

# The Spotlight

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**Elaine Miller**

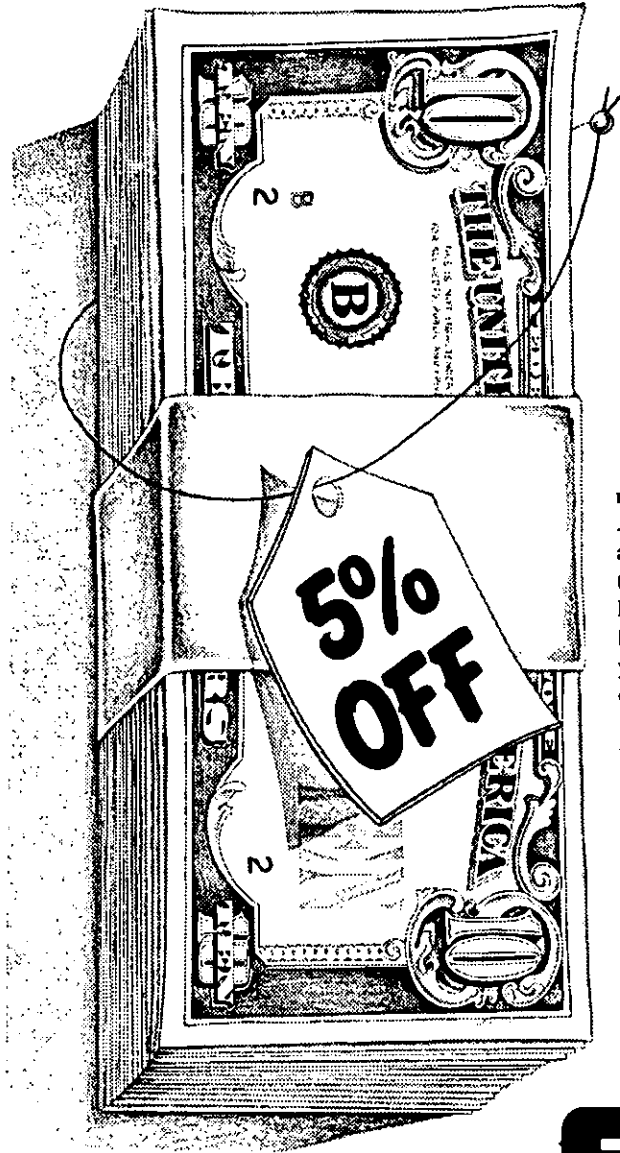
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**Town of New Scotland**--Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Recreation Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., town hall, Rt. 85.

**League of Women Voters**, Thursdays, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. Information 439-5786.

**Bethlehem Jaycees**, first and third Wednesdays, Center Inn, 9W, Glenmont, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxillary** to Post 3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**Bethlehem Sportsman's Club**, first Tuesday, 5 Rivers Environmental Center, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

**Bethlehem Recycling**, town garage, 114 Adams St., Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and styrofoam removed. Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**AARP**, third Tuesday, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m.

**Glenmont Lions Club** meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Info: Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

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Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn., Cedar Hill School House, 8 p.m.

Story hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Films, "Magic Gifts," "Little Mariner," "Palle Alone in the World," Voorheesville Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Recovery Inc. meeting, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. for persons with nervous or emotional problems.



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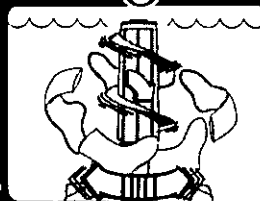
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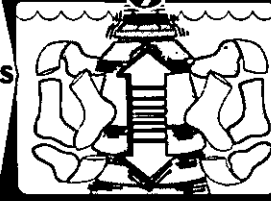
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Films, "Arrow to the Sun," "People Soup," "Magician," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

**Cross-country skiing workshop,** Five Rivers Environmental Education Center; pre-registration required, 457-6092, \$1 per person. Two sessions: 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m.

**Creative Writing Club,** Bethlehem Library, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Annual Cubic Kumquat nightclub,** "Take Me to the Mardi Gras," featuring Sam Bozella's Dance Band; Ted Schulenberg's Ragtime Band; light buffet, dancing. Bethlehem High School, 8 - 11 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

**Family cross-country Ski Day,** sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, at Indian Ladder Farms,

Rt. 156, Voorheesville, 12 noon - 4 p.m. \$1 single, \$3 family. Refreshments.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

**Career advisement,** Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 6 - 9 p.m.

**Story hour,** Voorheesville Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

**Bethlehem Coffeehouse,** Tracy Schwartz, traditional country and blugrass on fiddle, guitar, banko

Cajun accordion, 8:30 p.m. \$2.

**Delmar Fire Dept.** Open House to display new fire trucks, 1 - 4 p.m. Refreshments.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

**Stretch & Sew** fashion show, demonstration. Stitchery Group of Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Library, 9:30 a.m. All Welcome Wagon members invited.

