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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.

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

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

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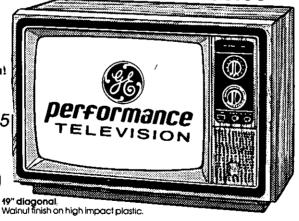


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League of Women Voters unit meeting, "Property Tax Consensus," Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. For this meeting only, babysitting available at 7 Pineridge Pl., Delmar, call Doris Davis, 439-5786.

Coffee for new residents of the town of Bethlehem, at the home of Mrs. Kay Valentino, 119 Mosher Rd., Delmar, 10:30 a.m.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, guest speaker, Rabbi Bernard H. Bloom of Congregation Beth Emeth, New Salem Center, Rt. 85A, 1:30 p.m. Public invited.

First Thursday Group of United Methodist Women, "An Armchair Tour of the Town of Bethlehem" by Mrs. Alice Porter and Mrs. Catherine Van Volkenburgh, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, luncheon 12:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Herrick Marionettes, Glenmont Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Recovery, Inc., for parents with nervous or emotional problems, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

Paper Drive, Clarksville Community Church parking lot, 9 - 11 a.m.

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Music Group, Delmar Progress Club, performance by Young Musicians Forum of the Monday Musical Club, Bethlehem Library 1 p.m.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Amblyopia Workshop, Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Library, 9:30 - noon.

State Safe Driving Course, BCHS Rm. 19-A, 7:15 p.m. (Must also attend Feb. 8).

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Maple-sugaring. New Scotland Historical Assn., at the Center, New Salem, 8 p.m.

**Legislative Forum**, Chancellor's Hall, State Education Bldg., Albany, 10 a.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Bethlehem Garden Club, "Share a Little Love," workshop for others, Delmar Reformed Church, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., bring lunch.

Public Hearing. Bethlehem town board on zoning ordinance amendment, two areas from Light

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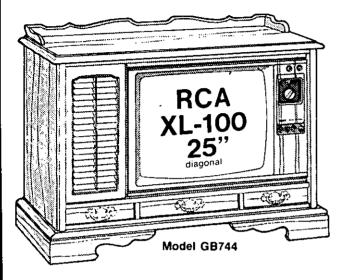
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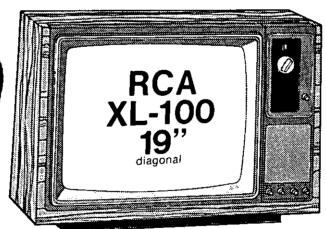
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Industrial Zoning to "C" General Commercial in the Cedar Hill-Glenmont area, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

"The Trials of Jesus," first Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

State Safe Driving Course, BCHS Rm. 19-A, 7:15 p.m.

Halfmoon Button Club, Bethlehem Library, 12 noon.

Antique Study Group, "Jewelry of Yesteryear" with Bette Lou Goodwin, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Delmar Fire Dept.**, covered dish supper for Delmar Fire Dept. at Delmar Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.

"Getting to Know Your Library," community program sponsored by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

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**Bethlehem Grange** Talent Show, United Methodist Church, South Bethlehem.

Film, "The Gold Rush," Chartie Chaplin, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Recovery, Inc., First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

QUILT, Quilters United in Learning Together, "Applique Festival," Polly DeGraff, Mary Browne, Barbara Boynton, demonstration by Susan Gillespie, Bethlehem Library 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., all welcome.

Scholastic Wrestling, Suburban Council Invitational Tournament, Bethlehem Central High School, preliminaries 4 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Valentine Dance, sponsored by Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3 Ladies Auxiliary, South Bethlehem Fire House, Rt. 396, dancing 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Public invited.

Scholastic wrestling, Suburban Council Invitational Tournament, Bethlehem Central High School, starting at 11 a.m., finals 8 p.m.

Monte Carlo Night, Albany Chapter, Women's American ORT, Center Inn, Rt. 9-W, Glenmont, 8 p.m.

"Winter Fun With Snowshoes" workshop, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Scout Troop 260, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Film: "City Lights," Charlie Chaplin, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Film, "Limelight," Charlie Chaplin, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Delmar Progress Club**, business meeting, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

"Potpourri of Poetry," Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Library, 12:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Ladies Guild, church lounge, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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#### THEATER

"Anastasia," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Feb. 22-26, Mar. 1-5, 8:30 p.m. Theater box office 462-1297, Community Box Office, Colonie Center 438-7530.

"The Merchant of Venice," Empire State Youth Theatre Institute, Meeting Room 6, Empire Staté Plaza, Feb. 10-11, 8 p.m., Feb. 12, 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets at door and Community Box Office, Colonie Center.

"The Three Musketeers," National Theatre of the Deaf, on tour, at College of St. Rose, **Feb. 13**, 8 p.m. Tickets \$1 at campus bookstore and at door.

#### MUSIC

Cathedral Noontime Concerts, "Three's a Company," piano trio, Cathedral of All Saints, Elk and Swan Sts., Albany, Feb. 14, 12 noon, free, bring lunch.

