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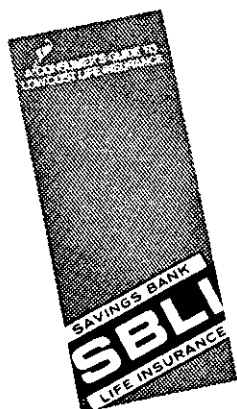
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Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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.

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 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.

Tennis clinic for umpires and linesmen by Jack Stahr, USTA coordinator, at Southwood Tennis & Swim Club, 7:30 p.m. Free to public.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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

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

Guided walk, "Is It Spring Yet?" at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

"Ramrod," movie based on a Luke Short western starring Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Demonstration of aerobic dancing. St. Matthew's old church, Pleasant St., Voorheesville, 2 p.m. Classes will be formed to start March 28.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Bethlehem Tennis Assn., four films on tennis, plus slides of 1976 spring BTA tournament, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

Monday Exer-Dance class starts, 9 and 10 a.m., Classique Studio, Elsmere. Register with Mary Reich, 439-2058.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

"Nature's Nighttime Secrets," program at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 6:45 p.m. Walk will last about one hour and include night sounds and stars. Information 457-6096

Delmar Progress Club, Drama Group. Reading Group at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Howell, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Central Athletic Assn. Winter Sports Night awards, boys and girls, parents invited, BCHS cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

"All About April Fool's Day," history, jokes and movies, for

Grades 1-3, Bethlehem Library, 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday Exer-Dance class starts, 9, 10 and 11 a.m., Classique Studio. Registration 439-2058.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Ecumenical Bible Study series, "The Ascension," Rev. Jack Cooper of Glenmont Community Reformed Church, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 10 a.m. Coffee 9:30 a.m., hostess, Delmar Presbyterian Church. Babysitting provided.

Bethlehem Board of Education, regular meeting, budget discussion, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m. Public urged to attend.

BCHS Choral Group annual dinner, high school cafeteria, 6 p.m., benefit spring exchange trip. Entertainment by choral groups and dance band playing "swing era 1940s" music, \$3.50 adults, students \$2.

Annual meeting, Bethlehem Tennis Assn., election, tennis film, "Go for a Winner" with Vic Braden, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Open to public.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

"Journey to the Center of the Earth," film based on Jules Verne novel, Voorheesville, Library, 3:30 p.m. Free. Starting time earlier because of length of film (130 minutes).

SATURDAY APRIL 2

Dedication of four new tennis courts, Bethlehem Town Park, 10 a.m.

Spring Ham Supper and Bazaar, New Salem Reformed Church, servings start 5 p.m. Tickets \$4, children \$2.

"Spongy Delights," Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 8:30 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. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"Back to Broadway," musical with Arthur Murray Dancers, staged by Seven Arts Players for benefit of Albany County chapter, Assn. for Retarded Children, at large theater of Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany March 26, 8 p.m. \$3.434-2141.

MUSIC

Van Cliburn with the Albany Symphony Orchestra, benefit concert for the Symphony, Palace Theater, March 30, 8:30 p.m. Reservations and information, 465-3737.

St. Peter's Choristers, evensong and recital, including St. Cecelia Choir and tribute to late E. Power Biggs by organists Lloyd Cast and Donald Ingram, St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, March 27, 3:30 p.m. Free will offering.

Annual Jazz Night Benefit, many artists including Jazz Cellar Six, The Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., April 1, 8 p.m. \$5. 438-7895.

Youth Concerts by the Albany Symphony Orchestra, morning performances at Palace Theater, March 31-April 1. Information 465-3737.

Christian Music concert featuring "Honeytree" at Performing Arts Center, Empire State Plaza, March 31, 8 p.m. \$2.50 at door. 768-2154.

Spring Recorder Workshop, Capital District Chapter of the American Recorder Society, March 31, Helderberg Reformed Church, Guilderland Center, 7 p.m. \$2.50. 861-5348.

Monday Musical Club of Albany, featuring music and dance of the 18th century, Albany Institute of History & Art, March 28, 8 p.m.

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.

ART

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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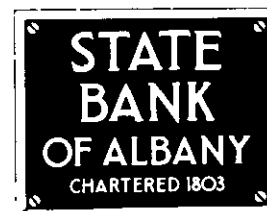
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PLANNING BOARD

The duplex scenario: citizen frustration on zoning

There were slightly more than 20 people in the hearing room at town hall when Bethlehem planning board members sat down to their regular Tuesday night meeting. The agenda was lighter than usual because of the absence of Chairman William R. Weber, but on it was one key item: a public hearing.

The hearing, well publicized in advance, was on a proposal by V. & G. Enterprises Inc., a Latham land development firm, to build eight duplex houses in a subdivision to be known as Elmwood. The development will be on the south side of Elm Ave. just east of Rt. 32 opposite the entrance to the town park. The zone is Residential Single-A, which permits, among other land uses, duplex dwellings on minimum-size lots of 14,500 square feet.

Elmwood has bobbed on and off the board's weekly agenda for the best part of six months as David Elliott, surveyor and project coordinator for the developers, worked his way through the usual maze of procedures in filing for subdivision approval: pre-preliminary plats, preliminary plans, drainage and sewage configurations, approvals from



Spotlight photos

Elm Ave. residents Adrian Villa and, right, Mrs. Judith Yanoff, plead with planning board to reject.....

county and town engineers, traffic considerations. As long ago as mid-January he announced a revised plan calling for two-story Colonial design for the eight duplex units. There would be, he said, front-yard septic systems because the tract is not on the town sewer system. This would also permit better sight-lines on the curve of Elm Ave., he contended. Parking will be in the rear, with a common driveway between each pair of dwellings.