**Teachings of the Lutheran Church,** Pastor Warren Winterhoff,

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**Delmar Camera Club,** "Portraits at Home," Rexford Hopkins, also workshop on "Close-ups" and slide and print competition, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Parish House, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

**Cornell Men's Club and Cornell Women's Club,** family social evening, slides of Mexico by Alice Porter, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. Information 439-1964.

**Public Hearing,** Bethlehem Town Board, on Zoning Ordinance Amendment, an area from Rural Not-zoned District to Residence "A" District in the Elm Ave.-Jericho Rd. area, Town Hall, 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

**Albany County Audubon Society,** Robert E. Stone, "Local, Interesting Wildflowers," Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

**Solar Energy class,** Robert Mitchell, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Register 765-3635 by Jan. 23.

**Story hour,** Voorheesville Library, 10:30 a.m.

**Film, "Blockheads,"** Laurel and Hardy, Voorheesville Library, 4 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

**Academy Award Movie, "Oliver,"** sponsored by the FBLA, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m. \$1.50.

**Chaplin Film Festival, "The Tramp"** (1915) and "One A.M." (1916), Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

**Recovery, Inc.,** for persons with nervous or emotional problems, First United Methodist Church, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

**Chaplin Film Festival, "The Circus"** (1928), Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

**Audubon Winter Walk,** Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, meet at 1 p.m., snow shoes available.

**Winterland Adventure,** ski touring or snowshoeing, sponsored by Heldeberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Instructions and equipment rentals available, refreshments.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

**Christian Music Ministries,** program and dessert social, Bethlehem Lutheran Church parish hall, Delmar, 6 p.m. All welcome.

# area arts

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

### THEATER

"Under Papa's Picture," dinner theater at Italian American Community Center, Albany, Jan. 20-25, open 6 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m., curtain 8:30, \$12.50 includes dinner, tax, tip, show. 372-6888.

### MUSIC

Annual "Jazz Nite" benefit at the Arts Center, featuring jazz violinist Joe Venuti, Jan. 29. Reservations. 438-7885.

"A Night in Old Vienna," Albany Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert featuring soprano Anne Turner, Palace Theater, Albany, Jan. 21, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

### ART

Monumental Brasses, rubbings by Townsend Rich, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., through mid-January. Library hours 9-9 weekdays, 9-5 Saturdays, 1-5 Sundays. Free parking at Elm St. entrance.

### FILM

Cohoes Music Hall Classic Film Series, new and old Melvin Douglas, "I Never Sang for My Father," and "Theodora Goes Wild," Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. 237-7700.

Prize International Cinema, "The Marquise of O" (German), State University Performing Arts Center Recital Hall, Jan. 27-28, 8:30 p.m. \$2, students and senior citizens \$1.25. 457-8606.

History of Film, Russell Sage College, Schacht Fine Arts Center, "Rebel Without a Cause," James Dean, Jan. 20: "Richard III," Lawrence Olivier, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.



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## BETHLEHEM

### Elaine is queen as snow reigns

Bethlehem's 1978 Snow Queen is Elaine Ann Miller, a 17-year-old BCHS student leader and athlete. She was crowned by Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan and the town's 1977 queen, Laurie Bosworth, in a wintry setting at Elm Ave. Park Saturday, hours after a major storm had deposited a foot of new snow on the landscape.

First runner-up in the contest, which was sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, was Stacey Hines and second runner-up was Jane Rathjens. In the queen's court were Terri Bassett, Laura Ann Fish, Therese Hoenig and Susan McGarrahan.

Miss Miller is active in dramatics, school choir and the Distributive Education Club of America. She works on the Star, the Bethlehem Central High School newspaper and is a member of the Senior Class Council. She is on the varsity gymnastics team and was area

winner in public speaking and advertising layout for DECA. She also serves as a candystriper at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Miss Hines is also a senior at BCHS. She plans to continue her education and pursue a career in social work. She has been a cheerleader for BCHS and a member of the track team. During the Christmas season, she organized a group of carolers to sing in neighborhoods of elderly persons.

Miss Rathjens is a 16-year old junior at BCHS, a cheerleader and has worked as a volunteer at the Eden Park Nursing Home since 1975.

Weather held the entries down in the skating races, but there were plenty of winners. They were:

Girls' races: 4 and under — Kristen Jones, Kara Rogers: 5-7 — Jody Jones, Erin Dennin, Julie Karins; 8-10 — Jill Kaplowitz, Chris Valentine, Libby Bartoletti; 11-13 — Michelle Conway, Brenda Jones, Peggy Stornelli; 14-16 — Liz Howell, Tami Van Ryn,

Donna Warren.

Boys- races: 4 and under — Billy Peters, Brent Hurd, Billy Karens; 5-7 — Chadd Bylsma, Chris Nolan, Jim Brink; 8-10 — Walter Reed, Jim Dobert, Doug Berlin; 11-13 — Charlie Wooster, Tim Talmadge, Scott Hurd; 14-16 — Phil White, Tim Talmadge.

