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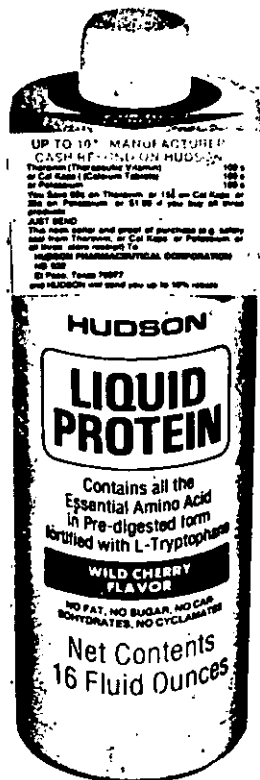
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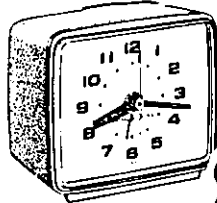
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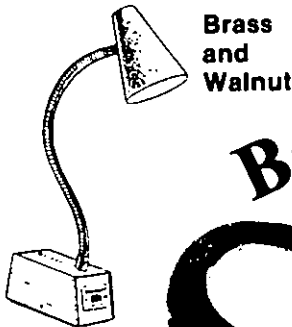
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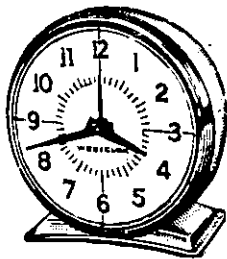
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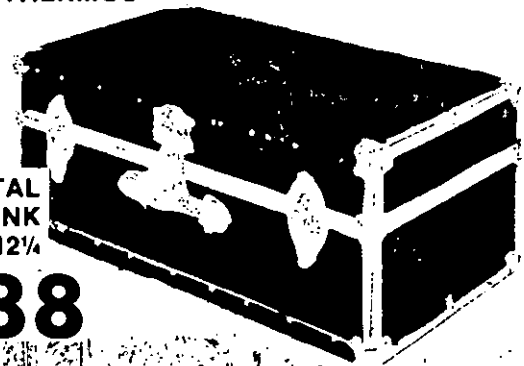
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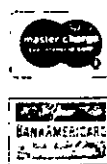
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AARP meets 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave. Delmar.

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.

Adirondack District AAU long-course swimming and diving championships, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 42 teams, ages 7-25.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

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

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Weight Watchers class, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Planning Board, on application of Mrs. Evelyn Essex, Glenmont, for approval of proposed two-lot subdivision, 400 feet east of Feura Bush Rd. and E. Bayberry Rd.

"Summer's End," guided program, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Red Cross Bloodmobile, St. Thomas School, Delmar, 1-7 p.m.

Weight Watcher's class, Grace United Methodist Church, Ravena, 8 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 Theater Festival, Stockbridge, Mass. Aug. 17-28. For curtain times and tickets, call 1-413-298-5536.

"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. 12398 or call 1-914-679-2015.

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MUSIC

Noon concert series, Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, final concert, Three's A Company trio, violin, cello, piano, Beethoven and Shostakovich, Aug. 30, frpe.

Capital Chamber Players, Guggenheim Pavilion, Rensselaerville, Aug. 28, 8:30 p.m., free.

ART

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

HISTORIC TOUR

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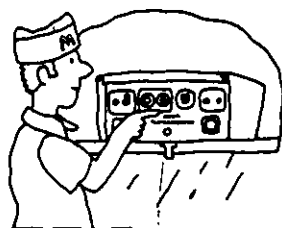
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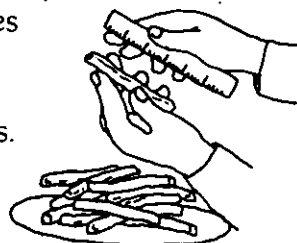
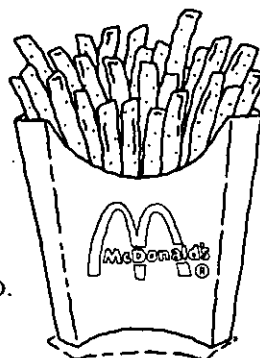
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THIS WEEK IN POLITICS

Democrats' first salvo: defining Bethlehem issues

This is the week Ken Thacher, Delmar insurance man who is chairman of Bethlehem's town Democratic committee, has been waiting for ever since his party narrowly lost the local elections two years ago. He celebrated the completion of the town's all-new slate of Democratic candidates by firing the first shot in what is shaping up as a rugged hometown political campaign.

Thacher's opening salvo was aimed at Tom Corrigan, a member of the town board who is the Republican choice for supervisor in the November balloting. Referring to a newspaper story last May that quoted Corrigan as praising a "new image" in the 1977 GOP alignment, Thacher declared: "Any man who got his start in politics in the Sewer District in Elsmere under Bert Kohinke and continued on to become an 11-year councilman with nary a nay vote is hardly what I consider a 'new image' for the town of Bethlehem."

Corrigan, a 54-year-old New York Telephone Co. employee, served as a sewer district commissioner in 1963-64. He was appointed to the town board in 1966 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Donald Burton, and has won every election since that time. His opponent this year is Edward B. Stringham, Delmar businessman who was officially tapped for the race at the Democratic caucus in Glenmont Monday night.

Thacher's first-inning blast appeared to pinpoint the two local issues that will keynote the Democrats' 1977 campaign: the all-Republican town board's consistent 4-0 votes on each motion at every meeting, and the GOP claim that the replacement of incumbent Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer by Corrigan and a Republican policy team headed by Bernard Kaplowitz following the retirement of longtime chairman Bertram E. Kohinke constitutes a "new look" GOP leadership.

At the Glenmont firehouse this week, the 42-member Democratic town committee quickly endorsed the slate Thacher has assembled, a slate whose political experience adds to near zero but is high on community service. The lineup:

- For supervisor—Edward B. Stringham, Delmar, businessman-engineer, MIT graduate, served two terms on Democratic town committee a decade ago.

- For town council—Mary Lou Burkhard and John J. Dinneen, both of Delmar. Burkhard is a nurse-teacher in the Albany school system, active in PTA, mother of five. Dinneen is an electrical engineer with the state, Villanova graduate, former president of the Albany Jaycees, Boy Scout leader.

