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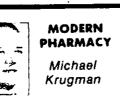
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League of Women Voters, unit meeting, "Initiative and Referendum Consensus," Bethlehem Library, 9:15 p.m. Information and transportation, Doris Davis, 439-5786.

Election of officers, Delmar Fire Dept., fire house, 8 p.m. Refreshments.

Ladles Auxiliary, Elsmere Fire Co., officer nominations, 8 p.m.

Book discussion group, Bethlehem Library 1 p.m.

QUILT, Quilters United in Learning Together, first annual meeting, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Silent Auction for Scholarship Fund, sponsored by Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Community Center, Adams St., 10

a.m. - 3 p.m. "Let's Knot: Macrame," Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. - noon. Registration

deadline April 8.

Three films, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Ham Supper and Bazaar, New Salem Reformed Church. Doors open at 4:15 p.m. Reservations, Dot Campbell, 765-2774 for 5 p.m.; Madaline Jordon, 765-4145 for 6 p.m.; Barb Van Zetten, 439-6179 for 7 p.m.

Registration, Bethlehem Baseball

League, Junior Division, Bethlehem Library, 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Tryouts, Bethlehem Babe Ruth League, Middle School, starting 9 a.m. For information, 439-5983.

Films, "Circus Slicker" and "Jazzoo," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m., for children 5 and up.

"Funday," Delmar Progress Club, scholarship fund-raising event, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. including silent auction by Music Group, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information 439-2533.

Carnival, Voorheesville Central High School junior class, Voorheesville Elementary School, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

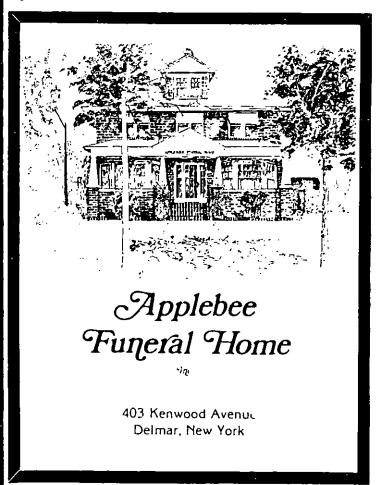
Art Show, Deimar Art Group, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, Adams St., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Joyful Noise concert, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

"The Company 'A' Review," a musical satute to America, sponsored by the Voorheesville American Legion, post rooms, 3 p.m.

Umpires clinic, Bethlehem Tomboys, Bethlehem town park, 1 - 4 p.m.

Communion service and breakfast, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 a.m. For reservations, Fred Hill, 439-3657.



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Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship, Bethlehem Community Church, 7:45 p.m. Steve Taylor, "Chords of Praise," musical monologue. All women welcome.

Men's Club, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

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

Pre-school story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m. and 2 -2:30 p.m.

Career and educational advisement, Bethlehem Library, 6 - 9 p.m.

ESCO meeting, Elsmere School, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

American Legion Auxiliary, Blanchard Post 1040, Norrine Cooke on foreign relations (Peru), post rooms, Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Pre-school story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m., and Clarksville Elementary School, 11 -11:30 a.m.

"Writing a Resume," third in the free "Help for the Agressive Job Hunter" series, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Blood pressure clinic, free to Bethlehem residents, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 7 - 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Children and Television, special program, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Joint meeting, New Scotland recreation commission and town board, town hall, 7 p.m.

Annual luncheon, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, speaker, Rosemary Pooler, Normanside Country Club, noon. Reservations 439-1829.

Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, AARP, speaker: Supervisor Tom Corrigan, First United Methodist Church, social hour, 12:30 p.m.

"Creativity is You," lecture by Mrs. William Benesham, Bethlehem Library, 1 p.m.

Public hearing on water district extension, town hall, 8 p.m.

Plant Exchange Bingo, Glenmont Homemakers, Glenmont Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Assemblyman Lane will be at his Delmar office for questions and discussions with constituents, 1 Becker Terr, Delmar, 3:30 6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Central board of education, Educational Services

Center, 90 Adams PL, Delmar, 8 p.m. A proposed budget for 1978-79 is scheduled to be adopted.

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Atlantic Richfield Co. for a special exemption to permit operation of a self-service gasoline station, minishop office; i.e., sale of foodstuffs in addition to automotive servicing and repairing at premises corner off Route 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

LaLeche League, 12 Pineview Ave., Delmar, 8:15 p.m.

Rummage sale, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7 -9 p.m.

Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn., Carol Bratley, "Gravestones of New England," Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Card party and fashion show, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, evening.

Choral festival, Bethlehem Central High School girls' gym, 8 p.m. Members of all Bethlehem school choirs will present "Sing to America," composed and directed by Milford Fargo of the Eastman School of Music. Free, public invited.

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area arts

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THEATER

- "The Maids," State University Theatre, SUNYA Lab Theater, April 11-15, 8 p.m. \$3.50, students-senior citizens \$2.50.
- "Harvey," Mary Chase comedy, Junior College of Albany Theatre Arts Dept., JCA Auditorium, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **April 7-8**, **14-15**, 8 p.m. 445-1725.
- Program of the Dance, Saratoga Ballet Company, Italian-American Community Center, April 16, 3 p.m. Free to public.

MUSIC

- Albany Symphony Orchestra, Haydn, Liszt, Prokofieff, Palace Theater, Albany, April 14, 8:30 p.m.
- Monday Musical Club, last in Artists in Concert series, flute, piano, soprano, other artists, Albany Institute of History and Art, **April 17**, 8 p.m. \$2 at door, students, seniors \$1.
- Soprano Jane Bucci and composer-pianist Joseph Fennimore, Siena College Foy Campus Center, April 16, 4 p.m. \$2, students \$1.

ART

- Maureen Ahearn, pastels and oils, Center Gallery, CDPC, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through May 5, daily 1-4 p.m
- Exhibition, Edward Cowley oils, pastels, stained glass, Center Gallery, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, March 19-April 29, 1-4 daily.

1978 Invitational Student Exhibit, paintings, prints, drawings, photography, stained glass, University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, through April 30, 9-5 weekdays, 1-4 weekends.

FILM

"Smiles of a Summer Night," Ingmar Bergman, CDPC Auditorium 1, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, April 14-15, Friday at 8, 10 p.m., Saturday 8:30.

HISTORICAL TOUR

Bus tour of locks on Erie and Champlain canals, sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway, **April 22**, 1 p.m., starting at RPI Chapel and Cultural Center, Burdett Ave., Troy, \$3. Reservations 274-5267.



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Fish hearing: is grand jury the next stop?

With interest quickening in the town of Bethlehem's civil proceedings to unseat its suspended chief of police, there were growing signs this week that the action may soon shift to the Albany County district attorney's office and a possible grand jury investigation.

As the hearings moved into the ninth week since Chief Peter Fish was suspended on Feb. 9 for alleged misconduct in office. District Attorney Sol Greenberg remained noncommittal but watchful. Over the weekend. Greenberg told the Spotlight that "we're keeping abreast" of developments in Bethlehem, but stated "I can't speculate" as to whether he would intercede in the proceedings. Meanwhile he is reviewing transcripts of the Bethlehem hearings. Said Greenberg: "The quantum of proof is very different in a criminal proceeding as compared to civil matters." He pointed out that the grand jury returned an indictment against Richard Spinosa, a suspended Bethlehem police officer, as a result of information given the DA's office by the town.

Meanwhile the formal hearing on the Fish suspension, which got under way on schedule last Friday, was due to resume on Wednesday of this week, possibly with a new venue: the justice courtroom at 118 Adams St., Delmar. Onlookers at town hall Friday were accommodated in the second-floor hearing room, but if the crowd grows, more space will-be needed. Last week Francis Bergan, a retired associate justice of the Court of



Fish hearing opens: Justice Bergan, left, and David Goldstein, left rear, listen as defense attorneys William Cade and James Straney, right, pose legal question. Foreground: court reporter Pauline Williman. On the cover: Times Union lawyer Peter Danziger argues for client, Michael Muskal, left. At rear, Bethlehem councilman Ruth Bickel; foreground, Jane Anderson, WROW reporter. Spotlight photos

Appeals who is sitting in Bethlehem as hearing officer in the Fish matter, was given a tour of town facilities on both sides of Adams St., justice court and the Community Center across the street, and at the Dept. of Parks and Recreation building at the town park on Elm Ave. Fish's counsel, Delmar attornev William J. Cade, declared last week that the entire proceedings will be open to the public, but if the district attorney takes over, the doors will be closed with dispatch.

