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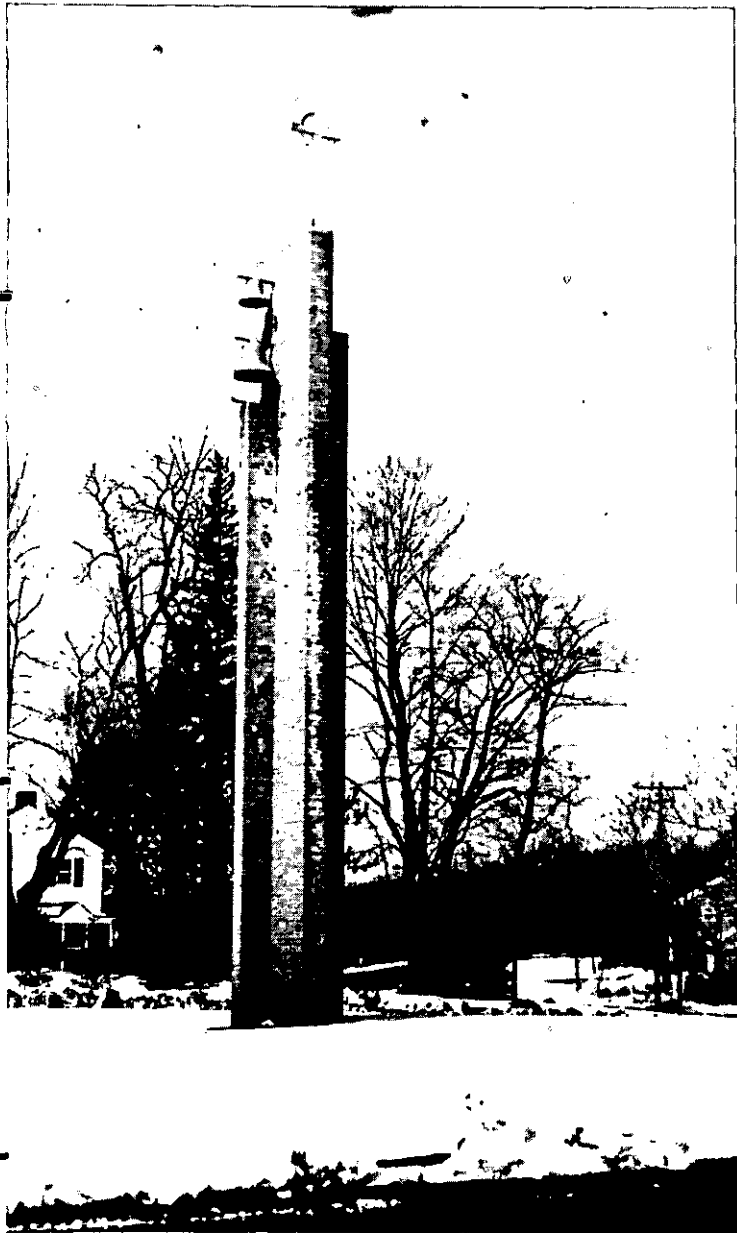
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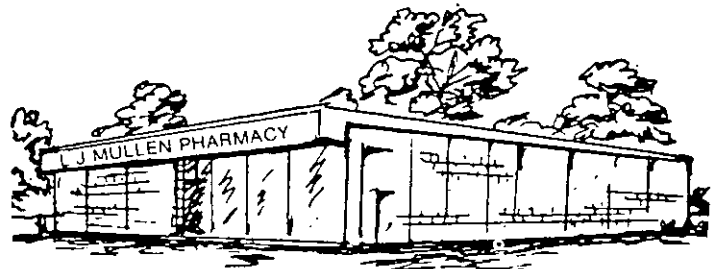
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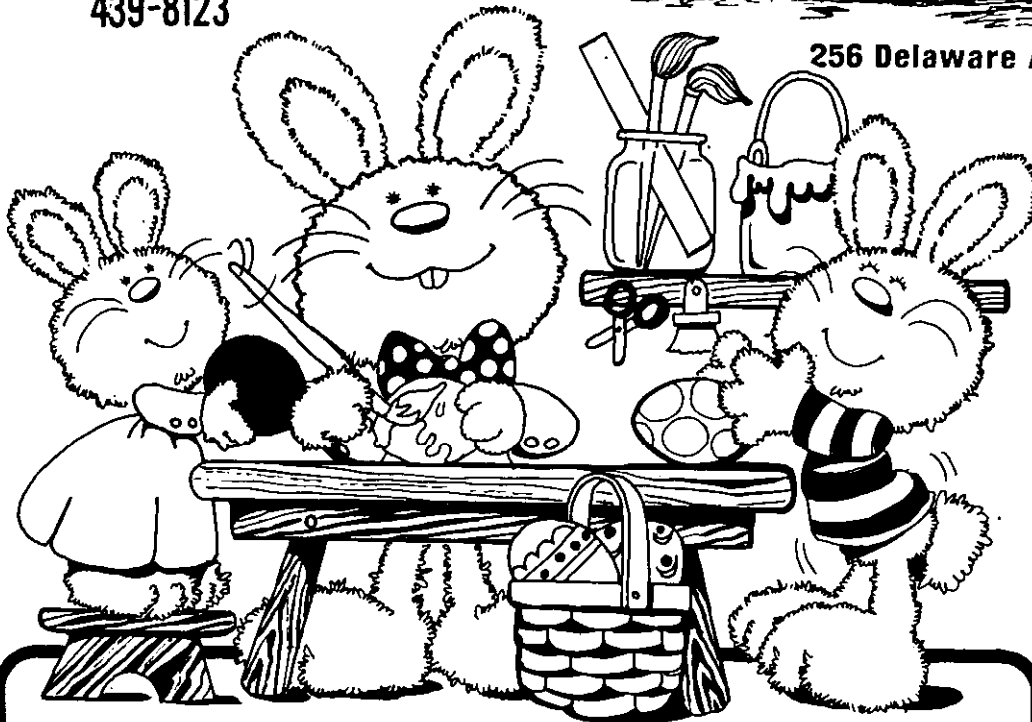
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**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary** to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**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.

