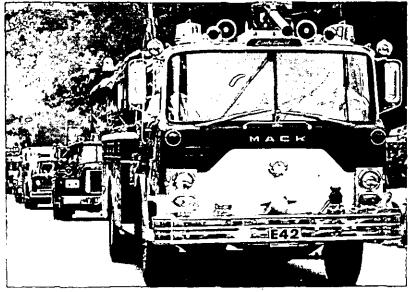
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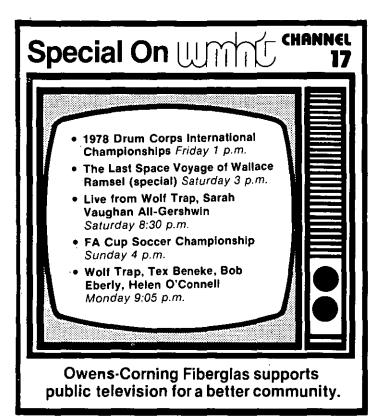
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Public hearing, Bethlehem Planning Board, on application of Rosen-Michaels, Inc., of Clifton Park, for approval of the proposed "Deerfield" subdivision to be located between New Scotland Rd. and Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30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

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aLeche League, at the home of Ars. Daniel Noel, 511A Kenwood ve., Delmar, 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

August Star Party, co-sponsor Albany Area Amateur Astronomers. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 8:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Flea market, Youth Fellowship and United Presbyterian Women of New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, New Scotland, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Table reservations, Fran McCormick, 439-5488.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Public hearing. Bethlehem planning board, on application of Fredrick and Jeanne VanHoesen, Delmar, for approval of the proposed Wellington Acres subdivision bounded on the north by Adams St. Ext. and lands of John Manne, easterly by the Palmer Ave. Ext., southerly by Wellington Rd. and westerly by Delmar Pl. Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

CHILDREN'S THEATER

- "The Red Shoes," original musical from Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, Mac-Haydn Children's Theatre, Rt. 203, Chatham, Aug. 18-19, 11 a.m. \$1.50 1-392-9292.
- "Variety Show," Pandemonium Puppet Company, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Stockbridge, Aug. 25, 2 p.m. S4. 1-413-298-5576.

MUSIC

"Perry Como in Concert," Coliseum Theatre, Latham, Aug. 21-26, 8:30 p.m. (Fri.-Sat. 7, 10 p.m.) \$15, 785-3393.

ART

- 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.

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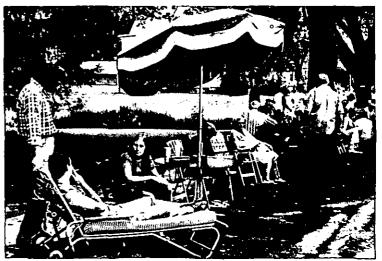


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FD's Bob Wiggand, left, and Lou Picarazzi admire the time apsule to be sealed and buried until the year 2028. Right, it was a estive day on Maple Ave. as spectators made themselves omfortable with lawn chairs, even loungers, umbrella tables and



Spotlight photo:

picnic tables, waiting for the parade. On the cover: everyone loves a parade, with marchers, bands and fire equipment. Selkirk had lots of everything Saturday.

SELKIRK

Firemen's day in the sun: 50 years of history

After a short delay the fire whistle sounded twice, the sun ame out, and the Selkirk iremen's parade began. The parade, part of Selkirk's 50th inniversary celebration, was ed by Ray Keim, the tepartment's only active charter member. Applause exploded when Keim, followed by Harold Williams, a 50-year member of the volunteer department and part district chief, passed the reviewing stand on Maple Ave.

Scores of viewers lined the streets, many in lawn chairs, to watch what one person said was "the greatest thing in Selkirk since Henry Hudson sailed up the river in 1609." Ben Christiana, a veteran Selkirk fireman, gathering 38 signatures on an anniversary program, cheered each company as it passed the reviewing stand. "It's the proudest day in my life," he

said. "This is beautiful and its been a long time coming."

Christiana's autographed program along with newspaper articles from the Ravena News-Herald and the Spotlight, along with a history of the Selkirk Fire Dept., will be put into a white time capsule later this week and buried in an outer wall of Selkirk No. 1 firehouse. The interred capsule will be sealed in the wall by a bronze plaque commemorating the rededication of the fire dept. In 2028 the capsule will be opened for the centennial celebrations.

More than 20 fire companies marched in the parade, the largest parade of any kind in Bethlehem in many years. Most of them paid their hosts the ultimate compliment by bringing a band, which made it the noisiest and happiest parade in Selkirk's long history. The chiefs were all

there, the equipment strung out for several miles, and the volunteers and their auxiliaries stepped smartly along Maple Ave. to the applause of an estimated 2,000 spectators.

Rep. Sam Stratton and Supervisor Tom Corrigan headed a long list of dignitaries in the reviewing stand and at the rededication ceremony, at which District Chief Robert J. Wiggand and Harold Williams, past district chief, officiated. Charles Fritts, commissioner of Selkirk No. 2, Glenmont, was master of ceremonies, Congressional Medal of Honor holder Francis Curry of South Albany led the flag salute, and Arthur Williams, a Selkirk commissioner, delivered the welcome. Raymond Keim was parade grand marshall and Louis J. Picarazzi program chairman.