- For town clerk—Joan Uhrig, Delmar, Assembly legislative aide, legal secretary and part-time bookkeeper, Girl Scouts and Heldeberg Workshop.

- For highway superintendent—John J. Leonard, Delmar, foreman with the Albany County Highway Dept. assigned to Bethlehem.

- For town justice—Jed B. Wolkenbreit, partner in an Albany law firm, University of Rochester and SUNY-Buffalo Law School graduate.

In the Republican camp things were relatively quiet, the calm before the storm broken only by last week's convivial GOP steak bake in Unionville and a Sunday night strategy session of policymakers called by Kaplowitz. Several old-line Republicans were disappointed that the turnout for the steak, clams and associated pastimes fell some 34 short of last year's assemblage, but committeemen were pleased. They said they expected the falloff to be greater because of traditionalists' turned away by the decision to abandon the "stag" appendage and a boost of \$5 in the tab over last year.



Bethlehem's GOP candidates share a joke at the annual steak roast: from left, John Geurtze, Tom Corrigan, Ed Mocker and their town committee chairman, Bernie Kaplowitz.



Breaking the "barrier" at the formerly stag Bethlehem Republican steak roast: from left, Alice Wiggand, Regina DuBois, Arline Wiggand and Mary Bardwell enjoy their first GOP outing.

Party lines set in New Scotland

In a surprise move, New Scotland's Democratic caucus conceded the supervisor's post to Republican incumbent Stephen P. Wallace, but set their sights on gaining control of the town board by electing both council candidates in November.

The slate announced by town Democratic chairman Tom Dolin has incumbent Charles Houghtaling of Unionville and Herbert W. Reilly Jr. of Voorheesville running for the council, Sharon Boehlke of Feura Bush for town clerk, Eileen Farley for tax collector, and Hector "Babe" Arbor of New Salem for justice. The committee was unable to come up with a candidate to run against Wallace.

New Scotland Democrats won two of the four council seats in an upset two years ago, with Houghtaling designated for a two-year term. This year the party can win a 3-2 margin on the board by reelecting Houghtaling and electing Reilly. Ken Tice of Voorheesville is currently halfway through a four-year term.

On the Republican side, Wallace will be seeking his third two-year term as supervisor after seven years as assessor and another seven as building inspector. He has also served several stints as chairman of the town planning board in his 17 years in town government.



New Scotland's Mike Ricci, left, and Steve Wallace with County GOP Chairman George Scaringe at 1976 clambake.

With him on the GOP ticket are George Hotaling of Voorheesville and William Seymour of New Salem, designated for the two council contests; incumbents Corrine Cossac for clerk and Donald Chase for justice, and Edita Probst of Voorheesville for assessor. Hotaling retired in 1969 after 26 years as village superintendent of public works. Seymour is making another run for the council after losing two years ago in a photo-finish.

NEW SCOTLAND Ricci rejects supervisor bid

For a few turbulent hours last week, Voorheesville's popular Mike Ricci was subjected to a strenuous test of political loyalty. A 10-year member of the Albany County legislature and a longtime Republican leader in New Scotland, Ricci has made no secret he would like to be town supervisor, a post held by Stephen Wallace. Last Friday

he apparently was offered a chance to run for supervisor as an independent, and turned it down.

"I don't feel I can turn my back on the loyal Republicans who have supported me for more than 10 years," said Ricci, who turned 50 last month. "I'm very flattered, but if I were to make the race, I would do it in a primary. Any other way would be a disservice to my party." He would not identify the person who had approached him with the offer.

Ricci's decision came three days after the town's Democratic caucus had adjourned without naming a candidate to run against Wallace. New Scotland Democrats won two of the town's four council seats in the municipal election two years ago, and are expected to make a strong bid for control of town hall this November.

A Democratic insider told the Spotlight that the town committee would "probably" endorse Ricci if he ran as an independent in November. Ricci said later he was not seeking the nomination this year, and probably would have rejected the support if offered.

No Spotlight Sept. 8

Because hard-working typesetters and printers deserve an occasional weekend off, the Spotlight will not be published on Thursday, Sept. 8. The suspension will enable production workers who normally assemble your community newspaper on Sundays and Mondays each week to enjoy the three-day holiday. We expect to be back in circulation Sept. 15 with fresh vigor. Note: The Spotlight office at 414 Kenwood Ave. will be open as usual except Monday, Labor Day.

Early start fatal for girl cyclist, 19

Sandra Jean Vaughn, 19, of Clarksville, was asked to come to her summer job at the General Electric plant in Selkirk earlier than usual last Thursday morning to conduct a special tour of the plant. It was still dark when she set out from her home at 724 Delaware Tpk. on her bicycle.

Riding north on the right side of Rt. 32 on a sharp inside curve a tenth of a mile before LaGrange Rd., she was struck by a car about 5:30 a.m. She died two hours later at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Edwin Farr, 54, of 4805 Delaware Tpk., Clarksville, driver of the car, told Selkirk state police he was driving north and had put his lights on low beam for an approaching car, and did not see the girl.

Sandra would have been a sophomore this fall at Cornell University, where she was on the dean's list. She was a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central.

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In 1962 the state proposed a cloverleaf interchange that would have wiped out the Toll Gate intersection and some 30 nearby dwellings. The 1977 battleground is a proposal to widen Rt. 85 that would wipe out scores of trees and shrubs along with a sidewalk heavily used by bicyclists, walkers and joggers. Observed one longtime resident: "They (the State DOT) are still insensitive to the real needs, even after 15 years."

Residents of the hamlet's quiet side streets this week are joining property owners along a mile and a half stretch of New Scotland Rd. in plans to present a strong protest to state officials at an informational meeting Monday at 7:30 at the New Scotland town hall. Donald N. Geoffroy, director of DOT's Region One, hurriedly set up the meeting last week when it became evident that his highway planners had another tiger by the tail.

