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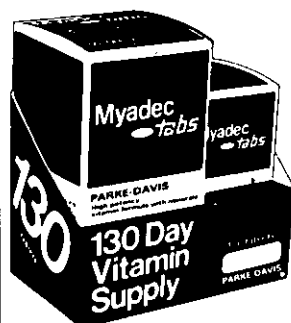
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Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave. Delmar.

The Albany County Pistol Club, 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 Library. For information 872-0068.

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

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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 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.

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THURSDAY, MAY 5

Film: "Mischief," Voorheesville Library, 4-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

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

Rummage Sale sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of North Bethlehem Fire Dept., North Bethlehem Firehouse, Schoolhouse Rd., 4-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Plant and Flower Sale, sponsored by Helderview Garden Club, Grand Union in Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rummage Sale sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of North Bethlehem Fire Dept., North Bethlehem Firehouse, Schoolhouse Rd., 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Craft Fair sponsored by Bethlehem Teacher's Assn., benefit scholarship fund, BCHS.

Garage and Bake Sale sponsored by New Salem Fire Dept. Auxiliary, New Salem Firehouse, Rt. 85A, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Garden Day, free composted leaves, wood chips, soil tests, evergreen seedlings, bring strong containers. Bethlehem Town garage, Elm Ave., East, Selkirk, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chicken and Biscuit Supper, sponsored by Women's Guild, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, servings 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. Reservations 768-2213.

MONDAY, MAY 9

Annual meeting, Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

Lecture series, "Health Care in the Home," Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Slingerlands School PTA, 7:30 p.m. Discussion of home-school organizations vs. PTA.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Drama Group of Delmar Progress Club, dinner-theatre at Italian-American Club, reservations only, 439-5195.

Delmar Camera Club, slide-lecture "1000 miles up the Nile," St. Stephen's Church, 8 p.m. All welcome.

WWI Veterans luncheon, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, noon.

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**Lecture Series, "Alternatives to
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Benson, NYS Office of Aging,
Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30
p.m.

Weight Watchers Open House,
Grace United Methodist Church,
Ravena, 8 p.m. Free.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Clarksville
Firehouse, 1-6 p.m.

Lecture "Non-Prescription Drugs,"
Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Spring Music Festival, Bethlehem
Middle School, 8 p.m.

**Ladies Auxillary of Elsmere Fire
Co.,** Elsmere Firehouse, 8 p.m.

Film: "The Lorax," Voorheesville
Library, 4-4:55 p.m.

Ladies Auxillary of Delmar Fire Co.,
Delmar Firehouse, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Elsmere School Fair, Elsmere
School, 5-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Glenmont School Carnival,
Glenmont School, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Library's Birthday Party, puppet
show and refreshments, Bethlehem
Library, 2 p.m.

Bird Walk for beginners, Five Rivers
Center, Game Farm Rd., 10 a.m.

**Tri-Village Welcome Wagon
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THEATER

"The Killing of Sister George," contemporary comedy, Junior
College of Albany Theatre Arts Dept., 140 New Scotland Ave.,
April 29-30, May 6-7, 8 p.m. \$2, students \$1.50 445-1725.

"Cabaret," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., May 4-8, May
11-15, 8:30 p.m. (Sundays 7:30). Box office 462-1297.

"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.

MUSIC

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

University-Community Symphony Orchestra, with student
concerto winners soloists, State University Performing Arts
Center, May 10, 8:30 p.m. Free, reservations 457-8606.

Guy Lombardo and Royal Canadians, special salute to Mother's
Day, Colonie Coliseum Summer Theatre, May 8, 5 p.m.
\$5.50, \$6.50 at box office 10-5 weekdays, 11-4 Saturdays.

ART

4th Annual Quilt and Fabric Show, The Arts Center, 1069 New
Scotland Ave., Albany, through June 6, Monday-Friday 9-5,
Saturday 9-1.

Exhibit, illustrations and paintings of Mary McCaffrey,
Rensselaer Newman Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett
Ave., Troy, through May 31, 10-10 daily.

FILM

Audubon Wildlife Film, "The Marsh--a Quiet Mystery," Niskayuna
High School auditorium, May 10, 8 p.m. \$2, students 75 cents.

"The Caine Mutiny," Humphrey Bogart, Van Johnson, Schacht
Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, May 8, 7:30 p.m. 270-
2332.

HISTORIC TOUR

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bethlehem school budget: a license for free spending

Whatever hopes Bethlehem's tax-battered residents had that their school board would continue last year's conservative budget policies for another year vanished last week in the wake of public apathy and the pleas of a citizens' clique organized to save teachers' jobs.

As a result, the most expensive school system in Eastern New York will get more expensive than ever next year, despite continuing decline in pupil enrollment.

Last week the board adopted a budget of \$11,069,000, up \$301,000 from the current budget. The tax rate for residents in the town of Bethlehem will jump from the

present \$118.65 to a minimum of \$121.93 and possibly as high as \$122.79. Because of changes in the equalization formula, New Scotland residents in the school district will actually get a reduction, somewhere between \$7.71 to \$8.54 off the present \$187.15. New Scotland provides about 6 percent of the district's total tax base.

"There are cuts that could have been made, but it's apparent that this community doesn't want to make cuts. They want the luxuries, exploratory arts, and free guitar lessons," commented freshman board member Robert Zick of Glenmont. "I only had one letter saying we should make reductions."

Widespread public apathy, a familiar pattern in Albany's most affluent "bedroom community" that takes a free-spending school program for granted, was even more apparent while the school budget was being hammered out this year. Despite repeated appeals by the school board for citizen input on budget items, district taxpayers stayed away by the thousands. On June 1 they will have a vote, along with a lot of other people who don't have to pay the taxes, on whether to accept the new \$11-million budget, but it's already too late to put much of a brake on the spending for next year.

Even a questionnaire mailed to 5 percent of the district's

voters---every 20th name on the list---failed to get much response. More than a third of the recipients ignored the survey.

Last month board members worked their usual long hours to find ways to keep the costs down, despite the realization most Bethlehem residents didn't care how many luxuries they wrote into the school system. For a while things looked hopeful: a week before the target date for completion of the new budget board members reportedly had agreed to include four "team" teachers and two physical education teachers from the Middle School faculty among the staff cutbacks to reflect dwindling enrollments. Overall, the budget would show the needed staff reduction to counter a jump in fuel costs and other operating expenses. The tax rate increase would be a modest \$1.40 per thousand for town of Bethlehem residents.

Then came the "Save Peter" demonstration by a group of badge-wearing Elsmere School parents. About 50 parents appeared at the April 20 board meeting and pleaded with the board to retain Peter Hogan, a physical education teacher whose youth and popularity wasn't enough to overcome the fact that he was at the bottom of the seniority list and would lose his job in the cutbacks. The board wilted; when it met the following Monday to put the final stamp on the budget it

Bethlehem School Budget at a glance

EXPENDITURES	1975-76 Actual	1976-77 Actual	1977-78 Budget
General Support	\$1,430,271	\$1,387,188	\$1,580,925
Instruction, Administration	6,120,210	6,101,865	6,161,238
Pupil Transportation	508,015	482,319	542,071
Emp. Benefits, Debt Service	2,525,474	2,652,201	2,650,889
Library Debt Service	139,800	135,750	131,700
Community Services	10,350	9,300	3,100
Total	\$10,734,120	\$10,768,623	\$11,069,923
REVENUES			
From State Sources	\$3,017,328	\$2,894,943	\$2,907,350
From Property Taxes	7,057,462	7,489,765	7,800,713
Other	659,330	374,915	361,860
Total	\$10,734,120	\$10,768,623	\$11,069,923

quickly restored the two Middle School phys-ed positions required to save Hogan's job, and because it wouldn't look well to keep the gym overstaffed in the face of classroom cuts, it restored two of the four team-teaching jobs. Hogan's job was saved, but there was no one in the room to save the taxpayers from \$78,000 flowing back into the budget and the tax increase jumping from an acceptable \$1.40 to approximately \$3.70 for taxpayers residing in Bethlehem. As a result, the budget for teachers and staff, which represents some 60 percent of the entire budget, jumped \$59,000 over last year's figure instead of showing a slight reduction.

This turn of events riled John H. Clyne, the board's senior member and longtime champion of conservatism and of "the silent majority"—the taxpayers who are resigned to paying whatever tab the board runs up. "They (the board) are

not being honest," he said. "They're glossing the tax rate by inflating the anticipated revenue, and they are patsies for pressure groups."

Clyne, often the critic in board decisions, said the district was "grossly overstaffed" in music, guidance, physical education and other special services. "But these things are sacred," he complained. "In Peter Hogan we may have the only \$70,000 physical education teacher in the state."

Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn said the staff reductions include two teachers in Grades 1-5, elimination of one-half a position by dropping one kindergarten section, and eliminating half a music teaching position in the elementary level. Cuts in the Middle School sector include two 6th grade team teachers and fractional cuts in language, exploratory arts, remedial reading and phys-ed. The cutdown in the high school totalled only 2.4, plus

Bethlehem budget highlights

- Last year the total budget was up \$34,503, or 3/10ths of one percent. This year it is up \$301,300, or 2.8 percent.

