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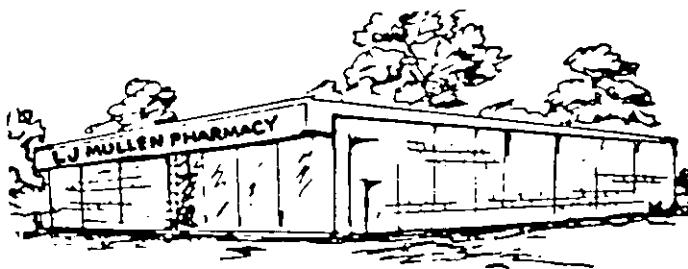
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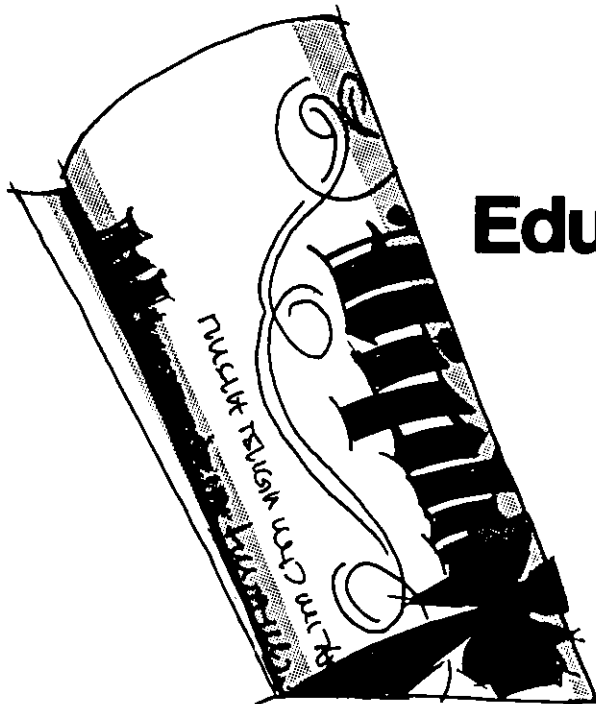
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Albany Chapter Railroad Evangelistic Assn., meets third Saturdays, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:15 p.m.

Glenmont Lions Club, second and fourth Tuesdays, LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

Bethlehem Jaycees, first and third Wednesdays, Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

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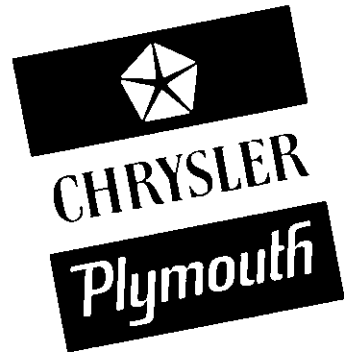
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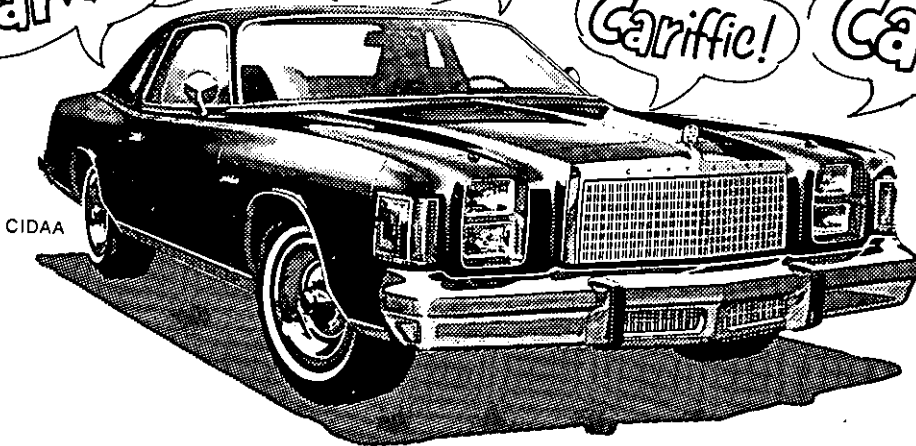
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New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

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

Bethlehem B.P.O.E. 2233, first and third Wednesdays, Lodge in Cedar Hill, Rt. 144. Ladies Aux. second Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

Legion Aux., Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesdays, 8 p.m.

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

Rotary Club of Delmar, Tuesdays, Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsals every Monday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Delmar Methodist Church.

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

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Planning Board every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals first three Wednesdays at 8 p.m., town hall, 393 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

Puppet workshop, Bethlehem Library, 2-3 p.m.

The Lively Art of Picture Books, Bethlehem Library, 2-3 p.m.

Summer band concert, Elm Ave. Park, 8 p.m.

Multi-media workshop, grades 4-6, Bethlehem Library, 2-3 p.m.

Creative Dramatics, grades 6-8, Bethlehem Library, 3-3:45 p.m.

Open House, Selkirk Fire Dept. stations at Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

Guided walk, "Ways of the Six-Legged," Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Walking shoes recommended.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Educational and career planning, Bethlehem Library, 9-11 a.m.

AAU Adirondack district swim meet, Elm Ave. Park, preliminary heats, all day.

Firemen's fair, Glenmont firehouse, 50th anniversary of Selkirk FD, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Educational and career planning, Bethlehem Library, 2-5 p.m.

50th Anniversary Parade, Selkirk Fire Dept., starting Beaver Dam Rd. and Rt. 396, Selkirk, eastward to Rt. 144, 1:30 p.m.

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THEATER

"Superman," Mac-Haydn Theatre, Rt. 203, Chatham, Aug. 16-20, 8 p.m. (Sat. 5 and 8:30, Sun. 7 p.m.) \$6, \$5, 392-9292.

"The Sound of Music," Rodgers-Hammerstein classic, starring Ann Blyth, Coliseum Theatre, Latham, Aug. 14-19, 8:30 p.m. (matinee Wed. 2 p.m., Sat. 7 and 10 p.m.) \$9.50, \$8.50. 785-3393.

"Fallen Angels," dinner theater production, Valhalla Country Club, Rexford, Aug. 8, 14-15, 21, 28, dinner 6:30, curtain 8:30. Reservations 399-2345.

MUSIC

Alan Menken, songwriter/guitarist performing his own works, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Stockbridge, Aug. 14, 8:30 p.m. \$6. 1-413-298-5576.

ART

12th annual Riders Mills Historical Assn. art show, Red Brick Schoolhouse lawn, Aug. 13, 1-5 p.m. Free. Directions: Rt. 20 four miles east of Nassau, right on Rt. 66 South, follow signs.

Exhibition, sculpture and drawings, Jeanne E. Flanagan of Albany, Rensselaer County Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy, Aug. 6-27, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5. 273-0552.

Mohawk-Hudson Regional Exhibition, painting, sculpture, prints, drawings, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Sept. 15.

World Print Competition '77, exhibition of contemporary prints, University Art Gallery, Albany, through Sept. 1, weekdays 9-4, Sundays 1-4.