University Celebrity Series, Borodin piano trio, Page Hall, downtown campus, Feb. 12, 3 p.m. \$3.50, students \$3.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, Barber, Elgar and Tchaikowsky Symphony No. 6, Palace Theater, Albany, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m.

"Music at the Cathedral," organ, violin, soprano soloists, Monday Musical Club of Albany, Cathedral of All Saints, Swan and Elk Sts., Albany, Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. Free will offering.

#### ART

Don Mochon, drawings, paintings, graphics, Architectural Gallery, Greene Bldg., RPI, through Feb. 15, Mon.-Fri. 9-5, Sat. 1-4

#### FILM

"Greenfields," Yiddish film, sub-titles, Albany Jewish Community Center, Feb. 6, 8 p.m. \$1 at door.

"Grapes of Wrath," Greyfriar film series, Roger Bacon Science Center, Siena College, **Feb. 8**, 8 p.m. Free to Public.

"Amarcord," Fellini, Junior College of Albany Library, Feb. 6, 12:30 p.m. Free to public.

"The Wonderful Crook," Prize Cinema Series, State University at Albany, PAC Recital Hall, Feb. 10-11, 8:30 p.m.

"Strangers on a Train," Hitchcock thriller, Cohoes Music Hall Classic Film Series, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m. \$2 at door.

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**BETHLEHEM** 

## Town hall: new administration, new spirit

Behind the traditional pillared facade of 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, a popular politician-businessman has brought a new "esprit de corps" to Bethlehem's town hall. It may not be apparent to the occasional visitor, but people who conduct regular business in town offices and town employees themselves have noticed that the new spirit is infectious.

Whether the credit should go to Tom Corrigan, now in his fifth week as town supervisor, is a matter of conjecture, Corrigan exercised his retirement option as a unit manager with the New York Telephone Co. at age 55 after winning an overwhelming victory at the polls in November. Observers credited his casy-going personality and personal popularity for the 2000-plurality sweep.

Most noticeable of several innovations is the introduction of open discussion by councilmen at town board meetings. With a five-member board solidly of one party, motions invariably go to a 5-0 vote, but observers foresee some split votes in the future. When and if that Bethlehem rarity occurs, it will be in open meetings, not the closed-door sessions that Bethlehem supervisors have administered in the recent past, Corrigan jettisoned that practice in his first week in office, a move designed to silence the biannual Democratic campaign complaints of rubber-stamp voting and closed meetings.

Other innovations include (1) extending town hall office

On the cover:
Bethlehem town board in open session: from left, Edward Mocker, William Johnson, Supervisor Tom Corrigan, John Geurtze, Ruth Bickel. Spotlight photo

hours an extra 90 minutes to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays to permit persons working 8-to-5 to do business at town hall without taking time off from work, and (2) calling the town board into "workshop" sessions on an alternate Wednesday night when the board is not scheduled for a regular meeting.

This week the board is meeting in a workshop session to talk about such things as a new landfill ordinance, new specifications on blackton treatment for highways, and a new ordinance for controlling residential lawn sprinkling. Bethlehem had such an ordinance in the mid-1960's. rescinded it when a drought year passed, and now is looking into a more practical method. The board currently is studying similar ordinances in effect in Guilderland and Colonie.

Corrigan, spending this week at a training school on fiscal affairs run by the State Dept. of Audit and Control for new supervisors, also scheduled a meeting for Monday night with residents interested in reviving the town's recreation council. He also has set up a meeting with John Mesick of the Albany architectural firm of Mendal, Mesick and Cohen to discuss a new roof for Bethlehem House. The town has a \$25,000 federal grant for

the purpose. The historic structure, once known as the Nicoll-Sill house, is one of the area's oldest, and is located on Rt. 144 near the town's waste treatment plant.

Corrigan has met with the town's beautification committee with the objective of expanding the recycling program, and with citizens interested in developing a program of youth activities.

## Power restored after outages

Four separate power outages caused temporary interruptions in Glenmont and Delmar last week, according to Niagara Mohawk Power Co.

Thursday's windstorm blew tree limbs across power lines on Glenmont Rd., cutting off electricity for 1,140 customers in Glenmont from 8 to 9 a.m., and on Rt. 32, Feura Bush Rd. near Brightonwood, affecting

about 550 customers at approximately the same hour.

A day earlier, a broken insulator on a 34,500-volt transmission line out of the Bethlehem substation on Feura Bush Rd. caused a temporary cutoff for more than 500 customers, the company reported.

Early Friday morning six homes in the Delmar Pl.-Douglas Rd. area were blacked out when a fuse blew on a distribution transformer. A company spokesman said the blackout might have been caused by ice formation attributed to firemen battling a garage blaze at 104 Delmar Pl. Power was restored 30 minutes later, the company said.

#### Key Club dinner

Voorheesville High School Key Club's annual spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria, with Mike Michele as caterer.



Wind-blown tree limb cuts power on Feura Bush Rd.