- Last year the teaching and district staff budget was cut by \$18,345. This year it is up \$59,373.

- Last year the enrollment fall-off from October '75 to October '76 was 188. The district projects a further drop of 142 by October '77.

- Last year's budget eliminated the equivalent of 18 teaching positions and six staff

positions, plus five noon-hour aides and one-half the part-time painting crew. This year the board has eliminated the equivalent of nine and a fraction teaching positions, one full-time and two part-time aides, and no staff positions.

- The tax rate for Bethlehem residents is \$118.65, for New Scotland residents \$187.15. The Bethlehem rate increase is estimated between \$3.28 and \$3.86. Because of equalization changes, the estimated New Scotland rate will drop between \$7.71 and \$8.54.

"tightening up on some of the smaller classes."

Economies in Operations and Maintenance section of the budget have been offset by sharp increases in fuel costs, Zinn said. The district anticipates a 10 percent increase in natural gas costs, 9 percent in electric rates and 30 percent in fuel oil. The system averages 450,000 gallons of oil per year. "We were short on oil budgeting this year," observed Zinn, "and it's a very iffy situation for next year. A severe winter or supply problems could hurt us seriously." Other cost jumps were in telephone (up 12.8 percent) and insurance.

To keep the transportation budget in line, the district this year will hook approximately

10 of its 27 buses to block heaters and store them outdoors instead of leasing space for indoor parking. Over the past several years the schools have been able to eliminate five driver positions through route consolidations.

Board is eager to explain budget

Bethlehem board of education members are eager for any opportunity to explain and discuss the proposed school budget they have adopted for next year. District residents will vote on the \$11,069,923 budget on June 1.

District residents and community groups may get detailed information on any or

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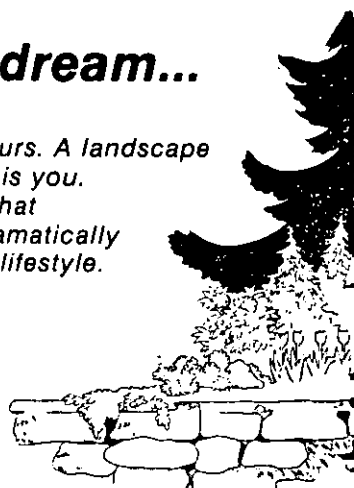
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- Attending the board's business meeting on May 18 at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl. Delmar. Queries from the public were also welcomed at this week's board meeting.

- Attending a "Meet the Candidates" program sponsored by the League of Women Voters on May 24 at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. The program will include a school budget presentation.

- Attending the annual meeting on May 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

- Calling either of these "hotline" numbers: 439-4921, Ext. 269 or Ext. 227.

- Calling the director of public information at 439-4921, Ext. 269, to request that arrangements be made for representatives of the school board or administrative staff to attend meetings of school, community or neighborhood groups "no matter how small."

A six-page issue of "Central Highlights," containing a budget outline, answers to some specific budgetary questions and information about the candidates for the school and library boards, will be mailed to all school district residents by the middle of May.

At the annual election on June 1, residents will cast ballots on the proposed school and library budgets and on candidates for both boards. Voting will take place at the Middle School on Kenwood Ave. between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

No pre-registration for voting is required. Eligible voters must be at least 18 years of age, United States citizens and residents of the Bethlehem School District for at least 30 days prior to June 1. When voters sign the registration books at the polls, they are legally attesting to their eligibility on these three counts.

Bloodmobile coming

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for a visit to the Clarksville fire house Wednesday, May 11, from 1 to 6 p.m.

BETHLEHEM

Board candidates to run unopposed

New state mandates that require an increased number of signatures on a filing petition have so effectively discouraged citizens from making an effort to serve on school district and library boards that incumbent Bethlehem candidates appear to be a walk-in for new terms.

When this issue of the Spotlight went to press on Monday, only a few hours remained before the deadline for filing for posts on the Bethlehem board of education and the Bethlehem Public Library board, and there was no sign of any challengers to the present occupants.

As a result, Bernard E. Harvith of Delmar will run unopposed for a three-year term on the school board. Harvith, completing a five-year term, served as president of the board in 1975-76. The terms were changed last year from five years to three.

By the same token the occupants of the three library board seats need only one ballot apiece to win reelection. By a strange quirk, all three are serving by appointment to fill vacancies of unexpired terms caused by resignations.

The five library board seats traditionally observe geographic representation, thus William Seymour has filed for a full five-year term in the Clarksville seat vacated a few weeks ago by John Dearstyne, who earlier had been appointed to succeed Raymond Stout, who had resigned.

Stephen Aronson of Delmar is running for the so-called Elsmere seat, which has two years left in the term. Aronson was appointed earlier in the year when Dr. Norman Hulme resigned. Mrs. Kay Spangler was expected to file over the weekend for the seat she's been filling by appointment following the resignation of Mrs. Florence Newell. The term for this seat, considered the "Glenmont seat," has three more years to run.

Breast check program

The Regional Breast Cancer Program and the American Cancer Society will sponsor a free breast examination clinic May 24-26 from 6-9 p.m. at the oncology clinic of the Albany Medical College, 47 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Appointments are necessary. Information call 445-5036.

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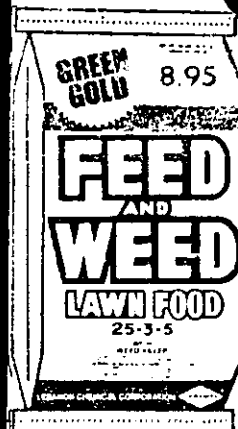
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L.I. bank tests housing 'climate'

For most of two decades, housing developers have had their eyes on "the old Ryan farm" stretching over nearly 90 acres beyond the end of North St. in Delmar. In that period several investor-formed corporations have been in and out of various plans until one of them went broke and lost the property in a bank foreclosure.

Last week, after being dormant for a number of years, the old Ryan farm bobbed up at the Bethlehem planning board's weekly meeting. Donald Selee, a Guilderland land surveyor, and Lindsay Boutelle, a Delmar land surveyor, showed up to discuss plans for a 236-lot residential subdivision they called Patroon Village. The owner of the land or the proposed developer were not identified.

Later Selee told the Spotlight he and Boutelle were representing the Guardian Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of Northport, L.I., which, he said, was preparing an appraisal of the tract the association had taken over via foreclosure. "We're taking the process one step at a time, just testing the climate," he said. "We are preparing to make a formal application for preliminary approval of a site plan."

The acreage lies within three different zoning classifications, Residential-Double A, Residential-A and Residential-B. Planning board members pointed out the geography has had a serious traffic problem as a potential deterrent to any proposed subdivision, "because all this traffic would dump into North St. and Hudson Ave." Boutelle said studies would be made to determine the feasibility of alternate access routes.

In an unrelated matter, the board deferred action after a public hearing on Westchester Park Extension No. 1, a proposed eight-lot single-family residential subdivision

planned by Louis and Stella Dempf off McGuffey La. No objections to the proposal were expressed at the hearing.

BETHLEHEM

Emotions mixed in zoning shift

The reactions of individual residents to zoning proposals are directly related to their individual interests, a pattern of human nature that brought mixed commentary at a public hearing in Bethlehem town hall last Wednesday.

On the docket were proposals by the town board to zone several tracts of Glenmont and Selkirk in the general area of Wemple Rd., Beacon Rd. and Rt. 9W that currently are classified rural unzoned. All but a small parcel were recommended for Residential-Single A. The exception is a parcel on the southwest corner of Wemple Rd. and Rt. 9W slated to be zoned Commercial-CC.

Two residents opposed the plan as detrimental to their investments in property, two others favored the plan for similar reasons.

The board took no action pending further study with members of the town planning board. Members are expected to adopt the zoning proposals with possible slight revisions.

The board also set May 25 for a public hearing on a proposal to designate a section of land in the area of Jericho Rd. and Elm Ave. as a Residential-A zone. The segment currently is unzoned.

NORTH BETHLEHEM

Town exploring sewer extension

The Bethlehem town board has made formal inquiries to the city of Albany and the town of Guilderland as part of a preliminary study of a possible sewer system extension in North Bethlehem.

Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer said letters have gone out to Mayor Erastus Corning of Albany and Supervisor Carl

Walters of Guilderland requesting data on their sewer systems, which are adjacent to an unsewered area in the extreme northern end of the town of Bethlehem. A possible alternative to extending the Bethlehem system north would be a hookup to Albany or Guilderland.

Bethlehem currently has a federal grant financing a study of the need for sewers in unsewered areas of the town.



