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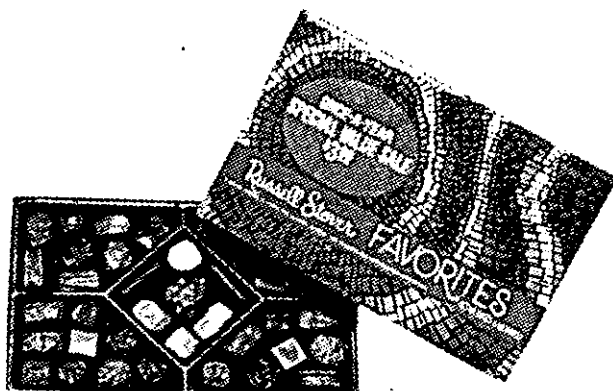
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Bethlehem Memorial Auxillary to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

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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.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, 114 Adams St., Delmar. School year schedule, Mon.-Fri., 8:30-1. Answering service in afternoons. Telephone 439-2238.

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, open daily during daylight hours. Exhibit room open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Glenmont Lions Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Info: Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

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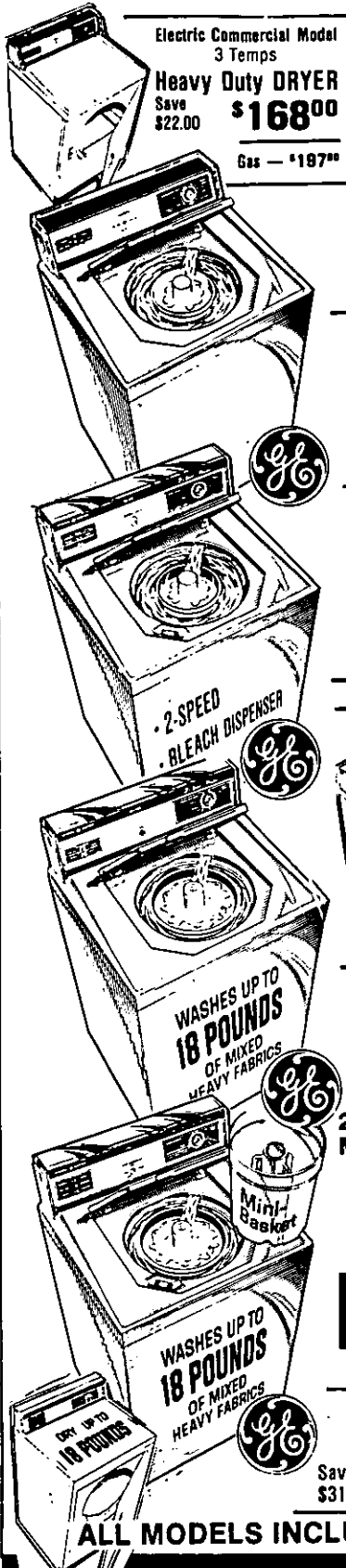
AARP meets 12:30 p.m., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.

League of Women Voters, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Bethlehem Library. Information 439-5786.

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.

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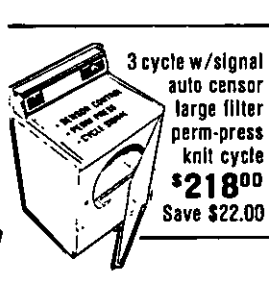
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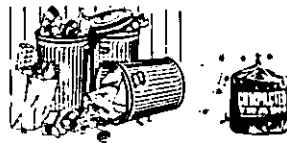
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Rotary Club of Delmar meets every Tuesday night 6:15 at Schrafft's Motel.

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.

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 and styrofoam 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 Oatout, 463-0804.

Albany chapter, Railroad Evangelistic Assn. meets third Saturday of each month, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:15 P.M.

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

Glenmont Homemakers meet third Wednesday of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 p.m.

Sports Car Club of America, first Wed. of each month 8:00 p.m. at the Center Inn, Glenmont, Marie Corrin, 869-6948.

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

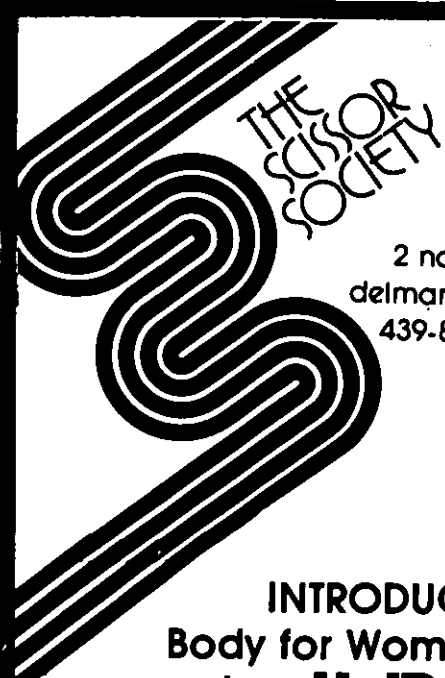
Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, third Tuesday, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Give and Take Shop. Used clothing. Basement of St. Thomas Rectory. Monday 9:30-11 a.m.; Tuesday 1-3 p.m.; Saturday 10-12 a.m.

Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elmsere, third Tuesday, Sept.-June.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

League of Women Voters. "Action Plan for Citizens." Bethlehem Library, 9:30 a.m., babysitting at Library. Information 439-5786.




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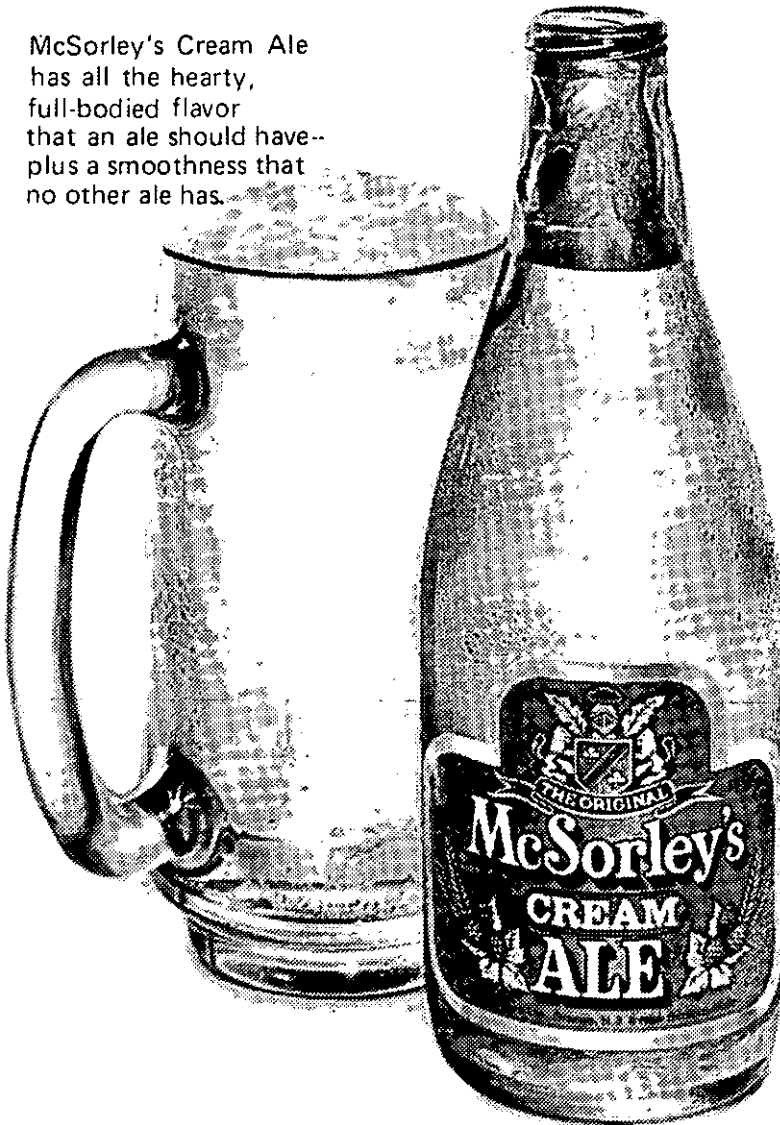
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First Thursday Group Luncheon, Methodist Church, Delmar, Fellowship Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Open House for parents, Clarksville School, 7:30 p.m.

Open House for parents of afternoon kindergarten pupils at the Elsmere School, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Movies at the Middle School, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Dept. for grades K-6, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

9th Annual Harvest Ball, Voorheesville Fire Dept., Buffet: 7:30 p.m., dancing: 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Public invited. Tickets may be obtained from any member.