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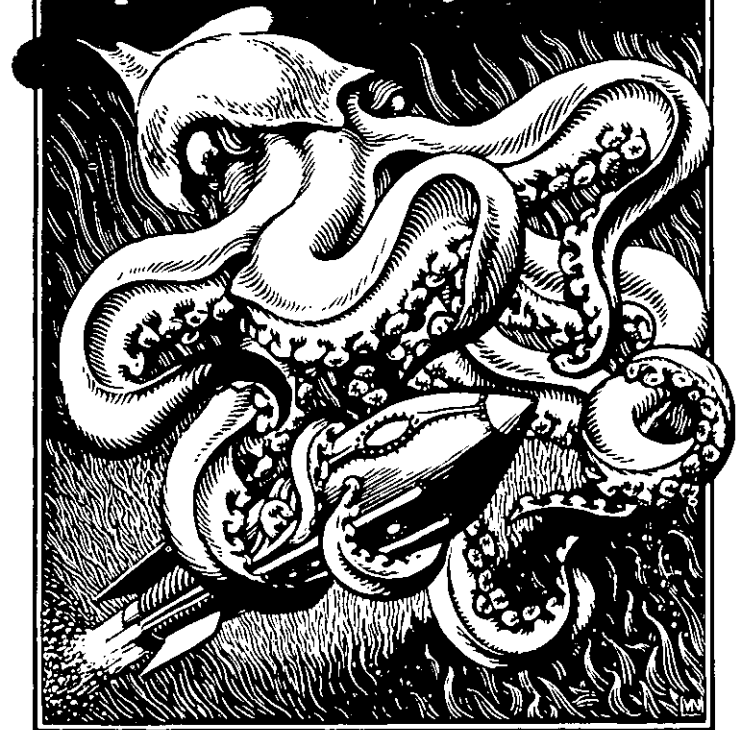
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**Citizen Band Radio Club**, first Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Jim Munger — 463-0275.

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

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

**Bethlehem Women's Republican Club**, third Monday, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 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.

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

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### 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).

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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

### 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.

**Dinner theater** featuring Joseph Kilgallen, Betty Taylor, Carmen Sgarlata, Blanchard Post,

American Legion, Elsmere, 7 p.m.  
Reservations 439-9819.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

**Sunday movies, "North by Northwest,"** Alfred Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m. Free.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 4

**Delmar Progress Club,** business meeting Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. Also Music Group at Delmar Reformed Church, "Songs About Women," Mrs. James Pert, 1:30 p.m.

**Three-hour safe driving course,** required for license applicants, Room 19A, Bethlehem Central High School, April 4 and April 6, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

**Delmar Progress Club,** Garden Group, demonstrations, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. Hostesses, Mrs. Samih Azzam, Mrs. Henrik Dullea.

**Film, "Circus Town,"** for Grades 1-3, Bethlehem Library, 3:45 p.m.

**Town of New Scotland Historical Assn.,** program on early kitchenware by Mrs. Dorothy Polhemus, the Center, New Salem, 8 p.m. All welcome.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

**Ecumenical Bible Study, "Pentecost,"** Rev. Roy Williams of Bethlehem Community Church,

hostess Delmar Reformed Church, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 10-11 a.m., coffee 9:30. Babysitting provided.

**Bethlehem Business Women's Club,** Sidewheeler Restaurant, Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont, 6:30 p.m. Speaker, Virginia Bowers, "Estates and Trusts."

**Bethlehem Art Assn., "Photography as an Art,"** Martin Benjamin, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**Film, "Mighty Joe Young,"** for ages 9 and up, Voorheesville Library, 4 p.m. Free.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

**Film, "Prince Valliant,"** Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

**Spring vacation begins** for pupils in Bethlehem schools. BCHS pupils have their vacation cut short due to the week lost because of the natural gas shortage, and will attend classes April 13, 14, and 15.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**Sue Fisher, David Overbeck,** at Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 8:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

**Literature Group,** Delmar Progress Club, home of Mrs. Edward Mason, 1:30 p.m.

**World War I veterans luncheon,** LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 12 noon. All WWI veterans welcome.