Jerry Passer

A new 'educator' for Five Rivers

Jerry Passer of Scotia has been named the associate conservation educator at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, replacing Robert Budliger who is now with the Verplanck Environmental Center in Fishkill. Passer's job as assistant director of conservation education and director of the bureau of education for the Department of Environmental Conservation was abolished in state budget cuts effective March 30, and according to state bumping procedures, he assumed Budliger's role April 1. In his former position he helped develop this center and hired Budliger for the position he has since taken over.

While Passer was the assistant director of conservation education and director of the bureau of education he had administrative responsibilities for four Department of Environmental Conservation centers including Five Rivers

and Verplanck, three summer conservation camps, and the summer Forest Parks Interpretation Program.

Passer was graduated from SUNY at Oswego with a BS in elementary education and industrial arts education and holds an MS in biology and science education from Syracuse University, where he won a National Science Foundation scholarship. He taught for seven years in New York schools.

Activities at the Center will continue as before, although Passer would like to see the Center pursue a closer relationship with the Division of Fish and Wildlife, which shares the property with Five Rivers. He hopes the Center is successful in augmenting the present staff with college work-study students, and he will be encouraging groups to make more use of the outdoor amphitheatre.

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Neighbors joining in tree project

There are 92 new potential locations for tree houses in the town of Bethlehem following a massive tree planting in Elm Estates. Richard Scott, president of the Elm Estates Homeowners Assn., and Donald Leonardo consulted with the town's tree planting committee on purchasing the trees, their delivery and the planting.

Mrs. Edward McCaffrey of Glenmont, chairman of the town tree planting committee, and Martin Cross, superintendent of highways, worked with the homeowners group to arrange the proper planting materials and planting plans. The town dropped a load of mulch in a central location in the Elm Estates development and the neighbors were able to cart away the mulch in wheelbarrows, wagons and car trunks. Niagara Mohawk was also called in to mark the underground wires after one neighbor dug into a cable while making the hole for his tree.

David Reville, cooperative extension agent for Albany county and a member of the tree committee, demonstrated proper planting and offered advice on tree care, then each homeowner planted his own trees. Members of the Men's Garden Club were on hand to offer planting advice.

Elsmere shop changes hands

A newlywed couple have started their first business venture by purchasing a gift shop in Elsmere. Janice and Jerry Glanzrock were married in March of this year, took an apartment in Gunderland and last month purchased the Forget-Me-Not gift shop next door to Fowler's from Lucy Verardi, who has had to give up the business because of illness.

"We're in this together, and it's very enjoyable," commented Janice, who grew up in Menands, graduated from St. Rose and has worked as a research assistant for the state Legislature for seven years. Her husband comes from the Bronx and worked for the New York City Dept. of Water Resources before coming north for marriage and a new career.

The Glanzrocks have added a line of antiques, mostly glassware, to the variety of gift items carried by Mrs. Verardi, and are taking craft items on local consignment. Later on they hope to bring in "country store" items, miniatures and doll house furniture.

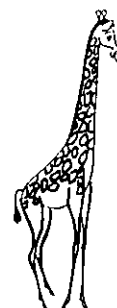
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April 24 - Slingerlands, Rothbard's plant, Voorheesville, major fire.

April 28 - Elsmere, Elsmere Ave., car, destroyed.

April 29 - Selkirk, Conrail yards, box car, destroyed.

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Last week Sneddon retired as senior vice president after 43 years service, during which time the bank's assets have grown to more than \$279 million. He was appointed vice president in 1951 and senior vice president in 1971.

Sneddon is a life member of the American Institute of Banking, member and past president of Savings Banks Officers Forum, Group III,

member and former treasurer of Albany Rotary Club, member of Albany Chamber of Commerce, member of Normanside Country Club, associate member of Albany Realty Board and associate member of the Albany Area Home Builders Assn. A resident of 3 Montrose Dr., Elsmere, he plans on spending his retirement golfing, fishing and motor traveling.

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Weight Watchers busy

Persons wishing to greet the spring and summer as a time to take off weight are invited to Weight Watchers open house meetings the week of May 8-14. Among the sessions scheduled are Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Ravena. For the full meeting schedule call 489-8323.

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Jerry Passer, associate

environmental educator at Five Rivers said he would like to see the amphitheater used more, and that its construction was one of the things he insisted on when the Five Rivers complex was being developed. Other than being used for Five Rivers' functions, the amphitheater has hosted sunrise services and musical programs - but so far no weddings. Passer said he "would be happy to talk with anyone who would like to use the amphitheater. He can be reached at 457-6096.

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At 8:45 p.m. Friday a motorist was ticketed there. Early the next morning another was given a \$5 ticket.

Tom Schnurr, proprietor of the Delmar Liquor Store, complained to police that the practice was "discriminatory because we're the only business place in the area where on-street parking is prohibited." When someone mentioned the corner was dangerous, Schnurr declared: "It's the safest corner in town, traffic moves carefully when there are cars at the curb and speeds up when they're not. We haven't had an accident there in many years."



Nancy Pedersen

Completes Navy basic

Seaman Recruit Nancy J. Pedersen of Hoyt Ave., Glenmont will graduate from

the U.S. Navy training base in Orlando, Fla. on May 13, completing an eight-week basic training program. She is a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and entered the Navy March 25. She plans to specialize in avionic engineering in the Navy.

Glenmont student cited

Richard Van Kempen, a Union College senior mechanical engineering major from Glenmont, has been

awarded the Outstanding Student Award by Union College and the American Society of Testing and Materials, Central New York-St. Lawrence District. Van Kempen, 21, won the award for research on fatigue properties of one-inch diameter steel specimens. He is the son of Ruth C. Van Kempen, 11 Wiggand Dr., and will work for the General Electric Company at its Knolls Atomic Power Plant after graduation in June.

Final baseball sign up

Final registration for the Bethlehem Baseball League Junior Division for boys 13-15 will be held Saturday at Bethlehem Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Annual dinner planned

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John Romeo, left, Bill Heenehan and Sydney Turner at "Season's" rehearsal at Playhouse

Playhouse cast 'loaded' with stars

The Slingerlands Community Players will finish their silver anniversary year with Robert Bolt's "A Man for all Seasons," to be presented at the Playhouse in Unionville beginning May 11.

Bill Heenehan returns to the Slingerlands Community Players stage after a five-year absence to play Sir Thomas More. Cromwell will be played by Sydney Turner who has acted and directed other SCP productions, and Charles Losacco will be in the role of Cranmer. Common Man will be played by John Romeo,

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Others in the cast include Denise Fitzgerald, Michael Lee Sharpe, Pat McAuliff, Joan Denehan, Joseph Mara, and Richard Matturo.

Surprise winner at church fete

A surprised Rev. James Daley, pastor of St. Thomas Church, was the winner of the \$300 prize given at the annual St. Thomas card party and fashion show, one of the community's most popular events.

Other winners last Friday night were Mrs. John P. Szulgit, Delmar, who won \$500, and Mrs. James S. Casey, Delmar, and Darline Roll,

Ravena, who won \$100 each. Mrs. Briggs McAndrews and Mrs. Michael Hodom were co-chairmen.

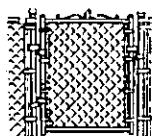
Diocesan Appeal on

A group of St. Thomas parishioners headed by Rev. James Daley recently reviewed the Diocesan Development Appeal program with Bishop Howard J. Hubbard at a regional meeting. William Burkhard is chairman of the appeal that began May 1. Rita Delapp is co-chairman, and James Mylod is the auditor for the campaign.

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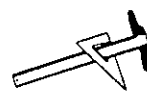
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They are: Debra L. Heineman, 23 LaGrange Rd., Delmar, Duke University; Guy

D. Molyneux, 139 Marlboro Rd., Delmar, Wesleyan University; William Vanderlinde, 73 McGuffey La., Delmar, Georgia Institute of Technology, all of Bethlehem Central, and Beth E. Canuteson, Box 514, South Bethlehem, Boston University, of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central.

Infant seminar slated

St. Peter's Hospital will sponsor an all-day seminar on "Sudden Infant Death" May 19 at Sheraton Airport Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie. Information and reservations call Susan Haight, 471-1364.



Don Newcomb, former Brooklyn Dodger pitcher, currently a consultant and representative for the National Clearing House for alcohol information, on a recent visit to the Albany Veterans Hospital Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit reviewing literature with Mrs. Betty Norton, Delmar, coordinator of the Alcohol Treatment Unit.