As for lot size, they were more than ample, varying from

16,500 to 35,500 square feet, far above the minimum.

While these procedures unfolded, established residents did some nail-biting. They wondered what effects eight duplexes housing 16 new families would have on their neighborhood, how would they affect property values, traffic, sanitary drainage, in particular, and their lifestyles in general?

At last week's hearing they repeated the opposition to the project they had voiced at previous planning board sessions and in letters and petitions. Benjamin F. Meffert, 278 Elm, pointed out three concerns: high water level, sewage disposal and drainage. John Winne, 273 Elm, questioned the drainage plan: "What's it going to do to me?"

Mrs. Judith G. Yanoff, 310 Elm, who has been monitoring planning board sessions for more than a month, challenged

the board's statement that water is "no appreciable problem." Her retort: "By 'no appreciable problem' you mean 'there will be a problem but don't worry about it.'" She summed up what appeared to be the sentiment of most of the neighbors: "We are concerned primarily with duplexes. We would not be so concerned about individual dwellings. Eight duplexes will have much too great an impact on the area and would not be in keeping with the character of the area."

Mrs. Barbara Meffert voiced concern to Elliott about the drainage ditch she had heard described.

"There is no drainage ditch," Elliott replied.

"You mentioned ditches," Mrs. Meffert shot back.

"Let's call them swales," said Elliott, and swales they remained for the rest of the hearing.

Irving Yanoff criticized



...while attentive board members listen.

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"excessive density, a severe traffic hazard, and (a project that would) change the character of the neighborhood and downgrade it."

Through the one hour-plus hearing, board members listened patiently, having heard the same tunes on more than a dozen other occasions: Lyndhurst and Southwood in Slingerlands, Brookfield and Equinox in Delmar, Apledoorn, on Van Dyke Rd. to name a few. In many cases, including Elmwood, board members are sympathetic to the citizens' complaints, but in most cases, including Elmwood, their hands are tied.

The frustrations of the taxpayers trying to preserve

their property values and of the board trying to preserve an orderly growth pattern in the town were pinpointed at last week's hearing when Earl S. Jones Jr., the board's outspoken counsel, told the gathering: "There is little our board can do when the developer complies with the requirements of the zoning ordinance. The remedy lies with the town board as far as zoning change is concerned."

Zoning changes, primarily upgrading, are not routine but they are not uncommon, either. The town board has approved several upzonings in the past year, but the procedure is not without complications: some landowners feel tighter

restrictions on land use adversely affects their investment while single-family homeowners welcome the added protection.

Planning board members can impose conditions on the developer, but only as far as the zoning laws permit. Their discretion applies primarily to drainage and traffic, but here the problems must be clear-cut, as witnessed by the recent court decision that upheld the board in litigation brought by the school board citing traffic conditions on Van Dyke Rd.

This week Elmwood takes its place on the planners' table, awaiting a decision that can only add to the frustrations of the Mefferts, Yanoffs, Winnes, Villas and their neighbors. The developers and David Elliott have done their homework so well that it will be only a matter of time before the bulldozers start clearing the Elm Ave. site for eight more Delmar duplexes.

SCHOOL BOARDS

Guilderland goes 1-up on Bethlehem

A surprise action by the Guilderland Central district school board has made the town of Guilderland attractive to new industry and business looking for a place to locate. The board voted last week to support the new state law that provides sliding-scale tax exemptions up to 50 percent to new and expanding businesses over a 10-year period.

The vote put Guilderland in a strong competitive position in luring new plants and businesses as a means of easing the tax burden of residents and theoretically providing increased payrolls in the community. The school board action in effect gave Guilderland the leadership by default: most of the other suburban school districts in the area, including Bethlehem and Voorheesville, have denied their corresponding town boards' support of the new law.

Earlier this month the Bethlehem board of education reaffirmed its stand against the

exemptions. The Bethlehem board voted the law down by a 6-1 margin last December, and at its March 2 meeting rejected arguments of a delegation from the Bethlehem chamber of commerce to rescind the vote.

The Bethlehem board reiterated its contention that the tax load should be shared equally on the basis of assessed valuation and that growth in the tax base "comes naturally." The chamber position is that the town needs such incentives to get new plants and favor the exemptions as a means of obtaining major tax revenue "on open land that now produces virtually no tax income." The chamber stand, however, was tempered by its own weak response: only four directors appeared before the school board, and only two others filed letters.

In bucking the pattern of suburban school boards, the Guilderland board indicated it could revoke its action at a later date. Municipalities and school districts have the option of repealing or reducing the exemptions in subsequent years. The nine-member board is comprised of one businessman, a retired teacher, two housewives, a railroad supervisor and four state employees.

ZONING

VanCans petition still on agenda

A special permit sought by a Slingerlands developer may set a record for longevity on the agenda of the Bethlehem board of appeals. The application of Juris VanCans, 1509 New Scotland Rd., to build a four-unit apartment house in a rural section of the town is heading for another decision in April, and if it subsequently lands in the courts again, it could remain in the active file long enough to reach its second anniversary.

VanCans first asked permission in the spring of 1975 to build a four-family apartment on the Elm Ave. side of a tract he owns at the intersection of Elm Ave. and

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Bethlehem Central merit finalists: from left, seated, Harriet L. Komisar, Miriam J. Goldstein, Debra L. Heineman; standing, William Longabaugh, Marshall P. Richer, Duncan W. Patton, Guy D. Molyneux and Mark I. Sander.

Jericho Rd., Selkirk. A public hearing was held on July 15, 1975, and the board rejected the petition after neighbors objected to the plan.