Horse Show featuring English, western and pony classes, sponsored by the Hoofbeats and Clatter 4-H Club, Locust Knoll Farm, Clarksville, 9 a.m.

Exhibit by Mohawk-Hudson Bonsai Society, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Also Sunday 1-4 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Columbus Day. The Library will be closed.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Movie: "The Johnstown Monster," for grades 1-3, Bethlehem Library, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Luncheon for WW1 veterans, sponsored by the Blanchard Post 1040 — LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 12 noon.

Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club coffee for newest residents, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

"Abstract Art," Bethlehem Camera Club, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Literature group meeting at the home of Mrs. Azzie Hurst, sponsored by the Bethlehem Progress club, 1:30 p.m.

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Open house for parents of pupils in the primary grades, Hamagrael School, 8 p.m.

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Joint Public Hearing of the Common Council of the City of Albany and the Town Board of Bethlehem with reference to the proposed annexation of certain territory in the Town of Bethlehem to the City of Albany, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, to hear and consider any objections to Special Sewer District #1 assessment roll for 1977, town hall, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

BCHS open house for parents, 8 p.m.

Coffee with Democratic candidates, Bethlehem Library, 9:30 a.m. Public invited.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Dept., Fire Hall in Elsmere, 8 p.m. Program on interior plant design.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Movie: "The Rebel Without a Cause," Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

Movies at the Middle School, sponsored by the Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Guided walk: "Fall Changes," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Sports Day at the Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Delmar.

"**Mischief**," a movie about a circus horse, 10:30 a.m. Creative Writing Workshop: 11-1 p.m., and "Red Shoes," a movie of the ballet, 2 p.m., all at the Bethlehem Library.

Cocktail party for Sen. Nolan and Guy Paquin, home of John Hunsacker, 9 Mile House, Delaware Turnpike, Unionville. Interested persons please call 768-2212.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Movie: "The King and I," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Bethlehem Democratic Committee fund-raising cocktail party, hosted by Ed and Lois McConville, 45 Louise St., Delmar. 5-7 p.m. \$5 contribution. Information 439-4332

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Delmar Kiwanis Club Ladies Night and Installation of new officers, Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:15 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

"Critic's Choice," Ira Levin comedy, Ensemble dinner theater, Polish-American Community Center, Oct. 18-20, 25-27. 7 p.m. 434-1777.
 "Frankenstein," State University Performing Arts Center, Oct. 12-16, 8 p.m. 457-8606.

MUSIC

Chamber music concert, SUNYA University Singers and Manhattan String Quartet featuring guest artist, pianist Findlay Cockrell. State University Performing Arts Center, Oct. 9-10, 8:30 p.m. \$2 at door.
 Dik Vissar Trio, renaissance to modern music, McNeil Room, Rensselaer Polytechnic Union, Oct. 12, 8:30 p.m. Free.
 Smith Street Society in Dixieland-ragtime concert, Columbia County Council on the Arts opening program, Hudson High School, Oct. 16, 8:30 p.m. \$4.50, students \$2.25. Box 91, Chatham, N.Y. 12037.
 Albany Symphony Orchestra, opening program, pianist Earl Wild playing Tchaikowsky "Piano Concerto No. 1," Palace Theater, Oct. 9, 8 p.m. 465-4755.
 Singer Judy Collins, Siena College, Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m. 783-2431.

FILM

Audubon Wildlife Film Series, "Land of the Rio Grande," Niskayuna High School, Schenectady, Oct. 13, 8 p.m. Tickets at door. Series tickets write Miss Eleanor Byrne, 5 Hopi St., Albany.
 "French Provincial" by Andre Techine, SUNYA Prize International Cinema Series, State University Performing Arts Center, Oct. 15-16, 8:30 p.m. 457-8608.

EXHIBITS

"The New York Cabinetmaker and His Use of Space," tribute to American furniture-making 1740-1840, Albany Institute of History & Art, through October.
 "Works on Paper," group exhibit by 14 artists, courtesy Kornblee Gallery, New York City, at Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, through Oct. 12, weekdays 9-5. Sundays 2-5. 270-2263.
 Al Konitzer, photographer, and Brunhilde Miller, craftswoman, at Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Oct. 28, weekdays 9-5. 273-0552.

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Spotlight photo
 Houses on Delaware Ave. to give way to new buildings

Architects' rendering of proposed Delmar development

DELMAR New bank and stores to keep Four Corners 'village motif'

A new commercial development at Delmar Four Corners will keep the "village character" of one of Bethlehem's most historic areas. Norris MacFarland, local business developer, plans to erect two buildings on land he owns between Delaware Ave. and Adams Pl. north of the National Savings Bank

site and south of the St. Thomas Church parking area. The architectural design by Einhorn-Yaffee Associates, Albany, calls for a bank building and a one-story building to house five or six stores. They will face Delaware Ave. opposite the Delmar postoffice. The bank will be the new site of the

Delmar branch of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. The building plan calls for wood-frame construction with clapboard siding. Architects Steven L. Einhorn and Eric C. Yaffee both live in Delmar. The Bethlehem board of appeals is expected to take action soon on the developers' petition

for a variance to permit parking on a portion of the tract bordering Adams Pl., which lies in an area zoned Residential A. The bulk of the property is in the commercial zone along Delaware Ave. A public hearing on the variance was to be held Wednesday of this week at town hall.

POLITICS Poster plays pose problems, perplex police



Rt. 85, Slingerlands

People placing placards and posters on power poles perennially present peculiar problems for politicians. Previously a popular practice, pasting promotional placards prominently poses potential "paper pollution" problems. Purists particularly protest Proskin posters. At the same time Nolan signs have been vandalized in widely separated sections of town, this time bringing the police into the election campaign.

Election stickers are a perennial headache because of their long life, and some voters have vowed to oppose at the polls those candidates whose names are most frequently found on every stationery stanchion from highway signs to bus stations. This year's prime offenders seem to be Arnold Proskin, running for the state senate, and Charles Abbate, seeking the sheriff's job, whose workers did him no favor by defacing state highway traffic



Four Corners, Delmar

signs with stickers. A string of Proskin posters on poles the length of Rt. 85 in Slingerlands had largely been torn down by last weekend.

Meanwhile incumbent state Sen. Howard Nolan has issued campaign instructions that prohibited pole posters. Bumper stickers will be issued only on request. Ironically, a 1974 Nolan campaign sticker that survived local climatic assaults and remains relatively unscathed on the postal storage box at the Delmar Four Corners bus stop.

More sobering was a series of acts of vandalism last week that included the burning of two Nolan lawn signs and theft of a third. Lawn signs erected with permission of property owners were burned on Murray Ave. and on lower Delaware Ave. A third sign was stolen less than 24 hours after it had been placed on an Elsmere Ave. property. In Unionville a Nolan yard sign was untouched but tires were slashed on a vehicle parked in the driveway a few feet away.

ELSMERE

Outdoor learn-in — with playground

Elsmere School Community Organization (ESCO), Elsmere teachers and students are so proud of their unique outdoor learning center that they are inviting everyone in the community to come and see what can be accomplished when a well-organized parent group works in close association with a school faculty. The "outdoor learn-in" will take place Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to noon (Rain date Oct. 23). Visit the Elsmere school-grounds any time during those hours and see the children in action using the imaginative playground and serving as guides for their parents and fellow students during a browse through the nature study area.

The outdoor learning center at Elsmere did not just happen. It represents years of planning and untold hours of volunteer service. Three years ago a parent-architect named Steven Einhorn met with Elsmere



Barbara Schultz photos

Carol Budliger and Scout Dan Cassidy on nature trail and playground. On the cover: Architect Steven Einhorn and Amy Budliger.

principal Richard J. Herrman, ESCO presidents Nancy Mackey and Kathryn Lambert, various state and local consultants and Elsmere's physical education specialist, Peter Hogan. Together they planned the playground, drawing on their own professional expertise and suggestions from parents, students and faculty. Mr. Einhorn contributed additional time in drawing up the plans, making presentation models and seeking out volunteers with unique abilities and services.

Old equipment declared sound and re-usable was moved to the new location by Bruce Houghton, Bethlehem schools grounds superintendent, and painted bright red by parent volunteers. Wooden connecting ramps were constructed by Bill Lane. Old truck tires were donated and installed through the efforts of board of education member Robert Zick. Tons of dirt purchased by

ESCO were graded and shaped by Bethlehem Associates at no additional cost, so that landscaping could include a hill with an outdoor teaching amphitheater.

Learning center plans still call for completion of the most exciting prospect of a "hill house" set amongst the newly planted sugar maples on the hill. Funds for the basic building materials were collected through ESCO's yearly dues, Election Day bake sale, school pictures and the May Fair. To date ESCO has invested \$2,500 in this project.