A surprise development last Friday took the opening play away from Cade after routine first-inning dueling with David A. Goldstein, special assistant town attorney prosecuting for the town. Capital Newspapers, a division of the Hearst Corp... moved to quash a subpoena issued an Albany Times Union reporter. Michael Muskal, to testify on at least one of the charges against the chief. Peter L. Danziger, counsel for the paper, invoked the First Amendment, under which a number of newsmen have been able to protect the identity of news sources on confidential information. Bergan reserved decision on the motion, which he termed "an important collateral . . and a constitutional question" and which took up the last hour of the two-hour session. It came about this way:

Goldstein had subpoenaed Muskal after Councilman Edward Mocker had stated in sworn testimony during the pre-hearing investigation that Muskal had told Mocker Fish had shown him a copy of a federal income tax return of a Bethlehem official. Mocker said Muskal had made the statement during a 1974 conversation at LaCasa, a Selkirk restaurant owned by Mocker. Mocker's deposition stated, in part: "During our conversation, 1 asked Mr. Muskal if he would like to have a drink and he replied that he would have a coke. I asked him if he would like something stronger, like a beer, and he replied, in substance, that he was afraid to take a drink in the town of Bethlehem because during a meeting with Chief of Police Peter Fish in Fish's office at the town of Bethlehem Police Station. Fish had threatened Muskal to be careful in the town of Bethlehem because he (Fish) was going to 'get him' (Muskal). Muskal stated further that Fish was a dangerous man because Fish had shown Muskal a copy of a federal tax return of a certain then Town of Bethlehem official whom Mr. Muskal identified to me. Mr. Muskal told me that he had had some legal training and that he thought Mr. Fish's possession of the official's tax return was improper and illegal."

Fish is charged with improper possession of copies of Form 1040 returns of two town officials and their wives for the years 1971 and 1972 and divulging the information by showing the documents "on at least three separate occasions." Goldstein defended the

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subpoena, arguing that the First Amendment did not apply because Muskal allegedly witnessed a crime, and as such could be called to testify as any citizen, and that Muskal had "waived his confidentiality" by telling Mocker in a public restaurant that he had seen the returns. Goldstein also read into the record a March 25 Times Union cartoon and editorial that showed Fish, in effect, telling the town of Bethlehem to "put up or shut up" when, Goldstein argued "one of their own reporters was in possession of certain information" that would have enabled the town to "put up." Bergan's ruling was expected this week after reviewing the attorneys' briefs.

The procedural sparring was due to resume this Wednesday after Bergan rules on the Danziger-Muskal motion and a motion by Goldstein to have Fish removed from the town payroll pending disposition of the charges. Once the preliminaries are completed, Bergan is expected to start hearing testimony.

SPOTLIGHT PROFILE Bergan: 43 years on the bench

Francis Bergan's mandatory retirement from the state's highest court at age 70 didn't slow his pace. He's been busy receiving awards, serving on the Uniform State Laws commission and teaching a course on the judiciary to Albany Law School seniors. Now he's sitting back on the bench as hearing officer in Bethlehem's celebrated Fish case.

He also is chairman of Gov. Carey's judicial nominating committee for the Third Judicial District and chairman of the state bar association's media awards committee and a member of the State Bar Journal editorial board.

Small wonder these people take advantage of his experience: an Albany city court judge at 27, then police judge in his native city for six years, nominated by the Albany County Democratic Committee for the State Supreme Court, elected to a 14-year term in 1935 and another in 1959. served 28 years in the court's Third Judicial District. In that span he served 13 years as a trial judge. In 1949 he was appointed by Governor Dewey to the Appellate Division, was named presiding justice by Governor Rockefeller in 1960. and in 1963 was elected to the Court of Appeals with bipartisan support. After nine years as an associate justice on that bench his 70th birthday forced him to step down.



Francis Bergan

Francis Bergan may be one of the few jurists around who earned his law degree before getting a bachelor's diploma He had served 10 years on the Supreme Court before he earned a degree from Siena College at the age of 44. He started his career as a newspaper reporter, covering the criminal beat for the old Knickerbocker Press while going to law school, and staved on the paper full-time while clerking for an Albany law firm for \$5 a week.

In 1974 the state bar association awarded Francis Bergan its highest honor, the gold medal for distinguished service to the law. Today he lives with his wife, the former Marion Wheldon, in Stonehenge. They have two sons, Michael Bergan of Delmar, an Albany attorney, and William Bergan of Syracuse, a professional photographer, and five grandchildren.

SLINGERLANDS Residents quiz land developer

Residents of the Caldwell Blvd. area of Slingerlands put an Albany land developer through an hour of questioning and discussion last week on a proposal for a 27-lot subdivision.

Tentative plans for the Woodside South subdivision were unveiled at a public hearing before the Bethlehem planning board in town hall. A contingent of nearby property owners raised queries on drainage, lot size, house designs, sewer and water connections, traffic, soil characteristics and the possibility of converting a swampy area into a wildlife pond.

Paul Cooney, making the presentation for Internet Corp., said the single-family houses would be built on lots approximately 150 deep with 80-foot frontage. The dwellings would be offered in half a dozen basic designs, including Cape Cods, colonials and contemporaries, and would be priced in the \$55,000 range. "Not ticky-tacky, not junk," he told the hearing. "We will continue to maintain the reputation of the community." The development is in a Residential Double-A zone. Cooney said some lots "barely meet" minimum requirements.

The subdivision would have only one access. Its main street, with a cul-de-sac, would empty traffic into Caldwell Blvd., a short-block dead-end street off New Scotland Rd. Only one of the 27 lots is within the water district.

Art group show

The Delmar Art Group's 10th annual spring art show is scheduled for Sunday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 125 Adams St., Delmar, The group consists of Jinx Mercer, Helen St. Clair, Suzanne Seaver and Barbara Wooster.







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Reporter's 'privilege'

By Nat Boynton

It is a chilling thought to realize after some four decades that as a newspaper reporter 1 may have a legal immunity that you people out there do not have. This week 1 will find out- and you will, too-how privileged a member of society 1 am, just because 1 am primarily occupied with gathering news items all over town and hacking them out on this battered typewriter.

This potential revelation came to me Friday as I watched the first round in the matter of Town of Bethlehem v. Peter Fish. Everything was going well, Judge Bergan had granted the proper postponements and reserved the appropriate decisions, the score was Cade I. Goldstein 1, when a medium crashed into the stadium. It was the Albany Times Union, making a rare appearance in center court instead of maintaining its customary seat in the pressbox. Michael Muskal, a respected reporter for the paper, had been subpoenaed to testify as a witness to an alleged violation of law by Chief Fish, and the paper's lawyer was asking the hearing officer to quash it. Attorney Peter Danziger argued that his client was protected by the First Amendment from giving such information, as all newsmen supposedly are.

All these years as a newsman I've looked upon the First Amendment with comfort, grateful for its security in preserving the privacy of my news sources and permitting me to keep confidential things told me in confidence.