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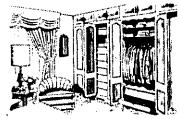
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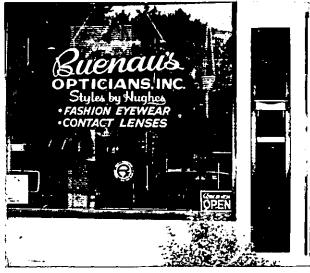
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Since discovery of a potentially dangerous corrosive chemical leak at the ConRail yards in Selkirk two weeks ago, volunteer firemen from the three units of the Selkirk Fire Dept. have spent more than 100 man-hours monitoring the clean-up progress and supplying railroad employees with safety equipment.

Robert J. Wiggand, district fire chief of the Selkirk department, said his men were called back to the Selkirk yards twice after the initial efforts to stop the leak on Jan. 20. Last Monday, and again on Wednesday, Selkirk firemen were on standby at the yards when additional leaks were discovered among the 88 55-gallon drums of phosphorous tri-chloride, a corrosive chemical.

"We were there with our equipment truck to supply the railroad men with Scott Air Packs to keep them from breathing the fumes, and we supplied them with protective equipment," said Chief Wiggand.

Fire department equipment was used by the 10 railroad workers who spent more than a week pumping out the drums and transferring the chemical to a tank truck. Since it is safer for the men to work during the day when they can see new leaks, the work was not done during darkness, said Robert Skocick, general car foreman at the yards.

"It would not have been a problem if the weather had been dry and warm," Skocick said. "But the chemical turned to a gas when it mixed with water; the snow hit it, melted and caused the reaction."

Despite a heavy snowfall and nearly three feet of snow lying on the ground during the first containment efforts, the weather did not significantly hamper the crew's efforts, he said. A payloader cleared away the snow for the tank truck and emergency equipment to have working room. The storm itself did not significantly delay efforts, although officials from Stauffer Chemical Co.'s plant in Morrisville, Pa., shippers of the chemical, were prevented by the weather from immediately reaching the scene.

The phosphorous trichloride is a common shipment through the Selkirk yards, said Skocick, and the recent leaks were unusual.

To neutralize the chemical that found its way to the ground, emergency crews used garden lime, more than 1,000 lbs. of it, which was bought from the nearby Shrub-Rite Garden store owned by Al and Patricia Mertz, who opened the store just to assist workers.

The chemical was not explosive, but a large-scale gaseous release from a large leak could have spread serious injury throughout the neighborhood if not contained immediately.

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#### **Engagement told**

Mrs. Arthur J. Quinn of Delmar has announced the engagement of her daughter, Kathleen, to Douglas J. Dillenbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dillenbeck of Colonie.

The future bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed at Almart's department store, Colonie. Her fiance is a graduate of Cardinal McCloskey High School. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and is employed by the Veterans Hospital, Albany.

#### PBA elects slate

Daniel W. House of Elsmere, a 17-year member of the Bethlehem police department, has been elected president of the Bethlehem Police



#### **Daniel House**

Benevolent Assn. House, who served as the association's chapter president in 1968-69-70, succeeds Joseph Sleurs. Other officers are Charles Rudolph, vice president: Richard Vanderbilt, secretary, and Conrad Martin, treasurer. The association plans a more active participation in community affairs, with special emphasis on youth-oriented programs.



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#### Faces assault charge

In the aftermath of a fenderbender car accident on Delaware Ave. at Normanskill Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. during the snowstorm of Friday, Jan. 20, an Albany man has been charged with assault, third degree. Jeffrey N. Hines, 9 Delmar Pi., Delmar, told police that the driver of a car involved in a collision with Hines' vehicle pushed him to the ground during an argument following the accident. Hines was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital for injuries received when his head struck the car as he fell. Hines swore

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### Lillian Longley Painting class starts

Lillian Longley, Slingerlands artist and president of the Bethlehem Art Assn., will offer two sessions of a class in painting at The Arts Center on Holy Names Campus, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany. The class, entitled "Impressionism - A Way of Seeing, Not a Technique," will be offered on Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 7, and on Wednesday afternoons. The course, which will offer the student the option of painting in pastels or oil, will cover still life and portrait. For information, call 438-7895. 

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## Woman rescued in Delmar fire

Firemen and police carried a Delmar woman from her smoke-filled home shortly before I a.m. Friday before dousing flames that had broken through the roof of her attached garage.

Mrs. Louise M. Fraser was carried from the kitchen of her home at 104 Delmar Pl. by James Cooke, chief of the Delmar Fire Dept., and Officer Theodore Wilson of the Bethlehem Police Dept. The Delmar Rescue Squad ambulance was at the scene, but Mrs. Fraser was uninjured and was taken to a neighbor's house.

Delmar volunteers were called at 12:41 a.m. and the first pumper arrived at 12:44 to find the garage in flames. Chief Cooke arrived at the scene within three minutes of being notified by police, who had picked up a radio report en route that a woman was in the house. The blaze, believed to have started in the garage, spread to the adjoining attic before it was quenched. The garage and an automobile parked in the garage were damaged extensively.

