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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.

Kiwans 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.

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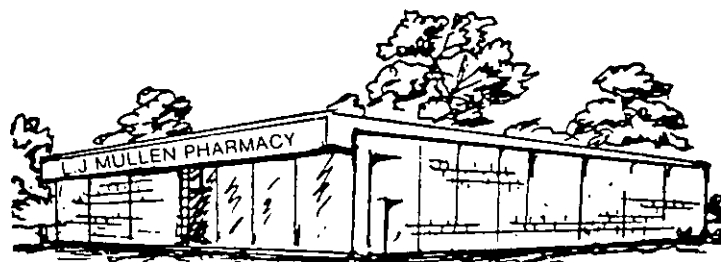
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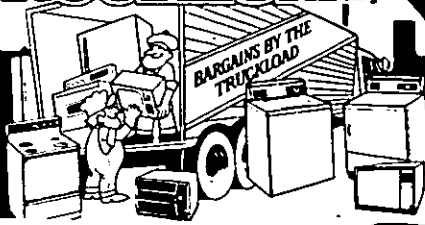
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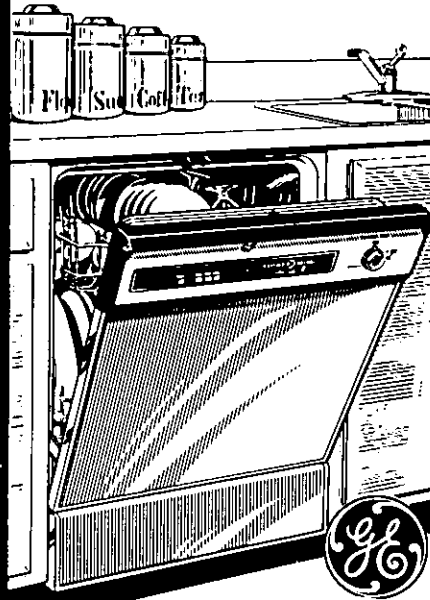
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Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Eismere, third Tuesday, Sept.-June.

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 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.

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.

Barbara Wooster, Delmar artist, will be exhibiting some of her work in a show at the Bethlehem Library during the month of February.

Beta Gamma Rho sorority will do housecleaning, window washing, wall-scrubbing and all types of odd jobs. Call Patti McNary, 439-6608, or Marie Raub, 439-6897.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn., Louise Merritt, director of Historic Albany Foundation,

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speaker. Schoolhouse Museum. Clapper Rd. and Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Free. Refreshments.

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

St. Patrick's Day dinner, Bethlehem Grange, Beckers Corners.

Film: "The Living Desert," Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m.

BCHS Senior Play, "Where's Charley?" High School Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7th Annual Card Party, Ladies Auxiliary, Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, 8 p.m. Benefit drawing, prizes, refreshments. Reservations: 489-5432, also tickets at the door.

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

Games Night, Bethlehem Library Large Community Room 7 p.m.

BCHS Senior Play, "Where's Charley?" High School Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Film: "Captain Sinbad," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

American Red Cross rowing and canoeing classes start at Elm Ave. Park recreation dept. classroom, 10 a.m. Registration at first class for the ten-week course.

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

Tracy Schwarz, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 8:30 p.m.

BCHS Senior Play, "Where's Charley?" High School Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Final Registration, Bethlehem Babe Ruth baseball for boys 13-15, St. Thomas School, 12:30-2 p.m.

Final Registration for New Scotland Kiwanis boys and girls baseball and softball leagues, Voorheesville Elementary School, 9-11 a.m. Fee:\$4.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

No school for Bethlehem pupils grades 1-5 due to parent-teacher conferences.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon luncheon and fashion show. Albany Country Club, noon. Reservations 439-6867.

All-Disney nature films for grades 1-3, Bethlehem Library, 3:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Ecumenical Bible Study, "Sea of Galilee," Rev. James Daley of St. Thomas the Apostle church at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, coffee 9:30 a.m., study 10-11 a.m. Hostess: Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, babysitting provided.

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

Bethlehem Central Athletic Association, open meeting, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Film: "The Living Desert," Voorheesville Library, Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

Variety Show, "Happy Days and 50's," by Voorheesville PTA, Voorheesville High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem Unit Meeting, "U.N. Consensus," Bethlehem Library, 9:30 a.m. Information 439-5786 Babysitting 439-0642.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Games Night, Bethlehem Library, Community Room, 7 p.m.

Variety Show, "Happy Days and 50's," by Voorheesville PTA, Voorheesville High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. PTA quilt to be raffled.

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Concert, Capital Chamber Players, guest artists Heinrich Joachim, cello, and Janice Nimetz, piano, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 8 p.m.

Barbara Carns, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 8:30 p.m.

Slingerlands Players, "View From the Bridge," Arthur Miller, Unionville Playhouse, 8:40 p.m. 434-1777.

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. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde satire, Cohoes Music Hall, March 5-27, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Box Office 237-7700.

"What the Butler Saw," contemporary farce, State University Theater's opening production, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, March 10-13, 16-19, 8 p.m.(2:30 p.m. March 13 only). Box Office 457-8606.

"Bye, Bye, Birdie," musical comedy, student cast, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, March 17-20, 8 p.m.

