethlehem Police Dept. Youth Bureau. Currently Sgt. Dorsey is working on arrangements for a bicycle rodeo to be held in August.

#### Nature workshops

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, is offering a series of nature workshops for children entering grades 1-6. The workshops will be held each week, beginning July 20. Child-



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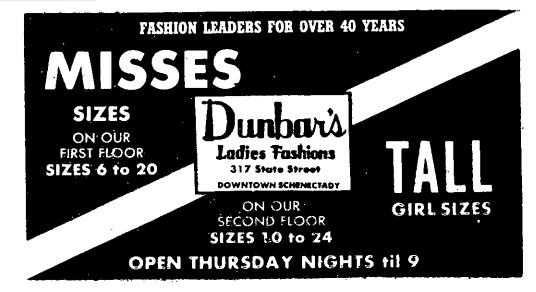
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#### Gospel trio coming

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#### Drive-yourself tour

Tour guide booklets for three 45-mile Drive It Yourself tours of Albany County will be available Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Resources Development Center, Voorheesville. The \$2 booklet with maps and narrative will also be available later for those unable to go this weekend.

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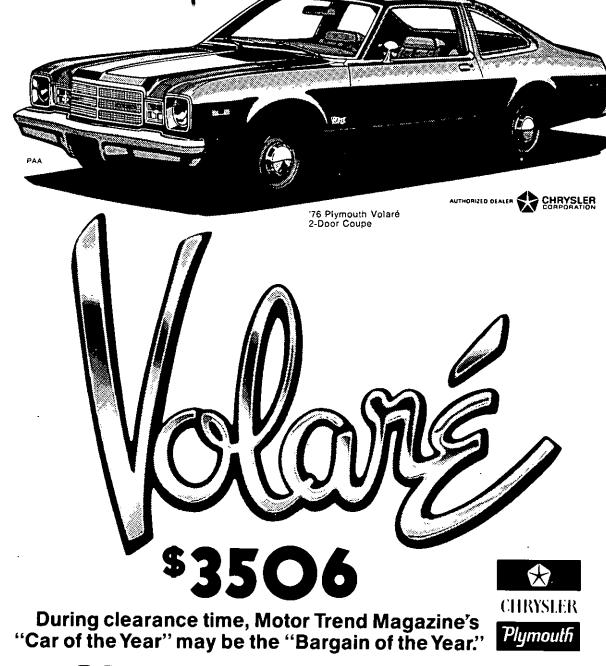
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Sponsors of Bethlehem's Saturday-morning paper "drive" at the municipal parking lot on Kenwood Ave. west of Delmar Four Corners have suspended the service until after Labor Day and there were indications the system may be revised in the fall.

Residents have been asked to cease dropping their bundles of old newspapers and magazines at the site. Sponsors of the pickup, the First United Methodist Church of Delmar and the Delmar Reformed Church, have an-

nounced there will be no further collections there until
Sept: 11.

Meanwhile residents who had not received the message continued to drop off bundles. Recently the town assigned an extra work crew to the lot to clean up papers soaked by weekend rains.

Four shademaster locust trees planted in the parking lot "island" by the beautification committee of the Bethlehem Garden Club are thriving, but the myrtle planted the length of the island was unable to survive the weekly paper drop.

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#### Selkirk pupil cited

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He also received the following awards: high average honorroll, scholarship award and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation boating award.

Brian is the son of Detective Marvin C. Koonz of the Bethlehem Police Department and Patricia Koonz.

#### Square dancing set

Al Cappetti is doing the calling for an evening of square dancing beginning at 7:30 next Wednesday at the Bethlehem Public Library. This Evening on the Green program will be held outdoors on the "green" behind the library.

If you don't know how to square dance, Mr. Cappetti will instruct you. If you don't want to dance, come anyhow and listen to the music and watch the dancers. It's all free, and everyone is invited. In case of rain the program will be held the following night.

#### Benefit horse show

The 9th Annual Multiple Sclerosis Society benefit horse show will be held Sunday at the Dutch Manor Stables, 1641 Western Ave., Albany, starting at 9 a.m. All proceeds will go to support chapter patient services for over 650 patients in a 13-county area as well as the National Research Programs.

#### Bible school opens

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Treadway had been sole owner since purchasing the business from Mrs. Eleanor Smith, widow of Allyn Smith, in 1967. He plans to develop a custom woodworking and repair business locally.

#### Singer performs here

Beverly Berlin, a statuesque vocalist with a deep mellow style is in the first week of a two-week engagement at the new Rhum Runners Lounge adjacent to Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Southern Blvd., Albany, near Exit 23. She is accompanied by Bert and Lane of Albany for her two shows each evening at 9:30 and 11:30. She offers a variety of top 40, country and nostalgia.