Some years ago the neighbors of the Elsmere School graciously gave their permission to yet another volunteer group to develop a nature trail incorporating school and private property that now borders the school. Mrs. Janice Short, representing the neighbors, and Mrs. Lennox and Mr. Herrmann representing the school,

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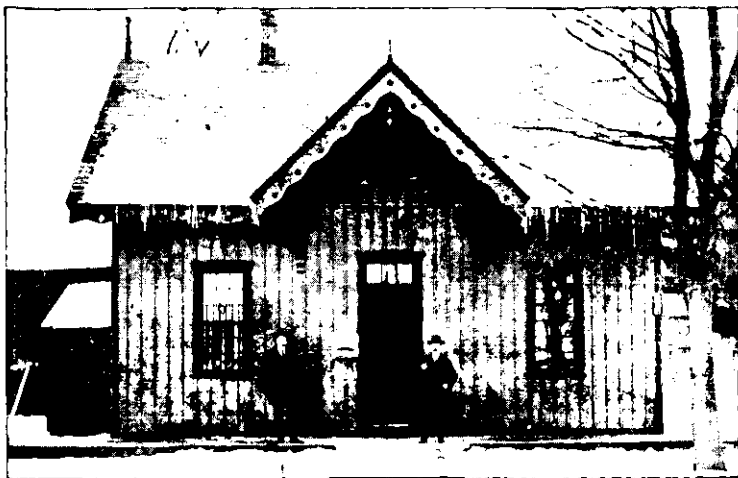
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A railroad feud left its mark a century ago



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Delmar railroad station stood just south of the track at Adams St. and Hudson Ave. Right, the old baggage shed in Slinger-



lands, now privately owned, was painted last summer. Note vertical clapboarding and similar roof rickrack in both structures. On the cover: the Slingerlands station in 1967.

A hassle over the price of a piece of property at Four Corners more than a century ago made Slingerlands a railroad center instead of Delmar and caused a rift in relations between the two communities.

In the years immediately after the Civil War the railroad was the key to business growth and population expansion. This made the general superintendent of the railroad

the most influential man in the area, for it was his decisions that, in effect, determined which settlements would prosper.

Charles D. Hammond, general superintendent of the Delaware and Hudson, saw Adamsville as a potential railroad center. The Delaware Turnpike was a busy artery for farm produce, grain and building materials. He negotiated

for two and a half acres at the Kenwood Ave. intersection adjacent to the Adams property where the town hall now stands. When the asking price reached the stratospheric sum of \$5,000, Hammond pulled out, abandoned Adamsville

and drove down Kenwood to the old toll gate intersection on the New Scotland-Albany road. Here the D&H tracks passed through the hamlet known as Slingerland's Corners, and it was here he built a sumptuous house for himself

Elsmere learn-in *continued from page 10*

contacted professional Soil Conservation Service Authority Frank Leavitt and community youth groups like Ken Bauer's Boy Scout Troop 58. Together they designed a trail.

Mr. Leavitt and members of Troop 58 cut the loop trail, which meanders through woodland, across a stream, through a marsh and over brush-covered hillsides. Troop 58 Eagle Scout candidate Dan Cassidy is currently organizing reconstruction of parts of the original trail. Teachers are now participating in nature study instruction and workshops by volunteer naturalist Carol Budliger.


ESCO directors decided recently to earmark \$500 for scientific supplies such as binocular microscopes and insect and aquatic collecting nets.

Enthusiasm for Elsmere's

outdoor learning center is high, according to this year's ESCO president, Sherry Einhorn. She urges: come and meet the people behind the scenes. See the fruits of their labor. Find out how *you* can help in maintaining what exists and aid in completing what is yet to be done.

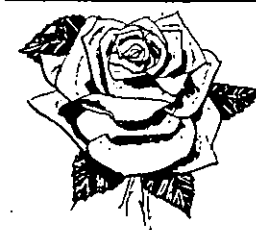
Steven Einhorn, the architect who lives just behind the school and who contributed professional designs to the project, has three sons, 8, 6 and 4. He is a native of Albany, received AB degrees in both psychology and architecture from Syracuse University, and returned to Albany nine years ago. He worked for several architectural firms before forming a partnership with Eric Yaffee four years ago.

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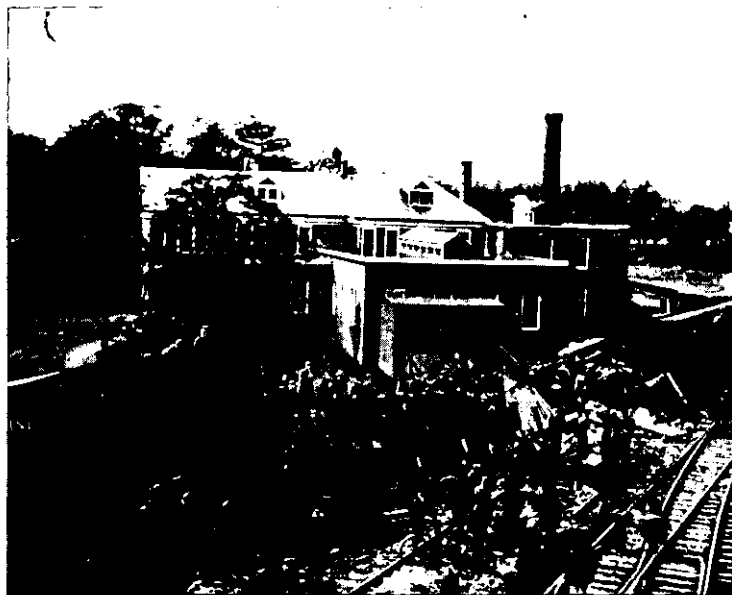
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and a handsome station and baggage house for the railroad.

Last summer that baggage house got a fresh coat of yellow paint, applied by the young owner of a home improvement firm who said the railroad had suggested it. The structure, owned by William H. James of Delmar on land owned by the D&H, is the last vestige of the "railroad era" in the Tri-Village area. Hammond's house, now known as the Dillenbeck house, is decaying and Slingerlands children like to call it "haunted." The station is gone.

As the most prosperous and most energetic citizen of Slingerlands, "C.D." Hammond organized church groups, civic groups, musical and sports organizations and social events. The Slingerlands station, one of the most modern in the D&H system, became a focal point for special trains carrying people from Albany to large social and athletic events for the next 30 years. Slingerlands baseball teams became



Wreck of an eastbound freight at Toll Gate crossing, Slingerlands, 69 years ago this week. A brake beam dropped and caught a switch at 6 a.m. Oct. 12, 1907.

well known for their state championships.

Meanwhile Hammond turned a deaf ear to the people of Adamsville. At length the farmers and tradesmen there built their own station, a mod-

est structure near the Adams St. crossing, which was called Delmar although the postoffice was called Adamsville.

The Slingerlands station, a spacious structure of stone and wood with a 200-foot roofed

platform, was built in 1888. The last local passenger train — the well-known "Scoot" between Albany and Altamont — ran in 1930. The through train to Oneonta and Binghamton made its last run Jan. 24, 1963, but by then the first stop out of Albany was Altamont.

For a while the Slingerlands Fire Dept. housed its trucks in a part of the station and then built its present fire house on the site.

In the intervening years the station was a focal point of the hamlet. Scores of Slingerlands boys and girls took the trains to school at the Albany Academy, Girls Academy, and St. Agnes, businessmen commuted to downtown Albany, and in the evening residents took the train in for the shows at Harmanus Bleecker Hall and the popular after-theater run that left Albany shortly before midnight. Some would take the first local in the morning and catch the Day Line boat to Kingston or New York.



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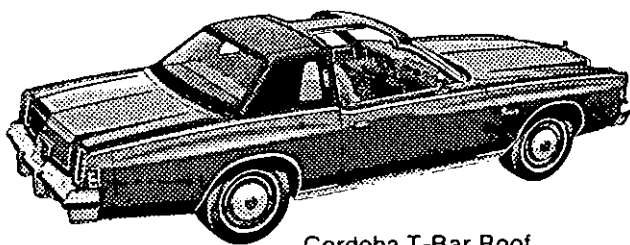
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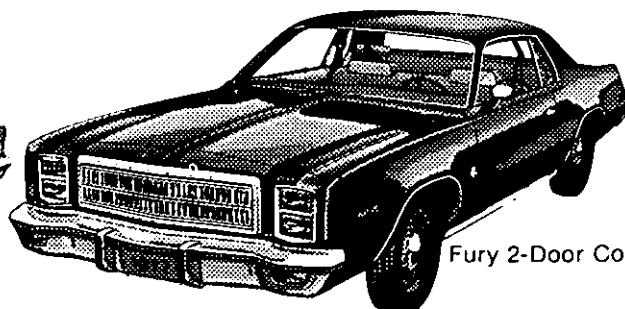
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Jim Howard, right, with Alison Swanson, greenhouse manager

BUSINESS
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"People tend to consider flowers expensive," Howard explains. "They don't have to be expensive if we can do a good volume without the overhead of arranging, delivery and billing. Now people are stopping on the way home from work and taking home a bunch of fresh-cut roses for under \$3."