MUSIC

Dvorak's "Mass in D," and songs by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Capitol Hill Choral Society, at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, March 25, 8 p.m. \$3.50, students \$2.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, playing music by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Creston, Ravel, Palace Theater, March 19, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

Menahem Pressler, Israeli-American pianist, Page Hall, Western Ave., Albany, March 20, 3 p.m. 457-8606.

ART

Exhibition of paintings, woodcuts, drawings by Saratoga artist Neva Hansen, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, March 6-25, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5. Free. 273-0552.

Paintings and collage by Jack Bosson, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, through April 22, 11-4 weekdays, 6-8 Mondays through Thursdays.

HISTORIC TOUR

Discovery Bus Tour, "Cradle of America's Industrial Revolution," sites in Troy, Watervliet, Green Island, Cohoes, Waterford, by Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway, April 2 Reservations by March 25. 274-5267.

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When the mercury sprinted into the 60s and 70s last week, it did all kinds of things to all kinds of people. Maybe it was just a teaser, but whether anyone believed it or not, the warm sun was a delight. Mrs. Carla Wood and son enjoyed a stroll, an unidentified cyclist let her hair blow free in the soft air and Spring fever momentarily delayed delivery of some two dozen Knickerbocker Newses on Kenwood Ave.

Photos by Andrew L. Jones

CEDAR HILL Museum adopts new constitution

Officers of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn. have streamlined their administrative structure by adopting a revised constitution and by-laws, and establishing a seventh trustee position.

The society's six trustees will present the new documents as part of a report to the membership at the regular March meeting tonight (Thursday) at the schoolhouse museum on Rt. 144 at Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill.

James VanDervoort, spokesman for the association, said the seventh trustee will be elected at the annual meeting in May. Currently Mrs. Edward R. Dillon Jr. of Delmar is

president and VanDervoort is acting as chairman of the board of trustees.

The adoption of the revised constitution at last week's meeting followed recommendations of Edward Winslow, senior historian, and Frederick Burgess, counsel for the State Education Dept., under which the society is chartered. The revisions include the elimination of the two ex-officio trustee posts assigned to the town supervisor and town historian.

Town Historian Thomas E. "Ed" Mulligan, who had led a dissident group of members and officers in a factional dispute over the past two years, called the action "a disservice to the people of Bethlehem by severing the umbilical cord with the town government." The museum building is owned

and maintained by the town.

Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer praised the association's action. "They have sought advice and counsel as to procedure and definition of functions, they have followed those recommendations, and I don't see any further problems," he stated. "There shouldn't be any ties to town hall."

Reminder: no burning

Outdoor burning is banned in the town of Bethlehem by an Albany County law that prohibits burning in towns with populations of 20,000 or more. The law does not apply to residents of New Scotland.

Spring cleanup dates are set

Bethlehem's annual spring cleanup will run through most of April, when town highway trucks will make regular rounds to pick up all trash and brush accumulated through the winter.

The town board last week set the dates for the cleanup, starting April 4 and running four consecutive weeks. Collections must be ready for pickup and placed at the side of the road. No large appliances or heavy items will be handled.

A homegrown concept for solar heating



Selkirk's Robert Mitchell and solar design

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A young Selkirk engineer is convinced solar-energy residential heating is here to stay—right now.

But, he says, you have to build a house to adapt to it.

And one more thing: you need a backup heating system for those gray days and long nights.

From his bachelor quarters—and company headquarters—off Beaver Dam Rd., Robert Mitchell thinks, talks and works at solar energy design engineering. He has his own concept of a solar heating system that is designed to save heating costs by as much as \$700 in a large modern house. There is no pretense that solar will do the full job alone.

"I've been moving toward a kind of passive solar heating approach," he says. "This approach uses windows of the building as the collector, the interior surfaces as the absorber, and the mass of the building as a storage system."

Mitchell's concept also "avoids a lot of expensive hardware," including the more traditional solar collectors that use copper, aluminum, glass, plexiglass and other materials, along with the plumbing, pumps, controller and anti-freeze fluids. Mitchell's approach, he believes, "gets essentially the same results for a lot less money."

Mitchell, an RPI graduate who won citywide science and engineering prizes while a New York City schoolboy, is completing one of his systems in a house near Altamont that has 2,500 square feet of living area. That's quite a lot of house: living room, dining room, library, kitchen, solarium, family room and three bedrooms with closets. The master bedroom has a dressing room, bath and sauna.

The heat bill for all this will be under \$200 a year, Mitchell insists, and adds: "The cost of getting that result can be duplicated in other houses for

about \$5,000, which means a saving of \$700 a year, more or less. This saving will rise as the cost of fuel goes up."

The hooker is that this system is applicable to new construction, which means the house should be designed with the Mitchell solar heating system in mind.

"You can do a lot with an older house," says Mitchell, "but it costs more, because the existing structure has to be adapted."

What does the architect designing a new house have to do to accommodate the Mitchell concept? "We're talking, for a start, of maximizing installation of walls and minimizing the amount of surface area in the building, orienting the building with regard to wind and sun, and using materials of substantial mass in certain locations in the building. These things are not easy to do in existing buildings."