FILM

"Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," Cicely Tyson, free outdoor cinema, Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, Aug. 16, 9 p.m.

AAU swim meet, Elm Ave. Park, all day.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

AAU swim meet, championship finals, Elm Ave. Park.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Guitar lessons, Bethlehem Library, 2-2:45, 3-3:45, 7-7:45, 8-8:45 p.m.

Working with wood, Bethlehem Preschool, 9:30-noon, 463-8091.

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

Bethlehem Tennis Assn., registration deadline for Bethlehem Junior Tennis Tournament, boys and girls 16 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under, Courtside Tennis Shop, Rogers Sports Shop, Bethlehem Library. Entries close 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Preschool story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30-11 a.m.

Film, "Legend of the Lone Ranger," Bethlehem Library, 2-3 p.m.

Guitar lessons, Bethlehem Library, 2-2:45 p.m.

Creative Dramatics, grades 2-3, Bethlehem Library, 3-3:30 p.m.

Guided program, "Tales of the Underground," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Summer Reading Club Party, Bethlehem Library, 11-noon.

Preschool story hour, Bethlehem Library, 2-2:30 p.m.

Creative Dramatics, grades 4-7, Bethlehem Library, 3-3:45 p.m.

Mid-week worship, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Assemblyman Lane will be at his office for questions and discussions with constituents, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, 9-noon (new hours).

Steak roast, Bethlehem Republicans, 19th annual outing, Murray-Jennex Sunset Park, Unionville, starting 2 p.m. Tickets from committeemen or call 439-5720.

Music for Voice and Piano, Julie Kabat and Carole Friedman, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Evening on the Green, "Spongy Delights," Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Summer Reading Club Party, Bethlehem Library, 2-3 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Guided program, "Tree Stories," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 7 p.m.

Film, "The Brothers Grimm," Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

Recovery Inc., meeting for persons with nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30-1:30 p.m., free will offering.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Here Comes the Circus, Bethlehem Preschool, 9:30-noon, 463-8091.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Public hearing, Bethlehem Planning Board, on application of Rosen-Michaels, Inc., Clifton Park, for approval of the proposed "Deerfield" subdivision to be located between New Scotland Rd. and Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Evening on the Green, Cabaret Music, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

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Mid-week worship, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.



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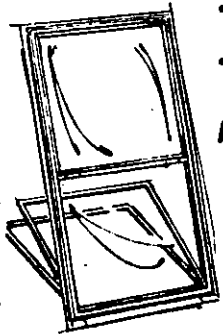
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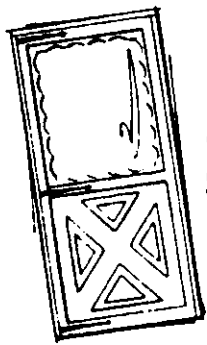
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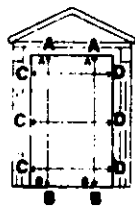
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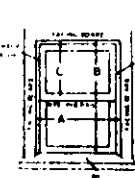
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BUSINESS

Mortgage pinch slows building

A clampdown by area banks on mortgages has put a crimp in mid-range homebuilding in Bethlehem and New Scotland, and is slowing down local real estate activity.

Builders gathering for clams and steak at the annual outing of their trade association in Latham this week agree that recent moves by banks to shut off or restrict home mortgages has cast a pall on their industry. The consensus: by making mortgages harder or impossible to get, the banking industry is putting pressure on the Legislature to lift the ceiling on mortgages interest rates by changing the so-called usury law. Commented one prominent builder: "The banks have been told the Legislature won't listen to their lobbyists, so this is their way of getting the builders on their side."

In the Legislature a bill to raise the mortgage ceiling from the present 8½ percent to 9½ is stalled in the Assembly after similar legislation had cleared the Senate. Last week National Savings Bank notified Bethlehem real estate agencies it would no longer give conven-



Not for the first-time buyer: a "log" house priced at \$88,900 goes up in Slingerlands. *Spotlight photo*

tional mortgages. The State Bank of Albany two months ago raised the down payment requirement from 20 to 30 percent and now will accept mortgage applications only from its own depositors or selected out-of-town homebuyers moving into the area. Other banks are requiring down payments of 40 percent and higher. Savings banks now are offering 8 percent on six-year certificates, which precludes mortgages as long as the prime rate is pegged at 8½ percent, hence National Savings' action of Aug. 2.

A spokesman at City & County Savings Bank said the

bank has been requiring a 25-percent down payment for the past several months, and will grant conventional mortgages only to established depositors of the bank.

Of Delmar's other commercial banks, Union National last week raised the required down payment from 15 to 30 percent, and National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., which has three offices in Delmar and Voorheesville and three others nearby, last month tightened its policy to 35 percent down and 20-year maximum term. The Bank's longtime policy has been one-third down and 25 years.

In Bethlehem and New Scotland, the squeeze has had little effect on residential building in the high-price range, but has had major impact on low and mid-range home construction. Said one Delmar builder: "The first-time buyer is hurting real bad, it's practically taken them out of the market."

Comments Fred Weber, of Weber Bros. Construction

Corp., which has built many of Delmar's finer homes: "It hasn't affected us as much as others. The first-time buyer doesn't have the \$20,000 or so needed for the down payment. The high-priced home buyer can get the money; he has more financial resources, more connections and can get the loans he needs." Adds Henry J. Klersy, whose construction firm also has built many of the finer homes in the Bethlehem area: "We haven't been hurt in the higher price range because we're dealing with third, fourth and fifth-time builders who have the equity. We're also diversified and do a lot of commercial and industrial building."

Jerry Rosen, a partner in Rosen-Michaels, one of the community's most prolific home construction firms, says of the current mortgage squeeze: "It's terrible. It's on the verge of being a catastrophe." John Wheeler of Wheeler Homes, another builder active in the lower and "middle" price range, declined to comment.

The same format holds true in the real estate field. Says Peter Staniels, manager of the Elsmere office of Roberts Realty, one of Delmar's most active agencies: "There's no question it's harder to sell a house now and it's harder to buy one. Young people are finding it more difficult to come up with the money the banks require. It used to be 10-15 percent, now it's 25 minimum, and some banks 40-45 percent." Adds Nancy Kuivila, manager of Picotte's Delmar office: "It's a limbo period right now. At this point no one in this office has lost a sale because of the mortgage situation,



Homebuilding in Delmar: the first two of 131 single-family dwellings planned for the Brookfield subdivision behind Brockley Dr.

but that doesn't mean they're not going to lose some in the near future." Says Klersy, who also operates a leading real estate agency in Delmar: "It does have an effect on the buyer who can't come up with 30 and 40 percent. It's a real problem for the younger families and families in the low and middle-income brackets..." and he added with a smile. "... whatever that is nowadays." Fred Weber of Pagano Weber comments that "the reasonably priced homes are getting harder to sell."