Mendelssohn starts

Weekly rehearsals of the Mendelssohn Club of Albany, Inc. started this week (Wednesday) at the United Fourth Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany. Male singers are invited to sit in for two

rehearsals Wednesdays at 8 p.m. as guests and if interested in membership, audition prior to the third rehearsal. J. Lawrence Coulter is the conductor of the 75-voice male chorus for his third season.

Choral rehearsals start

The Monday Musical Chorus will begin weekly rehearsals Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., under direction of Karl A. B. Peterson. All women interested in women's choral music are invited to join the club and are welcome to sit in on the first few rehearsals. The first concert will be Nov. 29. Information 767-9276 after 6 p.m. or 489-1428.

Reserve officer promoted

Frank B. Burggraf, 56 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He is assigned as staff communications officer, Air Force communications service, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome.

Lt. Col. Burggraf is employed by the State Department of Public Service as chief of transportation facilities certification in the office of environmental planning. A native of New York City, he has been a Delmar resident six years.



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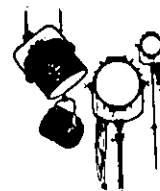
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SPOTLIGHT DAY

8 stores joining Oct. 30 bonanza

Eight more local businesses have joined the Spotlight Day shoppers' sweepstakes, boosting to 26 the number of stores and restaurants offering more than 200 prizes for the gala drawings all over town on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The occasion of the new Spotlight publishers' celebration of their first anniversary will be marked by free prize drawings in 26 stores and a climactic drawing for several grand prizes, including a \$50 gift certificate from Virginia Lynch and a weekend for two in Montreal from John G. Myers Travel.

Among the new prizes announced this week are two uniforms from Scissor Society, two 10,000-square-foot bags and three 5,000-square-foot bags of lawn food from Jeffers Nursery in Slingerlands and a flock of gift certificates from Delaware Plaza Pharmacy, Mele's Beauty Salon, Alfred's Fabric Care Center, Golden Acorn, Record Town and the Toll Gate.

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As an extra bonanza, the prizes will be shuffled: you can win dinners from HoJo's Rhum Runners' Lounge and Schrafft's Albany Motor Inn at places like Courtside Tennis Shop and Roger Smith's, likewise prizes from the Clothes Horse, Paul Mitchell's and the Paper Mill from such stores as Verstandig's, Anthony's and Van Dyke's Northeast... just to give you the spirit of the occasion.

GLENMONT

Job Corps stalling on contract award

There were indications early this week that U.S. Dept. of Labor officials in Washington would delay the award of a \$1,750,000 management contract for the proposed Job Corps youth vocational center in the vacant Our Lady of Angels seminary in Glenmont.

Today's contract deadline (Oct. 7) was expected to be extended, but there was no indication the delay was attributed to the forthcoming November election or to community tension among Bethlehem citizens who have organized strong opposition to the project.

An unofficial source within the Job Corps reported that the Singer Company was expected to emerge as the low bidder among the three private corporations seeking the management contract for the Glenmont facility. Singer operates the Job Corps' San Jose center in California and several other centers in the Southwest.

Other bidders for the Glenmont contract are International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and American Technical Assistance Corp. The center is expected to open around March 1 for 275 youths both male and female between the ages of 16 and 21.

Takes Hawaii post

George A. Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hernandez of Delmar, has accepted a position of administrative resident at Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central and State University at Plattsburgh. He is presently a student at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and will start the 12-month residency phase of his training this month. He will be awarded a Master of Science in Health Administration degree.

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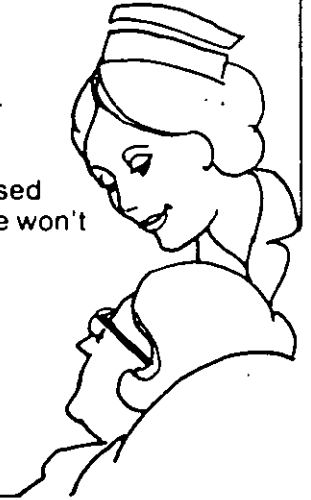
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Local apple crop worst in years

Freak extremes in spring weather have devastated the apple harvest and have made 1976 a year of near-disaster for area fruit growers. Locally, Indian Ladder Farms has escaped the brunt of the devastation, but still has been hard hit.

The pick-your-own season began last week and will run about two more weeks for picking reds and golden delicious.

Hudson Valley growers had the shortest apple season in 30 years, primarily in the McIntosh grades. A heavy frost hit in March, followed by an unseasonably warm Easter and subsequent snow and freezes during the pollinating period. Peter G. Ten Eyck 2nd, owner-manager of Indian Ladder Farms, Voorheesville, said his crop escaped major damage in the March frost, but was blighted by poor pollinating weather in May and two severe hailstorms in one day in early June that hit 40 percent of the crop. As a result, Indian Ladder has only three-quarters of the usual crop and, he says, "a large part is green with a poor finish."

Study in Norway

Christine G. Spelich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Spelich, 1 Drury La., Delmar, is one of a small group of students from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., participating in a program of Scandinavian Urban Studies during the fall term. She will be studying at the University of Oslo, Norway, and make field trips to Stockholm, Copenhagen and Helsinki.

Canadian book donated

Mr. and Mrs. John Soper of Willowdale, Ont., Canada, who moved from Delmar last year, have donated a copy of *Between Friends/Entre Amis* to the Bethlehem Library. Published in Canada, the book honors the American Bicentennial. The book explores the Canadian-American border as a symbol of the friendship between the two countries.



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Motopaver, left, and roller at work on North Rd., Clarksville

NEW SCOTLAND Five-year road program rolling

New Scotland's half-million-dollar five-year town highway program is completing its first year this week and motorists are rolling on seven miles of newly paved roads.

Peter Van Zetten, town highway superintendent, said "we're on schedule" on the long-range plan that is budgeted for approximately \$100,000 a year. The 1977 priorities for road repair and resurfacing will be determined by the town board early in the spring.

Using a Motopaver and a roller leased from Cady Co., Amsterdam, town crews repaved six miles on Wormer Rd., Tygert Rd., North Rd., Lower Derbyshire Rd. and La-Grange La., and wound up with a mile on Helderhill and Westview Rd. across from the Indian Ladder Drive-In. They also fixed a stretch of Fisette-Jones Ave., Feura Bush.

The crews laid a three-inch cover of coarse mix stones and oil, then a 1-1/2 to 2 inch top coat with finer stone and oil. The roller goes to work after each layer from the Motopaver. "It's cheaper to rent the equipment than buy it," observed Van Zetten. "We only use it for about 3-1/2 weeks a year."

The New Scotland home-owned "fleet" consists of six dump trucks, five snowplows, a grader, two back hoes, two refuse trucks, four sanders, a Caterpillar loader and a roller

Van Zetten says is "an antique." The department has 12 men in the highway operation and four in refuse collection.

Midshipman aboard

Midshipman Michael D. Cohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cohn, 70 Kenaware Ave., Delmar, has participated in the Naval Academy's "Summer at Sea" program.

During a deployment in the Atlantic aboard the nuclear-powered submerging USS Sea Devil, Cohn gained professional experience in basic seamanship, navigation, gunnery and communications.

Candidates' coffee

Bethlehem Democratic Committee has invited major candidates to a free public coffee hour Thursday, Oct. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Library. The session will be informal and babysitting is available.

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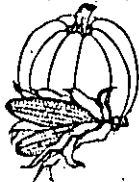
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BETHLEHEM Live theater set for grade schools

Elementary school pupils in the Bethlehem Central school district will have the opportunity again this year to see three live theater productions, during school hours through the efforts of the Bethlehem children's theater committee.

The program for primary grades for this year is: Oct. 18, "Alice in Wonderland;" Feb. 3, "Dinosaurs, Puppets, and Picasso," and April 20, "Peter Pan."

On the schedule for pupils in grades 4 and 5 are: Sept. 29, "Peter Pan," and April 29, "Stars and Stripes." A third production for intermediate level children has yet to be finalized.

