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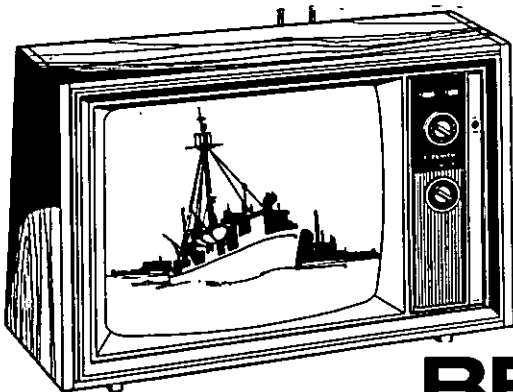
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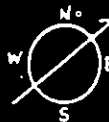
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**Welcome Wagon** — Newcomers and mothers of new babies call 785-9640, Mon. thru Sat., 8:30 A.M., 6:00 p.m. so you may have a Welcome Wagon call.

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary** 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.

**Monarch Club** of Albany meets every Tuesday night at the Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:00 P.M.

**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**. School Year Schedule, Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30 P.M. Summer schedule, 8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Telephone 439-2238.

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

**Bethlehem Lions Club** meets first and third Wednesdays at LaCasa, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

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

**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.

**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

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

**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.

**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.

**Citizen Band Radio Club**, first Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Jim Munger — 463-0275.

**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 Monday, 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.

**Bethlehem Pop Warner** football, directors and membership meet first Tuesday each month, National Commercial Bank, Delmar community room, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Town Board** meets second and fourth Wednesdays each month, town hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m., Planning Board every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals first three Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

**League of Women Voters**, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

**Film**: "Great Expectations," Voorheesville Public Library, 3:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Historical Assn.**, program on "Fans," Mrs. John Mather, Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, Rt. 144 at Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m. Refreshments. Free.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

**Games Night**, Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

**Benefit Talent Show** for children with impaired hearing, sponsored by Bethlehem Elks Club Ladies' Auxiliary, BCHS 8 p.m. Admission \$3, students \$1.50.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

**Program on Basic Preparation of Federal Income Tax Forms** given by Jim Thomas, C.P.A., 1 p.m.

**Benefit Talent Show** for children with impaired hearing, sponsored by Bethlehem Elks Club Ladies' Auxiliary, BCHS 8 p.m. Admission \$3, students \$1.50.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

**Delmar Camera Club**, St. Stephen's Parish Hall, Elsmere. Competition for black and white prints and

# 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

"Blithe Spirit," Noel Coward classic, Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 8-30, Wednesdays through Saturdays 8:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays matinees at 3 p.m. Box office 237-7700.

#### MUSIC

Julliard String Quartet, opening concert of second half of University Celebrity Series, Page Hall, Western Ave. at Robin St., Albany, Jan. 30, 3 p.m. \$3.50, students, senior citizens \$3. SUNYA box office 457-8606.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, Bartok violin concerto with Masako Yanagita, soloist, Beethoven 7th symphony. Palace Theater, Jan. 22, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

Gounod's "Faust," operalogue by Capital Artists Resident Opera Company, Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 24-25, 8:30 a.m. Box office 237-7700.

"Music in the Round," Julius and Charlotte Hegyi, Douglas Moore, Albany Institute of History & Art, Jan. 23, 2:30 p.m. 463-4478.

#### ART

Exhibition, paintings and drawings by Albert Handell, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Feb. 6.

Exhibit of assemblages by Olof Haakon Jansson and linoleum prints by Melanie Roitman Snow, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Jan. 9-28, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5. Public welcome.

Mohawk-Hudson Regional exhibition, five selected artists, Albany Institute of History & Art, Jan. 15-Feb. 27, also McHugh Furniture exhibition.

Paintings of Joel Gaines, at Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy, Jan. 16-Feb. 15, 274-7793.

#### FILM

Prize International Cinema, "Cesar and Rosalie" (France), Yves Montand, Romy Schneider, State University of Albany Recital Hall, Jan. 28-29, 6:30 p.m. 457-8608.

"Angel and the Badman," John Wayne and Gail Russell, Albany Public Library Tuesday Night Film Series, Harmanus Bleecker Library, Jan. 25, 8 p.m. Free.