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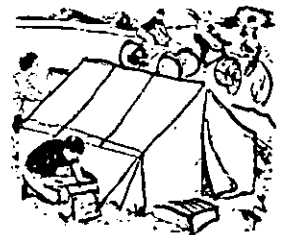
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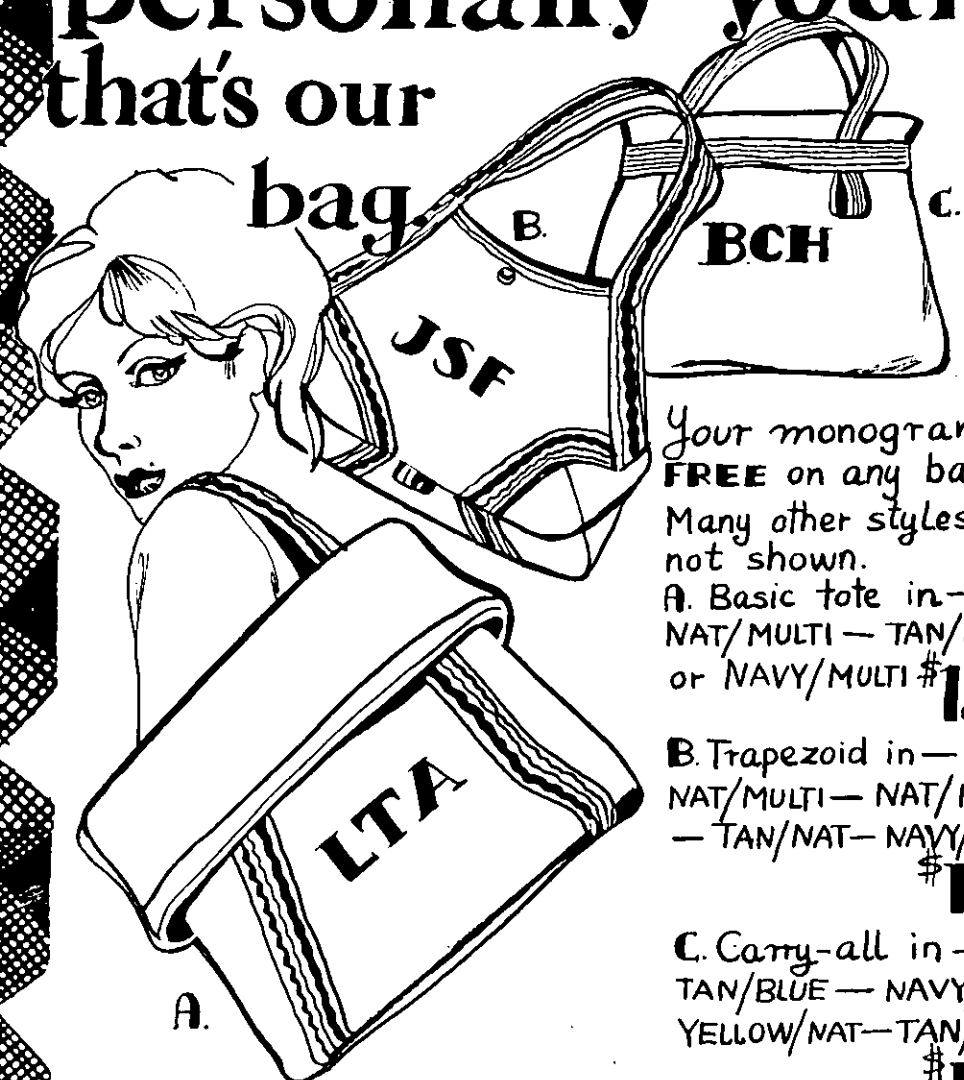
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Donna M. Mazzara, 18, a New Scotland resident is one of 11 Tulip Queen finalists, representing the city of Albany. The finalists were chosen from 106 entries. Miss Mazzara was a first runnerup as 1976 bicentennial princess for the town of New Scotland. The Tulip Queen will be crowned at noon May 14 in Washington Park, Albany. If it rains, the coronation will be held in Colonie Center. Miss Mazzara is a pre-med major at Siena College, and is planning a career in optometry.

Glenmont couple wed

On April 16 Nancy Marie Molinsek became the bride of Glenn Austin Hammond in a 3 p.m. ceremony at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Molinsek of Glenmont Rd., Glenmont. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hammond of 2 Clara Ave., Glenmont.

Attending the bride were Kim Magliocca, maid of honor, JoAnn Molinsek, Debbie Wiggand, Kim Warnken, Laurie Cannone, and Cindy Arena, bridesmaids, and Lisa Boshi, flower girl.

Ron Hammond served as best man and ushers were Keith Wiggand, Arthur Knowles, John Geurtze, John Pittz and Mark Becker. Stephen Molinsek and David Hammond were junior ushers, and



Mrs. Glenn A. Hammond

Gary Hammond, Jr. was the ring bearer.

The couple are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School. Mrs. Hammond is employed by Hartford Insurance, her husband by the town of Bethlehem highway department.

After a honeymoon in the Amish country of Pennsylvania the Hammonds returned to their home in South Bethlehem.

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NEW SCOTLAND Town tightens its bookkeeping

The books and financial ledgers at the New Scotland town hall will be in better shape from now on as a result of a routine audit by the state comptroller's office.

The audit, covering a three-year period for the calendar years 1973-75, criticized the town on several accounting procedures that Supervisor Stephen Wallace says have now been corrected.

"We learned a lot from the auditor," Wallace said. "This is a complex job."

The most visible error was omitting a \$49,996 bond anticipation note from a statement. "We borrowed \$200,000 in bond anticipation notes from a bank and then paid a company the same amount for purchase of a snow plow," Wallace explained. "Our only trouble is the town forgot to note the transaction."

The supervisor is also filing financial reports monthly instead of annually.

Basketball registration

Registration for the town of Bethlehem Boy's Basketball League will be Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. through noon at the Bethlehem Coffee House. A registration fee of \$7.50 will be collected at that time, and anyone unable to attend the registration can call Terry Ulion at 439-4131 after 3:30 p.m. The league is set up to allow all boys entering grades 8-12, regardless of ability, to have the opportunity to play in an organized league.



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BUSINESS

Spring boosts Bethlehem trade

It took a while, but when spring weather finally came to the Bethlehem area, it provided a much-needed lift to the community's businessmen.

Local merchants and proprietors of commercial service businesses agree that retail trade in the area was seriously depressed in the first quarter of 1977. "There's no doubt the record cold spell, the

fuel shortages and a slump in the general economy put a severe crimp in our business this winter," observed a prominent Delaware Ave. retailer. "There were fewer people in the stores," added a Delaware Plaza store owner. "We just weren't getting the traffic."

But most businessmen are optimistic as the combination

of weather and Mother's Day brings new stimulus to sales. Observed Ken Schenkel, proprietor of Paul Mitchell's menswear shop and president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn.: "The economy was really down in the first three months. I can't remember seeing as few shoppers in the Plaza as this winter, and I've been here 14 years. But I think '77 should be a good year."

Adds Roger Smith, an Elsmere retailer: "Business was bad, but there are many more shoppers, people who look and compare before they come back to buy."

Hilchie's Hardware, one of Delmar's pivotal businesses and a bellweather for state and national trends, is having a good year. Says Alan Hilchie: "Last year we had an outstanding first half, then business dropped off drastically the last half. I don't expect that to happen this year. We expect business will continue to expand, and to show a gradual improvement."

Back at Delaware Plaza,

Herman Rasker of Town and Tweed and the Village Shop expressed himself as "reasonably optimistic." The economy, he says, "seems fairly healthy, but prices are much too high. If we can hold the line on prices, business should be good."

Gilbert Drake of D.A. Bennetts in Delmar told the Spotlight: "We have more business committed this year than in the last four years." William D. Bennett of Security Supply Corp., Selkirk plumbing supply wholesalers, says "business is pretty good, but the money is tight. I would anticipate '77 to be about equal with '76, which was a good year."

Soccer, tennis lessons starting

It's not too late to sign up for the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation spring soccer and tennis programs for boys and girls, even though the programs started on Monday.

The soccer program is 9-11 a.m. Saturdays at the Middle School. Tennis lessons will be given to pupils in Grades 5-7 for eight weeks, beginners at 9 a.m. and intermediate players at 10:30 a.m. Boys will meet at the high school, girls at the Middle School.

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LITTLE LEAGUE It's opening day at Magee Park

For 440 aspiring young baseball players, Saturday is the biggest day of the year. It's Opening Day for the Tri-Village Little League, when the first games get underway for a schedule that will dominate life in participating households till the end of July.

Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer will throw out the first ball at 1 p.m., with a Blanchard Post color guard and President Henry Radzynski on hand to start the league's 24th season. Rev. Lee Adkins of the First United Methodist Church Delmar, will give the invocation.

There will be 32 teams in three leagues. The major league will have 11 teams, one fewer than last year, the intermediate league 10 teams, down two from 1976. There is one new sponsor, Pat & Bob's Mobil. The Wheeler League has 11 teams, including for the first time an entire team composed of Clarksville players. Tom Bruno, who will serve as manager of the Clarksville "Mets," also has rebuilt the dugouts at the Wheeler diamond.

Young pianists busy

Fourteen piano pupils from the class of Mrs. David J. Irvine, Delmar, have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which Mrs. Irvine is a member. This group of young piano hobbyists who will play in the national auditions are Joan Carpenter, Mark Carpenter, Steven Collier, Caron Duffy, Cynthia

Ferrari, Deborah Gifford, Robert Heineman, Allison Irvine, Robert Irvine, Maura Keniston, Maura O'Brien, Cathryn Piccolino, Donna Vogel and Sandra Vogel.

