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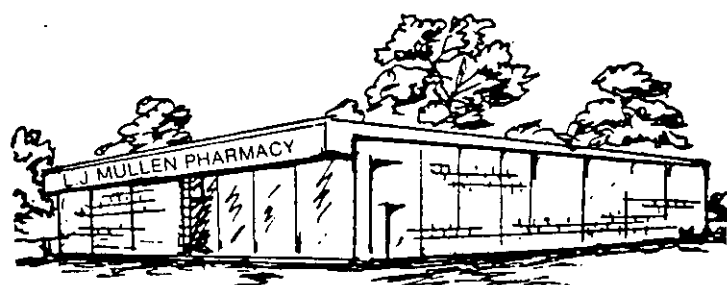
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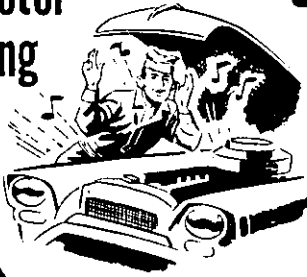
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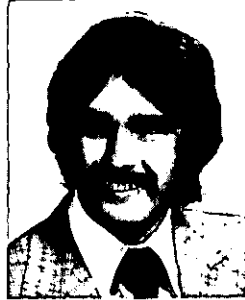


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Welcome Wagon—Newcomers and mothers of new babies call 785-9640, Mon. thru Sat., 8:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. so you may have a Welcome Wagon call.

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

The Albany County Pistol Club, Winne 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 La Casa, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Half Moon Button Club of Albany, third Wednesdays noon of the month at Bethlehem Public 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 Schraff's Motel.

The Delmar Community Orchestra rehearses every Monday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

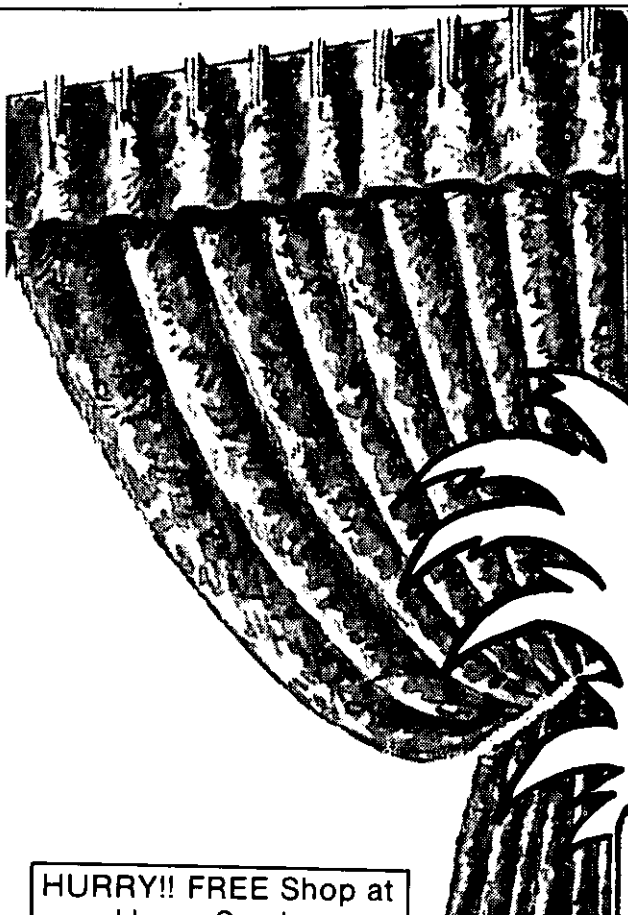
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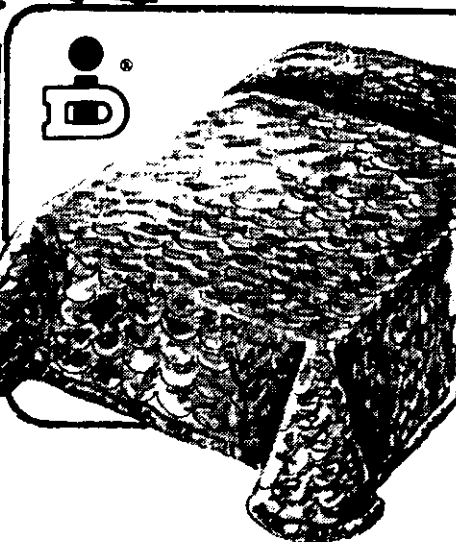
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Albany Chapter, Railroad Evangelistic Assn., meets third Saturday of each month, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:15 p.m.

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

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 Wednesday 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.

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.

Gam-Anon, for wives of compulsive gamblers, meets Wednesdays 8:15 p.m. St. Pius Church, Loudonville, 462-6916 or PO Box 23 Albany

Bethlehem Recycling Program (paper, cans glass), Town Garage, 114 Adams St., Delmar, Mon. thru Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned w/metal and styrofoam removed.

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Open House sponsored by Diet

Workshop, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

One-act play, "Stone Soup," performed by Girl Scout Troop 246, followed by movie "The Cat in the Hat," Bethlehem Library, 4 and 7:30 p.m.

League of Women Voters unit meeting, Bethlehem Library, 9:30 a.m. Information: 439-5766. Babysitting provided.

Film "Amphibian Man", Voorheesville Library, 3:45 p.m.

Amblyopia training day for Tri-Village Welcome Wagon members, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.

After Ball Activities parents' committee meeting, BCHS Library, 8 p.m. All parents of class of '77 urged to attend.

Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn., Rev. Johannes Kuiper speaker, Bethlehem Historical Museum, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Nature hike preceded by films, Bethlehem Library, 3:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Rummage Sale, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

"M*A*S*H", presented by Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk drama club, RCS High School, Rt. 9W, Ravena, 8 p.m. \$1.25 adults, \$1 students.

Spaghetti supper, benefit Tri-Village Nursery School, Bethlehem Middle School, 5-7:30 p.m.

Garage sale, benefit Helderberg Workshop, 240 Kenwood Ave. Rain date April 29.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Registration, Bethlehem Baseball League, Junior Division (ages 13-15), Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fee \$5.

"M*A*S*H", presented by Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk drama club, RCS High School, Rt. 9W, Ravena 8 p.m.

Supper sponsored by Methodist Men of Slingerlands Methodist Church, serving at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Reservation only: 439-1766, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon.

"Meet Your Officers Night", held in conjunction with Ladies' Night, Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, Cedar Hill. Cocktails 6 p.m. dinner 7:30, music and dancing 9-1 a.m.

Paper Drive, Cub Pack 272, Slingerlands School parking lot, 9 a.m.-noon.

Country Dance with Delaware Water Gap, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St., 8:30 p.m. Free.

"Snack Dance", sponsored by American Legion Post 1040, Legion Hall post rooms, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets \$3 at the door.

Bake sale, Onesquethaw chapter,

Order of Eastern Star, at Mullen's Pharmacy, Elsmere, 9 a.m.

Garage sale, benefit, Helderberg Workshop, 240 Kenwood Ave.

"Battle of the Bands", sponsored by Bethlehem PBA, BCHS, 7-11 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 at the door.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Values Classification Workshop for high school students and their parents, St. Thomas School, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Donation \$1.50. Reservations 439-4951 or 439-9008.

Film: "Murder My Sweet," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m. Free.


MONDAY, APRIL 25

Tole painting demonstration and program, Women's Fellowship, Bethlehem Community Church, 8 p.m.

Lecture series, "Nutrition and Aging," speaker, Dorothy Diggins of New York State Office of the Aging, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m. 439-9929.

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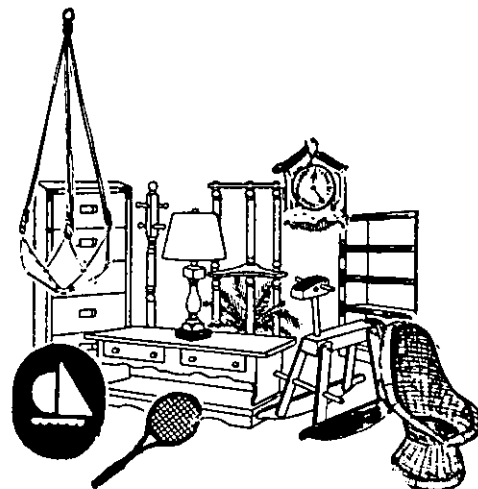
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Club, reading a G. B. Shaw play, home of Mrs. Edward Howell, 8 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, workshop on cropping, competition for "people pictures," St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

Bethlehem Planning Board, public hearing on application of Louis and Stella Dempf, 236 Westchester Dr., S. for approval of proposed subdivision, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Pre-School vision screening for amblyopia, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Public hearing, Bethlehem town board, on zoning ordinance amendments, five proposed Residence A districts and one proposed "CC" Retail Commercial district in the general area of Beacon and Wemple Rds., also east of Route 9W, south of Meyers Corners, Town Hall, Delmar, 8 p.m.

Lecture series, "Society and the Aging," speaker, Sally Hume of Schenectady Community College, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem town board, on petition for the establishment of South Albany water district, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Juvenile diabetes discussion, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9:30 p.m. All welcome, 439-9008 or 273-2447.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Newcomers Tea, sponsored by Tri-

Village Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. New residents welcome.