Last year VanCans revised the plan by moving the proposed building to the Jericho Rd. frontage and a public hearing was held March 17, 1976. When the board denied the request April 21, VanCans went to court and won a reversal in a decision by State Supreme Court Justice George Cobb last November. Cobb also gave the board an April 13 deadline for resolving the matter.

Board attorney Peter C. Wenger said last week he would confer with VanCans before the board's next meeting.

Merit winners in clean sweep

All nine of the Bethlehem Central High School seniors who were earlier named semi-finalists in this year's National Merit Scholarship competition have now been named finalists--making them eligible for scholarship grants.

The students who have just received notification of their finalist status are: Miriam J. Goldstein, Debra L. Heineman, Harriet L. Komisar, William Longabaugh Jr., Guy D. Molyneux, Duncan W. Patton, Marshall P. Richer,

Mark I. Sander and William E. Vanderlinde.

It is a significant achievement for any high school class in the country to include as many as nine semi-finalists--and it's equally as noteworthy that all nine would subsequently qualify as finalists.

The students will hear next month whether they will be among the finalists selected to receive scholarship aid. Three types of scholarships are awarded by the National Merit Scholarship corporation: \$1,000 grants from the corporation itself; four-year college grants sponsored by various corporations, and four-year college grants sponsored by individual colleges.

Stop-smoking clinic

The Seventh Day Adventist Church will sponsor a five-day clinic on How to Stop Smoking Without Gaining Weight March 28-April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Albany VA Hospital. Fee is \$5. Registration 439-4203.

Acquilano to speak

John N. Acquilano, director of the New York Job Corps Center, Glenmont, will be the speaker at the March 31 luncheon meeting of the Retired Men's Fraternity. The meeting will be at noon at the Italian-American Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany.

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Talent a-plenty in PTA 'follies'

Tonight's the night for the Voorheesville PTA's variety show. Master of ceremonies for the show, which has a 1950's theme, is Doug DeDe. Co-directors are Ann Andriano and Nancy Rider.

The variety show will include a Mouseketeer talent round-up, an American Bandstand

production, a Hit Parade with chorus and soloists, a Happy Days skit directed by Dave Burnhan, and "commercials." Dancers in the chorus that appears throughout the show are Ann Andriano, Jeanne Brunk, Pat Burnham, Clare Cameron, Kathy Christianson, Linda Jarvis, Donna Lombardo, Sue Panthen, Jeannie Petre, Robin Shufelt and Linda Spina.

Choreography is done by Barbara Gallagher and music

direction by Cindy and Frank McDermott. In charge of costumes is Peg Flanders, refreshments are handled by Maureen Fragom, and Nancy Frederickson has been in charge of publicity.

Many more people are performing and working behind the scenes. To share in the '50's fun, see the show, tonight (Thursday) or tomorrow at the Voorheesville High School at 7:30 p.m. On Friday night the Voorheesville

PTA quilt will be raffled off at the show.

Towns to weigh 'games of chance'

Bethlehem and New Scotland residents will have the chance to vote on whether to permit fire departments and other non-profit organizations to sponsor "games of chance" and raffles, but only if their town boards decide to let the people decide.

The proposal currently is on the agenda in both town halls. A public hearing was scheduled for Monday of this week in New Scotland. In Delmar, the Bethlehem town board was expected to discuss the matter at Wednesday's regular council meeting, but there was no advance indication whether it would take any action before the next meeting April 6. When it does act, it will probably be to set a date for a public hearing.

Following a public hearing, if either town board enacts an ordinance or local law permitting games of chance under certain conditions, the proposition must go to the voters of the town, either on the regular election ballot or in a special referendum.

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Some 160 students at the Elsmere school made bird houses from kits made by four fathers, Richard Maki, Alfred Meyer, Robert Smart and Lars Allanson, under the direction of Clement Mungewr. The men marked, cut, and packaged the bird house kits, which included pre-cut wood, hardware, assembly instructions and information on mounting and locating nest boxes.

School may cut classroom hours

The high school schedule may be revised in accordance with a proposal submitted by Charles Gunner, high school principal, to the board of education. Under the present schedule, most classes run for 55 minutes, which would be changed to 45 minutes under the new schedule. The new class day would also be shorter. The board is studying the shortened class periods, which was one of the suggestions of the Middle States Review team.

The board voted 5-1, John Clyne dissenting, to ratify a memorandum of understanding with the non-instructional personnel. They have been without a contract since July. Both sides ratify the memorandum, then a contract

is drawn up and both sides accept that.

Franz Zwicklbauer, school district business administrator, went over the proposed budget with the board and allowed them their first chance to make cuts or suggestions. Budget input from the public is invited at the next meeting, March 30, 8 p.m. at 90 Adams Pl.

Lions' breakfast adds 2 features

The annual Bethlehem Lions' pancake breakfast, one of the more popular community functions, will have two additional attractions this year - sight and hearing screenings and a blood pressure check - all free with a breakfast ticket.

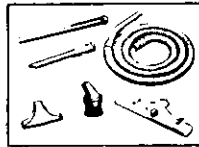
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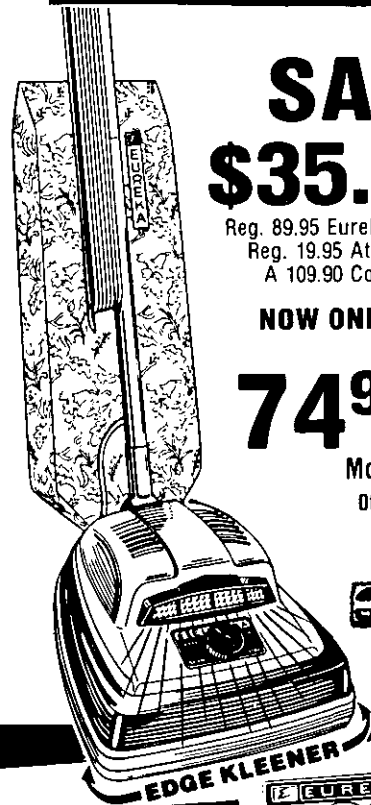
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Ted Burke is coordinating chairman, Richard Fuhrman is breakfast chairman, Jon Diely is chairman of the hearing clinic, Robert Gold heads the sight clinic and Ruth Bickel is chairman of the blood pressure test. President of the club is John Hauf. A large committee of members and their wives is working on the project.