Bird walks at Five Rivers

Upcoming programs at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Rd., Delmar, include a guided bird walk for beginners on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m., and an evening walk at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19. A program on "Spring Wildflowers" is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at 1 p.m., and a "Night Walk" May 19 at 8:45 p.m. for stars, sounds and smells of the night world. All programs last approximately an hour and a half.



Cheryl Marks
Courtside Tennis Shop celebrated its first anniversary with a drawing for gift certificates. Dave Corbin, right, the owner of Courtside, presents gift certificates to Carol Grand left, \$100; Tina Strauss, \$50; Mimi Schultz, \$75; Marvin Sagor, \$25.

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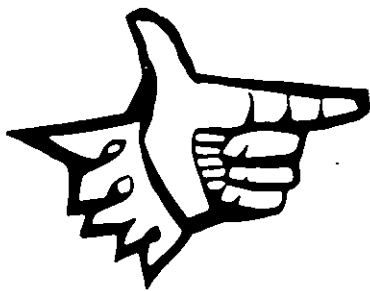
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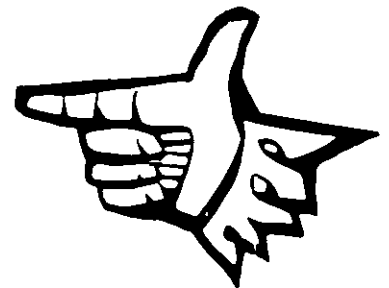
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CLARKSVILLE

Artisans present a novel exhibit

After taking mother out to dinner this Sunday, grab her and "head for the hills." A local group of artisans is having an exhibition May 7-8 in the former grange hall on Delaware Tpk. in Clarksville. Sidney Fleisher converted the grange hall, which he bought two years ago, into a wood working shop and gallery. The first exhibit in the gallery will be called "Head for the Hills," and will be open for the first time on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. There is no charge.

Ohter artisans participating in the show are Martin Benjamin displaying his photographs, Linda James showing her woven pieces, Ira Messing with ceramics and Tara VanMeter exhibiting stained glass pieces.



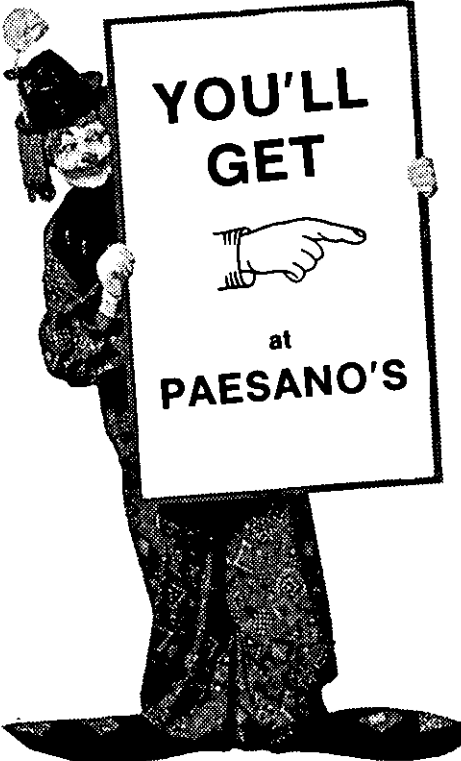
"Head for the Hills" artisans, from left: Sidney Fleisher, Ira Messing, Linda James and Marty Benjamin at Clarksville gallery.



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Kathy back in town

Kathy Dodge, Delmar night club star who heads her own combo on the Eastern circuit is back in her home area. The Kathy Dodge Trio is appearing weekends through May at Averill's Lounge, 99 Delaware Ave., Elsmere. The trio had a long and successful run last season at the Rhum Runners Lounge at Howard Johnson's at Exit 23. For show times call 439-4494.

Chief Fish speaker

Chief Peter Fish of the Bethlehem Police Dept. will be the speaker at the May 17 meeting of the Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of the American Assn. of Retired Persons. A white elephant sale also will be conducted during the meeting at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Fish will speak on "Security and the Problem of Drugs."



Mrs. Gladys Howe



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GLENMONT

Teacher retiring after 35 years

Mrs. Gladys Howe will be retiring from the Glenmont Elementary School after 35 years of teaching in the Bethlehem district. Mrs. Howe began teaching first, second and third grades in the Bethlehem Center building in 1942 while the principal taught fourth, fifth and sixth grades. After a third teacher was added, Mrs. Howe taught first and second grades for 11 years. At Glenmont she teaches second grade.

For about six years Mrs. Howe has been teaching children of her former students. She sees children of today as "no longer naive," in part due to television, and that "discussions are more lively because everyone has so much more to offer."

"The greatest thrill of teaching is seeing the joy and elation in children's faces when they have gained a new idea or produced something successfully," said Mrs. Howe.

Mrs. Howe is from Cooperstown, and graduated from SUNY at Oneonta. After retiring in July, she will return to the family homestead in Cooperstown, where her ancestors settled in 1814.

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Greek Revival for a horse-and-buggy doctor

By Allison P. Bennett

Even though this was rural farming country in the early years, Bethlehem was not without its quota of doctors long before penicillin and antibiotics replaced the traditional mustard plaster. Medical men have always seemed to enjoy a place in the upper echelons of the social strata and have lived in the more palatial homes of the town. No exception is the four-square home of Dr. John Babcock, a Civil War physician. It is typical of the rage for Greek Revival structures, was the latest thing in architectural style when it was built in 1840.

This house sits on land that adjoins the Becker farmhouse property at Beckers Corners, on a stretch of the old road just off Route 9W. We find that Beckers, Vanderzees and Babcocks by inter-marrying were related in the family genealogies, so presumably the land for the Babcock house came off of the Becker acres. The present owners of the house are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Crowel and her mother, Mrs. John Raymond Babcock. Mrs. Babcock's grandmother was Maria Becker, who was married from the Becker farmhouse, and her bridegroom was Philip Miller. They received the "upper farm" for a wedding present (still partly along Rt. 396 to the east). This farm did not suit the young man however, so he purchased another farm further along the Beaverdam Road, and that farm was Mrs. Babcock's girlhood home. When she married John Raymond Babcock and moved to the house in our picture, the circle came around again in full.

Dr. Babcock practised in Bethlehem during the middle and later years of the 1800s. He did not receive his patients at the house, but had a little office building near the end of the



Beckers Corners landmark: did the doctor pay the tolls?

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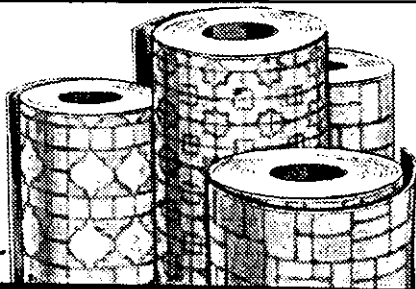
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driveway. The original apothecary chest in which he stored his medicines and herbs is now on display at the Bethlehem Historical Assn. Museum in Cedar Hill, along with some of his medical equipment. If people could not get to the doctor's office to be examined, he would make his rounds by horse and buggy. Mrs. Babcock also gave the museum a broadside of "rates of toll" on the old South Bethlehem Plank Road. We wonder if the doctor had to pay the tolls, or if his missions of mercy allowed him to trot freely through the toll gate?

The house itself is built high out of the ground, with big windows set in deep window wells, which let in plenty of light to the wooden floored basement rooms. There are fireplaces down there where the cooking was done in the days of plentiful household help. The Gothic arches around the upper trim of the front porch and the Doric columns on the entranceway bespeak the

elegance of the chaste entrance hall with curving stair that leads to the upper bed-chamber level. This entrance hallway has two small closets on either side of the front door - a truly modern innovation for the day in which the house was built. The downstairs rooms are large and airy with double parlors and ornate woodwork. Around each ceiling light fixture are large plaster molds of fruit and flowers, probably not original to the house at the time of its construction, but an added frill of the Victorian age.

Such rooms as these are ideally suited for the display of large antique pieces of furniture and there is no scarcity of them here. Mrs. Babcock has furnished the house charmingly with many small and large antiques, most of which have been handed down through the Babcock and Miller families.

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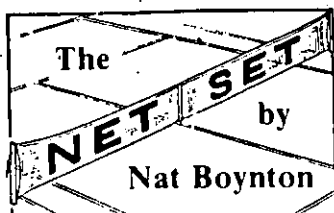
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There is progress if not championships in the junior development program being abetted by the Capital District regional committee of the Eastern Tennis Assn. In the recent windup of the last of a series of five regional

indoor tourneys in the Dunlop Junior Grand Prix competition only one "local" teenager won a title, but no less than three others made it to the finals against formidable long-distance competition.

