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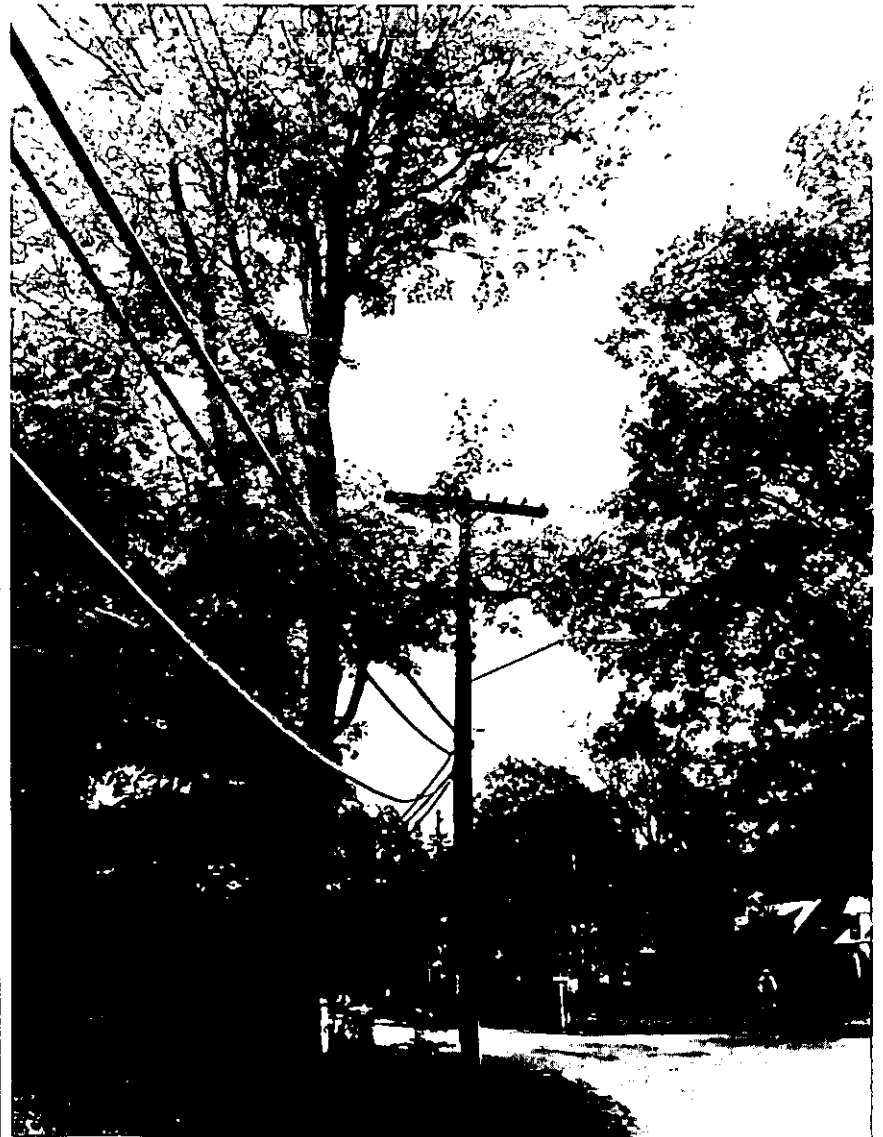
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**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary** to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave. Delmar.

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

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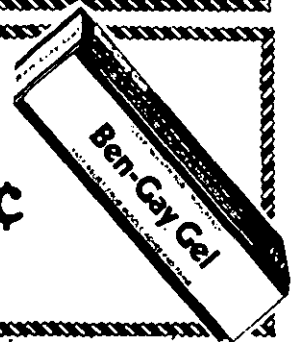
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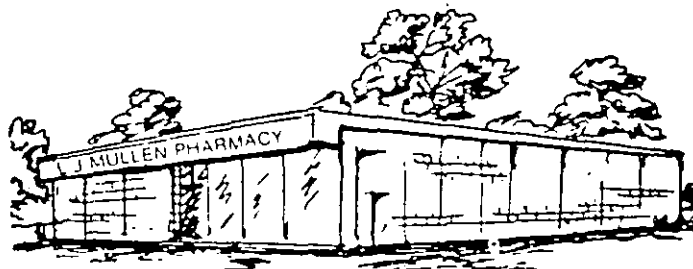
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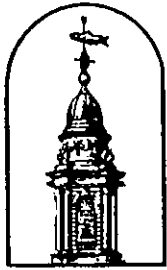
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**Onesquethaw O.E.S.** meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

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

**Kiwanis Club of Delmar** Mondays at 6:15 at Center Inn, Glenmont.

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**Monarch Club of Albany** meets every Tuesday night at the Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**

**Newcomers gathering** sponsored by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. All new residents invited.

**Space Age workshop** for grades 4-6, Bethlehem Library, 2-3:30 p.m.

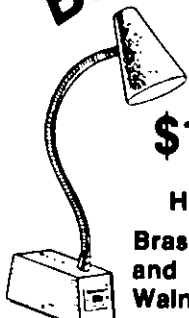
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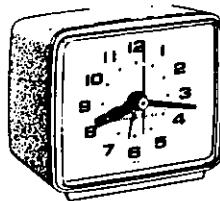


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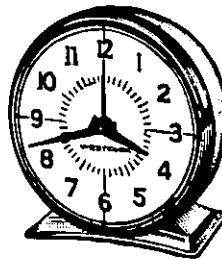
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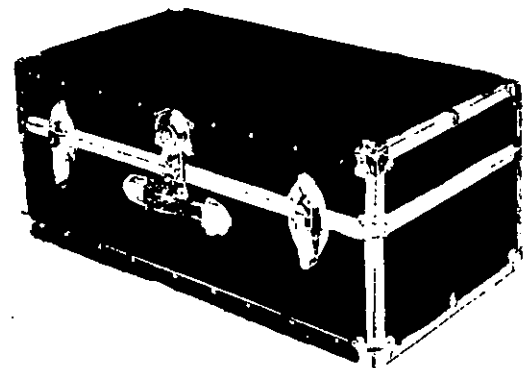
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**Story hour** for pre-schoolers, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 a.m.

**Story hour** sponsored by Bethlehem Library, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 1:30-2 p.m.

**Picnic for Bethlehem Senior Citizens** sponsored by Bethlehem Lions Club, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

**Last day** for turning in humor contest entries, Bethlehem Library.

**Films**, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

**Chamber music concert** by Fong Ming String Ensemble, Bethlehem Library, 8-9:30 p.m. Free. Disney movies for children.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

**Swap and Sell Hobby Day**, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**"Birds, Birds and More Birds,"** multi-media program, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7-8:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

**Public hearing**, Bethlehem town board, to consider granting eligible Bethlehem residents 65-years-old or older with income \$7200 per year or less, an exemption from taxation by the town of 50 percent of the assessed valuation of their property, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Public hearing**, Bethlehem town board, to consider amendments to traffic ordinance, speed limits Elm Estates, no parking on Taylor Ter. and stop at intersection of Glenmont Ct., Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

**Parents of Children with Diabetes** meeting, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Movie on insulin reactions will be shown followed by discussion on what school personnel should know about diabetic students.