Enter Mr. Danziger, who tells me (and Judge Bergan) that, in substance, if I walk into the A&P just as two gunmen are cleaning out the cash drawer and the shorter fellow with the scar on his neck shoots the manager while the other fellow says, "Gosh, Eddie, you shouldn't have done that," I don't have to tell the police anything. After all. I'm a newspaper reporter, and thus am a special kind of citizen. No halo, just First Amendment stuff, you know. Sorry, fellows. Better go find vourself some ordinary guy like an engineer or a stock broker to identify the one who did it. And lucky you, Eddie, for having me as a privileged witness to your crime instead of, well, a bus driver

Then Mr. Goldstein spoke up to Mr. Danziger and the hearing officer, and ruined my great discovery of immunity. He pointed out that the First Amendment was not an "absolute privilege" but a "qualified privilege." He implied Mike Muskal was summoned as an eyewitness. which has nothing to do with protecting a confidential source of information. He also said that Muskal waived the confidentiality factor when he told Councilman Edward Mocker in a restaurant that Chief Fish had shown him a copy of an income tax return filed by a town official,



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The legal by-play between Danziger and Goldstein brought up several other interesting sidelights. As a newsman, I was pleased to see a publisher rush to the defense of a reporter, in this case a very good reporter. This should comfort Mike Muskal, even though it might embarrass him to find himself told to seek the shelter of a Constitutional amendment designed for another purpose.

It also pleased me to see that both the Times Union and the Knickerbocker News played the story straight. Harry Haggerty, covering the hearing for the Times Union, wrote the story accurately and "down the middle."

Most interesting angle. however, came from Goldstein, the special prosecutor. On March 25, while Goldstein and town officials were still taking closed-door testimony in their investigation of the police department during the 30-day suspension of Chief Fish, the Times Union came out with a cartoon and editorial that chided Bethlehem for taking so long to specify the charges. The drawing by Hy Rosen, a nationally acclaimed political cartoonist who has world-level talent in this field, depicted



Bethlehem in its underwear and socks losing a game of strip poker to Fish, shown in full regalia, stating, "Put up or shut up." Bethlehem's poker hand showed the deuce of clubs. The editorial in the adjacent column called the case a "travesty of name-calling."

The cartoon enriched Goldstein's legal arsenal. "There's bad faith here," he told the hearing officer. The newspaper printed a cartoon and editorial telling the town to put up or shut up, he said, "when they knew one of their own (reporters) was in possession of information" that would move the case along.

The suspicion here is that Hy Rosen was unaware of the



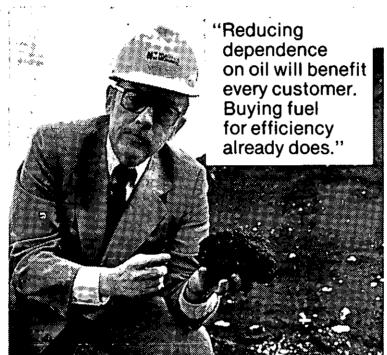
alleged Muskal-Mocker dialogue when he took his pen in hand, and John Learv, the executive editor, ditto. Now they know how unfortunate the timing was, however unwitting. but that sort of thing happens often in the newspaper business. If there's "faith" that isn't entirely pure, it would be on the part of the publisher and the executive city editor, who do know the facts and who are trying to block a reporter from testifying as a citizen about something that is no longer confidential.

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CLARKSVILLE Town to repair **Cass Hill curve**

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A long campaign by residents of the Cass Hill Rd. section of Clarksville to get their road improved has a happy conclusion. The New Scotland town board last week authorized the town highway department to include the project in its 1978 roadimprovement schedule.

Peter Van Zetten, town highway superintendent, has recommended full regrading and repaying of a section of approximately 1,000 yards on the road's well-known hairpin turn. "The problem is that the curve is very steep and it can't hold the ditches," he told the board at Wednesday's meeting.

Jean M. Slingerland, a resident of the area, presented a petition signed by 32 residents requesting the road be repaired. The petition stated that "the road has been and still is washing out, has potholes and heaves which are doing considerable damage" to vehicles. Mrs. Slingerland told Supervisor Stephen Wallace: "Five people didn't sign the petition. They weren't home when we called."

By giving priority to the Clarksville project, the board may have to shuffle the town's proposed six-mile Motopaving schedule for 1978. Van Zetten's preliminary schedule calls for 1.3 miles of Swift Rd. between Rt. 85 and the Voorheesville village line, 1.1 miles of Crow Ridge Rd., 2.4 miles of Stove Pipe Rd. and 1.2 miles of Bullock Rd. The Motopaver is leased by the town annually for a short period in August to implement the year's repaying

A contingent of Feura Bush residents appeared at the meeting to request repaying a section of New Scotland Ave., Feura Bush. Van Zetten said he assigned the Motopaver to three-tenths of a mile of that road last year. leaving approximately one-tenth still to be repayed. He did not indicate whether the remaining tenth would go on the 1978 docket.

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NEW SCOTLAND Town automating assessment roll

New Scotland town assessor William C. Bailey is burning midnight oil these weeks in a race against a May 1 deadline. His project: converting the town's assessment roll to computer.

At the insistence of Supervisor Stephen P. Wallace, the town board last week approved a state-aid proposal by Bailey to contract with Armstrong Assessment Administration, Inc., a Schenectady firm, to carry out the conversion in time for the finalized school tax levy in September rather than set it up for the property tax next January.

New Scotland has approximately 3,300 parcels of land on the rolls, all of which have to be coded for date processing by computer and "balanced" against the 1977 tax list. Currently the town's tax rolls are processed by an addressograph machine using individual metal plates for each parcel, a time-consuming operation. Converting to a computerized concept is a necessary preliminary step toward complying with the statemandated full-value assessment system that will become law in 1981.



Mario M. Cuomo Cuomo to address Democrats' dinner

Mario M. Cuomo of New York City, New York State secretary of state, will be the main speaker at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee, according to an announcement this week by Kenelm R. Thacher, town chairman.

Thacher said Cuomo "has been an outstanding member of Governor Carey's cabinet and is considering a run for state attorney general." Tickets for the annual fund-raising event, to be held at Michael's Banquet House, Latham, on May 3, may be purchased from local committee members or by calling 439-5706.

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Town asking bids on trucks, packer

The New Scotland town board will take bids on a new refuse truck, pickup truck and highway dump truck at its next meeting on May 3.

The refuse-truck packer, expected to be in the \$60,000 range, will replace a 1971 compactor that "has been repaired so many times there's no use putting more money into it," according to town officials. Highway Supt. Peter Van Zetten said the present packer is "a shambles," but still has some trade-in value.

The town board last week also approved the purchase of a 2-1/2 ton 4-wheel drive pickup truck with snowplow attachment to be used for plowing the town's seven posted bridges and for cleaning up snowbanks on narrow corners that pose difficulty for the bigger plows. The board also authorized calling for bids for a new highway dump truck for 1979 delivery on a trade-in of one of the present trucks.



Honoring 28 Boy Scouts who attained the rank of Eagle Scout were Victor J. Riley, Jr., left, president of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co.; Albany Tulip Queen Mary Kelly, Most Rev. Howard Hubbard, Roman Catholic Bishop of Albany, and Vincent P. Herzog, New York Telephone Co. David W. Howell of Elsmere was among those honored.

Garden radio call-in

A new radio call-in show on gardening will be introduced Saturday on Station WABY, Radio 14, Albany. Jim Howard and Larry Sipperly of the Garden Shoppe in Glenmont and Guilderland will be the guest experts answering "live" call-in questions each Saturday between 8:30-9 a.m. with cohost Chris Martin just prior to Martin's Radio Archives feature.

BETHLEHEM Chamber to host business speaker

The Bethlehem chamber of commerce will kick off its "new directions" program Tuesday April 18, with a special seminar for businessmen and local residents at 7:45 a.m. at the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., Delmar, Speaker will be Richard V. D'Alessandro, an Albany CPA and attorney, on the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

D'Alessandro, widely known as a guest lecturer and teacher of accounting courses locally, will interpret the effects of the legislation on business value and net worth. The program is free and open to non-members. Coffee will be served.

The program will be the first of a series of early-morning seminars on timely business topics sponsored by the Bethlehem chamber. Arthur J. Henahan of Elsmere is project chairman.



School budget gets an airing

Voorheesville Central board of education has cut two elementary school teaching positions and added one at the high school level in a proposed \$3,749,590 budget for the next school year.