#### **SPORTS**

#### Robin making lots of waves

Robin Neff made large waves and a name for herself at the recent Adirondack District AAU Junior Olympics swim meet at Clifton Knolls. Robin led a sizeable contingent from the Delmar Dolfins Swim Club with three firsts and a second, plus a second in the 200-meter IM.

Swimming in the girls' 9-10 age group, Robin won the 50meter free, 100-meter free and 50-meter backstroke and was second in the 50-meter butterfly.

Other first-place medals went to Janet Shaffer, Doug Schulz, Jessica Follet and Elizabeth Young. Other Dolfin swimmers who placed were Kathleen Henahan, Matt Holland, Jay Henahan, John Reagan, David Propp, Bob Holland, Drew Hyde, Ann De-Berri and Ken Neff.

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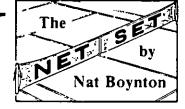






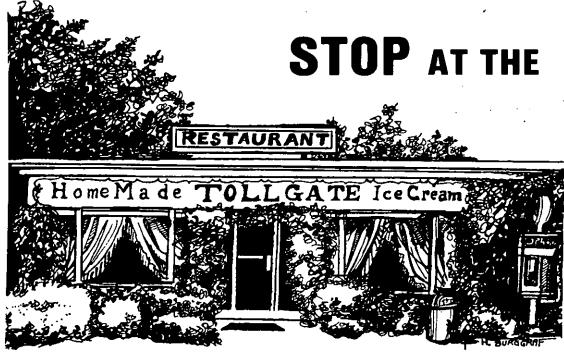
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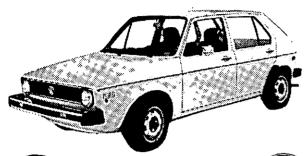
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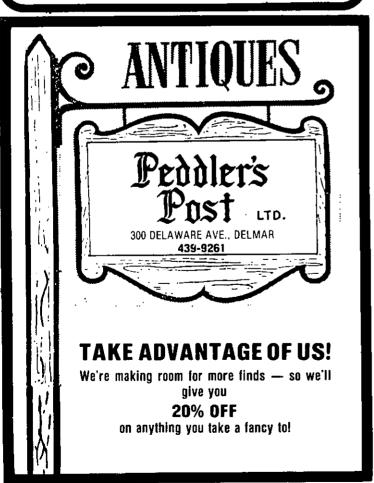
Racquet raffle winners at Elm Ave. park's "parent's pride" tournament included, from left, Chris Fusco, Greg Nerses, Dan Davitt, Mark Davitt and Douglas Welt.

eze, which was known as Sportface when it was applied on the original four some six years

Meanwhile Southwood is active in a summer day camp program and miscellaneous clinics chaperoned by ex-BCHS star Jim Potter, now at Cornell. Jim is filling the breach in the resident faculty created when Jim Dumas, the club pro, wound up in a leg cast after a freak accident.

In Latham, Sandy Bookstein and Lee Aronowitz are adding six outdoor courts to their six under roof. The new complex is of Har-Tru, the popular clay surface now featured at Forest Hills and locally at Schenectady Racquet Club and Schuyler Meadows Country Club.

Schenectady Racquet Club, gaining stature rapidly for its successful tournaments indoors and out, is reportedly





considering adding to its sixcourt indoor layout, strong testimony to the reception by tennis players of Jack Gould, Fay Frye and the Tom Mason-Ed Trice administrative consortium.

Speaking of Schenectady Racquet, the recent ELTAsanctioned invitational that drew a number of Tri-Village fans almost had a repeat triumph for Elsmere's Barbara Steger and her brother, Butch Seewagen of Bayside. These two offspring of a famous tennis father swept the May indoor invitational by winning the men's and women's singles and teaming for the mixed doubles title. In the outdoor tournament a month later Butch won his and the siblings won theirs, but blonde Bobbie lost hers to a talented and highranked Westchester gal who

operates her own tennis academy.

TENNIS SHORTS: Bethlehem Tennis Assn. and the town staged a fun-filled parent-child round-robin as part of the bicentennial Fourth celebration. so successful it should be refined as an annual fixture .... Hank and Jill Linett, who have many friends from their Southwood tenure, have been named co-managers at Colonie Tennis Club, where they join Pat Wall on the staff . . . Dave Corbin is doubling his charter bus schedule to the U.S. Open in Forest Hills this fall, running on Sept. 2, 3, 8, 9 . . . If you go the first week you'll see almost everybody in action, if you wait you can catch the women's quarterfinals Sept. 8 and men's quarterfinals the next day.