**"Penelope, Pride of the Pickle Factory,"** musical melodrama presented by Children's Theatre Troupe, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m. Free.

**Recorder music** presented by Jim and Joan Mullen, final Evening on the Green, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Bring blanket or chair.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

**"Home Pickling Techniques,"** Albany County Resources Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon.

**Story hour** for pre-schoolers, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 a.m.

**"Penelope, Pride of the Pickle Factory,"** musical melodrama presented by Children's Theatre Troupe, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Films**, Voorheesville Library, 4 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens bus trip** to Lake Placid, bus leaves town parking lot 8:30 a.m., returns 6:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

**Summer Reading Program** for participants, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

**Horse show**, Golden Riding Club, Marsh's Locust Farm, half mile west of Clarksville, 9 a.m.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 29

**Exer-dance class demonstration** presented by Mary Reich, Bethlehem Library, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

# area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

#### THEATER

**"Come Back, Little Sheba,"** by William Inge, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 17-28. For curtain times and tickets call 1-413-298-5536.

**"Light Up the Sky,"** by Moss Hart, Academy Players of Albany, at The Albany Academy for Girls, Aug. 19-20, 8 p.m. Tickets at door, \$3 adults, \$2 students, benefit Albany Cerebral Palsy Center.

**"Bon Voyage,"** new musical, Woodstock Playhouse, Aug. 24-28, 31, Sept. 1-4. For curtain times and ticket prices, write Woodstock Playhouse, Woodstock, N.Y. 12498, or call 1-914-679-2015.

**"From Bach to Broadway,"** Albany Jewish Community Center, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. \$2.50, students, senior citizens \$1. 438-6651.

#### ART

Albany in the Revolution, paintings, engravings, documents and artifacts, Albany Institute of History & Art, through summer.

Collected works of political cartoonist Hy Rosen, Center Gallery, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through Aug. 27, weekdays 12-3, weekends 1-4. Free.

#### HISTORIC TOUR

Walking tour of Harmony Mills, mill housing, canals and Cohoes Falls, Cohoes Music Hall, Aug. 20, 1 p.m. Assemble at Cohoes Falls overlook, behind School St., Cohoes.

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## THE LESSON OF ALTAMONT

# Slingerlands skeptical of highway tree carnage

Of all the Capital District's most beautiful residential areas, few connoisseurs would dispute that New Scotland Rd. in the verdant hamlet of Slingerlands radiates a charm that gives it a distinction all its own. That charm comes from its history, dating from the toll gate that formed part of the Schoharie turnpike of yore, from the gracious century-old homesteads that are strung along the well-worn route from Albany to the Helderberg escarpment, and from the stately trees that have made Slingerlands a symbol of stability and serenity in a society subject to shifting suburban scenarios.

In mid-June, there was only mild skepticism when the Spotlight reported that the State Dept. of Transportation was calling for contractor's bids to recondition and resurface two sections of Rt. 85 that included a 2.3-mile segment that forms the vertebrae of Slingerlands. The plans appeared mild enough: widening of the highway from 20 to 22 feet, and extension of shoulders to another six feet on each side, to be paved and marked for a bikeway on both sides of the heavily traveled artery.

Last week the fears of the skeptics were magnified by the appearance of those telltale stakes with small red flags along the boundaries of the highway. When a number of the stakes were planted deeper in residential yards than roadside trees, there was immediate alarm. Because

most of the property owners along the Slingerlands stretch of New Scotland Rd. have been there for a generation or more, visions of desecration of the village of Altamont's main streets two decades ago flooded to mind. The haunting question: will Slingerlands, already scarred by the loss of many magnificent elms to disease, lose its oaks, maples and Shagbark hickories to the highwayman's scythe and be reduced to another barren Altamont? (see Vox Pop, page 32). In the years since state highway crews denuded Altamont's main streets, the village has disappeared as a showpiece of residential charm.

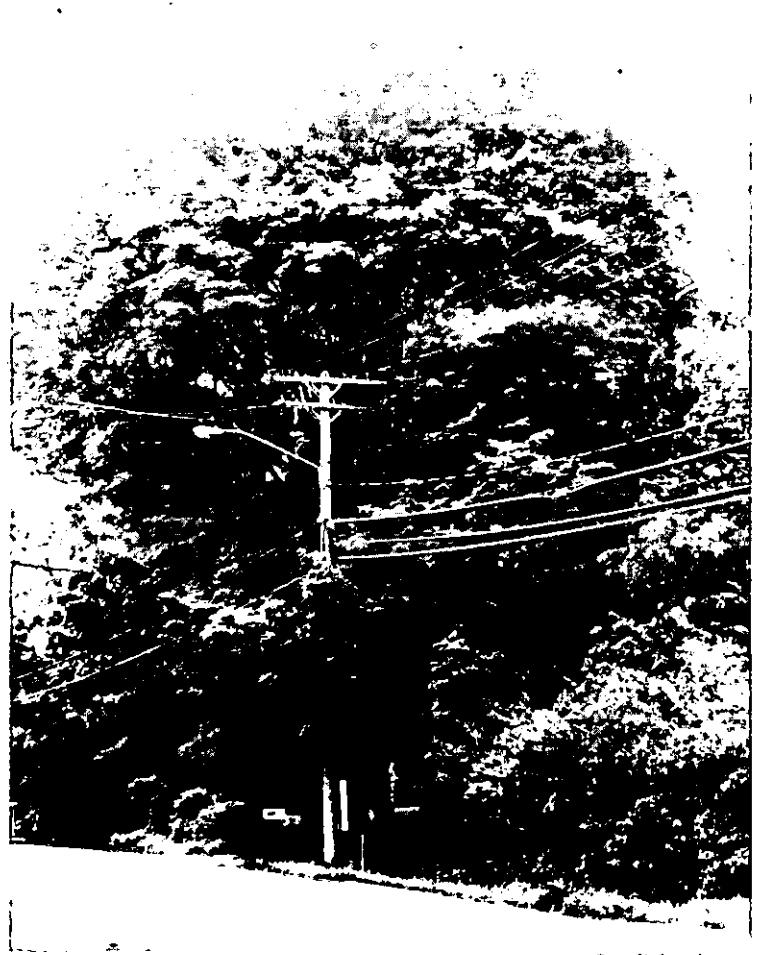
This week the question was still hanging as state highway engineers prepared to set up a field office for the project that DOT officials say will cause the removal of "about 22 trees, plus or minus 15 percent." The regional construction engineer at Region One headquarters in Albany said present plans indicate that five trees with diameters of 18 inches or larger at "breast height" will be sacrificed for the new highway in the Slingerlands sector. Most will be on the north side of the road, a spokesman said, but when he was told that most of the hamlet's finest trees were on that side, he declined further comment.