The department has already awarded \$990,000 in contracts for widening the highway to 22 feet from the present 20 feet, adding six-foot paved shoulders for a bikeway on each side of the road, and moving the highway ditches accordingly. The project is in two sections, one in the Helderbergs beyond New Salem, the other a 2.3-mile stretch between the Toll Gate and the New Scotland post office half a mile west of the Stonewell shopping center. The project also will force Niagara Mohawk and the New York Telephone Co. to spend some \$300,000 to move approximately 100 utility poles back from the right-of-way.

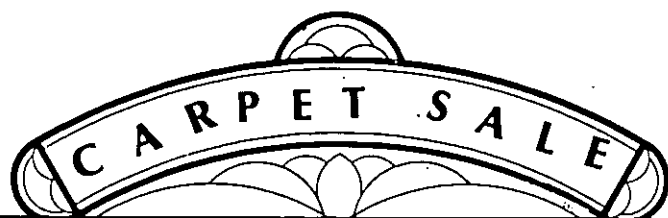
Slingerlands residents immediately saw the project as a major threat to traffic safety

on a highway long notorious for speeding, and the loss of stately trees as a severe blow to community pride as well as real estate values. They also were riled by the impending loss of the sidewalk built several years ago by the town of Bethlehem that permits residents to walk to the post office, exercise their dogs, jog and ride bicycles alongside a busy highway.

Sylvester J. Bower and Dominic DeCecco, officers of the Slingerlands Homeowners Assn., joined spontaneous neighborhood groups of homeowners in mobilizing for the Monday meeting. At least one petition was started, distribution of a handbill was underway, the Spotlight was bombarded with letters, and several citizens put in calls to state legislators and other state officials seeking help.

The protestors also are expected to make another strong pitch for the long-sought extension of the Slingerlands By-pass from Mahar Rd. to Rt. 85A near the Stonewell. A DOT spokesman said the department is preparing plans to extend the By-pass half a mile to intersect with Cherry Ave., but that plans to build the road beyond that point were "inactive."

Slingerlands residents have been pushing for the By-pass extension since the early 60's, but DOT officials, apparently smarting from the mass opposition they encountered with the proposed connector arterial linking the Delmar and Slingerlands By-passes, have been deaf to the pleas. "There is still a clear path for the road, even now after 15 years, through undeveloped land," one homeowner said over the weekend. "One of these days it will be too late. We hope the DOT will divert its energies and funds to this badly needed project and not spend them on something like the New Scotland project, which is definitely not needed." Added a neighbor: "Right now the



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Slingerlands By-pass should be named the Klarsfeld By-pass. It barely reaches to Slingerlands."

Region One Spokesmen say the additional width of the road and extended shoulders are necessary to qualify for federal funds, an argument Slingerlands people ridicule. "We pay federal taxes, too," they contend.

A spokesman for Niagara Mohawk said utility poles along Rt. 85 were jointly owned with New York Telephone, and estimated the cost of moving them at \$300,000. That cost is non-reimbursable, he said, which means it will be passed on to the public eventually. Eight houses with underground power laterals will have to bear extra costs, along with telephone customers affected by the project, he said. A telephone company spokesman said that "the distance of the poles from the center line is dictated by the DOT." Both Niagara Mohawk and the telephone company said that

some poles may land in homeowners' yards and that further tree cutting would be necessary for the wires that might not be included in the DOT count of 22 trees doomed to the chain saw.

Also haunting Slingerlands people is what they refer to as "the lesson of Altamont." They drew small comfort from an Altamont resident who tried to reassure a friend on New Scotland Rd. that "most people have been conscientious about replanting, and the Kiwanis club sold maples for awhile." But the state's removal of most of the full-grown shade trees on Altamont's Main St. and Maple Ave. 20 years ago is still considered a "a criminal offense" to a once-charming village. "What has come to be most obnoxious is the traffic," an Altamont resident observed last week. "Our police can't be there all the time. The state took our trees and gave the speeders and motorcyclists a wide straightaway without a bump." In prospect for Slingerlands: a wider speedway without a bump—or a sidewalk.

Outing for builders

Albany Area Builders Assn. will hold its first annual golf day Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Pinehaven Country Club. Co-chairmen are John Anastasi and Paul Lustenhower.

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20 vendors drive their trucks, laden with a variety of fresh products, into the market area. Immediately, each vendor places a portable stand of his own design in back of his truck, fills the stand with produce and begins to sell directly to consumers as in days of yore, so to speak. In the Caribbean and other agricultural countries, this centuries-old style still prevails.

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variety apples. In the ornamental horticultural line, look for gladioli and a limited assortment of house plants. Other items available are honey, eggs, and live chickens. Customers purchase items in various amounts, generally from a quart to as much as a bushel for canning and freezing. Many arrive on foot with their shopping carts. This type of selling, now called "Direct Marketing," was on the wane for many years, even coming close to a demise. Now it's very much alive and gaining strength.

Juveniles face court charges

A 16-year-old Delmar youth faces two police charges after his car swerved across two lawns and became stuck in the front yard at 68 Fernbank Ave. at 5:30 a.m. last Thursday. He was arrested by Bethlehem police officer John R. Cox Jr. on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal mischief.

Cox's report said the youth told him he was on the lawn by mistake. The report said the tracks of the car came from across the street where another "lawn job" was visible. Police said the driver failed a breath test. His companion was not charged.

Two 16-year-old Slingerlands youths face petty larceny charges for allegedly walking into the Convenient Food Mart on Kenwood Ave., Slingerlands, with a girl companion and taking six six-packs of beer without paying for them. Police said one of the youths

was recognized by the attendant and when questioned at his nearby home by Det. Colin Clark and Officer Keith Becker, identified his two companions. The girl was not charged. The beer was recovered from a wooded area nearby, police said.

Another 16-year-old boy was picked up by police shortly after Mrs. Elmer Morway had reported someone had attempted to burglarize her home in Delmar. Police said Mrs. Morway had apparently frightened off a youth attempting to pry a window in the sunroom of her home at 534 Kenwood Ave.

SLINGERLANDS Fruit stand draws a zoning warrant

The operator of a fruit and vegetable stand on Rt. 85 in Slingerlands has been taken to court on a charge of violating a town of Bethlehem zoning ordinance.

John Flanigan, town building inspector, said a warrant had been issued naming Ben Bowarski of Elm Ave., Selkirk, proprietor of the Ross hot-dog stand on New Scotland Rd. Bowarski, who leases the site from a Delmar doctor, is charged with a non-conforming use of the

property, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of \$50 and six months for each week of the violation.