Representatives of the children's theater committee visited the district elementary schools on September 21, 22 and 23, so children could purchase tickets. A season's ticket costs \$3, and a family with four or more children may purchase season's tickets for all for \$10.

The theater programs are selected to coordinate with the elementary school curriculum, and teachers are provided with materials to help them inte-

grate the theater experiences with lessons in social studies, language arts, music, and other appropriate subject areas. One child from each class is allowed to go "back-stage" after each production, talk with the performers and then relate that experience to classmates.

Parents of district elementary pupils are urged to support the theater program, which has been sponsored by a committee of parents and teachers for many years. Anyone with questions may call Mrs. Raymond Graf, primary grade chairman, or Mrs. Robert Zick, intermediate level chairman.

In Sturbridge post

Stephen L. LaNier, formerly of Slingerlands, has begun his duties as director of development for Sturbridge Village, Mass. The son of Robert LaNier, Caldwell Blvd., he is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as director of regional programs for alumni relations and annual giving. Previously he was theater operations manager of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. He and his wife, Gaye, are now living in Sturbridge.



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A supervisor's farmstead at Beckers Corners

By Allison P. Bennett

This stalwart brick house standing at Beckers Corners has the obvious construction earmarks of the early 1800s, although we know from studying old records that an even earlier house was built by members of the same family near the site.

The story of the Becker house is more than a tale of bricks and mortar; it is the recounting of ambitions and deeds of people who lived their daily lives within the shelter of the farmhouse of the Becker family. Perhaps it was the solidity of the house itself and all that it signified in terms of security and pride that inspired these men of principle to their devotion to service to their fellowmen.

Albertus Becker was one of three landowners or heads of families who lived along "the

old road from the Onesque-thaw Creek to the Hudson River." Very probably that road wandered around the area now known as Beckers Corners, down to the Vlaumanskill Creek and over what is now Clapper Rd. and so on down to terminate at the Winne and Nicoll-Sill places on the river. Here they linked up with the earliest river road path that ran along the west side of the Hudson in that vicinity.

Albertus passed his farmland and early home on to his son Wouter, or Walter in the English spelling. It was from these acres that Walter went off to fight in the Revolutionary War. His great-great-great granddaughter, Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Feura Bush, proudly exhibited his original commission, which says in part: "To Wouter Becker, Gentleman of



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Brick farmstead at Becker's Corners dates to early 1800s.



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Walter or Wouter's first-born son was named Albertus W. Becker (1st) when he was born in 1772, in honor of his grandfather, as was the old Holland Dutch custom. Upon his marriage to Polly Vander Heyden in 1800, it was he who built this substantial brick home and this is where they raised their family of two sons and three daughters. The flat, tillable and fertile fields surrounding the house produced a livelihood for more generations of Beckers, so when the next generation of Walter Becker and his wife, Maria Vanderzee, had a son, he was named Albertus W. Becker 2nd. He was born and reared in this same brick house on the ancestral acres.

This Albertus grew up to become a pillar of the community and a prominent Bethlehem citizen. He attended school at the Troy Conference Academy in West Poughkeepsie, N.Y., then came back to Bethlehem to settle on the farm. He was president and a stockholder of the South Bethlehem Plank Rd. Co., organized in 1851, president of the Bethlehem Mutual Insurance Co., and was elected Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem in 1862. By virtue of his office, it was his responsibility to secure volun-

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Becker was again elected supervisor in 1871 and re-elected for three succeeding terms, serving until 1874. He was married to Anna, a daughter of Joseph Haswell. The farm remained in the possession of the Becker family until the early 1900s.

The house has the usual early plan of a center hall running from front to back, with two rooms on either side, one having been a large double parlor. Descendants tell the legend that the brick for the house came as ballast in ships from Holland, but this is subject to reflection, since the date of erection of the house (1800) does not substantiate this theory. More than likely the bricks were made on the property from clay taken from the banks of the Onesque-thaw Creek.

The Beckers were well to do farmers and did have black slaves to assist with the farm and household chores. There was an early burying ground which was the final resting place of the Beckers, and some say of their slaves as well. This plot was taken up when the highway was widened and the

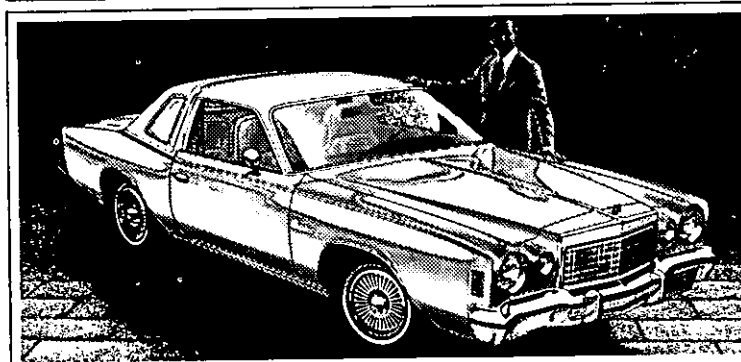
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Next: The Haswell house, Rt. 32.

In Guard training

A Bethlehem police officer is one of 175 New York Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve personnel who attended the first phase of training toward a commission as a second lieutenant. Richard Vanderbilt, 26, of 5 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, attended classroom and field exercises for Phase I of the officer candidate school at Camp Smith, Peekskill. He is assigned as a tank gunner with the 210th Armor based in Albany.

2 New York Tel executives move



Colin W. Getz



Robert L. St. John

Colin W. Getz of Delmar and Robert L. St. John of Glenmont have been promoted to executive posts in the New York Telephone Co.'s new consolidated regional headquarters at White Plains, effective this month.

Getz has been named vice president of customer services for the State region. He will be responsible for the activities of nearly 12,000 telephone men and women serving Upstate New York, Long Island, Westchester and Rockland counties and the Mid-Hudson area. He has been vice president for Upstate New York.

St. John has been named assistant vice president for human resources for the State



Pat Waggoner, Dorothy Brown and President Mary Bardwell show some of the prizes and items for the Bethlehem Republican Women's Club card party and fashion show held Tuesday of this week at Holy Names Academy, New Scotland Rd. Highlights were fur pieces by Beck Furs and gowns by Dorothy Lynn of Delmar.

region, a position that includes responsibility for industrial relations and personnel matters. He has been assistant vice president of operations for Upstate New York.

Getz was chairman of Siena College's capital fund campaign and will continue as a trustee of the college. He will also continue as chairman of the board of trustees of St. Peter's Hospital and as a director of the State Bank of Albany and the Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. He served as general campaign chairman of the 1973 United Fund — Red Cross Appeal in Albany. He will maintain his residence in Delmar.

St. John, also active in the community, is a director of the Capital District Chamber of Commerce, Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, Better Albany Living, Inc., vice president and director of the Capital Housing Rehabilitations Corp. and past president of Junior Achievement of the Capital District.

He is on the board of the Home Savings Bank of Upstate New York, Child's Hospital and the Fort Orange Club and a former president of the board of the Westminster Presby-

terian Church. He is a director and corporate fellow of the Albany Institute of History and Art.



William E. Zimmerman

Zimmerman promoted

William E. Zimmerman of Slingerlands has been appointed deputy commissioner of the economic research and statistics division of the State Commerce Dept. at a salary of \$36,146. He joined the department in 1941, served in the U.S. Army counter-intelligence corps during World War 2, and served three years as president of the Bethlehem Central board of education. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago.

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Vincent Herzog



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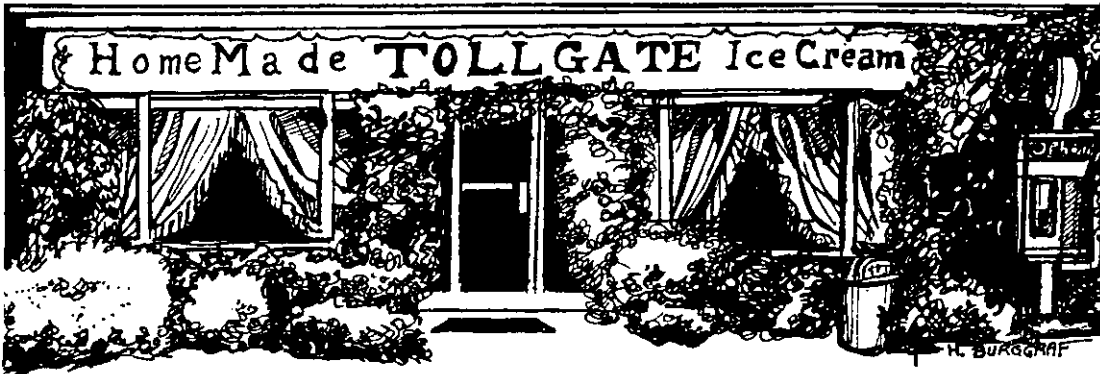
Vincent Herzog and Dixon Welt of Delmar were among six longtime members of the board of directors of Hope House honored at the non-profit private treatment center's first annual dinner Wednesday at Century House, Latham. Hope House, a center for drug abusers, is on North Pearl St., Albany.