The sight test includes a glaucoma test and a vision check. An audiometer is used to test for hearing impairment.

Library installs a 'school desk'

One of the reading desks at the Bethlehem Library has recently been designated as an information center for the Bethlehem Central school district. The desk is located directly in front of the elevator, near the reference desk.

Notebooks on the desk will contain continually updated copies of school board agendas and minutes and copies of 'Central Highlights,' the school district's monthly newsletter. When the school board finishes its review and adoption of all district policies, a complete policy manual will also be available here for public perusal.

Portions of the recently-completed evaluation reports for both the High School and the Middle School can also be found here by visitors to the public library, and all other school reports and materials of interest to the public will be placed here in the future.

Signs indicating where the information center is located have been prepared by members of the graphics class at the High School.

A Civil War citation for Delmar buff, 16



Civil War memorabilia and buff on Cherry Ave.

Story and photo by Cheryl Marks

Bill Howard, a 16-year-old sophomore at Bethlehem Central, is the youngest person ever to be awarded the Diploma in American Civil War History by the Institute of Civil War Research at the University of St. Louis (Mo.).

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, 155 Cherry Ave., Delmar, was awarded the diploma for a paper on Gen. John F. Reynolds, a "favorite hero" of Bill's.

The young history buff was introduced to the Civil War when a third grade reading specialist suggested that reading about something that interested Bill would improve his reading. The Civil War was what interested him, and now he reads and writes about it.

Gen. Reynolds is also the subject of a book Bill is writing, along with other research papers. His other literary

efforts involve a lot of letter writing to other Civil War buffs or dealers. Through dealers, Bill acquires much of his memorabilia.

"Paper is the hardest to preserve, but the most reasonably priced," Bill said. His paper memorabilia includes letters, a diary, autographs - his favorite is Reynolds'—pictures and books. Bill's collection also includes canteens, bayonets, eye glasses, one of the rarest types of Union shell jackets, and bullets.

Bullets are the subject of his first article. In Bill's collection of bullets are several with teeth marks, indicating they were used as "anesthetics" during field surgery. His article about bullets shows that it was not just the officers who were heroic. He also has a surgical kit and a small chain with tiny "pitchforks" at either end that

was used for closing wounds. Bill has been on radio talk shows on WGY and WQBK for a total of six appearances. After one appearance on WGY's Contact, Bill received a stack of mail from as far away as San Francisco.

Buying artifacts that are over 100 years old isn't a cheap hobby, so Bill hopes for donations, and saves his lawn mowing money. Mainly his donations come from people who want someone interested in the Civil War to have their treasures.

In the planning stages are Civil War shows at the library to include a display of his collections, and lectures given by Bill.

The Civil War isn't Bill's only interest. His other historic interests are World War II and the presidents. He also enjoys baseball, football and soccer.

Cockrell to play college benefit

On the cover: Findlay Cockrell with Sally Izzard, center, and Janet Butlin.

Pianist Findlay Cockrell, the Capital District's most accomplished concert pianist and a member of the music faculty at State University of Albany, will give a solo recital April 24 for the benefit of the scholarship fund of Mount Holyoke College.

Two Delmar women, Dr. Sally Izzard and Janet Butlin, pianist and vice president of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Club of Albany, are in charge of arrangements for the concert at the Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany. Tickets at \$5 may be obtained from the Book House, Stuyvesant Plaza, or by calling Mrs. Butlin at 439-2210. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

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Savannah stopover: a special charm

By Allison P. Bennett
(Second of 2 articles)

One of the most fascinating features of a visit to Savannah, perhaps the South's most charming seaport, is a walk through the riverfront district, adjacent to the main shopping area and restaurants.

Strung along the river bluff is Factor's Row, a range of brick buildings, named for the cotton factors or brokers. These buildings, rising three or more stories above River St., were built in the early 1800's. Each level is served by its own iron footbridge and street and this is known as Factor's Walk. This area served as cotton and naval stores warehouses. The entrance ramps leading from Bay St. are paved with cobblestones brought as ballast in early sailing ships, and worn smooth as silk by generations of iron-tired wagons and ceaseless feet.

The old warehouses have been remade into shops, restaurants and night spots, many of which are historically significant. Urban renewal in Savannah is not a case of



Old cotton warehouses and Factor's Walk in picturesque Savannah

tearing down old buildings and replacing them with public housing projects or sterile glass office towers; here renewal means the renovation of old buildings and their restoration to former states of grace. Savannah's good old days are here and now, in a central city constructed for people and meant to be lived in by people.

The riverbank itself along these old warehouses is being rebuilt, making it into an attractive brick paved park, complete with plantings and

attractive benches and old style gas lights. Here one can sit for hours and watch the river traffic and the huge container ships coming up river to the port of Savannah. A ship enters a berth every six hours and the port contributes over a million dollars a day to Georgia's economy, and the Union Camp Paper Co. plant is the largest pulp-to-container plant in the world.