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**

Bethlehem Town Board, town hall, 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**

Film, "Batman," Voorheesville Public Library, 3:30 p.m. All ages.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**

Game Night, Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**

Spaghetti and meatball supper, sponsored by Voorheesville Key Club for community projects, Voorheesville Central High School cafeteria, servings at 4-6 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., adults \$3, students and children \$2.

Beginning flower arrangement workshop, Garden Shoppe, Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 11 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

Sunday movie, "Santa Fe Trail," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m. Free.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**

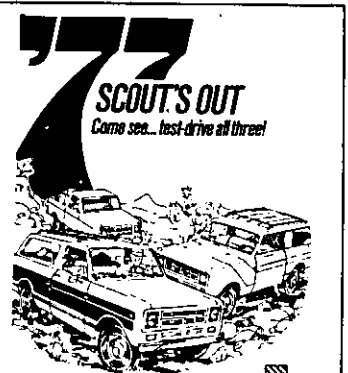
Bethlehem Progress Club Government Council, Bethlehem Library 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Lawrence E. Kahn, Albany County Surrogate Judge. Open to club members and guests.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Bethlehem Pop Warner football business meeting and election of officers, National Commercial Bank, Delmar Office, 8 p.m. Fathers of prospective players ages 10-13 welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Bethlehem Art Assn., speaker Melissa Palmer, "The Dutch in Miniature, or Fun With Games in a Box," Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. Friends welcome.



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## SENIOR CITIZENS

### Delmar is cool to discount cards

At first glance the concept is admirable: a discount program for senior citizens at hundreds of stores throughout the Capital District, based on a card system bearing the citizen's photo ID and a list of participating stores and businesses.

But in practice the program is encountering slow going, particularly, according to the Albany County Dept. for Aging, in the Delmar area.

"I don't buy that," countered one Delaware Ave. merchant. "I can't believe we are any different from other communities in the area." But the resistance locally seems to be real.

The program was launched last June when the department, based at 600 Broadway, Albany, began a mail solicitation of some 2,500 stores and businesses. The department estimated there were 50,000 residents 60 years of age or older in the county. The program was authorized by the county legislature and endorsed by County Executive James J. Coyne.

Under the program, stores would offer discounts of 5 to 50 percent on purchases by persons showing the special ID. Photos were taken and processed for a \$2 fee.

This week Karen Sullivan, assistant planner for the department who is overseeing the campaign, admitted Delmar stores were not responding to the appeal in the numbers expected. "It's a new program and there are some problems," she told the Spotlight this week. "I can understand their



Rotary essay winners pose with Frederick Burdick, principal of the Bethlehem Middle School, left: Mary Davis, Kim Wilcox, Steven Gordon, Nathan Turoff and Russell Gehr. At right is Harry Myers, vice president of Delmar Rotary Club, which sponsored the contest on Fire Safety in the home.

Jim Carroll

being hesitant, but the response has been discouraging."

A prominent Delaware Plaza storeowner said "the whole concept is disheartening because the other people have to pay for it." Another said he averaged four calls a day from senior citizens inquiring about discounts, "even on little items," but his store has declined to participate in the program.

"It's a complicated problem," commented another non-participating merchant. "No one wants to give discounts unless they're assured of a great windfall of business, which of course is not the case here. Economically it is not a sound practice from the business point of view."

Another business leader was more blunt. "Often the store's markup is barely 10 percent, sometimes less. If we give senior citizens discounts, someone else has to pay for it. That

means price increases, which in turn makes us less competitive, and that erodes our sales volume."

Several store owners resented being put in the position of being held in disfavor for not granting the discounts. "I'd like to help people on retirement incomes," said one, "but these discounts are economically unsound." Another showed private frustration in having to handle so many inquiries, which are generated by senior citizens' organizations and publications campaigning for the discounts.

An associate pointed out that with discounts given to youth, students and senior citizens, it is the young and middle-aged families that bear the brunt of the economy in the midst of the rising expenses of a growing family. The discounts, he commented, "are discrimination in reverse."

Several merchants said they

had been cautioned by others of abuses, such as young couples sending grandparents to make purchases, but others brushed that off by explaining that discounts could be placed on certain items and abuses could be easily spotted.

Karen Sullivan pointed out that the response was "pretty good" in Colonie, with about 50 stores on the list, and "very good" in Ravena, where 20 stores — including the full roster at the new Plaza del Sol shopping center and several stores on Main St. — had signed up. Guilderland, she said, "is just starting."