Several members of the younger set sat on the ground

mesmerized by the polished fire apparatus. Sean Simpson, 8, of Selkirk chose the hook and ladder truck for the one he would like most to drive when he becomes a fireman. Across the street from Sean on Maple Ave. a mini-postoffice was set up where the Selkirk cachet and special anniversary cancellation was on sale.

Few people were aware that a veteran firemen's paradewatcher, Vincent Laska of Poughkeepsie, had traveled to view the golden anniversary celebration. Laska played in a marching band for 10 years and spends his weekends traveling around New York State to listen to his favorite kind of music.

When the parade concluded, Ed Sargent, an Albany County legislator from Delmar, remarked: "I think it's great to see the enthusiasm and dedication of these men. No

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Vernon Eagan of Delmar, left, and Mrs. Martha Crisafulli of Voorheesville, will serve as town coordinators in Bethlehem and New Scotland respectively for the re-election campaign of Assemblyman Larry Lane this fall. Lane, right, met with his aides in his Delmar office last week. Brian Murphy of Delmar, also a coordinator from Bethlehem, was unavailable for the photo.

matter what year it is, all the equipment is up to date and could be put to use right away. If you just look at it from the mercenary standpoint, if these firemen weren't volunteers, that would mean a lot of extra taxes."

Immediately following the parade a community picnic was held at the Henry Hudson

Jean Sharker

Frozen beef rustled

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of nine packages of frozen steaks containing 27 to 36 pounds of beef from a locked freezer on the patio of an Oldox Rd. residence in Delmar Aug. 5. Police said it was the second time in the last several months that beef had been taken from the address.

DELMAR

Renovation set at grade school

Work on extensive refurbishing of the former Delmar Elementary School got underway last week as a preliminary step toward a full renovation of the building.

Contractors have started work on the parapet of the building, repointing brick and replacing coping stone as well as repairing damage caused by young vandals who destroyed the anchors for the steel ladder to the roof and smashed 15 windows that weren't boarded up. The contract cost is \$25,000, plus an additional \$8,000 for repointing the brickwork on the north wall of the school, which was purchased last year by the town of Bethlehem for possible use as a town hall or community center.

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NEW SCOTLAND

A few hitches in leash law

New Scotland's first leash aw, more than six months in the making, goes into effect next Jan. I amid mixed emotions on the part of townspeople.

The town board enacted the new ordinance, Local Law No. I of 1978, in less than 20 seconds after a public hearing, the second of the summer, failed to produce any citizen opposition. The vote was 4-1, Democratic Councilman Herb Reilly voting nay.

In contrast to the June hearing, which packed the boardroom of the compact town hall on Rt. 85, the gathering last Wednesday was relatively peaceful and short: there were a dozen empty seats and the dialogue lasted barely 35 minutes. The discussion touched on familiar points: garbage cans knocked over, barking at cars and pedestrians, the sheriff's department, when can a property owner shoot someone else's dog, and the usual reference to an overabundance of "plops" deposited by visiting canines.

The ordinance, designed to restrict dogs from "running at large," insists on either a leash or "accompanied by its owner or a responsible person," the latter language applying to recreational walkers and hunters. The fee for a warden

picking up a dog is \$15, owners convicted of a violation can be fined up to \$25 for the first offense and up to \$50 and \$75 thereafter.

"We have to work out impounding procedures," remarked Supervisor Steve Wallace, adding: "We'll have to establish a pound and appoint a dog warden who will be on call 24 hours." Asked to estimate the cost of the program, Wallace said he figured "about \$7.500 the first year, but we hope to recoup some of that with fines."

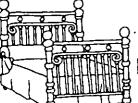
It was still daylight when the meeting broke up and spilled into the parking lot. Said one taxpayer: "There's gonna be a lot of hard feelings, but what're you gonna do?" Mrs. James Edwards of New Salem summarized the mood of the neighbors: "It took a long time, but we finally made it."

CP open house

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SLINGERLANDS

Hangup on water stalls Lyndhurst

An 11th hour move by the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation has thrown Bethlehem town officials and wary Slingerlands residents a curve and has jeopardized a scheduled public hearing next Tuesday on the sprawling Lyndhurst subdivision. The cropper is water.

The ninth-inning curve came in the form of EnCon's action in calling a public hearing of its own. Bethlehem Water District No. I has applied for an extension to serve the vast residential development proposed for some 77 acres between Font Grove Rd. and the Surrey Mall area. Because state and county agencies have become increasingly touchy about public water resources, particularly in Bethlehem, EnCon has set up a hearing for 10 a.m. Sept. 6 in Bethlehem town hall on the proposed Lyndhurst extension.