A town spokesman said Bowarski is required to have a new permit for the fruit and vegetable stand because that phase of business on the site has been discontinued for a period exceeding 12 months. The hot-dog stand is not in violation, the spokesman said, but added that Bowarski does not have permits for A-frame signs on the premises.

The stand, which continues the name of a previous owner, is located in a Residential-A zone.

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Town employee retires

Marion Johnson, assistant assessor for the town of Bethlehem, is spending vacation time aboard the 37-foot houseboat she and her husband have berthed at the Ravena-Coeymans Yacht Club prior to her retirement Sept. 1. Mrs. Johnson started in town hall in 1960 as a temporary

clerk in the assessor's office and the tax office, and took a full-time job as assistant assessor two years ago. She and her husband, Lester C. Johnson, who retired from ConRail June 1 after 42 years service, have lived at 1 Taylor Terr., Delmar, since 1945. They have three children and two grandchildren.

VOORHEESVILLE Village starting a new building

Construction is underway on a new village garage and office wing in Voorheesville behind the fire house on Altamont Rd.

The village board has awarded contracts totaling \$160,737 to P. J. Kenneary, Loudonville general contractors, Kot Electric and Cristafulli Brothers plumbing firm.

Youth job service

The Bethlehem Youth Employment Service will switch to its school year schedule beginning on Monday, Sept. 12. YES offices are located at 397 Delaware Ave., Delmar, and will be open from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning on that date. Until then, the summer schedule, with hours from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be in effect.

YES is an employment referral service for young people, aged 14 through college age. These willing workers

register with YES, listing the types of jobs they want. When a call comes in at 439-2238, Director Rex Trobridge matches the job to the student geographically. All types of requests are answered, such as clerical workers, salespeople, painters, child care and housecleaning workers.

Public relations: 2 views

A Delmar motorist entering the Taconic Parkway from the New York Thruway's Berkshire spur paid her 20-cent toll from Exit B-1 with a dime, a nickel and five pennies. She was about to drive on when the Thruway toll attendant ordered her to remain while the toll-taker counted the coins. When he found one of the pennies was Canadian, he returned it to the driver and demanded a U.S. penny. She fished in her purse and came up with one, shaking her head.

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Gets Joint posts

Gilbert Spevack of Delmar has been appointed to joint positions as associate director of the Albany Medical Center Hospital for outpatient services and assistant to the dean of the Albany Medical College for ambulatory services.

Spevack, assistant director of AMCH for outpatient services since 1974, joined the hospital in 1972. He was previously associated with Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn. He is a graduate of the University of Miami and received his master's degree in public administration from New York University in 1971. He and his wife, Judy, have two children.

Flag for library

Bethlehem Library is flying a new American flag. The flag was donated by Louise Austin in memory of her husband, Jay S. Austin, who served in World War I and was in occupied territory. He also worked as a railway postal clerk in New York City, and when he retired, lived in Utica.

TENNIS

Entries now open for net tourney

Bethlehem Tennis Assn. is now receiving entries for the annual Bethlehem Open tournament scheduled for the second and third weekends of September at the Middle School courts.

Craig and Eileen Jones are directing the 10-event draws, with play starting Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10-11, and finishing with semifinals and finals Sept. 17-18. Unlike the spring tournament in June, which is restricted to players in the town and school district, the fall tournament is open to all comers.

There will be "A" and "B" classifications for men's singles and doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry forms are available at tennis clubs throughout the Capital District, at Bethlehem Library, Courtside Tennis Shop in Elsmere and the Spotlight office. For information call Craig or Eileen Jones, 20 Dumbarton Dr., 439-2845.

Theft at pool

Police are searching for a sneak thief who stole a pocketbook at the Bethlehem town park and escaped with approximately \$30. Mary L. Loose, 146 Adams Pl., Delmar, told police the purse was taken while she was at the Elm Ave. pool. The pocketbook was recovered a short time later from the trash can in the women's locker room with the contents intact except for the missing cash, police said.

Promoted by Motorola

Robert J. O'Donnell has been promoted to manager of international petroleum sales for the Latin America and Asia-Pacific divisions of Motorola, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, the former Diane Crysler of Groesbeck Pl., Delmar, and their three children recently visited Mrs. O'Donnell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crysler, and Mr. O'Donnell's brother, Arthur O'Donnell of Elsmere. The O'Donnells live in Crystal Lake, Ill., a Chicago suburb.

Car hits cow

Alan M. Goldberg, 1 Brookside Ave. escaped injury when the car he was driving struck a cow on the Delmar Bypass near Bender Lane shortly before 1 a.m. last Saturday, according to Bethlehem police. Goldberg reported minor damage to the fender of his car, police said. The cow's injuries were unknown as the animal wandered off, the report stated.

Albany man arraigned

Joseph Colaveccio, 34, of Albany, was arraigned in Bethlehem justice court last week on a charge of third degree rape, a felony. He was arrested by Det. Marvin C. Koonz Jr. on complaint of a 15-year-old Albany girl, who told police the incident occurred in Colaveccio's car on an unidentified side street in Slingerlands the afternoon of Aug. 12.

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Reflections of a Tomboys fan

Another Bethlehem Tomboys season is now history, so many local families can turn their thoughts to vacation trips and other ways to spend warm summer evenings. Suppers can be served at conventional hours, and team caps can be tucked away in closets.

At the season's end picnic at Picard's Grove, there were wistful young faces here and there amid the high-spirited socializing of players and parents. For the minor leaguers, especially, it can be sad to see the season come to an end because next spring seems a long way off.

The wonder of it is the girls take being Tomboys (with a capital T) for granted. We who

arrange our household schedules around their games and then cheer from the bleachers, hoping a game will end before dark, may marvel at this well-organized sports program being run for our girls. Such leagues have been in existence for only a few years, yet what we observe is a smooth operation: designated playing fields at the town park, sponsors who provide shirts and caps, proper and safe equipment, trained umpires, and managers and coaches who can be depended upon to be there, sometimes straight from the office in suits and ties, but there and ready.