Pre-school vision screening for amblyopia, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon.

Film: "Robin Hood," Voorheesville Library, 3:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Pre-school vision screening for amblyopia, First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-noon.

Nature hike preceded by films, Bethlehem Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Card party and fashion show sponsored by St. Patrick's, Ravena, at Pieter B. Coeymans School, Coeymans, 7:30 p.m.

Card party and fashion show sponsored by St. Thomas Altar-Rosary, St. Thomas School, Delmar, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Annual Spring Supper, Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow, 4:30-7 p.m.

Farewell reception for Mrs. Melba Smith, Slingerlands Nursery School, teacher, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 2-4 p.m. Families of nursery school alumni invited.

Carnival sponsored by Hamagrael Home-School Assn., Hamagrael, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Giant Garage Sale sponsored by Bethlehem Jaycees, Bethlehem Coffee House, 125 Adams Pl., starts at 9 a.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

"Who's Happy Now?" offbeat-comedy of adolescence, State University Theatre production, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, May 5-8, 11-14, 8 p.m. 457-8606.

"A Man for All Seasons," Alpha Omega Players (touring company), College of Saint Rose Auditorium, April 30, 8 p.m. \$2.

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra, renewal concert featuring Brahms Symphony No. 1, Palace Theater, May 7, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

Mozart's "Requiem," Masterworks Chorale of The College of Saint Rose, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, May 1, 8:15 p.m. \$2.50, students \$1.50.

EBA Dance Music Theater, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, April 28, 30, 8 p.m. \$5, students, senior citizens \$3. 465-9916.

Monday Musical Club Chorus, "Songs for Spring," Albany Institute of History & Art, April 25, 8 p.m. \$2.50, students and senior citizens \$1.25.

ART

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.

Myra Dorman and Carol Bellone, exhibition of weavings, Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy through April, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.

LECTURE

Edwin Newman, author-commentator, Harmanus Bleecker Hall, Albany Public Library, April 23, 8 p.m.

Herbert G. Gutman, educator-author, "Black Families Today," SUNYA Lecture Center 7, April 27, 7:30 p.m. Free.

W.D. Snodgrass, poetry reading, Siena Campus Center Theater, April 26, 8 p.m. Free.

HISTORIC TOUR

"From Horse Trolleys to Turboliners," bus tour of historic railroad sites in Hudson-Mohawk area including Rensselaer & Saratoga car shops, Green Island Roundhouse, D&H shops, April 23, 1 p.m. Assemble West Hall, RPI Campus. Reservations 274-5267.

FILM

"Notorious," Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, April 24, 7:30 p.m. 270-2332.

"Duck Soup," Marx Brothers, Albany Academy Spring Film Series, April 29, 8 p.m.

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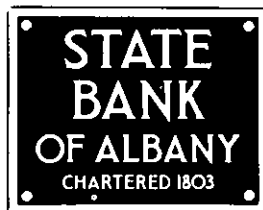
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BETHLEHEM Board muffles Bleau attorney

A quick-whistle adjournment of an open meeting of the Bethlehem town board may come back to haunt Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer in the fragile political framework of the town's dominant Republican structure in an election year.

A typical humdrum session of the five-member council in Delmar last Wednesday erupted into verbal pyrotechnics within seconds of the adjournment motion that shut off an Albany attorney seeking to make a statement. 'I can't believe this,' Arthur McGinn shouted at departing board members. 'You knew I was coming here to make a statement. You wouldn't let me talk because you know I'd make waves. You have just declared war on one of your citizens.'

The citizen is McGinn's client, Selkirk garage owner Olin Bleau, who has been involved in a running feud with Bethlehem Police Chief Peter Fish for several years. Bleau has an \$8-million lawsuit against Fish and three other members of the police department in U.S. District Court in Albany, and other litigation in State Supreme Court, charging malicious prosecution and defamation.

Sheaffer said he 'had no choice but to adjourn the meeting' because of the litigation pending. He added: 'I believe what we did was right under the Public Officers Law, which protects an individual against charges being aired in public that might lead to

disciplinary action against a town employee.'

Sheaffer said McGinn had called him the preceding Thursday to complain about the litigation, and to say he wanted to appear before the board. Sheaffer said McGinn pointed out that he was not asking for or expecting the board to respond or take any action.

'This,' said Sheaffer, 'is grandstanding pure and simple.' He referred McGinn to town attorney Harry Rezemini, who notified McGinn by letter that he would be denied an audience at an open meeting, but could appear at an executive session immediately after the April 13 meeting if the board voted to approve the request. 'When there was no indication he accepted this, there was no need to carry the matter any further and run the risk of prejudicing the lawsuits,' Sheaffer declared.

Apart from whatever legal merits Sheaffer's move to protect the police chief from the publicity of a McGinn statement at an open meeting might have, the maneuver is certain to have major political repercussions in the coming months. The incident is expected to add ammunition to the arsenals of the town's Democratic organization and of the dissident wing of the town Republican structure.

A 30-minute impromptu press conference held by McGinn and Bleau following the town board meeting added fuel to the controversy. It was McGinn who captured wide headlines in both Albany dailies the following day, and two letters to the Spotlight's Vox Pop section showed up



Cheryl Marks

Job Corps center director John Acquilano welcomes first arrivals.

two days later. The incident also set the stage for possible further embarrassment at this week's "town meeting" Sheaffer and the board had previously scheduled for Wednesday of this week at the Elsmere school.

Sheaffer currently is fighting for his political life in a local election year. The town's revamped Republican committee, in a rebuilding mood, reportedly has shelved him in favor of Edward Sargent, a county legislator from Delmar, a move that could set up a GOP primary fight in September.

Ironically, the McGinn outburst at town hall came only a few moments after the town board had exercised the formality of installing a retired state police captain to oversee the police department. Fish, who holds civil service status, now reports to Bethlehem's new commissioner of public safety, Ralph A. Tipple of Elsmere, who served 28 years with the state police until he retired in December.

Tipple reported to his office Monday, conferred with Sheaffer and Fish, and was introduced to members.

GLENMONT First 'coeds' due at Job Corps

Tom Sears, 19, from Perry in the western part of the state, joined the Job Corps "to figure out what I want to do," perhaps learn carpentry. Julius Gray, 18, from Mt. Vernon, a New York City suburb, likes his new setup in Glenmont: "I got away from the hassles at home."

Tom and Julius have backgrounds as different as the colors of their skin, but they are "classmates" now in the first contingent to officially open the New York Job Corps Center at the former seminary campus along the river. Twenty one of the expected 25—all male—arrived on schedule last week, and next Tuesday another 25 are due. The group coming in next week is scheduled to have 10 women and 15 men.

Tom Sears finished his schooling in the seventh grade, where he did more fighting than learning and was eventually thrown out by a principal who he says didn't like him. The youngest of eight children, he has worked fairly

steadily since, and found out about Job Corps through his father. Sears said he originally signed up for Job Corps in 1974, but was never called.

When asked about his first few days at the center, he said, "Some were letdowns, mostly about the clothes (some New York State Employment Service screeners told enrollees that uniforms would be

supplied, so many corpsmembers arrived with minimal clothing). It's completely different than I thought it would be, the food is really good. I thought there would be fights, but people are really friendly."

I'm enjoying it, it's a whole new experience, living with people of different races...I like sitting down and talking...I love getting along with other people." Sears said he had been telling the corpsmen from the city about the country, and they told him about city life. "It's like a paradise compared to what I came from," he said.

Sears said he and his father were always fighting, but when he called home his mother said his father was proud of him, and Tom said that made him feel good.

Julius is one class short of a high school diploma. He was ready to graduate when a disagreement with a teacher resulted in his being unable to complete the last class he needed. Julius found out about Job Corps from a cousin last



The first and last female visitor to Tom Sears' room at the Job Corps was a Spotlight photographer taking his picture testing his new mattress. Each corpsmember has a private room with bed, sink and desk.
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August, and has been waiting to come. He said he has "met a lot of new friends and the food is a lot better than I expected." Three days after he had been here he wrote a letter to a friend advising him to come if he could.

His main complaint was also with the screeners and their misinformation. He was told he would be living in barracks, that clothing would be provided and that he couldn't go home for six months.

Meanwhile, Charles Toney, director of residential living, observed that "the first few days have gone pretty well. The schedule has been hectic for corpsmembers, for some it is unusual having much structure, but we have responded to that to allow more time outdoors.

"The group is very cooperative and responsive to our instruction. They seem to be excited about being here. Some of the fellows from the city are excited about their contact with nature, and the

corpsmen from rural areas feel at home with that." The 250-acre Job Corps site is the home for deer, rabbits, birds, snakes, frogs and fish as well as the corpsmembers.

Cheryl Marks

BUSINESS

A new owner for yarn shop

Dorothy Safarik, a longtime Delmar resident, has purchased the Cardinal Yarn Shop at 412 Kenwood Ave. from Mrs. David (Jan) Robinson.

The new owner, who was with Yarn-o-Rama in Albany for nine years, plans to enlarge the business in a modest way, adding a variety of new kits and some new yarns. In addition, she says, "I will be doing all types of finishing work."