Our only winner was Neil Vohr, Niskayuna High School's top-rated singles player, who outlasted Charles Warburton of Poughkeepsie in the boy's 18-and-under final Sunday at Schenectady Raquet Club. Kevin Dowdell of Schenectady lost in the 16-and-

under semifinals to Daryl Lindsay of Croton-on-Hudson. In the girl's runoff at Saratoga Racquet Club, intruders from other jurisdictions were the spoilers. In the finals, of the various age brackets, Lenore Vasci of Schenectady lost to a Buffalo entrant, Susan Romeo of Albany lost to a Michigan star and Chris Stearns of Glens Falls, the 11-year old who recently won the Southwood junior invitational, bowed to a scrambler from the Syracuse area.

Tennis watchers peering through the glass at Southwood the other day saw high-quality women's tennis in the ETA women's regionals with only a few disappointments: our girls were no match for the bullies downstate, and there was no one to give Betty Newfield, the 16-year-old phenom from Forest Hills, much of a test.

But then our team wasn't expected to stand up to the potent array from the ETA's Eastern (metropolitan and

Long Island) or Southern (Westchester, Northern New Jersey and Southern Connecticut.) As it was, our region (Northern) wiped out the Western region, 5-0, then lost all five matches (three singles and two doubles) to Southern.

One of the better matches of the day was Bobbi Steger's 6-3 7-6 win over Amy Lockwood, a ranking player who is on the Colgate team. Bethlehem's Jean Balint served long hours in the umpire's chair, drawing praise from tourney director Sandy Vohr of Niskayuna: "Jean was fantastic, a real soldier," said Sandy.

Tennis Shorts: John Stevenson, a Delmar product who captained Bethlehem Central and Middlebury College varsities in his student days, has been chosen over 100 other applicants for the job as head pro at the prestigious Killearn Golf Country Club in Florida. Long John, who is ranked both 11th and 12th in Florida state doubles (with different partners) will direct a well-known junior development program and several sanctioned tournaments... Tony DeOrio is collecting entries from all directions for the second annual Mohawk Stationery Open, which will distribute \$1,050 in cash prizes at the Schenectady Racquet Club the weekend of May 13-15... Early indications are that Niskayuna is the team to beat in Suburban Council tennis, with Bethlehem's long domination seemingly at an end, and Neil Vohr the circuit's top player.

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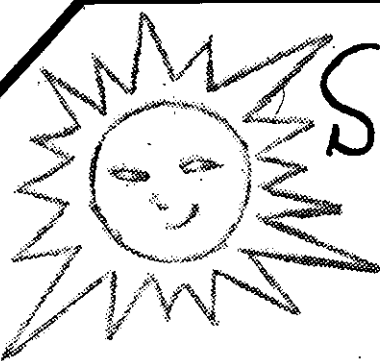
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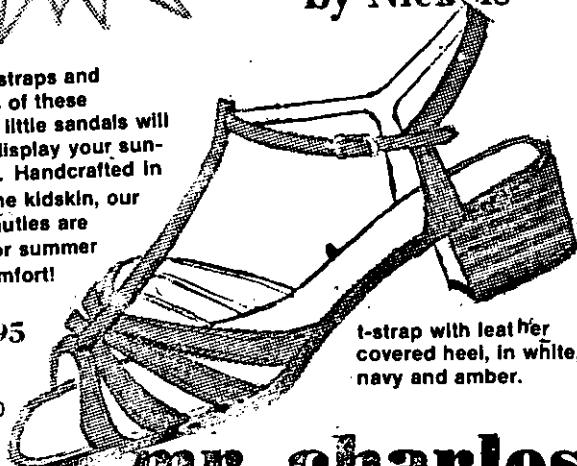


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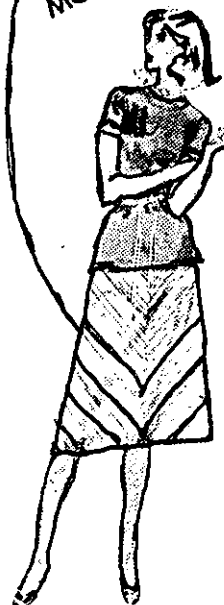
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Some disabled qualify for SS

Some people who become disabled don't apply for social security disability payments because they think they haven't worked long enough, but they may be wrong, according to social security officials here.

"They may be young people who've worked only a few years," a spokesman said. "They may think that a disabled worker needs 5 years or more of work covered by social security to be eligible for payments—so they don't apply."

"But under the law, workers disabled before age 31 may need less than 5 years of covered work, in some cases as little as 1½ years," he said. "They should get in touch with a social security office without delay to get information about applying for disability benefits."

Disabled workers over 31 generally need more than 5 years of covered work with 5 years of it in the 10 years before they became disabled to be eligible for social security disability benefits, he noted.

Social security pays monthly benefits to eligible workers under 65 and their families if the worker is disabled and not expected to be able to do any work for a year or more. Payments generally start with the 6th full month of disability.

Disabled people who haven't worked long or recently enough to get social security disability benefits may be eligible for supplemental security income (SSI) payments. The SSI program, administered by social security, makes monthly payments to people with little or no income and limited resources who are disabled or blind or 65 or over.

"People can get more information about the social security disability program and the SSI program by calling or writing any social security office," the spokesman said.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Benefit concert set

The M. C. Lawton Club of Albany will sponsor a concert by James Tyeska, baritone, May 6 at 8:30 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art. Proceeds enable the club to continue its scholarship support.

Wins Legion award

Maynard W. Lassonde III of Delmar is one of the winners of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's American Legion Military Excellence Awards. Lassonde is a SUNYA student cross-enrolled in the ROTC program at RPI.

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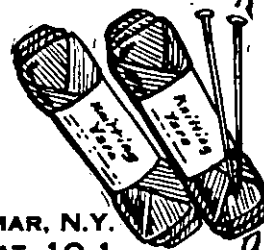
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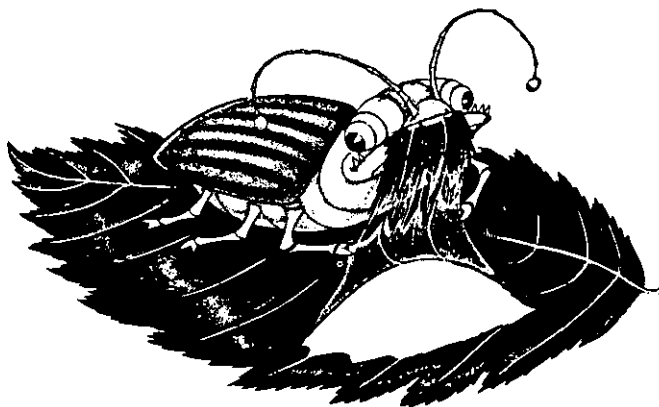
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A summer job? Get a SS card

Students and other people who plan to get a summer job should apply immediately for a social security number if they don't have one, according to social security officials here.

"You should apply for your number several weeks before you need it for a job covered by

social security," a spokesman said. "Applications must be screened against central files in Baltimore to make sure that a second number isn't issued to that same person. Screening generally takes several weeks.

"Your social security number is yours alone and remains the same for life," he said. "A worker builds retirement, disability, survivors, and Medicare protection by work and earnings credited to his social security number. So when you get a job

covered by social security, be sure your employer copies your name and number correctly from your social security card to his records."

More than nine out of ten jobs are covered by social security.

People applying for a social security number for the first time may be asked to prove their age, identity, and citizenship.

"You can get information about applying for a social security number by calling, writing, or visiting any social security office," the spokesman said.

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John M. DeYoe

Joins Community State

John M. DeYoe has joined Community State Bank as manager of operations. DeYoe,

who lives in Selkirk with his wife and four children, has had 17 years experience in banking. He is active in the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

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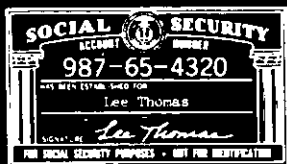
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questions and answers



Q. I get SSI checks. What income must I report?

A. You must report all changes in income (except general social security benefit increases) promptly to your social security office. This includes income from work and all other sources. The amount of your SSI check is based on how much money you have coming in: if the amount goes down, you may get a bigger SSI check; if your income goes up, you may get less SSI money.

Q. I'm thinking of retiring at 64 but would first like to get a rough idea of my social security benefit amounts starting at both 64 and 65. How can I find out?

A. Ask at any social security office for the leaflet, *Estimating your social security retirement check*. It will help you figure your approximate benefit amount starting at 65, and it has a chart showing how much that amount will be if you start getting benefits at 64, 63, or 62.

Q. I do odd jobs occasionally but never earn over \$100 a

month. Will these earnings affect my SSI?

A. You can earn up to \$65 a month and not lose any of your SSI checks (up to \$85 if you have no other income such as social security, pension, dividends, etc.). Above that, your basic SSI payment will be reduced \$1 for each \$2 earnings.

Q. Since early February, I've had a maid come in twice a week to clean. How and when must I report her wages to social security?

A. If you pay her \$50 or more in cash wages in a 3-month calendar quarter, you must send a report of her wages, along with the social security contributions, to the Internal Revenue Service within one month after the quarter ends. The wage report for the January-February-March quarter is due by May 2. Ask at your IRS or social security office for details.

