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

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

Two films, "Brown Wolf" and "Incredible Cat Tale," Voorheesville Library, 4 p.m., all ages.

Choral festival, Bethlehem Central High School boys' 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

"Thieves' Carnival," Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School Drama Club, high school auditorium, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Guided walk, "Wandering the Spring Woods," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. 457-6092.

"Thieves' Carnival," Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 8 p.m.

National Guard local representative and display, Bethlehem Library, 12:30 - 5 p.m.

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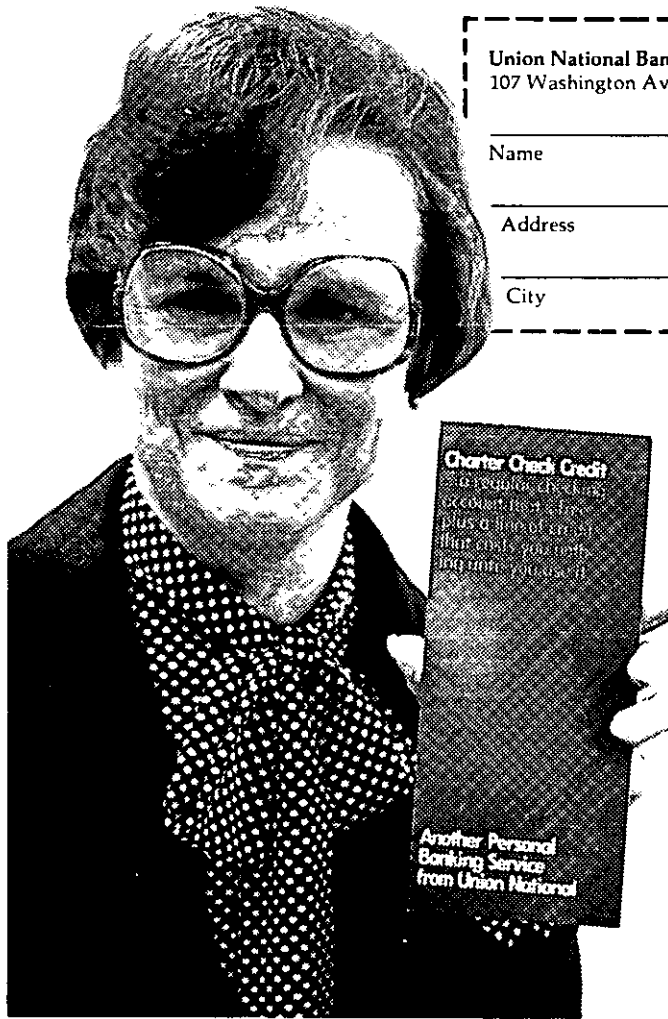
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"Resume Critiquing," Bethlehem
Library, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

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

"Wills and Estate Planning,"
Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Albany Retired Teachers Assn.,
Bethlehem Library, 12:30 p.m.

New Scotland Seniors 17th anni-
versary dinner, New Salem Center,
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Delmar Fire District board of
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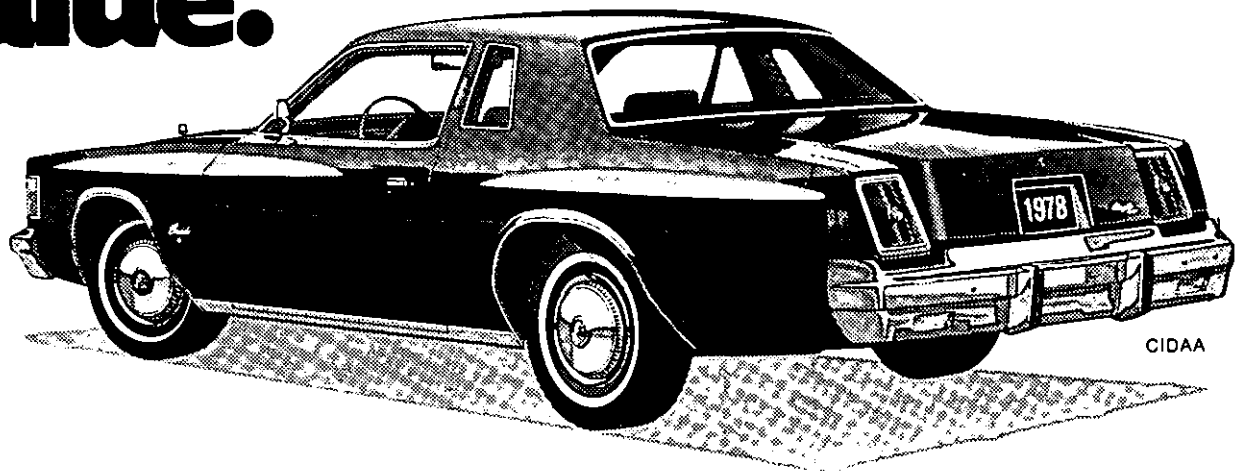
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New Salem Fire Dept. Auxiliary, fire house, 8 p.m.

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area arts

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THEATER

"Thieves' Carnival," musical masquerade, State University Theatre, University Performing Arts Center, **May 2-6**, 8 p.m. Box office 457-8606.

"I Do! I Do!" musical adaptation of "The Fourposter," Betsey Normile, Dick Harte, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., **April 26-30, May 3-7, May 10-14**, 8:30 p.m. 462-1297.

"Enter Laughing," Guilderland Community Theater, St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, **May 11-13, May 19-20**, 8:30 p.m. Reservations 456-5239.

MUSIC

"Mass in B Minor," J.S. Bach, Capitol Hill Choral Society, and Oratorio Orchestra, Judson Rand conducting, Philip Schuyler Auditorium, North Lake Ave. between Washington and Western, Albany, **May 12**, 8 p.m. \$4.50, students \$2.50. Tickets at Community Box Office and at door.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, Beethoven Symphony No. 8, Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1, Palace Theater, Albany, **May 6**, 8:30 p.m.

"Madame Butterfly," Capital Artists Opera Company, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, **April 25**, 8:15 p.m.

Christian Music Concert, Honeytree and Candle, Christian Music Ministries of Feura Bush, South Mall Convention Hall, Albany, **April 22**, 8 p.m. \$3. Free parking. 768-2154.

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

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Zero Mostel-Phil Silvers classic, Lecture Center 22, State University, **April 26**, 7:30 p.m. Free.

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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BOARD OF EDUCATION

School budget: payroll, mandates dull the knife

In some 10 weeks of budget development and several weekend work sessions, Bethlehem's board of education this week is adopting an \$11.6-million budget for the coming school year, up 4.84 percent over current spending. The seven-member board, shackled by costly new state mandates and haunted by its own generosity in granting pay raises in the new teachers' contract, trimmed the teaching staff by a net of 4.2 positions, roughly equivalent to the projected decline in enrollment, but still is saddled with a \$162,000 payroll hike in the classrooms and an increased bite in retirement benefit payments.

The overall budget increase is the highest in the past three years, both in dollars and percentage. The total is up approximately \$536,000, or 4.8 percent, compared to \$300,000 and 2.8 percent a year ago and \$34,500 or 0.3 percent a year earlier. Enrollment has been dropping steadily, and next year will dip under 4,000 for the first time in a number of years.