John J. Healy of Slingerlands, an active real estate

dealer in Delmar, says the new down-payment hurdle "has had a rippling effect on the whole market as families move up the price scale." Healy said his agency has been successful to date in "finding ways and means to get the financing in many instances, but it's getting more and more difficult."

Bus trip planned

The New Scotland Democratic Women's Social Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, Sept. 16. For tickets and information, call Carrie Frisbee, 768-2425, or Dorothy Hargrave, 768-2015.



Barbara Palmer of Delmar, right, VAVS representative for the American Legion Auxiliary, recently joined Mrs. Edward Klimmek, 3rd District vice chairman, left, and Mrs. Niles Tanner, state vice president, in presenting Paul Phillippi, Albany VA Hospital director, a check for \$1,000 to purchase TV sets for the hospital.

BETHLEHEM

School tax bite a little softer

The Bethlehem Central board of education had good news and bad news for Bethlehem taxpayers last week. The bad news first: the school tax rate for 1978-79 for Bethlehem property owners will be up \$1.51 per thousand assessed valuation to \$123.35. Now for the good news: the board says the new rate is 62 cents under the figure predicted when the district's \$11.6-million budget was approved by the voters in May.

For New Scotland property owners in the district, who contribute about 5½ percent of the \$8 million to be funded by local taxation, the news was all good: their rate is \$7.85 lower instead of the \$7.01 cut predicted before the tax rolls were finalized. The lowered rate in New Scotland is due to changes in the equalization rate, which is based on a state formula.

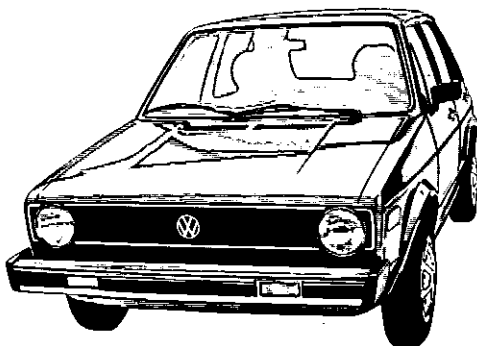
In adopting the new tax schedules at its regular business meeting last Wednesday, the board noted that the reason the increases were less than expected is that approximately \$1.8 million has been added to Bethlehem's assessable tax base in the past year, the largest jump in recent years. The board also

said that savings in budgeted amounts, mostly in the areas of instruction and fuel oil, enabled it to apply a larger than usual balance in its "slush fund" toward reducing the tax rate. At the same time, the board, following the recommendation of business administrator Franz Zwicklbauer, retained \$108,164 of the surplus from last year's ledger for use during the 1979-80 school year or for an unanticipated fiscal emergency.

The action touched off a discussion that again found senior board member John H. Clyne on the short end of a 6-1 vote. Clyne argued that "this money belongs to the taxpayers, and I don't think we should put it away." Robert R. Zick of Glenmont favored the action: "As a businessman, I think we should have a balance. In the past, some school districts have had to take money budgeted for specific instruction or facility needs and use it for emergency repairs." Added Bertold E. Weinberg of Elsmere: "Most of the surplus revenue came in at the last minute, and the district may be hit with disallowances in the future."

A state law passed in 1977 permits school districts to do this with up to two per cent of their total budgets. The amount being retained by Bethlehem is

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about one percent of the total budget, and is possible this year chiefly because of unexpected revenue due to favorable adjustments made in state aid in June. The purpose of retaining the unexpected state aid revenue is to help stabilize future school tax rates, the board said.

Driver, 19, fined

Thirteen minutes after the dispatcher at Bethlehem police headquarters had broadcast an alert for a 1972 Plymouth, Officer Jay Mosca, on patrol on Blessing Rd., Slingerlands, spotted the car at 12:45 a.m. last Monday. Swerving to avoid the oncoming car, Mosca whirled the police car around in the opposite direction and gave pursuit. He found the car in the parking lot at Bethlehem Terrace apartments and blocked it with his own vehicle, but the three male occupants fled on foot.

At 1:46 a car with four male occupants pulled into the apartment parking lot. When Mosca questioned them, he identified Frank H. Below, 19, of North Bethlehem as the owner and driver of the Plymouth. Below was arrested on four charges, including DWI and leaving the scene.

Also arrested in the incident was Mark C. Cotrofeld, 17, on a charge of obstructing governmental administration when he allegedly told a witness not to disclose the whereabouts of Below. At his arraignment be-

fore Justice Harry B. Rezzimini. Below was fined \$25 for leaving the scene and had the DWI charge reduced to a conditional count of driving while ability is impaired. Charges of failure to keep right and littering were dismissed. Cotrofeld's case was adjourned for six months in contemplation of dismissal.

In Glenmont, the Spotlight is sold at Atchison's Five A Superette, Heath's Dairy store and Van Allen Farms.

In college exhibit

Trina McCandless, daughter of Mrs. Edward D. Palmer, Slingerlands, and the late Dr. Frederick McCandless, has four pieces on exhibit in the honors show of the School of American Craftsmen, Rochester Institute of Technology. Earlier this summer she had a silver ring box on display in Lever House, New York City, in the Sterling Silversmiths Guild of America's 20th sterling silver design competition.



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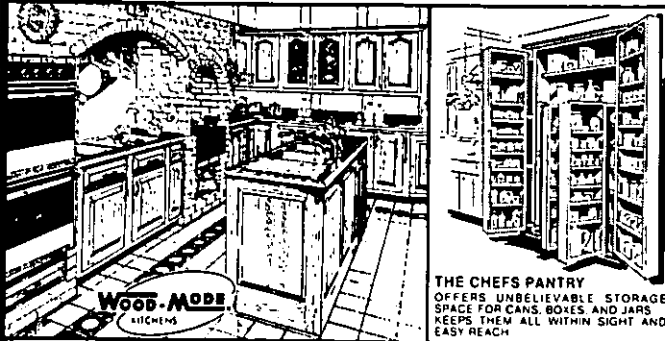
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VOORHEESVILLE

Zoning battle: Brunk vs. Reilly

Voorheesville's two funeral directors, one the only practitioner in the village, the other a local resident practicing in Albany, will be on opposite sides of a business confrontation at a public hearing next week on a zoning petition.

Herbert W. Reilly, Jr., 22 Voorheesville Ave., a member of his father's undertaking firm, Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Inc., at 1200 Central Ave., Albany, has petitioned the village board for a zoning change that will enable him to establish a funeral home of his own at 9 Voorheesville Ave. Reilly has signed a purchase agreement on the large one-family house next to Hotaling Park conditional on the board approval of the zoning change and a special use permit.

All but a minor portion of the village is zoned B-Residential. The zone's permitted uses do not include funeral homes, hence Reilly's petition is for a change to C-Commercial under which a special use permit would still be required.