Mrs. Safarik's husband, Wallace, is a customer engineer with IBM. They have two sons, both at home, and have lived at 30 Hunter Rd. for 24 years.

Drainage problems plague Elmwood

Elm Ave. residents striving to block a subdivision of duplex houses in their neighborhood have been living with crossed fingers while Bethlehem's planning board wrestles with drainage problems and an approaching deadline.

The board was scheduled to make another try at reaching a decision this week on the Elmwood development planned by V.&G. Enterprises of Latham. The 45-day limit, dating from the time of the public hearing, will force a decision by next Tuesday's board meeting if there is another impasse this week.

The board last week voted preliminary approval of four of the projected eight duplex units. Most of the problems are related to drainage: the Albany County Health Dept. has approved only four of the eight two-family buildings, the county's soil conservation expert, Frank Leavitt, has submitted a less than enthusiastic report, and Al Worth, Bethlehem town engineer, has told the board that the project's 'underground drainage is not as simple as it seems.'

The proposed subdivision drains to a depression at the rear of the project, then south toward Feura Bush Rd. in a sequence of 'swales.' The tract also is close to an area that is being considered by the state as a designated 'wetland' area.

Last week's board vote was split, 4-1, with Alvin Greenwood declaring: 'There are a lot of problems, a health hazard, a safety hazard and I don't like the joint driveways.' Meanwhile time is running out on the developer, who must come up with an acceptable design for a drainage system before next Tuesday.

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May 2 deadline for school board

Unless a candidate surfaces in the next 10 days, Bernard E. Harvith of Delmar will be reelected to the Bethlehem Central board of education unopposed.

Petition forms for persons who wish to run for the school board and the Bethlehem Library board of trustees are now available and the deadline for filing with the school district clerk is May 2.

The annual election and voting on school and library budgets will be on June 1. Harvith's seat is the only one on the school board up for election this year. Three positions on the five-member library board are to be filled.

Because of a recent change in the state education law, all candidates this year must gather a total of 169 signatures on their petitions--which is five percent of last year's total vote. The Bethlehem school board does not favor this change--making it more difficult to become a candidate--but had no say in the matter. Anyone wishing more information about the candidate procedure may call Mrs. Ann Treadway, school district clerk, 439-4921.

Battle of the bands

A gala "battle of the bands" will be staged at Bethlehem Central High School Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. sponsored by the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn. Five bands will be featured. Tickets at \$2 are on sale at BCHS school store and Record Town at Delaware Plaza, and will be available for \$2.50 at the door. Proceeds will be used to help finance the PBA's youth athletics fund.

Builders in session

A reception and dinner featuring local legislators is on the agenda this Wednesday for the Albany Area Builders Assn. The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Albany.

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Housing: Innovations and 'land packaging'

A Delmar land developer's fascination with unorthodox dwelling designs has kept him in and out of hot water with the town's building department. But William F. Frye III has faith in his own unorthodox approach to homebuilding, which he contends is unique in the Albany area. He also is confident that his problems with Bethlehem's planning board and building inspectors can be worked out.

"Our experiments in an area that is largely unknown or untried have been primarily responsible for our problems," he said the other day. "To convert something that is prototypical into a pragmatic, functional and economically competitive product requires a great deal of innovation and creativity."

Behind all those multi-syllable words is an innovative

house at 11 Oldox Rd., Delmar, that reflects Bill Frye's concept. It also stands unfinished, unoccupied and unsold, "red-tagged" in the building department on the second floor of Bethlehem town hall. It is the first house in town to be designed for solar heating, which is about as modern as you can get in these energy-sensitive times, and therein lies the root of the red-tag problem.

Red-tagging is town hall patois for a stop-work order issued by the building inspector against a contractor for an alleged violation of the building code. In this case the builder, Residential Concepts, Inc., a development firm headed by Frye, departed from the plans approved by the building department and changed the structural design of the house without clearing

the change with town hall. That is a no-no, and when John Flanigan, town building inspector, caught the change on a routine visit, he blew the whistle.

Frye explained the structural problem but not the oversight on the code: "An experienced land surveyor laid out the Oldox house on a magnetic east-west axis instead of the true east-west axis required by the solar collection system. This forced us to redesign the roof structure (from a flat roof to a gabled roof). We had to correct for the magnetic deviation of 39 degrees, an unusual deviation for this area not shown on geodetic survey maps."

Last October the firm put the Oldox red-tag on the shelf in order to concentrate on more urgent projects. It has been idle since Oct. 1, but Frye plans to

take corrective action and get on with construction. That will only partially appease the neighbors, who consider the uncompleted house a visual blot on the street and who are not sure they're going to like it even when it's finished.

"The reason we went to solar on Oldox," says Frye, "was to develop expertise in an area we feel is the coming thing. We're the first builder in the Capital District to do this on speculation."

That approach is right in line with Frye's company, Residential Concepts, which leans toward sacrificing the pragmatic features of a house for the "beautiful esthetics." Frye cites an example: one Bethlehem house has a "magnificent library that is spectacular to view but is accessible only by ladder." Another example: a dining room separated from the kitchen by steps. This is a classic example of bypassing practicality, conventional traffic flow and "functional

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awareness"—not to mention economics—for the exotic. Frye's firm doesn't go that far: his interpretation is "utilizing standard modular materials available in the marketplace to create dramatic effects of design at low cost."

Residential Concepts was spawned while Frye and a former Delmar resident, Jay Barbas, were working for the Questor Group, a large development firm then headquartered at Woodlake on Schoolhouse Rd. With Barbas, the builder, as president, and Frye, the real estate broker and land "packager" as vice president, the firm was largely financed by Morton E. Jenkins, a Troy investor and businessman also at Questor. That was in July, 1974.

A year ago, with the Albany housing market sagging, Barbas pulled out to seek a better economy in Miami (he's now in Cherry Hill, N.J.). Since February, 1976, Frye has been president and the active partner. Jenkins, who was Questor's project manager in the building of the Albany Country Club, is vice president.

At 37, Frye refers to himself as a "land packager" rather than a builder. He came to Delmar from Yorktown Heights in Westchester, where he was a broker, builder and land developer. He studied fine arts and food preparation at the University of Paris, later earned an associate degree in civil technology from Western Connecticut College. He is married, has three children.

Residential Concept's "package" concept focuses on



John Flanigan

being the coordinator of the landscape architect, surveyor, engineers and municipal agencies. It is the latter role that makes Frye a familiar figure at Bethlehem planning board sessions, guiding such projects as Northwood Court (Slingerlands) and Springald Wood (Delmar) through the step-by-step procedures required for residential subdivisions, and occasionally facing the verbal barrages of citizens objecting to developers adding to the density of their communities.

Last month the planning board told Frye it would not consider Residential Concepts' final plat for the 34-lot Springald Wood project on Murray Ave. until he had regained the blessing of town building inspector John Flanigan. Last week Frye was back in the board room to say his company had disposed of its contractual interest in the 12-plus acres owned by Elizabeth Murray just north of the Delmar By-pass. The firm, he said, had exercised its purchase option, then assigned title to a new corporation, Springald Wood Development Corp.

Frye declined to identify the principals of the new corporation other than to say he himself is not involved. Residential Concepts, says Frye, will not be the builder nor will it develop the land, even though the planning board has approved the preliminary plat contingent on submitting a final plat within six months that meets town specifications and engineering documentation.

Frye indicated his firm sold

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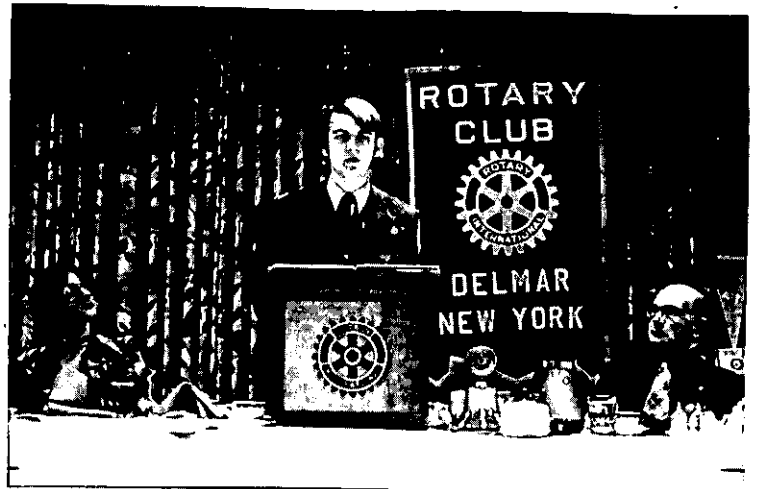
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Bethlehem Central seniors Andy Creighton, center and Jill Baker reported on their Rotary Club-sponsored trip to Washington at last week's Rotary meeting. During their Feb. 19-26 stay in Washington, the students participated in seminars and met President Jimmy Carter, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and other high-level government officials.

the option because it needed the money. In any event, he will be doing what his firm is designed to do: producing the engineering, the design and the documentation necessary to file a subdivision map with town hall and clear the way for construction. That's "land packaging"--leaving somebody else to do the building end.