That action brought confusion at the same address, where the town planning board had previously scheduled and advertised a routine public hearing on the preliminary layout of 62 lots in the remaining three sections of the 96-lot subdivision. Several weeks ago the

board set that hearing for Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m., and inserted the notice in the Spotlight calendar in last week's issue and again this week. However, as this newspaper went to press, there was some doubt as to whether the hearing would be held: a spokesman for the planning board said the hearing would go on if the developer, Rosen-Michaels, Inc., insisted on going through with the preliminary hearing phase of the approval process, and at last report a spokesman for the developer said the hearing would go on. Left hanging were Slingerlands neighbors who have steadfastly opposed the concept of such a massive subdivision, which now has been rechristened "Deerfield." They contend it would overload traffic patterns, put pressure on local utilities and adversely affect the quality of life in the hamlet.

At the root of the confusion is the Albany County Dept. of Health's moratorium on water district extensions until Bethlehem upgrades its system and provides for additional capacity or new sources of water. This situation also brings EnCon into the act.

In the EnCon hearing notice, the department stated that anyone wishing to speak at the hearing must file in writing by ug. 31, stating grounds for pposition, support or interest the project. Statements are be filed with the Office of learing Officers, Room 612, at he department's headquarters, 0 Wolf Rd., Albany 12233. The notice also declared that if o objections are filed by Aug. 1. the hearing may be ancelled. It gave the phone lumber for information as 457-468.

Town officials have given riorities to engineering studies or new sources, with testing urrently underway in the ledar Hill area, and are exected to award contracts this week for a \$950,000 standpipe and water storage facility to upplement the existing water ower on Kenwood Ave., Delnar.

Firemen greet chemical truck

Selkirk's new \$25,000 mobile chemical unit arrived on Maple Ave. Thursday night from the factory in Central New York. Barely 36 hours later it was in the line of march as the Selkirk Fire Dept. led its 50th anniversary parade.

The newest fire truck, first of its kind upstate, is mounted on a four-wheel drive for maneuverability. It carries 450 pounds of dry powder and 100 gallons of pre-mixed light water foam. The special equipment will be used to douse hydrocarbon, petroleum and chemical fires and where hazardous material is involved. The unit is important to Selkirk because of the department's potential exposure to such



Selkirk's new chemical unit arrived in time for the parade.

materials at the Conrail yards, Texaco, General Electric, Airco, the tank farms along the river and other sites.

The unit was manufactured by the Saulsbury Fire

Equipment Co. in Tully. An ironic footnote: Samuel Saulsbury, who helped design the unit for Selkirk, died in Tully at age 71 the day the truck arrived at Firehouse No. 1.





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Scholarship for a football player: Greg Manion, left, with Jim Plummer, Jim Flynn and John Furey, BC teammates of the late Tony Danckert.

Football scholar drive underway

Publication of the second annual Bethlehem Central Eagles football program is underway, with proceeds from advertising going to the Tony Danckert Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Greg Manion of Delmar was awarded the first \$500 scholarship for a Bethlehem football player. With him at a recent presentation were three teammates of Danckert, a BC star who was fatally stricken after a promising career with Boston University. On hand were Jim Plummer, who played for Hudson Valley Community College, John Furey, a defensive backfield star with Ithaca College, and Jim Flynn, who played at University of Connecticut and now attends Northeastern University.

Patrons wishing to support the fund may send \$5 checks to Mrs. Donald DeAngelis, 54 Woodstream Dr., Delmar.

Arrests at party

Neighbors complaining about a noisy party and loud music sent police to 67 Roweland Ave., Delmar, four times within three hours after midnight last Sunday, twice with two patrol cars and once with three. After the host, identified by police as David W. Foster, 17, and the dozen or so teenagers at the house ignored

suggestions to break up the party, police said, parents were called, but only one showed up shortly after 3:25 a.m.

Police returned to the house several hours later with a warrant for Foster's arrest on a charge of harassment. Foster pleaded guilty at his arraignment before Justice Harry B. Rezzimini and was released on probation pending dismissal of the charge in three months.

Just as police patience was running out on the fourth visit to the address, Officer Charles Rudolph recognized one of the partygoers as having been named previously in an arrest warrant in an unrelated case. Rudolph arrested William Higgins, 17, of Delmar on a charge of trespass stemming from an incident at the Bethlehem Middle School in June. Higgins was taken to headquarters and released pending an appearance in justice court at a later date.

New police radio

The Bethlehem town board is advertising for bids for a UHF radio base station for the police department, to be opened Aug. 30. The equipment will hook Bethlehem police into an inter-governmental network that links the Albany County sheriff's department, state police, county jail, nearby towns and other public agencies.

BALEM HILLS

Sewerage audit speeds decision

A showdown on the ontroversy over a rate incease or the privately owned sewer ystem serving the Salem Hills esidential subdivision moved a tep closer this week with the tart of an independent audit of he embattled utility's books.

Mayor William J. Wenzel, who is refereeing the conflict as head of the five-member village board, said that Peat Marwick Mitchel and Co., the only national accounting firm with an office in the Albany area, would conduct the independent audit of the financial records of he Salem Hills Sewerage Disposal Corp., a subsidiary of Rosen-Michaels, Inc., developer of the project.