Bruce G. Brunk, 28 Voorheesville Ave. who operates the village's only undertaking business from that address, has been rallying neighbors and villagers to oppose Reilly's petition when the board holds the hearing Tuesday at 7:30 at the village hall across the street from his undertaking parlor. Two weeks ago Brunk took out a \$45 three-column display advertisement in the Helderberg Sun, one of the Capital Newspapers' weekly giveaway zoned editions, to announce his

opposition to Reilly's petition. In the ad, Brunk stated that rezoning "property on a strictly residential street will set a precedent that will endanger the future zoning security of the citizens of Voorheesville." In the text of the ad, Brunk said he also feels that "the population and size of the village is not large enough to warrant two funeral homes."

When the ad appeared, addressed to "citizens and homeowners of Voorheesville," it stated the date of the hearing as "Wed. eve 8 p.m." The error forced Brunk to run a two-column ad in the Albany Times Union the following day correcting the date. He later took out an ad in the Altamont Enterprise, which is widely read in the village.

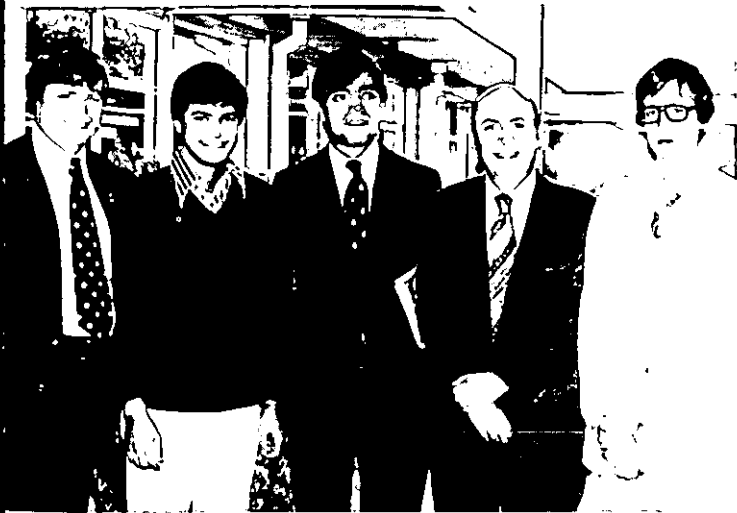
Reilly, a first-term councilman on the New Scotland town board and prominent in civic, political and community organizations, says that "all I'm trying to do is obtain a permit for this piece of property only, not the whole street." He declared last week that the large dwelling, situated on a half-acre plot, will have off-street parking, which, he says, "will also be available to the public for any activities the village may have at the park or in connection with the Methodist Church, such as the annual bazaar."

The house is owned by Joy Misenheimer, who purchased it from George Vunck in March, 1967. At that time, more than half an acre of the original corner tract was deeded to the village for a municipal park.

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Dom Biagiotti, right, Albany County Young Republican campaign director from Glenmont, last week joined GOP candidates for a day of campaigning, along with Young Republicans Peter Bolton, left, of Berne and Dave Campese of Latham. In the center is Rep. Bruce Caputo, GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, and Robert G. Prentiss of Colonie, running for the State Senate.

NEW SCOTLAND
Residents seek
a speed curb

Two groups of New Scotland residents have petitioned the town board to request the State Dept. of Transportation to post speed restrictions in their neighborhoods.

At the regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, the board received a petition bearing 40 names asking a 25-mph limit on Apple Blossom La. and Smith La. Another 25 residents signed a petition requesting "a safe and reasonable" speed limit on Spore Rd. in a rural section of New Scotland between Orchard Hill Rd. and Delaware Tpk.

Four property owners on Spore Rd. presented the petition in person at Wednesday's session. Mary and Jeff Pfeil, Judy Fritz and Frank Moser described "heavy traffic from Sunset Park," and Mary Pfeil added: "The whole road is a drag strip from one end to the other."

The petitioners got full sympathy but little solace from Supervisor Steve Wallace, whose last two efforts on similar requests have encountered deaf ears at the DOT. Both requests, one for Krumkill Rd., the other for Normanskill Rd.,

have been appealed by the town without success. "We've only had luck with one road in five years." Wallace told the residents. "I even rode with them (DOT officials) and you couldn't hold the car at 45. They still didn't think it was dangerous."

Spore Rd. presently has no speed restrictions other than the statewide limit of 55. The petition was signed by all but two residents of the mile-plus-long road.

Zoning hearings set

The Bethlehem board of appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 23 on a petition by Robert DeBenedetti, proprietor of Pvt. Benny's tavern, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, to expand the restaurant's facilities into unoccupied living space in the building. There will be no exterior changes, according to the petition.

The board also set a hearing for 8 p.m. on the same date on an application by Edward J. Adams, 29 Elm St., Delmar, for an eight-foot stone wall on the rear corner of his house. A hearing on a petition by George Waldenmaier for additional space to expand his retail store at Rt. 32, Feura Bush Rd., and Waldenmaier Rd. has been set for 8 p.m. Sept. 6.

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Builder taking
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Rosen-Michaels, Inc., the contractor-builder of the sprawling Salem Hills residential subdivision and operator of its beleaguered sewerage disposal facility, will foot the bill for an independent accounting of its own financial records.

Jerry Rosen, a principal in the Latham-based real estate and construction firm, confirmed over the weekend that his company would pay for the "neutral" CPA firm that the utility, the Salem Hills homeowners' committee and the Voorheesville village board have agreed to retain to audit the sewage disposal company's books in the current flap over a proposed rate hike. The Salem Hills Sewerage Disposal Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Rosen-Michaels, has petitioned the board for a fee boost, the first since 1974, that would nearly triple the monthly rate of \$10 per household. SHSDC claims an operating deficit of \$10,000 a year plus an empty treasury in the face of \$30,000 to \$70,000 in system improvements to satisfy requirements of the Albany County Dept. of Health and a lawsuit filed by the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Residents of the subdivision are bitterly opposing the jump in rates.

"They (the subdivision's residents) have resisted the rate increases over the years," Rosen told the Spotlight. "If the increases had been coming on a more regular basis, it wouldn't have caused so much controversy. We should have brought the financial aspects of the situation to light earlier, and we should have applied for

an increase on a more regular basis."

Voorheesville Mayor William J. Wenzel, who heads the five-member panel of trustees who also sit as the municipality's public service commission, indicated over the weekend that he will not tolerate the impasse much longer. Wenzel said he has lined up an accounting firm that "could start this week if the utility accepts them." He estimated the audit "will take about a week, then we will have another workshop session and make our decision." A two-and-a-half-hour working session July 27 involving representatives of the Salem Hills homeowners' group, Rosen-Michaels and the village board, took steps toward relieving the stalemate.

Said Wenzel: "In the final analysis, it is up to the board to weigh the facts and determine the rate, and that's it. They (the utility) can go to court if they don't like it. There will be no bargaining and no negotiations as far as we're concerned. We want to do what's fair, and do it without further delay."