## 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 Beaux Stratagem,"** State University Theatre production, State University Performing Arts Center, April 19-23, 8 p.m. Special rates for groups of 10 or more. 457-8606.

**Boston Flamenco Ballet,** Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, April 4, 8 p.m. Tickets at door.

#### MUSIC

**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.

**Joint concert,** Men's Glee Club of RPI and Women's Chorus of Union College, featuring Schubert's "Mass in G," RPI Chapel and Cultural Center, Troy, April 13, 8 p.m. Free to public.

**Joint concert,** symphony orchestras of RPI and College of St. Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, April 1, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Faure "Requiem"** by St. Paul's Choir, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, April 3, 8 p.m. Donation.

#### ART

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

**Betty Warren,** exhibition of paintings, College of St. Rose Art Gallery, April 18-29, Monday-Friday 3-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m.

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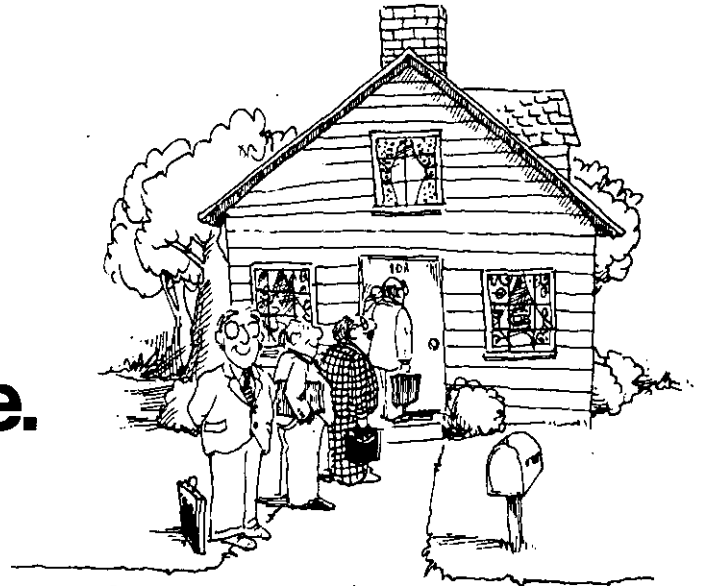
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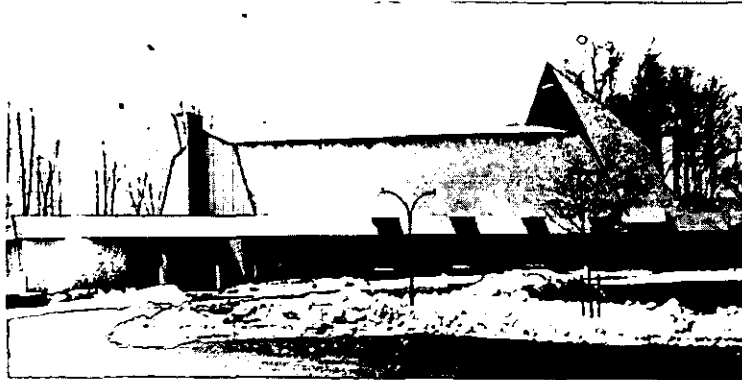
## LUTHERANS

### A church divided: after anguish, renewed hopes

For Bethlehem Lutherans the first services in their separate churches since the emotional split at the synod level became finalized at the congregation level were a mixture of sadness and joyful relief. The anguish of choosing between two factions was over at last: for the dissidents who have formed their new church it's the time to solidify and build, for those remaining with their torn but beloved parish it's a time to unify and rededicate faith.

Last Sunday, on a day as beautiful and cloudless as Easter Sunday a year ago, Lutherans turned out in Easter numbers. More than 100 men, women and children were in the beautiful church on the bend of Elm Ave. in Delmar when the blue-robed choir, 18 strong, filed in at 11 o'clock. The worshipers rose to sing No. 352 in the Lutheran hymnal, "O Savior, Precious Savior," as the sun flooded through the tinted windows. Outside the parking lot was full, but many familiar faces were missing.

A mile down Delaware Ave., in the National Commercial Bank parking lot, a group of children tossed snowballs at a fence and at each other. Their parents were downstairs in the bank at a coffee hour preceding the inaugural service of Faith Lutheran, Delmar's newest church. When Lynne Reville, seated at an electric organ donated by a friend of the congregation, played the opening chords of Hymn 39, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of



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Bethlehem Lutheran Church cornerstone was laid in 1969.

creation," four pastors took their places at a temporary altar, the communion vessels borrowed from Troy. The room was full, there were two rows of extra chairs. Many of these faces, too, were familiar: they were the ones missing from Elm Ave.