Tax rates for property owners, which won't be finalized until the assessment rolls are closed in August, can only be estimated. An administration spokesman gave these figures: assuming a "normal increase" in the assessment base, Bethlehem taxpayers will ante an additional \$2.13 per thousand valuation, approximately 1.7 percent from the present rate, while New Scotland residents in the Bethlehem district will enjoy a cut of some \$7 per thousand, down 3.9 percent.

The tax break for New Scotland taxpayers is attributed to a valuation base that is growing faster than Bethlehem's.

In their tedious construction of the new budget, board members made two major decisions: to avoid another bond issue, they authorized a 10-percent increase in the operations and maintenance section, which itself represents 11 percent of the total budget, and they tiptoed through the delicate area of staff cuts despite the fact that payroll and fringe benefits comprise more than three-quarters of the entire budget.

In operations and maintenance, the board will spend \$1,291,000, roughly \$120,000 more than presently, in order to keep a 1975 pledge to avoid another bond issue. Three years ago, after years of grudging cutbacks, the district floated a \$1.3-million bond issue to shore up the physical plant. Now the approach is to

make allotments annually for building and equipment repairs, roof renewal, painting, refurbishing heating systems and replacing one truck and a tractor.

The Middle School, which escaped major cuts a year ago, takes the brunt of the teaching cutback this year. The board pared 1.8 positions from the elementary staff and 3.6 positions from the Middle School while increasing the High School faculty by 1.2 positions. "The kids are signing up for more courses," said Supt. Lawrence A. Zinn. No programs have been eliminated, he said, but some course offerings have been restricted to a minimum enrollment. Two elementary school classroom positions have been eliminated, but no jobs will be lost because three grade-level teachers are retiring. "Some 'specials' have been cut by tenths," Zinn explained. "We have added some resource people because of state mandates for

youngsters with handicapping conditions. At the Middle School we will have two fewer team teachers, but we expect normal attrition to absorb the teachers affected." Commented Ann Patton, president of the board: "The board has made a determined effort both to continue the quality program which the community obviously values, and to contain costs in the face of continuing inflation and new mandates."

The state aid picture has good news and bad. The good news first: the district anticipates a boost of \$67,888 for operations, plus \$13,600 in Social Security for bus drivers, an item the district hasn't had in past budgets. However, Bethlehem's state-aid ratio, based on averaging the wealth factor of the state's 700-plus school districts, will drop next year by \$41,000. The overall figure is up slightly: Bethlehem's current package is \$2,680,350, next year it should be \$2,785,798.

Bethlehem budget at a glance

- The new budget total is \$11,606,000, compared to \$11,070,000 a year ago and \$10,768,000 in 1976-77.

- Last year the total budget was up \$301,000, or 2.8 percent over the preceding year. This year it is up \$536,000, or 4.8 percent.

- Last year's budget eliminated the equivalent of nine and a fraction teaching positions (18 the year before). This year the board has eliminated the equivalent of 4.2 teaching positions.

- The tax rate for

Bethlehem residents in the district is currently \$121.84 and New Scotland residents \$178.46. The Bethlehem rate increase is estimated at \$2 to \$2.50, the New Scotland decrease \$6.40 to \$7.02.

- Major increases other than payroll: retirement benefits \$37,000, Social Security payments \$30,000, workers' compensation \$11,500, health insurance \$33,000, a new unemployment tax \$58,000, insurance \$71,800. Major decreases: debt service \$58,500.

Mystery in mail

Carol Oates was on her job taking mail from incoming sacks at the Glenmont postoffice early Friday when she came upon a foot-square box that was "making a noise." She called Bethlehem police who called the addressee, Alvin Allen, a Glenmont postal box holder. With Allen's permission, Officers Richard LaChappelle and Charles Rudolph opened the package and found a radio with the switch on.

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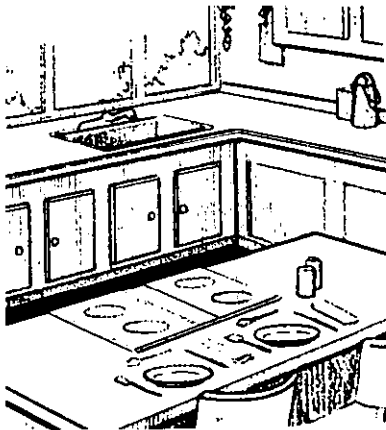
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NO. BETHLEHEM Cable handbill plaint refuted

Distribution of an anonymous handbill in North Bethlehem blaming town officials for complaints about cable television service has brought quick response from Supervisor Tom Corrigan, who labelled the handout "misinformation."

The handbill contained a coupon from "residents of the Krumkill Rd. area" to be signed and mailed to town hall. Corrigan said 30 coupons were received from about a dozen households. Among the items was a series of "did you know" questions that told residents that Bethlehem Terrace apartments will be among the first to receive cable in the town, that property owners "will have to wait in line" for cable TV, and that "cable will be as close as Blessing Rd. but you will not be given the opportunity to select the service." The unidentified authors also stated that "the town government controls the cable TV operation...in one day service could be extended to all the residents of our area." The handbill added that residents "be given the option to select cable rather

than waiting months or years before we are approached."

Corrigan immediately issued a letter to the householders who sent in coupons. "I'm sorry you had to waste a 13-cent stamp to inquire about CATV. The anonymous author(s) of the handbill circulated in North Bethlehem were uninformed, as they usually are when they aren't willing to be identified," he wrote. Explained Corrigan: North Bethlehem was included in the original franchise proposal, Bethlehem Terrace was not among the first areas to receive cable service, town taxes are not spent on CATV, "in fact, the town will receive revenue from the (franchise) fee collected." His letter concluded with the statement: "Town government does not control CATV any more than we control power, gas or telephone service. These services operate under state and federal regulations." He omitted — or overlooked — a response to the complaint about a choice of service. There is only one cable TV franchise serving the town, hence the resident's only choices are whether to buy the service or pass it up, and whether to add Home Box Office as an additional option.

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Free compost and wood chips will be given from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to residents of the town. The Glenmont Garden Shoppe is donating seedling fir trees for distribution free to children who attend. Soil tests will be conducted for those who attend by Mrs. Beth Bergeron, a representative from the Albany County Cooperative Extension. Soil for testing should be dug from several areas in the plot to be tested, then air-dried. Foreign matter,

such as sticks and stones, should be removed.

After carting compost and wood chips home, gardeners should visit the library, where Mrs. Bergeron will present hints on getting a garden plot ready, putting in seeds and plants and day-to-day care for a healthy, productive garden all summer. A slide presentation and 30-minute question-and-answer period will be included. Free seedling begonia plants will be distributed, courtesy of Price-Greenleaf garden store. A display featuring garden plants, types of compost and garden reference books and a sampling of Extension booklets available free on Garden Day is in place through May 6.

Garden Day originated in 1976 and has been under the direction of the town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Council for the Preservation of the Environment. Donald Gillespie, a Selkirk resident, is president of the council.