Wenzel said he had invited Louis Dempf, Jr. of Delmar, attorney for Rosen-Michaels, and the firm's accountant and rate specialist to meet with the Peat Marwick representative closed-door at a briefing session with the full board Wednesday of this week to get the book review started. Also nvited were Kenneth Connolly and Al Cappadozy, members of the Salem Hills residents' advisory committee, to monitor the session.

At the moment, the timetable for a decision shapes up like this: Aug. 16, briefing session with outside accountant; Aug. 30 (approximate), auditor's report; mid-September, decision by board.

"The accountant has indicated that he will need approximately two weeks to examine the books and submit his report," Wenzel said. "We hope to make a decision within two weeks of receiving the

report."

When he was informed by the Spotlight that Jerry Rosen, a partner in the Rosen-Michaels firm, had stated the firm would pay for the independent audit, Wenzel said he was "delighted."

Rosen-Michaels installed the sewer system to serve the subdivision's 276 single-family

dwellings, and has been charging \$10 a month per house for maintenance and amortization. The utility says it can no longer pass the mounting deficit along to the parent corporation in the face of an operating loss of some \$10,000 per year and an estimated \$30,000 to \$70,000 in mandated improvements necessary to meet state and county requirements. The proposed rate hike to \$29.05. nearly tripling the monthly fee. touched off an outpouring of protests from homeowners, who formed a vigilante committee of professional engineers, accountants and lawyers to fight the increase.

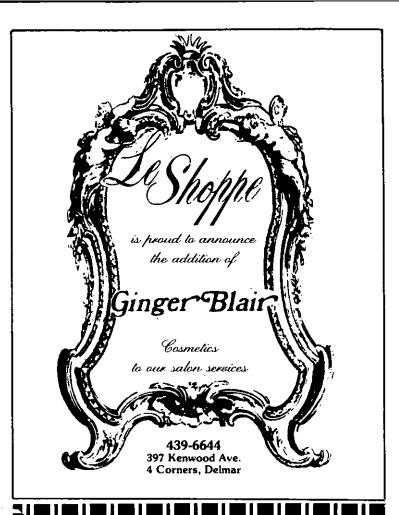
Flea market set

The Youth Fellowship and the United Presbyterian Women of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church will sponsor a flea market Saturday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church on Rt. 85, New Scotland. Lunch and snacks will be served during the day. There will be a bake sale, fancy booth with hand-made articles, a book corner and possibly antique booths. Table reservations may be made with Fran McCormick, 439-5488.

New manager named

James Hauck of Greenville has been named manager of the Radio Shack in Elsmere, after completing the company's management training program. He and his wife, Susan, have a son, Clifford.





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Voorheesville's summer band entertained a relaxed audience in the morning sunshine in the season's closing concert on the lawn last Thursday. Lydia Tobler directed the young musicians in a sixweek program two days a week for grades 5-12. The program was sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis Club and was partially funded by the county. Spotlight photo-

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Vandalism probed

Bethlehem police are seeking vandals who pulled flowers from a planted box at the Country Corner at 449 Delaware Ave., Delmar, and scattered them over the parking area last Wednesday night. A splitrail fence was pulled down at 118 Roweland Ave., corner of Jordan Blvd., the same night, and at 12:45 a.m. two light poles were pulled down at 71 Fernbank Ave., all in the same neighborhood. A few hours later vandals ripped off the side mirror of a car parked at 38 Fairway Ave. and scratched paint on the side of the car.

Speed curbs asked

Bethlehem town board will hold a public hearing next month on a proposal to establish a 30-mile speed limit on Union Ave. and Union Ave. South in Slingerlands, and on streets within the planned residence district (PRD) of Dowerskill Village.

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Dolfin medal winners at district meet in Delmar: from left, Becky Friedlander, 11, Erin O'Connor, 10, Donna Schulz, 13 (rear), Pierre LaBarge, 10, and Doug Schulz, 12. Above, diving

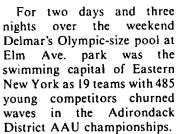


champion Jessica Follett of Delmar receives trophy from Art Young, AAU meet coordinator. Right, Craig Lindell on a tuck from the one-meter board.

Spotlight photos

SWIMMING

AAU juniors thrill poolside throngs



Saratoga's stroke powerhouse once again dominated the team scores, piling up the highest point score ever registered in an AAU meet in the East, 1151. Saratoga nearly doubled Schenectady's second place total of 603, with Delmar's Dolfins third at 422. The boys scores were: Saratoga 496, Schenectady 239, Watertown 214 and Delmar 172. Girls' scores were: Saratoga 655, Schenectady 364, Delmar 250. The Dolfins were second in the girls' 11-12 category.

The hard-working Dolfins had their moments of glory,

particularly in the diving where Delmar swept all four events. Jessica Foliett won the women's one-meter and threemeter championships for the second year in a row, and Randy Sanderson, now a college diver at Auburn, Ala., swept the two men's events with Craig Lindell of Delmar second in both, Sanderson and Lindell, who is on the Florida State University team, are former members of Bethlehem Central's varsity team. Mary Reagan, a BC youngster, was third behind Jessica off the one-meter boards and placed fifth from the high board.