We mothers can reflect upon our own growing-up years and

realize just how far, baby, we have come. But our "babies," the beneficiaries of a society gradually becoming more enlightened about the needs and desires of both sexes, don't know what WE missed. They just make the most of what THEY have.

Isn't this a large part of what women's liberation is all about? Our daughters don't worry about being labeled "unfeminine" if they enjoy playing softball. You don't see Tomboys combing their hair between pitches, or caring if an over-sized shirt flaps around their knees. The batters are too intent on watching the pitch come in (the coach will yell "Good eye!" if it's called a ball, but there's that danger of letting a called third strike go by) and the fielders are hoping against hope that fly ball might somehow stick in an outstretched mitt.

The movements and expressions of the youngest players are heartwarming to behold: surprised grins when a play works, indignant shock at an umpire's call, an elaborate shrug when called out at first base. There may be a few tears ... when every throw seems to go awry in a big game, or a hit was so needed but a strike-out came instead. No one fusses over these small signs of frustration, though, and they are, for the most part, fleeting. Teams pull together, understanding that everyone is doing their best, and coaches help

keep the focus on what needs to be done now, not on past disasters.

Lucky are the girls now of an age to take part in such a well-run program as the Bethlehem Tomboys. They are learning to perform in an arena themselves, to try and fail and try again, to find out what it means to be a member of a team. Most often, of course, while having a great deal of fun.

Best of all, they are being well prepared for life as adults in a competitive society where, though they can't be expected to appreciate it as much as we might, women may have the same opportunities as men to get in there and pitch.

Ann Treadway

Volunteers take flag to Michigan

When the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps travels to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Mich. to participate in a colonial muster weekend, they will take with them a flag of New York State which Thomas Corrigan of Delmar arranged for them to receive and which was presented to them by Assemblyman Larry Lane. The flag will be presented to Greenfield Village as a gesture of goodwill.

The Fife and Drum Corps is in the midst of another busy marching season performing throughout the area. Locally, programs were presented at the

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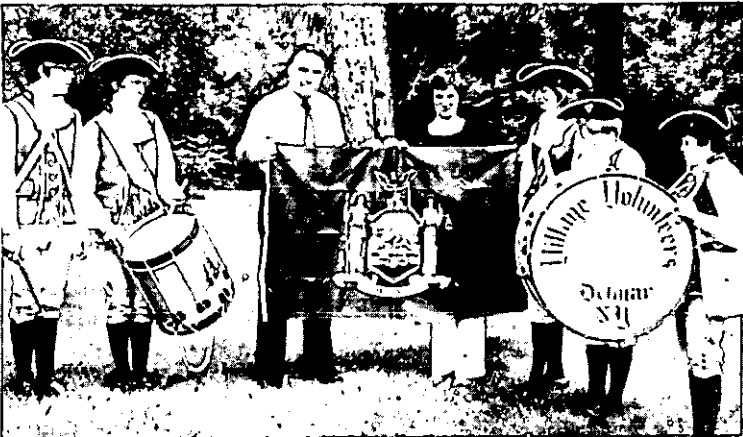
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Flag presentation by Assemblyman Larry Lane to Village Volunteers President Lynne Perry, to the drumbeats of Don Veltman, left, Jim Willey, Susan Jewell, Holly Veltman and Doug Seyler.

Bethlehem Library's Evening on the Green and the Elm Ave. Park. They also participated in the parade commemorating the Battle of Bennington, the New York Fireman's Parade in Greenport, and performed daily at the Altamont Fair. The corps has also played at Mohawk Mall, Colonie Center Mall, the Capitol and South Mall, Washington Park for the Pinksterfest, Saugerties, Charlton, Rotterdam, and in Delmar in the Memorial Day Parade and the Elm Ave. Park opening. The corps has many future engagements including musters at Deep River, Conn. and Burlington, Vt.

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A well-known realtor retires in Delmar

Sonja Braun off for new locale

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lawyer for over 40 years. On Sept. 3 she will leave for Europe for a two month vacation before moving to Walnut Creek, Calif.

She's moving to California to be near two of her daughters. Her oldest daughter, Dr. Miranda Braun, works for the National Institute of Education in Washington, C.C. Katherine of Santa Monica, Calif. is an actress who has appeared in "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman." Her youngest daughter, Mrs. Philip Goodman, is the mother of Mrs. Braun's only grandchild



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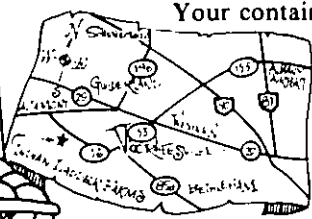
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On the cover:

Delmar Dolphins' 11-12 age group swimmers are working out daily preparing for the Adirondack District AAU championships starting Friday at the Bethlehem town park. Holding trophies won earlier in the local Junior Olympics are, from left: front, Jeff Jensen, Dean Meinert, John Hanahan, Doug Schulz; rear, Kristi Carron, Robin Neff, Donna Schulz, Stephanie Dempf, Tracey Holland and Janet Shaffer.

board president, said she felt the admission of Scott J. Wisner of Watertown to the senior class at BCBS would be interpreted as favoring the school's athletic program over its academic program. She said she didn't want the school to "look like we're raiding other school districts for athletes."

Bethlehem Central's swimming team has annually been among the strongest in the state. Wisner, hoping to attract more attention from college recruiters on a strong team such as BC than a mediocre team, and thus improve chances for a college scholarship, sought to enroll in Delmar while residing with the Charles Neff family, whose members are outstanding swimmers. The motion to accept Wisner, offered by board member John Clyne, did not receive a second.



The Helderberg Workshop has completed another successful year at their new summer home at the base of the Helderberg escarpment. Courses were offered in everything from macrame to spelunking as children from all over explored their own special talents.

SCHOOL BOARD

Star swimmer denied transfer

Bethlehem's board of education has turned down a request by an outstanding high school swimmer to transfer to the local high school on a tuition basis. Tuition for out-of-district students normally is \$2,000.

Mrs. Ann Patton, school.