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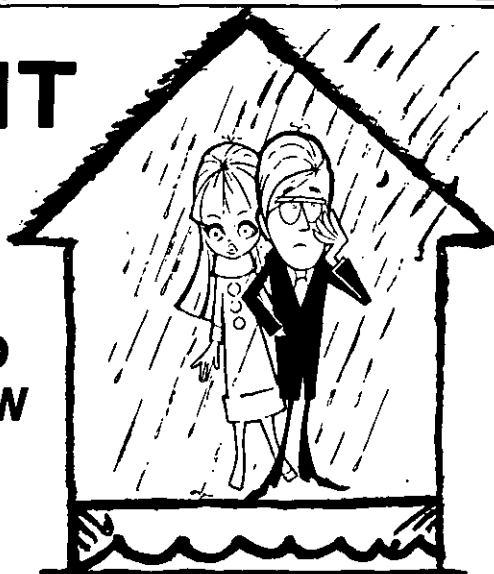


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NEW SCOTLAND

Ballfield, hoops readied at park

It will be only a matter of weeks before New Scotland's new town park on Swift Rd. will be ready for full-scale baseball and basketball programs. The town board has set May 3 for opening bids for 480 feet of fencing for the baseball diamond to go along with the \$2,800 backstop purchased last year. Also planned is a six-week summer basketball league, starting in July.

The board has started a search for a park coordinator to direct a full program of activities starting this summer, the first full year of the facility. Town board members were scheduled to have a special meeting with the town's recreation commission, headed by David Briscoe, on Wednesday of this week, and expect to announce the appointment.



New Scotland Supervisor Steve Wallace, left, with recreation commission members Bob Smith and Dave Briscoe. *Spotlight*

Briscoe said the baseball diamond will have permanent fences and ground-level players' benches. The outfield fences will be five feet high, with home run distances 300 feet in left field and center field, and approximately 280 in right.

Wallace R. Greene, secretary of the commission, said Howard Smith, coach of

Voorheesville Central's basketball team, had been approached on the possibility of directing a summer basketball league with teams from Berne-Knox, Bethlehem, Guilderland and Albany Academy as well as local teams. Briscoe also recommended that the town board double the size of the ice rink to segregate

hockey players from recreational skaters. "The rink was very active and used heavily last year," he said. Briscoe also said the commission was considering using the rink area for a volleyball court this summer.

Handicapped parking

Handicapped parking permits now are available at Bethlehem town hall, allowing use of specially designated parking areas throughout the state that are marked with a stylized logo symbolizing a person in a wheelchair. Medical certification is required. Forms and information are available at the town clerk's office Monday through Friday, at 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

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Chief Peter Fish talks for Doug Meyers and the Channel 10 camera after town hall adjournment. *Spotlight Photo*

BETHLEHEM

Fish probe moves to Albany

Moments after the sudden adjournment of Bethlehem's disciplinary procedure against its suspended police chief last week, TV newsman Doug Myers of Channel 10 stood in front of 393 Delaware Ave. and told his audience that the Peter Fish case "has become too big and too hot" for this suburban town. The statement, which rankled town officials who termed it inaccurate, was at best misleading: three county and federal agencies have stepped into the matter and have whisked it out of local hands.

Suspension of the Bethlehem hearings 25 minutes after the start of the second session held by Judge Francis Bergan as hearing officer came as a surprise to most of the spectators who filled the second-floor hearing room in the town hall in Delmar last Wednesday. The end of the Bethlehem phase, whether temporary or permanent, resulted from near-simultaneous moves by counsel for both sides. William J. Cade, Fish's attorney, opened with a motion that the matter be referred to the Albany County district attorney for a possible grand jury investigation, which could be secret. David A. Goldstein, special prosecutor for the town, announced that the district attorney, the U.S.

attorney's office and the Internal Revenue Service had requested an indefinite adjournment so that they could conduct their own investigations.

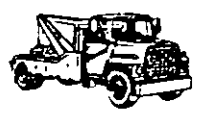
District Attorney Sol Greenberg said this week that transcripts and other material in the town's investigation of alleged law violations charged to Fish had been received in Albany, but would make no further comment. Presumably nothing more will be disclosed until the grand jury acts or finds no cause for action. Ditto for the U.S. Attorney for the Northeast Region, who is interested in the town's allegations that Fish obtained copies of the joint income tax returns of two town officials and showed them "on at least three occasions" to other persons, and the IRS, which presumably is looking into the town's charges that Fish converted public funds to his own use and that he sold a firearm being held as evidence in an armed robbery. Neither agency would comment on the status of their investigations.

Cade declared that he would ask the grand jury to "look at the entire town of Bethlehem, including the police department and town officials." When a reporter asked if he felt there would be indictments of any town officials, Cade

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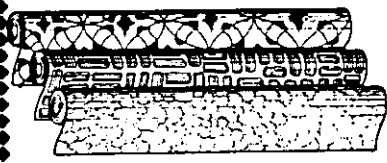


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replied: "I would certainly think there would be." He would not elaborate. Last week Cade spent some time in town hall studying records in the town clerk's office, presumably minutes of town board meetings of recent years.

Transfer of the Fish locale from Delmar to Albany means that what began as a civil administrative procedure to

discipline a government employee has now become an official criminal investigation. It also may phase Goldstein, the \$500-a-day special assistant town attorney, out of the case after this week. For only the second time in more than two months, Goldstein went home to spend the weekend in New York City, returning Tuesday "for a few days" to wrap up the

town's commitments to the investigating agencies taking over the case. His return, and that of Bergan, is indefinite pending the outcome of the Albany proceedings.

Bergan also has deferred rulings on motions by the town to remove Fish from the payroll and by an attorney for Capital Newspapers to quash a subpoena issued one of its

reporters. Michael Muskal, as a witness in the town's investigation.

Meanwhile, the town board has transferred \$30,000 from the contingency fund to cover legal fees and expenses for Goldstein and Bergan. Goldstein has filed vouchers for \$25,046 for March, representing 400.75 hours of work at \$62.50 per hour. The voucher shows he worked on each of the 31 days of the month, ranging from 35 minutes to 19 hours and averaging 14 hours a day. His bill for February services was \$10,229.

Fish grandson

A son, Keith Peter, was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goetz, at St. Peter's Hospital. Mrs. Goetz is the former Nancy Fish, one of six children of Bethlehem Police Chief Peter Fish.

In Parsons post

William Martone of New Salem has been named child care supervisor of the Parsons Child and Family Center's residential program. He joined the agency, formerly Albany Home for Children, in 1972 as a child care worker.

In his new position, Martone will be responsible for the supervision and training of staff involved in the treatment and daily care of children in the Center's residential cottages. A graduate of Providence College, he is married and has two children.

Town pickup dates

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VOORHEESVILLE Village to honor its No. 1 citizen

Few communities are as closely knit as the village of Voorheesville, which blends longtime residents with new and vibrant young families bringing fresh vitality to the area. Next week will provide a showcase of togetherness when the village honors Edward R. Smith as its 1978 Citizen of the Year. The ninth annual dinner will be on Friday, April 28, at Post 1493, American Legion, starting with a Dutch-treat cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and a roast beef platter at 7. For reservations call the Legion, 765-9387, or mail a \$10-per-plate remittance to Citizen of the Year, Box 512, Voorheesville 12186.