For months members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church have been agonizing on a matter of conscience. They have been caught at the parish level, both as a church and as individuals, in the split in the Missouri Synod, the governing body for more than 6,200 churches across the nation and one of several Lutheran synods. At the root of the controversy are the ordination of student ministers, liturgical interpretations and teaching interpretations that led a group of synod leaders to form a new churchbody, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

For more than 100 families in the Bethlehem church, the rift in the hierarchy 1,000 miles

away confronted them with a deeply personal choice: remain with the established synod or affiliate with the newly formed East Coast Synod of the AELC. For many communicants, the issues provided a penetrating evaluation of personal religious convictions and beliefs in addition to a commitment to the conflicting interpretations of the top-echelon breach. Adding to the anguish on Elm Ave. was the timing: only last Oct. 22 Bethlehem Lutherans gathered at Blanchard Post for a farewell dinner honoring their pastor, Rev. Paul H. Gassmann retiring after 38 years in the ministry and 11 in Delmar. Since November the congregation has been served by an interim pastor, more recently by visiting pastors on a rotating basis, while the breach was widening.

On Feb. 27, more than half of the church's adult members gathered in the gracefully designed seven-year-old structure to choose between the

new and the old synods. The ballot was whether to bring a proposed amendment to the constitution to a floor vote. Passage would require a two-thirds majority.

When the ballots were counted, the vote stood 56-56. A week later, on March 6, the members returned for another try, this time by a floor vote: shall the constitution be amended to disassociate from the Missouri Synod and become independent pending further decision on affiliation? This time a majority favored the change, but the vote fell short of the required two-thirds.

Shortly after the balloting David Reville, president of the Bethlehem church, and three others resigned as officers but not as members of the congregation. Four nights later, 44 parishioners gathered at Reville's house in Delmar to form a new church. They also elected their first slate of officers to serve until the inaugural congregation meeting April 17. Michael Krugman was elected president, Carolyn Bennett vice president, Doris Rowland recording secretary and Dr. Peter Kullberg treasurer. A financial secretary, Pauline Ouder Kirk, was chosen later.

On the following Sunday, March 13, at a congregational meeting in the church on Elm Ave., James W. Bowersox of Voorheesville was elected president to succeed Reville. The other three vacancies also were filled: John Gold as vice president, Mrs. Norrine Cooke

as recording secretary and Robert Greenman as treasurer. Paul Stracke of Slingerlands continues as financial secretary.

Rev. Robert Mursch, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Troy, who has been serving as interim pastor since November, conducted the inaugural communion of Faith Lutheran Church in the bank's meeting room on Delaware Ave. Dr. John Damm, dean of Seminex and a national Lutheran leader, was guest speaker. On Elm Ave. Rev. Joe Schruhl, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Albany, and district representative for the Missouri Synod, led the service. Rev. Gordon Rakow of Latham, circuit counselor, is handling hospital and shut-in calls temporarily, and other Lutheran pastors have set up a rotation of nearby pastors to serve the Bethlehem pulpit.

Present indications are that approximately 30 families numbering just under 100 persons are affiliating with the new church, with about two-thirds of the original congregation remaining on Elm Ave. The rift has caused tension among close friends and neighbors, between people who have worked closely on committees in the past, has separated young friends who played together in the nursery and Sunday school.

But it has also given churchgoers on both sides a reason for rededication. In the bank meeting room the mood was jovial, enthusiastic, as though a burden had been lifted. The new officers are negotiating to use the Masonic Temple on Kenwood Ave. for their services later in April. There is already talk of finding a site and building a church. On Elm Ave. the mood is more reflective: a growing congrega-



'Easter weather' greets churchgoers after the service

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tion has been decimated but a solid nucleus of committed communicants remains. There are some problems, such as the spectre of the mortgage along with other financial obligations that now have fewer people to shoulder. "Our faith is strong," one communicant whispered as the choir, lead by steadfast Irma Rappe, moved through the pews singing the recessional. No. 123, "Our God, our help in ages past, our hope in years to come." Later, as the members emerged into the parking lot, there were youngsters, throwing snowballs in the 50-degree sun on the fifth Sunday of Lent, with all the joy of Easter--The Resurrection--just days away.

#### Named Sales Manager

Frederick W. Mable, 41 Douglas Rd., Delmar, has been appointed sales manager in The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Latham office. He joined Metropolitan Life in February of last year and is past vice-president of the Clinton County Agents Association.

A native of Binghamton, Mable is a graduate of Auburn Community College. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945, and is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the Lions Club. He is married and has two children.

#### A new service for widowhood

A volunteer service to lend emotional and supportive aid to newly widowed persons was started in the Capital District. The volunteering is done by widowed persons for widowed persons. Ruth Pohl and Jean Vogel of Delmar and Dorothy Hartman of Slingerlands are among the 25 trained volunteers working with the recently widowed.

Widowed Persons Service of the Capital District, Inc. assists newly widowed persons through a variety of services. Volunteers visit the recently widowed person and discuss on a one-to-one basis adjustment to the problems of widowhood. There are also informal group sessions for the volunteers and newly widowed persons to discuss adjustment problems and to provide mutual assistance. The service will use public service agencies and the media to call attention to the needs of the widowed and services available to them.