The teaching payroll, representing 43.4 percent of the total budget, is up 4.3 percent, including projections for a new salary schedule currently under negotiation with the teachers' union. The board anticipates a slight drop in enrollment, a total of nine in a student population of 1,820.

A 16-page handout mailed to district taxpayers last month and distributed at last Tuesday's budget hearing at the high school lists Voorheesville as next to the lowest of 16 area school districts in cost per pupil. A slim audience of fewer than 50 residents was told that curriculum cutbacks would be made in kindergarten, art and German.

Dr. Werner Berglas, superintentend of schools, said the finalized state aid formula, completed after the budget had been prepared, could net the district an additional \$35.000 next year. State aid for the local program was projected at \$1,790,000, up \$90,000 from the current operating budget. BOCES aid is expected to be down \$10,000 from the current \$110,000.

The district will replace 10 buses over the next three years, five of them in 1978-79 at a cost of \$110,000. The district expects to receive \$93,000 in state transportation aid the following year.



Explaining Voorheesville school budget: J. Augus Berger, board president.

Annual egg hunt

The Slingerlands Fire Dept. will hold its annual after-Easter egg hunt at Slingerlands School on April 15, starting at 11 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be there to oversee a big egg and candy hunt, together with an egg-rolling contest. The school grounds will be divided according to age groups so that all children will have an equal opportunity in each event. All youngsters are welcome! If the weather's bad, the party will be at the Slingerlands Fire House on New Scotland Rd.

Babe Ruth tryouts

Bethlehem Babe Ruth League will hold tryouts at the Middle School diamond in Delmar Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. Boys born between Aug. 1, 1962 and July 31, 1965, who have not yet registered may sign up starting at 8:30. Rain date will be Sunday, April 16. The league, which has seven sponsored teams, plays under National Babe Ruth rules. Season play opens June 5.

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Vandals apprehended

Four Colonial Acres boys between the ages of 12 and 14 were apprehended by Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau detectives in connection with the destruction of insulating panels last month in a house under construction on Saybrook Rd., Glenmont. The damage, pictured in the Spotlight at the time, involved punching holes in wall panels, spray painting walls and the garage door, and attempting to start fires in the basement and first floor. Police said the investigation is continuing.

Music mini-fest

Some 50 piano pupils of three area teachers, including Bailey Bloom of Delmar, will participate in the first comprehensive music mini-fest sponsored by the Pace-Setters of the Capital District at the College of Saint Rose Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. The Pace-Setters are a group of piano teachers trained in the technique of Dr. Robert Pace of Columbia University.

DAR program set

Martha Creighton, Delmar harpist, and Nancy Winn, Slingerlands cellist, will play at the 83rd charter anniversary and annual guest day luncheon of Mohawk chapter, DAR, at the Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, on Saturday, April 15, at noon. Mrs. Edward Gardner will review events that took place at the time of the founding of the chapter in 1895. Mrs. DuMont Elmendorf of Feura Bush, chapter regent, will preside.



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NEW SCOTLAND County files suit on span collapse

Albany County has served the town of New Scotland with a claim of \$80,000 for the collapse of a 90-year-old bridge in Feura Bush. Town attorney James J. Ryan indicated this week the town board probably would fight the claim in court.

The span on Onesquethaw Creek Rd. tumbled into the frozen stream on Feb. 9 after a town highway truck had crossed. The truck reached solid ground before the structure collapsed. The claim, filed by County Attorney Robert Lyman, contends the truck exceeded the span's weight limit. Town officials did not deny the truck was overweight and had used a bridge posted at six tons.

The bridge, built in 1886, is maintained jointly by the county and town, the county being responsible for the underpinning, the town for the decking. The span was redecked by the town two years ago, but there was no data on when the steel pintle-link structure was last refurbished by the county.

The State Dept. of Transportation lent a friendly hand to the town this week by installing a wartime "Bailey bridge" at the site. A town crew under Peter Van Zetten, New Scotland highway superintendent, shored up the concrete

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BRIAN J. SHEA PERSONAL-BUSINESS-BONDS 40 Colvin Ave., Albany, N.Y. 438-7669 438-7678 piers last Thursday and state crews began installing the temporary plank span Monday. Traffic, barred from the crossing since the accident two months ago, was scheduled to use the float-based link this Wednesday. The temporary bridge, named for the engineer who conceived the design, became standard equipment of front-line troops in World War 2 for crossing rivers and streams where existing bridges had been destroyed.

New Scotland Supervisor Stephen P. Wallace said the Bailey bridge was being installed at no cost to the town "except one load of concrete and some blacktop on the approaches." Since the collapse, county highway officials have posted the town's seven other bridges for various limits ranging from four to six tons.

New Scotland cleanup

Spring cleanup week in the town of New Scotland will be April 24-28. according to a resolution passed by the town board Wednesday. Trucks will cover the routes on regular trash pickup days.





Police seeking graffiti vandals

Bethlehem police are checking out descriptions of two teenage graffiti artists who vandalized a Delaware & Hudson signal tower in Elsmere after a beer-drinking spree.

The youths fled after being surprised by a railroad employee shortly before 5 p.m. Thursday while they were spraying paint on the signal tower at Mason Rd. Gordon C. Kross, Selkirk, D&H signal maintenance foreman, told police that 14 signal bond wires had been cut, affecting the railroad's signal circuit, and that lenses on the tower signals had been smashed. Kross said the youths had been drinking beer at the site before being frightened off by his arrival. Police said the words spraypainted on the tower corresponded with words sprayed on the Elsmere Ave. underpass, and matched the color of the paint,



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Steve Taylor

Church musical program

Steve Taylor will present "Chords of Praise," a musical monologue for all women of the, community, at the Women's Fellowship of the Bethlehem Community Church, Monday, April 17 at 7:45 p.m. Stephen A. Taylor, assistant professor of rhetoric and communications at SUNYA, combines his piano talent with his baritone voice and communications knowhow.

All area women are welcome. Complimentary tickets are available at the church office or Hilchie's Hardware, Elsmere.

Flushing the mains

The town of Bethlehem will flush its water mains as part of its annual spring cleanup operation. Flushing is scheduled for the periods of April 18-21 and April 25-28. The process does not affect water purity, but there may be some discoloration.



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Leash law near in New Scotland

New Scotland will have an animal control ordinance before summer. The town board is only one step away from approving the new law, and expects to vote it into the books at the next regular meeting on May 3.

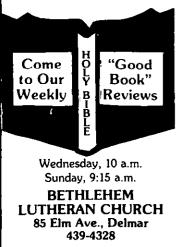
Town Attorney James Ryan told the board last week that he is exploring the technicalities of the impounding and enforcement procedures in the proposed law. The town is planning to follow up complaints of residents and will issue appearance tickets and levv fines on owners whose pets, primarily dogs, are found in violation of the ordinance. Because it appears unlikely New Scotland will operate its own dog pound, animals picked up on the complaints presumably will be impounded in nearby municipalities by contract with those facilities.

New Scotland residents have been pressing for a leash-law for more than a year. Four residents attended last week's regular board meeting to voice new complaints of dogs in their areas causing damage and inconvenience on their properties.

"Dates with Dad" at Bethlehem Community Church. Learning the Ten Commandments was fun.