At the root of the threat to Slingerlands' proud landscape is the state's adherence to federal specifications that a 22-foot roadway and six-foot shoulder on each side are minimum requirements to

qualify for federal funding of 75 to 90 percent of the cost of the project. In Albany a state DOT highway designer explained the 44-foot right of way specified by Washington "provides for right-hand turns without impeding traffic flow," but admitted he was unaware that the only right-hand turn other than small residential

streets already has a green-arrow signal at the Rt. 85A intersection at the Stonewell.

Over the weekend Slingerlands residents were planning a protest action to block or delay the start of the project. DOT Commissioner William Hennessy, over the years a guest in several New Scotland Rd. homes, was on vacation



Spotlight photos

Stately tree in front of the C.M. Guest residence in Slingerlands may be among many doomed by highway "improvement." On the cover: telltale stake inside treeline at 1621 New Scotland Rd.

and unreachable for comment, probably unaware of the furor his department had churned in the community. Slingerlands residents who mounted a massive and successful defense against a proposed clover-leaf interchange at the Toll Gate in a projected connector for the Slingerlands and Delmar Bypass projects more than 10 years ago, were contemplating legal action this week, but were sobered by a recent court case in Schenectady. In that litigation, residents on a section of Rt. 146, Balltown Rd., Niskayuna, challenged the state's claim that it has rights to more than a three-rod width, i.e., approximately 25 feet from the center line of the highway. The judge in the case eventually sustained the state's claim to a four-rod width when the DOT was able to produce as evidence an 1806 map recovered from a courthouse archive. Last week road crews completed the widening project over protests of the homeowners.

Whether the state can pinpoint similar documents from the era of the plank-road tollgate in Slingerlands may land in an Albany court some day soon. If legal action is taken, it will come quickly, because under construction timetables, the first procedure is tree removal.

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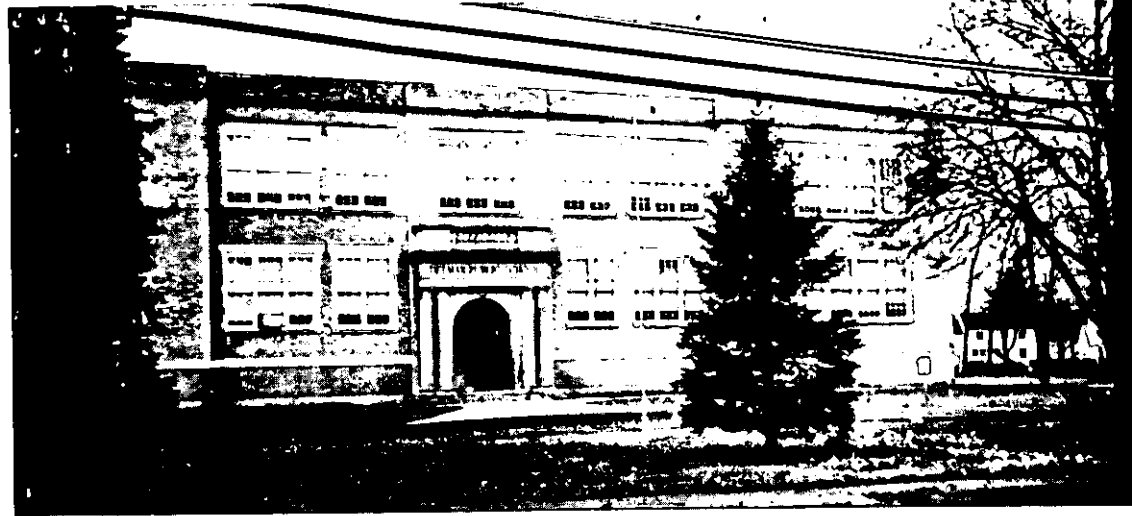
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Delmar school: a community center, town hall annex or a vacant school?

### No eye-to-eye on Delmar school

Tennis balls continued to bounce against the exterior walls of the closed-down Delmar Elementary School building this week while administrators of the town's two dominant tax-collecting agencies bounced around the question of restoring the 51-year-old structure to a useful function.

The Bethlehem Central School District administration, which owns the property, has declined the token offer of \$1 by the Bethlehem town board made last week in a letter from Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer to Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn. Sheaffer said he would try to set up a meeting between several members of the town board and school board to explore possible avenues of affecting the transfer from one

public agency to another. The question was expected to get at least a preliminary airing at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the board of education Wednesday of this week.

Meanwhile Councilman Thomas V. Corrigan announced a "simple ABC plan for a business-like solution" for putting the vacant building back in circulation. His plan: name a committee of nine taxpayers independent of town hall or school affiliation "to evaluate all potential uses of the property and make recommendations ... for final disposition." Corrigan, recently designated as the Republican candidate for town supervisor, suggested the panel be composed of three appointees each by the school board, the Republican town committee and the Democratic town committee.

"This is the unusual case of the landlord selling himself his own property," Corrigan declared. "I strongly urge that

the owner-taxpayer not be trapped into an auction-like deal wherein he ends up bidding against the high bidder, himself."

Meanwhile there was doubt that the taxpayers who finance the town government and its public services and the taxpayers who fund the school system are the same taxpayers. Although a substantial majority of Bethlehem residents pay taxes to both agencies, the Selkirk-South Bethlehem section of the town pays its school taxes to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district, and many residents in the town of New Scotland, including parts of Clarksville and Slingerlands, pay taxes to the Bethlehem school board but not the Bethlehem town board.

In his letter to Sheaffer last week, Zinn said the school administration declined the offer for several reasons. The school board has a bonded debt of \$25,000 still outstanding on

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the "new" portion of the Delmar building, he said, and "taxpayers from another town (New Scotland) have been paying for the building for years." He added that "we have others who seem seriously interested ... on a long-term lease basis."

Interested citizens hoping to see the structure renovated for a community center or a new town hall were encouraged that the two agencies were trying to get together on a functional disposition of the area's largest and most expensive tennis backboard, appraised last year at \$96,000.

**POLITICS**

**Parties heat up for fall campaign**

There was action last week in both political camps in Bethlehem as rival parties wrestled with preliminaries for what promises to be the town's hottest election campaign in a century.

Most significant were the announcement that Bethlehem Democrats have set next Monday for their party caucus, and Chairman Ken Thacher's declaration that the party will nominate "a full ticket" for the six elective offices up for grabs in town hall in November. The Democratic conclave is set for 8 p.m. at the firehall in Glenmont, the site of the unprecedented secret-ballot nominating showdown that made local history on the Republican side last spring. Monday's session is open to all enrolled Democrats in the town, and will feature the party's 42 committeemen, two from each of the town's 21 election districts, who will elect a temporary chairman and secretary to conduct the nominating procedures.

Thacher was mum on identifying the candidates who had the inside track for the 1977 race, other than conceding that it was "pretty well known" that Edward B. Stringham, Delmar businessman, would be the nominee for supervisor. There were

indications George Harder, an Albany attorney and Delmar resident who ran for supervisor in 1975 and lost by the narrowest margin in recent years, would return to the ballot to seek one of the two seats on the town council to be filled by Bethlehem voters, but the rest of the slate was a closely guarded secret until Thacher convenes the caucus.