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*Spotlight Photo*

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**A quick passage for games permit**

It took just 12 minutes for the New Scotland town board to conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance to permit licensing non-profit organizations to run games of chance.

The board set Tuesday, May 3, for a townwide referendum on the proposal that would authorize games-of-chance at fire department carnivals, church bazaars and other such events.

Fewer than a dozen volunteer firemen made up the audience. There was no opposition. The fire fighters represented the three fire companies in the town -- New Salem, Voorheesville and Onesquethaw.

Most of the \$25 fee goes to the state and to the county when they "police" the license. The license runs for a year, and restricts the holder to a maximum of 12 nights a year and 5 percent of the "take."

The balloting in May will be from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the town hall.

**GLENMONT**

**Job Corps host to new council**

The Near Neighbors Advisory Council of the New York Job Corps Center held their first meeting Wednesday at The Center. Serving on the advisory council are Raymond Adams, Parsons Rd., Selkirk; Ruth Funk, Lyons Rd., Selkirk; William E. Tinney, Van Wies Pt., Glenmont; Esther Kornis, Simmons Rd., Glenmont; Frank Codling, Simmons Rd., Glenmont; Margaret S. Law, Simmons Rd., Glenmont; and Donald Gillespie, Beaver Dam Rd., Selkirk.

John N. Acquilano, center director, presented the advisory council with an update of center security operations, led a tour of the Center and reviewed the corpsmembers' rules with the council.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for April 27 when the members will have dinner with the corpsmembers and staff in the Job Corps cafeteria.

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But it, wasn't always that way, and therein lies a tale. The story has an interesting past, a frustrating present and hopefully a bright future.

The straight news story, which may or may not be reported in the Albany papers before a public hearing comes up April 27 in Bethlehem town hall, would read something like this: a group of residents have petitioned the town to establish a South Albany water district, an engineering survey has been made and the town is considering the matter.

The real story goes deeper than the fine well that an



First Ave., South Albany, has private water system *Spotlight*

Albany land developer drilled in 1925. His name was Brate, first name lost to history. No Brate listed in the Albany phone book, including Mrs. Anna Brate, 86, is related to him or even knew of him.

More than a half century ago Mr. Brate, a wealthy Albany investor, saw an attractive

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In 1927 Brate established the South Albany Water Supply Co. to serve the 21 homes. The developer maintained the system as a private corporation until 1960, when he sold it to several elderly couples who bought the company against the advice of the community's younger leaders. Francis Currey, a World War II hero and holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and Ed Arnheiter, Voorheesville office manager for the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. The senior citizens paid \$900 for the system, which had seriously deteriorated.

A decade ago the deterioration almost proved fatal. The survivors among the aged owners had difficulty keeping up with the billing and maintenance, and came to Currey, Arnheiter and Jack Orme, an airline executive who has since moved to Boston, for help. Thus the South Albany

Water Co. acquired a volunteer administration from its own clientele. But it needed more than that: the whole system was near collapse.

Appeals for town, county and federal help fell on deaf ears until Congressman Dan Button arranged a \$17,000 loan and an \$8,000 grant from the U. S. Farm and Home Administration. These funds financed a substantial renovation of the system, including the addition of a 10,000-gallon storage tank, a dry well and electrical improvements. After that, recalls Currey, "we had a good system but pretty terrible water."

Continued pursuit of government agencies meant a mountain of red tape, but there was always hope. Once again, with quality and quantity fading, it was the local Congressman who came to the rescue, this time in the person of Rep. Samuel S. Stratton who had succeeded Button in the 29th District. Stratton obtained an \$11,000 grant for South Albany. That meant a

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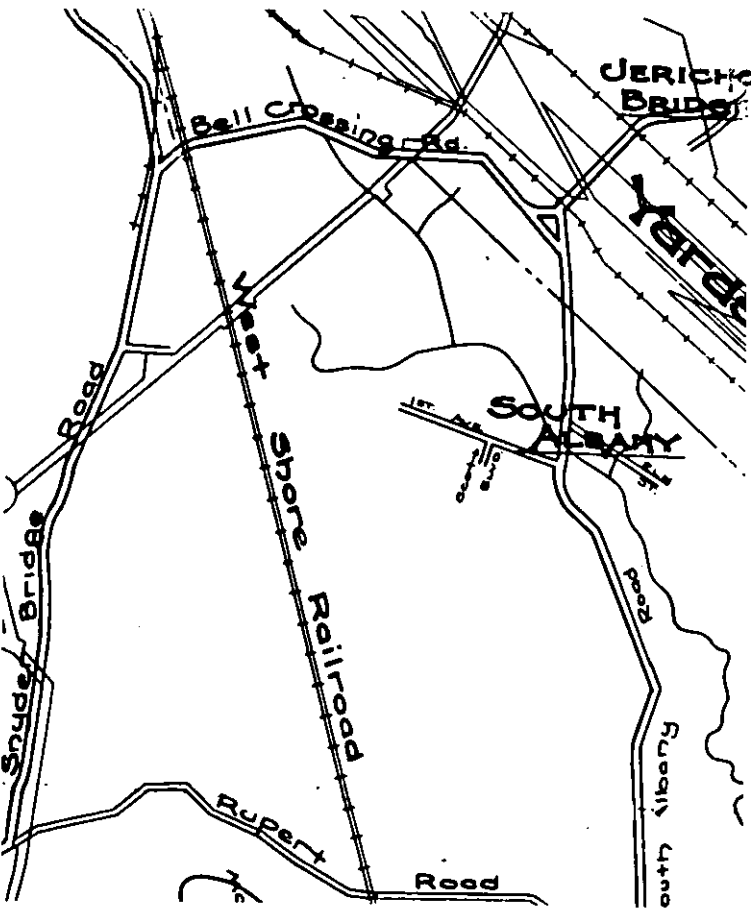
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new well, which went operational a year and a half ago.