### Glenmont variance denied by board

A Long Island development firm will have to relocate the footings and foundations of a house under construction in Glenmont as a result of a ruling by the Bethlehem board of appeals.

Abco Builders, Inc. of Douglaston has applied for an exception to the town's zoning ordinance when it was found that one of the houses proposed for the giant Bicentennial Woods subdivision off Feura Bush Rd. was six feet three inches closer to the rear lot line than is permitted under the ordinance. An inspection by the town building department determined that one corner of the house, which is located on a

triangular-shaped lot at 125 Jefferson Rd., was only 18.9 feet from the lot line instead of the minimum 25 feet. After holding a public hearing Jan. 4, the board last week denied the variance.

In a separate action, the board granted a variance to Robert Behan to convert a three-unit apartment house on Rt. 9W near Bender Lane to a four-unit dwelling. No objections were made at a public hearing Jan. 4.

### School crossing to have flasher

Efforts by parents of Elsmere Elementary School children to obtain additional protection for the school crossing on Delaware Ave. have found a sympathetic ear at town hall.

Mrs. James J. McSharry, president of the Elsmere School Community Organization (ESCO), wrote to Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan last week reminding him of a "campaign promise" to do something about the crossing. At last week's regular



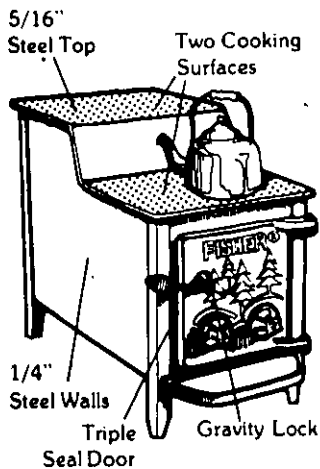
Queen Elaine Miller (on cover, right), starts one of the skating races at Bethlehem's annual Winter Carnival. Snow, sleet and freezing rain kept the attendance down but didn't affect the



enthusiasm, as seen by Shoshana Mindel, Dave Paepke and Barb Howell at Explorer Post winter camping demonstration.

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town board meeting, the board authorized the town highway department to install flashing signals on Delaware Ave. approximately 100 feet on each side of the crossing. The new lights will be controlled by the crossing guard during school traffic hours.

## Selkirk man, 18, held after scuffle

Officers Fred Holligan and Paul Roberts of Bethlehem police were on patrol at 4:50 p.m. Jan. 11 when they made a routine check of a car parked on Winnie Rd., Selkirk. When they approached the car, their report said, they smelled marijuana. Inside the car were four youths, a bag of marijuana, two cigarettes and a pipe.

As the officers were taking them into custody, Edward J. Helo, 18, of Rt. 144, Selkirk, put up a struggle, but was subdued. He was charged with resisting arrest and unlawful possession of marijuana. When one of his companions turned out to be 15 years old, police

added a third charge -- endangering the welfare of a child. The other youths were 16 and 17, all of Selkirk. Their names were withheld pending determination as possible youthful offenders.

At their arraignment in Bethlehem justice court, Judge Roger Fritts adjourned the hearing to Feb. 2. Police had their vehicle towed to a local garage.

## House entered

Bethlehem police are investigating a break-in at a residence on Bask Rd. off Rt. 144, Glenmont, last week, in which nothing apparently was taken. Police said entry was gained by smashing the window sash and the storm window.

## Art on exhibit

The Bethlehem Library is exhibiting art work by Mary McFerran in its corridors during January. The artist is a graduate of the Empire State College and is presently a graduate student at SUNYA.

## A trial balloon still up in air

After two weeks of an experiment--keeping town hall offices open until 6 p.m. one night a week --- Bethlehem officials say the jury is still out as to whether the new hours will become permanent.

As a convenience to taxpayers, particularly workers who cannot leave their jobs before 4:30 when town hall normally closes, the town board has extended the closing hour to 6 p.m. on Wednesday as a two-month trial.

Early results are inconclusive, says Supervisor Tom Corrigan, who declined to take credit for the idea. The first week no taxpayers appeared, and the total score was one dog license sold. Business picked up the second week: three dog licenses, one marriage certificate, one citizen paid his property tax and a working couple came to inquire about a building permit.

## Solar heating class

Robert Mitchell of Robert Mitchell Solar Systems Design, Inc., Selkirk, will lead a class on solar home heating design Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 at the Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville. For information call 765-3635. Registration closes Jan. 23.

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## Talent hunt on for Grange show

Co-producers Jim Staats and Anna Perry have launched a talent search for the second annual Bethlehem Grange talent show. Auditions for the contest in four categories are scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Perry residence in South Bethlehem.

Performers are sought between the ages of 3 and 16 to compete on the stage in vocalist, dancing, instrumental and novelty categories. Trophies will be awarded to the first four places in each category and additional cash prizes to top winners. Entries are urged to call early, 767-2712 or 767-3470.