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Martin is named for SUNY post

Dr. David W. Martin, who has been acting vice president for academic affairs at the State University at Albany since July 1976, has been nominated for the position of vice president for academic affairs at the university. The nomination, subject to approval by the board of trustees of State University of New York, was announced by President Emmett B. Fields.

Dr. Martin has been with the university in various capacities since 1959. He was named assistant vice president for academic affairs in October 1971. Earlier he had served for two years as director of summer sessions and special academic programs.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and of Union College, Dr. Martin received a Master of Arts in English from The University at Albany and a Doctor of Philosophy in education from the University of Connecticut. He taught English for six years in the Voorheesville Central School District before joining the faculty of The University at Albany. He lives in Coeyman's Hollow.

At Alaska post

Army Pvt. Cynthia L. Veltman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Veltman, 7 Crestwood La., Delmar, has been assigned to Headquarters Co., Ft. Richardson, Alaska. A physical activities specialist, Pvt. Veltman entered the Army last January. She is a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Teacher to be honored

Mrs. Melba Smith, teacher at the Slingerlands Nursery School, will be honored at a farewell reception April 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Slingerlands Methodist Church. All members of families whose children have attended the school are invited. For information, call Rhonda Ballou, 439-3078.

Needle guild meets

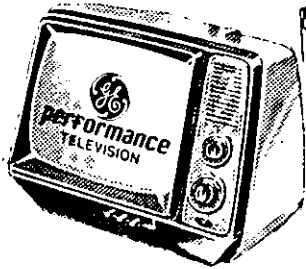
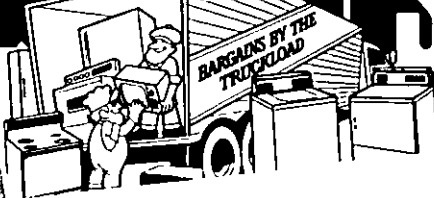
"Think What You Can Do With Your Needle," was the title of a slide lecture presented to members of the Capital District Chapter Embroiderer's Guild of America on Wednesday, April 20, at their regular monthly meeting in the Delmar Reformed Church by Nellie and Philip Bergh, international authorities.

Church dialogue set

"Monasticism - East and West" is the topic of the next in a series of dialogues between members of the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches of the area at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. The program will run from 3 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. The public is invited to participate.



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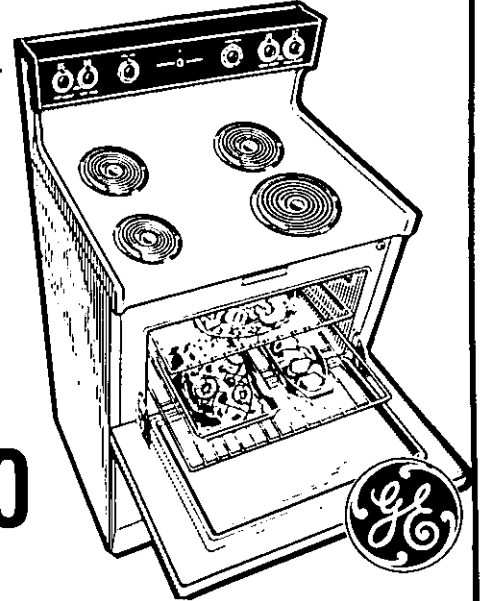
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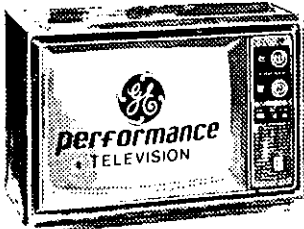
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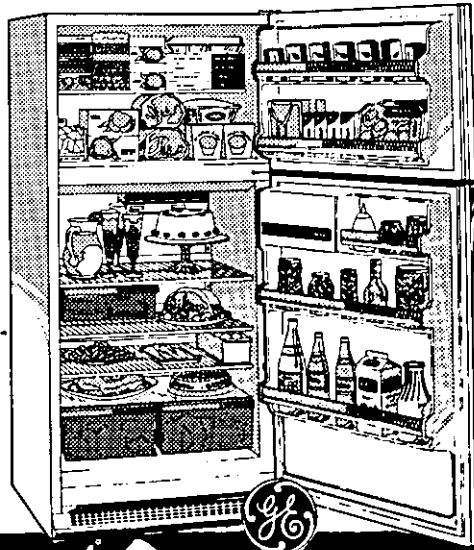
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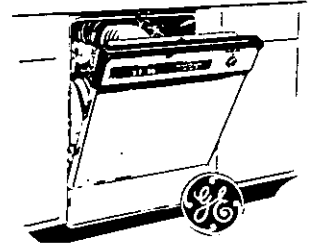


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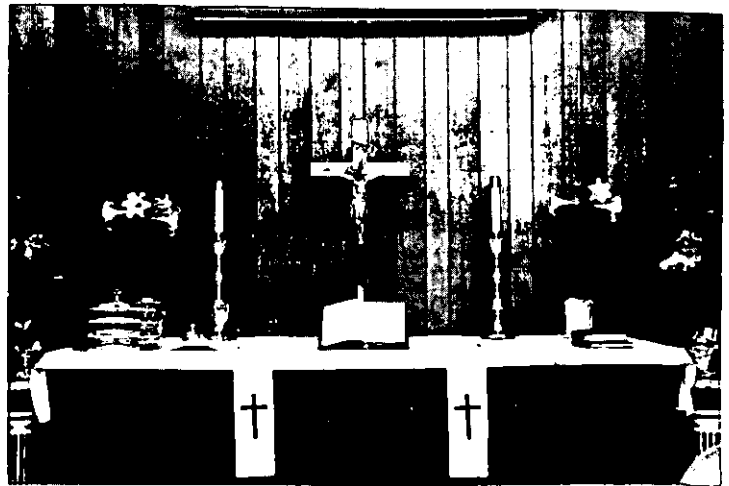
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Sunday marked another milestone in the life of this young congregation. Due to

the need for expansion into a total church program with Sunday school, adult Bible class and nursery facilities, the church has moved from The Bank community room to the Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Services are held at 11 a.m. with Sunday school and adult Bible class at 9:45 a.m.

'Games of chance' hearing date set

Bethlehem town board has set May 11 for a public hearing on a proposed local ordinance to permit non-profit organizations to operate games of chance.

The ordinance is sought by fire companies and churches for inclusion in their annual fund-raising carnivals and bazaars. A new state law has set up licensing procedures for such permits.

New Scotland residents will vote on the issue in a public referendum May 3.

Update on Israel

Albany Jewish Community Center will sponsor a series of lectures and discussions next month analyzing the Israeli political scene. The lectures are scheduled for May 11, May 16 and May 18 in connection with the important national election in Israel May 17. The series will be conducted by Gerald Sanders, an American raised and educated in Israel and veteran of the Yom Kippur War.

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Mrs. John Schmitt, left, with Mrs. Gerald Winn, and decorative pieces for church program next week. *Cheryl Marks*

New group formed by church women

Mrs. John Schmitt, a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration and a student of Doris Frye's, will present a program on early American decoration of tin and wood at the first meeting of a new women's organization in Delmar. "Showers of Blessings" will be the theme of the meeting of the Women's Fellowship of the Bethlehem Community Church at 8 p.m. Monday at the church on Elm Ave., Delmar.

Also on the program will be Mrs. Gerald Winn, who will present a message in song and spoken word, and Mrs. John Ainsworth, who will give musical renditions.

The monthly meetings of the new group will have a Christian message by a guest speaker, one of the women will share her hobby with the group, and there will be small group activities to facilitate sharing and getting acquainted. These meetings will be open and all women in the community are invited to participate in the non-denominational programs.