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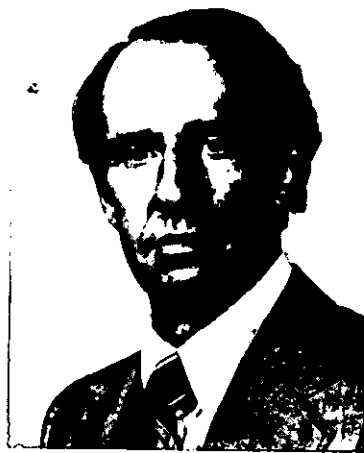
Engagement is told

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grennon of West Sand Lake have announced the engagement of their daughter, Holly Ann, to Kevin E. Tuite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Tuite of New Scotland.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Averill Park High School and is employed by Welsh and Grey in East Greenbush. Her fiance attended Bethlehem Central High School, Schenectady Community College and the State University at Plattsburgh. He is manager of Long John Silver, Latham. A Nov. 12 wedding is planned.

Surgeon appointed

Dr. Richard H. McShane has been appointed associate professor of Surgery and head of the division of plastic surgery at Albany Medical College and attending plastic surgeon and head of the division of plastic surgery for the Albany Medical Center Hospital. Dr. McShane, the first full-time head of plastic surgery for either institution, has been director of plastic surgery service at the



Dr. R. H. McShane

University of Iowa hospitals and clinics in Iowa City. He and his wife, Gail, have seven children. They reside at 330 McCormack Rd.

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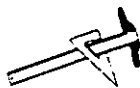
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Reginald Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell Smith of Menands, were married July 7 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany. Rev. George E. Kenyon Jr. performed the ceremony. A reception followed at the Bavarian Chalet, Guelderland.

Mrs. Smith is employed by the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. Her husband is a laboratory technician at Empire Dental Lab., Schenectady. The couple are making their home in Schenectady.

Litterer embarrassed

There was an incident in Glenmont last week that should bring joy to every citizen who ever felt frustrated at the sight of an abandoned bag of garbage and litter deposited furtively in a yard or on a roadside.

According to a Bethlehem police report, an Albanian woman avoided arrest for littering when a resident of Hanney Lane found trash thrown on the north side of the street and found the woman's name on papers among the trash. Bethlehem police phoned the woman and suggested she retrieve the trash from the Glenmont site. She apparently took the suggestion for the litter was cleared and she was the name.

Holiday for refuse

There will be no garbage collection in the Town of Bethlehem on Sept. 5, Labor Day, and the town's Landfill will be closed on that holiday also. In those neighborhoods where garbage is usually collected on Mondays collection will take place one day later, a spokesman said.

Daughter to Forter

The birth of Alexander Armitage Forter on July 31 has been announced by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodman K. Forter of Higham, Mass. Mrs. Forter is the former Mrs. Sydney T. Jones Jr. of Slingerlands and the late Mrs. Jones.

Joy of Stitching

by ELSA WILLIAMS

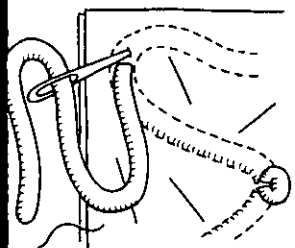
CORDING AND TRAPUNTO

Last week we discussed quilting. Today I'm going to tell you about cording and trapunto, two "quilted" types of embroidery that have a charm and elegance all their own. Both are at their best on soft fabrics like satin, crepe or velvet and most effective in monochromatic tones.

To make your own cording design, draw either a square motif or a long border of curved lines that interlace pleasantly. Each design line should then be drawn as a pair of parallel lines with the distance between them wide enough to accommodate the thickness of your cording.

Draw the lines on soft muslin; this becomes the lining. The two fabrics, muslin lining and top material, should be firmly joined before you start stitching. First pin and then baste them together. With small even Running Stitches sew along all the double lines. Thread a heavier needle with thick yarn or cord and, from the underside of the work, pull the needle through the muslin and follow between your double lines of stitching.

There should be no problem following gently curved lines. Sharp curves and corners need more care. The easiest way to achieve a smooth line is to bring the needle out through the muslin underlining, skip over a few threads and put it back through the muslin.



Leave a small loop of the cording out on the wrong side of the embroidery so that it will once again follow smoothly between your double lines of stitching without being forced into a sharp-angled turn.

Trapunto is also worked with a muslin backing securely fastened to your chosen

fabric. But the design, instead of being a double line, is drawn in the usual manner. A flower pattern would be lovely, with the flower petals and leaves quilted. For the most elegant effect do the embroidery — Split stitch, Stem stitch, Back stitch all are fine for the purpose — in the same color as the background.

Elsa Williams will reply to readers' questions of general interest in her column but all questions will be answered personally. Write to Elsa Williams, Box 3788, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10017.

To quilt or pad the petals and leaves, small amounts of polyester fiber (the same stuffing you use when you mount needlework pillows) can be inserted through a slit in the muslin layer. This slit is sewn shut after all padding is completed.

The padding should be firm and as even as possible.

Dear Elsa,

How can I use a flower pattern for basketweave? I can't imagine all those curves in the canvas "squares".

S.G.R.

Dear S.G.R.,

It isn't too difficult unless your flower pattern is very intricate or very small. If that is the case, it's best to simplify the original design before you attempt to put it on canvas.

Trace the pattern directly on to the canvas with a permanent marker (be sure you don't use one that will run when you dampen your embroidery for blocking.) If you want a more accurate preview of how the finished piece will look, you can trace the design on graph paper. Hold it against a window for light.

Use 10-squares-to-the-inch graph paper if that's what your canvas is going to be. Curves will "square" themselves on graph paper in a series of little steps. Color the graph paper design to see exactly how the finished embroidery will look.

E.W.

Locked cars rifled

A thief with a sharp pair of cutters subtracted batteries from two locked vehicles a block apart last week. Bethlehem police reported that automotive batteries valued at approximately \$50 each were stolen the same night from a locked car at 69 Harrison Ave., Delmar, and a locked pickup truck around the corner at 5 Pine St. In each instance the battery cables had been cut three inches from the terminals, police said.