A 34-year resident of the village, Smith has been prominent in virtually every major organization in the community. An architect by profession, he was instrumental in organizing the Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service in 1942, served on the squad, has been secretary since its inception, designed and supervised construction of the ambulance garage, and has taught Red Cross volunteer first-aid classes for 21 years. He is a past president and secretary of the volunteer fire department, and an active member for 29 years. He also served as secretary and president of the Voorheesville Men's Club, and worked on the Boy Scout committee for nearly two decades. He has served as mayor of the village from 1951 to 1954 and is now in his 11th year on the village zoning board of appeals.

Smith is an assistant architect with the State's Office of General Services in Albany. He came to Voorheesville in 1940, left in 1942 for four years in New York City as a naval architect during World War 2, and returned to the village in 1946. He and his wife, Ethel, have two daughters, Mrs. Peter (Kathleen) Matheson of Wardboro, Vt., and Susan LeClair, who lives at home, and three grandchildren.



Edward R. Smith

Flashers at crossing

The State Dept. of Transportation has notified the New Scotland town board that a flashing warning signal will be installed at the two-track ConRail grade crossing on Game Farm Rd.

SUBDIVISIONS

Glenmont group wary of duplexes

A developer's proposal to build 24 duplex dwellings in Glenmont produced a lively discussion at the regular Tuesday meeting of the Bethlehem planning board last week. A public hearing on the Glen Manor subdivision off Feura Bush Rd. adjacent to the Bicentennial Woods subdivision drew 16 residents to the town hall, most of them residents of the adjacent Bicentennial Woods development.

Paul Hite, making the presentation for A.T. Zautner and Son, Inc., said Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn had stated the school district could

absorb the children and that Supt. of Highways Martin Cross, Jr., had said the roads in the area could absorb the traffic. Dr. Hilda Knobloch challenged the Zinn projection and Linda O'Brien of Bicentennial Woods predicted traffic problems at the entrances to Jefferson Dr.

Frank Ryan, 20 Penn Lane, questioned the developer's shift from the original proposal of single-family houses to duplexes. Replied William Zautner: "It's a better way to supply housing for the area, better for people who live there and a better investment for us." Mrs. James Smith reminded the board a petition opposing the duplex plan had been presented two weeks earlier, and read the petition into the record.

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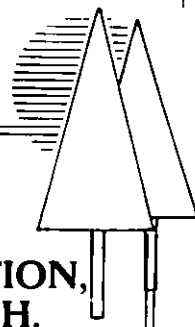
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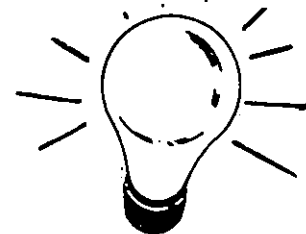
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GLENMONT

Job Corps notes its first full year

With a minimum of fanfare and a maximum of pride, the New York Job Corps Center in Glenmont last week observed its first official anniversary. The date, April 12, was also circled prominently on Rep. Sam Stratton's calendar in

Washington as the Amsterdam Congressman dispatched a letter to the U.S. Dept. of Labor recommending the Center be placed on a permanent basis.

In October, 1976, culminating four months of citizen unrest stemming from shoddy public relations and bureaucratic fumbling by Labor Dept. officials in preliminary negotia-

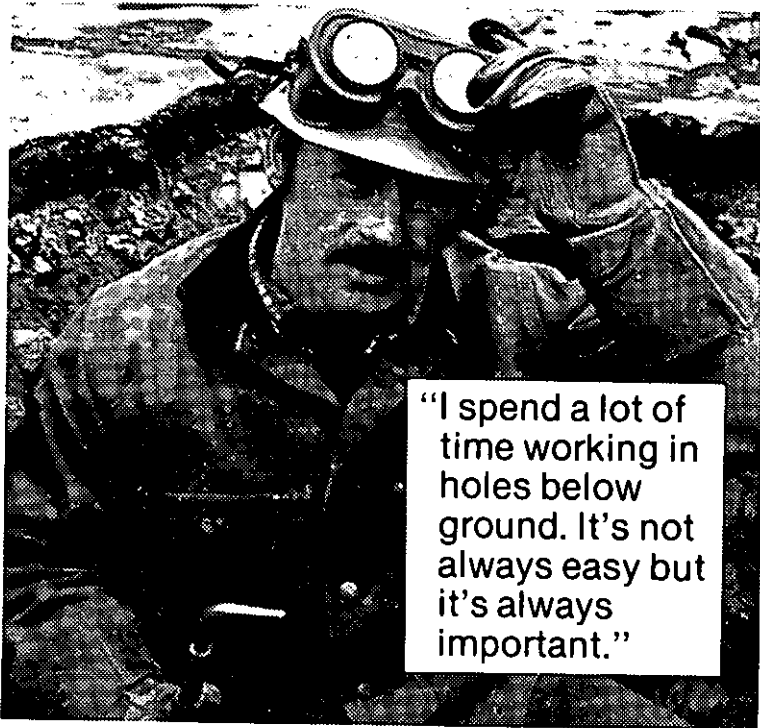
tions establishing the Center, Stratton announced that the facility would be located in Glenmont on a one-year trial basis. At the time he asked skeptical Bethlehem residents to hold judgement pending performance during that first year.

Last week Stratton said that the Corps' performance over the 12-month trial period,

which began when the first students entered the former Our Lady of Angels Seminary on April 12, 1977, had "clearly demonstrated to all concerned that the Center is beneficial to the community." In a letter to U.S. Assistant Labor Secretary Ernest Green, Stratton said that "during the entire 12 months it has been in operation I have not received one single complaint of any kind about it." Stratton said he had checked with a number of Bethlehem residents, including those who live nearest to the Center, and had found the reaction "not merely favorable but enthusiastic."

The purpose of the Center is to provide job training for some 275 disadvantaged teenagers who have dropped out of high school. The course lasts about five months. Under the direction of John N. Acquilano, the Center has been administered by the Singer Company, which operates centers in California, Michigan and Kentucky under contract to the Dept. of Labor. The staff of the Glenmont facility has been commended by local citizens for its efficiency, and the disciplinary problems originally anticipated by nearby residents have never materialized.

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New postmaster Robert E. Myers with Martha Kugler and morning mail at Voorheesville. *Spotlight Photo*

A new postmaster for Voorheesville

A 17-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service is settling into his new duties as postmaster at Voorheesville. Robert E. Myers, 41, of Feura Bush Rd., Delmar, was appointed April 8 by Kenneth R. Prentiss, officer in charge of the Albany postoffice, regional distribution center for a wide section of Northeastern New York.

Myers has been supervisor of mails and deliveries in the Delmar postoffice since 1973. He has been a member of the Postal Service Management Sectional Center in Albany, and served on both city delivery and rural route inspection teams. He joined the Postal Service in 1961 as a substitute carrier in Delmar and served 12 years as a regular carrier before being promoted to superintendent five years ago. He was a pre-schooler in Glenmont and has lived in Delmar ever since. He worked for Dearstyne Bros. Tobacco Co. three years and the Bethlehem Highway Dept. for two years before joining the postoffice. He and his wife, the former Lois Wisenburn of Delmar, have two sons, Robert, Jr., a freshman honor student at SUNY-Morrisville, and Kevin, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School.