On a walking or bus tour about the many squares of the city the tourist will find a

wealth of 18th and 19th century homes and mansions, restored to their original stately charms. They are part of the preservation effort led by Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc. to save these great treasures from neglect and decay. What started out as the work of a few has now been adopted wholesale by the city's populace, and historic preservation has become an integral part of Savannah's daily life. The visitor can tour several of these homes and they reflect not only the architectural greatness of the English architect, William Jay, but also there are exhibited some of the finest examples of Georgian, Regency, Greek Revival and Gothic architecture in America.

One much visited place is the home of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scout movement here in 1912. Many homes are linked with famous residents and visitors as George Washington, Gen. Pulaski, the Marquis de Lafayette, Robert E. Lee, William Tecumseh Sherman and Woodrow Wilson, as well as Confederate Army Gen. Hugh Mercer, great grandfather of song writer Johnny Mercer, one of Savannah's famous sons.

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While things are looking up in present day Savannah, it was not always the case. Savannah's growth and prosperity endured numerous setbacks caused by military engagements during the American Revolution and the Civil War, devastating fires, epidemics of yellow fever and the collapse of cotton prices in 1895. However, out of all this Savannah has cruised serenely through history, preserving and restoring the special charm that makes it one of the South's oldest and most graceful cities.



Aerobic dancers with Judy Arbour, center.

Cheryl Marks

"Aerobics," a program of exercises that stimulate the heart and lung activity long enough to produce beneficial changes in the body. Mrs. Sorenson took Cooper's now famous 12-minute test, a simple evaluation of a person's

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A demonstration of aerobic dancing will be given March 27 at 2 p.m. in St. Matthew's old church, Pleasant St.,

Voorheesville. New classes begin March 28 at 9:30 a.m. and meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at that time. Night classes will be formed with a minimum of 10 participants.

The classes run about an hour and continue for 12 weeks, then a new program of dances is introduced and new students may join. Classes are led by Judy Arbour, a certified aerobic dancing instructor. For information, call 765-3123.

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New Salem fete set

Women's Guild members of the New Salem Reformed Church are making preparations for their annual Spring ham supper to be held April 2 at the church. Family-style servings will start at 5 p.m. Bazaar tables will feature craft workshops, Easter rabbits, rope donkeys, toaster dolls, plants, crocheted and macrame hangers and homemade baked goods. Supper and bazaar donations are requested at the church by Friday, April 1, except baked goods. Volunteer help is welcome.



Andrew L. Jones

Mark Sander

Bethlehem host to 200 delegates

The model Congress Club of Bethlehem Central High School was host to 250 delegates from five states attending a regional Model Congress the weekend of March 11-13.

Committee sessions were held Friday afternoon in Delmar, moved to a general session in the Assembly chambers in the state capitol in Albany, resumed Sunday morning for final debates and legislative action, and returned to Bethlehem Central auditorium Sunday afternoon for a closing address by U.S. Congressman Samuel S. Stratton.

Mark Sander is chairman of the BCHS Model Congress Club. Mrs. Heidi Moore is the club's faculty advisor.

Miniature club forming

There will be a Miniature Club organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Albany Institute of History and Art. Miniature enthusiasts interested in exchange of ideas, study, collecting or building are welcome. For information, contact James Caruso, 861-6569.

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VOORHEESVILLE Methodist church has busy year

Reports given at the annual meeting of the First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville reveal a lot of activity at the church during the past year. The church participated in pulpit exchanges, refurbished the center area of the church and sponsored various groups.

One of the groups was the visitation committee that maintains contact with 22 shut-ins. The women's group sponsored a Passover-communion supper, a mother-daughter banquet and study courses. The youth group was busy with a car wash, birthday visits to shut-ins and preparing toys for the Inner City Mission.

The Community Nursery School and the auction-bazaar had successful years. The church ended 1976 in the black, and has a slightly increased budget for 1977.

Southwood plans handicap tourney

A men's doubles handicap tennis tournament that favors senior players is scheduled for the weekend of April 18-20 at Southwood Swim and Tennis

Club, Rt. 9W and Southern Blvd., Albany.

Players in the 45-55 age bracket will receive a handicap of one point per game, players 55-65 two points per game, and players 65 and over one game per set plus two points per game.

Matches will be best of three sets. The tournament will be a double elimination event with a \$15 entry fee per team. Entry forms are available at the Courtside Tennis Shop, the Spotlight office and at Southwood.

Lifesaving class starts

The annual Spring American Red Cross advanced lifesaving course will be held at the Bethlehem Central High School, starting next Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m. The course will run from 7-10 p.m. for seven Thursday evenings, co-sponsored by the town of Bethlehem Recreation Dept. and the Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross.

To be eligible, students must be at least 15 and be able to swim 500 yards continuously using a crawl stroke, a sidestroke, a backstroke, and a breaststroke. Students should bring their own swim suits and towels for the water test on

opening night. The instruction is free, but a text costing \$2.25 must be purchased at the first class. Michael Friedman, an Albany attorney and a Red Cross volunteer water safety instructor, will be in charge.

Nursing students capped

Three local residents were among 74 members of the freshman class at the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing who were "capped" in ceremonies at the Junior College of Albany on March 7. The capping exercise represents completion of the students' six-month period of pre-clinical studies. Included were Paul Balluff of Delmar and Barbara Giguere and Valerie Riviello of Voorheesville.

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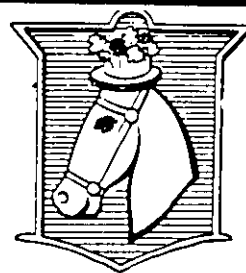
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A fellowship hour will be held at 10:30 prior to the communion service. Regular worship services on the following Sundays will be held at 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 10.

Rev. Robert Mursch, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Troy, and Dr. James Mayer, director of Partners in Mission, will conduct the service. Guest preacher will be Dr. John Damm, academic dean of Seminex, St. Louis, Mo.