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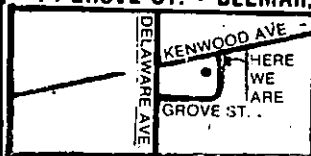
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Paul J Clarke

Bank names Clarke

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Participants in the rallye are, front row: Jean Hopkins, event chairperson and navigators Elizabeth, Bailey, Pam Graveline and JoAnne Auick. In the second row are Dr. Harry Judge and drivers Bill Karins, Don Fisher and Ed Hopkins

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Blind 'rallye' held

The Empire Motor Sports Club held its eleventh annual Rallye for the Blind with summer students from the Assn. for the Blind acting as navigators for the volunteer drivers from Empire. Sixteen cars with 16 blind navigators and six blind passengers participated in the 34-mile course. The navigators read route instructions to the drivers in either braille or large print.

The rallye ended at Thacher Park with food and beverages donated by EMSC. Trophies for the event were donated by

G.E. Plastics in Selkirk to the first four place winners. Each navigator received a small trophy.

Park facilities open

New Scotland town park's two regulation-size basketball courts are scheduled to be open for play this week, according to Supervisor Stephen Wallace. The picnic area in the pine grove at the new park, which has been equipped with hibachis and picnic tables, was ready over the weekend Wallace said, and will remain open until cold weather ends the outdoor season. The park is on Swift Rd. and is open to town residents only.

Town employees study

Two employees of the Bethlehem Water District will attend a three-month training course at Hudson Valley Community College for water treatment plant operators this fall. The Bethlehem town board has authorized tuition payments of \$167 each for Paul Van Wely and William Rossman, who will attend classes on their own time three hours a night, two nights a week from mid-September to mid-December.

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Media Rare

An occasional Spotlight commentary on the world of radio, TV and newspapers

By Perry Galt

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New publications come and go, but few journalistic ventures in recent years have had as golden an opportunity for success as the Capital District's newest and perhaps most exciting newspaper—the Northeastern New York Sports Weekly. If the new publishers have met their extremely tight deadline for the inaugural issue, Sports Weekly should be on newsstands throughout the area today.

Whatever baptismal bumps and growing pains the new weekly encounters in its infancy, puberty and adolescence, the travail should be worth it, for the need is great and the horizons virtually unlimited. The payoff will be big if the publication can deliver sound reporting and good writing.

If there is one precinct in the area's daily newspapers (apart from the editorial page) that is distinctive for reportorial rapidity, it is the sports section. Of the two Albany journals, the morning Times Union has little space after presenting the racing charts, and the Knickerbocker News has little space for sports period.

The Capital Newspapers are not alone in their persistent servings of mediocrity in sports page prose. The Schenectady Gazette is similarly afflicted, except the Gazette gives far more to the worn cliches and as far more extensive coverage of both local and national sports than the Albany papers. Nor is the affliction confined to our corner of the globe; it is national in scope, so whenever the ball game is over, the malady lingers on. Part of the problem is: how many different ways can you write up a wedding, but that excuse doesn't always hold up.

Back to the newborn Sports

Weekly. It is the brainchild of Thomas B. Ryder of Hudson, a former city editor of the Knickerbocker News and onetime managing editor and sports editor of the Hudson Register-Star. He is also a founder of the Empire State Football League, which seems to be catching on with the fans. His general manager in the new enterprise is Stuart Murray of Hillsdale, a freelance writer, newsman and former semi-pro soccer player. The directorate is blessed with youthful vigor: Ryder is 36, Murray 29.

They have been busy signing up knowledgeable writers, including Scott Muray, Channel 13 sports director, and Nat Boynton, a tennis columnist formerly in the Times Union now in the Spotlight. The publishers propose to offer detailed coverage of high school teams as a backbone for the full spectrum of local sports, and they promise coverage of women's sports.

Distribution will be primarily by newsstand sales at the start while mail subscriptions are building up. The publishers should know by Christmas whether they have a chance to make it or not: the key at the start is whether there is enough time to develop a quality format and gain the acceptance of the area's hardcore sports fans before they run out of patience. But the need and the potential beckon. Art Lee, a gifted writer who

commanded a huge following when he was writing an outdoor column and features for the Times Union, would be pleased to see what Ryder and Murray are trying to do; and the late Charley Young, who gained national recognition as a baseball writer when he toiled for the pre-Hearst Knick News, will certainly be smiling from way up there.

The new adventurers can be inspired by the big-league example of Sports Illustrated. Wise heads shook their craniums when Time-Life Etc. launched that expensive gamble more than a decade ago. "It'll never make it over the big hump," they said. What they forgot was that Sports Illustrated gave the readers of U.S. sports pages something they couldn't find on those pages—quality writing that gave sports reporting a new dimension.

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Receives Degree

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of science degree in business administration. Lawlor is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy of Albany and Junior College of Albany. He spent two years in the Army at Ft. Hood, Tex., and has been with the U.S. Postal Service at Albany for 19 years. He is married to the former Teresa Audino and has two children, Daniel C. III and Teresa Rose. Lawlor spent eight years earning his degree part-time while being employed full time.

Fire calls

Aug. 19—Elsmere, Feura Bush Rd., residence, smoking wires, no damage.

Aug. 19—Selkirk, Mele's trailer court, trailer fire.



Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Harbeck

Harbecks honored

Mr. and Mrs. Arlington L. Harbeck, Sr., 12 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, were guests of honor at a surprise party given by their children on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The party held at the Center Inn, Glenmont, and attended by more than 50 relatives and friends, was hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Arlington L. Harbeck, Jr., of Wetland, Mich. and Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. (Ann) Pfeiffer

of Chesapeake, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Harbeck are also grandparents of Carl, Jill Keith and Greg Harbeck and Robert D., Jr., Todd, Joel and Julianne Pfeiffer.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

Regarding the widening of New Scotland:

I would like to take this opportunity to notify all members of the Slingerlands Homeowners Assn.—and, in particular those who live on or close to New Scotland Rd.—that there will be a public meeting on this subject. I have been informed that the meeting is being called by Mr. Donald Geoffrey, Regional Director of NYS Department of Transportation. It will be held in the New Scotland Town Hall, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 29. Presumably there will be additional details in the newspapers.

The main purpose of the meeting is to explain what is going to be done to the road. However, the meeting will provide an opportunity for all residents of Slingerlands and beyond to express their views on the project. Perhaps DOT can be persuaded that the funds could be better expended for the extension of the Slingerlands By-Pass rather than to make New Scotland Rd. a heavy-duty highway.