Last year's show revealed there are many talented youths in the area as they performed their acts to an enthusiastic audience at the Grange. This year's show promises to be much larger and is set for Feb. 10 at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

## Cornell clubs join

The Cornell Men's Club and the Cornell Women's Club and their families will meet for a social evening at the Bethlehem Library on Jan. 25 at 8. Alice Porter, Delmar photographer, will provide a slide tour of Mexico.

## Coat is stolen

Carol J. Green of Selkirk told Bethlehem police that a full-length leather coat valued at \$185 had been taken from her locked car in the Delaware Plaza parking area last Wednesday morning. Police said there was no sign of forced entry.

## Historical meeting

Charles Crangle and Peter Cristolph will review the activities of the historic survey and geneology committees of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn. tonight (Thursday) at 8 at the Cedar Hill schoolhouse, Clapper Rd. and Rt. 144, Cedar Hill.

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Last Thursday's string clinic by Dr. Kartman, music chairman of Northwestern University, was one of three sponsored jointly by the Bethlehem Music Assn. and the school district. Clinics for high school students and the district's music department also featured Dr. Kartman.

According to Samuel Bozella, head of the school music department, the clinics were held to give students an opportunity to learn from a "professional," and to stimulate their "motivation" and interest in their instruments. The workshop for the district's music faculty focused on methods of teaching string instruments.

On the Middle School's auditorium stage, where the first clinic was held, Dr. Kartman seemed at ease with



**Myron Kartman's playing entrances Bethlehem Middle School musicians.**  
*Helen Burggraf*

the students. He explained the proper "bow-ing" and urged them to be "more graceful." Near the end of the period, he performed the first movement of a Bach Partita in D minor with an ease and perfection certainly inspirational to anyone struggling to master the violin.

**Tennis benefit party**

The Capital District chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold a tennis auction party Friday, Jan. 20, at the Colonie Tennis Club. The party will start at 6 p.m. with cocktails for a \$5 donation, followed by auction bidding for a "personal pro"

among 16 local professionals and top players. Successful bidders will play a mixed doubles tournament with their "personal pros" on Saturday, and also win special prizes. Among the 16 professionals are Inderjit Singh, John Siera, David Rowebards, Barbara Steger, Louise Halle, Jim Dumas, Grace Findlay and Dr. Richard Balsam.

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### 3 firemen hurt in home blazes

Two volunteer firemen were injured fighting a blaze in a Selkirk home and a third was struck by a car at the scene of a home trailer fire in Selkirk.

Raymond Hazzard of Glenmont was struck by a sheetrock wall in a dwelling occupied by the Joe Ortez family on Beaver Dam Rd. and Rt. 396 Wednesday morning. Michael Corbett, also of Glenmont, suffered a hand injury while ripping out a wall in the same fire and was hospitalized at Albany Medical Center. The dwelling, owned by Ruth Blackburn, was extensively damaged, and the family dog, alone in the house at the time, was lost in the fire. Cause of the blaze, which apparently started in a bedroom, was not immediately determined.

James Donnelly, 36, of South Bethlehem was treated for bruises and released at Albany Medical Center Hospital Sunday night when he was struck by a car on Rt. 9W as he was running to join firemen at a blaze that gutted a trailer at the Gove Rest Trailer Park. The trailer was occupied by James Distin, his wife,

Brenda, and their infant of three months, who were not at home when the fire broke out in the bedroom area. More than 50 members of the Selkirk, Glenmont and South Bethlehem fire companies responded to the alarm.

Selkirk firemen also were called to a chimney fire at the home of Norma June on Sunset Ave., Selkirk, just behind the Selkirk No. 1 fire station, at 1:45 p.m. on Saturday. The blaze, which spread to the attic and wall, caused slight damage.

### Family of 8 flees flames

A Delmar family of eight was making temporary arrangements for living accommodations this week after a fire Sunday night extensively damaged their home.

Thomas F. Flynn, his wife, Sandra, and their six children were forced from the house when flames broke out in the attic of their home at 3 Catherine St. and spread to an upstairs bedroom. Delmar Fire Dept. volunteers called the Elsmere Fire Co. snorkel to fight flames on the roof. Salvage tarpaulins throughout the first floor minimized water damage.

The Flynn's have two children of their own, two

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adopted children and two foster children. Five of the children are between 1 and 8, the sixth 18. The family spent Sunday night with David Richter family at 20 Pheasant Lane.

"We will probably go to a motel for a few days, until we find out whether we can live downstairs at our house," Mrs. Flynn said Monday. "We don't know how long the repairs will take."

Dr. and Mrs. Neil Lempert, neighbors at 19 Pheasant Lane, provided the firemen with hot coffee.

Fire of undetermined origin severely damaged a dwelling under construction at 85 Hampton St. last Tuesday. One Delmar Fire Dept. volunteer was slightly injured fighting the blaze.