The Altamont house is a real prototype. Niagara Mohawk will put in a data logging system that will take readings from 32 locations in the house. It will record the percentage of heat being provided by the sun, and the data will be run through a computer. The data will be used to create a design model for a passive solar heating system that Mitchell says would be available to the public. The focus, he says, is on design of the building rather than the hardware.

In the Altamont model the backup heating system happens to be a General Electric heat pump, but for another house it could be any fuel hooked to a thermostat. The dimensions in Altamont are generous; the average three-bedroom house in the Bethlehem area runs between 1,800 and 2,000 square feet, compared to the national average of 1,600.

Mitchell, who won't be 30 until Spring, grew up in Queens, and showed his engineering talent early. He placed third in the New York City Science Fair in the ninth



Andrew L. Jones

State Sen. Nolan with Janet Butlin, Delmar, at library forum

grade, and first in the citywide Engineering Fair competition in 12th grade. He finished the School of Architecture at RPI and did graduate work in urban studies. That included "a lot of advocacy planning," which involves providing architectural skills free to low-income people.

Two years ago he started his own company, Robert Mitchell Solar Systems Design, in New York to install solar equipment, but very shortly moved back to the Albany area. Much of his time since then has been spent in research, studying everything published on solar energy.

Last year Mitchell hooked up with William F. Frye III, a Delmar homebuilder, to apply the "passive" concept to a house Frye was building at 11 Old Ox Rd., Delmar. Construction was interrupted and later suspended when Frye became involved with the town of Bethlehem Building Dept. on a technicality in the design plans. Construction is expected to be resumed later in the Spring.

Nolan hits state school formula

State Sen. Howard Nolan Jr. sees the present method of funding state aid for education as "absolutely wrong and ridiculous." In his view, the formula of 70 percent from local property taxes and 30 percent state subsidy should be reversed.

The Democratic legislator from Albany made the remarks before an audience of 50 at a "town meeting" he scheduled last week at the Bethlehem Library. The discussion of state aid to schools, much of it in a dialogue with Bertold E. Weinberg, vice president of the Bethlehem board of education, dominated the session.

Weinberg juxtaposed new state mandates against the reduction in state aid to local school districts. Nolan agreed that the state shouldn't make so many mandates without paying for them. He pointed out that Bethlehem's per pupil cost is over \$2,400 compared with Greene county's average of less than \$1,700. Lawrence A. Zinn, superintendent of Bethlehem schools, told Nolan that a recent survey of taxpayers indicated there are certain extras taxpayers are willing to pay for.

Nolan said he favored decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana in private places, and he spoke on legislative reform and automobile insurance rates in New York.

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Savannah stopover: a special charm

By Allison P. Bennett
(First of 2 articles)

When you've just about had it with January and don't feel you can really face February, there's a place far away from the Tri-Village that has pleasant winter sunshine on dry streets and a balminess to the winter air that is totally foreign to us who reside in these stern northern climes. Thousands of people rush by this spot on their mad dash to get to the attractions of Florida and never realize the many charms they are passing by, for history has blessed Savannah, Georgia, and so has Mother Nature.

True, when you drive over the high Tallmade Bridge enroute south and enter the city of Savannah, you are faced with marine facilities and warehouses, old Army barracks made into low-



These cannon, captured from Cornwallis at Yorktown, were presented to the Chatham Artillery by George Washington in 1771. Factor's is in the background.

income housing and traffic that is bent on a headlong rush to the south, but just a few short blocks away all of this is swept aside as you enter a tranquil old city, wide-streeted, tree-

planted, with no tearing Northern hustle, no ceaseless racket of noise and auto horns, and no crowds.

Savannah is a modern city of industrial giants and the largest

world trade cargo port on the South Atlantic coast. It is also a quiet city of tree-shaded streets punctuated at regular intervals by parks and squares, and lined with grand mansions from an earlier, elegant time. It is a city of remarkable cultural sophistication, with the finest of Civic Centers, and yet it retains, partly because of its size (120,000), a country-town air.

Its people spend much of their time on golf courses and in the sub-tropical sunshine. Located on the coastal plain just 14 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and virtually surrounded by other waters, the city experiences mild winters and hot but breezy summers, thus her parks and other outdoor facilities are usable virtually the whole year 'round. Just walking about the city is a delight at any time of year, with so many of its major historical and cultural attractions so compactly and centrally located on flat terrain set about with streets and squares, lush

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with trees and flowering shrubs, which have given it the nickname of "The Garden City."

Savannah is a Southern city, but from its earliest days it has been a cosmopolitan city of diverse cultures. The English (including John Wesley, who later founded the Methodist Church), and the Scottish Highlanders were the first settlers who came over to help establish the plantations and to defend Savannah against the Spaniards in Florida. These were soon followed by Moravians and Lutheran Salzburgers, Sephardic Jews of Spain and Irish Catholics, as well as the West Africans who arrived as slaves and developed the unique "Gullah" culture of the sea islands of Georgia and South Carolina.

Tradesmen came in great numbers from New England and other northern areas to help rebuild Savannah following the disastrous fires of 1796 and 1820. During the great economic boom following the invention of the cotton gin (Eli Whitney was a Connecticut Yankee tutoring on a Savannah plantation in 1793 when he invented the machine that revolutionized the South), floods of Northern capitalists and merchants came to seek their fortunes in the city, bringing with them the customs and folkways of the North.