A spokesman for the new group said the congregation is the first mission church to be established in New York State within the East Coast Synod of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. A statement issued by the church said the association begins its existence as a separate Lutheran churchbody committed to ultimate union with all Lutherans in America."

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Ticket prices for the "Cliburn Gala" range from patron seats at \$37.50 and \$25 to orchestra seats at \$9.50 and \$7.50 to balcony seats at \$7.50 and \$5.50. For reservations call the Symphony office, 465-4755/3737 or the Palace Theater, 465-3333



Howard B. Engel, Sr.

Bowlers name Engel

Howard B. Engel, Sr. of 156 Maple Ave., Selkirk was elected president of the New York State Masonic Bowling Assn. at a recent meeting in Syracuse. The association annually holds a tournament

that has attracted 2,500 bowlers. The 1980 tournament has been tentatively scheduled for Delmar.

Engel has been a Mason for 30 years and is a past master. He is also a member of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk board of education.

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Diabetes series starts

A four-part discussion series on "Juvenile Diabetes-Sharing Knowledge and Needs," will be inaugurated Wednesday March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Library. The second session is scheduled for April 27. All parents of children with diabetes and the children themselves are invited, especially teenagers. For

information call Jean Ryan, RN, 273-2447, or Barbara Gould, 439-9008.

Selkirk student picked

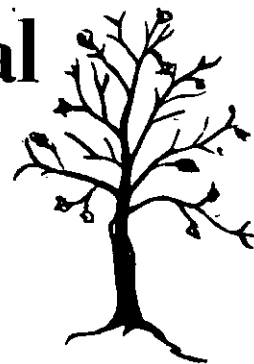
Sanford E. Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Emery, Old Stone Rd., Selkirk, has been named to the fraternity governing board at Dartmouth College, where he is a junior.



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Cited at Siena

Joseph M. Catalano of 17 Orchard St., Delmar, a senior at Siena College, has been

elected treasurer of the newly formed student affiliate of the Albany chapter, National Assn. of Accountants.

Teacher loses appeal

A former Bethlehem Central faculty member has lost a second appeal stemming from her dismissal last October. State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist last week denied the appeal of Ann Saddlemire and upheld the local board of education in terminating her job as physical education instructor at the Bethlehem Middle School during a budget cutback. A prior appeal was dismissed by Nyquist last Jan. 3.

Heads new program

Russell Sage College has announced new major study fields in public service and public administration, with Prof. Richard H. Mattox as director and prime mover of the new program. Prof. Mattox, a resident of Delmar, has had administrative experience with New York State and with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy. The courses are available for the spring semester at the college.



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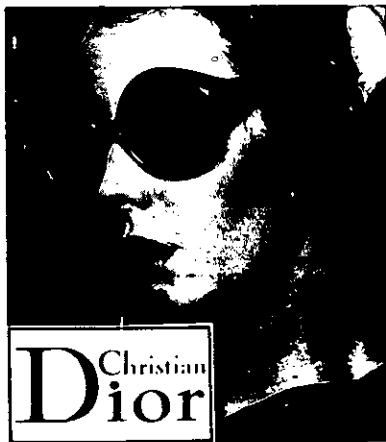
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Choral dinner set

Bethlehem Central High School choral groups will put on their annual dinner Wednesday evening to raise funds for an exchange trip with other schools this spring. The school cafeteria will be decorated in a "Chattanooga Choo Choo" motif and music will be provided by the Choraliers, Choristers, Swing Choir and Dance Band, the latter playing "swing era" hits from the 1940s. Serving starts at 6:15. Tickets at the door, \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for students, children and senior citizens.

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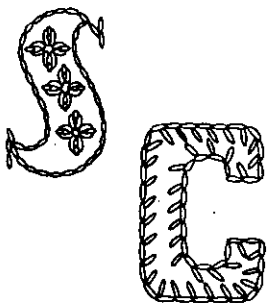
You don't really need a reason to "celebrate" your initial. If it's an unusual letter doing your own may be the only way to get it!

You'll certainly want it in a color that goes with your wardrobe or harmonizes with the room it's meant for. In any case, there's only one way to have the perfect initial — make it yourself!

I can think of at least four distinctive ways to treat a featured letter . . . plus a fifth for the tiny letters used to sign an embroidery.

First, to enhance a simple block letter: outline it in Chain stitch or Back stitch or Coral stitch. If outlining is all you plan to use on the letter, you can use a very fancy stitch like the Interlocking Buttonhole. Or you can elaborate on a simple stitch with contrasting whipping or lacing.

Vary a simple outline by creating a series, three rows of Crewel Outline, for example, in related shades to give a look of depth.



Second, on fabric you can fill in your letter with a variety of stitches. Try Seed or Cross stitch, Herringbone or Squared Filling, Satin or Long and Short stitch. The last can produce a marvelous ripple or

rainbow effect in deepening shades. Couched Trellis or scattered Lazy Daisy stitches are good filling stitches, too.

A leaflet with charted alphabet, invaluable for monograms and initials, is available FREE. You can get yours by writing to Elsa Williams, Box 3788, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Third, there's the open filling effect, with scattered Seed or Lazy Daisy stitches.

The fourth scheme depends on whether you've chosen a block or script letter. The thick-and-thin look of script or Gothic doesn't leave you an "inside" to fill. For them, Open Chain stitch is ideal, as you can vary it from narrow to wide so easily.

To help you design a three-letter monogram, there are dozens of books on type (or note my own alphabet leaflet). Monograms can present problems. Some letters are harder to balance than others.

The fifth type of monogram, used to sign one of your own pieces of needlework should be subtly planned in a way that doesn't distract from your embroidery.