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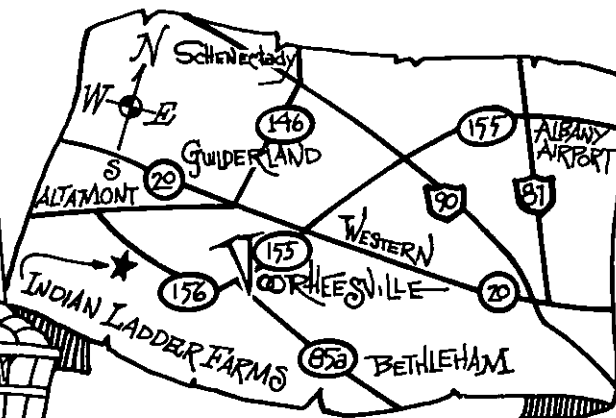
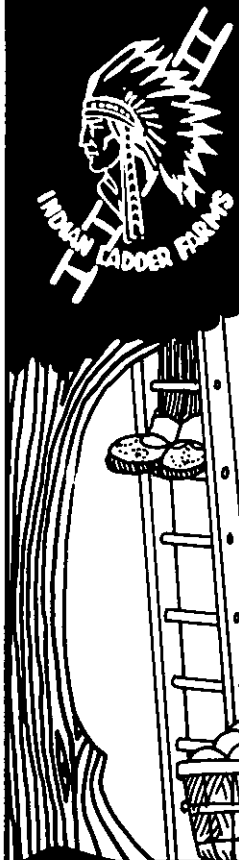
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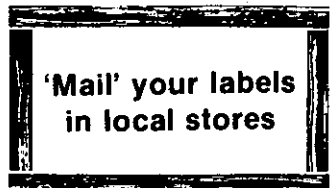
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Mortimer Schwartz

Mortimer A. Schwartz of Albany, a former Slingerlands resident, one of the area's most decorated citizens, has added another citation to his long list, this time amid surroundings of "lavishness and luxury I never dreamed of."

Schwartz, conceded to be the Capital District's resident authority on wines, was recently inducted into L'Ordre des Coteaux de Champagne, honorary society of champagne growers, in a ceremony at Chateau Canard near Reims, France. He and Mrs. Schwartz were the only Americans among 20 couples at the ceremony, hosted by M. Jean-Pierre Canard, owner of one of France's medium-sized wineries.

M. Canard sent a driver to the Schwartz' hotel and received his guests amid the chateau's "spacious flower gardens and manicured lawns." According to Schwartz, "an hour of champagne and hors d'oeuvres relaxed us for the induction ceremony," which was held before dinner.

His description of the dinner: "The dining room was magnificent. Five tables, each seating eight, decorated with gor-

geous flowers, an assortment of flags, place cards and a printed menu listing the foods, the wines and the occasion. On the floor was an Aubusson carpet, the china was Limoges, the glasses Baccarat, and Christofle silverware shone and sparkled.

"The first course was asperges mousseline, white asparagus with a delightful sauce. Then came turbotin au Charles VII, a delicate fish cooked in champagne and served with the winery's finest champagne.

"The entree was coeur de Charolais, beef from the famous Charolais region, served with fresh vegetables. Accompanying this superb course was one of the finest wines we have ever tasted, called Bouzy, the name of a town in Champagne where its grapes are grown. A red wine without sparkle, soft, full, deep, subtle with a flavor reminiscent of raspberries. A fresh salad was followed by a platter of fine cheeses.

"The dessert was Vacherin, a dainty shell filled with strawberries and cream. All of this was graced with champagne of 1970 vintage, liqueurs, brandy and cigars put up especially for the Ordre. With two people to wait on each table the service was beyond belief."

Schwartz said that during an evening of dancing and conviviality he remarked to his host: "You will be glad I am leaving tomorrow since I drank half your stock of champagne yesterday and I'm working on the second half now." He said the reply from M. Canard was: "I will not worry. We have seven million bottles."

Joins Christmas Seals

Jeffrey A. Berman of Voorheesville has joined the American Lung Association of New York State, Albany, as assistant executive director, governmental affairs and special programs.

Berman is a graduate of Ithaca College and has taken additional courses at Syracuse University and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

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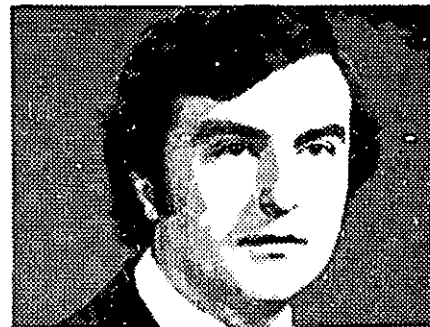
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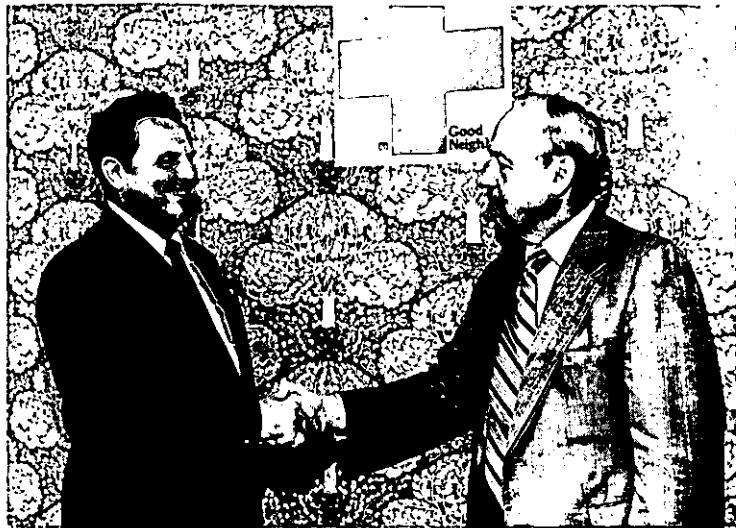
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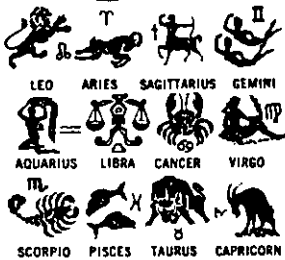
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Charles Foster of Delmar, left, treasurer of the Albany Area Red Cross, is welcomed to a recent meeting of fund chairmen from selected communities in 14 eastern states by Frederick E. Rathgeber, a member of the national Red Cross board of governors, at Alexandria, Va.

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Episcopal delegate



Frieda R. Carnell

Ms. Frieda R. Carnell of Delmar was one of four delegates from the Diocese of Albany to the triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women held in conjunction with the Renewal Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minneapolis in September. Ms. Carnell served as a member of the training team that trained 42 discussion leaders for small groups formed from the nearly 500 delegates after each presentation during the legislative and conference-style program. Delegates also attended many functions of the main church convention.

Clas elected to board



Frederick J. Clas

Frederick J. Clas, director of Operations of Watervliet Arsenal, has been elected to the board of trustees of Pioneer Savings Bank. Clas, a native of Albany, is a graduate of Albany High School and served in both the Army and Navy during World War II. He is a past president and general campaign chairman of the United Way; member American Legion Blanchard Post No. 1040 and American Defense Preparedness Assn.

For his achievements at the Arsenal Clas has been decorated by the Department of the Army three times for meritorious and exceptional civilian service. He resides with his wife Dorothy at 20 Bartlett Lane, Delmar.



Janna Huntington, of Delmar, right, who retired as Albany VA blood bank chairman after 25 years' service, was honored with red roses from VA patients. With her are Dr. Murial K. Schauble of Delmar, left, Ronald Dietz of Slingerlands, and Mrs. Doris Baker of Delmar.

Takes new post



H. David Van Dyck

H. David Van Dyck, Delmar, has been named director of public relations for the New York State School Boards Association. In his new position he will be responsible for publications, displays, internal communications, press, radio, and television relations for the 756-member statewide group.

Van Dyck was assistant to the president for community relations and later director of community relations at the State University at Albany

during the past 12 years. Prior to that he was first assistant and then associate editor of *New York State Education* magazine and other publications of the New York State Teachers Association. He and his wife, the former Roxa Ann Becker, and daughter, Dawn, live at 11 Burhans Pl.