Overall, the book issued by the department in September had slightly more than 300 stores on the list, or approximately 12 percent of the original solicitation. This month the department is conducting a recanvass, and reports the list is up to 410. The target is only 500.

Much of the local reaction is keyed to the type of business. Hairdressers, for example, are inclined to be active participants in the discount program. So are some restaurants, theaters and certain service businesses. A leading Delmar pharmacy gives 10 percent off on prescriptions.

Senior citizens and students get discounts on bus fares, many theaters and sports events, but the age cutoff varies. For a federally-funded bus card a resident must be 65 or older; it's 60 for the Albany discount program, 62 for Social Security, 65 for more cor-

porate pensions and for an extra federal income tax exemption.

#### Camera club meets

Delmar Camera Club's January competition for black and white prints and color slides will be on "Suddenly Last Summer." The club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church parish house, preceded by a workshop on lenses at 7:30. Public is invited.

## BETHLEHEM Carnival draws a record crowd

Cover photos and montage  
by Andrew L. Jones

The weather and the queen were beautiful as a record turnout of families enjoyed the largest winter carnival ever staged in Bethlehem. The temperature was just right, the ice was perfect, the snow abundant and the sun shone throughout most of the day.

Laurie Bosworth of 16 Longwood Dr., a 17-year-old Bethlehem Central senior, reigned as the town's first snow queen after coronation ceremonies conducted by William Vivian, president of the chamber of commerce. First runner-up was Kelly Ann Keller, 54 East Wiggand Dr., Glenmont, and second runner-up was Elizabeth Thompson, 95 McGuffey La.

Laurie and Kelly play Tomboys softball and are active in school sports programs. Liz a winter sports fan who also teaches Tiny Tot swimming. Kelly works part-time in the Doane-Stuart School library, Liz at Hilchie's Hardware. All three received trophies and savings bonds from the chamber, one of the co-sponsors of




Queen Laurie I

Blanchard Post and the town Parks and Recreation Dept.

Among the champions in skating races were: boys 4-5 — Eddie Kuhn, Chris Nolan, Paul Mouyos; boys 6-8 — Mark Woodside, Bob Gambelungh, Chris Covey; boys 9-10 — Joel Shapiro, John Hogan, Paul Carey, Stephen Lobelle; boys 11-13 — Chris Wickwire, Charlie Wooster, Sean Farrow; boys 14 and over — Dave Jewell, Mike Carey, Keith Patterson.

Girls 3-5 — Kristy Vancan, Kristen Ragone, Kara Peters; girls 6-8 — Kim Reed, Ann Carey, Cynthia Day; girls 9-11 — Paola Castaldo, Lynda Stokoe, Tina Eckhardt; girls 12-14 — Barb Marden, Tammy Van Ryn, Barb McConnell.



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Kelly Krueger, left, and Susan Czerw, members of Junior Girl Scout troop 233 in Delmar, prepare for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. The girls, fifth graders at Hamagrael School, will join with other scouts taking cookie orders from Bethlehem area residents starting Friday. Mrs. Gail Krueger, 8 Douglas Rd., Delmar, Susan's mother, is leader of Troop 233.

**BETHLEHEM  
Adult courses  
deadline nears**

Residents of the Bethlehem Central School District who might wish to enroll in a Continuing Education course for the spring semester can find the course schedule and registration information in the January issue of 'Central Highlights' which was mailed earlier this month.

A total of 43 evening courses are being offered. Classes will meet for 10 weeks, beginning the week of Jan. 31. Most of the classes are held at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Persons may register for a course by mail or in person on Tuesday from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the Middle School lobby. District residents are charged a fee of \$15 per course, non-residents pay an additional \$2.

Senior citizens who live in the Bethlehem Central School District may enroll in courses free of charge, and are asked to obtain a senior citizen pass from the Educational Services Center at 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, before registering.

The Bethlehem Central Continuing Education program,

directed by Peter Rosenfeld, is entirely self-supporting.

A total of 492 people were enrolled in 28 courses during the fall semester. Of this number, 51 were senior citizens and 41 were non-district residents. A few of the offered courses were cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, but others had more enrollees than could be accepted. Students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The evening classes are open to people of all ages, and High School students particularly should be aware that they are welcome to participate. Course schedules and registration forms are available at the Middle School office and the Bethlehem Library.