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Town skeptical on road shift

Supervisor Tom Corrigan is dubious about a rumored transfer of two sections of state highway to the town of Bethlehem. Both segments have drainage problems, and Corrigan indicated he was in no mood to take on maintenance headaches the State Dept. of Transportation is wearying of.

At stake are Elsmere Ave. between Delaware Ave. and Feura Bush Rd., and Kenwood Ave. between Delaware Ave. and Cherry Ave. Extension. Drainage problems at the Elsmere Ave. underpass have never been resolved, and Kenwood has chronic storm drainage woes. Complicating the situation is the traffic light at Elsmere and Kenwood: "We have no facilities or equipment to maintain traffic light signals," Corrigan points out.

The supervisor said Highway Supt. Martin Cross, Jr. "has had some discussions with state

and county officials, but I have not yet been approached." Under the present formula, the streets are part of the state highway system and are maintained by the Albany County Highway Dept. If turned over to the town, Cross' department would be responsible for future paving, sweeping, maintenance repairs and snow removal.



Richard O. Bollam

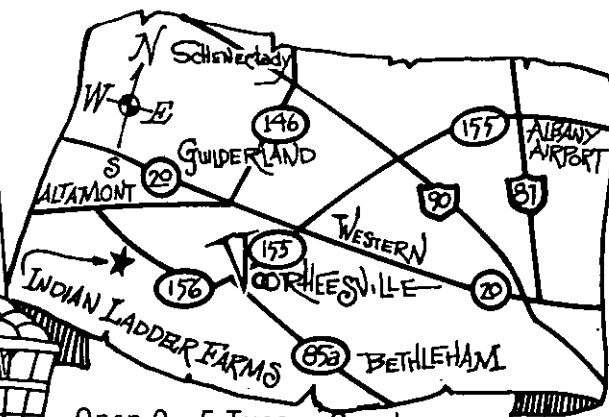
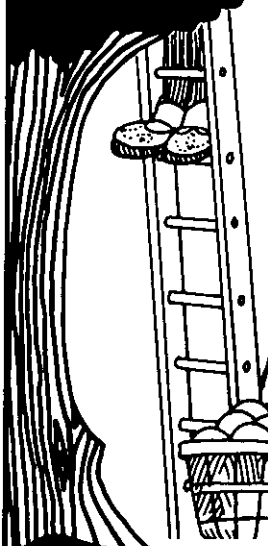
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Cohen, Scheer and Sherman, certified public accountants, announce the admission of Richard O. Bollam as a general partner in the firm, which has offices in Albany and Amsterdam. Bollam, a certified public accountant, has a BS degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, an MS from Adelphi University and an MBA from the University of Rochester. He was formerly a supervisor in the audit department of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. He lives in Delmar with his wife and two children.

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A new exhibit at schoolhouse

The early history of many of the local hamlets is featured in the current exhibit at the Old Cedar Hill School House Museum this summer. The exhibit features such hamlets as Adamsville, James's Corner, Winne's Dock, Elisham's Tavern and many others.

The exhibit contains pictures, early papers and other items to reconstruct Bethlehem history of an earlier era. Adamsville (now Delmar), Winne's Dock (Cedar Hill), James's Corner (South Bethlehem) and others have provided a rich heritage for the present communities. For instance: Winne's Dock was the landing place for many of the boats and barges taking produce and goods downriver to New York City. The main items transported included coal, hay, and cabbage. Winne's Store featured many of the staples needed by the early settlers



such as feed, seed, grain and coal.

Many of the original papers also are on exhibit along with the regular exhibits featured by the museum. The Old Cedar Hill School House is a project of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Society. It is located on Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill, Rt. 144. The museum is open on



Image 2

Members of the babysitting class at the recent Christian Workshop program at Bethlehem Community Church had a real-life model. At left, Samantha Newell of Delmar handcrafts flowers.

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New recruiter

Robert Keith has been appointed a recruiter in the Air Force recruiting office, 194 Washington Ave., Albany. He comes to Albany from Loring Air Force Base, Maine. During

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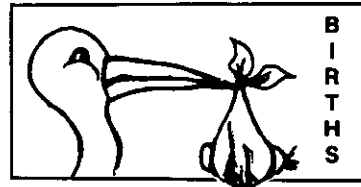
Sidewalk sales in three major business areas of Delmar are expected to attract throngs of shoppers from local neighborhoods and nearby communities on Saturday.

Storeowners have banded together for mid-summer open air specials for shoppers at Delaware Plaza, Delmar Four Corners and the Delmar Mini-Mall in the former L.C. Smith bus garage complex at 154 Delaware Ave., Elsmere.

All but a few stores at Delaware Plaza are co-operating in the annual promotion. In the Four Corners area, the participating merchants are Delmar Department Store, Golden Acorn gift shop, Handy Andy, Professional Auto Parts, the Lamp House, Krugman's Pharmacy, Crystal Chandelier, and, further down the avenue,

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A rash of residential complaints on soliciting has prompted the New Scotland town board to draw up an ordinance to control door-to-door peddling.

A series of recent incidents angered local residents, and one New Scotland homeowner reported she found several hundred magazine subscription forms, obviously part of a flim-flam, scattered in her field with

the cash and check deposits missing.

At last week's town board meeting Supervisor Steve Wallace was quick to instruct Town Attorney James Ryan to draft an ordinance aimed at restricting and controlling peddlers, solicitors and itinerant salesmen through a system of permits or licenses. "If I had one call, I'll bet I had 150," observed Wallace after last month's incidents.

The board is expected to move quickly to get the new law on the books, possibly as early as the regular Sept. 6 meeting if the draft is approved.

On summer project

Vicki Cohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cohn, Kenaware Ave., Delmar, is participating in the summer scholars program at Simmons College, Boston. She is conducting research in chemistry on a project supported by a grant from the Petroleum Research Fund.

New manager here

Tim Fenton, formerly of Utica, has been named manager of the McDonald's restaurant in Elsmere. Fenton, who holds a two-year degree in business management, has been with the McDonald's chain for five years, most recently as manager of the Amsterdam store.

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Land is added to river park

The town of Bethlehem is buying another 100 feet of riverfront for its Henry Hudson Park at Cedar Hill. The town board last week completed paperwork for the purchase of a parcel 132 feet deep, including a bungalow, for \$40,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mattick.

The transaction is the third of its kind within the last two months, adding a total of 300 feet along the river at the southern end of the park. At the time of the original purchase of 73 acres for the park in 1968, town officials opted not to buy four privately held parcels within the park boundaries, preferring to wait until the properties became available rather than go the condemnation route.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the town is considering an arrangement for a caretaker who would live in the bungalow. The town board recently authorized Edward Kleinke, a Slingerlands environmental planner, to draw up an overall concept plan for the park that would include the new acreage.

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More bikes stolen

Bethlehem police are tracing six more stolen bicycles after finding two bikes stolen from 45 Tamarack Dr., Delmar, on July 21 destroyed. The police log listed one bike stolen July 28 from Bethlehem Library at 2 p.m., two from Delaware Plaza on Aug. 1, and one from Delaware Plaza and from McDonald's on Aug. 2. In two of the thefts the locks and chains were cut.