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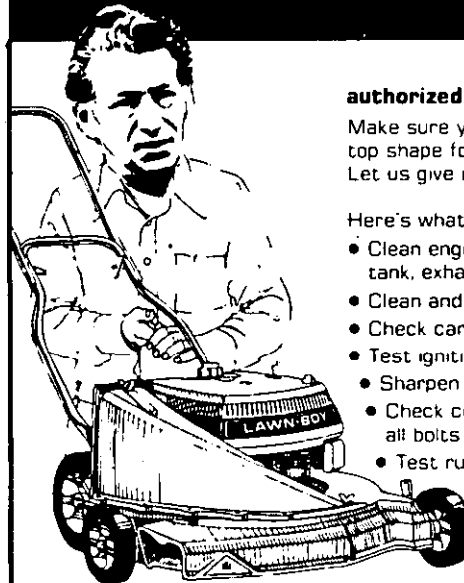
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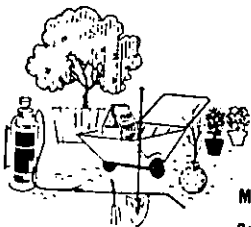
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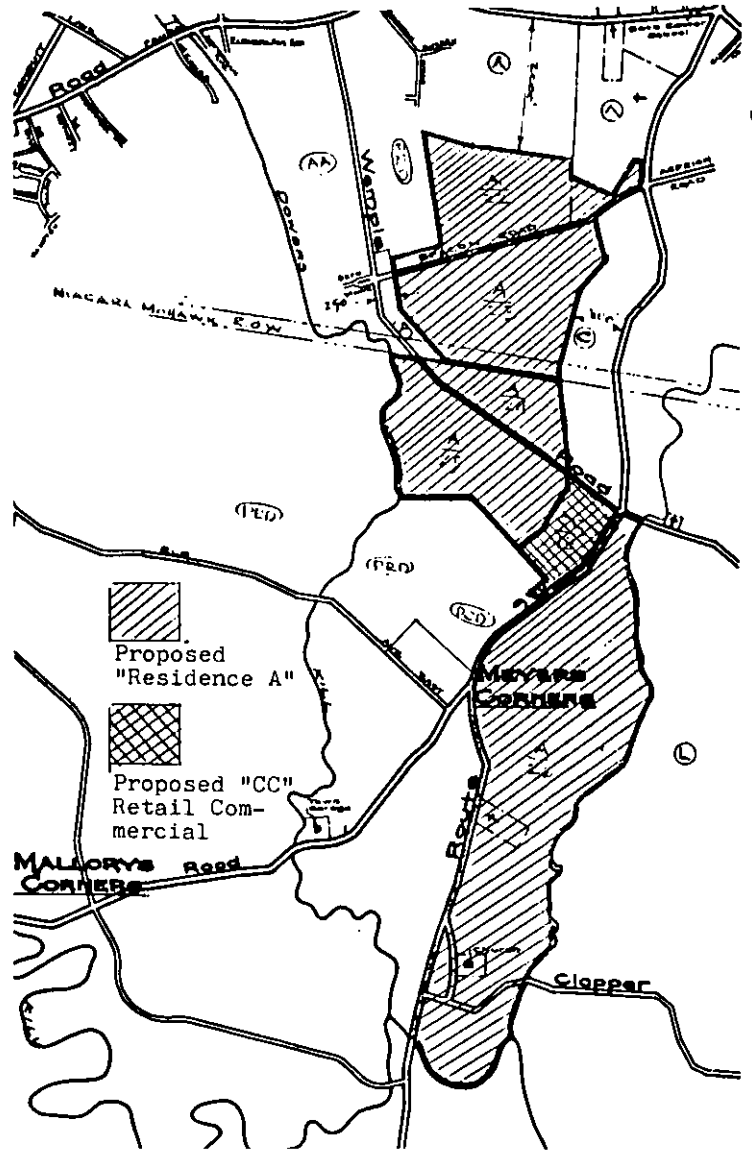


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**Zoning changes
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Two sections of Glenmont and Selkirk proposed for inclusion in Bethlehem's zoning ordinance will be the subject of a public hearing at the town hall in Delmar next Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Under consideration are three tracts in the general vicinity of Beacon Rd. and Wemple Rd., which have been recommended by the town planning board for the Residence-A zoning classification, and lands east of Rt. 9W above and below Meyers Corners between Wemple Rd. and a point south of Clapper Rd. The lands, predominately rural, currently are unzoned.

**Developers ask
OK on Westwood**

Final plans for a 61-lot residential subdivision on Albin Rd. north of the Delmar By-pass have been submitted to the Bethlehem planning board.

The Westwood development, located on a 22-acre tract in a Residential Double-A zone, is a project of the Built-More Contracting Corp. Double-A zoning permits single-family dwellings only.

The developers had previously been granted several extensions of the deadline for filing final plans following preliminary approval after a public hearing last June. The board now has 45 days to take formal action.



"Song of Hope" planners, from left: Mrs. Donald Bealko, Mrs. James Coon, Mrs. George J. Kawas, Mrs. Edward Rosenberg and Mrs. Elliot Saroff, all of Delmar.

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Women planning cancer concert

Ten Bethlehem residents are working on a major fund-raising for the Albany-Rensselaer unit of the American Cancer Society—a gala "Song of Hope" evening at the Troy Music Hall May 11. The program features Patricia Brady Danzig, widely known concert singer, the 75-voice Mendelssohn Club Chorus of Albany, and a 55-piece symphony orchestra conducted by Alfredi Cavaleri of the Bethlehem Central School staff.

Mrs. George J. Kawas of

Delmar is general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Louis Kattas and Mrs. Donald MacMillan of Slingerlands, Mrs. Beryl Frank of Glenmont and Mrs. Donald Bealko, Mrs. Arthur Cohen, Mrs. Vincent Sellitti, Mrs. James Coon, Mrs. Elliot Saroff, and Mrs. Edward Rosenberg of Delmar.

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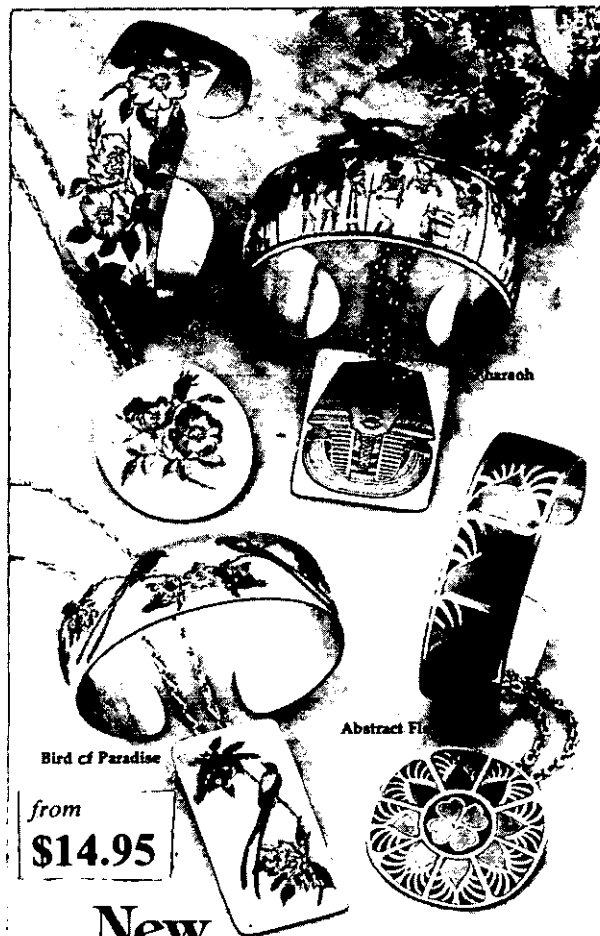
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By Allison P. Bennett

When Frederick Britt came back from his days of fighting in the Revolutionary War, he settled on a piece of property along what is now Rt. 32 in the town of Bethlehem near the junction of the present Waldenmaier Rd.

He must have developed a very productive farm, because the English Georgian style house that he built in 1801 is

not the typical farm home of the period, but a house of much pretention and generous size. The front is of brick, laid in Flemish Bond (alternate headers and stretchers), and the back and sides of the house are of native fieldstone. It sits on a slight rise above the highway and has a commanding view of the fields that were once under cultivation and given over to fruit orchards.

Frederick and his wife are buried on the crest of the knoll, in a family burial plot as was customary with farm people in the early years of our country. Frederick Britt's granite monument is marked with a bronze plaque, put there some years ago by the Sons of the American Revolution to denote that a Revolutionary War veteran is buried here. He is one of 20 such veterans who are buried

within the boundaries of the town of Bethlehem.

Frederick Britt was born May 2, 1745 and died Sept. 25, 1811. He served in the 1st Regiment, Ulster County Militia, under Col. Johannes Snyder. His wife was Helena Burhans, whose family also was among the early settlers in this area.

Walking up the sloping lawn you are struck with the beauty of the front entranceway to the house. There is a five-piece leaded fanlight above the door itself — the typical double Dutch door. The bottom and top parts are separate and can be opened and closed independently. There is a large iron knocker that was used to announce the coming of visitors long before doorbells were ever thought of. The entire entranceway is capped with a Grecian-style pediment, above which is a classical three-part Palladian window.

Inside there is a magnificent entrance hallway with a graceful stairway of white banisters, extending all the way to the third floor. This is in simple colonial style, but gives an elegant touch to the massive hallway. The mantels on the fireplaces in this house are especially unusual. Appearing on all of them are carvings of the fan, either partly or fully open. The floor plan is the typi-

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cal Colonial one of a central hall with two rooms opening from it, one on each side. Later residents, however, have added a huge, comfortably furnished farmhouse kitchen across the back of the house, which is entered from the hall by a heavy panelled door that was the original back door.

The floors are of wide-board native pine, nicely refinished, and the old windows are set into the deep stone walls. The hand-hewn beams and rafters of the attic and cellar are held in place by wooden pins.

The Charles J. Waldenmaier's have owned the house for 33 years, and their three children have grown up in this gracious home. What a wonderful place in which to raise children in a country atmosphere, but still be near a suburban environment — the best of both worlds!

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'Aging' lecture series planned

Understanding and planning for the needs of the older person will be the topic of four Wednesday night programs at the Delmar Reformed Church beginning April 27 at 7:30 p.m. The four speakers will be Sally Hume from Schenectady Community College talking on "Society and the Aging"; Jack Benson, field representative, of the State Office of Aging,

discussing "Alternatives to Living in the Home"; Faith Sandles, former director of the Schenectady Senior Citizens Service, discussing "Senior Centers as an Aid to Living Alone", and Rev. John Wagar, of the State Office of Aging talking on "Ministry with the Elderly."