**Free help on taxes**

Thinking about doing your income tax? Confused by the new forms? Boggled by the changes in the regulations? The Bethlehem Library would like to help you. At 1 p.m. on Saturday Jim Thomas, a CPA, will present a program on the basic preparation of federal income tax forms. There is no charge and everyone is invited.

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## SLINGERLANDS It'll be warmer now on Rita La.

The Bethlehem board of appeals, meeting on a snowy mid-January night with the temperature flirting with zero, has given quick approval to the application of a Slingerlands resident to build a chimney for a fireplace in his family room.

Work on the chimney to be added to the two-story raised ranch of the Donald Ballou family at 3 Rita La. was halted last fall by the lack of a building permit. The chimney on the east side of the house was found to violate by nine inches the 10-foot sideyard minimum required by the zoning ordinance. The Ballous had assumed the builder had the permit, the builder had assumed

the variance had been obtained when he received the architect's plans.

As it turned out the board moved fast to clear the way for the Ballous to have their fireplace. Within one week of the public hearing on the petition — at the very next meeting — the board granted the variance. The builder, Albert Mastroianni of Schenectady, resumed work this week and given a break in the weather, the Ballous were preparing to touch a match to the logs by this weekend.

### Formerly Marrieds meet

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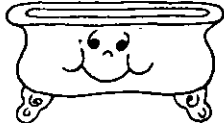
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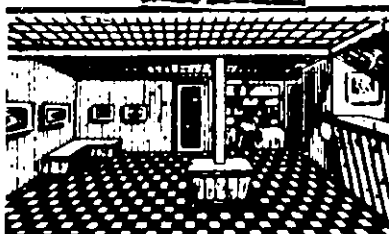
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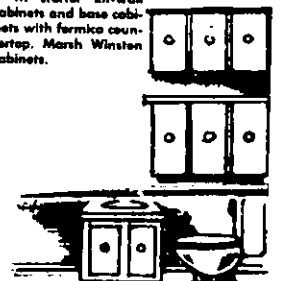
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## Unionville's turn for paper drive

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The second Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., a truck is brought from Albany to the town parking lot on Kenwood Ave. at Four Corners, where residents are asked to bring old newspapers and paper products for recycling. At 2 p.m. the truck returns to Albany to weigh the paper, and the youth groups are paid according to the number of pounds. The price of paper has increased lately, and the youth groups can get \$80 on a good day.

The recycling project is alternated by the Delmar Reformed and Delmar First United Methodist churches. For the past several years, they have given the Unionville Reformed church the month of January.

The youth group of the Delmar Reformed church sent \$400 to Ethiopia to purchase a windmill in the "Food from Wind" project.

With the money they collect, the Methodist church's young people sponsor an American-Indian foster child in Oklahoma.

The Unionville Reformed church uses their January proceeds for youth group activities.

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### Key club dinner

Voorheesville Central Key Club, a community service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will serve a spaghetti dinner Jan. 29 at the high school cafeteria. Proceeds will go toward the club's community projects.

The dinner will feature spaghetti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, milk, coffee and dessert, and will be cooked by Mike Michele and Agnus Tucker. Club members will be waiters, busboys, dishwashers and cleanup crew. Local stores such as McDonald's and Friendly's are donating cups, sugar and soft drinks. Tickets at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and children can be obtained from Key Club members or at the door.

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## Talent show has a varied program

This is the weekend for the Talent Show to raise money for children with impaired hearing. Co-sponsors of the event, Bethlehem Elks Ladies Auxiliary and the Bethlehem Police Department Youth Bureau, are promising a delightful evening.

A variety of talent will be performing on Friday and Saturday at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium. The 8 p.m. program will be emceed by Dick Rose, a well known master of ceremonies.

Dave Machan, a professional singer now appearing at the

Mad Hatter in Guilderland, will perform each night. Marge Tynan's popular school of dance will present some dance routines and Keith Parkhurst of Clarksville will offer a change of pace with his magic show.

Middle School and High School students are also involved in the show. Under the direction of Joseph Farrell, the high school Swing Choir will perform and a Middle School rock group is also on the card.

If enthusiasm is any indication, these and other performers are putting together an exciting show.

Many individuals, organiza-

tions and merchants have responded to pleas for time, talent and money, but more is still needed to reach the goal of \$6,000. This money will be used to buy phonic ear auditory training systems. The equipment will be used by children, such as Timmie Hughes of Delmar, who is the poster boy for the talent show.