"Now the water is beautiful," says Currey, "but there's no one to help with the endless paperwork." With Orme gone, it remained for Currey and Arnheiter to file all the reports required by the state Public Service Commission, Albany County Health Dept. and state and federal tax agencies. "It's impossible," said a weary Currey. "You wouldn't believe the red tape. It's frustrating. The only thing worse would be to have no water, and if it wasn't for Sam Stratton, there'd be some homes here without water."

Through it all the water company has stayed afloat financially. The bills go out quarterly to 21 families, 18 on the south side of First Ave., three on the north side. One other house has its own well. The customers pay an average of \$120 a year for their water.

But it can't go on this way, and last week a petition bearing 17 signatures was submitted to the Bethlehem town board requesting the town to establish the South Albany system as a town water district.

The wheels are beginning to turn. There are state and county procedures to follow, and the town has set April 27 for a public hearing as Step No. 1. If and when it becomes a bonafide water district, the town will take over the operation, administration and maintenance of the existing system, but the cost will be borne by the users.

Connecting with the main Bethlehem system is a long way

off. The nearest hookup would be Speeder Rd., Selkirk, but that's on the other side of the web of tracks in the Conrail yards near the Agway building. The cost of going over or under the tracks would be astronomical for so few families.

"We are watching the growth of the town very carefully," says Paul Wagner, director of operations of the Bethlehem Water Dept. "South Bethlehem wants water, too. We will just have to wait to get more valuation to make it economically feasible."


Adds Francis Currey: "It's been a hell of a headache."

#### On choral tour

Richard V. Marriott of Delmar sang with the combined men's and women's glee clubs of Stevens Institute of Technology on their spring concert tour.


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**4-H club busy**

The 4-H Lucky Clovers of Delmar have had a busy winter. In January, club members completed their Let's Begin Cooking project and their sewing project. On March 19, members went to the 4-H public presentations program at the Clarksville Elementary School. Aryan Shayegani did a demonstration on measuring shortening, Brenda Gravlee on measuring brown sugar, and Maura Keenehan on measuring flour. These three girls received a first year demonstration award and an excellent score.

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Tammy Salisbury of Delmar has been an animal lover from birth. One of her favorite places is the Kleinke farm on Kenwood Ave. A passing Spotlight reporter caught her in the lens during that mid-March teaser when the mercury rose into the 70s. *Cheryl Marks*

#### DAR luncheon set

Mohawk Chapter, DAR, Albany, will mark its 82nd anniversary and guest day with a luncheon at Normanside Country Club at noon

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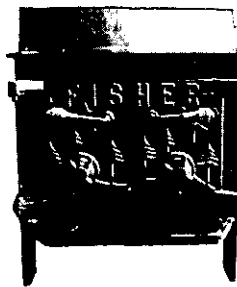
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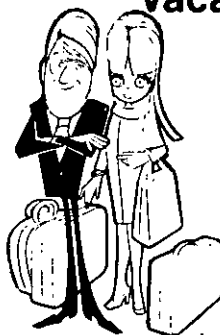
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**Career parley for girl scouts**

Seven area residents will participate in a Career Exploration Conference for girls sponsored by the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council Saturday, April 2 at Columbia High School, East Greenbush. The conference is designed for Cadette and Senior Scouts in junior and senior high schools and their friends, both Scouts and non-Scouts.

The film "The World of Work" will be shown by Mrs. Blackmore of the Bethlehem Central High School guidance department. Girls may choose to attend several of 10

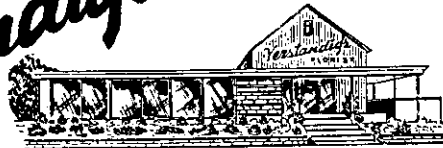
scheduled workshops. The home services workshop will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCarthy of Elsmere and the environment workshop by Peggy Sauer of Voorheesville. Mrs. Willie Gorke of Glenmont is Chairman of the conference, assisted by Mrs. Bonnie Stone and Mrs. Arlene Urell, both of Delmar.