Meanwhile Bethlehem Republicans set up a "position-on-issues" committee to handle public information for the campaign expected to get hotter as the race develops. Bernard Kaplowitz, town Republican chairman, announced the first five appointments to the committee charged with "putting into concise form" the achievements of the Republican party in Bethlehem and "prepare detailed papers on any subject the township's voters want clarified."

Named to the panel initially were Marion T. Camp, incumbent town clerk who led the ticket in the election two years ago, Mary Lou Guinn, Harlette Morgan, James C. Ross and John R. Hawkins.

**Police pluck pot in porch plants**

For Bethlehem police officers John R. Cox Jr. and Det. Richard J. LaChappelle, it was a routine assignment: executing an arrest warrant for

assault, third degree, on Charles Biers, 20, on complaint of a resident. At Biers' apartment at 66 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, Cox found Timothy G. Zabel but not Biers. Searching through the rooms for Biers, the officers spotted a collection of plants on the porch of the apartment, recognized them as marijuana plants, and arrested Zabel and

Biers on charges of unlawfully growing marijuana and possession of marijuana. The police report also stated that Zabel surrendered several pipes and a quantity of marijuana stashed in his bedroom.

Biers was arraigned last week on the charges and will appear before Bethlehem Justice Robert Rice on Aug. 25.

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## GLENMONT

### Firemen play safe on 'chance' games

Fairgoers at the annual Glenmont firemen's carnival on the second weekend of the four-night affair were disappointed to find three of their favorite "games" shut down. For some, "disap-

pointed" was too mild a word: they were shocked.

The fuss came at 5:45 p.m. on Friday of the fair's second weekend when Bethlehem Det. Richard J. LaChappelle went to the fairgrounds and huddled with Charles B. Fritts of Glenmont, chairman of Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 2's fair committee. Fritts, chairman of the Bethlehem board of appeals and a prominent figure in the town's dominant Republican administration, conferred with Thomas Jeram, Delmar attorney who is counsel to the Selkirk fire department, and promptly ordered the three games to suspend operations.

Fritts said the department, acting on the green light given charitable and non-profit organizations to conduct games of chance under license in a townwide referendum

earlier this year, had applied for a permit to run such games at the annual hoop-de-doo that has become a popular family event in Glenmont over the years. "The trouble was," he told a Spotlight reporter, "that the permit didn't come in time. We found out too late that the application takes at least five weeks. As a matter of fact it hasn't come yet."

Fritts gave the order to shut down the games because, he said, "we felt that these games could be an infringement on the law, even though it appeared they are defined in the general municipal law as legal." Left unsaid after the flap was the obvious: next year the license application will go in far in advance of the annual mid-summer carnival, and next year the patrons who like to contribute to "games" where

the house gets most of the take will have that opportunity. Meanwhile no one is saying whether someone "blew the whistle" on the games.

### Cows on by-pass: trailbikers sought

State and local police are on the watch for trailbike riders who have cut farmers' fences and caused a rash of traffic incidents involving cattle wandering on Rts. 9W and 32 in Glenmont.

State police at the Selkirk substation said they have received "a number of calls" reporting cows loose on the highways in the past two weeks. A Black Angus cow from the herd of John Geurtze had to be destroyed by troopers after being struck on Rt. 9W by a car operated by Lawrence Van Valkenburgh of Lasher Rd., Selkirk, police said. The driver was uninjured and the car sustained superficial damage, the report stated.

"It's a very dangerous situation, especially when it involves Black Angus stock at night," troopers said.

Bethlehem police said they had had several calls reporting

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Warren Paley, left, executive director of the Capital Area Community Health Plan, Latham, expresses appreciation to Kearney Jones of Elsmere, center, president of the Annual Health Conference Inc., and Bill Williford, Albany, Eastern Mohawk Lung Assn. board member. The Lung association and Annual Health Conference Inc. have teamed in initiating an anti-smoking education and smoking withdrawal program at the CHP.

cattle on the Delmar by-pass. "The bikers cut the fences and they don't put them back," a patrolman said. The incidents are centered on herds owned by Geurtze and Dominick Cubello in Glenmont.

**ELSMERE**  
**Approval is near for subdivision**

A proposed 41-lot subdivision on a 15-acre tract on Rockefeller Rd. in Elsmere is expected to be granted conditional approval this month by the Bethlehem

planning board. The Delwood Acres development by Alpha Collateral Ltd. of New York City, originally planned for 32 lots and later 37 lots, has been on and off the board's agenda throughout most of 1977. It is located on the south side of the road opposite the Good Samaritan Home.

On an unusually light agenda, the board last week received a petition from Mrs. Evelyn H. Essex of Glenmont for a two-lot subdivision on land she owns on Feura Bush Rd. Mrs. Essex asked the board to rescind its conditional

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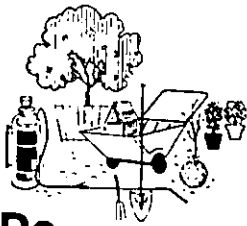
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approval granted for a one-lot subdivision last Jan. 4 after a public hearing. The parcel is under contract for sale to Edward Beck of Ravenna, a board spokesman said.

## POLICE

### Unlocked cars yield booty

Two Bethlehem residents were victimized last week by thieves who found unlocked cars parked in driveways.

Thomas B. Birdsey, 263 Kenwood Ave., reported the theft of a skill-saw valued at \$120 from an unlocked car parked in his driveway in the predawn of last Thursday. On the same night W. Gordon Morris lost a batch of gasoline credit cards, an insurance form and registration and a flashlight taken from his unlocked car. Police said all were recovered except the registration.



Dr. Thomas A. Manion, right, president of the College of Saint Rose, reviews national citation the college received for excellence in fund-raising. With him are Mary L. Talbot, director of alumni affairs, and G. Douglass Alexander, director of development.

## In new post

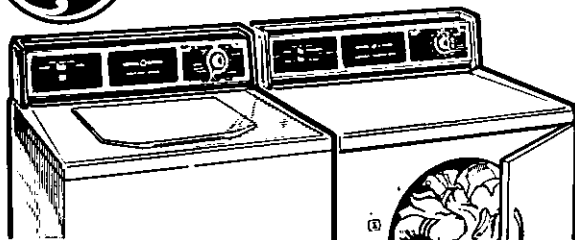
Virginia Cornell of Delmar has been named director of group insurance programs of the Hospital Assn. of New York State. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the State University of Albany, and has been with the association since 1968.

## Bird watching

The Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar is offering a guided program, "Birds, Birds and More Birds," on Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. The program is a multi-media introduction to birds and bird watching and will last one and one-half hours.



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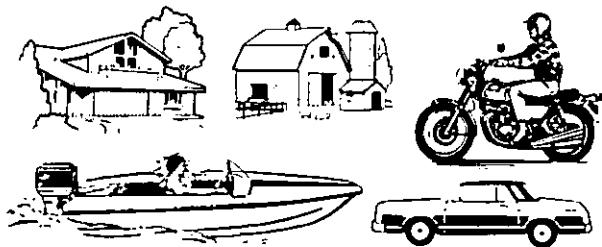


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Dollars for Dolphins: Kenneth Schenkel, right, president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn., presents enlargement of \$200 check for trophies for the regional swimming championships to be held in Delmar Aug. 26-28. Plaza merchants are donating 10 trophies for the Adirondack District AAU long-course swimming and diving championships at Elm Ave. Park. Receiving the gift are Barbara Meinert, Dolphins president, and Steve Busch, coach.