### First aid course

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a multi-media first aid course on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 24. Classes will be held at the chapter building, Hackett Blvd., Albany. The course will run for three consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10. There is no charge for taking the course but there is a \$6 cost for text and materials. Pre-registration is required. For information call 462-7461.

### NEW SCOTLAND Kiwanians plan family ski day

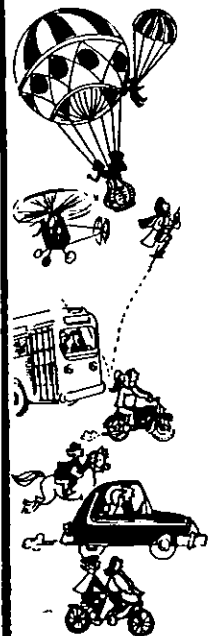
New Scotland Kiwanis will sponsor their annual cross country ski day Sunday at Indian Ladder Farms, Rt. 156, Voorheesville, starting at 12 noon. Tony Manning and John Zongrone are co-chairmen of the event, assisted by Robert Hoffman and John Shuff.

The day will consist of cross country instruction, amateur racing against the clock, novice touring / both individual and family, and refreshments such as hot cider, home-made doughnuts, apples and cheese provided by Indian Ladder Farms at a small price.

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Planning the annual Cubic Kumquat nightclub this Saturday are these members of Bethlehem Central's music groups: from left, seated, Chandell LaForest, Ranee Bonanati; standing, Marge Bloom, Cindy Short, Lisette Fuhs and Ted Schulenberg.

### BC musicians plan 'nightclub'

The public is invited to the annual Cubic Kumquat nightclub. "Take Me To The Mardi Gras", Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School. Proceeds will be used for the concert exchange program with Plattsburgh High School. This program gives the music

students an opportunity to perform for different audiences.

Featured entertainment for the evening will be Sam Bozella and his Dance Band and Ted Schulenberg's Ragtime Band. There will be a light buffet and dancing. Tickets are on sale at Mullen's Pharmacy, The Paper Mill, and at the Bethlehem Library. There will be limited tickets sold at the door.



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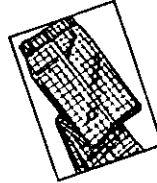
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## Teachers' contract delays clarified

A member of the Bethlehem Central board of education who publicly criticized the chief negotiator of the teachers' union during the ratification session of the school board on Jan. 4 has asked the Spotlight to print the context of his remarks to eliminate any confusion between the 1975 and 1977 contract negotiations in his references.

In a prepared statement at the board meeting, Bertold E. Weinberg, vice president of the board, berated the local union's chief negotiator, Gordon W. Molyneux, for what he termed were deliberate delays in reaching an agreement.

Weinberg's statement said: "About last October or November the board's negotiator presented a proposed 2-year contract to the association's negotiator. This was voted down at a meeting attended by about only 90



Bethlehem Lutheran Church recently welcomed seven families into membership at a public reception. They included, from left, Robert and Dorothy Cartwright and family, Russell and Dee Stembel and family, Daniel and Linda Zawak, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, Donna Fournier and family, Wayne and Joy Trainor, John and Lillian Gardiner and Floyd and Muriel Sykes and family.

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teachers. At a subsequent second meeting, attended by more teachers, no vote was called for. I am of the opinion that not only was this a fair and equitable offer, but had the association presented it to a secret, written ballot by its members, it would have been overwhelmingly ratified. Our teachers would have had their retroactive pay increases long before Christmas. Work-to-rule and all the other tensions of negotiations would have been behind us. Since I have been on the board, the association has never had the courage, in my opinion, to present any board proposal to its members for a secret, written ballot as is done in most labor negotiations. Why?

"Again, in my opinion, I believe this is because the association's chief negotiator wants to keep power in his own hands, and make himself appear indispensable. I think that he deliberately keeps his members in ignorance of the true status of negotiations and the offers which the board has made, in order to enhance his power, and enlarge his ego.

"Two years ago our negotiations were not completed until about November or December. I am of the firm opinion that not only could that contract have been settled on those very same terms the preceding June, before the close of school, but that the association's chief

negotiator not only knew this but again, in order to enhance his power, deliberately withheld this knowledge from his members and dragged on the negotiating process, and kept the school system in turmoil for almost six more months. I am left to wonder how well he served his members."

Molyneux has declined to comment on the statements.

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## Blackbirds back in league action

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Tuesday and Coxsackie tomorrow (Friday).

Waterford is also 2-1 in the league, just behind Maple Hill and Catskill at 3-0. Last Friday's game at Catskill was postponed, with no new date set.