For those who have an elderly person in the home or will have in the foreseeable future, a companion series of four programs will be held on Monday nights at the church beginning April 25 at 7:30. The practical aspects of caring for an elderly person will cover "Nutrition and Aging" with

Dorothy Diggins of the State Office of Aging, a film and discussion led by Lloyd Barnhart on physical fitness for the older person; "Health care in the Home," led by a registered nurse, and "Coping with the Emotional Side of Aging" led by Anne Flanigan, Capital District Psychiatric Center, Geriatric Division.

Detailed information about programs and speakers are available by calling the Delmar Reformed Church at 439-9929. Cost of the series of four lectures is \$4, or \$7 to attend all lectures. Pre-registration is

helpful in planning. The programs are sponsored by the Family Life Center of the Christ Community Church in Clifton Park.

Parents group elects

Barbara Cumm of Ravena has been elected co-president of the Air Force Academy Parents Assn. of Northeastern New York.

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includes a sit-down or take-out "soul food" lunch from 11-2 p.m., take-out soul food dinners 4-6, and a seated dinner with live entertainment, music, door prizes and contests from 6-9 p.m. Lunch tickets are \$2.50, dinner \$5. For reservations and information call 449-5155 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Workshop on values

A values clarification workshop for high school students and their parents will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas school auditorium. The program will be conducted by Mrs. Margie Wood of the consultation services center of the Albany Diocese. The fee for the program is \$1.50 per person. Reservations should be made by calling Fr. Weider, 439-4951, or Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gould, 439-9008.

Ravena fashion show

"Spring Fantasy" is the theme of the annual card party and fashion show sponsored by St. Patrick's Church, Ravena. Fashions by Your Place and Christopher's Alley of Plaza Del Sol and Forman's, Main St., Ravena, will be featured on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pieter B. Coeymans School, Coeymans. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

OCF grant brings Forsytes' return

On the Cover:

Edward Danner of Slingerlands, personnel director of Owens Corning Fibreglas Delmar plant, presents check for the Forsyte Saga grant to Art Singer, WMHT development manager.

An underwriting grant from the Owens-Corning Fibreglas Corp. Delmar plant will make possible the return to WMHT-17 of "The Forsyte Sage," the 26-episode dramatization that led the way in serialized evening programming. Based on the John Galsworthy novels, the series will have a special premiere on Thursday, May 5, at 9 p.m. and will be seen each Thursday thereafter at 8 p.m.

Walter Reed, Owens-Corning plant manager, said "involvement in this series offers us a unique opportunity to support our public television station, which offers the community alternative TV programming." According to WMHT President Don Schein, the mini-series was the first major acquisition by public television in 1969 and became one of the most watched television series in the world. "We are delighted," he said. "Owens-Corning Fibreglas Corp. has made it possible not only for the many fans of 'Forsyte Saga' to see it again, but for countless new viewers in the Capital District area to see this classic dramatic series for the first time."

"The Forsyte Saga" chronicles the history of a British family and all its members between the turn of the century and the 1920s.

In chamber concert

Karen Ranung of Slingerlands and Tita Cambareri of Delmar are among the vocal artists in a randomness concert Sunday at 2 p.m. sponsored by the Albany Eckankar Satsang Society at the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy.

Spaghetti for baseball

Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club will sponsor a spaghetti dinner April 23 for the benefit of the Voorheesville American Legion baseball team. Serving will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the gun club on Foundry Rd., Voorheesville.

Tea for newcomers

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold a Newcomers Tea Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. All new residents of the town of Bethlehem are invited. Members of Welcome Wagon will be present to describe their activities and those of the community.

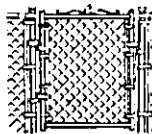
Camera club program

Delmar Camera Club will have a double program Tuesday at St. Stephen's Church parish house, Elsmere. A workshop at 7:30 p.m. will treat photo cropping, and a competition will be held at 8 p.m. for both slides and prints entitled "People Pictures." All are welcome.

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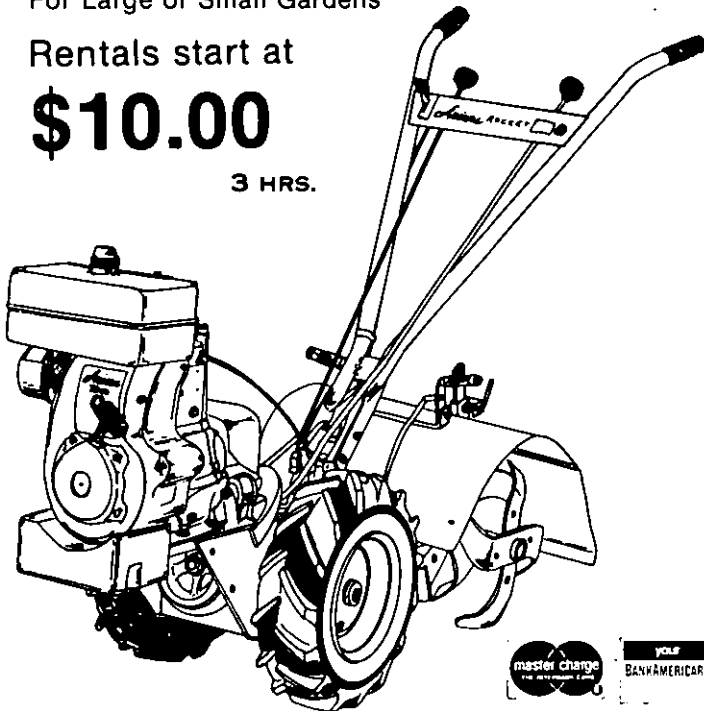
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BUSINESS

Baskin-Robbins to open May 9

The new owner of the newest store in the Baskin-Robbins ice cream network is in California starting an intensive three-week training program conducted by company headquarters.

Al Yezzi, well known Albany restaurateur, left last weekend for the Coast, preparatory to opening a Baskin-Robbins store at Delaware Plaza on May 9.

"This is something new and different for the Delmar area," he said before emplaning. "The ice cream is all hand-packed instead of manufactured ice cream machine-packed in bulk, and that makes a difference in the taste, more like home-made."

The company, which has franchised more than 1,700 stores across the nation, features 31 flavors in its logo, but Yezzi says it actually has more than that, including a "Flavor of the Month." The

Delmar store is one of very few in the Capital District, and is the forerunner of an expansion program in this area. The store will feature birthday cakes, ice cream cakes and frozen desserts as well as cones and hand-packed cartons.

Hamagrael fete plans novelties

Have you ever heard of a Pick-a-Pocket lady? She lets you pick her pocket and she has lots of 'em. The Pick A Pocket lady will be one of many attractions at the Hamagrael school carnival, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. She wears a fancy skirt and apron with lots of pockets. Her friends—most of them are kids—will pay her with 15-cent tickets for the privilege of choosing a pocket to pick. The pocket's prize becomes the child's.

There are attractions for adults, too. Carnival planners Gail Kruegler, who is chairman of the Hamagrael ways and means committee; and Sheila Fuller, co-chairman of the Hamagrael Home-School Assn., stress that adults will find something to do at the carnival while their children play games, go cake-walking, watch puppet shows and magic tricks. There will be a plant sale, used book sale and white elephant sale. Members of a committee headed by Ginny Aiezza have been working since winter on handcrafted items. Proceeds from the carnival will be used to construct a creative playground at the school.

On Extension program

Paul Jeffers of Slingerlands served as chairman of a recent orientation program for volunteers on the board and program committees of the Cooperative Extension Assn. of Albany County. Among the participants were John Ten Eyck of Voorheesville, vice president of the board of directors, and William Seymour of Delmar, member-at-large.

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Warner may add 'pee wee' football

Bethlehem Pop Warner Inc. directors are considering adding a football team to its program this fall. The new team would play in the PeeWee Division for boys 9-11 weighing 65-95 pounds.

Bethlehem currently has teams in the Junior Midget (ages 10-12, 80 to 100 pounds) and Midget (11-13, 95-125) leagues. Boys residing in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland are eligible to play. Boys from Ravenna and other nearby communities also are eligible if their localities do not have teams in their weight divisions.

Robert Verstandig, head coach of the Bethlehem squad, said the new entry would depend on the response. Inquiries should be directed to the league at PO Box 68, Delmar 12054, or phone Verstandig at 439-4502.

David O. Chambers of Slingerlands was elected to the board of directors at last week's April meeting of Bethlehem Pop Warner.

A reminder

Motor vehicles equipped with studded tires may not operate on New York State highways after Saturday, April 30.

'Cinderella' on stage

A children's theater group, the Merrimoppets of Schenectady, will stage "Cinderella" for children and their parents at Guggenheim Auditorium of the Institute of Man and Science, Rensselaerville, Sunday evening at 7:30. Tickets for the new version, emphasizing audience participation, are \$1 and 25 cents at the door.

Nursery benefit

A spaghetti supper for the benefit of the Tri-Village Nursery School will be held Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School, Delmar.