GLENMONT Residents fight zoning change

A contingent of property owners in the Meyers Corners section of Rt. 9W in Glenmont put Bethlehem's town board on the defensive for more than an hour last week. Led by Glenn W. Rivenburg, Herbert Stumpf and Mrs. Frances Ott, the residents voiced united opposition to the town's proposal to zone three parcels as CC-commercial and another segment Residential-A. The areas currently are unzoned.

The mood of the audience was: leave the area as is. Residents protested any effort to restrict land use, contending that property values and livelihood would be affected. The town's stance is: zoning does not change present use of land and affords protection from undesirable future development. In last Wednesday's dialogue, often emotional, planning board chairman William R. Weber, joining the town board for the hearing, explained that the planning board "feels that these areas would be better served by Double C zoning, which is basically retail use." He said the planning board had held a previous hearing on the proposal; and had changed its recommendation to commercial after reconsidering the matter.

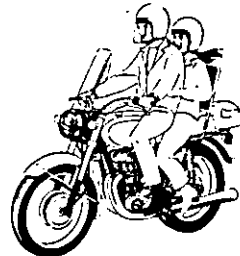
Table fashions set

Coxsackie Garden Club will sponsor a demonstration of spring table fashions and centerpieces by Mrs. Mildred Bennet April 24 at the First Reformed Church, Coxsackie.

Student playwright

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McGlynn is treasurer, board member and committeeman of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc., and assistant treasurer and a board member of the Bethlehem Lions Club. He is a eucharistic minister and

religious education teacher at St. Thomas Church, Delmar. He is a graduate of LaSalle Institute, Troy, and the State University of New York at Albany.

Marsh has served as an assistant manager in the bank's Branch Division and in the employee relations department of First Commercial Banks Inc.—the holding company of which National Commercial is a subsidiary. A Guilderland Central High School graduate, Marsh attended Hofstra University, St. Lawrence University and the State University College at Cortland. He is currently studying for a master's degree in business education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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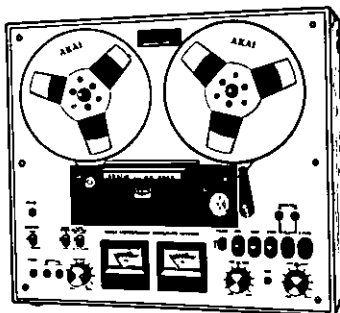
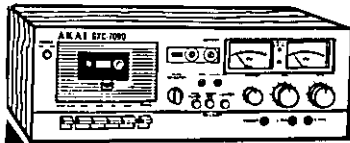
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A funeral service was held Thursday in Altamont for Clifford (Skip) Shank, 47, town of New Scotland heavy equipment operator and veteran fireman, who died when flames swept his apartment in New Salem last Monday. Members of the New Salem Fire Dept. and auxiliary paid tribute in uniform as a group Wednesday night at the Fredendall Funeral Home, Altamont. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Altamont.

Shank, a lifelong resident of New Salem, was dead when three firemen carried him from the smoke-filled apartment where he lived alone at the intersection of Rts. 85 and 85A in the center of the hamlet shortly after 10 p.m. The three firemen, John O'Connell, Gil Houk and Bill Campion, were treated for smoke inhalation at Albany Medical Center. Fire Chief Fred Carl attributed the blaze to a cigarette. Thirty-three firemen responded to the call. The Albany County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating. Two other tenants of the building, a family of seven and

a young couple, were evacuated, but were able to return to their apartments in the frame structure the following day.


Shank leaves his wife, two children, Susan Shank of New Salem and Roger Shank of Voorheesville; his mother, Mrs. Maude Shank of New Salem; a sister, Mrs. Stanley (Dorothy) Jacobson of Voorheesville, and two brothers, Harold Shank of Altamont and Carl Shank of New Salem.

Medicare 'hot line'

Free long-distance telephone service was extended throughout Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer Counties on March 1 for individuals receiving Medicare Part B benefits, which cover physicians' fees and related expenses. It does not cover hospital expense claims. Local residents may reach the Utica Medicare office by dialing 1-800-962-6175.

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School volunteer census: 3,400 hours

Bethlehem's school volunteer program is flourishing; in the first semester of this year, 321 people from the community spent a recorded total of 3,448 hours helping pupils and staff members in district schools.

About 200 of the volunteers are working in the five elementary schools. Many of these people visit their schools once or twice a week to give help to individuals or small groups in math and reading. Others spend their time in classrooms, or in music, art or gym classes, providing children with individual attention and teachers with "another pair of hands."

Special projects such as the development of nature trails, Berkeley Health program studies and field trips attract other willing volunteers to Bethlehem elementary schools.

Many of the Middle School's volunteers are involved in the eighth grade Community Service Program. This gives



Joy Shenian, left, with volunteers Nancy Reusswig and Claire Ruslander. At rear is 11th grader Paul Howell. On the cover: Clarksville School third graders Ricky Martin, left, and Richie Auger with Mrs. Frank Devane. Photos by L. Spelich.

interested pupils the opportunity to spend some time, during 10-week periods, at local day care centers, homes for the aged and other service

agencies. Much of the coordination with the agencies — and the transportation of pupils — is done by parents and other volunteers.

An equal number of Middle School volunteers donate their time regularly to help out in the library, and in Art, Math and Social Studies classes.

The career education program at the High School makes the most use of volunteers there. After being trained by the Guidance staff, these people conduct "career ed" classes, arrange "shadow" experiences for seniors to help them explore different job areas, and provide some individual counseling. Other local residents are "one-shot" volunteers in this program, coming in to speak to groups of pupils about their careers.

Some High School pupils are themselves volunteers, visiting elementary schools to tutor younger children, and others get volunteer assistance from adults in particular subject areas.

Joyce Strand of Glenmont is chairman of the school volunteer program, and she submits semi-annual reports to the school board on how many people are participating and in

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what ways. Two comments she added in her most recent report were: most individual school volunteer chairmen visited faculty meetings early in the school year, which was helpful to the teachers; and workshops are now being planned for elementary school volunteers who have expressed the desire for more direction in their reading help to pupils.

While Bethlehem's volunteer program is one of the most active anywhere — and has served as a model when other school districts have started them — there is always room in the schools for more help from community residents. Persons who would like to become a part of the program may contact any of the following chairmen: Clarksville, Mrs. Billy Plunkett; Elsmere, Mrs. Daniel Cornell and Mrs. Phillip Tarbell; Glenmont, Mrs. Robert Sinuc and Mrs. John Kinum; Hamagrael, Mrs. Paul Donnelly and Mrs. John Mitchell; Slingerlands, Mrs. Frank Webb; Middle School, Mrs. Barbara Reifler, and High School, Mrs. Robert Ruslander and Mrs. William Reusswig.

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Town purchasing tracts for park

The Bethlehem town board is negotiating for two small parcels of land adjacent to its Hudson River Park property, one of them with 100 feet of frontage on the river.