Dates with Dad

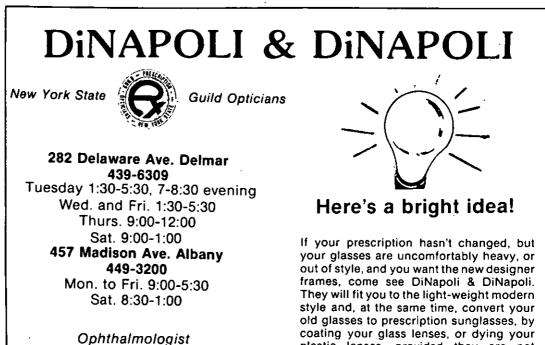
More than 50 children had their fathers all to themselves on five alternate Friday nights at the Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar this winter. Children from grades 1-5 enjoyed movies, popcorn, games and puppet shows, and memorized the Ten Commandments. Those who learned all 10 were promised a picture in the Spotlight, and here it is. In the photo, from left: front row, Brad Mayers, Chuck Frueh,



Pastor Warren Winterhoff Sunday School — 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship — 10:30 a.m. Scott Marone, Maryn Annest, David Hughes, Steve Ainsworth, William Hamilton, Jennifer Chase, Tim Pearsall, Tracey McFate, Chucky Miller; second row, Richard Johnson, Mark Besteman, Gary Winn, Mitchell Baum, Dawn Mayers, Rena Townsend, Bonnie Hildebrandt, Jeff

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Pearsall, David Baker, Philip Nicewonger, Melisa McFate, Cindy Lovelace: third row, David Chase, Teddy Harro, Harry Townsend, Karl Manne, Christine Ainsworth, Jennifer Rankin, Cassie Lockrow, Marie Hildebrandt, Daniel Nicewonger, Bryan Strauss, Darren McFate.



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Legion switches Delmar parade

Delmar's annual Memorial Day parade has been switched from Monday to Tuesday in deference to the statemandated holiday on May 30.

William Blanchard, commander of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Elsmere, said the Legion's parade committee made the decision last week to change the parade date to accommodate a number of participating groups with schoolchildren. Although the federal holiday is Monday, May 29, the Legislature has decreed Tuesday, May 30, as a state holiday, causing a conflict with industrial plants, offices and most services such as postoffices, transit schedules, stock and commodity markets. etc.

With the Legislature out of step with most of the U.S. by decreeing its own holiday on Tuesday, the confusion has caused at least one area school to revise its printed school calendar. The Albany Academy's 1977-78 calendar calls for a school holiday on Monday, May 29, to permit the cadet battalion to march in Albany's American Legion parade. The calendar was drawn up before the school realized the parade had been set for Tuesday the 30th. This week the school faces the necessity of changing its classroom and exam schedules to conform with a parade commitment it didn't know it had.

A spokesman for the State Senate attributed the switch to "pressure from veterans" groups." George Jiga, a member of the Albany County American Legion board, told the Spotlight his organization had worked with the office of Sen. Perry Duryea, Senate majority leader, to preserve May 30 as the traditional Memorial Day holiday instead of "going along with" the U.S. observance. Next year May 30 falls on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Academy of the Holy Names on New Scotland Rd., Albany, also made a change from its published schedule. The school gave notice last week that it will be closed on May 29 and will be in session on May 30.

Parents organize for senior ball

Ten subcommittees have been designated for the After-Ball Activities committee of parents of Bethlehem Central High School seniors following an organizational meeting at the school last Monday. Dr. and Mrs. Alvin P. Lierheimer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Ruslander are general cochairmen for the event, scheduled for May 26.

Committee heads named at the meeting were: communications and tickets, Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conery; treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kraus; decorations, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koban and Mrs. George Shaw; buffet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Welch: breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waidelich and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dugan; table settings, Mr. and Mrs. John Matey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cross; bowling, Mr. and Mrs. George Stagnitta and Mr. and Mrs. John Platel; gym activities, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Whiting; swimming, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young; buffet music, Jr. and Mrs. William Reusswig. The class advisor is William Cleveland.

Parents and members of the senior class who were not at the meeting and who would like to serve on a committee are asked to contact the chairmen.

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Planning July Muster: from left, front, Marion Jewell, Carol Willey, Beth Gohlke, June Johnson; standing, Sam Ciccio, Lynne Perry, Dave Perry, Karl Gohlke.

BETHLEHEM

Delmar muster ad drive ready

The Village Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps will start next week on a canvass of local businesses to solicit advertising for a souvenir program for the Muster planned for July 8 in Delmar.

Corps members and the Muster committee met with John C. Bennett, advertising manager of the Spotlight, at a planning meeting at the Bethlehem Library last week. The Muster brochure will be published during the first week of July, coinciding with the week the Spotlight is on vacation. The printed program is the Corps' basic source of funds to finance the gala Muster, at which the Village Volunteers will host 10 visiting fife and drum corps from New York State and nearby states.

Highlight of the day will be a parade ending at the Bethlehem Middle School, where the corps will give special field performances followed by a chicken barbecue for the visiting musicians.

Buz Olsen, music master of the local corps, has produced and narrated a 15-minute slide presentation being shown to several community and civic groups depicting recent activities of the Village Volunteers.

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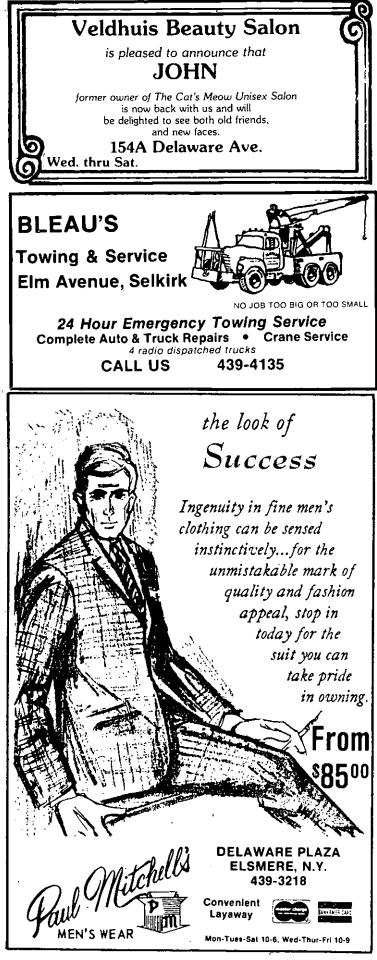
Village budget up, taxes hold line

Voorheesville's village board has managed to absorb a pay raise for employees and spiraling inflation in a new village budget without increasing the tax bite.

A tentative village budget of \$360,784 will be up for adoption on April 25. The budget is up 8.1 percent from the current operating budget of \$333,742, but the local property tax rate is expected to remain at approximately the same level, \$18 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The new budget shows no major changes other than a \$500 pay raise voted the village's five full-time employees.

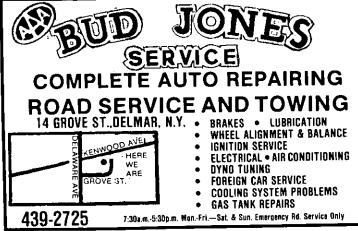
Oriental weapon found

A Voorheesville man stopped by police on Rt. 85, Slingerlands, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon when a Bethlehem police officer noticed a set of chuka sticks next to the driver's seat. Kevin Dale Cooke. Ketchum Rd., Voorheesville, was arraigned in Bethlehem justice court and released on his own recognizance pending a later appearance. Police described the weapon as an Oriental device consisting of two sticks bound together by a strong rope.











Petition deadline for board seats

April 24 is the deadline for candidates for the Bethlehem Central board of education and library board to file petitions. In Voorheesville the deadline is April 16.

In Bethlehem, the terms of Robert Ruckterstuhl on the seven-member school board and Theodore Wenzel on the five-member library board expire this year. The school board term is three years, the library board term five years.

Also on the ballot at the May 24 election is a vacancy on the library board. Mrs. Peter G. Strand of Glenmont was recently given an interim appointment to replace Mrs. Paul Spangler of Glenmont, who resigned preparatory to moving to Detroit with two years remaining on her term.

Petition forms are available at the Bethlehem Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. The seats are open to residents of the Bethlehem Central school district.

In Voorheesville, the fiveyear term of J. August Berger, president of the five-member school board, expires. Voting will be on May 16.

Not-our Bruce

Bruce Houghton, superintendent of buildings and grounds for the Bethlehem Central School District and a resident of Voorheesville, is NOT the same Bruce Houghton who was listed in a recent Knickerbocker News story about those arrested in an Albany restaurant for gambling. Said Bruce wearily last week: "I don't really mind all the heat I've been taking from my friends, but would appreciate your setting it straight for everyone else.

Historical program

Carol Bratley will speak on "Gravestones of New England" at a meeting of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn. Thursday, April 20, at 8 p.m. at the Cedar Hill schoolhouse museum.