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**NEW SCOTLAND
Town to repave
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With the arrival next week of the Motopaver under an annual lease agreement, the town of New Scotland highway department will start its yearly ration of road resurfacing.

Supt. Peter VanZetten said the 1978 schedule calls for repaving a total of six miles of town roads. On this year's list are Swift Rd. and Crow Ridge Rd. between Rt. 85 and the Voorheesville village line, Bullock Rd. from New Scotland to the power line, a distance of three miles, and Stovepipe Rd. The latter project is 2.3 miles.

**Lions to form
club for youth**

The Bethlehem Lions Club has set a timetable for organizing the Bethlehem Leo Club, a community service organization for high school boys and girls up to the age of 19. An organizational meeting of interested prospective members is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 27, and a Leo Club charter dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Maynard (Red) Goyer, president of the Lions Club, has announced a special committee to serve as Bethlehem Leo Club advisors under the sponsorship of the local Lions Club. The committee is headed by Wally Erlichman of Slingerlands, as-



Maj. Gen. Vito J. Castellano, chief of staff to the governor, congratulates Maj. Gen. Francis J. Higgins of Delmar after pinning him with a second "star" for his promotion to major general. Higgins is vice chief of staff to the governor and deputy commanding general, New York Army National Guard. Gen. Higgins, his wife, Grace, and their three children live at 39 Sunset Dr.

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sisted by Stephen Bolduc, Russell Hansen, George Kawas and Richard O'Connell of Delmar and Samuel Bozzella of Elsmere.

Erlichman said the Bethlehem Lions would organize, charter, sponsor and advise the

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SERVICEMEN In The NEWS

William E. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Warren of Delmar, has completed a field artillery officer course at the Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1978 before entering the Army in May through the ROTC program.

Robert W. Van Wie, Jr., son of Robert W. Van Wie of Voorheesville, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He joined the Marine Corps in August, 1977.

Craig A. Platel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Platel of Delmar, is attending a naval career orientation and training program. He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1976.

Dennis E. FitzPatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. FitzPatrick of Delmar, is attending a naval career orientation and training program. He is a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attends Cornell University.

Kimberly M. May, daughter of Mrs. Norma M. Pettit, Delmar, recently was assigned to headquarters company at Fort Greely, Alaska. She entered the Army in June, 1976 and now holds the rank of private first class.

Brian G. Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Warner, Voorheesville, is now wearing a distinctive service ribbon as a member of an organization which recently received the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Sgt. Warner is an electronic-mechanical communications and cryptographic equipment systems repairman at Tempelhof Central Airport, Germany. He is a 1973 graduate of Voorheesville High School.

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Speeding up the flow of the Vly in Voorheesville: youth workers on stream improvement project near deflecting dike. On the cover (left photo): Ruth DeGennora of Berne, left, with Vera Johnson, Berne, and Delores Crawford of Voorheesville, right, building a nature trail along the Vly.

Spotlight photos

VOORHEESVILLE

A nature classroom half a mile long

In the fertile mind of Don Otterness, ecological projects sprout like wildflowers in nature. For zeal and energy, particularly when something involves conservation and the environment, Otterness is the nearest thing to perpetual motion on the Voorheesville Central School faculty.

His latest and most ambitious enterprise is a stream improvement project along a lazy stretch of nearly half a mile of Vly Creek in Voorheesville. For the past month Otterness, science coordinator for the Voorheesville Elementary School, has been directing 20 teenage youths in a comprehensive project that involves brush clearing, cribbing, trail building and dike-type deflectors to "speed up the stream."

Actually, there are two groups working under Otterness, eight members of the Youth Conservation Corps and 12 on a state-sponsored CETA program, which is federally funded. Ages of the youths, about half of them from Voorheesville and the remainder from nearby Albany County communities, range from 14 to 20. They are paid the minimum wage for a five-day 30-hour work week.

Otterness started the Vly project last fall with local Boy Scouts and volunteers from the Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club. They shored up sections of the creek where it lazed past the rear of the elementary school, and built some cribbing into the banks to prevent erosion and to provide better access. They also put in a "rip-rap" of rocks and stones, a submerged dam that inserted a white-water rumbling with three benefits: the rip-rap aerates the water, holds the bank, and gives a pleasant rushing sound under the foot-bridge between the school and the lower parking lot.

By spring, Otterness had obtained En-Con permission to do more construction this summer. The two youth groups have made great strides in the month they've been on the job, and they'll make a lot more before they put away their picks, shovels and saws on Aug. 31.

Among the projects are construction of a path along the stream for strollers and fishermen, cribbing at several locations to hold the bank and enhance insect life, deflectors (protruding dikes) that speed up the flow of the stream where

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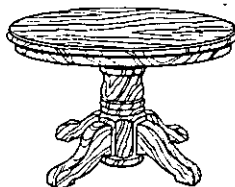
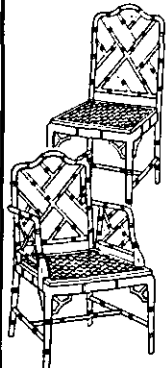
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it is too slow and tends to overheat, and dredging out several pools and channels to improve aeration. At several spots along the trail, the boys and girls are hammering in corduroy planking to make the walking easier in heavy weather.

Will all this toil improve fishing on the Vly, a popular stream for trout fishermen? Says Otterness: "It's a good trout stream and we hope to make it better. We have a count before we started, so when we take another we'll know whether we've improved the trout habitat."

Best of all: because Otterness' half mile flows the entire length of the school's sprawling property, including the athletic fields, it's the best kind of outdoor classroom. When the grade school pupils come back in September they'll have new access to environmental phenomena right in the schoolyard.

Promoted by Thruway

John E. Hauf of Slingerlands has been appointed safety supervisor of the New York



John E. Hauf

State Thruway Authority. He served as assistant safety supervisor since 1973 and succeeds Charles G. Guzik of Delmar, who retired in June after 21 years of service. Before joining the Authority Hauf was safety representative for General Accident Insurance Group.

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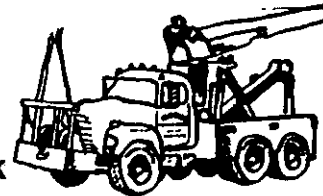
"Wow! Even Uncle Scrooge will love the low bill at Rogers Sport & Ski Shop." Most of the shoppers in Delaware Plaza were startled by the talking duck; one woman fainted when she realized he had no pants on. However, the more savvy passersby recognized another clever disguise worn by Ima Dreamer, 17, of Delmar.

"Wait 'til I get my nephews Screw, Goopy and Ratatui in here. They certainly don't need down parkas, but they'd love to wing it through the bathing suits. If I'm really pressed, I may even have to buy something."