The board last week deferred action on a resolution for the purchase of the riverfront parcel pending establishment of a firm price. The land, which goes back 130 feet from the shoreline, was owned by Theodora Neville, deceased, and has an unoccupied camp structure on the property. Purchase of an adjacent parcel on the south boundary of the park also is under negotiation. The tract is also 100' by 130' and has a year-round house that would be razed if the town completes the transaction.

On college drive

Karen Tomlinson, a freshman at William Smith College, Geneva, recently participated in a 12-night telephone campaign that earned pledges of more than \$77,000 from alumni of William Smith and Hobart Colleges. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Tomlinson of Delmar.

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Slingerlands champs of '29 ruled Suburban League

By Larry Boynton

Almost 50 years ago, before the era of the free agent, artificial turf and designated hitters, baseball was the catalyst that brought entire communities together on summer Sundays. It was root, root, root for the home team, and in Slingerlands the locals had a team that built a strong and loyal following, especially when they found themselves in a state championship tournament the first year of the Suburban League. The huge popularity of the league was built on community pride, which ran deep in those days.

A meeting at the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany in February, 1929 brought together more than 30 baseball enthusiasts, including Bill McCorry, manager of the Albany franchise in the Eastern League, and Ab Hermann, a former Albany

Senator. Also present were nine representatives from the villages that expressed interest in joining the Suburban Baseball League that was sponsored by the Albany Knickerbocker Press and Albany Evening News.

The most important decision reached at the Ten Eyck that evening was that the infant league would follow the format of the other newspaper-sponsored Suburban Leagues throughout the state. The key rule was eligibility — players on league teams were limited to "bona-fide residents or taxpayers of a village or town, or producers in said village or town." No "ringers."

A representative from A.G. Spalding & Co. stressed that the league was not an attempt to run a "semi-professional organization for money-ma-

king purposes." Moreover, the league was a movement to develop the sandlot ballplayer.

Slingerlands Postmaster William Degenaar assembled 14 young men, and under his watchful eye and help from assistant manager Charlie Sanders, Slingerlands entered a club in the Suburban League. Other members of the circuit included Castleton, Altamont, Preston Hollow, Ravena-Coeymans, Colonie, South Bethlehem and McKownville.

The Slingerlands team played its games on a field owned by Edward Slingerland, without bleachers, where Southwood Dr. and the Southwood development now stand. Sanders remembers that Mr. Slingerland never asked for rent for the use of his field, and allowed baseball to be played there anytime. Games

were held on most Saturdays and Sundays, as well as holidays throughout the summer months.

Games were not confined to just league play. The diamond in Slingerlands was the site for many contests with touring amateur and professional baseball teams. The Mohawk All-Stars with Hall-of-Fame nominee Buck Ewing played there, as did the Brooklyn Cuban Giants, the Edison All-Stars from Schenectady, and the celebrated Bloomer Girls, a team made up of female ballplayers who were exceptional hitters.

Slingerlands held their own against these touring teams, and more often than not won games against other area teams such as Albany Transit, Dufty's All-Stars from Rensselaer and



Slingerlands' Suburban League champions of 1929 pose at Chadwick Park, later Hawkins Stadium, Albany. From left, seated, David Scoons, Art Delaney, Henry Halsdorf, Jim Scoons, Herb Hay, William Sager, Perlo Fowler; standing, William

Simmons, secretary, Alden Rosebrock, Bill Burton, Tony Burton, Buddy Osterhout, Herb Liebich, Ted Goldring, Joseph Pastori, Manager William Degenaar. Batboy is Donald Scoons.

the Twin-City Nine from Johnstown and Gloversville.

Slingerlands opened its championship year with a close non-league win over Rensselaer in 11 innings, and then defeated the Bloomer Girls of New York 11-4, despite being out-hit 11-9. The league opener saw the pitching of William Burton, now living in Unionville, combine with Ted Goldring's six hits leading Slingerlands to their first win, 22-5.

The Slingerlands team won its next seven games, and in mid-July faced cross-river rivals Castleton, also 8-0, for the right to first place. Again, it was William Burton pitching Slingerlands past Castleton by an 8-2 count. The Albany paper carried large headlines telling of the game and a second story about the following that Slingerlands had at the contest even though it was played away from home. "A special bus left Slingerlands with a full load, along with a truckload of people and some who even drove their own cars. . . Whitey Burton, our pitcher, certainly kept Castleton guessing, while our catcher, Tony Burton, in spite of a bruised hand, played an excellent game. . . Slingerlands gave the boys great support in applauding. Let us say here that Charlie Sanders filled a five gallon pail full of ice water to take for the players, and that Castleton certainly enjoyed the water, if not the game. . ."

Some 600 people came to the Slingerlands diamond the next week for the rematch with Castleton and saw the local team again prevail by a 9-6 score. Slingerlands now had a

two-game lead over Castleton and Preston Hollow, and owned a 10-0 record. The next weekend, the Knickerbocker Press stated that "... all those wishing to go to Preston Hollow get in touch with Charlie Sanders to reserve a seat on the bus. The fare will be \$1.25 for a round trip. Just think — 75 miles of nice country air for \$1.25." Those who made the trip to Preston Hollow saw Slingerlands lose by 12-9. The paper stated that "Slingerlands out-hit their rivals, but fast fielding in the pinches by Elsbree at short and Radick in right field cut off enough runs to put Preston Hollow on the winning side."

Before the end of the season in August, it was decided by league president Ronan that Slingerlands would represent the league in the post-season tournament with other districts throughout the state in the championship tournament in Syracuse.

Slingerlands took a 13-1 record into the post-season tourney and drew the Utica district champion, Dolgeville as the opponent in the first round of play. Hal Schumacher, who later became a World Series starter as a member of the pennant-winning New York Giants of 1933 and 1936, pitched against Slingerlands in the game played on Sept. 14 in Iliion. Schumacher held the heavy hitting Slingerlands team to two hits in eight innings before weakening in the ninth when Slingerlands pounded him for three runs.

Tony Burton, who caught for Slingerlands that day, last week recalled that game as he sat in his home on Western

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It was a rewarding and successful first season for Slingerlands. Not only did they boast of the league's top hitter in Ted Goldring (.535 average), but four other regulars all hit over .400. As a team, the Slingerlands ball club hit .362.

Although no one can remember the exact year that was the last of the Suburban League, Tony Burton recalled that the first year was not the only one in which Slingerlands won the title. Charlie Sanders sadly remarked that it was the automobile that played the most important role in ending the league. "People forgot all about local baseball when the car became popular. Everybody wanted to go away for the weekend during the summer months."

Today, Charlie lives quietly in his homestead at the Toll Gate, behind the restaurant he operated long enough to become a Slingerlands landmark. His lower leg has been amputated, but his mind is alert. He served in both World Wars, and was the prime founder of the Slingerlands fire department.

Cash box looted

Richard H. Wilson, proprietor of the Center Inn, Glenmont, reported that \$180 in cash and two checks made out to cash for \$15 and \$7.50 were missing from a cash drawer at the restaurant overnight Friday. Bethlehem police are investigating.

Camera stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a 35mm camera in a break-in at 451 Elm Ave., Delmar, Thursday. The camera, owned by Stella A. Giacci, was valued at \$189. Entry was gained by prying open a rear basement window, police said.