Two visiting champions amassed perfect scores of 54, winning all six events, the maximum allowed for an individual. Scott Wisner of Watertown won freestyle,

backstroke and butterfly events at varying distances, and Julie Wright, a 10-year-old phenom from Saratoga, went home with six gold medals. Bob Hrabchak of Watertown, swimming in the 13-14 class, set at least two new meet records in the 200-meter free and 100-meter back, but as of Sunday night, meet officials had not been able to tabulate how many records had been shattered.

Pointmakers for Delmar included Lisa Hermann, 8, who tied for second in her age group; Pierre LaBarge and Robin Neff, each second in their age groups; Doug Schulz, high point winner in boys 11-12 with 45 points, and Donna Schulz, third in girls 13-14.

Eleven Dolfins are in Syracuse for five days this week at the Empire State games.







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Rural bus: a people's ride

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Each Thursday the bus leaves for Albany from the Dormansville post office at 8:20 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. The fare is 50 cents, and the bus will stop to pick up people at any safe location along the route. With advance notice, it will even go a quarter mile off the route to pick up a rider. For senior citizens and handicapped persons with a county-issued photo identification card the fare is reduced by half. It stops along Delaware Turnpike at Clarksville, Unionville and Delmar points.

"Some of the people on this bus are so nice you'd like to take them home with you," Earl Davis of Westerlo said. "Once I met a woman I hadn't seen in 50 years."

Jim Glenn, the Westerlo busdriver, said: "The people who ride this bus look forward to coming and it is more of a social visit for them. It is a popular misconception that the bus is only for senior citizens because this bus is for everyone."

Once in Albany, the bus stops at major hospitals and health centers, shopping areas, business and government offices. If a person would like to go to another place not on the route, they can obtain a free transfer for another bus.

"We come every week," Blanche Davis said. "I meet my sister from Schenectady at Colonie Center and then we have lunch together. This visit means a lot to me,"

This weekly service began in October and assists the rural residents in a variety of ways. For many of the riders this is their only means of transportation to see a movie, shop or even take a driving lesson. Two women from Westerlo took the bus every week to take a driving lesson and now they have their licenses.

William J. Kelly of Westerlo, a WW1 veteran, uses the bus to visit the Veterans Hospital and other nursing homes. "Some of my war buddies don't have any family so I visit them. I can't describe what their faces look like when I come and visit them."

A bus schedule can be obtained at the Bethlehem town hall or by calling 355-5094.

Jean Sharkey

Studying dentistry

George T. Felt, son of Mrs. Jean S. Felt of Delmar and Dr. Thomas E. Felt of Albany, has been accepted as a dental student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He is a 1972 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and was graduated in May from the State University College at New Paltz.



Florence Ordway, left, alert and skillful at 90, with sister, Lillian Sammons, 81.

Nonegenarian sees only bright side

Friends and relatives of Florence D. Ordway of Slingerlands gathered on Aug. 8 to celebrate her 90th birthday at the home of Mrs. Thomas Burton of Delmar. Her sister, Lillian Sammons of Delmar, also attended the celebration. Her husband, the late Harry Ordway, was Bethlehem town controller for 20 years.

The petite and plucky nonegenarian does not attribute her longevity to anything except her undying optimism. "I never get down in the dumps," she said. "I take life as it comes and I never worry about anything."

Florence was born in 1888 to the Downcaster family, who have lived in Albany for over 200 years. When she was married, she moved to New York City, where her husband was employed by a Wall St. firm. While working as a dress fitter for B. Altman she assisted in making a linen and lace dress for Gloria Vanderbilt when the famous socialite was 5 years old. In 1928, when New York's Gov. Smith hoped to be president, his wife prepared for the occasion and bought a dress that Florence worked on.

The Ordways returned to Delmar in 1938 and were soon employed by the State government. Presently Florence spends most of her time utilizing her adroit skills. "I love to bake bread and everyone

knows about my peanut butter cookies. I sew a lot and I never buy a dress in a store."

Jean Sharkey

Hearing for variance

The Bethlehem board of appeals has set Sept. 13 for a public hearing on an application by Thomas W. Corrigan, Lauralana Heights, for a proposed addition to his residence at 103 Hampton St., Delmar, that would exceed the lot occupancy maximum by 1 percent and would exceed the side yard restriction by 3 feet 5 inches.