Firemen said the nearest hydrant on Delmar Pl. was buried in a roadside snowbank, forcing firemen to jump through a wall of packed snow, but a hydrant on Douglas Rd. nearby had been cleared by neighbors following the storm a week earlier.

#### Amblyopia workshop

A workshop for the amblyopia screening program will be conducted by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon on



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#### Local musicians play

Among musicians participating in the Monday Musical Club concert at the Cathedral of All Saints on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. are Ruth Woodin Baumbach, of Voorheesville, violinist, Eleanor Haverly, soprano, Rachel Worth, organist, both of Delmar, and Mark Baumbach, organist.

#### No Spotlight Feb. 23

There will be no issue of the Spotlight on Thursday, Feb. 23. Publicity chairmen, advertisers and subscribers are asked to take note of the date, one of the three weeks each year in which our hard-working staff takes a rest. The last issue of February will be published on Feb. 16. The news and advertising copy deadline for the issue is Friday, Feb. 10. The Spotlight office at 414 Kenwood Ave., however, will be open as usual from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.



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#### Truck gas siphoned

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#### Who did what to whom?

Floyd W. Dennis was spending a quiet evening at home last Monday when an errant driver lost control of his car and smashed into a fence in front of the Dennis dwelling at 124 Beldale Rd., Slingerlands. Dennis told Bethlehem policethat the driver, identified as David Lengyel, agreed to pay for the damage to the fence, but later called Dennis to say that he had discovered that his car



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was damaged also, and that he considered that "we're even." Dennis disagreed, and notified police. Officer John R. Cox, Jr. talked with both men, and filed a report saying he explained to Lengyel that the damage to the car was not caused by Dennis hitting the car, or the fence hitting the car, but by the "subject hitting the fence." The matter, the report added, was resolved.

#### Dognapped again

For the second time in 13 months, a thief or thieves have taken a registered 'coon dog from a fenced-in pen in Delmar. Scott M. Boice, 11 Adams Pl., reported his black hunting dog with a white tail, valued at \$500, missing on Jan. 17. Boice told Bethlehem police the pen was secured by a sliding bolt lock. In 1977 the dog was reported stolen and was recovered by police at a residence in Westerlo.

#### Hours extended

New Scotland town offices will be open for business until 6 p.m. on Mondays, starting Feb. 6, according to an announcement this week by Supervisor Stephen Wallace. The regular town hall hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be extended two additional hours one night a week to accommodate residents whose working hours prevent them from doing business with the town during the regular hours.

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#### Young readers cited

The students of St. Thomas School were recently thanked by the Capital District Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their participation as "Mystery Sleuths" in the MS read-a-thon. One hundred fourteen children read 511 books and raised \$829.73 for Local patient services and to support research.

#### Mrs. Clark dies

Mrs. Lee Clark, wife of the late Addison J. Clark, and a long time resident of Delmar, died Jan. 24 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Dubois, in Media, Pa.

Mrs. Clark was active in community affairs including the Delmar Progress Club, of which she was a past president. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Albany and of Gansevoort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Besides her daughter Wendy (Dubois), she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. John (Carolyn) Humphries of Denver, a son, VanBuren of San Antonio, Tex. and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Media.

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## Doctors and developers on Delaware Ave.

By Allison P. Bennett

People have been coming and going at the Paddock House on Delaware Avenue in Delmar ever since it was built in 1853 as a residence for the local doctor. Patients came here to consult with Dr. John Van

Allen, one of Bethlehem's pioneer horse and buggy doctors and a descendent of the old Dutch settlers of the area. The house was purchased in later years by George Paddock and in 1934 willed to his

nephew, Howard P. Paddock, a well known insurance and real estate broker in Delmar. His daughter, Eloise, is the present resident of the home and has many piano students coming to the house each day to take their lessons.

Going up the center front walk toward the Doriccolumned entrance, one is struck by the symmetry of everything about the house. It has an unusual roof line, being hipped rather than gable, but this only enhances the look of the four-square house and draws the eye to the house itself. Originally the house was built of red brick, but later owners decided that they liked the look of a painted house, so it has been painted white with black shutters for contrast. Although the house is Greek Revival in style, the four chimneys coming through the roof and the general lines of the architecture give it almost a Georgian appearance.

There is a center hall which runs through the house from front to back. The door to the back yard is a double Dutch door, divided so that the top can be opened to let in the summer breezes and the bottom half remain closed. There is a graceful stairway curving up to three large bedrooms on the second floor. Because of the roof style, this old house had no attic - unusual for a house built at its time.