*Sylvester J. Bower, Pres.
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Slingerlands

Keep our trees!

Editor, The Spotlight:

We do not live on New Scotland Rd. We live on a residential side street that takes us nowhere but home. Our property will not be involved should plans for widening the road become fact. The loss of old and beautiful trees, however, will involve us. Slingerlands' relaxed,

neighborly atmosphere cannot help but be sadly changed.

We truly believe that all of us, young and old, need the reassurance of nature and quiet as expressed in—yes, the trees lining New Scotland Rd. Resurface the road—it needs that improvement, but please, let us keep our trees!

Slingerlands Janet Berry

Three alternatives

An open letter to all our elected State and Federal officials:

Gentlemen:

I wish to call your attention to a shocking waste of taxpayer money and a complete disregard for the environment by the New York State Dept. of Transportation's proposed widening of New Scotland Rd. The road is now bordered by stately trees and charming turn-of-the-century homes which would be seriously affected by this proposal. While the reason given for the work is to make the road safer, the real reason for the widening is to qualify for federal funding.

I would like to give you some arguments against this project.

1. The road would not be safer. With a wider road and broader shoulders, the effect would create an environment conducive to higher speeds, causing many more accidents at connecting streets.

2. The elimination of sidewalks would create a tremendous hazard for our children and our elderly, who would have to contend with speeding traffic only inches away.

3. There is no need to widen the road, since an 8-foot shoulder already exists on the south side of the road and, properly surfaced, would make an excellent bike path. At the moment this shoulder has many potholes which make it useless to bikers.

4. Many trees along the road would be destroyed, either by cutting them down, or by increased exposure to salt used on the highway.

I would therefore urge that you use your influence to urge the DOT to halt any work on New Scotland Road until

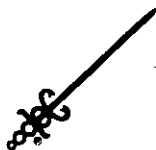
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further studies are made of alternatives. I would suggest the following ideas for consideration by the DOT:

1. Seek an exemption from the federal government from the 44 foot requirement. Certainly they are aware that different conditions prevail in older sections of the country.

2. Use the money saved on the project to complete the Slingerlands By-Pass south to 85A where most of the traffic originates in the first place.

This should be done while vacant land still exists along the route. In this manner, a wider, safer, heavy-duty road fulfilling all federal requirements could be built.

3. Resurface the road and improve the shoulders as they now exist, with state funds. This is how the road has been repaired in the past.

I believe that most of the residents of Slingerlands, New Scotland and environs would agree that we are all for safety, however, we cannot continue the wanton destruction of the environment as long as there are viable alternatives which can be pursued. I urge everyone in the area to voice their concerns on this project.

Dominick DeCecco

Slingerlands

Okay, DOT ...

Editor, The Spotlight:

Okay, DOT, widen the road. We live with the constant speeding and noise anyway, we'll have to live with more speeding and more noise—the new road should be a joy to motorcycles! We'll plant fast-growing scrub pines to replace those maples. We'll get used to the utility poles in our front yards. We wondered if we'd live long enough to see you build

the Slingerlands By-Pass through open country before it gets built up; now we know you'll never build it. When you hold your meeting on the 29th show us a way to tell our kids who took their favorite sidewalk away and why they can't walk or ride along the road anymore. As for us, we'll find another place to jog and walk the dog.

Name submitted

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Trees vs. speedway

Editor, The Spotlight:

Please add my name to what I hope will be a long list of people objecting to the proposed widening of New Scotland Rd. We certainly do not need the loss of more trees nor do we need a speedway to tempt traffic violators.

Elizabeth Manning

Slingerlands

Cars vs. people

Editor, The Spotlight:

Many residents of the Tri Village area are disturbed about the issue that was mentioned in the Spotlight of Aug. 18. It is important that we know the facts and mobilize to prevent the roadbuilders from paying more attention to cars than people.

Widening Rt. 85 would create serious safety hazards for residents of the area. Its width would not allow for a sidewalk, which is a necessity. The present sidewalk is used extensively (and) a wider road would invite more speeding which would ... be a threat to pedestrians and bicycle riders. The widening of the road would also destroy much of the beauty of Slingerlands.... It is not meant to be a speedway. The plan includes removal of 22 trees, not counting the number of trees whose roots will be destroyed, and the replacing of all the telephone poles...

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Editor, The Spotlight:

While New Scotland Rd. may require resurfacing through Slingerlands, it certainly does not need to be widened by an additional 16 feet of pavement—two feet for the lanes and 14 feet for new paved shoulders. The road doesn't have to meet "interstate" standards, although many drivers currently treat it like an "interstate" and disregard the 30 mph speed limit. Widening the road will only provide motorists with the incentive and ability to go even faster through the town. Thus, in the name of improving highway safety, the road widening project will likely have the opposite result. The Dept. of Transportation's planners have ignored the fact that Slingerlands is a residential

area and that New Scotland Rd. runs through a neighborhood with strollers, bicyclers, dogs and children and not through an undeveloped countryside.

In addition, widening the road will seriously affect the charm and beauty of the community. Not only will the project needlessly remove 20-22 shade trees for parking lanes and a bike path (DOT seems to forget that the existing sidewalk already serves the latter purpose), but many more trees will be cut down or mutilated to provide a corridor for the telephone and power lines that will have to be relocated.

DOT is sacrificing something that doesn't belong to it—this community's bucolic appearance which has drawn so many persons to locate here. Surely that sacrifice is both unwarranted and too high a price to pay for a limited amount of federal aid highway monies.

Slingerlands *David E. Blabey*

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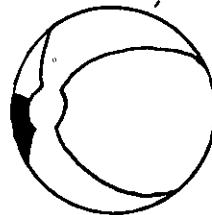


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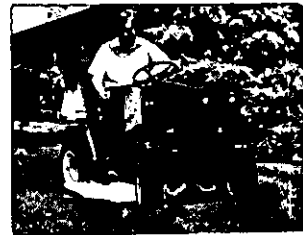
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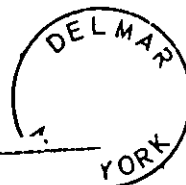
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