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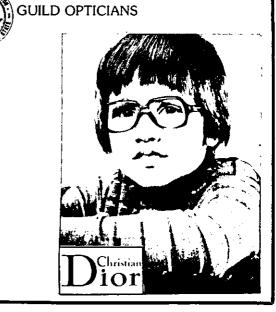
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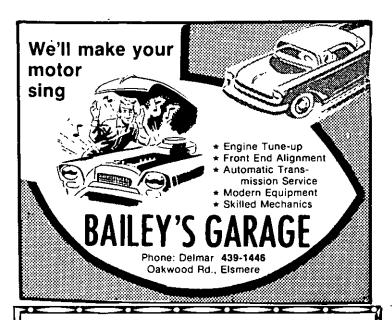
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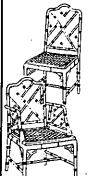
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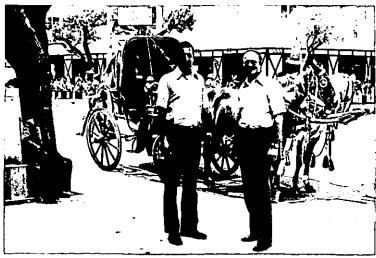
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Alan D. Champ, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Champ of Slingerlands, and William A. Knapp were reunited in Ismir, Turkey, nearly 10 years to the day after meeting in Saigon, Vietnam in 1968. Both lieutenant colonels were 1956 graduates of the Liverpool, N.Y. High School. Champ graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, and Knapp from Syracuse University in 1965. They served together in Vietnam while assigned to the Vietnamese Airborne Division. After returning to the states, Champ received an MA degree from Rutgers University. He and his wife, the former Carol A. Rafferty of Slingerlands, and their two children, Andrew and Katherine, will be returning this summer prior to a new assignment at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

HAMAGRAEL

An open door to 'fun' reading

Mrs. Gytelle Bloom of Elsmere has been named a recipient of a grand prize in an essay contest, but her present and future pupils at the Hamagrael Elementary School will be the real winners.

Mrs. Bloom decided to enter the essay contest sponsored by the Scholastic Publishing Co. because 10 grand prize winners in the country would be awarded 100 paperback books. She and her class are now drawing up their order, to add to Mrs. Bloom's privately-accumulated classroom collection of about 600 paperbacks.

The essay topic, "How I Would Use Paperback Books in My Classroom," was a natural for this teacher, who was hired at Hamagrael in 1967. She is a strong advocate of reading for pleasure. She believes, and wrote in her prizewinning essay, that it is her responsibility as a teacher to see that each of her pupils discovers that reading is an enjoyable experience.

"I really went out on a limb by telling my class I was going to enter the contest," Mrs. Bloom said recently, "so I'm happy not to have disappointed them."

She gradually built the paperback library already in her classroom, buying and reading each one herself. The books are arranged into different interest areas, such as biography, adventure, sports and mystery. Her grade 4-5 pupils take care of the loaning and re-shelving of all the books.

A large earthworm poster, with names on each leg, proclaims a public record of each child's reading for the year. Mrs. Bloom also keeps her own record, simply asking the children a few questions so she is sure the book has been read.

Mrs. Bloom feels her emphasis on reading for fun has been worthwhile, because over the years many parents have told her: "We hardly have the TV on at all anymore." She notes, too, the popularity of her room's "reading corner" and the excited "reviews" that get

passed daily from one pupil to another.

When she entered the contest, Mrs. Bloom told her pupils that if she won, each child could select one of the 100 paperback books they could order. "I have 24 kids in my class," she said, "so that leaves 76 choices up to me."

As a grand prize winner, the Hamagrael teacher is also going to receive a bookshelf for her classroom, a "Teacher" tote-bag, and her name — along with the other nine winners in the Library Journal of America.

Note anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Heller of Delmar celebrated their 61 wedding anniversary at a party held at the Normanside Country Club on June 30. The evening was a success with friends, relatives and the flower girl from their wedding party attending the celebration. The Hellers are childhood sweethearts who met in Feura Bush and lived on a farm there after their marriage. Rose B. Heller is a retired school teacher from Mont Pleasant Elementary Schol, Schenectady. Her husband is a former employee of the Federal Land Bank, Springfield, Mass.

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Local Boy is Hare Today

What's up Doc? asked the stranger with buck teeth, long ears and fluffy tail as a crowd started to gather in Delaware Plaza. Discerning shoppers immediately recognized another hare-brained scheme from Ima Dreamer, 17 of Delmar, one of Pete Rogers' most rabbit fans. "I've come for the 24-carrot bargains at Rogers Sport & Ski Shop. It really bugs me to have what other stores charge; only a playboy could afford them. Pete has tortoise about true savings; he wouldn't welsh on a deal." Town furrier U.R. Whacko said, "It's a good thing that guy isn't governor, or we'd all have to commit hareycarey."

BETHLEHEM

Town to award water contracts

The town of Bethlehem is expected to award two major contracts totalling just under \$650,000 for installation of the proposed new water storage tank on Elm Ave. East following a bid opening session in town hall last week.

Low bidder on furnishing and installing the 3-million-gallon vertical standpipe was the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. at \$522,280. There were two other bids.

Hall & Co., a local firm, submitted the lowest of four bids for the ringwall (concrete base for the standpipe), valve chamber, pipeline and miscellaneous site work. The bid was \$126,506. The pipeline involved is approximately 150 feet from Elm Ave. to the rocky promontory on the Bart Jansen property where the new storage system will be installed.