There were originally four fireplaces in the home, but all but the one in the front parlor have been closed. To the left of



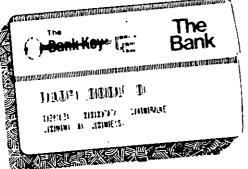
Col. Howard P. Paddock in field uniform of the 10th Regt., NYNG.

the entrance doorway are two large double parlors, divided by an archway, and on the right of the entrance is the dining room and country kitchen. From the dining room beveled glass French doors lead to a sunroom and there is a built in china closet with leaded glass panes on its doors. The wooden doors throughout the house are exceptionally fine, having six raised panels and original hardware. Upstairs the bedroom windows are the old "stomach" or sometimes called "eyebrow" windows, because they are small and narrow and close to the floor. Children would often lie on their stomachs and peer out of the windows. All of the interior wood-work is massive and commanding, as in other Greek style houses of the period.

Behind the Dutch door to the rear, George Paddock built an ell for a maidservant. This charming wooden addition with its graceful outside arch curving over a cellar "louk" contains a complete bedroom. kitchenette, pantry and bath. The house has a large cellar, laid up with stones brought down from the Helderbergs, with a separate fruit cellar walled off with brick. In this cool cellar were stored the fruits and vegetables raised on the place when it was under cultivation as an active, working farm.

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The inside is virtually unchanged from the days when it contained a harness room, stable for the horses and a place for the doctor's surrey.

Although the house itself is interesting, so are the residents it sheltered, from doctors of olden days to real estate developers of modern times. When Howard P. Paddock moved to Delmar from Albany with his family in 1920 the town consisted of about 700 people. He had the vision and faith to know that it would grow, so he left his state job to open a realty office. Working with Edward Boutelle he had most of the land behind the Paddock house surveyed and laid out into building lots. Some of this also incorporated lands from the Lyons and Heinsohn farms, which were part of the present Hamagrael area.

Alton Rowe and John Oliver were successive town

supervisors in those years and saw the need for some orderly and planned growth of the town. It was Mr. Paddock's idea to start a planning board, and he served as its chairman. From this grew the other town boards as we know them today. Howard Paddock was active for over 40 years in many town government activities.

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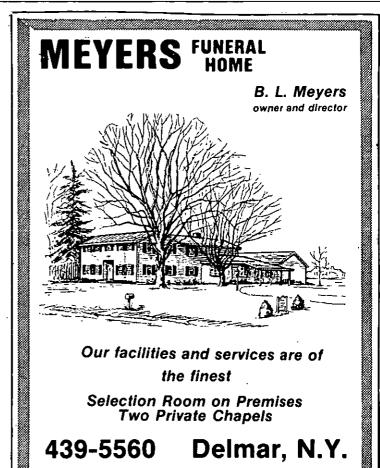


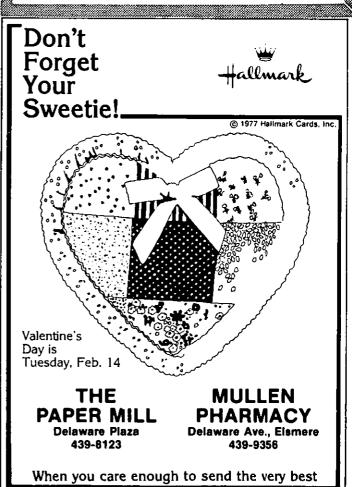
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and World War I. Because of a health problem, he was not able to go into active service in World War II, but he compensated for that by serving as professor of military science and tactics at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany in 1941-45. He took over this post from Maj. Bertram Fay when that gentleman was called to active duty.

Over the years in the Guard it had been one of Col. Paddock's duties to be in charge of leading all marches and parades of the 10th Regiment. He was also an expert rifleman and his daughter has a scrap book of clippings that tell of his prowess with a rifle, as well as his other Guard and town government achievements. The 10th Regiment was composed of men from the Albany area and another well known local man was commander of the Regiment - Col. Charles E. Walsh, who resided for some years in the beautiful farmhouse on Roweland Ave. that was originally a part of the Heinsohn farm.

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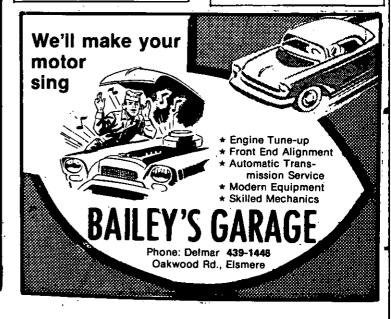
The Arts Center on Holy Names Campus, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany, is beginning the second semester of music classes and private lessons. There are opportunities available for beginners and advanced students, for children as young as 4 years and for \_ adults. Piano, clarinet, guitar, banjo, mandolin, saxophone, flute, oboe, recorder, suzuki violin, violin and viola are among the instruments being taught. Voice is also offered.

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BASKETBALL

#### Eagles poised for stretch run

At this stage of the Suburban Council basketball race, with four teams in the running for the title, every game each contender plays is critical. For Bethlehem Central, going into this week tied at 8-3 with Shaker and Shenendehowa one game behind front-running Niskayuna, there is no room for a loss to second-division eams enroute to the thowdown in the last three games against the other bowerhouses.