To stroll the cobbled lanes of Savannah is to walk the paths of history. When Gen. James Oglethorpe settled the city in 1733 he laid out the town on a

system of public squares, with each family receiving a house lot on one of the squares. This precise geometric plan was drawn up in England, as the colonization of Georgia had been well planned long before the ship "Ann" arrived at Yamacraw Bluff on the Savannah River. This city planning of long ago makes exploring America's largest historic urban district, with over 900 restored buildings, one of the most pleasant expeditions ever a tourist set out on.

The historic waterfront district where King Cotton once reigned supreme can be explored while shopping or dining, since it is just off the center of town. A visit to the Cotton Exchange begins with a look at the Washington Guns-bronze cannon captured from Cornwallis at Yorktown and presented to the Chatham Artillery by George Washington in 1791.

One of the chief delights of Savannah in addition to her historic attractions are the number of good eating places to be found in such a comparatively small city. The rivers, marshes and sea keep the restaurants supplied with a great variety of seafood and the specialties of Southern cooking are to be found in Low Country lunches and epicurean dinners by colonial candlelight in the gracious atmosphere of a restored Planters Tavern, or the intriguing Pirate's House of Treasure Island lore. Dieting is forgotten as the visitor falls into a gastronomic trance!

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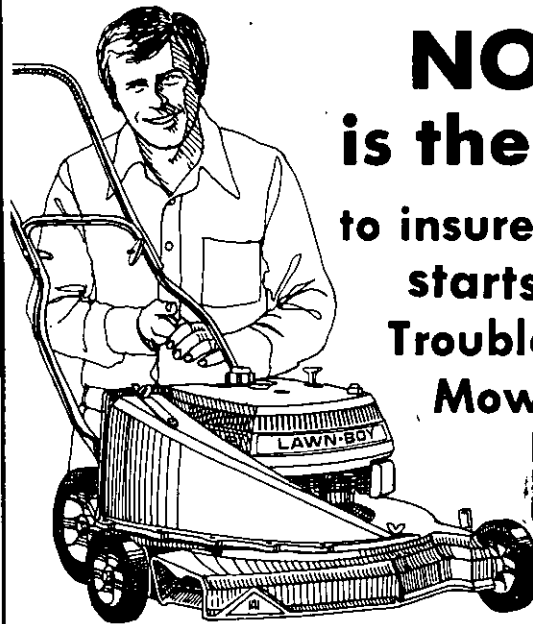
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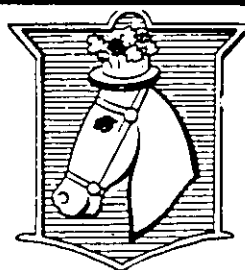
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heater and a vaporizer. Mrs. Oates is enjoying the greenhouse for the second year and said she would like to expand except for the electric bill her hobby generates.

During the summer, Mrs. Oates has a vegetable garden outside and year 'round her house is filled with hanging plants, plants on the window sill and terrariums.

When she is not tending the plants at her Bender La. home, she works at the Glenmont post office, where her husband also is employed as a rural mail carrier.

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Saturday is the last day for Voorheesville boys and girls to register for the baseball and softball program sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis Club. The final signup will be from 9-11 a.m. March 19 at Voorheesville Elementary School.

The six-week program runs from May 2 through June 20. Eligible are boys from third grade up who will not be 13 before Aug. 1, and girls in Grades 5 through 8. The fee is \$4 per registrant.



Rev. Malcolm Smith

hem in Selkirk. He will speak at the church Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30, conduct an informal discussion from 2:30 to 4 on Saturday, and preach at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

Water safety course

Scheduling difficulties have washed out the Red Cross water safety instructor course at Bethlehem Central High School this spring. The course will be given at the Albany High School pool starting at 6 p.m. March 24. Information 462-7461.

Gospel Speaker here

Rev. Malcolm Smith, British-born gospel speaker and world traveler, will be the weekend speaker at the First Reformed Church of Bethle-

On the cover:

Ann Dahne, left, and Susan Dax model Town & Tweed fashions for the Welcome Wagon luncheon Tuesday. Information 439-6867.

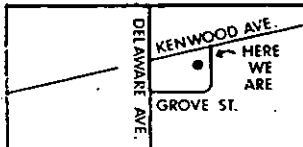
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Here's a switch

A Bethlehem detective now knows how it feels to explain the law to the legal profession. Det. Marvin Koonz, a member of the Bethlehem police department, last week taught a class of potential attorneys at Albany Law School on the intricacies of juvenile justice as it pertains to Family Court. Koonz should know: he has worked with youthful offenders and several years ago served as an "undercover" contact in juvenile narcotics work.

Park deal official

Bethlehem town board's purchase of an additional 400 feet of riverfront property as an addition to the Henry Hudson town park at Cedar Hill has been completed. Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer said the tract, which adjoins the present park on the north, will be structured for additional picnic areas with the installation of additional cookout grills and tables.