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For this enclosed arcade winds and turns through the length of Plaza del Sol in Ravena, the area's newest shopping mall. For many of the 17 commercial establishments and the twin cinema, as well as



Plaza del Sol developer Peter Seidner, right, with Jack Petterson at Petterson's shop. *Spotlight photo*

the plaza corporation itself, the going has been rugged—financially and businesswise—but the optimism is there. Only two stores have folded since the plaza had its formal opening last November.

"We feel this is a real growth area," observes Peter Seidner, architect-developer. "In the

Albany suburban market the logical future direction for growth is to the south, now that the recent growth rate in Clifton Park and along the Northway has reached the point where it's starting to tax the limit of the facilities. Further growth in the north would require major capital

investments, which is why we envision the growth pattern shifting to the Delmar-Ravena area. The improvements to Rt. 9W have given this area a good solid boost, and we already have a strong industrial and commercial base."

The plaza is still some distance from fiscal stability, but some of its tenants have done well enough in the short time that they are expanding. Notable among these are Petterson's card and gift shop, which has moved across the mini-mall to larger quarters, and McAuley's, the newsroom that handles imported gift lines and discount records along with a variety stock. Another store, Port o' Call, carrying imported clothing and gifts, also is expanding.

Jack Petterson, who has spent a lifetime in merchandising and store management for major national chains, is enthusiastic. "It takes time, but the potential is here," he said.

Scattered along the attractive inside mall are such establishments as Hot Dog Charlie's, Tri-County Game Room amusement center, Martessa's and Your Place women's fashion shops, the Brick Oven restaurant, a store with the intriguing name of Plants, Pottery and Things, the One-Stop Travel Agency, the Small World of Crafts, Brooks' discount drugs, Dr. Irving

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**Indoor shopping at Plaza del Sol: enclosed mall includes twin movie theaters and a community room.** *Spotlight photo*

Weiss (a Delmar optometrist), Alstan's Cutting Terrace hair stylists for men and women, a Grand Union and Sol 1 & 2 theaters. Most of these are new businesses, where the formula requires two to three years to produce a return on investment. Three of them, McAuley's, Port o' Call and Martessa, started in the '76 Shoppers Village development in Menands.

The only casualties have been Christopher's Alley, a children's store, and Chocolate Kiss, a candy store that reportedly is seeking a new owner for a possible reopening at the plaza.

In retail trade, the fourth quarter of the year is the biggest one for volume, the winter is

"murder," the summer subject to shoppers' doldrums. Last year the plaza opened too late to influence Christmas shoppers' established patterns, but this year the proprietors are hopeful. "If we get through the next two months we're going to be all right," voiced one storeowner.

It's the personal shopping habits of people that hold the key to the plaza's future. "People are not used to an enclosed mall in a small community," comments Seidner, the architect and designer who fathered the concept. "They can't see much from the outside, so they assume we don't have much—

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Seidner worked for several Albany architectural firms after getting his bachelor's degree in architecture from RPI in 1954 and a master's from SUNYA in public administration. In 1960 he opened his own firm in Latham, and moved into the plaza when his brainchild opened last fall. "Looking back, I don't know what I would have done differently if I had the chance," he told a first-time visitor the other day.

Seidner's concept started with Fonda del Sol, the 278-unit apartment complex in Ravena. Its basic design, says Seidner, "a strong rural recreational concept," which includes tennis and handball

courts, ceramics and wood-working facilities and an indoor-outdoor pool.

Among his prides is a community room for public functions in Plaza del Sol, seating up to 150, air-conditioned and free to civic organizations. It doesn't have a kitchen, but there have been several catered affairs there. There is a modest charge for wedding receptions and other private functions, but not to organizations. But the public's slow response to the facility surprises and disappoints Seidner. "I anticipated that room being booked solid, but it hasn't been that way. People are just not aware of it."

Another source of pride is the twin cinema, Sol 1 and 2. The November christening

came too late to catch the new national releases, but now the attractive new theaters are getting first-run films on the same schedule as the major Albany houses. Plaza audiences saw such recent hits as "Star Wars," and "The Deep" the same time as their metropolitan competitors, and now they have "The Spy Who Loved Me" and "Herbie."

The word, however, is still getting around that such a facility, comfortable and uncrowded, is available less than 20 minutes drive from Delmar Four Corners—south, that is.

## Vacation stalls teachers' pact

Negotiations between the Bethlehem Central Teachers Assn. and the district board of Education on a new union contract have been sitting idle on the bargaining table since early July awaiting the return of the BCTA's chief negotiator.

Recommendations for a higher salary scale submitted by a state-appointed fact-finder were rejected by the Bethlehem school board July 8. Gordon Molyneux, Bethlehem Central social studies teacher who heads the union's negotiating team, was reported spending the summer on property he owns in Canada, and was not expected back until next week.

The union is seeking pay boosts ranging from 8 to 11 percent in addition to the annual increments averaging 2.5 percent that are built-in for teachers holding tenure. Peter Prosper Jr., Union College economics teacher who is serving as fact-finder, presented a salary matrix for each step of the teachers' pay scale ranging up to 4.2 percent for the coming school year and an additional 4.5 percent across the-board boost for the 1978-79 school year. The teacher's two-year contract with the board expired June 30.

### Appointed by hospital

Two Delmar residents, Dorothy Barnao, RN, and Marilyn Cline, have received appointments at Child's Hospital in Albany. Dorothy Barnao has been appointed operating room supervisor and Marilyn Cline has been appointed director of volunteers.

### Diabetes group plans

The Parents of Children with Diabetes Group will meet Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Library. A film on insulin reactions in diabetic children will be followed by a discussion. For information call Barbara Gould, 439-9008, or Betty Friday, 756-6523.

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Stolz has been president of the bank since 1961. He will continue as the bank's chief executive officer in the new post as chairman. He joined City and County in 1930 and in 1958-59 participated in the Management Conference of Dartmouth College.

Stolz has served as director of the Savings Banks Assn. of New York State and chairman of the association's Group III. He is past president of Albany Kiwanis Club and treasurer of Albany Kiwanis Foundation, Inc., a Life Member of the American Institute of Banking, past director of the Greater Albany Chamber of Commerce and past president of Philodoxia Honorary Society.

Stolz is also a member of the



Edward S. Berry

golf crusade committee of the American Cancer Society, Albany Chapter. He is a member of the board of trustees of Slingerlands Methodist Church and past chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board. He served with the U.S. Naval Reserve in World War 2.

Berry holds a BBA degree from Manhattan College. He joined the staff of City and County in 1939 and was elected a trustee in 1975. Most recently he has served as executive vice president.

Berry is a member of the Rotary Club of Albany, Albany Chamber of Commerce, Albany Board of Realtors educational committee and the American Institute of Banking. He served with the U.S. Army in World War 2. Berry and his wife have two children.