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'Pie Night' on Adams St.

Bethlehem teenagers enjoyed a versatile program on "Pie Night" at the Coffeehouse on Adams St. Saturday. On the stage during the evening were Joyce Shen on piano, Wade Komisar on guitar, a banjo-fiddle-guitar-song combo of Cheryl Hurwitz and Ed Stander, Diane Parker on folk

guitar, Matt Dunne and Andy Lawrence on guitars, and a comedy skit by Tom Schiff, Mark Schachne and Jana Bronstein. The Coffeehouse, a non-profit organization managed by high school students, featured a pie slice for each member of the audience. Cheryl Hurwitz was director of the program.

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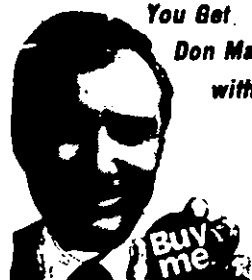
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Baseball stars coming

Bob Feller, former Cleveland pitching star and member of the Hall of Fame, and Bobby Richardson, former Yankees infielder, will appear at Siena College athletic recreational center April 29-30 on behalf of Big Brothers-Sisters of Albany County and community baseball. The event on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. is co-sponsored by

Community State Bank, Albany Dodge and Siena. Tickets at \$2 are available at Albany Dodge and Ticketron.

Diet benefit dinner

Diet Workshop will sponsor a full-course dinner and fashion show April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Colonie, for the benefit of the Leukemia Society. Donation is \$8, open to the public.

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Hospital names Delmar resident

Mrs. Margaret Lamitie of Delmar has been appointed director of social services for the Samaritan Service Corp. The corporation provided medical and non-medical supportive services for Child's Hospital, Child's Nursing Home and Nelson House, a residence for the well aged.

A native of Massachusetts, Mrs. Lamitie has been serving for the past two and one half years as Director of Social Services for both Albany County Nursing Home and Ann Lee Home. She has a masters degree in social welfare from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and is 1976-77 president of the Long Term Care Facilities Social Workers of New York. She resides at 8 Longwood Drive with her husband, Robert, and their three children.



Margaret Lamitie

Witnesses convene

Over 100 Jehovah's Witnesses from the Selkirk congregation were among the 1,800 delegates from 10 congregations in the Capital District who attended a two-day circuit convention at the

Empire State Plaza Convention Hall April 9 and 10.

Charles Henry, presiding overseer of the Selkirk congregation, Fred Luck, Scott Henry and D. Smith

participated in the program. Henry was assistant convention manager, and Donald Hoffman and Ronald Rieckman supervised convention departments.

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Marie Elena Filkins

Selkirk betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Filkins of Selkirk announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Elena, to Daniel J. Hillmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hillmann of Selkirk.

The prospective bride will graduate from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School in June. The groom-to-be was graduated from RCS and is employed by General Electric Plastics in Selkirk.

An Oct. 22 wedding is planned.

Delmar organist cited at concert

A composition by a Delmar organist-pianist has been included on the program of the Monday Music Club Chorus for its 116th concert Monday at 8 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art. The chorus will sing "Reflection," by Rachel Worth, who is the chorus' accompanist.

The chorus, directed by Karl Peterson, will sing nine other selections, including three by Rachmaninoff. Gary Aldrich, baritone well known in the area, will sing Italian art songs. The public is invited to a reception following the concert. Admission is \$2.50, students and senior citizens half price.

Flea market planned

Bethlehem Central Athletic Assn. is accepting rental space applications for its first annual flea market scheduled for May 14 at Bethlehem Central High School. The event will feature antiques, collectibles, crafts and household goods. For information, Mrs. Barbara Hodom, 439-4513, or Ed Nowak, 465-8137.

Bank manager named

Mrs. Diane Arnstein, a Delmar resident for the past two years, has been promoted to branch manager of the Delmar office of the Manufacturers' Hanover Bank and Trust Co. She joined the bank a year ago after eight months with the Albany Savings Bank. She succeeds Warren Mohr, branch manager for the past year and a half and now in the commercial loan department of the bank's Latham headquarters.

Mrs. Arnstein is a native of New Haven, Conn., and a graduate of Nasson College, Maine. Her husband, Thomas, is with Farm Family Insurance Co., Glenmont.

On campus drive

Cynthia Thompson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Everett Thompson, 24 Oak Rd., Delmar, a first-year student at Cottey College, Nevada, Mo., recently took part in special program that raised more than \$1,000 for three charities.

In bonsai show

The Mohawk-Hudson Bonsai Society, which holds its meetings in the National Commercial Bank community room in Delmar, will participate in the "World of Indoor Plants" show this weekend at the Schenectady Museum. Two members of the club, Mrs. Helen Breeze and Mrs. Alfred Jeffers, both of Slingerlands, will conduct a lecture-demonstration on the fundamentals of bonsai Friday at 3:30 p.m. President of the club is Roger Israel, 439-6183.

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Aquatic school slated for June

A school to train instructors in aquatics, first aid and small craft safety will be sponsored by the Red Cross and held at the YMCA Camp Chingachgook in Pilot Knob, Lake George about 70 miles north of Albany. The school runs June 24-30 and the \$80 fee covers room, board, books and materials.

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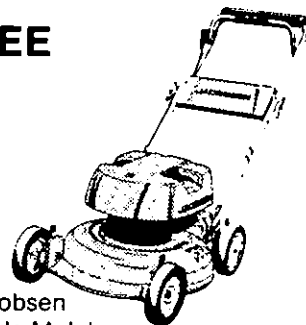
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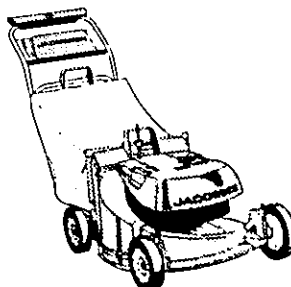


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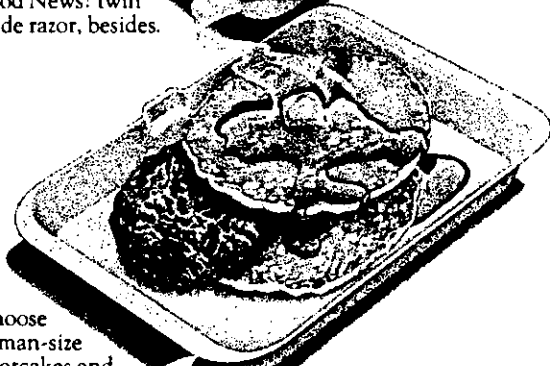
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He also is a director of the Albany Symphony Orchestra and trustee of St. Peter's Hospital and St. Gregory's School, Loudonville. A graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Dr. Manion holds an MBA degree from Boston College, and doctor's degrees from Bryant College and Clark University.

Manion is named to bank board

Dr. Thomas A. Manion of Delmar, president of The College of St. Rose, has been appointed a director of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company. Dr. Manion is chairman of the Regents Regional Advisory

St. Matthews card party

St. Matthew's Altar-Rosary Society is sponsoring its annual card party tonight (April 21) at 8 at the old parish hall in Voorheesville. Admission is \$1.25. Prizes and refreshments are on the program, headed by Agnes Tucker, 765-4427.

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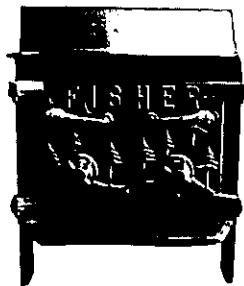
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Spotlight in retrospect

April 18, 1957

Among those working on arrangements for the fashion show and party sponsored by the St. Thomas Rosary Society are Mrs. Agnes Woollard, who will bring fashions from the Rosewood Shop, Mrs. Jack Baxter, chairman for the show, and Mrs. James Glavin, commentator.

The Delsmere Food Market at 449 Delaware Ave. opposite the Delmar Grade School is advertising First Prize tenderized hams, whole or shank half, at 65 cents a pound, 'ground fresh to your order.'

April 19, 1962

Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke has called the first meeting of the citizens' advisory committee for sewer extensions for Thursday at the town hall.

Direct dialing on long distance telephone calls will start Monday in the Capital

District, meaning subscribers can call distant points almost as easily as making a local call. To make the system possible the U.S. and Canada have been divided into approximately 150 areas, each with a three-digit dialing code. The Albany metropolitan area has been assigned the digits 518 as its 'area code.'

April 20, 1967

Jeff Anderson, a gangling 12-year-old boy with a shock of red hair tumbling over his forehead and with multitudinous freckles, plays the pivotal character in the comedy, 'The Happy Time,' being presented by Slingerlands Community Players at Bethlehem Central High School.

Mrs. Ann Forbes Greenough Richards of New Salem and John Loucks Jr. of Feura Bush have been appointed to fill vacancies on the New Scotland planning board created by the resignations of Paul Starker and Donald Chase. Chase has been named justice of the peace for the town.

Officers of the Slingerlands fire department installed at the annual banquet Saturday included Chief, R. Collins; first

assistant, J. Flanigan; second assistant, W. Lenhardt, and third assistant (fire police), H. Labrum. Officers for the newly formed rescue squad are W. Peters, captain, and R. Pastori, lieutenant.