GOP Women to meet

George Scaringe, Albany County Republican chairman, will speak at Monday night's meeting of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club. There will be a board meeting at 7:15, followed by the open meeting at 7:30 at the Bethlehem Library. For information call Barbara Silber, 439-3639.



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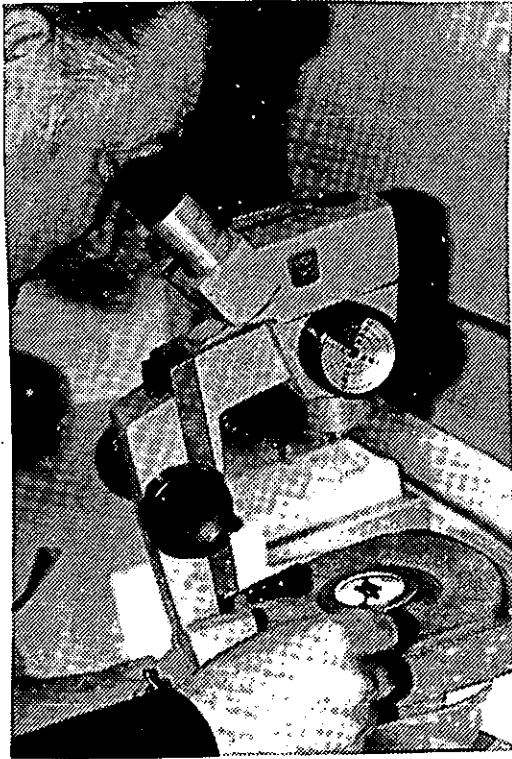
Donations sought for church fete

Preparations are in full swing for the 21st annual St. Thomas card party and fashion show scheduled for April 29 in the auditorium of St. Thomas School, Delmar.

Requests have been issued for items such as handmade articles, toys, games, books and other items suitable for sale in the "country store." Plants and cuttings for the "plant shop"

and all kinds of trading stamps to be used to help purchase door prizes are needed.

Mrs. Cornelius Reagan, chairman of the St. Thomas Country Store, will arrange pickups of any items contributed if donors call her at 439-0448. Mrs. James McCormick (439-1254) is chairman of door prizes and is seeking books of trading stamps, and Mrs. Paul Gratzel (439-2879), is chairman of the plant shop.



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A busy schedule for 'tennis week'

Gearing up for the outdoor season, the Bethlehem Tennis Assn. has scheduled a number of events and activities for local tennis players and fans, starting with a clinic for umpires and linesmen next Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Southwood Tennis and Swim Club.

Conducting the clinic will be Jack Stahr, coordinator of the USTA umpires' council and

one of the country's most respected tennis umpires. He is also the author of "A Friend at Court," considered the tennis officials' "Bible." The public is invited to attend the clinic without charge.

On Monday, March 28, the BTA will sponsor a program at the Bethlehem Public Library, for Bethlehem residents. At 7:30 p.m., slides of last spring's Bethlehem tennis tournament will be shown, followed by the showing of four short movies, including films of Billie Jean King and Ilie Nastase.

The annual meeting of the BTA will be on March 30 at the Bethlehem Library, beginning with the election of officers at 7:30 p.m. Following the business meeting, the film, "Go For a Winner," with Vic Braden, will be shown.

Final event of the scheduled series will be a dedication ceremony for the four newly-constructed tennis courts at the Bethlehem town park on April 2 at 10 a.m. Officiating at the ribbon-cutting ceremony will be Supervisor Harry Sheaffer.

A number of tennis-related books, magazines and workbooks recently donated to the Bethlehem Library by the local association will be on display at the Library for the week beginning March 28. Mrs. Lynn (Barbara) Wickwire, outgoing president of the Bethlehem Tennis Assn., has served as overall coordinator of the week's events.

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Elsmere station has new owner

Lawrence G. "Bud" Ebel, veteran Albany auto mechanic and president of the Northeastern New York Gasoline Retailers Assn., has purchased the Shell service station at Delaware and Euclid Aves., Elsmere, from Carl Grimm.

Ebel also is vice president of the New York State Assn. of Service Stations and a certified general mechanic. His two assistants, Dick French and son, Larry Ebel, also are certified, and are working toward their certifications as general mechanics.

Ebel owned service stations on Wolf Rd. at Sand Creek Rd. in Colonie for 10 years and has worked 10 years in a truck stop. He is married, has five children and lives in Albany.

Delmar student cited

James A. Trotta, Bedell Ave., Delmar, was among 91 students recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, national two-year college honorary at State University College at Cobleskill.

Bank names Dibble

Everett W. Dibble, Loudonville businessman and civic leader, has been named vice president for business development at Union National Bank.

Delmar skler cited

Bob Davies of 13 Rowland Ave., Delmar, a BCHS graduate of 1974 and presently a student at Hudson Valley Community College, earned three All-American honorable mention certificates at the National Junior College Athletic Assn. Ski meet at Big Tupper March 4-6. He placed third in downhill and giant slalom, fourth in the slalom, third for the combined alpine, and 15th in the cross country race. He plans to transfer this fall to the civil engineering program at Clarkson College, Potsdam.



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Swimmers end a good season

A less than impressive windup failed to take the lustre from one of Bethlehem Central's best swimming seasons. The Eagles could manage only one fourth and one fifth place in the New York State championships at West Point last weekend in the campaign finale.