On science program



William Vanderlinde

William Vanderlinde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vanderlinde, 73 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, was one of 19 participants in the Student Science Training Program this summer at Ithaca College.



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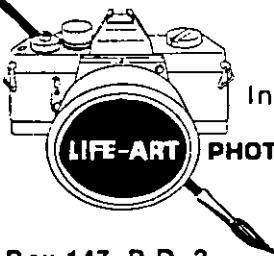
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Builders to elect

John Wheeler of Slingerlands has been nominated for alternate national director by the Albany Area Builders Assn. at the election meeting Oct. 20. Henry Klersy of Delmar is a member of the nominating committee.

Camera Club program

Delmar Camera Club will feature a program on "Abstract Art" at its meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church parish hall, Elsmere. Everyone is welcome. Information 765-4673.

Check the stores for Oct. 30 drawing



Clarksville's Albert Danckert is congratulated by U.S. Elks' Grand Exalted Ruler George Klein of Lincoln, Neb., in Chicago on his appointment as district deputy grand exalted ruler for New York State Capital District. He belongs to Bethlehem Lodge 2233.

Science lecturer here



Barbara D. Henderson

Mrs. Barbara Dix Henderson of London, England, will speak on human and divine rights in a free public lecture presented by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Albany on Oct. 12 at the Quality Inn, W. Watervliet Ave., near I-90 Exit 5. The lecture will be at 8 p.m. and child care will be provided.

Horse show Saturday

Hoofbeats and Clatter 4-H Club will have a horse show featuring English, Western and pony classes Saturday at 9 a.m. at Locust Knoll Farm, Clarksville.

On Lamaze staff

Mrs. Joseph Brennan of Slingerlands is serving as registrar for classes in the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth to be given at Albany Medical Center School of Nursing during the weeks of Oct. 11 and Oct. 25. For information call Ethel Cooper of Voorheesville, co-president, 765-4572.

Teaching yoga class

Nancy Handwerger of Delmar will teach a series of eight weekly classes in meditation and yoga starting Oct. 18 at the Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Registration information call 439-5027.

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Doane Stuart open house

The public is invited to an open house at the Doane Stuart School on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 2-5 p.m. Tours of the campus will be guided by students, and faculty and administrators will be present to discuss programs. Refreshments will be served.

Doane Stuart enrolls boys and girls from nursery through grade 12 with a boarding program available for high school girls. The 87-acre campus is located at the north edge of Glenmont on Rt. 9W near Thruway exit 23.

Campaign manager named

State Sen. Howard C. Nolan Jr. has named Lee Aronowitz of Loudonville as chairman for his campaign for reelection to the senate from Albany and Greene counties. Robert Van Slyke, a member of the Atlantic Cement Co. staff at Ravena, is public relations chairman.

Opens new office

Mrs. Sue Nichols of Delmar has opened an accounting office at 159 Delaware Ave. She is a graduate of State University of Albany. Her husband, David, is chairman of the physics department at Hudson Valley Community College. They have two daughters and live at 9 Fernbank Ave.

Directing 'Frankenstein'



James M. Leonard

Prof. James M. Leonard of State University of Albany, a resident of Elsmere, is directing "Frankenstein" as the opening production in SUNYA's theater season. The Swiss chalet thriller will be presented at the Performing Arts Center on the campus Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.

Police to be honored

Bethlehem Police Chief Peter Fish and Capt. Robert R. Foster will be honored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Delmar Kiwanis Club at a dinner Oct. 18 at Alteri's Restaurant.

Bank manager promoted

Lois A. Chura, manager of the Elsmere office of Union National Bank, has been named assistant cashier. She joined the bank in 1967 and resides in Watervliet with her husband and two children.

Stratton at AARP

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton will present a slide talk on his recent trip to China at the general meeting of the Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of the American Assn. of Retired Persons Oct. 19 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

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New Altar-Rosary officers: from left, seated, Mrs. J. Alan Devitt, Rev. James D. Daley, Mrs. Arthur C. Roberts Jr.; standing, Mrs. Thad Colman, Mrs. Eugene Fish, Mrs. Simon Karam.

Women from Tri-Village churches are invited to an ecumenical tea sponsored by St. Thomas Church Altar Rosary Society at St. Thomas School Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. A musical program will be presented by Karen and John Ainsworth of Bethlehem Community Church.

The society's new officers will be installed at the meeting: president, Mrs. Arthur C. Roberts Jr.; vice president, Mrs. J. Alan Devitt; recording secretary, Mrs. Thad J. Colman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Simon Karam; treasurer, Mrs. Eugene Fish and delegate-at-large, Mrs. Paul Gratzel.

Party for candidates

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hamill, 482 Huron Rd., are hosting a wine and cheese party for Guy Paquin of Clarksville, candidate for Albany County clerk; State Sen. Howard Nolan Jr., running for reelection, and Mary Lou Bartolotta, seeking the Assembly seat from the 104th district, Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Newcomers tea

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon invites all of the newest residents of the area to a coffee Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Library. Information 439-9245.

BCHS parents night

The annual open house program for parents of pupils at Bethlehem Central High School will be held Oct. 14, beginning at 8 p.m. Parents will receive their child's schedule in the mail, and will have the opportunity on that night to observe an abbreviated version of the schedule, visiting each classroom, meeting the teachers and hearing each teacher speak about course plans and expectations.

Pecan sale starts

Smith College Club of Albany is accepting advance orders for its annual pecan sale for the benefit of a scholarship fund for an Albany area student. Mrs. Susanne Hudacs of Elsmere (439-7570) is president of the club. Orders may be given to any Smith Club member as well as orders for pecans from last year's sale at reduced prices.

Clinic for Selkirk

A free blood pressure clinic will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Selkirk Fire House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. under the sponsorship of the town of Bethlehem and the American Heart Assn. Volunteer nurses are needed to staff this clinic and are asked to call Ruth Bickel at 439-4473 or the town clerk's office, 439-4955.

Nursery school reopens

Slingerlands Nursery School has reopened in the Community Methodist Church with Mrs. Melba Smith returning as teacher for the 10th consecutive year. Rhonda Ballou is chairman of the mother's committee, with Connie Kass as co-chairman, Karen Magrum secretary and Sue Stoddard treasurer. Joanne Constable, a Hudson Valley Community College student teacher, will assist two mornings a week until December. The private cooperative school is limited to 14 in enrollment.

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The workshops are for people interested in writing poetry, short stories and essays, and are for experienced and inexperienced writers. Because the workshops are during the lunch hour, bring a sandwich, and the library will provide coffee and tea.

Nancy Thornton teaches at the College of St. Rose, Schenectady County Community College and General Electric in Schenectady.

Post to Bradley

A. Paul Bradley Jr., formerly of Delmar, has been appointed dean of faculty and associate professor at the New York Institute of Technology's Metropolitan Center in Manhattan. He will be responsible for the center's 100 full and part-time faculty members and approximately 2,000 students who are enrolled in day and evening programs. Formerly director of institutional research and assistant professor at Empire

State College, Saratoga Sprgs., Bradley, holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Center for the Study of Higher Education.

Dr. and Mrs. Bradley and two daughters reside in Port Washington, L.I. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allan P. Bradley, live in Delmar.

Dinner theater opens Oct. 18

A new stage enterprise — a dinner theater at the Polish Community Center on Washington Ave. Extension — will open Oct. 18 with a hit comedy by Ira Levin, "Critic's Choice." The production will run Oct. 18-20 and Oct. 25-27, staged by The Ensemble group of Newtonville.

An admission of \$9.95 includes a filet mignon dinner, show, tax and tip. Those attending will be served dinner at 7 p.m. Showtime is 8:30. Doors open at 6:15. For reservations call 434-1777.

'Athens' to open playhouse season

Slingerlands Community Players will present Maxwell Anderson's "Barefoot in Athens" for the opening production of their 25th consecutive season Oct. 20-24 and Oct. 27-30. Curtain time will be 8:40 p.m. at the playhouse on Delaware Tpk., Unionville. Charles Losacco of Delmar is directing.

Other productions scheduled for the players' silver anniversary season are "Old Times" by Harold Pinter, Sydney Turner directing, in December; Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge" in March with Carole King directing, and "A Man for All Seasons" by Robert Bolt in May.

A subscription series for the four productions is available at \$12. The Players also welcome patron and sponsor support. For information write Box 21, Slingerlands 12159.