**County firemen organize**

Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Assn. has been organized under the direction of Gerald Day of the Delmar Fire Dept. Day is president of this organization, which includes 35 of 40 fire companies or departments within the county. Vern Schermerhorn of the Ravena Fire Dept. is treasurer.

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George Scaringe, left, Albany County Republican chairman, takes a moment to chat with Jeanne Vogel of Delmar and Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer after a meeting of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club earlier this month.

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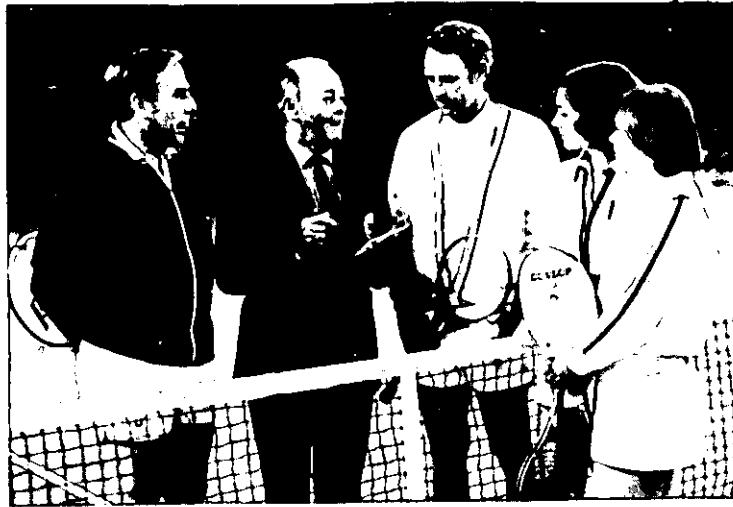
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## Harvith to run for school board

Bernard Harvith of Delmar has announced he will run for re-election to the school board. Harvith was first elected to the school board in 1972 and has served as its president. Last year voters changed the term of school board members from five to three years.

Harvith was graduated from Bethlehem Central School and Harvard Law School, and is a professor at Albany Law School. He lives at 72 Fernbank Ave. with his wife, the former Janice Kirkman, and their two daughters.

## Rev. Smith elevated

Rev. Bryson M. Smith, Slingerlands, will be appointed district superintendent of the Troy Conference of the United Methodist Church at its annual session in May, it has been announced by Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr., resident bishop of the New York Area of the United Methodist Church. The Troy Conference embraces 350 churches in northeastern New York and the state of Vermont.

Rev. Smith, a native of Fort Coulonge, Quebec, Canada, is a graduate of McGill University and Emmanuel College of the University of Toronto. Ordained in the United Church of Canada, he was admitted to Troy Conference in 1949.



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Cheryl Marks

**Workshop to stay 'home' this year**

The Heldeberg Workshop will stage its annual "Adventure in Learning" on its own 259-acre site on Picard Rd., Voorheesville, this summer for the first time in its 17-year history.

Mrs. James Lewis, president of the Workshop's board of directors, said classes for the expected 400-pupil enrollment will be conducted entirely "on

the land." Twenty three classes will be held in each of two two-week sessions, a departure from the single three-week session of the past years. They are scheduled July 25-Aug. 5 and Aug. 8-19.

The Heldeberg Workshop land was purchased with the aid of public subscriptions 10 years ago and has been gradually developed to accommodate some class sessions each August when the Workshop convenes. Most classes, however, have been

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Mrs. Walter J. Baker will head the summer program committee, composed entirely of volunteers. The faculty is the only paid staff of the non-profit organization. The Workshop provides areas of learning not ordinarily found in regular school curricula. Its charter, granted by the New York State Regents, describes it as a "learning laboratory where educators and professional specialists may step out of and beyond established precedents to conceive and provide exciting means of motivating children to the adventure learning can be".

The classes planned this summer are in the areas of art, theater, archeology, field sciences, recreation and survival. Pupils may enroll for either or both two-week sessions.



Robert S. Kuhn Jr.

**Named company officer**

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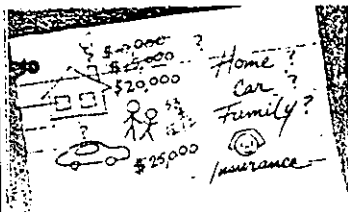
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## Named by hospital

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Dr. Wendth has been at St. Peter's since 1967. He previously served as general medical officer in the U. S. Air