The medley relay quartet, Sectional champions, swam below their best time and finished fifth in an event won by Rome Free Academy, an earlier victim of BC. Sophomore Ken Neff got a surprise fourth in the 100-yard backstroke, while the freestyle relay trio could do no better than ninth.



Dr. Peter Vitale

In St. Peter's post

Dr. Peter Vitale of Slingerlands, attending radiologist at St. Peter's Hospital since 1967, has been appointed chief of radiology at the hospital. He has been acting chief since last May.

Dr. Vitale received a BS degree from Long Island University and is a graduate of the School of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Bologna, Italy. He is president of the Northeastern New York Radiologic Society and is an adjunct professor in the Dept. of Biomedical Engineering at RPI. He lives at 22 Southwood Dr. with his wife, Anita, and two children.

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School 'makeup days'

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All other Bethlehem pupils will have the entire vacation, since their schools are oil-heated and no earlier time was lost.

New resource center

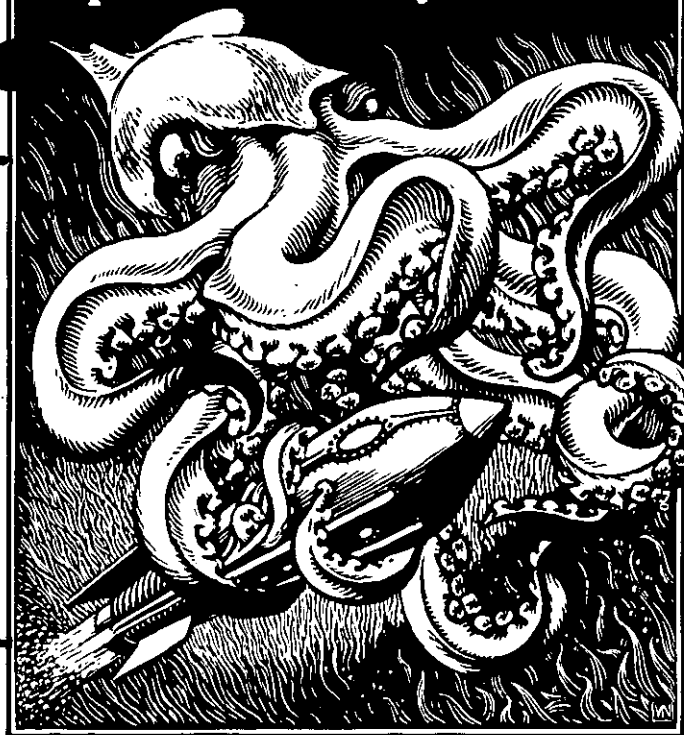
An open house will be held Sunday from 9 to 4 to introduce the public to Thunderhill Wilderness Resources Center, a 400-acre estate outside Rensselaerville. The non-profit center stresses courses and instruction in self-sufficiency.

Fire commissioners meet

Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Fire House No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk.

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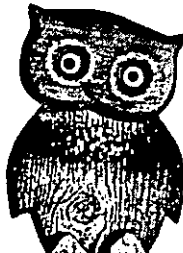


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There's "Charley" action a-plenty backstage: top, Tom Morton and Jack Burriss work on a set while Joe Farrell rehearses the pit orchestra. Left, Bob Gentner on Lighting. Right, a coffee break for Andrew Creighton and Kevin Parker.

Photo by Andrew L. Jones

WHERE'S WATSISSNAME?

Action a-plenty, on-stage and off

The musical question being asked by high school seniors is "Where's Charley?" The non-musical questions being asked by parents of high school seniors are "Where's Tom?" and "Where's Joann?" and "Where's Howard?" Close to 120 students have been busy with play rehearsals, costume fittings, set designs and other preparations for the senior play.

Tom Morton and his crew of 35 have been busy with set construction, while Joann Waidelich and seven seamstresses work on costumes and Howard Stander's five-man crew handle lighting.

Other high school students who have been getting home late for dinner are Carrie Strand and three other publicity and poster people, Carol Laffin and 18 props



persons, and Kathy Schurick and her seven ticket handlers.

The make-up committee headed by Chris Eberle and Lisa DeLisle, the house crew headed by Cathy Hook, and the program designers with Joann Andywaugh have also



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Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for students. They are available at Mullen's, the Paper Mill, the National Commercial Bank and the High School.

Cheryl Marks

Concert planned by chamber group

The Capital Chamber Players, a Delmar-based music group, will feature Heinrich Joachim, 'cellist from White Plains, and Janice Nimetz of Harriman, pianist, at concerts in Delmar and Troy.

The group, formed in 1975 to provide chamber music in Bethlehem churches, will present a concert at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, at 8 p.m. on March 26 and at the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy, at 8 p.m. March 27.

Heinrich Joachim made his debut in Berlin at 17, later was selected by Leonard Bernstein to lead the 'cello section of the New York Philharmonic, and now plays with the Baltimore Symphony. He is the father of Andrew Joachim of Delmar, a biology teacher at Bethlehem Central High School and a founder and program director of the chamber players. He plays 'cello.