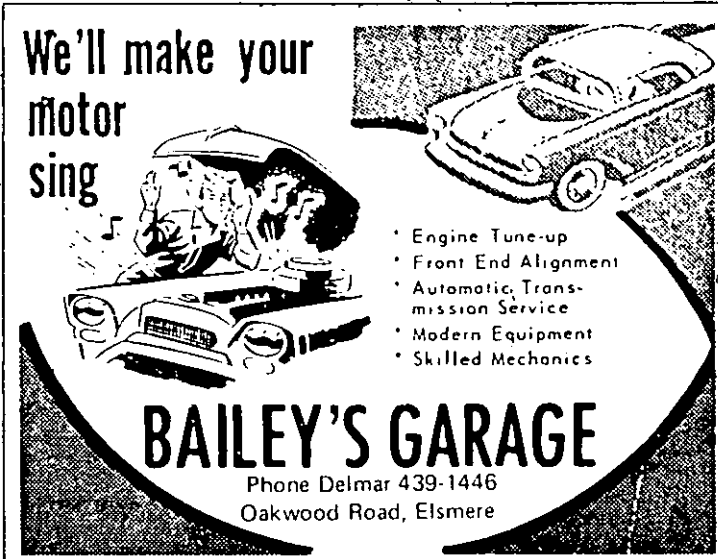
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Fred's son-in-law, Edward A. Gazel, took over the shop more than a dozen years ago. Now the familiar tonsorial establishment at 371 Delaware has a new owner, Ben Boomer, formerly of Selkirk. Ben cut hair for seven and a half years at the Delmar Barber Shop across the intersection, then went to Williams Press for two years.

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SPORTS

BC booters battle to stay in race

The Bethlehem soccer team faces a relatively easy week compared to the two tough tests they had last week, losing to Guilderland and Colonie both on the road. The 4-0 shut-out by Guilderland was called "the finest effort by a Guilderland soccer team that I have ever seen" by Don Snyder, Coach of the Dutchmen. Everything seemed to go right for them.

At Colonie two days later, it was penalty kicks that knocked the Eagles' record to 1-2-1. Both were hand balls in the penalty area in the opening quarter. The 2-0 deficit seemed to lift the Bethlehem squad into playing better soccer for the rest of the contest. A goal midway through the second quarter made it 2-1, but that was as close as BC could get, although they controlled the ball better than Colonie. The Red Raiders put up a formidable defense that stopped every Eagles' attack.

Bethlehem has the day off today due to a break in the schedule, but resumes on Saturday at Mohonasen and again on Tuesday at Columbia. Both games are a must if the Eagles have any hope of finishing near the top of the Suburban Council.

FOOTBALL

Guilderland here in home opener

The accent was on tackling and defensive drills all week as Bethlehem Central's football Eagles prepared for their home opener against rugged Guilderland Saturday. The Dutchmen are 1-2 but played a strong game against powerful Shenendehowa before yielding in the fourth quarter, 22-13.

BC Coach Art Ritchko was disappointed at two losses last week: the league game at Columbia and Mickey Farrell. A spotty pass defense and what Ritchko described as a lack of execution cost the Eagles

heavily at East Greenbush in the surprise 20-14 setback that wrecked a clean record. Bethlehem is now 2-1 and 1-1 in the Suburban Council.

Farrell, a junior standout, injured his ankle and may not be available this Saturday. The Eagles, with a good first team but thin on the bench, will need everybody healthy against Guilderland's Mike Ryan, one of the top quarterbacks in the area.

Warner 'Hawks' lose

Bethlehem Hawks dropped a hard-fought 13-6 decision to Brunswick in a Pop Warner junior midget league game at the Middle School field Sunday despite a 30-yard touchdown run by Chris Congemi and a 40-yard sprint to the goal line by Nico Castaldo that was nullified by a penalty. The Hawks were unable to contain Brunswick's strong ground game. On the plus side, quarterback Mark Verstandig threw completions to Henry Serry for 15 and 20 yards and one to Ken Reed for 20. The Hawks, now 1-2, play at home again Sunday.

Local girls play in tennis show

Barbara Steger of Elsmere and Dorothy Harrison, an Albany tennis star who plays at the Southwood Club, will play a mixed doubles match with Australian Davis Cup stars Rod Laver and Roy Emerson as part of the world-level tennis exhibition program Sunday evening on a special indoor court at Siena College.

Both women are former Eastern junior champions who ranked in the top three of the ELTA girls' rankings as teenagers. Today they are considered the area's top women players. Ms. Steger holds an Eastern ranking in both women's singles and women's-35 singles.

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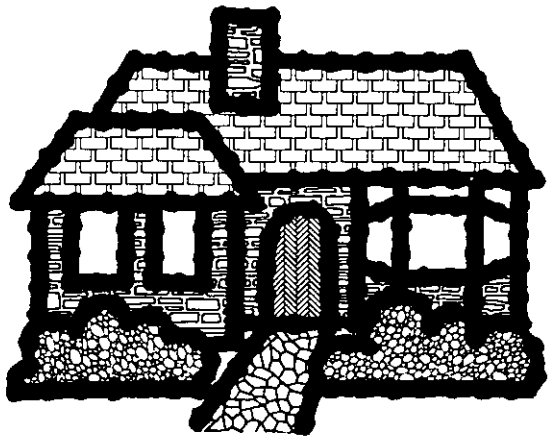
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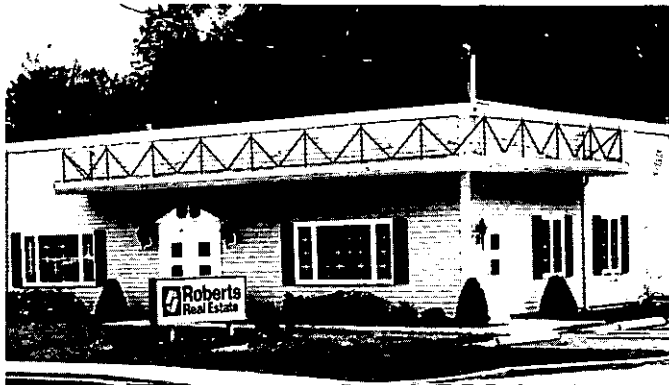


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Mrs. Ernest W. Seward, was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Michael McGuiness, sister of the bride, Miss Jo Ann Sterantino, cousin of the bride and Mrs. Christopher Coats, sister of the bridegroom. Steven Veltman was his brother's best man.

Both bride and bridegroom are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School. The bride is an employee of Blue Cross of Northeastern New York, Inc. The bridegroom is employed by General Electric.

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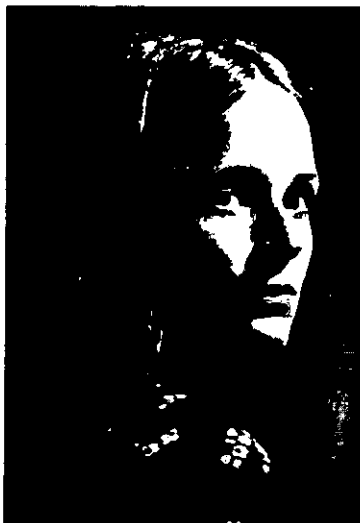
Kathleen M. Sullivan



Julie Kaye Lindell

University of New York at Plattsburgh. He is employed by Carbone's Carpets of Scotia.

An Oct. 23 wedding date has been set.



Karen M. Therrien

Plan October nuptial

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Therrien, Weisheit Rd., Selkirk, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Mary, to Richard Howard Weisheit, 7A Fernwood Dr., Selkirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weisheit Jr., Wemple Rd., Glenmont.

The future bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and is employed by Albany Medical College. Her fiancé was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by D & L Movers, Delmar. The couple has selected Oct. 30 for a wedding date.

Plan October wedding

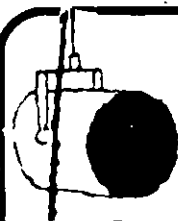
Miss Kathleen M. Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Sullivan, 9 Burtonwood Pl., Delmar, and John K. Sterrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Sterrett, 21 Park Pl., Elsmere, have selected Oct. 2 for their wedding date.

Both the future bride and her fiancé are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School. Miss Sullivan is employed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Slingerlands and the prospective bridegroom, a graduate of State University of New York at Plattsburgh, by Marshall's Auto Exchange.

Delmar girl engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Lindell, 112 Adams Pl., Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Kaye, to Duane Brandon Leeper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Leeper of Scotia.

Miss Lindell is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. She is employed by Bell Laboratories of Piscataway, N.J. Her fiancé graduated from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, attended the University of Cincinnati and was graduated from the State Uni-



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And don't forget the hard-working youngsters who play Pop Warner football. There's a doubleheader at the Bethlehem Middle School the next two Sundays, at 1 and 3 p.m.

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