Noting that the crowd had dispersed, but that Ima was still there, Town Decoy U.R. Whacko commented, "The throng is over, but the mallardy lingers on." (We were just sitting ducks for that one.)

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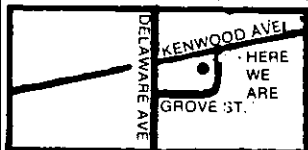
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Don O'Connor, 31 Hawthorne Ave., Delmar, right, writer/producer with the State Commerce Dept., recently traveled statewide with the production crew filming the latest "I Love New York" TV commercials. He's seen here on location near Mt. Jo in the Adirondack high peaks area, with Brian Granger, left, and Scott Leombruno, both of Glens Falls, who appear as hikers in one of the commercials.

DELMAR Trail renovated at Five Rivers

On the cover (right photo): YCC workers build a bridge on the Beaver Tree Trail. From left, David Clovis of Elsmere, Don Dennis and Matt Keller (kneeling) of East Berne and Al Furbeck of Slingerlands.

For the second consecutive summer, Youth Conservation Corps crews have been working at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Two six-person crews have completed a major renovation of the most heavily-used trail at the center, and currently are finishing up several new short trails, including one especially designed for bird watchers. They will continue their outdoor trailwork until Aug. 31 and will help design and build materials for the exhibit room at the center.

Rob Solomon of Albany and Dan Dennis of East Berne are supervisors of the Five Rivers project, with Al Warner of Delmar as youth leader. Among the crew members are Donald Clovis of Elsmere, David Briggs and MaryLou Tompkins of

Delmar, and Alan Furbeck of Slingerlands. The YCC is a federally-funded work and education program that employs young people 15 to 18 in conservation-related projects.



Peter Witt

On Israel dig

Peter Witt, son of Mrs. Jessie Witt of Slingerlands, has returned from a five-week archaeological excavation project at Tel Dan, Israel. He served as a volunteer participating in an introductory archaeological course sponsored by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem.

Save pool ID

Bethlehem residents should save their park pool ID cards for next year to avoid paying a replacement fee in 1979, according to word this week from town hall.



Bethlehem Pop Warner football players have started getting in shape for the new season. Above, one squad gets instruction from Coach Doolittle. Registration for new players will be held weekdays at 6 p.m. at Hamagraef School through Aug. 21.

TENNIS Bus shuttle set for U.S. Open

Local tennis fans will have more access to the U.S. Open championships this year than ever before for two reasons: the world-renowned tournament is moving from the colorful but cramped confines of Forest Hills to the big Flushing Meadows complex, thus adding more than 10,000 to the seating capacity, and Dave Corbin has expanded his charter bus service to nine straight days.

Corbin, who established the Tennis Action Agency (TAA) in 1972 as a charter and travel service for tennis players and fans, announced this week that the agency will run special round-trip buses direct to the stadium each day from Aug. 30, opening day of the championships, through Sept. 7, which should be the date of some of the quarterfinals. The 48-passenger buses will leave at 7 a.m. daily from the Colonie Tennis Club and pick up Bethlehem and New Scotland passengers at 7:15 a.m. at Southwood Tennis & Swim Club at Exit 23. The return bus leaves the stadium at 5:30, makes a stop for a supper break and returns here around 10:30 p.m. Reservations can be made at Southwood or at the Courtside Tennis Shop, Elsmere. The

package of reserved seat plus transportation is \$23 for the first seven days and \$27 for the quarterfinals on Sept. 6-7. Regular reserved seat ticket prices are \$8 for the early rounds and \$12.50 from Sept. 6 on.

TRACK Delmar athlete makes nationals

A 16-year-old Bethlehem Central High School junior will have a thrill this weekend few athletes achieve—a shot at a national championship. Deb Schauble of Delmar leaves this week for Lincoln, Neb., where she will compete in the Junior Olympic Nationals, which will be televised nationally. Her specialty is race walking, in which she qualified in state and regional meets.

Meanwhile her teammates in the Capital Track Club continue their busy summer schedule with car washes, bake sales in Delmar, weekly meets at Colonie High School and Mont Pleasant in Schenectady and at U-Mass in Amherst, and in twice daily practices. Several Delmar athletes have qualified for the Empire State Games in Syracuse Aug. 16-20, including Vance Sorell and Deb Schauble in the mile walk, Leslie Warren in the 1600-meter (mile) run and Mark Shaw in the high jump. In the

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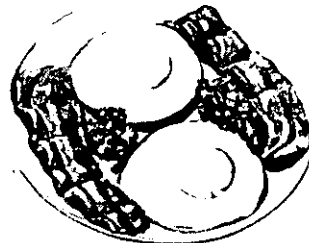
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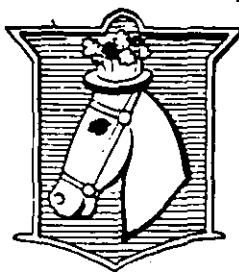
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The biggest meet of the season was the OIC/Converse Relays held at Boston

University. Capital entered women's and men's 4x800-meter relay teams. Lisa Miller, Leslie Warren, Trish Morris and Sandy Miller placed sixth. The team of Jeff Hickey, Ken Talbot, Keith Brown and Dave Herrington finished fifth. Leslie and Jeff both posted their best times ever over this distance. A number of Olympians were featured in this meet, and a world record holder spent much of her day talking with our athletes.



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ENTERTAINMENT & DINING GUIDE

Coach confirmed

A news release from the Junior College of Albany dated Aug. 4 has confirmed the appointment of Howard Smith, Voorheesville Central basketball coach, as JCA basketball coach for the coming season, as reported in a Spotlight story last June 29. Smith will continue to teach social studies and English at Voorheesville High School.

Paint for town hall

The New Scotland town hall will have a fresh, new look this fall. The town board will advertise for bids for repainting the one-story colonial structure on Rt. 85, to be opened at the next regular meeting of the council Sept. 6.

'Irene' returning

An overwhelming response to The Mac-Haydn Theatre's production of "Irene" has revised the summer schedule to perform the incredibly popular musical comedy for a second five-day run, from Aug. 23 through 27. "Brigadoon", originally scheduled for Aug. 23-Sept. 2, will play Aug. 30-Sept. 3, at the playhouse in Chatham. Excellent reviews swelled audiences for the regularly scheduled performances of "Irene."

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R.G. King married

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Barbara Lynn Molloy

ment in 1975, and Mrs. Charles F. (Patricia) Walsh of Slingerlands were married June 24 in Loudonville. Mr. and Mrs. King are making their home at Bethlehem terrace apartments, Slingerlands.

Delmar girl engaged

Dorothy F. Molloy of Delmar announced the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Lynn Molloy, to Steven Earl Greenwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Alan Greenwood of Fort Pierce, Fla.

Miss Molloy graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attended the College of St. Rose. She is a secretary for Dr. Robert E. Pike. Her fiance is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital. The wedding is planned for Oct. 28.