William A. Bayreuther, Jr.

Bank promotes Glenmont man

William A. Bayreuther, Jr. has been elected assistant vice president of United Bank Corp. of New York, according to an announcement by Peter D. Kiernan, chairman of the board and president.

Bayreuther will be the assistant to the head of data processing for the \$1.8-billion holding company whose subsidiary banks are located in Albany (State Bank), Buffalo, Newburgh and on Long Island.

Prior to joining the company Bayreuther was vice president of Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N.J. He graduated from the University of Nebraska and received a masters degree from Rutgers University. He and his wife, Joanne, have four children and live in Glenmont.

Karate winners

Three members of the Bethlehem Karate Club participated in a mid-March competition at Hudson Valley Community College. The club is part of the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. activities program and is directed by Michael Boettcher, who has earned his first degree black belt. Chuck Scully took second place in free-sparring, senior division, and Scott Oles took fourth place in free sparring, junior division. Steve Pugliese participated in the peewee division.



Young ballplayers await their turn at bat during the first day of Little League tryouts Saturday. There will be another round this Saturday at the Bethlehem Middle School, 10 to noon for the major league hopefuls and 1 to 3 for intermediates. On the cover: Danny Piazza cracks a line drive. *R.H. Davis*

VOORHEESVILLE Walter strikers accept contract

Office employees of the Walter Motor Truck Co., Voorheesville, are back on the job this week after ending a four-week walkout. Approximately 25 employees, members of a new bargaining unit affiliated with an Albany local of the United Auto Workers AFL-CIO, voted late Friday to accept a contract following a negotiations session earlier in the day.

A union spokesman said the contract covers sick pay, job security, equality of scale and "a small raise," but does not specify a closed shop. Jerome MacDougal, president of the company, said his firm "could not make that decision (closed shop) for any present or future employee." MacDougal also said the contract does not limit the activities of supervisors, referring to a work-rule specification sought by the strikers. The company also said it had agreed to submit a clarification petition to the National Labor Relations Board to determine the status of 11 employees classified as in managerial or supervisory jobs. The month-long walkout spread briefly Thursday when the plant's production workers

stayed off the job for one day. The action was over a grievance involving a driver who had been suspended for refusing to follow orders. The union contended the company attempted to deliver a truck for shipment through the picket lines by sending the vehicle out for a road test, then diverting it to the customer. The driver refused, the union source said, and when he returned the truck to the plant, he was suspended. The suspension was lifted the following day.

Faculty wives elect

Mrs. Joseph F. Zimmerman of Delmar has been elected president of the Faculty Wives Club of the State University of New York at Albany. Other officers elected at the recent spring luncheon include Mrs. Walter M. Gibson of Clarksville, president-elect and program chairman; Mrs. Paul D. Marr of Glenmont, recording secretary, and Mrs. Frederick W. Moore of Coeymans, zones coordinator.

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Mrs. Norman A. Hulme of Elsmere pins Scouting's highest award on new Eagle Scout Richard Hulme. Participating in the honor ceremony were Scoutmaster Leon Talmadge, left, Council Executive James Beck, and Richard's father, right. *Mark Collier*

Elsmere Scout gets Eagle pin

Richard Hulme, a member of Boy Scout Troop 85, Elsmere, received the Eagle Scout award, Scouting's highest rank, in a ceremony last week at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The badge was presented by James Beck, council executive of the Governor Clinton Council, BSA.

Richard, a son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman A. Hulme, 50 Sunset Dr., Elsmere, has been a member of Troop 85 since 1972, and belongs to the Order of the Arrow, honorary camping fraternity of the Boy Scouts. For his Eagle project, Richard planned a nature trail in the woods adjacent to the Bethlehem Library and organized guided tours for elementary school children in grades K-2 following a series of nature films shown at the library.

Young GOP active

The Albany County Young Republican Club has named three local residents as city and town representatives. Dominic Biagiotti, Glenmont, Brian Sheeley, New Scotland, and Barry Jones of Ravena-Coeymans were appointed to assist city and town GOP leaders in Albany County.

BETHLEHEM Garden cleanup starts in May

April 29 will be the last Spring cleanup day for residents of the town of Bethlehem, according to Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Martin C. Cross, Jr. The town's highway department conducts the service each year to assist residents in discarding items.

Beginning in May, truck crews will circulate throughout the town to aid residents in getting rid of garden refuse. Crews will remove tied hedge and brush clippings and bagged grass clippings left at the side of the street. This service continues through the growing and gardening season.

Visited China

George Foot Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. George Foot, Slingerlands, returned recently from a business trip to China. Among his experiences were sightseeing at the Great Wall and Forbidden City in Peking and traveling about Tientsin, Shanghai and Canton. He is the buyer of hand-woven and oriental carpets for Macy's Department Stores. He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1969 and from Cornell University in 1973.



John Flanigan, left, building inspector, purchases daffodils at Bethlehem town hall from Jaycees Wayne Van Wormer, center, and William Moore.

Jaycees plan member drive

Bethlehem Jaycees are concentrating on a full-scale membership drive during April, headed by William Moore and Wayne Van Wormer. The organization meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Center Inn, Glenmont. President Mike Boettcher was scheduled to receive a preliminary report this week on the member campaign.

The Jaycees are active in a number of civic projects, including Daffodil Day earlier this month for the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Bethlehem Central chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). The daffodil project had its kickoff in town hall, where Supervisor Tom Corrigan and town officials purchased flowers. Many local merchants participated, including a "central station" at Newell's Restaurant, Four Corners.

Badger brunch

Alumni of the University of Wisconsin will gather for a brunch Sunday, April 30, at 12:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Colonie. Reservations deadline is April 26. Call Mrs. Paul R. Fisher, 438-4671, or Elizabeth Main, 489-2220.

Elected team captain

Leonard Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steele, 100 Adams Pl., Delmar, has been named captain of the 1978-79 varsity swim team at Norwich University. Steele holds the rank of first sergeant in the Corps of Cadets at the Vermont military college and is a dean's list student in mechanical engineering. He has been a leading pointgetter for Norwich swim teams in three years of varsity competition.

Leads church training

Mrs. Eleanor Clarke of Delmar has been named to lead three training workshops for the Troy Conference of the United Methodist Church. Mrs. Clarke, who is chairman of the conference commission on the status and role of women, was named leader of sessions at Latham April 18, Montpelier, Vt., April 20 and Whitehall April 22.

Leads tennis team

Sheree Wright of Delmar has been elected captain of the Bentley College women's tennis team, Bentley's newest varsity sport. She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and is the daughter of Mrs. Marie E. Wright, North St.

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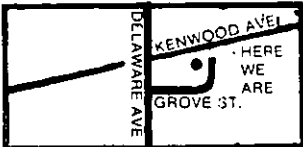


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Tracey St. John

Exhibits in gallery

Tracey St. John, a senior art major at Hartwick College, recently exhibited her artwork in the college gallery. Her multi-media exhibit included prints, drawings and sculptures. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. St. John, formerly of Delmar.