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### Dowerskill progress

The Bethlehem town board has approved another \$10,000 reduction in the bonding posted by the developer of Dowerskill Village to guarantee satisfactory installation of streets and roadways in the subdivision. The bond, originally \$30,000, is now down to \$10,000. The developer is Dowerskill Village Associates, headed by Gerald Goldie.

### Water extension okayed

The Bethlehem town board approved extension of the town's water district to the 131-lot Brookfield residential subdivision in Delmar after a brief public hearing in town hall last week. The development by the Biates Corp. is currently under construction on a 77-acre tract west of Brockley Dr.

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Four Corners traffic signal is reflected in the window of the former Delmar Meat Market as Tom Pulleo puts up his paper poster.

### A course record at Normanside

Mike Daniels, a 29-year-old Colonie engineering draftsman, shaved two strokes from Normanside Country Club's course record and barely missed making it three strokes. Playing in a Sunday foursome with a guest and two other members, he fashioned a dazzling 62 from the championship tees on the par-70 layout. He had five birdies for a 30 on the outgoing nine,

and three more on the back nine with all the rest pars.

Daniels had a chance for an eagle on the 520-yard par-5 14th hole when he laid a 2-iron second shot 15 feet from the pin. He missed the putt, but fared better on the 15th. This time he was on again in two when he lofted a 7-iron again 15 feet from the flag.

"That's the putt I really wanted," he said in the locker room. When the putt dropped he knew he had the record, and he parred the last three. Was this Daniels' best round? No, he had a 61 at Albany Myny when he was 16.

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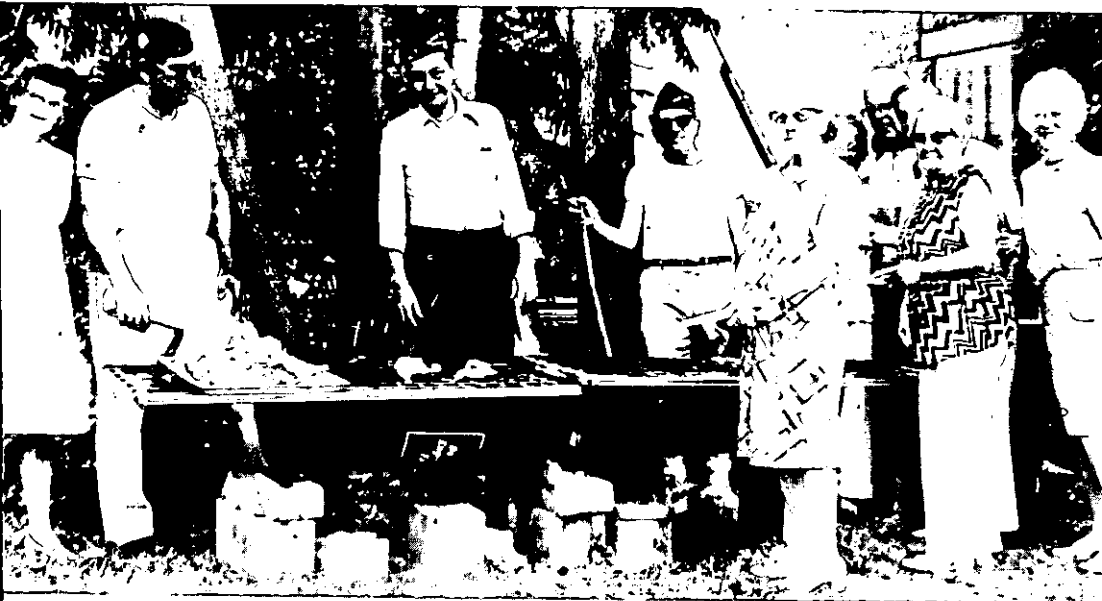
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*Cheryl Marks*

## New restaurant opens in Elsmere

About the only thing that's the same in the new Terrace restaurant in Elsmere is the location. Bill Gagliardi, a 35-year-old bachelor who has spent most of his career in the food industry, has given the former Averill's Lounge at 99 Delaware Ave. a complete transformation—in decor, in culinary format and in entertainment as well as a new name.

Most noticeable is the atmosphere, a garden terrace

motif complete with trellises. He features a moderately priced menu from the soup-and-salad lunch to a full dinner, emphasizing steak, veal and seafood. His lunch specialty is the Monte Cristo, a ham and turkey sandwich coated with egg batter and fried. There is a large dance floor and entertainment Thursday through Sunday, although the restaurant itself is closed Sunday.

Gagliardi purchased the Elsmere location from Don Averill after a stint as manager of the Junction restaurant at

Mohawk Mall. He previously worked for an institutional and wholesale food distributor in Albany. He is a Schenectady native who started as a sales

representative in the air conditioning and heating field before switching to the food industry.

## Presbyterians champions

Delmar Presbyterian Church softball team had a real squeaker, but made it to their fourth straight playoff championship in the Church League. Presbyterian edged Knox, 13-12, in the final round of the playoff, after finishing the regular season with a 10-1 record, good for first place one game ahead of 9-2 Cluster Churches.

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One that got away: William Nimick concentrates on catching an insect at Five Rivers nature workshop. Top right, intent group includes Erin Moore, Renee Hunter and Cathy Boyle.



### Center conducts outdoor classes

Natural history workshops at the Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, are well attended by students in grades 1-7. Workshops on a variety of outdoor topics are held each week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until noon. A different topic is presented each week, and students can choose which day they wish to attend. Pre-registration with a \$1 fee is required and can be arranged by calling 457-6096.

Jerry Passer, associate conservation educator at Five Rivers, said, "I am proud of the

efforts of the staff members here at the Center as well as the outstanding cooperation from the parents of the broad community that we are serving to bring quality real-life experiences to the youngsters. Hopefully, by participating in the many varied and informative sessions, each youngster will develop a greater awareness and sensitivity of his natural environment while simultaneously learning of man's relationship with the environment and his impact on it."

Jackie Green is the coordinator for the children's programs.

Story and photos by Cheryl Marks.

Below, Jeremy Crean tries with a butterfly net.



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Pastoral scene: Karen Moniz of Delmar parks her bike to play with a roadside friend at the Kleinke farm on Kenwood Ave.

**New recycling depot**

The Albany County Chapter Assn. for Retarded Children has become Albany's recycling center, accepting newspapers, higher quality paper, magazines, glass, aluminum, tin cans, clean rags or torn clothing, washing machines, car batteries, heavy metal, aluminum siding, scraps, copper and brass pipes, etc., to be separated and recycled. Hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 419 Madison Ave., Albany.

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The National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. has named Mrs. Josephine Long of the Voorheesville office as one of our runners-up in the bank's "Teller of the Year" program. She and three others from Clifton Park, Hudson and Oneonta will receive a \$100 savings bond and will be honored with the winner, Mrs. Shirley V. Quincey of Catsburgh, at a dinner at an Albany restaurant.