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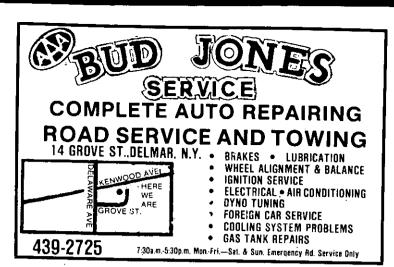
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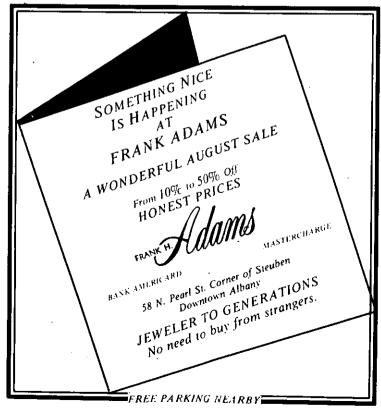
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Three women of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church get an early start on the annual Village Mart. From left, Dee Stembel, Muriel Sykes and Barbara Mabee working on the crafts group.

POLITICS

Bid challenged by primary foe

Barbara Selmer of Greenville, running for the Assembly from the 102nd district, has challenged the validity of the nominating petition of her opponent in the September Democratic primary.

Selmer, senior administrative assistant on the staff of Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut, has asked for a review of the petition filed by Tony Yurkavitch of Cementon by the State Board of Elections. The district embraces Greene and Columbia counties and three towns in Albany County, Bethlehem, New Scotland and Coeymans.

Named bank trustee

Vincent I. O'Leary of Elsmere, president of the State University of New York at Albany, has been elected to the board of trustees of National Savings Bank, according to an announcement by George O. Pfaff, president of the bank. O'Leary, a national authority on law enforcement and administration of justice, joined the SUNYA faculty in 1968 and later was named dean of the School of Criminal Justice. He served as acting president from August, 1977 until he was elected president of the university last May. He and his wife,



Vincent I. O'Leary

the former Adele Daubenberg, have two children.

Entering law school

Jean V. MacHarg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. MacHarg. Slingerlands, will enter the University of Chicago Law School this semester after graduating from Wellesley College in May. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, earned departmental honors, was house president, a member of the student senate and was on the search committee of the dean of students.

Bloodmobile here

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield regional headquarters, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, Monday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Barbara Selmar and Ted Hunter in New Scotland.

Town Democrats meet

Officers of New Scotland's Democratic social clubs, up to now separate organizations for men and for women, are hastening plans for the merger of the two units in time for the fall campaign. Ted Hunter, president of the New Scotland's Men's Social Club, and vice president Jim Dunn met last Thursday with Fran Emerick and Marge Cootware, president and vice president respectively of the women's organization, to work out plans for the merger. Also present were Barbara Selmer of Greenville, Democratic candidate for Assembly, and Joe Lee of Voorheesville, her campaign coordinator for New Scotland.



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Historical group elects

Charles Crangle of Delmar has been elected president of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Society to succeed Mrs. Lois Dillon, who has been named to the board of trustees. Other officers are: Peter Cristoph, first vice president; Mary LaWare, second vice president; Edward Dillon, recording secretary; Helen Denny, corresponding secretary, and Marjorie Terrell, treasurer. Also named to the board of trustees was Gebhard Tucker.

Home site looted

A box of copper plumbing supplies and electrical supplies disappeared from a residential construction site at 1717 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, the weekend of Aug. 5-6, according to a Bethlehem police report. A manager with Highlands Construction Service of Albany estimated the value of the missing items as in excess of \$500.

Appreciation service

Onesquethaw Fire Co. Appreciation Sunday services will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Clarksville Community Church, All residents of the fire district are invited.

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Softball final

St. Thomas and Presbyterian will meet in the finals of the Church Softball League postseason playoffs tonight (Thursday) at the Hamagrael School field. In last week's semifinals, St. Thomas overwhelmed Knox, 11-1, and Presbyterian edged Cluster Churches, 8-7.

FIRE CALLS

Aug. 8 — Elsmere — Feura Bush Rd., car fire, small damage.

Aug. 11 - Slingerlands truck fire, Rt. 85 and Blessing Rd., truck engine destroyed.

Aug. 11 — Slingerlands rescue squad, Long Lane, Selkirk, fatal accident at GE-Conrail crossing.

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BASEBALL

Bethlehem loses in junior play

Bethlehem came out of last week's Cohoes Invitational junior baseball tournament with a 1-2 record, losing to Whitehall, 11-1, in the final game of the double-elimination event.

Bethlehem opened with a 7-6 win over South Troy on a tworun single by Harry Fields in the last of the seventh. Fred Hasselbarth had a home run and Chris Ablee went the route on the hill. Against Albany Central, Bethlehem was trailing 4-0 until an uprising in the sixth tied the score, but a seventh-inning homer snatched the game away. Steve Linello pitched, had two hits and stole home twice for Delmar, Linello scored the only Bethlehem run in the final game when he walked and stole second, third and home.