Pinnacle programs

Camp Pinnacle will hold the final week of summer conference for adults and families Aug. 13-18, closing its

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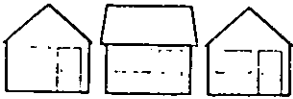
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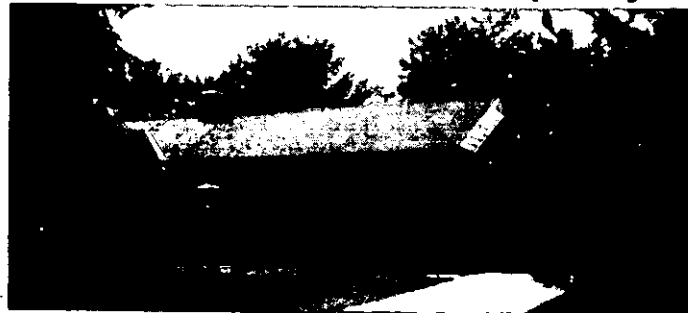
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Named CF trustee

Clare Decker of Voorheesville has been elected a trustee of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, headquartered in Atlanta, and will represent Region II, composed of 20 local chapters in New York and New Jersey, on the national board. Mrs. Decker, who holds a doctorate in educational administration from the State University at Albany, has taught in the Albany Public Schools, Russell Sage College and the College of New Rochelle, and has served as a consultant for the State Education Dept. She is a past president of the Capital District CF chapter, a director of the Montessori School of Albany and a member of the advisory board of St. Anne's Institute, Albany. She lives on Swift Rd. with her husband, Richard, and two children.

McDonald's host

McDonald's of Delmar will host a picnic lunch for Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services on Aug. 16. Tim Fenton, manager of the local McDonald's restaurant, will donate food and prizes for an expected 45 people at the outing, and Joyce McCann, McDonald's service representative, will distribute premiums to the children with the assistance of Kathy Meany, coordinator for the center.

Vox Pop

Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to abridgement by the editor, and must be signed. Names will be withheld on request.

Muster appreciation

Editor, The Spotlight:

On July 8, the Village Volunteers sponsored a very successful fife and drum corps muster. Many people contributed to this great weekend.

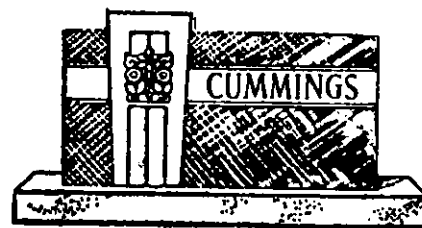
The cooperation of the Spotlight in publishing the ad/program booklet and publicizing the muster enabled us to inform residents of the event. Numerous town departments were very helpful in planning the weekend and special thanks goes to the police department and the highway department. The Corps wants to give special recognition to the many merchants and friends who supported the muster financially.

The members of the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps thank everyone for the support given them this year.

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Wherefore citizenship?

Editor, The Spotlight:
 Recently your paper ran an article and picture of myself and my business concerning a proposition before the board of appeals. It created quite a few comments from many people, which are immaterial so far as the point of this letter is concerned, but which, I think, say two things: 1, people read the spotlight, and 2, people are interested in what goes on in the town.

I have lived in Glenmont for more than 20 years and kept up on the doings of the town through my wife, neighbors, newspaper articles, and 'over the fence' newscasters. I realize now that this kind of informing can be slanted and not always dependable.

For about a year now, I have been attending town board meetings. Beside the newspaper reporters, there have been only two of us as private citizens in attendance, except concerning the matter of the police chief or zoning change. I wonder if this is the only time anyone is actively concerned about what our town board is doing.

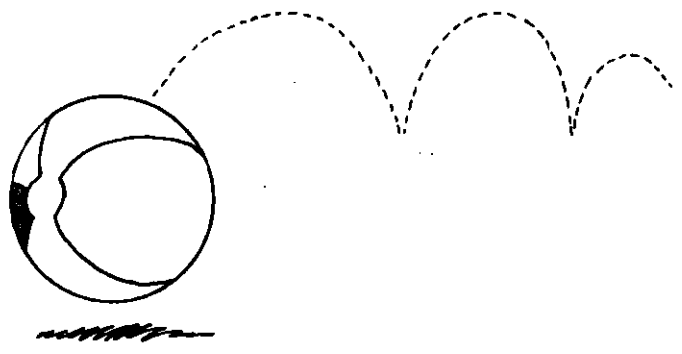
I have found the meetings to be informative and interesting. We have been encouraged right from the beginning to participate by asking questions or making comments. We have always been made to feel we were welcome! Lately, we have started to ask questions and make comments and were not brushed aside. I have found the meetings to be quite open. I

strongly encourage any of you to take the time to attend a meeting or two — or three. Discover, as I have, the problems and discussions *behind* the issues. When a problem arises, you will *know*, instead of guessing, what is involved. You will discover that the town board is made up of people who are trying to do a job, who sometimes make mistakes, who sometimes are nervous, who sometimes are angry, who can laugh, who have to make decisions, who step out even if it is on someone's toes, but *someone* has to do the job. *You* could help make it a little easier. It doesn't take much time — just the old "get up and go."

I hope this letter has encouraged at least one more person to attend the town board meetings.

Bob Atchinson

Glenmont
The Bethlehem town board meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar. An agenda of each meeting is available to visitors in the meeting room, usually on the first floor of the town hall, and frequently is available on that afternoon at the town clerk's office. It should be noted that Supervisor Tom Corrigan last January ended the custom of closed-door sessions. Now all town board discussions are open to the public except executive sessions called to handle personnel matters. Ed.



Community Corner

Spectator Specials

Sideline spectators will have two outstanding events for their enjoyment this weekend. At Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park, the Adirondack District AAU swimming and diving championships will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in which the Delmar Dolphins are hosting 17 teams and more than 400 visiting swimmers. There's continuous action and plenty of excitement.

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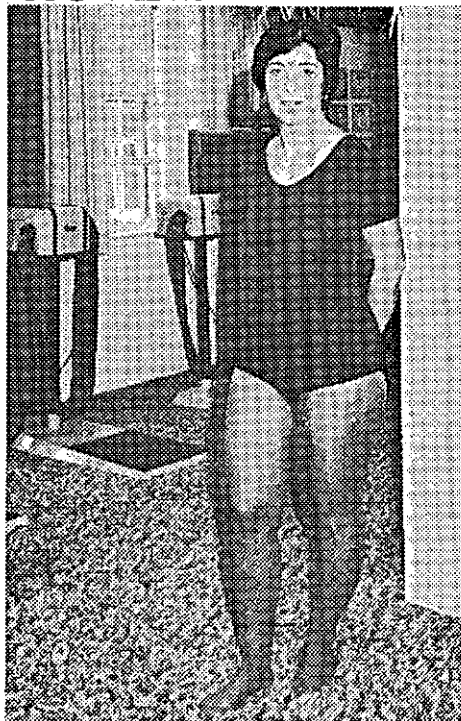


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