**Chamber music concert**

The Fong Ming String Ensemble of Taiwan will present a chamber music concert at the Bethlehem Library on Friday at 8 p.m. The group of 10 female players with the youngest member 10-year-old violinist Liu Yi-man includes seven strings and three pianists. The library will concurrently run Disney movies in an adjoining room for children too young to appreciate chamber music.

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**Joins DeL. Palmer**

James S. Benton of Delmar has joined the commercial division of DeL. Palmer, Inc., 111 State St., Albany, one of the Capital District's oldest realty firms. Benton, a graduate of Syracuse University, was executive director of the Gasoline Retailers Assn. of Northeastern New York, and previously served 23 years with Getty Oil Co.

The firm also announced the appointment of Mrs. Carol Emery of Latham as residential sales manager. She has been with the agency for the past three and a half years.

**A new business for an old firm**


D.A. Bennett, Inc. is adding a new insulation business to its

established lines of heating and air conditioning. The 62-year-old firm, founded in 1915 by the late Daniel A. Bennett, is now an authorized applicator firm for Insulspray foamed-in-place insulation recently introduced by the Borden Chemical Division.

The new business will be administered by two grandsons of the founder. Gregory B. Jackson of Delmar, a graduate of the State University at Binghamton in business management, has been named manager of the insulation department, and Thomas D. Drake will serve as secretary of both the old and new businesses. Drake, a graduate of the University of Hartford, is a certified public accountant formerly with Peat Marwick and Mitchell. Gilbert O.

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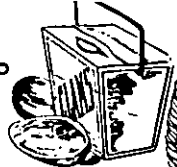
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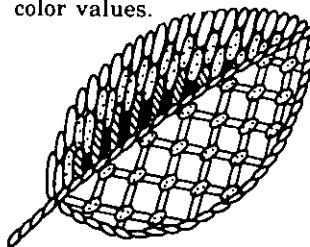
Grace O'Neil, one of the fine and inspiring teachers at my school of Needle Art, is as fond of flowers as I am and considers them the perfect learning tool for beginners. Grace studied with the near-legendary Louise Chrimes (if there were an embroiderers' Hall of Fame, surely it would include her) and delights in introducing her students to the pleasures of crewel embroidery.

What she considers the most important things for a beginner are: learning to do the major stitches correctly; knowing how and where to apply those stitches; understanding how to use color effectively.

She usually starts her beginner's class on a flower spray design. "It has good lines," she says, "and it's not too complicated. With it, I can teach my class how to do Outline stitch, Stem, Chain, Feather, Fly Fishbone and Trellis stitches, as well as French Knots and — most important of all — Long and Short stitch."

Grace herself does a magnificent job of the fine shading which can be achieved with Long and Short stitch. She cautions her students about shaping and separating the petals and she's a real martinet about French Knots. "They can't bobble around," she says. "If they're not firm and uniform all the work you put in on your design will be spoiled."

She watches her students try their first petals in Long and Short stitch and reminds them to work from the outer edge towards the deeper tones at the flower center to have better control of the color values.



She gives her students scope, doesn't regiment the stitches they choose. Their rose leaves may be shaded

from top to bottom, light to dark . . . or they may work half of the leaf in Long and Short with the other half in Trellis stitch or concentric rows of Chain stitch . . . or with Fly stitch or Stars used as filling stitches. She's even used shaded Long and Short in green on one side of the leaf, brown on the other.

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Again and again, she stresses methods which will make her students independent, able to decide for themselves how to do future projects.

"Lay out your design and really study it," she says. "Decide on the focal point and stitch it to attract attention. The design is a stage and the focal point is the star. The other parts of the design must be supportive, both in color and stitch. Decide on all the colors, all the stitches, before you start — even though you may change your mind about some of the smaller details."

"Remember," she cautions "to keep the *whole effect* in mind at all the time you're working."

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Dear Elsa,

Recently you wrote about corded quilting and trapunto. Somewhere I've heard about shadow quilting which you didn't mention. Does "shadow" refer to the design or the embroidery itself?

W.R.

Dear W.R.,

Shadow quilting doesn't refer to the style of design which is the same as corded quilting. In other words, you embroider tiny Running stitches along parallel lines. The "shadow" refers to the fact that the top layer of fabric is sheer . . . or at least very thin. Your cording is done with a thick piece of yarn in a sharply contrasting color. This shows through the fabric as a muted pastel and in floral designs produces a charming effect.

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Gilbert O. Drake, left, with son, Thomas, and nephew, Gregory Jackson display new Insulspray "logo." J.W. Campbell

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**Carol T. Hooper**

**Delmar girl engaged**

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hooper announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Peter D. Marcoulis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Marcoulis of Troy.

Miss Hooper is a graduate of Academy of the Holy Names and attends Albany Business College. She is employed by the New York Educators Assn. Her fiancé attended Lansingburg High School and Graham Senior Jr. College and works for Mid-American Products. On Oct. 1 wedding is planned.

**Consumer film offered**

The National Diet Information Center, in cooperation with the Diet Workshop, is offering a free program to all clubs and organizations in the Capital District. The presentation on nutrition and the art of meal planning has been developed as an entertaining means of consumer education, and includes slides, coupons and brochures, and a question period. To schedule this free program or for information, call 458-9616.

**Town buying trucks**

Bethlehem councilmen have authorized a bid opening Sept. 1 for the purchase of three new one-quarter-ton pickup trucks for the town highway department. The town will bid in three existing trucks.



**Lois Flansburg**

**Glenmont girl engaged**

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Flansburg of Glenmont announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Beth, to George M. Vasellaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Vasellaro of Albany.

Miss Flansburg is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by the New York State Nurses Assn. Her fiancé was graduated from Catskill High School and is employed by Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

A fall wedding is planned.

**Fall wedding planned**

Mr. and Mrs. John DeFlumer of 101 Orchard St., Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean, to Donald T. Gilbert, Jr. of Clearwater, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Gilbert of St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central and the State University of New York at Albany and is employed by Pinellas Assn. for Retarded Children in St. Petersburg. The prospective groom was graduated from Eastmoor High School in Columbus, Ohio and Empire State College, and is employed as a suboffice manager by Equifax Services, New Port Richey, Fla.

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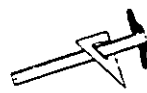
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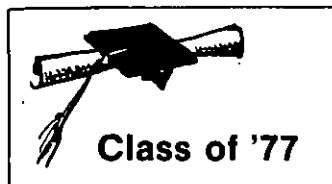
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State University at Cobleskill—Kathleen A. Drumm (outstanding garonomy senior), Cynthia Lynn Green and Wendy Lynn Welter, Delmar; David Earl Nostrand, Glenmont; John J. Franze, Selkirk.

Washington University, St. Louis—Rachel Adler (MBA), Adele Strominger (MD), Delmar.

State University College at Oneonta—Laurie Susan Clark, Delmar (chemistry award).



Wendy Lynn Welter

**Teenage golfers  
 In tourney final**

Dan Jagerewski, 17-year-old Delmar golfer, is among the favorites to win The Bank Junior Golf Classic sponsored by the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. at Albany Country Club next Thursday. Jagerewski fired a 73 in the qualifying round on his home course at Tall Timber, two strokes behind the medalist, Tom Bessmer of Schuylers Meadows, Loudonville.