The Blackbirds got a big lift last week with a 63-60 win over powerful Watervliet, defending champions in the Colonial Council and leading that

conference. The visitors, boasting the Capital District's leading scorer in Kevin Yarter, got off to a narrow lead as Yarter threw in four quick baskets, but Coach Howie Smith switched John Harding to guard Yarter and Harding held the big gun to eight points in the last three quarters. Voorheesville had a nine-point bulge in the second half, suffered some turnovers as the

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head melted to one, built it back to nine and then hung on. Steve Smith had 22 points for the home team, Jack Carmody 16, with 14 coming in the second half. The Blackbirds play a return game at Watervliet Saturday.

**BASKETBALL**


**BC five facing an uphill climb**

It's all uphill from here on for Bethlehem Central's hot-and-cold basketball team. The Eagles were cold when they had to be hot, and were patsies for Shaker's defending champions Friday night after solidly thumping a strong Shenendehowa team three nights earlier. This week home games Tuesday against Niskayuna, tied with Shaker for the Suburban Council lead at 7-1 two full games up on BC, and Friday with Guilderland can only serve to keep the Eagles' hopes alive, and one more misstep could be fatal.

At Latham Friday, in the game they had to win, Bethlehem fell behind 8-0 and never got close the rest of the

evening. They contained Shaker's beanpole center, Dave Cole, but were buried by the outside shooting of Cole's supporting cast and went down, 66-55. They were down by 17 at the half and again at the three-quarter mark. BC was off-target with 24 for 64 from the field despite a 36-33 margin in rebounds.

Last Tuesday was the opposite story. The Eagles shot a brilliant 33-49 from the floor, had a nine-point lead at the quarter and upped it to 13 at the intermission. Mark Platel had a personal and seasonal high of 28 points and Jeff Sliter 16 in the surprisingly easy 77-53 romp over Shenendehowa.




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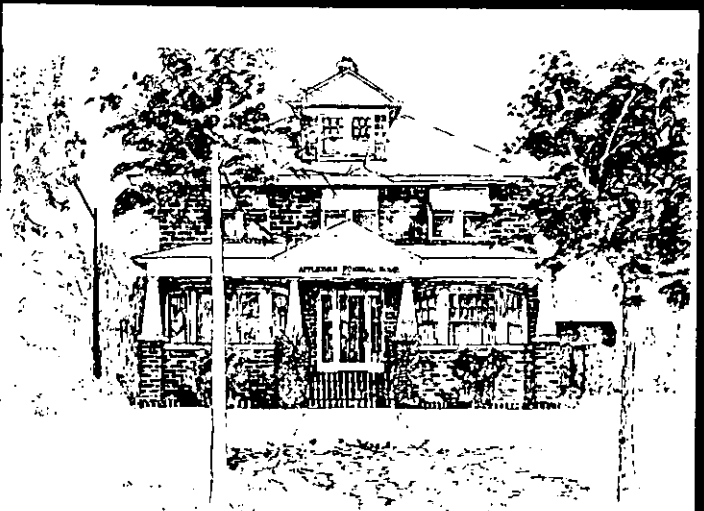
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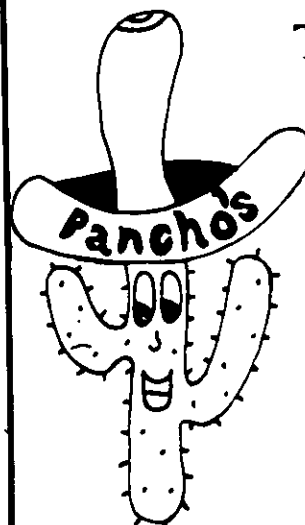
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From the kindergarten up, the Glenmont Elementary school children called him "Smitty," and although some teachers disapproved of the nickname, it stuck. In his 21 years as school custodian, he pulled two teeth, fixed dozens of zippers and won the hearts of students and teachers alike. A likeable man who "loved to ease," he was known to the school board for the incredible quality of his work.

But when Willis Smith, 62, put away his broom Dec. 22, it was for the last time — the retirement he contemplated and put off for a year was finally official.

Smith decided to leave his job to travel. He and his wife Gertrude want to "see America first," starting with a trip to Florida in February. Later they hope to go west.

"I really love kids," Smith told a Spotlight reporter at his home in Glenmont. "I tell you,

they really keep you young . . . something different every day!"

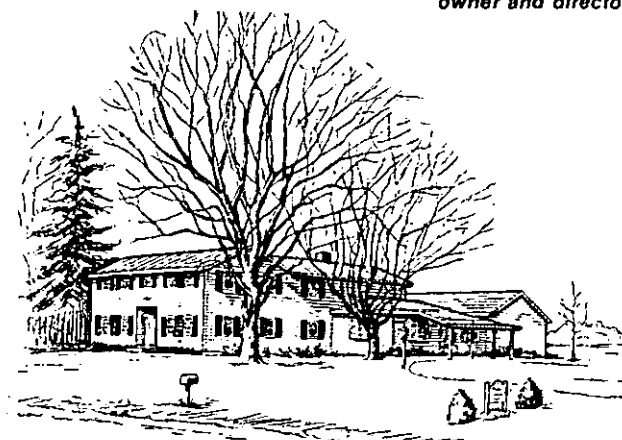
Smith, a lean 6-footer, looks and moves like a much younger man. Easy-going and friendly, it is easy to see why children are drawn to him. After disappearing for a moment, he returned from his front porch dragging a bulky plastic bag full of colorful, hand-made birthday greetings and get-well cards, which he emptied on his living room floor. Some are large, others tiny; one has a picture of a man pushing a snowblower, several have red hearts pierced together with arrows. Along with another full bag of cards in the Smith basement, they are a tribute to the very special relationship Glenmont's children have had over the years with their custodian.