Willard E. Skidmore

JCC sets gala crafts festival

Willard Skidmore, a Delmar resident and SUNY professor turned potter, will be one of dozens of craftspeople to exhibit works at an international food, flower and craft festival at the Albany Jewish Community Center on Sunday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Highlights include ethnic foods of more than a dozen countries, flowers and plants from area. florists and nurseries, displays by numerous craftspeople from the Northeast, a bake sale, continuous entertainment for adults and supervised activities for children. In addition, there will be a raffle drawing for a 25inch color television set.

Shuttle buses will run from the Albany Girls Academy and from ^{*}St. Sophie's Greek Orthodox Church on Whitehall Road, beginning at 11 a.m.

Ham supper set

The Women's Guild of the New Salem Reformed Church will hold their annual spring ham supper Saturday, April 15. Reservations will be taken for three settings: for 5 p.m., call Dot Campbell, 765-2774; for 6 p.m., Madaline Jordon, 765-4145; for 7 p.m., Barbara Van Zetten, 439-6179. Ticket sales start at 4:15 at \$4.25, children 5-12 are \$2. Tickets will be sold at the door if seats are available. Bazaar tables will feature handmade items and baked goods.



Milford Fargo 400 voices join in choral fete

Children from all Bethlehem schools will get together to present a Choral Festival next Thursday, April 20, at 8 p.m., at Bethlehem Central High School. Members of all the schools' choirs. between 400 and 500 pupils, will participate in this special musical event.

The program will consist of a single 45-minute composition, "Sing to America," by Milford Fargo, an associate professor at the Eastman School of Music. Fargo will come to Delmar to conduct his own composition.

Members of the Bethlehem Music Assn., comprised of people from the community interested in music education, have helped make arrangements for the festival. There will be no admission charge.

House window smashed

A rock was thrown through a rear window of the residence at 64 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, according to a report filed with Bethlehem police last week.

Corrigan at AARP

Thomas V. Corrigan, Bethlehem town supervisor, will be the speaker at the April meeting of the Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of AARP at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18. Corrigan se, ved as a member of the town board for 11 years before being elected supervisor last November. He retired in December from the New York Telephone Co., where he worked for 36 years.

At Methodist meet

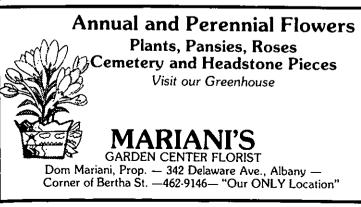
Two local church leaders will make visual presentations at the spring meeting of the United Methodist Women of the Albany district on April 15 at Johnstown. Carole Carver of Voorheesville, vice president of UMW, and Jane Stolz of Delmar, treasurer, will be among the officers explaining their roles at the session.

Chinese youth concert

Young musicians of the Chinese Community Center of Capital District will perform the second annual youth concert on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Ave., Albany. A reception will follow the concert. The concert is part of the Albany League of Arts Youth Festival Week.

Builders building

In a drive to build membership, the Albany Area Builders Assn. will have a oneday membership campaign in its four-county area on April 17. The association, now in its 30th year, has approximately 200 members.





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Collecting decorations for the "Have a happy ... " fete at St. Thomas; co-chairmen Margaret Dandeneau, left, and Jeanine McCormick with Rev. James Daley. On the cover: fashion models Janice Kelly with clothes from Virginia Lynch, Philip Rizzuto with clothes from Paul Mitchell's and John Davitt with clothes from Little Folks Shop.

St. Thomas fete has holiday theme

The 22nd annual card party and fashion show sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, will be held Friday, April 21, in the parish school. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the fashion show begins at 8. For the comfort of the guests and due to the large turnout expected, tickets for the first time this year will be sold on a reserved-seat basis. Admission tickets at \$2 can be obtained at the school after Sunday Masses, Saturdays from 2 to 5 at Mullen's Pharmacy, at the door or by calling Barbara Hodom, 439-4513, or Helen Coleman, 439-9608.

The show this year will focus on fashions for the family, with Virginia Lynch, 230 Delaware Ave., Delmar, as commentator and coordinator as well as providing the fashions for the ladies. Paul Mitchell's Men's Wear will attire the men, while the children will be modeling clothes from the Little Folks Shop. The latter two stores are located in Delaware Plaza.

Entering the foyer. one is treated to a New Year's celebration, a visit to the auditorium takes one to an oldtime Easter parade with a flower garden, picture hats and

egg baskets providing a glamorous backdrop for the fashion show. Christmas can be relived in one of the classrooms... or St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, the Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, birthdays or anniversaries. Ceilings, walls, windows and doors have been transformed into a visual picture of your favorite holiday. Hundreds of workers have spent many hours changing a school into a gala celebration. Other attractions include a country store, bake shop and plant shop.

The 1978 grand prize is \$500, second prize \$300 and third and fourth prizes \$100 each. There will be numerous door prizes. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Wins scholarship

Barbara Seal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seal of 546 Custer Rd., Delmar, is the recipient of this year's National Secretaries Assn. (International) scholarship award. Miss Seal, a first-year secretarial student at Mildred Elley School in Albany, competed against a number of collegelevel secretarial students to win the \$300 award, to be used toward tuition for the second year of her program.

SPORTS Bethlehem nine faces rebuilding

When Bethlehem Central's varsity baseball team takes the field this week, weather permitting, Coach Art Ritchko will be looking for an improvement over the 1977 squad that had only the second losing season in the last two decades.

Gone from that team are the two standout hitters. Bill Brooks and John Russum, so Ritchko must rely on unproven players to fill the gaps. Steve Herzog, a senior who will play first base, is Ritchko's best hope to hit the long ball.

With senior pitcher Mike Tagliarini sidelined by arm trouble and Tim FitzGerald and Jim Cebry just up from the junior varsity, the season will begin with several question marks in the pitching department.

The mound staff has only one proven member in Mark Platel. The Eagles lost a promising pitcher when Mike Ryan moved to Wyoming. "This came as quite a loss to me and the team." Ritchko said. "We were counting on him."

Catcher Mike Ruslander, a senior, will handle the catching chores, but the rest of the infield positions are up for grabs. With a supply of juniors from the jayvee of last year, Ritchko is looking for the best ball players he can find to round out the infield. Dan Jagareski and Dan Weinberg, last year's double play combination, will have to earn their spots again as the Eagles enter their final week of training without many established positions.

Ritchko does not offer a guess on the teams to beat in the tough Suburban Council, but figures that last year's league champion, Guilderland, should be strong, although he could not assess their graduation losses. He also felt that it was unfair to evaluate any of his team's chances so early in the year. As of last week, the varsity squad had not been trimmed to its 15 player limit, nor had the candidates undergone any serious outdoor training.

Holy Names fair

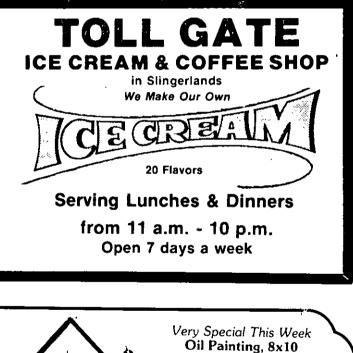
The Academy of the Holy Names has scheduled its first annual crafts fair for April 15 from 11 to 6 on the grounds of the school, 1026 New Scotland Ave., Albany. On display and for sale will be jewelry, paintings, silkscreens and leather goods by area artists. Admission is free.

Ducks the issue

Five ducks were taken from the barnyard of the Waldenmaier Farm on Rt. 32 opposite Waldenmaier Rd., Delmar, during daylight hours on April 4, according to a Bethlehem police report.



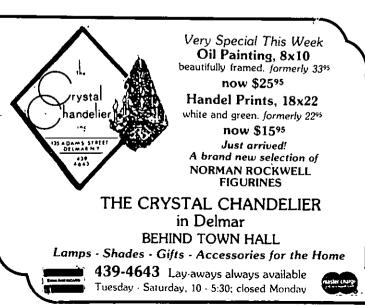
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Delmar greets new nonegenarian

For many women, cooking, housework and household finances can be a fulltime job. Add to this the grandmotherly duties of Christmas and birthdays, correspondence and creative endeavors like painting and rugmaking, and you have more than a career. But it's not enough for Edna B. Denham.