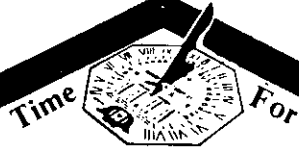
Lyric soprano coming

The Music Group of the Delmar Progress Club will present Grace DiBattista, Lyric soprano of Clifton Park, in a recital Monday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Miss DiBattista, a graduate of Eastman School of Music, was awarded a Town Hall recital in New York City by the Concert Artists Guild, held a Tanglewood scholarship and



Grace DiBattista

has many local credits. She will be accompanied by Joann Rautenberg, Schenectady pianist.

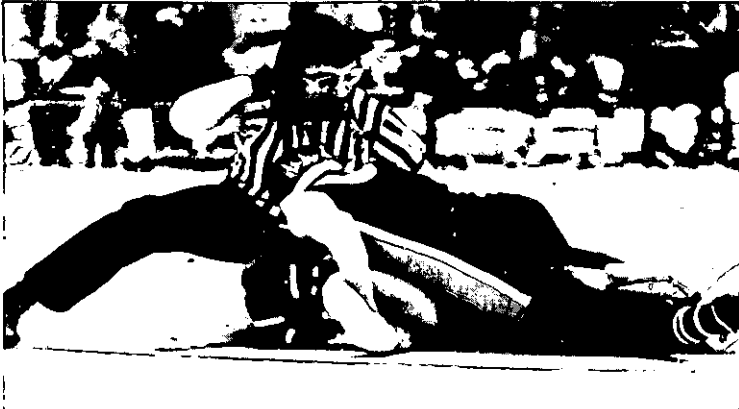


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BC going more to the mat



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Brian Winne, a junior, working on a pin on BC mat.

Bethlehem Central's wrestling program is picking up momentum on all levels from pee-wee to varsity, which leads to wider participation and possibly the glory of championships in the future.

The Eagles came up with a well-balanced team this year, won 11 of 15 dual meets, were 7-2 in the Suburban Council and fifth in the Sectional Class A meet, in which Bethlehem was the host. The team lost second place in the Council to Shenendehowa by two points. The junior varsity was 13-2, the freshmen 8-1.

But in the view of Rick Poplaski, who did his college wrestling at Brockport State, these numbers are not as important as the number of boys—more than 50—wrestling on those three teams. "It's a building process, and it's really starting to take hold," he observed.

Just as significant is the Saturday morning "pee-wee" program for elementary and middle school aspirants. Here Rick gets help from three former BC wrestlers who now attend nearby colleges, Mark Quagliari, Dave Essex and Tom Tomlinson. On Saturday the mighty mites will get a taste of interscholastic competition when Rick and the boys take them to a tournament in Niskayuna.

BC's varsity prospects get brighter every year. Of the 17 lettermen on this year's team, 11 are due back next season. "There's an exceptional crop of sophomores coming up, including seven letter winners," beams Rick. "In many respects our seniors are good wrestlers, but we are lucky to have so much potential to fill in."

High on the list are Brian Bourque, a sophomore who played nose-guard tackle on the 1976 football varsity. Bourque, wrestling in the 177-pound class, had the best record on the team at 26-9. Another fine prospect is Jimmy Hansen in the 98-pound class, who was 11-4 until illness took him out of the last three weeks of the season.

Other strong wrestlers are Paul Clyne, a 112-pound junior who was 15-10, a 91-pounder named Mike Drumm, who didn't start wrestling until January, then went 13-4 and finished third in the Class A meet, and Lane McMillen, a junior, who was 15-8 in the super-heavy (250) class. Two fast-developing sophomores are Robert Bers, 22-9 at 105 pounds, and Scott Junco, 17-7 in the 145-pound class who got a third in the Class A tournament.

"A lot depends on their physical growth in the off-season," says Poplaski. "If they



Andrew L. Jones.

Jim Hanson of BC gets a grip on things at 98 pounds.

come back with weights distributed right, we'll have another fine team," indicating that if several of his bright prospects come in at the same weight, it's like having two top quarterbacks who can't play anywhere else. Such is wrestling.

Among the departing seniors are two four-year wrestlers, Anthony Mauro at 126 and Steve Zoota at 132. Both co-

captains, Mauro and Bernie McHugh, 155, placed in the Class A meet, and Marshall Richer, operating at 167, got a third.

Poplaski, a social studies teacher, has coached wrestling for 10 years, nine of them at BC. He took over the varsity from Gene Fitzpatrick four years ago. John Sodergren coaches the jayvees and Jim Guiliano the freshmen

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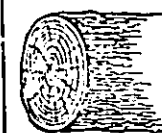
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A citizen's right

Editor, The Spotlight:

Wednesday night, April 13, 1977, should be remembered for a long time in the Town of Bethlehem, but will it be? Have the people of Bethlehem become so accustomed to the behavior of the supervisor and his town board on walking out each time a citizen wishes to say something that they do not want to hear?

At issue is whether a supervisor and town board can violate the first amendment of the Constitution and the first article of the State Constitution which guarantees every citizen the right to petition their government.

Why in Bethlehem should it be necessary for a citizen to have to seek relief in Federal Court for so shocking a trespass as illegal search and seizure?

It would seem to me that an elected official has the duty and the moral obligation to listen to citizens' complaints, especially when it involves a department in town government for which they have responsibility.

Without regard to the merits of Mr. Bleau's complaint, he has the right to be heard.

Glenmont Edward J. Mocker

'Bumping' a teacher

Editor, The Spotlight:

The board of education of the Bethlehem Central Schools is once again challenged to balance a budget and must consider several possibilities, one of which may be reduction of the Middle School physical education program. I realize projected enrollment declines probably will necessitate some modification in current physical education programs and I don't think that physical education should escape scrutiny in light of other vital "special area" curtailments. Unfortunately, our children's needs have not been similarly reduced!

However, I am devastated to think what the elimination of the program at the Middle School level will mean to our present program at Elsmere. The possibility that Elsmere and the district may lose Mr. Peter Hogan makes my blood boil!

Pete Hogan is more than an outstanding physical education teacher. His commitment to elementary school children and their individual problems and abilities is unequalled. His personal appearance and attitudes provide a quality example for our students and help them to identify with his wholesomeness and sensitivity. His dedication to the establishment of an Outdoor Learning Center at Elsmere has necessitated that he commit time and manual labor to evening and weekend work sessions with parents. His classes are open forums for student communication and interaction. His teaching techniques demand that each



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child develop a personal responsibility to himself and respect for the achievements of others no matter how limited.

The loss of Mr. Hogan would be a tremendous setback not only for Elsmere but for the entire district! If this should happen and Mr. Hogan's bumping should result in termination, what do we at Elsmere tell our children? Will they comprehend that their idol and nucleus of their school environment is reduced to a number by teachers' contracts and state laws, and that his number is up? Can we in good conscience continue to teach our children that excellence and accomplishment pay off and have their just rewards? Can we as parents and taxpayers continue to swallow the fact that we have little to say about retaining superior teachers if they are not the winning number in the employment lottery? The elimination of Pete Hogan at Elsmere after five years of service would be tragic. Are seniority rules so inflexible throughout this state that teachers can no longer be judged and retained based on their professional abilities?

Carol Lynn Budliger

Elsmere

Ashamed of action

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a 50-year resident of the town of Bethlehem and a business man of the community for better than 36 years, I was amazed and appalled to read in the Times-Union the story of the town board refusing the right of one of our citizens and his attorney to be heard at its meeting Wednesday night, April 13. It is the inherent right of every citizen of this or any other community in this great country to express his opinion, especially to those who are supposedly elected to serve us.

I have no personal knowledge whether the accusations of Mr. Bleau and his attorney, Mr. McGinn, are factual or not, but I strongly support their right to present

any facts that they feel pertinent to the elected body who are responsible for the actions of all the employees of the municipality. To ignore the petition of these men to speak is a travesty on our form of government and the "Sunshine Law" that all elected representatives of the people are sworn to uphold. If such was the information to be discussed that an executive session of the board was in order, it appears that this was also not to be, as members of the board prepared to leave as soon as the meeting was adjourned.

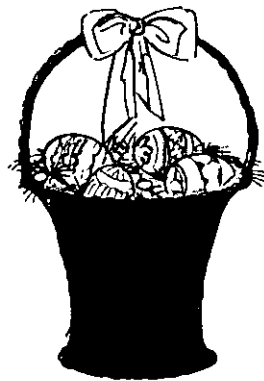
It is with personal knowledge that I am happy to be able to say that not all elected bodies operate in this fashion. For the past 18 years I have been fortunate enough to be an elected member of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk board of education and am now serving as its vice president. There have been many times in those years that a citizen attended a meeting to speak on something that perhaps the members would rather not have spent time on, but no one has ever been denied the right to speak and express their opinion and if it were deemed to be necessary that an executive session was in order, one was held at that time. For the members of the town board of Bethlehem, some of whom I have known personally for many years, to allow this situation to occur is, in my opinion, a direct slap at all of the citizens of the town and especially to the members of the Republican party, who have elected all of them to their positions. I am one of the members of that party and very much ashamed of the action taken.

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