One of the best, I think, is a self-color monogram and date sunk into the background. For example, if your background is canvas embroidery in a textured stitch like Scottish or Cashmere, why not do your tiny monogram in simple Tent stitch? The change in texture is all that's needed to set your initials to advantage.

Dear Elsa,

In working petit point (I am using No. 22 canvas), what size needle would you recommend? The first one I tried pulled the canvas threads apart and distorted the stitches.

R.B.

Dear R.B.,

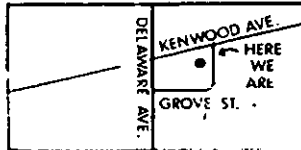
For such fine canvas, I would try a size 25 needle . . . and I'd make sure my yarn was fine enough for this work, too.

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SPOTLIGHT PROFILE

We're losing our 'Mr. Environmentalist'

State workers take a lot of kidding about their days off and other fringe benefits, but when it comes to budget cuts and hiring freezes, no one's kidding.

Since April of 1973, Robert Budliger has been the director of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Rd. in Delmar. Each year at budget time, Five Rivers is subject to budget cuts or staff reductions. This year is no exception, and Budliger faces being "bumped" from his job April 1 by some associate with more seniority.

Budliger arrived in Delmar by way of South Florida and Long Island, where he was involved with his family's fishing business. The graduate of Cornell University has been a National Park Service ranger and taught for 10 years in



Cheryl Marks

Robert Budliger with daughter Amy and milksnake at Five Rivers

junior and senior high schools. At Five Rivers, Budliger's responsibility is to "make the public sensitive to their surroundings." In so doing he has built wide respect and a devoted following.

Budliger believes the crux of the environmental problem is education: "If more people became aware of the natural world, they are better able to understand their place in it."

Therefore, Budliger takes every opportunity to plug environmental awareness. "I look at a bird walk as a chance to interpret the environmental issue at the same time." A bird walk offers a chance to discuss

bird populations, pesticides and habitats. To Budliger "a bird walk is nice, but we must develop a sense of birds as co-habitants." Budliger pointed out that bird watchers were the first to see the effect of DDT.

On nature walks at Five Rivers, birds and trees and bugs are not named for names' sake; "Anyone can name names," said Budliger. "We want to lead people and challenge them to think, so next time they walk through an orchard they'll think about it more." Cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and programs for trappers all offer a chance for an environmental pitch.

Last summer, weekly programs on topics such as bugs in the backyard, wildflowers and birdwatching attracted an average of 100 people. Budliger pointed out that a talk on fresh water

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creepy crawlies draws more interest than a talk on water pollution. Once at the pond, however, there is an opportunity to discuss water pollution and water chemistry.

In these and other programs, Budliger and the staff manage to present programs of interest to the public, and get their message across, too.

Five Rivers has programs for both the educational community and the public-at-large. Budliger's 10 years' teaching experience have been helpful in dealing with school groups. Grade levels have different learning abilities, so while second graders enjoy hearing a cardinal sing, seventh graders may be exploring at the pond.

Five Rivers has several marked trails for school groups and the public with guide booklets to explain the trails. The Center grounds are open daily during daylight hours.

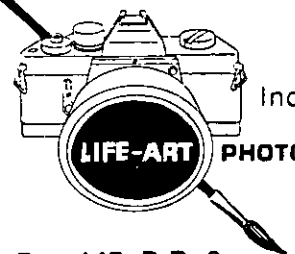
Budliger is against the move in some states to mandate

environmental education. He wants such education to be considered part of all classes, and said schools should "infuse environmental learning throughout all disciplines." While biology classes study plant succession, English classes might study Thoreau, and homemaking classes could study food and food additives.

Teachers can use the Center for site consultations or as a research source. Budliger and the staff help teachers plan outdoor study areas using the school's own backyard. Budliger also helped design trails at the Girl Scouts' Camp Ishoda. He has been involved with Boy Scouts since he was 13 and would like to see an Explorer post dealing with environmental and conservation issues.

Budliger's wife, Carol, was also a park ranger on Fire Island, and has been active in volunteer work on nature studies at Elsmere grade

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school. The Budligers and their two children live near the school, and helped with the school's nature trail and playground. *Cheryl Marks*

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A copy of the application for a certificate of compliance filed with the Federal Communications Commission authority by Bethlehem Video, Inc. in order to commence CATV operations in the town of Bethlehem has been received by the town clerk, Marion T. Camp, and is available for public inspection during office hours, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Nursing graduate

Jane M. Hollner of Delmar was among 52 seniors receiving diplomas in the Spring 1977 graduating class at the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing.



Two Delmar residents recently participated in the presentation of a certificate of appreciation by Mrs. Audrey Hawkins, blood program chairman for the Albany Area Red Cross, to the Albany Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration. With Mrs. Hawkins are, from left, Paul Lariviere, 14 Keith Rd., Delmar, Victor Taylor, assistant administrator, and Anton Horner, 15 Fairway Ave., Delmar, who was donor of the division office's 500th unit of blood.

If you're a recently married woman, notify social security of your new name.



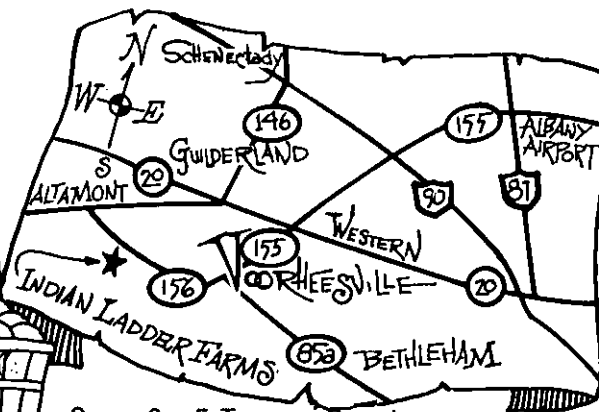
John Stahr, coordinator of U.S. tennis umpires, will be at Southwood Tennis & Swim Club Friday to give a free clinic for umpires and linesmen. The public is invited.