"We're taking each game as it omes," observed Coach Dale Walts over the weekend. 'We're playing much more ggressive basketball now, ve're getting our forwards nside, and if we can play

#### n Italy news job

Helen M. Burggraf of Delmar, who has completed her studies in the Newhouse School of Public Communiations at Syracuse University, has joined the staff of the nternational Daily News in Rome, Italy as a reporterphotographer. The News, stablished in 1977, is one of wo English-language daily newspapers published in the talian capital. Ms. Burggraf, a raduate of Bethlehem Central High School, served as a eporter for the Spotlight during the summer of 1976, on everal occasions illustrating her articles with pen-and-ink ketches. At Syracuse she was a eporter and cartoonist for the Daily Orange, student daily. she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Burggraf, 65 Fernbank Ave.

aggressive defense, we can stay with anybody in the league."

The Eagles, hampered earlier in the year by a rash of ankle injuries to four starters, are using less tape now, and with the improvement in health comes more confidence. "We're starting to develop a consistent pattern, and our shooting has improved," says Walts.

BC had an easy time at Scotia last Friday, taking the cellar-dwellers by 30 points. This week the Eagles have Columbia at East Greenbush Tuesday and Burnt Hills at Delmar Saturday. Next week they will be home against Colonie, the council's spoiler, and at Rotterdam against Mohonasen Friday.

#### Classes scheduled

Classes in the Lamaze Method of prepared childbirth will begin in Albany starting the weeks of Feb. 13 and Feb. 27. Women planning to attend the six-week series of classes should plan to begin them at the end of the seventh month of pregnancy.

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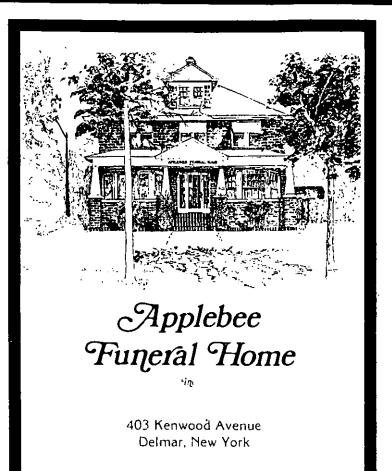
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BASKETBALL

## BC girls' hoop gets fast start

The Bethlehem Central girls' varsity basketball team got off to a quick start last week, defeating Shaker, 37-27, and Colonie, 55-30. Senior Krina Danckert, a returning starter, led the team in the first game with 16 points and 18 rebounds, while another returnee, Junior JoAnne Van Woert, led the scoring in their second outing with a 25-point performance.

Seniors Pat McSherry and Linda Allaway also return from last year's first place team. Juniors Kathy Harder, Mandy Mason, Edie Eyres and Kathy Cleary have moded up from the JV. Rounding out the team, coached by Kenneth Hodge, are Alex Roberts, Jacqui Bevan, Tee DeFlumer, and Alison Wrynn.

The girls faced Niskayuna Tuesday, play Scotia Friday and Burnt Hills Tuesday, ending their stretch at home.

Cindy Cohn

## Blackbirds facing moment of truth

With three league games in five days. Voorheesville Central will need all the stamina and poise it can muster in its bid for the Central Hudson Valley throne: But the Blackbirds, getting better every week, are in a strong position to scramble the standings: they're 4-1 in the league, one game behind Maple Hill's 5-0, and face two contenders in the next two games, both on the road.

In their toughest week of the campaign, the Blackbirds travel to Waterford Friday and play a makeup game Saturday afternoon at Catskill. Then it's home for another makeup game against Coxsackie Tuesday and the "biggie" Friday when Maple Hill comes to the Helderbergs. Voorheesville was 9-2 overall starting the critical week with a non-league exercise against Ichabod Crane at Valatie.

The Blackbirds got a major lift last Friday when Tim Lewis

came off the bench to spark a 76-67 win over Averill Park. Voorheesville was mired in a 16-all first quarter when Coach Howie Smith inserted Lewis with two minutes left in the period. The quick-moving junior hit on his first five shots and propelled his team to a 38-33 halftime lead. He wound up with a game-high 23 points, hitting 9 for 11 from the floor and now has meshed 10 straight foul shots.

"Tim has been playing only about 6-7 minutes a game," said a happy Coach Smith. "He's been coming fast in practice these last few weeks. Against Averill Park he didn't miss a shot the first half."

Smith was also exultant about Jack Carmody's work, holding down Averill Park's star center. John Kimball, while pumping in 18 points of his own. "He really showed who was the best of the big men." enthused Smith. As a bonus, Pete Foster had seven feeds and pitched in eight points.

#### Students elect

Stephanie Czirr and Craig Gleason were elected Student Council co-presidents at Voorheesville Central High School recently.

The new co-presidents, who defeated Jeff Negus and Greg Hawkins, succeed outgoing president John Martin. Mary Flynn is secretary, replacing Karen Lewis, and Steve Smith is treasurer, taking over from Jody Gallagher. Steve McEvoy is the outgoing vice president of the Student Council.

#### Student in Australia

Julie Stewart Carey, daughter of R. Nickson Carey of Slingerlands and Mrs. Ruth R. Carey of Guilderland, has transferred to the University of Sidney, New South Wales, Australia, for the fall term of her senior year at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.