"Some people say I missed my calling by not being a teacher," Smith said, shrugging his shoulders. He doesn't seem to regret his choice, though. "People say you don't make much money as a custodian," he said. "But there's more to life than just money."

One of six children, Smith was born and raised in Ravenna. The only one in his family to finish high school, he went to work for the H.J. Heinz Co. of

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Albany after graduation. When the Glenmont School was under construction 18 years later, he took the test for school custodian. Since opening day — May 1, 1957 — Smith has maintained the school with painstaking care.

Last May the Glenmont PTA sponsored a spaghetti dinner to honor his 20 years of service. Over 300 students, teachers and administrators attended.

Smith is "probably impossible to replace," said Principal Donald J. Robillard. "Working 20 years in a building you form relationships that

can't be replaced overnight." Robillard's secretary, Clara Fuller, said that because the school was new when Smith started, he took extra pride in its appearance. "We just don't know what we'll do without him!" she said.

Fuller attributes Smith's success as a custodian to his being "a perfectionist."

"He was always busy, never sat around," she said, "and he always did jobs that weren't required, like making carts with wheels for audio visual, doing carpentry that needed to be done, fixing machines. . ."

No replacement for Smith

has yet been found. For the children of Glenmont, as well as their teachers and administrators, there will never be another "Smitty."

### First winter workshop

Heldeberg Workshop is planning a "first," its inaugural winter workshop that bears a modest relationship to its theme of "adventure in learning." The innovation is a "Winterland Adventure," a day of ski touring and snowshoeing on Heldeberg land on Picard Rd., Voorheesville, Saturday, Jan. 28.

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Three nights later thieves were busy at Del Lanes, Smere. Ruth Marie Schmitt, 57 Delaware Ave., Delmar, told police her wallet had been stolen from a pocketbook while she was bowling. The wallet contained two \$50 bills, credit cards and a personal checkbook. A short time later, Berna J. Bidwell, 86 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, reported

that battery cables had been cut and a battery valued at \$30 stolen from her car in the parking lot while she was bowling.

### 2 youths held

Two Bethlehem Central High School youths were turned over to the Bethlehem police youth bureau last week after being charged with starting a fire in a locker at the school on Jan. 9. Their names were withheld pending possible youthful offender status.

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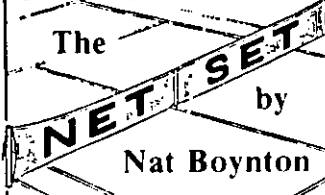




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The **NET-SET** by  
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Why did that new area sports weekly fold so quickly recently after all the advance hoopla? was one of the factors the tennis column, which was so amateurish and obscure that some readers thought it was about snooker and went out to buy pool cues, only to find that the nets got in the way? — *Robert G. Fichenberg, executive editor of the Albany Knickerbocker News, in "Viewpoint" column in the Knickerbocker News Jan. 6.*

**National Champion at 77**

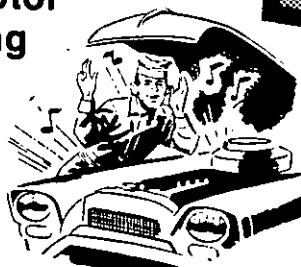
When your hair has been white for 20 years and your arteries get a bit brittle, you do not make a habit of playing three or four sets of tennis every day, least of all take on players 25 and 30 years younger.

But tennis players are a durable sect, and in this broad land of ours, few are as durable as Clarence C. Chaffee, who came over from Williamstown the other day to play some friendly mixed doubles.

"Chafe" is 77 and in such exquisite physical shape that it would take considerable talent to show him up on the court. There's another reason besides condition: Chafe also happens to hold two national singles championships and several doubles titles, and back home in that snug little college town in the Berkshires he has a roomful of other national trophies. He is ranked No. 1 in the U.S. in men's 75 singles and doubles, but when the new rankings appear he expects to be relegated to No. 2. That's because his doubles partner, Mal Clarke of South Harpswell, Me., beat him four of the eight times they faced each other in sanctioned tournaments. Between them they hold all the men's 75 titles, and when they meet it's always a thriller. Five of their last eight finals went three sets, and a sixth match was 7-6, 7-6. Chafe holds the U.S. men's 75 grass court and indoor crowns. Clarke is the clay and hardcourt champion. Together they won the national clay court doubles championship at Charlottesville, Va., and the national hardcourt title at Santa Barbara, Calif.