Newcomers dessert

A dessert for new residents of the Bethlehem area and for new mothers will be held on Monday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Claire Swain, 42 Brightonwood Rd., Glenmont. The get-together is sponsored by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon to give newcomers an opportunity to meet their neighbors before the fall season begins. All newcomers and new mothers, whether or not they have had a Welcome Wagon call, are invited.





Mrs. Steven R. Riedel

Kathleen McGuire wed

Kathleen Elizabeth McGuire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McGuire of Feura Bush, became the bride of Steven Robert Riedel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Riedel of Delmar, in a 2 o'clock ceremony at St. Thomas Church, Delmar on July 1. Rev. John Bradley officiated and Rev. Warren Beaven assisted.

Marilyn McGuire, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. David Austin was best man. Ushers were Peter McGuire and Patrick McGuire, brothers of the bride, and Charles Riedel and Richard Riedel, brothers of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Sullivan County Community College and the College of St. Rose. The groom graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and is serving with the Second Marine Air Wing at Cherry Point, N.C.

Ex-resident weds

Susan J. O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill of Rutland, Vt., became the bride of Lt. Michael R. Eyre, son of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Frank R. Eyre of Liverpool, in a July 22 ceremony at a picturesque chapel in Sherburn, Vt.

The couple are spending their honeymoon in Germany. Lt. Eyre, a former resident of Delmar, is stationed with the 23rd Engineer Battalion at Hanau, where they will make their home.



Mrs. Carl S. Schell

Susan Stone bride

Susan Lowell Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Stone of Delmar, became the bride of Carl Stewart Schell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Schell of Altamont, in a 2 p.m. ceremony at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany on Aug. 12. Rev. Carl L. Cooper officiated.

Betsy Osterhout of New Salem was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Keith Luckenbach and Mrs. Edward O. Languish, sisters of the bride, and Mrs. Michael P. Pulire, sister of the groom. Best man was Scott Rockwell of Baldwinsville. Ushers were J. Keith Luckenbach, Edward O. Languish and Michael P. Pulire.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hartwick College and is employed by State University of New York central administration. The groom graduated from Guilderland High School and Hartwick College and is employed by Management Data Communications Corp.

Selkirk student cited

Peter Rosimilia of Selkirk was one of 33 high school students selected from more than 100 applicants in the northeast for a National Science Foundation program in mathematics at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. The fourweek program ended Aug. 5.

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Donna Vadney bride

Donna Anne Vadney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Vadney of Feura Bush, became the bride of David Joseph Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Anderson of Watervliet, in a 3 p.m. ceremony at the Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush on Aug. 5. Rev. Johannes Theester and Rev. Thomas Powers officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Janice Le Donne was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Leahy, Wendy Wirasnik and Deborah Rusk. James Carr was best man. Ushers were John Heid, Adam Walion and Glenn Vadney, brother of the bride.

Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Vermont



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Miss Davis is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Cobleskill Agricultural and Technical College. She is employed by United Bank Corp. of New York. Her fiance graduated from Harborfields High School and Cobleskill Agricultural and Technical College. He is employed by Gerry Conway Construction Co., Huntington.

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Traffic roulette

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wrote New York State Dept. of Transportation in 1973 requesting a traffic signal at Delaware Ave. and Hudson Ave. The request was refused on the grounds that it would ause accidents. Nonsense! Flashing lights or "signal thead" signs would alert drivers to the signal.

After many near misses I made several telephone calls and finally found the name of he Regional Traffic Engineer. wrote concerning the dangers of this intersection on July 14, 978. To date there has been no eply. I would like to ask invone interested, especially he residents of Hudson Ave., o write Mr. Kelly. Maybe if he ets enough letters he will take ime to see how we have to play Russian roulette in order to get on Delaware Ave. The address s as follows: Mr. Joseph W. Kelly, Regional Traffic Engi-

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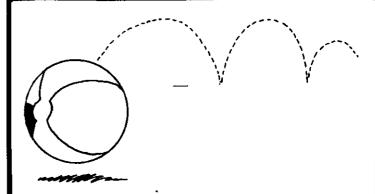
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neer, 84 Holland Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12209.

Lillian M. Doherty

Delmar

It may be easier to get a domed stadium in Delmar than a new traffic light. Requests by the Bethlehem town board and supervisor in past years have been rejected, most recently for traffic signals at two of Delmar's most notoriously congested corners, Adams St. and Delaware Ave., and Adams St. and Kenwood Ave., the latter a well known incubator of fender-bender collisions. Repeated requests to replace the blinker at the town's most dangerous intersection. Elsmere Ave. and the Delmar Bypass, however, have brought favorable results: the DOT notified the town and the chamber of commerce in November, 1976, that a signal would be erected there, a contract for the work was let about six months ago, and the light is expected to be in operation there in the early part of 1979. It should also be noted that state traffic engineers think so lightly about the Hudson Ave. situation that they recently approved a proposed 52-unit apartment development on Hudson Ave. that also provides access to a proposed, though recently inactive, subdivision plan for 250 dwellings in the North St. area. Last week the Bethlehem town board allocated \$3,000 for an engineering study of Hudson Ave. traffic. Ed.



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