Other members are Dorothy Elisha of Troy, first violinist; Michael Emery, a Glenmont resident who plays in the Albany Symphony, second violin, and Deborah McKnealy of Delmar, a member of the Schenectady Symphony, viola.

Childbirth meeting

"Early Childhood Development" will be the topic of the Childbirth Education Assn. meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 at Bethlehem Public Library. The speaker will be Fran Stevens, research assistant at the Albany Medical College Dept. of Pediatrics. The public is invited.

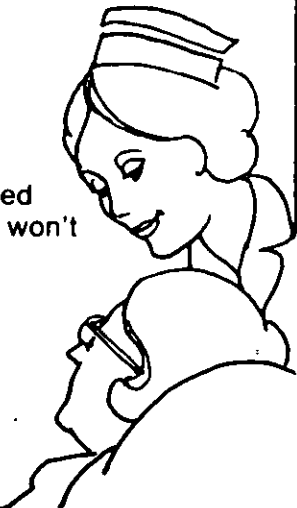
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The five drug stores are Krugman's Delmar Pharmacy at Four Corners, L. J. Mullen Pharmacy, Plaza Pharmacy and Elsmere Pharmacy in Elsmere, and the New Scotland Pharmacy, Slingerlands.

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Sherry Grenz

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Sherry Grenz of Delmar has a major role in the production of Neil Simon's "God's Favorite" being staged by the Drama Workshop of the Albany Jewish Community Center. The comedy will be presented at the Center the next two weekends, March 19-20 and March 26-27. Mrs. Grenz, mother of three small children, has studied acting at SUNYA. Her previous theatrical experience includes acting with the Waco Community Theater in Texas.

**Pool programs
start March 30**

An American Red Cross beginner's swim program for boys and girls in grades 1-5 is one of several swim programs being offered by the Town of Bethlehem Dept. of Parks and Recreation. This program will be held at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool from 6 to 7 p.m. or from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning March 30. Registration will be limited to 30 per session and can be made by calling 439-4131.

A youth stroke improvement program will be held Tuesdays and Wednesdays for boys and girls at the Bethlehem Central High School pool, beginning April 5. One session will be from 6 to 7 p.m., the other 7 to 8 p.m. This program will run for four weeks and pre-registration can be made by calling 439-4131.

A competitive diving program from the one-meter board will be taught at the High School pool on Mondays and Thursdays beginning April 4. Pre-register by calling 439-4131.

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lifesaving and Scouting-U.S.A. lifesaving merit badge will be taught for good swimmers, aged 11 and over. The course will be taught from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning March 30, at the Middle School pool. Register at the first session only.

An American Red Cross advanced Lifesaving and Lifeguard Training course for boys and girls aged 15 and older will begin on Thursday, March 31, at the High School pool. Classes will run from 7 to 10 p.m. and registration can be made at the first session only.

A boating and canoeing course, offered in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Parks and Recreation administration building, Elm Ave. Park. This

is a 10-week course open to adults and young persons 12 and older who are at least intermediate swimmers. Registration can be made at the first session only and some of the sessions will be held at the Henry Hudson Park at Cedar Hill.

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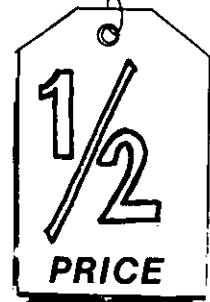
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Spotlight in retrospect

March 14, 1957

Two youthful carpenters with close-cropped haircuts and wearing woodsmen's shirts, baggy overalls, heavy work shoes and wool caps are pictured on the Spotlight cover examining blueprints on the frame skeleton of a house under construction. The inside caption identifies them as the Weber brothers, Fred and Bill, who built their first house in Delmar in 1954 at 27 Oldox Rd. Since then, the story says, they have built 18 others. Fred, the account reads, "is married and has a daughter, Susan. Bill is a bachelor."

March 15, 1962

Richard L. Barzin, chairman of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce industrial develop-

ment committee, heads a drive for \$5 memberships in Opportunity for Growth, Inc., a corporation formed to seek industry for the town of Bethlehem. It has a goal of \$100,000.

Harry B. Rezzimini, who has lived at 11 Furman Pl. in Delmar with his family for 11 years, has moved his law office from downtown Albany to 342 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The meat specials at the A&P this week are porterhouse steaks at 95 cents a pound and sirloin at 89.

March 16, 1967

The Friendly people got an unfriendly response at a Bethlehem board of appeals hearing on their proposal to build a restaurant at 270-272 Delaware Ave. Local residents and attorneys presented a petition opposing the application of Friendly Ice Cream, Inc., for a 54-seat restaurant, claiming that parking is inadequate and midnight closing hours would generate "noise and light nuisance." They suggested such an establishment would be more appropriate on Rt. 9W "or a similar thoroughfare."

The Junior Choir of the Delmar Presbyterian Church directed by Mrs. S. Scott Jackson will present a program of secular and sacred music for the Delmar Progress Club Monday at 1:30 at the church.

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A summer wedding has been planned.



Brenda J. Farrell

William Rossman to wed

Mrs. Joan E. Stevens of North Chatham has announced the engagement of her daughter, Brenda J. Farrell of Albany, to William Bernard Rossman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron P. Rossman, 53 Gardner Terr., Delmar.