Last week Chafe and his mixed doubles partner, Mrs.


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"Chafe" Chaffee and Grace Findlay at Tri-City. *Spotlight Photo*

Melanie Glover, came over Petersburg Pass to swat a few balls at Tri-City Racquet Club in Latham with Holden and Grace Findlay of Clifton Park. By tennis reckoning Grace is a senior citizen in her own right, and has a closetful of trophies including a few from the nationals and the Bermuda championships. Melanie is No. 1 in the Berkshire Tennis Club in Billville.

By profession, Chafe was head of physical education at Williams College, coached

soccer, squash and tennis for more than a generation, and now runs a tennis camp that drew 375 patrons last year. He knows Albany and its racquets well, and used to play squash with John Doolittle, an Albany pioneer and squash champion, at the Fort Orange Club.

What's new and different about tennis all over these years, Chafe?

"Oh gosh, there's so many more people playing now," he said, his kindly grizzled smile emerging from the cup of Diet

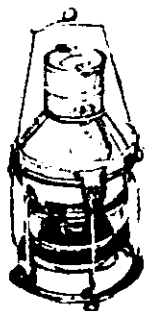
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Learn all over again? Not so's you could notice it. He can beat everybody but Clarke in the 75s, take most of the fellows in the 70s, and would like to compete in the 60 or 65 bracket. "There're just so few players of my age around to compete against," he laments. The reason, of course, is that Chafe plays the same John Newcombe serve and volley game, charging the net like a young pup. The other guys, even the striplings in the early 70s, prefer the baseline game.

Two years ago a writer for Tennis magazine did a piece on Chafe. His observation: "Clarence Chaffee and Father Time have been battling for

years, and Chatlee usually beats the old man in straight sets."

### Symphony drive rolling

The Albany Symphony Orchestra has achieved the halfway mark towards a goal of \$50,000 in its annual supporting fund drive, according to John Hawn, chairman of the fund drive committee. The orchestra derives slightly more than half of its income from ticket sales, grants for which services are required, and other revenue-producing activities. The balance of funds must come from additional government grants and community support, which makes individual contributions vital to the continues survival of the Albany Symphony as a viable cultural organization which contributes greatly to the quality of life in the capital district. Persons interested in aiding the Albany Symphony Orchestra supporting fund drive should call the Symphony office at 465-4755.

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*Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters over 300 words are subject to abridging by the editor. All letters must be signed but names will be withheld on request.*

### Board responsibility

Editor, The Spotlight:

One board member took a courageous position and spoke honestly to us. More importantly, he spoke for our children who suffer the havoc one man creates each time the contract for the teachers' union descends. Anyone with children, especially in the middle or high school, becomes vividly aware contract negotiations are in progress. "Work-to-rule" is only one symptom of the illness.

We faithfully elect those who promise they will represent our interests during campaign time. Strangely, most crumble as his/her term unfolds. Mr. Weinberg, however, has consistently cared! He has the courage of his convictions. Our children will suffer most from this political arena. Quality in

the school system has faded dramatically. Each of us will feel the repercussions from this new 3-year contract Mr. Molyneux so carefully architected. His technique has become nearly flawless over the years. Teachers, wake up.

New home buyers already have no assurance which elementary school their children will attend. Very soon new and existing homeowners will share the same privilege. Three children in a family could go to three elementary schools.

It is time the taxpayers confront the remaining board members with their sellout, and really pressure them to fulfill their responsibilities to us. We are no longer receiving the value we once had, and our children are the victims. We must elect a responsible and truly knowledgeable board of Bert Weinberg. Thank you, Bert.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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### Community success

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once again this Winter's Sportsmart was a successful event both for this community and Troop 75. I would like to extend the troop's sincere thanks for the publicity your publication gave to this most desirable activity. The Sportsmart was a great success and will aid Troop 75 immensely with its camping and other projects. The help that you gave us certainly contributed to this success and we appreciate it very much.

*George T. Vichot  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 75, BSA*

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### Dyson's ads

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Governor Carey administration was criticized last week by Commerce Commissioner John Dyson for having "red tape agencies and bureaus," which seemed pretty stupid in an election year. I don't care how much Dyson hacks away at Carey, but if he's going to take out \$20,000 ads in newspapers like the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, he should pay for them himself.

It's hurting our taxpayer wallets, too, to pay for those quarter page portraits of himself that he's running in the big city papers. I honestly feel that the time has come for a Dyson resignation to keep us poor taxpayers from going broke.

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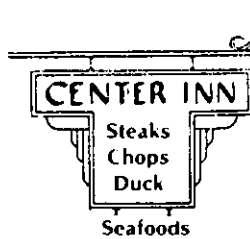
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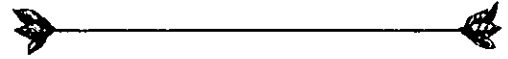
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