Among the 42 qualifiers from seven courses in eastern and northern regions of New York State are Randy Irwin, 17, of Selkirk and Sycamore Golf Club, who shot a 79; Jeff Olesko, 16, of Normanside Country Club, 76; Bill Seal of Delmar and Tall Timber, 81, and John Neri, 17, of Ravena and Sycamore, 79.

**Reading program finale**

The Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Bethlehem Library will conclude on Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. with the awarding of 160 plaques to the children who have participated in the eight week program. The theme this summer was "roots," and each child who has read 15 or more books will get a wooden shield painted with the flag of the child's ancestral home. "Over 25 countries have been represented," said Barbara Will, head of the children's services. "The library's objective was to show how many countries have contributed to this one."

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## Delmar man takes bride

Miss Cynthia Marie Nolan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Nolan of Plainview, L.I., and Christian Rock Guntner, son of Mrs. Majorie Guntner and the late John W. Guntner of Delmar, exchanged nuptial vows in a ceremony June 5 at St. Pius X Church in Plainview.

Miss Evelyn Snel of New York City was maid of honor. Gary P. Hickey of Delmar was best man. Bridesmaids were Margaret Nolan, Marita Lynch and Mrs. Jane Ehrich. Ushers were Richard Hartigan of Delmar, Burr Mosher and William Como.

The bride, a graduate of the State University at Plattsburgh, is employed as a home economist at Kraft, Inc. in Chicago. The bridegroom, a graduate of BCHS and also of the State University at Plattsburgh is a paralegal economist with the Justice Department in Chicago. The couple will reside in Chicago.

## Takes Texas job

Susan Ingraham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ingraham, 141 Westchester Dr., Delmar, has accepted a position with Exxon's headquarters in Houston, Tex., as senior personnel administrator for the Far Eastern Division. She graduated from Cornell University in May with a master's degree in Industrial and Labor Relations. Her younger sister, Sally, who graduated from Skidmore College with a BS degree and highest honors, is in the management training program of the Western Bank in Houston.

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## Cadets promoted

Two students from Delmar received military promotions in the Norwich University corps of cadets for the academic year 1977-78. Leon A. Mable, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Mable, 41 Douglas Rd., was promoted to sergeant major. Timothy P. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Foster, Jr., 93 Brockley Dr., was promoted to sergeant first class.

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Ens. Michael D. Cohn

## Commissioned at Annapolis

Michael D. Cohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cohn of 79 Kenaware Ave., Delmar, has been commissioned a Navy ensign and received a bachelor of science degree upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He is a 1973 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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## Welcome Wagon has new slate

Mrs. Bobby Papile of Delmar is the new president of the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club. Other officers installed recently by Mrs. Marge Thurlow, Welcome Wagon hostess, are Mrs. Eileen Brooks, first vice president; Mrs. Kay Valentino, second vice president; Mrs. Stephanie McLaughlin, secretary, and Mrs. Marty Brush, treasurer.

The group's first function will be the annual fall tea on Monday, Sept. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, Delmar. Babysitting will be available at a nominal fee.

A part of Welcome Wagon International, Inc., headquarters in Memphis, the Bethlehem Newcomers Club is an active group of approximately 250 members who aim "to foster a feeling of friendliness and fellowship in the Tri-Village area," and "to undertake and promote

charitable and humanitarian projects within the community." The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon annually conducts a vision screening of preschoolers for amblyopia. Last spring, approximately 375 children were screened for this disorder, also known as lazy-eye blindness, by trained members volunteering their service. Each year through their fund-raising efforts, they have been able to make a sizeable contribution to a local charity. This season they are putting together a cookbook for sale before the holiday season.

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon is dependent upon its local business sponsors and members are urged to avail themselves of the products and services of their sponsors. Locally they are: City and County Savings Bank's Bethlehem office, Delaware Plaza Liquor store, McDonald's, Northeast Framing, Plaza Pharmacy, Prudential Insurance Co., the Spotlight, Thistle Gift Shop, Town and



Welcome Wagon officers: from left, Marty Brush, Stephanie McLaughlin, Marge Thurlow, Bobby Papile, Eileen Brooks, Kay Valentino.

Tweed, Inc., The Village Shop, WWOM-FM Radio 101 and Sue Zick Interiors. Several of these sponsors have supported Tri-Village Welcome Wagon for many years.

New residents in the town of Bethlehem and those who have had a new baby in the family are urged to contact Welcome Wagon for a call that brings their traditional "basket of

friendship." This is information from local business sponsors, literature about religious, civic and social organizations, and generally greetings from the community. The Welcome Wagon Hostesses in the Bethlehem area are Mrs. Helen McLean, 439-6367, Mrs. Marge Thurlow, 439-1531, and Mrs. Betty Sterzing, 439-4516.

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**On safe driving**

Editor, The Spotlight:  
I couldn't help but reflect on the letter submitted by Bethlehem patrolman Conrad C. Martin to the July 28 issue of the Spotlight. I can't understand why Mr. Martin would imply in his letter that a condition might exist that a pedestrian could have anything less than complete right of way to vehicular traffic.  
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### Price of 'progress'

Editor, The Spotlight:  
The planners in the New York State Dept. of Transportation have ordained that New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands is to be widened to 44 feet for a little over two miles—44 feet so that the project will be paid for by federal rather than state funds. As a result many of the stately old trees which grace the highway will have to go.

Arguments that this is progress, that this will make the road safer and less congested are not convincing when one considers that the narrow, antiquated D&H railroad underpass, the most hazardous stretch of New Scotland Rd., is to remain unchanged.

If this stretch of road requires resurfacing, why not limit the project to only that? This would cost the taxpayers we all pay federal as well as state taxes) far less than this ambitious project which is to be thrust upon us. Must we sacrifice the beauty of New Scotland Rd. as it now exists in,

order to obtain funds from the federal government to construct something that we don't really need? Is there no place for charming, tree-lined, two-lane highways anymore? Must they all be converted into sterile, drab speedways?

Altamont had to endure "progress" several years ago when the trees along Maple Ave. and Main St. were destroyed in order to widen these streets. I wonder if the citizens of Altamont feel that the trade of concrete for trees was ultimately worthwhile.

Slingerlands

Maynard Guest

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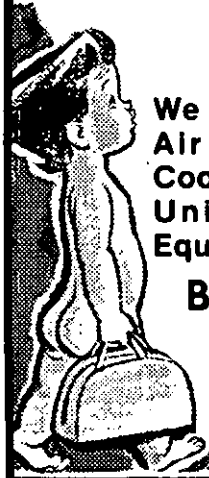
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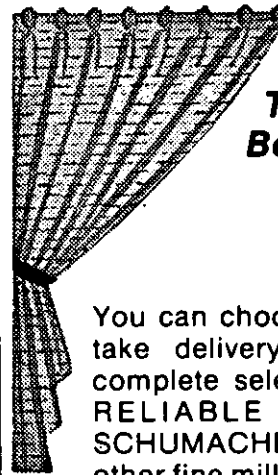
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