Gourmet cooking

"Puff the Magic Pastry," a gourmet cooking workshop, will be presented by Ditha Kant Norton on April 26 at the Frederick House on Rt. 146, Guilderland Center. Mrs. Norton, who opened her own cooking school, "Love and Quiches" in 1973, appears regularly on Elli Pankin's "Dialogue 81" and "Breakfast with Bill" on WQBK. For reservations call Marion Brevetti at 355-3186 or Carol Zwicklbauer at 355-0746. The event is sponsored by the Guilderland League of Arts.

Stargazing program

A guided program entitled "April Star Party" will given at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center located on Game Farm Rd., Delmar. This star walk will include a closeup glimpse through telescopes as well as lore and legend of the stars. Warm clothes and walking shoes are recommended. A flashlight and mat or blanket to sit on are also recommended. The program is open to the public and is free.



Mrs. Carl A. Bloomberg
Named to board

Mrs. Carl A. Bloomberg of Delmar is one of four Albany Area residents recently named to the board of directors of the Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Rd., Albany. Mrs. Bloomberg, who is married and has two children, has been a public school teacher in Boston and Niskayuna, and presently is teaching at the Wildwood School.

Parsons Child and Family Center is a voluntary, non-profit child caring agency and has been serving children and families in Northeastern New York for nearly 150 years. It provides rehabilitation to emotionally disturbed and multiply handicapped children with the goal of returning them to family and community life as soon as possible.

Arrested in burglary

Bethlehem police expect to close the file on a December, 1977, Elsmere break-in when Carmen J. Spadaro, 20, of 239 Mt. Hope Dr., Albany, appears for a hearing on a charge of third degree burglary and petit larceny. Spadaro was arrested by Albany police on a warrant and turned over to Bethlehem Det. Colin P. Clark last Tuesday and charged with the theft of a motorcycle from an Elsmere residence. He was arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts and committed to Albany County jail pending a hearing.



Christine Zwack



Mrs. David G. Baker

Slingerlands engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Zwack, Jr., of Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to James A. McCarroll, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McCarroll, Jr., Arthur Terr., Slingerlands.

Both are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School. Miss Zwack is employed at the Delmar office of the National Savings Bank. Her fiance is associated with McCarroll's Village Butcher, Delmar. The wedding will be on June 4.

Suzanne Nickel bride

Suzanne Nickel, daughter of Mrs. Helen Nickel of Delmar and A. R. Nickel of Fishkill, became the bride of David George Baker, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Baker of Latham, in a 4 o'clock ceremony April 8 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Rev. Thomas Peterson of Schenectady officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by Gretchen Burnside of Latham as maid of honor. Amy Baker, sister of the groom was flower girl, and Jeffrey Nickel, brother of the bride, was ring bearer. Daniel Perilli of the U.S. Navy, Dover, N.H., was best man. Ushers were Richard and Donald Baker, brothers of the groom, and Stephen and Douglas Nickel, brothers of the bride. Lee Thomas was soloist

at the reception at the church after the wedding.

Mrs. Baker is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hartwick College. Her husband was graduated from Shaker High School, Hudson Valley Community College and the U.S. Navy Nuclear Energy School, and is serving aboard the missile cruiser USS South Carolina based at Norfolk, Va. The couple make their home in Virginia Beach, Va.

VA cites students

Five Delmar residents were among 100 area high school students honored during a recognition ceremony at the Veteran's Administration Hospital on April 19. The students contributed more than 10,000 hours at the facility last year, participating in all aspects of the hospital treatment program. Local recipients were Donna Zak of Slingerlands, Alida Brisee of Glenmont and Michael Dommermuth, Carole Zimmerman and Negley Norton of Delmar.

Student honored

Edith MacMillan, a freshman nursing student at the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Morrisville, has been selected for Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society for two-year colleges. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. MacMillan, 26 Elwood Rd., Delmar.

Dog bites girl

Carolyn Bell, 13, of 7 Pineridge Pl., Delmar, was treated at St. Peter's Hospital at 6 p.m. Friday after she had been bitten on the right thigh by a dog owned by a Hudson Ave. resident. Bethlehem police issued a warning to the owner to observe the town's leash law.

Christian orchestra forming

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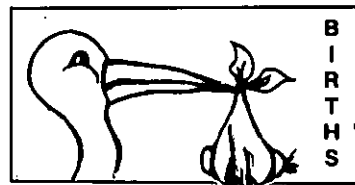
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Rest home entered

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a quantity of venison Mariann's Rest, 171 Maple Ave., Selkirk, during the pre-dawn hours Friday. Officer Ted Wilson, called to check an open door at 1:30 a.m., found the interior had been ransacked. The burglar or burglars gained entry by smashing a small pane in the front door.

Named to board

Ann Prudden D'Attilio has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the Capital Area Health Maintenance Organization, Planning Council, Inc. CAHMO was organized to promote establishment of community consumer health maintenance organizations such as the Capital Area Community Health Plan quartered in Latham. Mrs. D'Attilio, who resides in Albany, is administrative assistant to the director of the Bethlehem Library in Delmar. She and her husband, Michael J. D'Attilio, dean of students at the College of St. Rose, are former residents of Delmar.



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Boy, Matthew, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Douglas Kundel, Delmar, April 8.

Boy, Jeremy, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kawczak, Feura Bush, March 31.

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Amanda Beth, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Axelrod, Glenmont, March 3.

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Scholarship aid

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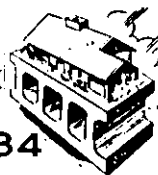
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Another switch

The widespread confusion created by New York State's observance of Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 30, rather than the federal holiday on Monday, May 29, has caused the Bethlehem town board to make a change in its published schedule for 1978. The board voted last week to close the town hall on Tuesday instead of Monday to conform with the American Legion parade in Delmar on that day. The Blanchard Post parade committee recently changed the date of the traditional march from Monday to Tuesday.

Miss Teenager entries

Miss Albany County Teenager pageant entries are being accepted, and all entrants will be entertained at a pizza party at the Pizza Hut on Rt. 9, Latham, Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. The pageant will be held May 21 at the Turf Inn, Colonie. All young women between the ages of 13 and 17 residing in Albany County are eligible. Applications can be obtained by writing Albany County Director, 1 Andrews Rd., Apt. 4, Troy, N.Y. 12180, and enclosing a self-addressed stamped legal envelope. Judges include County Executive James Coyne, Channel 6 anchorman Ken Screven and WPTV disc jockey Gary Evans. State Sen. Howard Nolan will conduct a personal tour of the Capitol for all contestants. Mrs. Cindy Helwig is county director, with the Pizza Hut as co-sponsor. Among Albany merchants contributing prizes are a pendant from Adams Jewelers, a pair of fashionable shoes from Mr. Charles, and a discount to all contestants from Elizabeth Martin Studio of Beauty and Health. The 1977 queen is Yvonne Gridley.

Photo workshop

An outdoor photography workshop will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Rd., Delmar. The workshop, an introduction to outdoor photography, will be the first in a series. Registration is \$2 and participants must pre-register by calling the center at 457-6092.

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Over the years we have printed more "nondescript" commentary than anyone in the trade. Yet, never have we been editorialized in the raggies. An old man named Franklin once slapped my wrist

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A.F. DiBello
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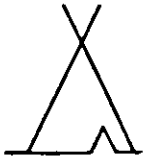
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