Miss Farrell is a 1973 graduate of Ichabod Crane Central School and a 1975 graduate of the Junior College

Elsmere girl engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Byer, Jr., 69 Devon Rd. Elsmere, have announced the engagement of their daughter Deborah Ann of Proctor, Vt., to Robert Schmiedecke of Huntington Station, L.I. He is the son of Mrs. Margaret Schmiedecke of Huntington Station and the late Frank Schmiedecke.

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Margaret A. Bowen

SUNY couple to wed

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowen of Clifton Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Robert Paepke of Clifton Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paepke of Delmar.

The prospective bride was graduated from Shenendehowa High School. Mr. Paepke is a graduate of Bethlehem Central and SUNY at Potsdam. The engaged couple are employed by the SUNY Central Office Administration.

Honored at Sage

Mary Ellen Rogers of Voorheesville is one of two graduate students at Russell Sage College recently inducted into Eta Sigma Gamma, the professional health science honor society.

Named by St. Rose

Mary L. Talbot of Delmar has been appointed director of alumni affairs and executive director of the Alumni Assn. at The College of Saint Rose. She has been serving as administrative assistant to the director of development and was assistant to the alumni director for three years.

An alumna of Saint Rose, she was a founding member of The Bethlehem Junior Women's Club.



Mary L. Talbot



The Bowlers Victory League presented a check to the patients at the Albany VA Hospital recently for their bowling program. Presentation was made recently by Joe Robellotto, right secretary-treasurer of the Albany Men's Bowling Assn. to patient Norbert Fahrenkopf, Jericho Rd., Selkirk. From left are Miss Fran McCormick, Ravena, president of the Albany Women's Bowling Assn., Mrs. Dora Vine, Delmar, Frank Ninivaggi recreation therapist, and Harold Vine, Delmar.

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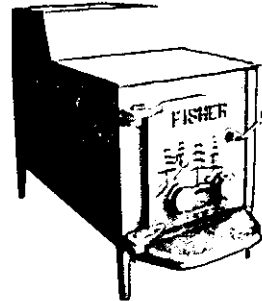
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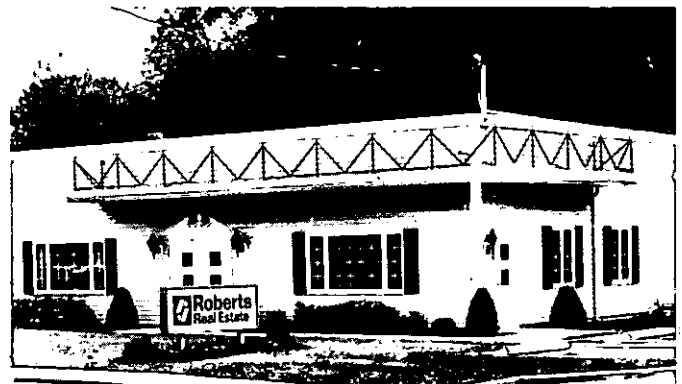
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On youth baseball

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading your review of Little League costs in the March 3 issue, I must comment.

The girls' softball team is named the Tomboys. Girls should not be labeled boys because they enjoy and want to participate in softball or any other sport. Girls benefit from the physical activity and the mental and emotional development stimulated by organized sports because they are girls competing and learning to accept success and defeat. Girls in sports are not acting like boys; they are

performing like athletes and should not be insulted by being called boys or tomboys.

The high cost of 12 weeks of summertime fun for 8 to 12-year olds suggests that Little League organizations have lost the perspective of their existence. Instead of giving youths an opportunity to exercise, gain skill and share companionship, they are drumming up business for sport equipment companies and supplying jobs to umpires, scorekeepers and foul-ball retrievers. It's surprising there are not batboys and batgirls, and chauffeurs who bicycle the relief pitchers from dugouts to the mound on the payroll. The whole concept of Little League being a microcosm of the major professional leagues has transformed a play session into a business venture. Youths interested in participating would most likely have adequate play clothes and a glove, even if the glove was not of \$28 dollar caliber. Instead of giving each player a wad of tobacco, let them chew sugarless gum and play like

kids, not miniature major leaguers. Let's remember their diamond is on a playground, not in a stadium.

Diane Walsh Hampton

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Praise for firemen

Editor, The Spotlight:

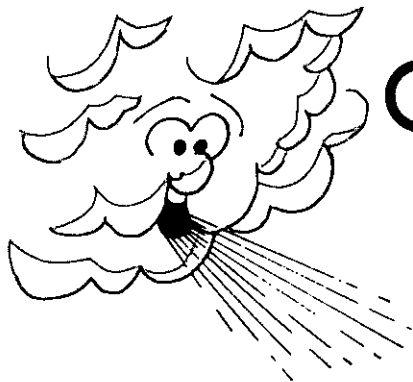
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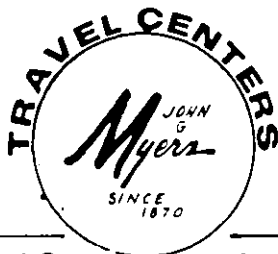
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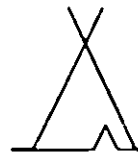
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