Q. I have Medicare but my doctor wants me to pay him directly instead of being paid

by Medicare. How do I get paid by Medicare?

A. Get a *Request for Medicare payment* form from any social security office and follow the instructions on the back. You complete Part I of the form. Then ask your doctor either to complete Part II of the form or to give you an itemized bill to send in with the form. You can get information about requesting Medicare payment by calling or writing any social security office.

Q. My father is 74 and lives with my husband and me. As he has no regular income and

owns very little, can he get SSI?

A. Possibly. You should have him get in touch with a social security office for information about applying for supplemental security income (SSI) payments. Any SSI payment he is eligible for may be reduced since he lives with you. You can contact social security for him if he's not able.

Social security checks are suppose to be a partial replacement of earnings lost because of the retirement, death, or disability of the worker.

Welcome To The Circus



A Clown Cake and Apple Cherry Punch make delightful refreshments for a youngster's party. The punch is economical and easy to make with an envelope of Kool-Aid cherry sugar-sweetened soft drink mix. And the cake is a perfect centerpiece, too!

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CLOWN CAKE

Prepare 1 envelope whipped topping mix as directed on package, increasing vanilla to 1 teaspoon and beating in 1/4 cup sugar. Then beat 2 minutes longer, until fluffy. Tint one third of the topping pink with red food coloring.

Cut a triangle from a cooled, baked 9-inch square cake by making a diagonal cut from center of 1 edge to center of adjacent edge. Place larger cake on a large tray; place triangle at short edge to make peak of clown's hat. Spread pink topping on face area, making 2 deep swirls for cheeks. Place 2 marshmallows on face for nose. Spread white topping over hat area and the marshmallows; sprinkle with flaked coconut, using about 1-1/3 cups. Decorate with large gumdrops, blue crystal mints and split red gumdrop strips.

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In Gateway post

George Chesbro of Delmar has been elected to the board of directors of Gateway United Methodist Youth Center of Williamsville. Gateway is a residential treatment center for children with educational, emotional, behavioral and related problems. Chesbro, who resides at 23 Brockley Dr., is executive director of the New York State Board of Social Welfare. He is a member of



George Chesbro

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, where he has held the office of lay leader and member of the administrative board.

Dairy programs set

The Albany County Dairy Princess and Dairy Maid program will begin its activities for 1977 with a coronation banquet on May 10, at 7:30 at the Clarksville Community Church. For reservations call Mrs. Elmwood Vanderbilt, 768-2213, by May 3.

Childbirth classes start

Classes in the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth will begin in Albany starting the weeks of May 16 and May 30. Women planning to attend the six-week series of classes should begin them at the end of the seventh month of pregnancy. For information contact Suzanne Hudacs, 439-6353, or Ethel Cooper, 765-4572.

Ballet coming here

The Ballet Workshop, directed by Caren McGee-Russell, will perform at the annual banquet of the Delmar Progress Club May 16 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Miss McGee-Russell was formerly with the Royal Ballet School, London, England.

Garden show on air

Garden Shoppe, Inc. of Glenmont and Guiderland will host a new phone-in "live" radio show on gardening on WABY, Albany. The program will be on the air each Saturday morning from 8:30 to 9 a.m. (1400 on the AM dial), and will feature a direct-line on-the-air-phone (459-9229) for gardening questions.

Lions' club elects

Richard T. O'Connell is the new president of the Bethlehem Lions' Club, succeeding John E. Hauf. Vice presidents are Maynard E. Goyer, Richard C. Clark and John Thompson, secretary is Sylvester J. Bower, treasurer Franz F. Sommer and assistant treasurer Paul McFarland. Directors elected for two-year terms are Gordon Dyndor and Richard Fuhrman.

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Shocker at Shaker caps shaky start

It could only happen in baseball, more than any other a sport of mathematical angles and fortuitious bounces. When Bethlehem Central's varsity headed for Latham last Friday and a game with undefeated and league-leading Shaker High, it boarded the bus with a discouraging 0-6 record. In Coach Art Ritchko's eyes, the team had a wealth of potential in a "building year," along with a good balance of hitting, pitching and fielding.

For six games the Eagles were unable to put it all together. For the first four contests they were right in there till the last inning before losing, then came a miserable 14-6 shellacking by Colonie on Delaware Ave. But Ritchko remained confident.

Suddenly at Latham the Eagles looked like the Cincinnati Reds. They larrupped the Bison, 19-3. Mark Platel pitched a strong game and unloaded a three-run homer. Mike Tagliarini rattled off a double and three singles and John Russum three singles.

The explosion came too late in the season to make much difference in the Suburban Council race or the Sectionals, but it gave the team a much-needed lift for the last half of the schedule. Bill Brooks is the anchor of a pitching staff that has good potential. Tagliarini, the third baseman, Platel and Catcher Bob Ruslander have done most of the hitting, and the defense is only average, but the potential is there—for next year, anyway.

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Blackbirds football league revamped

Voorheesville Central's football schedule will have a new look this fall when the Blackbirds join eight other schools in a new league called the Southern Conference.

Thomas Buckley, Voorheesville varsity football coach, who is president of the new conference, has announced that the league will be composed of three teams from the Patroon Conference, four from the Central Hudson Valley League, and Hudson High School, which has not

had a league affiliation since 1967.

The Blackbirds move into the new loop with CHVL rivals Averill Park, Cossackie-Athens and Maple Hill, and will join Chatham, Rensselaer and Taconic Hills from the Patroon and Tamarac from the Wasaren League.

It will be Voorheesville that will give Hudson High not only its baptism in the new league, but its first home game in the conference. The schedule sends the Blackbirds to Hudson for the opening game, a night contest at 7:30 on Sept. 16. Voorheesville will have its

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home inaugural the following Saturday afternoon against Taconic Hills. The rest of the schedule: Oct. 1 - Averill Park, home; Oct. 8 - Maple Hill, away; Oct. 15 - Chatham, home; Oct. 22 - Coxsackie-Athens, away; Oct. 29 - Rensselaer, home; Nov. 5 - bye; Nov. 12 - Tamarac, away.

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Everything's fair at Elsmere school

Friday the 13th will be a lucky day for those attending the Elsmere School Fair, according to chairpersons Mary Ouderback and Marty McSharry. The fair will be at the school on May 13 from 5-8 p.m. and will feature a haunted house, a midway with 13 fun games, an overloaded craft booth, plants and lots of books. Edibles will include baked goods, refreshments, cotton candy, and an opportunity to decorate your own cupcakes. There will also be a raffle, and Elizabeth Connelly will present one of her popular puppet shows.

Elsmere school children have been busy making posters and writing limericks to publicize



Volunteer mothers at the Elsmere School under the direction of Carol Budliger put in over 150 hours to enable all fourth and fifth grades students at least one hour of individualized microscope instruction. Here Robin Taft and Shelley Pregent examine cells.

their fair. Money earned from the fair will be used for a number of Elsmere school projects including the outdoor learning center.

SOUTH ALBANY Town expedites water district

Bethlehem's town board took an accelerated action last week to help 28 households in the South Albany section get closer to having a town-administered water system.

Instead of the usual procedure of deferring action after a public hearing pending a review at the following meeting, the board climaxed a five-minute routine hearing by adopting on the spot a resolution to expedite the

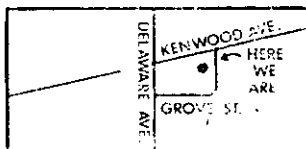
creation of a special town water district. The district would serve 28 residents in the First Ave. area off South Albany Rd. below the Conrail yards in Selkirk. The board voted to forward the necessary applications to the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation and other state agencies, and clear the way for a \$16,500 federal loan to finance relocation of a water main and other improvements.

The system was built originally in the 1920s by an Albany land developer who suffered financial setbacks in the Great Depression and eventually sold the system to a group of residents. Volunteer custodians of the system have asked the town and federal governments for help.

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For some people, hobbies can be habit forming. Not so for Marla Showalter, who started collecting 7up cans last May.

During the spring, the 7up company, maker of that popular soft drink, printed 50 different cans, one for every state. On one side of the can is printed the state. On the other side of the can, "7up" is printed in red and blue in such a manner that from the proper distance Uncle Sam's picture emerges.

A collector must collect all 50 cans and then stack them according to the key on Alabama's can to create the portrait of Uncle Sam. The arrangement is alphabetical.

Warren Stoker, Bethlehem Middle School social studies teacher, was Marla's inspiration for the project. He told his classes about the Uncle Sam series and started a collection of his own.

Marla's collection took about four months to com-

plete. She had a lot of friends looking for specific 7up cans, and she drank a lot of the soda herself. Vacation trips to Florida, Pennsylvania and Virginia allowed Marla to check different parts of the country for missing cans.

Marla's collection was exhibited at the Bethlehem Library. Stoker's collection is set up at the Middle School with four understudies standing in for missing cans.