Miss Carey is living with an Australian family while she pursues courses in child education. Her father attended Rollins before joining the U.S Marine Corps in 1942.



Mary Jean Gutman

#### Named bank manager

Albany Savings Bank has appointed Mary Jean Gutman of Elsmere manager of its downtown Albany office. Mrs. Gutman, who lives with her husband, Joseph, at 4 Brookman Ave., is a graduate of Vincentian Institute and attended the College of Saint Rose. She joined the bank in 1969 and was promoted to assistant manager in 1977.

No Spotlight Feb. 23

#### Supervisor at school

Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan is attending a five-day fiscal affairs training program for new town supervisors conducted by the State Dept. of Audit and Control this week. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday throught Friday. Corrigan, a town councilman for 11 years, became supervisor on Jan. 1.

#### Program on library

The "Getting to Know Your Library" program cancelled recently because of the inclement weather has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. Sponsored by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, the free, multi-media presentation will be coordinated by Cassie Brooks, special collections librarian.

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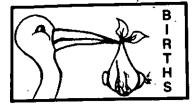
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Girl, Leah Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Everhart, 18 Rural Pl., Delmar, Jan. 13.

#### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Ryan Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNally, 22 Pineview Ave., Delmar, Dec. 25

Girl, Marcie Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Altimari, Neil Blvd., Selkirk, Dec. 31.

Boy, Derek Arthur, to Mrs. and Mrs. Jeremy Halls, 405 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Jan. 4.

No Spotlight Feb. 23

## Albany quilt to hang here

The Albany Quilt, containing 35 applique squares depicting historic buildings and Albany scenes, went on display at Bethlehem Library this week and will remain for the month of February.

The quilt has been displayed at the Albany Institute of History and Art, the New York State Bicentennial Ball at Empire State Plaza and The Arts Center on the Holy Names campus. It was designed and fashioned by 30 women of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in downtown Albany under the direction of Barbara Boynton of Slingerlands. Other Tri-Village residents whose work is in the quilt are Sally Brownell. Eleanor Adams, Lillian Shultz Constance Van Heuven. Melissa Palmer, Lillian Longley, Florence Harris and Jean Joel of Slingerlands and Barbara Welt of Delmar.

#### Ham dinner on

The Dutch Arms Mens' Club of the Helderberg Reformed Church, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, will hold its annua ham dinner on Saturday, Feb 18, beginning at 3:30 p.m. and continuing until all are served



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#### Delmar publisher cquires paper

Rex Kitchen of Delmar, Jublisher of a Capital District ree distribution "shopper" lewspaper called Once A Week, has purchased the Rotterdam Reporter, a paid irculation weekly newspaper published at 1821 Curry Rd., ichenectady. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Kitchen, who publishes the hopper under the name Erex ublishing of Colonie, purchased the Reporter from OD Communications, Inc., which will continue as a columnist for the Reporter and will retain his printing and composition accounts.

The Reporter carries legal dvertising as the official lewspaper of the towns of Rotterdam, Duanesburg and Princetown, village of Delanson and the Mohonasen School District, all in Schenectady County. In the east issue under the new whereship last week, the Reporter carried the full dvertising complement of Kitchen's free distribution paper, which serves primarily liscount chains.

"We're trying to blend the paid circulation of the Reporter with the saturation coverage for the discount stores," Kitchen said. He also plans to launch a circulation drive for the Reporter this week.

Kitchen has retained the sales and office staff of the Reporter and has hired two news reporters for the paid circulation paper. His free distribution paper carries syndicated feature articles but no local news in its editorial columns.

#### At Legion conference

Mrs. Barbara Palmer represented the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post of Delmar at a nine-state Mid-Atlantic Area Conference sponsored by the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty in Newark, N.J., Jan. 25-28.

#### Refresher courses set

Two cardiopulmonary resusciation refresher courses will be offered by the Albany Area chapter, American Red Cross. The first, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, will begin at 7 p.m. The second will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 462-7461.



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#### QUILT program set

The February meeting of QUILT, Quilters United In Learning Together, will feature an "Applique Festival" led by Polly DeGraff, Mary Brown and Barbara Boynton. At the meeting at Bethlehem Library on Friday, Feb. 10, Susan Gillespie will demonstrate the Hearts and flowers pattern. All interested persons are welcome.



Bruce F. Sowalskie

#### Advanced at bank

Bruce F. Sowalskie of Delmar has been named regional credit manager at Schenectady for the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. He is treasurer and a director of the Northeastern New York Speech Center, Inc., and a member of the American Institute of Banking. He had been assistant manager in The Bank's commercial Loan Division Credit Dept. He is a graduate of Troy High School and the State University College at Oneonta.