Mrs. Denham, a 30-year area resident, also finds time to volunteer her services in the nursing home of Child's hospital every week. This still may not seem remarkable until you consider that Mrs. Denham this week celebrates her 90th birthday. If she wanted to keep her age a secret, no one would ever guess her age. Mrs. Denham keeps a schedule that would exhaust younger counterparts.

Where has Mrs. Denham hidden her fountain of youth? She says the key to her agelessness is in the love and devotion of her family.

In 1966 Mrs. Denham and her husband Ralph, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He died shortly thereafter, leaving Mrs. Denham three generations of offspring and a lifetime of joyful memories.

"We never had an abundance of money," says Muriel Wood, Mrs. Denham's only daughter. "But we had a very happy home and the security of close family ties."

Mrs. Denham says she and her husband did everything together, from household chores to weekly rides through the countryside visiting



Edna B. Denham



Bethlehem Middle School students of Team 7-B raised \$950 for a trip to Boston in June by staging a carnival at the school. One of the clowns was Jackie Reifler, above, while Kristen Mallory contributed artwork. Photos by Rachel Rothstein, also of 7-B.

horsefarms in New England. "He had a great sense of humor," she lovingly reflects.

Mrs. Denham's birthday is being celebrated "in installments" with gifts and bouquets arriving daily from her 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren who are scattered throughout the country. "My grandchildren are my pride and joy. Through three generations, there has never been a communication gap in this family."

At 90, Mrs. Denham has outlived three sons; Edgar J. Denham, who resided in Delmar, Ralph Denham Jr. of Washington D.C., and Harold B. Denham, who lived in Florida. Longevity has left Mrs. Denham with but one complaint: "I can't find anyone my own age with whom to reminisce." she sighed.

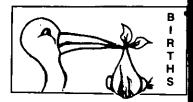
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U.S. treasurer coming

The treasurer of the United States, Mrs. Azie Taylor Morton, will be featured guest it the Alpha Kappa Sorority 70th anniversary dinner to be held at the Americana Inn. Albany, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. Residents of the Tri-Village area may make reservations with Nanette Ashe, 439-6713.

Macrame workshop

Bethlehem Library will hold a workshop on macrame April 15 and 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants are required to pay for their kits, which are on display at the library at a cost of \$9. Registration deadline is April 8.



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Matthew Earl, to Mr. and Mrs. James Scoons, Slingerlands, March 17.

Boy, Sean Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry, Jr., Glenmont, March 20.

Boy, Michael Benjamin, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Cohen, Delmar, March 20.

Boy, Todd Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lent, Glenmont, March 21.

Hudson River exhibit

In a show entitled "Humanity's River," the Hudson will be featured at Albany's Empire State Plaza on the Concourse Level April 3 through May 3 under the auspices of Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference. The exhibit consists of photographs with an accompanying slide show representing the many faces of the Hudson from its headwaters to its mouth at the tip of the Manhattan.

Handicapped hired

ARA Food Services, operating out of RPI, Troy, has recently hired its third employee through the placement bureau of the Menands Workshop, a rehabilitating and employment center for the handicapped. Two of the positions filled were dishwashers; the third, a kitchen helper/bus boy. All are full time permanent positions.



Mrs. Thomas G. Dill

Wed in Delmar

Lori Ann Streiff, daughter of Mrs. Jane E. Streiff of 13 Groesbeck PL. Delmar, and Dean E. Streiff of Albany, became the bride of Thomas G. Dill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dill of 532 Wayne PL, Delmar, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on March 18. Rev. Warren Winterhoff, pastor of the church, performed the 7 p.m. ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Lynn Marie Streiff, as maid of honor, and Susan Kelleher of New London, Conn., Nanci Snow of Salt Lake City and Susan Smith of Latham, sister of the bridegroom, as bridesmaids. Mark Smith of Latham was best man for his brother-inaw. Ushers were Kevin Johnson of East Greenbush. Kevin Leonard of Albany and Eric Streiff of Delmar, brother of the bride.

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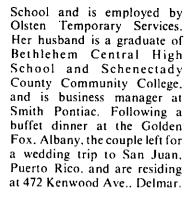
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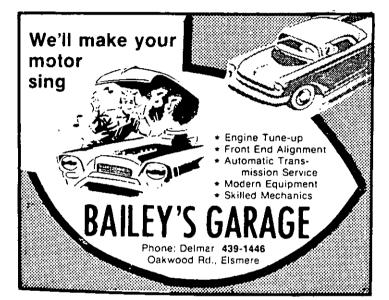


Dr. Wing and fiancee Plan April wedding

The wedding of D. Elizabeth Conners of Nassau and Dr. Thomas L. Ewing of Albany will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Conners of East Greenbush. She is a graduate of Maria College, Boston University and received an MA degree from Case Western Reserve University. She is a speech and language pathology instructor at the College of Saint Rose. Dr. Ewing is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ewing of Los Angeles, Calif. He is a graduate of Williams College and the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and is a clinical fellow in gynecologic oncology at Albany Medical College.

Cast announced

Slingerlands Community Players have announced the cast for their new production. "Butley," a play set on a university campus in England. The production, directed by Phil Rice, will run May 12-14 and May 17-20 at the Playhouse in Unionville. In the cast will be Sydney Turner and John O'Hern in the leads. John Romeo, Christine Boice, Denise Fitzgerald and Pam Norrix. Jim Murphy is assistant director.



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Two Bethlehem Central students were chosen from a long statewide list of entrants for an exhibit of original work for the Youth Art Month exhibit at Empire State Plaza recently. Receiving congratulations from Assemblyman Larry Lane are, left, Jeff Wendth of Delmar, selected for his water color, "Untitled," and James MacArthur of Glenmont, for a music composition, "Bitter Suite."

A town effort to save water

Residents of the town of Bethlehem will receive a bonus with their next quarterly water bills—a helpful booklet, "Water Conservation at



Home...Why to-Where to-How-to."

According to Bethlehem Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan, the booklets are the beginning of a campaign in the town to make people aware of water conservation. They offer suggestions on how to save water and tell the most efficient ways to use water.

In addition to making the booklets available, Paul Wagner, director of operations for Water District No. 1, which serves the town of Bethlehem. has issued an invitation to residents to visit the town's water treatment plant. Guided tours will be offered to individuals and groups seven days a week, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. After-hours tours are available by appointment. Those who wish to bring groups of more than 12 persons are requested to advise the Water District Office of their intent to visit the plant. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 439-2414.

The town of Bethlehem water treatment plant and reservoir are located off Route 85 on New Salem South Rd. in the town of New Scotland.

Emergency stickers

TOT Finder stickers, which can be pasted on windows so that firemen can locate children's bedrooms in fire emergencies, are being distributed free by the Slingerlands Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary. The bright red sticker, which also can be used for handicapped people, is available to residents of the Slingerlands fire district while the supply lasts. Call Maureen Bartkus, 439-2334.





Mary Skelly On theater staff

Mary Skelly of Delmar, has been named assistant director for Albany Civic Theater's production of the musical, "1 Do, I Do!" to be staged April 26-30, May 3-6 and May 10-14. She was production coordinator for ACT's production of "Anastasia." Earlier this season she performed in "6 Rms, Rv Vu" at the Albany Jewish Community Center.

Doing it all for us

Forty-three local Mc-Donald's restaurants will participate in WMHT's 10th annual TV Auction by contributing 5 cents from every breakfast entree sold during auction week, April 23-29. In announcing the donation. which could result in as much as \$2.500 for the auction. Brian Zuckerman, president of the local McDonald's Owner-Operators Co-op said. "McDonald's has always had a special feeling for public television, and we have underscored that feeling by helping to finance programs like 'Zoom' and 'Once Upon a Classic'."