Tickets will be available at the door and they are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Anyone wishing to contribute, but who will be unable to go to the Talent Show, can send a check to: Marilyn Hughes, 10A McCombe Dr., Delmar.

Cheryl Marks

## Display at Library

A large free-standing graphic display describing the Hudson valley's Coastal Zone Management Program is on exhibit through Monday at the Bethlehem Library. The program is four-phased planning study designed to reduce short and long range conflicts between conservation and development pressures competing for lands adjacent to the Hudson River in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. The study is being done by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission.

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## NEW SCOTLAND Kiwanians plan Ski touring day

Sunday will be a Cross-Country Ski Day in Voorheesville and New Scotland as Kiwanians, their families and friends gather at Indian Ladder Farm. The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland in cooperation with Indian Ladder Farm and Meyers Ski Shop from noon to 4 p.m.

The program will include an amateur cross country ski race, ski touring and cross country group instruction. The event is open to the public. Trail fee for racing and touring is \$1 per person with a \$3 maximum per family rate. The post-ponement date is Jan. 30 if snow conditions are unfavorable.

The Ten Eyck family has volunteered the use of the facility to promote cross country skiing in a local area. Indian Ladder Farms will be featuring cider, donuts, cheeses, apples and hot mulled apple cider. Meyers Ski Shop on Rt. 85 in New Scotland will rent cross country ski equipment at a reduced rate for this event to all who indicate they participated. Early reservation for equip-

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Members of the Key Club of Voorheesville High School will assist Kiwanians in the event. For information contact president Robert Hoffman (765-4257) or chairman, John Zongrone (765-4084).

### Appointed by Carey

Gov. Hugh L. Carey has appointed a Delmar man, Donald B. Stevens of 25 Gardner Terr., to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission. Stevens retired as director of the bureau of water quality management for the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, is a professional engineer and consultant in the water pollution control field.

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## Nyquist rejects teacher's appeal

A Bethlehem schoolteacher who lost her job when the board of education eliminated a teaching position in a budget cutback has lost her appeal to Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist.

Ann Saddlemire, a physical education teacher at the Middle School, was dismissed last Sept. 2 and given 30 days notice. When the board tabled final action for several weeks she remained on the payroll for another 17 days. In her appeal she contended she was not given proper notice of dismissal.

Nyquist ruled that the board's confirmation of its prior action, "taken after affording petitioner an opportunity to submit an opposing statement, cured the prior notice defect."

## Nursery school party

Children of the Slingerlands Nursery School and their parents entertained each other at a year-end Christmas party at the Slingerlands Methodist Church featuring songs, gifts, cookies and punch. The school has one opening for a preschool child. For information, call Mrs. Connie Kass, 439-7269.

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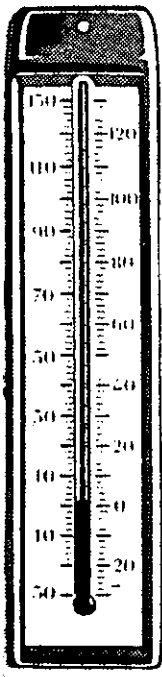
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**CEDAR HILL  
Zoning proposed  
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An informational meeting on a petition for assigning a zone classification to an unzoned area in the Cedar Hill section has been scheduled for Jan. 25 by the Bethlehem planning board. The session follows by exactly two weeks a similar informational meeting on a proposal to upzone a section of the Kenholm Gardens area if Delmar from Residential A to Residential Double-A scheduled for Tuesday of this week.

The Cedar Hill tracts are bounded on the north by a Residence-A zone that includes Lincoln Dr. and the north end of Bear Island, on the east by the Hudson River, on the south by the Vlaumanskill and on the west by Rt. 144, known as River Rd. The parcel includes the town park at Cedar Hill. Lands on the west side of Rt. 144 are zoned "light industrial."

According to planning board chairman William R. Weber, the meeting will be informational only. No zone changes can be made by the planning board. Such action requires a formal public hearing and action by the town board.



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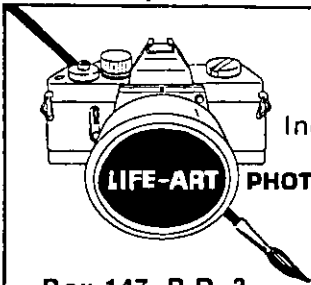
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## Kenholm dwellers endorse upzoning

Kenholm Gardens "deserves to be Double-A" and any incursion of lower cost housing "would be tragic" is representative of the way a group of residents of an Elsmere residential area view the prevailing lifestyle in their neighborhood.