Colonial Acres elects

Edward F. Eaton Jr. has been elected president of Colonial Glenmont Inc., Colonial Acres homeowners association. Other officers are John Conway, vice president, Joy Ford, secretary, and June Vaughn, treasurer. Donald G. Hatt is chairman of the golf committee, John Conway the pool committee, and Paul Spangler buildings and grounds. Mary Beecher heads the social committee and Joyce Strand is newsletter editor. For pool memberships and information call John Conway, 439-7067.

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The bride-to-be was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. The prospective groom is a graduate of Shaker High School and is attending Hudson Valley Community College.

A June 11 wedding is planned.



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Spotlight

in retrospect

March 21, 1957

President William Bennett has called the second meeting of the newly formed Delmar Camera Club for Tuesday evening at 8 at St. Stephen's Church parish hall, Elsmere. Anyone interested in amateur photography is invited to submit two prints and/or color slides for discussion and judging. According to Mr. Bennett, the new club is a direct outgrowth of the photography class he has been teaching as part of the adult education program.

Peter J. Fedele will have a grand opening of his new restaurant (so new it hasn't got a name yet) at the Four Corners, Delmar. The official name and the contest winner will be announced in next week's Spotlight. The restaurant was formerly known as "Libbey's" and the "4 Corners Restaurant."

March 22, 1962

The Miss Glenmont Diner on Rt. 9W reopened this week for "snacks at any hour of day or night" and took a full-page ad in the Spotlight to thank the five fire companies "who did such an outstanding job at our recent fire." They were Selkirk

No. 1, Selkirk No. 2 (Glenmont), Selkirk No. 3 (South Bethlehem), Delmar and Elsmere.

First Albany Corp., member of the New York Stock Exchange, is advertising a coupon to be mailed for a free report on a statistical comparison of the State Bank of Albany and the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co.

March 23, 1967

Duane Amsler, supervisor of the Bethlehem Recreation Saturday afternoon high school basketball league, and his assistant, John Stokoe, have selected an all-star team to play in the Troy YMCA basketball tournament starting next week. Selected were Larry Strelow, Richard Plass, Tom Patterson, John Pelletier, Hutt Walsh, Paul Caruso, Craig Willisson, Kevin Sellner, Mike Flanigan and Bob Belizzi.

Voorheesville Central School district teachers have received a \$300 pay increase, making the salary base \$5,700. The school board also approved a starting salary of \$6,200 for teachers with a master's degree.

Appraiser cited

Fred Riedell, Jr. of Menands, vice president of De L. Palmer Appraisal Corp., 111 State St., Albany, has been awarded the highest designation of membership in the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. The MAI designation was given Riedell by the Institute's governing council, according to an announcement from the Institute's Chicago headquarters.

Elmer Sager retires

Elmer Sager, 644 Delaware Ave., Delmar, has retired after 29 years of service to the town of Bethlehem Highway Dept. Sager's father, William, was employed by the Highway Department for 40 years. Mr. Sager estimates the number of roads in the town has tripled since he started working 29 years ago. He is working part-time at Fowler's Liquor Store

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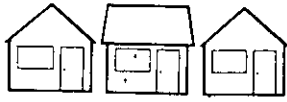
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A 'Tomboy' replies

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is a reply to the letter sent in by Diane Walsh Hampton on the Tomboys name.

Webster's defines "tomboy" as an active, boisterous girl. You have to recognize that our league was started by Fred Futura, who like my father and many others, grew up during a time when girls had to be fragile despite themselves. Any girl playing a sport would be referred to as a tomboy and I'm sure they didn't mind as long as they had fun.

As for us, I don't think any one of the girls has any objection to being referred to as a "tomboy." It's a good name that describes our feelings during a game.

If the name Tomboys keeps our parents interested and

willing to devote their time to our league, I say call it what you want, but we like the name and will keep it as it is.

Jean Schwarz
member

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to comment on the March 3 Spotlight article about the Bethlehem Historical Association.

Evidently the statement to the Spotlight regarding the meeting with state historical Edmund J. Winslow failed to acknowledge that Mr. Winslow's message on the role of trustees and officers fully supported town historian Thomas E. Mulligan's long standing position on the matter. Perhaps the authors of the statement should have explained why they failed to understand the town historian and what triggered their sudden enlightenment.

On the subject of "ex-officio" Mr. Winslow erred. The Oxford English Dictionary defines "ex-officio" as "in discharge of one's duty, in virtue of one's office." The town supervisor and town historian, duly elected and



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It is a gross misstatement to say that the town has taken no active role in the association. Incredible, in view of the tireless efforts of Thomas Mulligan and former town historian Allison Bennett in promoting association projects and various occasions when the town rendered direct assistance.

The charter and state law bind the historical association to the town supervisor, to the town historian, and through

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What is the motivation in the attempts to refute this?

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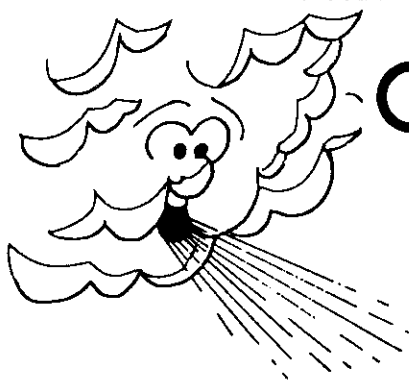
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