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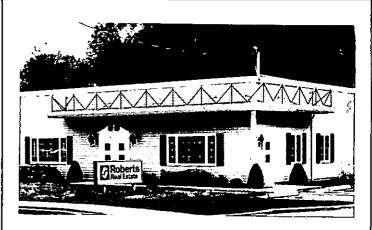
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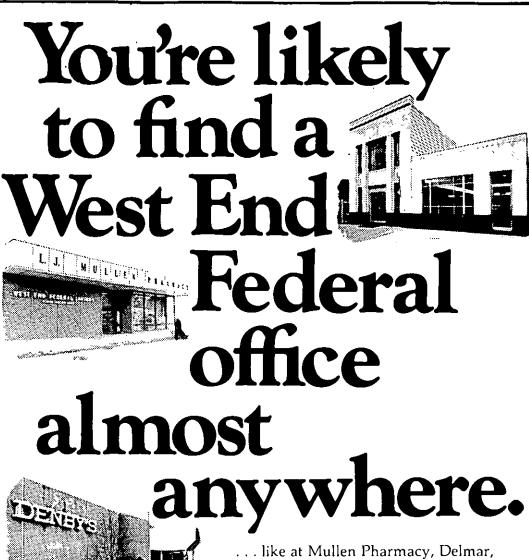
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#### Privacy vs. charity

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to letters in the July 15 issue of the Spotlight regarding the training center in Glenmont, I have this to say:

One letter states that people in the area will lose their privacy. In this a valid reason to prevent a group of young people from learning how to make a living? I have a vacant lot next to my property, but if the owner decides to build a house on it, I'll lose my privacy. The only way to prevent that would be to buy the lot myself. I cannot prevent the owner from "taking away my privacy." By the way, I wonder if the letter writer lives next door to the Seminary?

In response to the second letter, in which the writer complains that among other things the area "has so little to offer the training center." How right she is! It has no compassion, no love, no understanding, no chairty. However, the location has something to offer — fresh air, beautiful grounds, accessibility to the Capital District and a variety of occupations.

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#### Bicycle lanes needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to commend the Spotlight on the timeliness of its article on bieycle safety lanes. Perhaps now that we have all been informed that there has been no progress on bike lanes in two years, Mr. Sheaffer and council members will begin to hear from those of us who feel strongly that there is an urgent need for these lanes.

Ross Gutman's statement, "I don't want to throw any blame on Harry Sheaffer. If the average Tom, Dick or Harry isn't interested, why should Harry Sheaffer throw us his support?" was particularly discouraging to me. In our naivete I'm sure many of us assumed that the project was "in the works." I know I did.

This year there is no bus transportation for children to the town park. Dropping the buses resulted in a savings of \$7,000. I don't quarrel with the council's decision to discontinue busing, because few took advantage of the service. However, access to the park for the children of working mothers, non-drivers and one-car families is now limited to walking or biking, neither of which is safe.

The dangerous situation at the intersection of Elm Ave. and the by-pass is especially disturbing. Many people, myself among them, have brought this to the attention of our supervisor and council. We have been assured that a crossing guard will be provided for the remainder of the season. I hope this will have been accomplished by the time this etter appears. It is not a solution, but it is the only thing that could be done this sum-

park with varied and expanding facilities. Let's not allow a tragedy to blot this accomplishment. I urge everyone who cares to let your town

government know that you want bicycle safety lanes, a crossing guard and a traffic light at the intersection of Elm Ave. and the by-pass.

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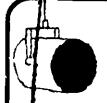
To avoid any misunderstanding about our school district's contractural obligations with its teachers, I'd like to clarify a portion of the article in last week's Spotlight about the Bethlehem Central Middle-School health teacher whose position has been eliminated through budget cutbacks.

The school district is required by State Education Law, Commissioner's Regulations, and court rulings — not by anything in the BCTA contract - to offer an existing job vacancy to a teacher whose position is cut. Accordingly, she has been offered and has accepted a foreign language teaching job. Since she is not certified to teach foreign languages, the board is now required to follow the stateprescribed procedure of terminating her from that position for that reason.

In taking her case to court, with the backing of the New York State United Teachers. the teacher is expected to claim that the school district should shuffle its teaching staff in such a way that an opening could be found for her in her field of certification. She is declining the option of placing her name on a waiting list for jobs in her field. If she did this, she could retain her seniority in the district, but if she loses the court case, she forfeits her seniority.

The school board regrets that this situation has arisen. but feels it must act in the best interests of the entire school district, while observing State Education Law. I would em-Our town has a beautiful, phasize again that the person in question is a fine health teacher, and no reflection on her is intended.

> Delmar Lawrence A. Zinn Superintendent of Schools



## SPOTLIGHT on community corner

#### Vacation Bible School

It is comforting to know that churches continue to be active during summer. vacation times. Many conduct bible schools for their youngsters, many also provide healthy and instructional educational-recreational programs.

Next week there will be vacation bible schools at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar and the Glenmont Community Church from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each weekday. For information call 439-9976 in Delmar and 465-6957 in Glenmont.

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