That description of a sizeable area between Kenwood Ave., the Delmar Bypass, Dumbarton Dr. and Oakwood Rd. was expressed by Stephen M. Fletcher, 21 Gladwish Rd., at an informational session in town hall held by the Bethlehem planning board last week.

The seven-member board conducted the conclave for the

purpose of sounding out the residents' views of a proposal to upgrade the zoning classification from Residential-A to Residential Double-A. The upzoning would restrict future development of the area to minimum lots of 10,500 square feet and would require a variance for duplex houses. Currently property owners may build single-family houses on 8,500-square-foot lots and duplex units on a minimum of 14,500 square feet.

The higher classification is needed, said Charles C. Mackey Jr., 155 Dumbarton Dr., "to prevent any incursion of apartment houses or two-family homes." His sentiments were echoed by Leonard J. Cummings, 151 Dumbarton, and several other neighbors among the dozen and a half

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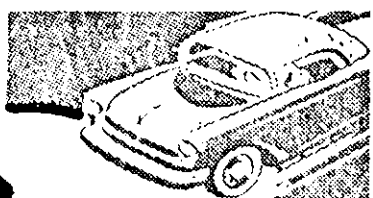
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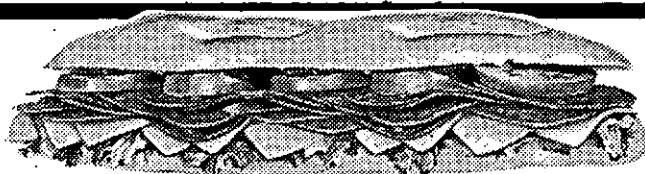
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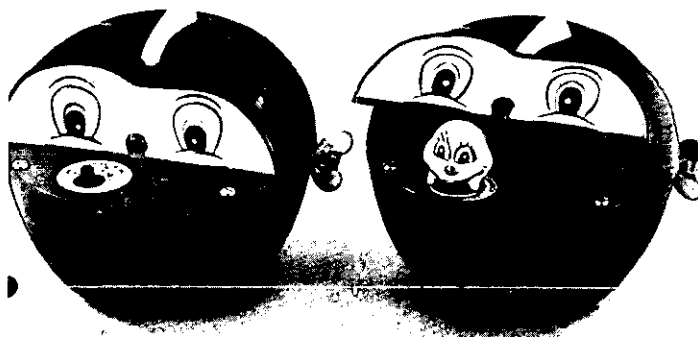
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## Tax base again

Editor, The Spotlight:

Incredible! No expressed opposition to the cutback at an hour-long hearing held by the Bethlehem town board (The Spotlight, Dec. 30). It shouldn't be necessary for town residents to descend on their representatives en masse with teeth gnashing and feet stamping, but someone should make these taxpayers aware that it isn't at all prudent to let town representatives come to a decision on this state-enacted

mandate without input from town residents.

New York state taxpayers are the highest taxed in the nation. The only conclusion to be drawn from this demonstrated lack of concern is that the Bethlehem town residents do not understand the potential for erosion of the property tax base. Perhaps the Spotlight could print an annotated version of the pertinent sections of the recently enacted state law.

Albany *G.L. Spooner*

*At the Dec. 23 hearing Bethlehem businessmen and chamber of commerce representatives declared themselves in favor of granting tax incentives for new and expanding businesses. They felt this would attract new businesses and thus broaden the tax base, and that to deny it would make the town non-competitive in seeking new businesses. These same people and town officials, however, deplored the state's passing this buck on to municipalities instead of taking the initiative itself.*



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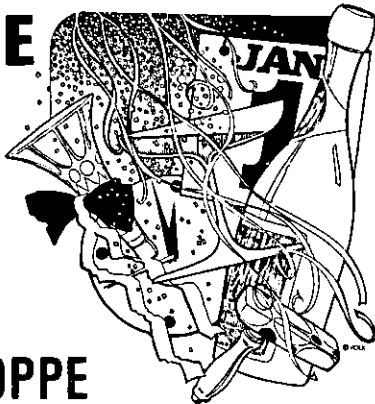


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