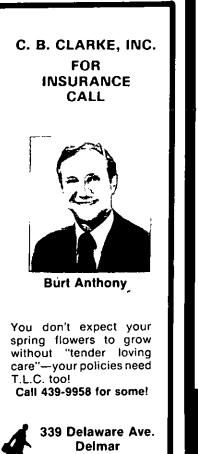
Village seeking cable television

Voorheesville's village board is inviting a cable television franchise to provide multichannel service to village residents.

The board is advertising for bids to be opened at 1 p.m. on June 14.

Scouts at parley

Girl Scout troops in Delmar and Selkirk participated in a citizenship conference sponsored by the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council April 9-11 in Albany, The conference was attended by more than 400 Cadette Scouts in grades 7-9 from Girl Scout councils throughout the state. The girls saw the state government in action, toured areas of interest in Albany and heard speakers in discussion groups. Scouts from Troop 362 were led by Mrs. Marge O'Brien, Delmar. Troop 587 was led by Mrs. Joan Haughton of Selkirk.



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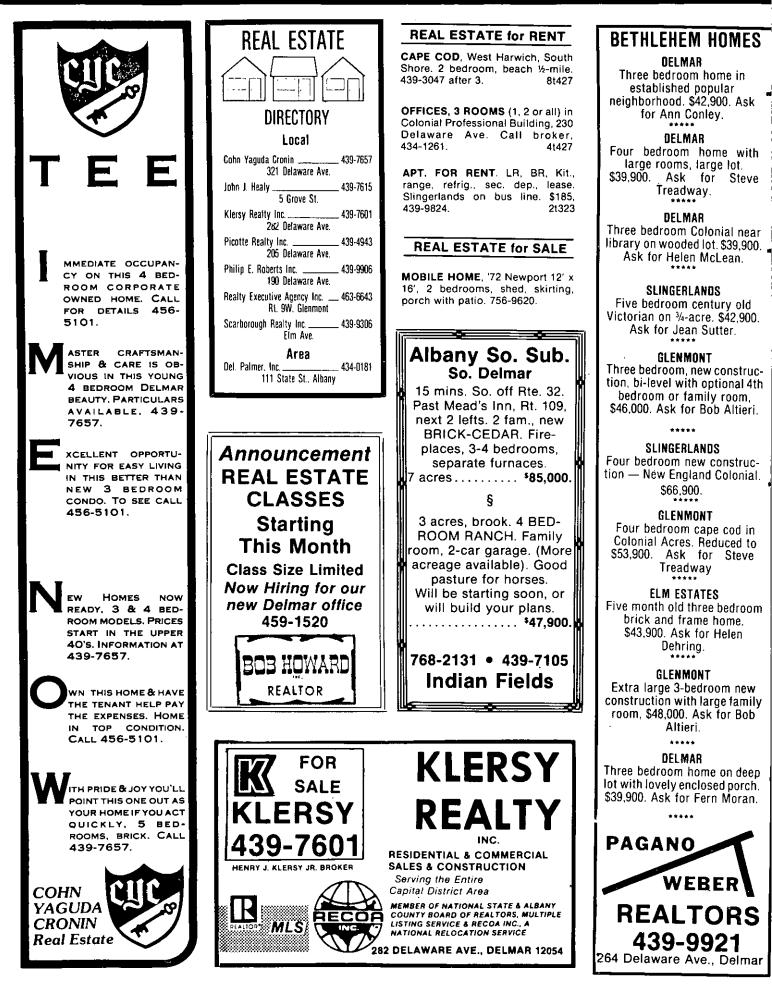
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Dr. Clifton C. Thorne, Delmar, is the campaign general chairman. Two of his top aides are William G. Fraser of Delmar, challenge gifts chairman, and Charles H. Reeves, of Delmar memorial gifts chairman. Richard H. Kukuk, Delmar, is general cochairman.

Objective of the fund-raising program is to improve existing facilities at divisional neadquarters, 22 Clinton Ave., Albany, add new facilities at Saddle Lake Camp, the summer recreational site.

Others on various "teams" in he campaign are: Slingerlands - John M. Watson, Dr. Robert H. Randles, Sydney Fucker Jones III, John G. Underhill, Lewis Welch, Rene Knouse, John Clark, Mrs. Arnold Hatch, James M. Reilly. Voorheesville — Anthony DeLorenzo, Harvey Smith, Jeffrey S. Johnson, Harvey Huth. Delmar Edwin W. Uhl. Jr., Billy Gilleland, Norman B. Andrews, A. William Henderson, Dale B. Krieger, Harry P. Meislahn, Dayton Haines, John E. Dahne, Donald H. Lewis, F. Eugene Witcher, Sorrell Chesin, William Seymour, Elmer Matthews, Dr. Donald J. Mulkerne, Edward Sargent, Neil C. Brown, Jr., Joseph A.



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Bowlers' benefit

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10-month employees

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to the article in the Spotlight March 30 (on the cost of the school district having to pay unemployment insurance to certain 10-month or part-time employees during the summer), all the facts should be reported.

Mr. Zwicklbauer's figure is high even if all 10-month employees collect unemploy-



ment. Most of the people I talk to would prefer to work if they can find a job with reasonable pay. This is the same schoo board that is condemning the bargaining groups for no wishing to negotiate, who two years ago made us negotiate for almost 16 months before they signed a contract they could have a year earlier.

Are they negotiating with the non-instructional the same way they did with the teachers through the papers?

Delmar

Roy Wilcos

Mr. Wilcox is a Bethlehen, Center bus driver and ar official of the non-instructiona employees union. For the record: at no time did the school board give any information to the Spotligh (or any other newspaper regarding the contract during the negotiations period. Non did the teachers' union. Ed.

Postal service bill

Editor, The Spotlight:

Speaking not only for myself but on behalf of 2,632 New York State rural letter carriers and especially for the many hundreds of thousands of patrons we serve, we urge you and your readers to support Bill No. HR7700, without the amendments which are being attempted to be tacked on to this bill. HR7700 is to be acted upon very shortly in Congress.

HR7700 in itself is a good bill, and has the approval of



oth the Senate and the House. enacted, it will partially turn the U.S. Postal Service the control of the Congress. owever, the Simon amendent which is sponsored by the eamsters would result in a 7% increase in parcel post tes. This would virtually iminate parcel post as it is ow in the Postal Service. urther, if passed it would ean that all packages would ave to go by private carriers ich as United Parcel. The ent, Lott and Rousselot mendments would repeal or riously weaken the private press statutes and enable all ail matter to be carried by ivate carriers, which would so come under Teamster ntrol.

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John J. Dimler Treasurer, New York State Rural Letter Carriers Ikirk

cooperative school

ditor, The Spotlight: On behalf of the Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, I would like to thank you for the writeup you gave us in your paper. We had a good turnout for our Open House, and have had numerous requests for registration forms, due largely to the publicity you've given us. Thank you again for your help — it is very much appreciated! *Connie Turner* Secretary

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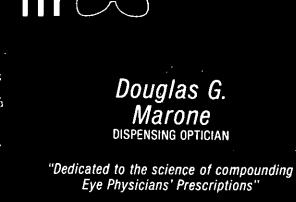
Reply to "Knick"

Editor, The Spotlight: Editor, The News-Herald:

I subscribe to both weeklies and their reporting is very well covered on all issues. I hope Mr. Fichenberg will from now on keep his warped ideas to the "Knick" and leave our very own papers alone, and their editor. Please withhold my name. Thank you.

Name submitted Cedar Hill

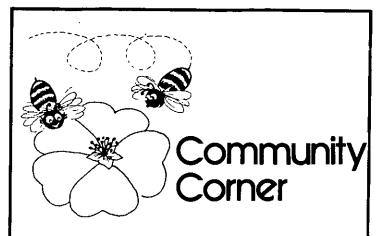
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A fair for scholarship

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Club members have been busy for nearly two months making sure the event will be a memorable one. There will be refrest memorable all day. Come and have a good time for a worthy cause.

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