#### Bank race again

Eight National AAU 30-kilometer championships will be on the line March 19 in the fifth annual Bankathon, the Schenectady-to-Albany runners race sponsored by the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. Entry blanks for the run of approximately 18½ miles can be obtained at any office of the Bank or by contacting Burke Adams, 21 Chestnut Ct., Rensselaer, Alfentries must be postmarked by

#### Valentine dance set

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The Ladies Auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 3, South Bethlehem, will sponsor a Valentine's Day dance at the fire house on Rt. 396, South Bethlehem, on Saturday, Feb. 11. Music will be by "American Gentlemen" for dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The public is invited.

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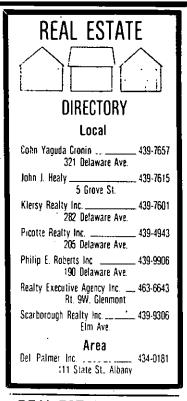
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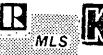
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ditor, The Spotlight:

It was indeed interesting to ead in the Spotlight of Jan. 26 hat Supervisor Corrigan met with Mayor Corning to obtain ermission for the town to nterconnect with the city of Albany's water main. At last upervisor Corrigan has ealized that even though Republican" rain may fall on lection day filling our eservoir, there still remains the roblem of bringing the water rom the reservoir to the town's vater supply system.

There should be no doubt in nyone's mind that our present enwood Ave. standpipe is not

adequate to provide pressure for emergency situations and for future growth. This was, of course, the situation determined by the engineering study of the town's water supply and brought to our attention recently by Ed Stringham. Plans for a new standpipe should, of course, not be held up by politics despite the recent attempts by the previous administration to deny the problem.

1 commend Supervisor Corrigan for taking appropriate steps in the interim to protect us from the possible disaster of inadequate water pressure. However, 1 cannot resist pointing out the irony to the town electorate that if their lawns are kept green this summer and if we are to be protected from inadequate pressure this summer, it will not be because of the longrange planning of our Republican administration but rather because of the gracious consent of Mayor Corning. The temptation to point out that regardless of how much

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Republican rain fills our reservoir, it is a Democratic pipe that supplies our homes with water, is great but admittedly silly and juvenile. The point was and is that water pressure is just as important as a full reservoir and that longrange planning of our water system may have avoided the problem at hand.;

The fact is that during the campaign of last November the attempt to confuse and misuse the issue was successful and now we see that the problem must be faced. Hopefully, in future town elections issues can be discussed and determined on their merits without slogans and attempts to discredit them on the basis of guilt by association. The irony of Mr. Corrigan seeking help from Mayor Corning, the man he painted as the arch villain of all times, should not escape us. While he is to be commended for his courage in eating a bit of humble pie for our common good, let us also hope he was enough of a gentlemen to apologize to the mayor for his bad manners during the heat of the campaign and let us not forget Mr. Stringham was right all the time.

Jed B. Wolkenbreit

Delmar

#### Dogs and deer

Editor, The Spotlight:

One day this winter, before the major snowfall, six deer spent 15 minutes lazily inspecting our backyard in Elsmere. We were, of course, delighted, for we had dumped several bushels of wormy apples there for deer to eat when other food became scarce. But it took more than that. For some years it was normal to find several deer killed by dogs in the woods close by. Then the town fathers decreed that dogs not be allowed to run at large in Bethlehem.

Dog owners also deserve credit for keeping their dogs close to home when outside and Art Taylor, town dog warden, has been diligent in rounding up stray animals. Many of us find life entertaining in suburbia by watching the small birds squirrels, pheasants, grousd and occasionally a deer. Let's give both the dog owners and town officials credit for cutting down on the number of dogs running at large in Bethlehem Name Submitted

Elsmere

#### Cats and birds

Editor, The Spotlight:

I sympathize with Mrs. Bosse whose Persian cat was hit by a pellet. But if she does not want her cat discouraged from wandering by a BB or a pellet please tell those of us who like birds more than cats just how to control the rash of cats that constantly occupy our back yards.

Mrs. Bosse spends money on her cat. We spend money feeding birds and planting food species for them in our yards. The usual response, "My cat does not catch birds," is hogwash unless the cat is closely supervised when out of doors, for cats are by nature predators and catch birds when the opportunity arises. So, cat lovers, please give us bird lovers a break.

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The Spotlight has lost punt of the number of people, cal residents as well as those Albany and other nearby mmunities, who have praised ethlehem's performance in reping its streets plowed uring the recent heavy towfalls and in the follow-up tow removal job.

No one has written to Vox op, so your scarred old editor fers these paragraphs as an adequate tribute to Supt. of lighways Martin Cross Jr. and is weary crews. Among the any verbal and casual omments heard during the orms were such as these: You can't move in Albany, but there the roads are plowed ide and traffic is moving," at "In comparison with the ly, it's like May in Delmar."

In rural New Scotland, Supt. Peter Van Zetten's crews also toiled 'round the clock. Their roads don't get Bethlehem's traffic density, but the residents who live in hilly, windswept and remote sections of New Scotland are grateful for their town plows. Ed.

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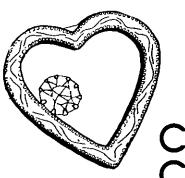
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