Mr. Stoker's collection will not be complete until he can round up Utah, Nebraska, Connecticut and Iowa. If any 7up drinkers have these missing cans, he would appreciate the additions to his collection.

Marla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Showalter, 32 Douglas Rd. She also plays the flute and enjoys sports.

Marla's favorite drink has changed to "coke." As for her former favorite, Marla said, "I don't drink it as much as I used to."

Village quilters win honors at exhibit


Bethlehem and New Scotland needlework artists captured two prizes in the fourth annual Quilt and Fabric Show currently on display at the Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Four other local entries were among the more than 30 selected for the juried exhibit from a wide radius. The show will run through June 6 and is free to the public six days a week.

Louise Derby of South

Bethlehem was honored for the best Children's Quilt with an entry entitled, "Animal Friends." An honorary prize for Community Quilts went to "The Albany Quilt" by the Women of St. Peter's Church, Albany, designed by Barbara Boynton of Slingerlands and assembled by Sally Brownell and Eleanor Adams of Slingerlands and Lillian Shultz of Delmar with individuals contributing squares.

Among other entries selected by the jury from a record number of submissions were a

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The best-in-show award went to "Jackson's Quilt" by Leslie Fuller of Arlington, Vt. The panel of three judges included Linda Richer of Slingerlands, former coordinator of visual arts at the Arts Center.

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A tree project benefits a town

In the eighth grade, when the nation's youngsters tend to grow at a faster pace than in other grades, there is a real growth project at St. Thomas School in Delmar: tree planting at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park. Late last month, with parents and other interested individuals looking on, 90 young trees were planted and dedicated to the future residents of the town. Last year



A growing relationship: Danny Davitt, Supervisor Harry Sheaffer.

the students planted a tree nursery and arboretum.

Twenty four of 30 students participated in the project, and those who spent four days in the field were able to name a tree after themselves. There will be more "name" trees as more students put in time on this science project.

Barbara Ranucci, a science teacher at St. Thomas until she was widowed last winter and had to relinquish one of her two teaching jobs, coordinated the project. Another coordinator is Kenneth Bessette, an eighth grade homeroom teacher. The arboretum has been named for Thomas Zelk, a forestry education student who volunteered to help the eighth grade.

Neighbors win court decision

Tennis players using the Delmar Pl. access to the Bethlehem Middle School courts will have to save enough physical energy to endure a longer walk to their favorite pastime after next Wednesday.

The school district will seal off the narrow fence opening on the west side of the school property on May 12 to eliminate an inconvenience to neighbors on Central Pl. just off Delmar Pl. The 250-foot long "street" has long been a popular parking place for tennis players and sports spectators. Henceforth there will be no choice other than the school parking lots.

Church supper planned

An old-fashioned chicken and biscuit supper will be sponsored by the women's guild of the Onesquethaw Reformed Church on May 7 at the church on Tarrytown Rd. between Rts. 32 and 443. Servings will be at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Mrs. Elwood Vanderbilt at 768-2213.

Grecian fair coming

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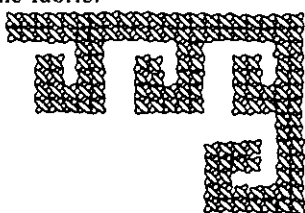
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Remember how annoying it could be when you carefully embroidered Cross stitches over a stamped pattern? Somehow the X's were never perfect and no matter how hard you tried, your stitches were never precisely symmetrical.

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Try your hand first with a linen of medium — or even coarse — weave so your eyes won't become too strained. Since I find Cross stitching for a long period of time a little trying on the eyes, I generally keep another piece of embroidery in progress so I can switch when my eyes tire.

Lettering is a Cross stitch natural and a squared alphabet presents no problems at all because you don't even have to plot curves. Draw a favorite saying on graph paper. Count the number of squares in each line. Then count the number of threads to the inch in your linen. In this way you can be sure of centering the letters on the fabric.



One of my own favorites — you can find it in my Needle Art collection — is "Today is the first day of the Rest of my Life." I've shown it in Tent stitch on canvas but it would be just as effective worked in Cross stitch on linen.

You can set it off with a Cross-stitched border, first plotted on graph paper and then counted as you work it.

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A Greek key pattern that's simple and angular with no curves to figure, is also very effective worked in Cross stitch. The same goes for three lines of Cross stitches, in varying colors, which intersect at the corners of a frame.

Another distinctive effect consists of simple lines of Cross stitches in a monochromatic color scheme. You might work a line of Cross stitches in rose, then two linen or canvas threads above this, work a paler shade of rose Cross stitches. You'll find this adds depth to the border.

Try your own experiments with Cross stitches but remember ALWAYS, that the second stitch which completes the X must be in the same direction in every stitch for a smooth, neat look.

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First trace your design on tracing paper with a medium hard pencil. If you have difficulty in seeing the lines, work against a lighted surface such as a window pane or a glass topped table. Using the medium hard pencil again, retrace your design over the linen fabric with a sheet of plastic-coated carbon paper (you'll find this at an office supply store) between the linen and the tracing paper. A hard lead pencil may rip the tracing paper while too soft a lead produces a thick, easily blurred line. That's why it's best to use a medium hard pencil.

E.W.

Spotlight in retrospect

May 2, 1957

Mrs. William B. Strong is the new president of the Tri-Village Newcomers Club. Mrs. E. T. Hutchins is first vice president, Mrs. James Marshall second vice president, Mrs. Marvin Sagor secretary and Mrs. Edward S. Conway treasurer. Hostesses for the May luncheon are Mrs. Paul R. Kelley and Mrs. Daniel H. Caldwell.

Barbara Smith '58 was crowned queen of the junior prom at Bethlehem Central High School. George Chesbro was crowned king.

May 3, 1962

Planning the spring fashion show and card party for the Bethlehem Republican Club are Mrs. Raymond Brownell, Mrs. Elmer Morway, Mrs. Richard Bennett, Mrs. William Johnston, Mrs. Arthur Zautner and Mrs. Charles Redmond and Mrs. David Mead.

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May 4, 1967

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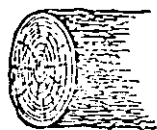
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View of the board

Editor, The Spotlight

At the Bethlehem Central school board meeting on April 20 (with) 60 people in attendance, some of our elected officials showed their power. Mrs. Patton did a fine job of badgering Mrs. Rene Bezilla. She tried very hard to keep the people from talking about the issue of staff reduction. Mr. Harvith came to the rescue and many voices were heard.

Mr. Weinberg was his usual self. If you don't agree with what he says, he will badger you (ask the Delmar chamber of commerce). If that doesn't



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work he will start talking and continue until people leave, as many did on Wednesday.

Mr. Hamilton was right with his "vibes." Some members of the board forgot how they got there. I hope at election time people will remember and elect people who represent us.

Roy C. Wilcox

Delmar

Roy C. Wilcox is president of the Bethlehem Central United Employees Assn., which represents approximately 175 non-instructional employees of the school system.

Praise for the budget

Editor, The Spotlight,
The Bethlehem Central School District budget for 1977-78 deserves a supporting "yes" vote from parents, teachers and the taxpayers on June 1. Cost controls have been instituted to hold the line on operating expenses, yet there are inescapable inflationary increases in costs

of fuel, utilities, insurance, supplies, equipment and other items passed on to school boards as well as other consumers. State aid has remained at the same level for the past three years and constitutes only 27 per cent of revenues. Federal aid is negligible; school districts do not receive revenue-sharing funds as do other units of government.

The school board has spent endless unpaid hours putting together this budget, has responded to results of community questionnaires, and has listened to concerns of parents, teachers and others who have written letters and appeared at school board meetings.

Janet Butlin

Delmar

A strange welcome

Editor, The Spotlight:

Two months ago we moved to Delmar with visions of a quiet, peaceful community in which to reside. Unfortunately, our eyesight must have been

impaired because we have not seen much peace since taking up residence here.

Four weeks ago one of our cars was shot at while driving under the trestle on Elsmere Ave. Fortunately, only the side window was shattered and no one was injured.

Last week, our dog, Cookie, was poisoned and subsequently died. We cannot prove this was done intentionally; however, we would like to warn our neighbors on Poplar Dr. of this incident and in this way possibly save the lives of other family pets. If Cookie had been bothering someone, wouldn't a call to the dog warden have solved the problem in a more humane manner?

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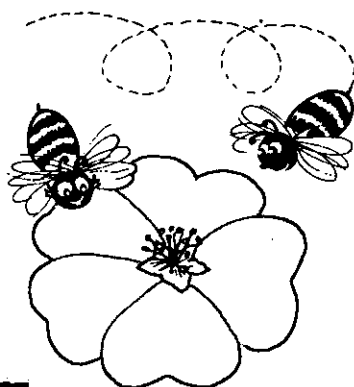
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On Tuesday, May 10, a blood pressure clinic sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis Club will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville. The following Tuesday, May 17, the town of Bethlehem will sponsor a clinic at the Bethlehem Coffee House on Adams St. across from the police station.

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