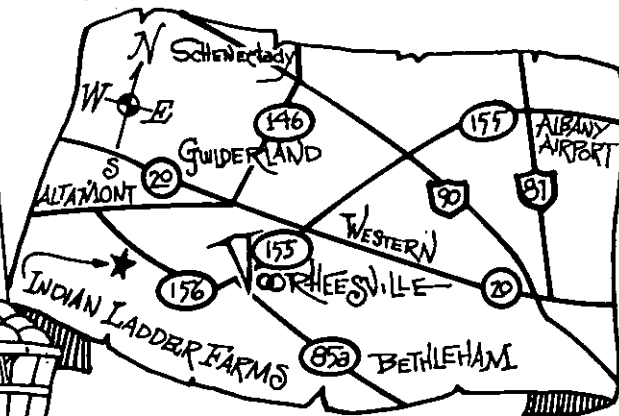
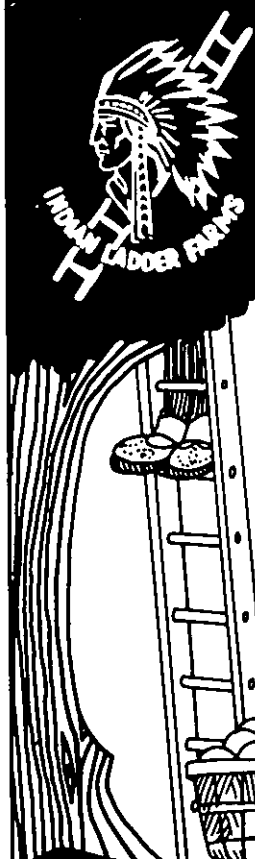
Force and as a senior resident radiologist at Albany Medical Center. He lives at 38 Darnley Green with his wife and five children.

## Test your dog

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The Jerusalem Reformed Church of Feura Bush is seeking usable articles from the cellar, garage or the attic for an auction sale June 4 for the benefit of the church building fund. For pickup service call 439-0028 or 439-1463.

**Wins scholarship**

Pearce K. Raeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip K. Raeder Jr. of Feura Bush, has been awarded an Air Force scholarship. He is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, and will probably attend either RPI or Cornell.

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The workshops are for people interested in writing poetry, short stories and essays. Nancy Thornton teaches at the College of St. Rose, Schenectady County Community College and General Electric in Schenectady.



**Mrs. Paul A. Barnett  
Ellen Doherty bride**

Ellen Marie Doherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Doherty of 155 Wemple Rd., Glenmont, became the bride of Paul A. Barnett on March 27 in the chapel of Siena College. Mr. Barnett is the son of Mrs. Anthony Barnett of Albany, and the late Mr. Barnett.

Miss Marianne Doherty was maid of honor for her sister and Miss Christine Brannick of Ann Arbor Mich., was the

bridesmaid. Best man was Daniel O'Connell, and ushers were John Kemp and William Preuser, all of Albany.

Mrs. Barnett was graduated from Bethlehem Central and SUNY at Albany, and she is employed by Aetna Life and Casualty. The bridegroom was graduated from Siena College and is employed by the Albany Urban Renewal Agency.

After a wedding trip touring the Canadian provinces, the Barnetts will make their home in Manchester, N.H.

**A matter of courts**

Bethlehem Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer will cut a ribbon opening four new tennis courts at the town's Elm Ave. Park, Saturday at 10 a.m. Members of the Bethlehem Tennis Assn. and tennis players from the community are expected to be on hand for the ceremony and on the courts two minutes afterward.

**Opens tree business**

One of the newest businesses in town is Douglas Lee, 1565 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, who has started a tree care service. Lee, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, worked for several tree service companies before starting on his own. He has two trucks and will specialize in the maintenance and protection of trees more than tree removal. He is the son of Mrs. Shirley Lee of Slingerlands.

**Tole group meets**

A workshop meeting of the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters will be held on April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John's-St. Paul's Federated Church, 5th and Fulton St., Troy. Call Jean Linnard, 785-1638, for reservation and information.

**Historical talk Tuesday**

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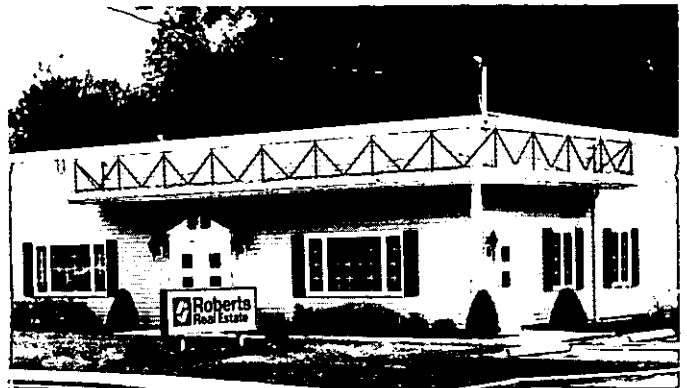
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A 1966 graduate of Voorheesville Central High

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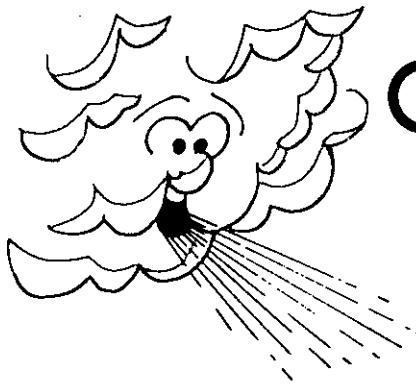
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