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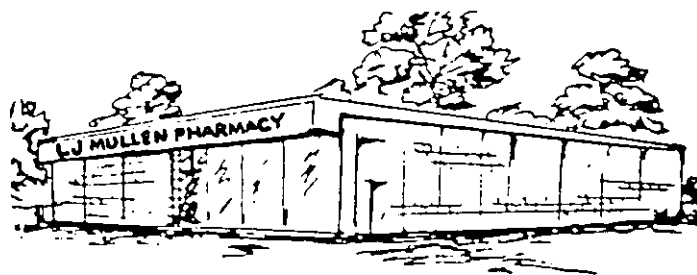
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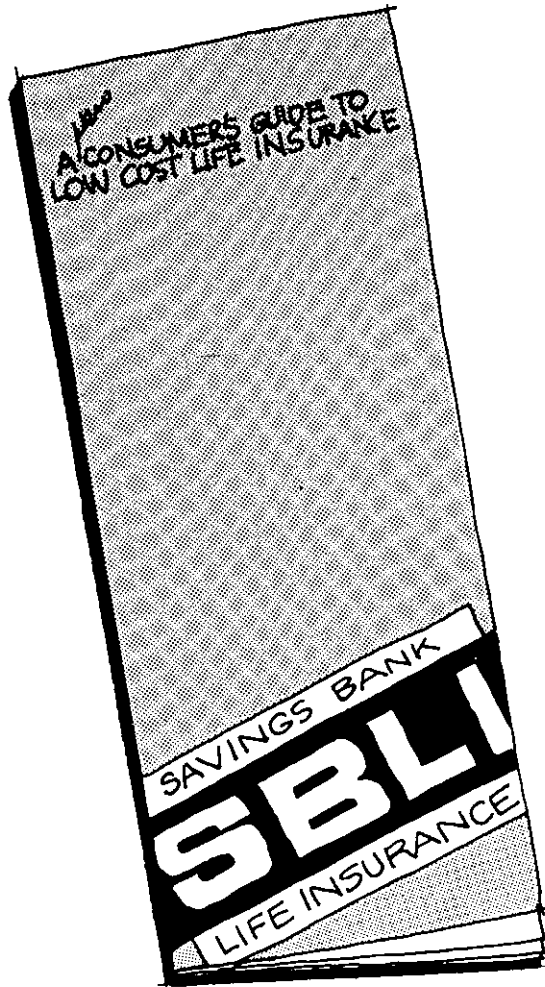
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Glenmont Lions Club, second and fourth Tuesdays, LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

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ELM AVE. PARK BUS SCHEDULES

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Lv. BCHS garage, 11 a.m., pickups in this order: Senior High School, North Bethlehem Fire Dept., Slingerlands School, Delmar School, Elsmere School, Hama-grael School, to park. Return bus leaves park 3:45, retraces same route.

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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.

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

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.

Onesquethaw O.E.S., first and third Wednesdays, Masonic Temple, Delmar

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesdays, Glenmont Community Church, 8 p.m.

World War I Veterans luncheon, second Tuesdays, LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk, noon. All WWI veterans welcome.

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

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

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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

LaLeche League, at the home of Mrs. Daniel Noel, 511A Kenwood Ave., 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.

Recovery 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.

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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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

"The Wizard of Oz," performed by children in the Creative Dramatics Program, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Guitar program. Kyle Keenan, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

"The Wizard of Oz," performed by the children in the Creative Dramatics Program, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Reservations deadline. Tri-Village Welcome Wagon fall luncheon, Mrs. Cathie Schaeffer, 439-4813.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Public hearing. Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of George Waldenmaier and Sons, Ltd., Rt. 32,

Feura Bush, for permission to construct an addition to existing retail market at premises, Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

Public hearing. Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Raymond F. Linstruth of Delmar, for a variance pertaining to side yards. Bethlehem town hall, 8:30 p.m.

"My Favorite Buttons," Mrs. Harold Wallace, Half Moon Button Club, Bethlehem Library, noon.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Free schoolbook covers will be distributed by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Free book covers, American Legion, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 3 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Paper drive, sponsored by United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Bethlehem Recycling Center, 10-2 p.m.

Free book covers, American Legion, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, noon.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"Irene," musical comedy return engagement by demand, Mac-Haydn Theatre, Rt. 203, Chatham, **Aug. 23-27**, 8 p.m. (Sat. 5:30 and 8:30, Sun. 7 p.m.) \$6, \$5. 1-392-9292.

"The Debbie Reynolds Show," Coliseum Theatre, Latham, **Aug. 29-Sept. 2**, 8:30 p.m. (Fri-Sat. 7 and 10 p.m.) \$9.50, \$8.50. 785-3393.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

"Variety Show," Pandemonium Puppet Company, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Stockbridge, **Aug. 25**, 2 p.m. \$4. 1-413-298-5576.

"Aladdin and His Magic Lamp," Coliseum Theatre, **Aug. 25**, 11 a.m. \$2. 785-3393.

Mohawk-Hudson Regional Exhibition, painting, sculpture, prints, drawings, Albany Institute of History and Art, weekdays, 9-4, Sundays 1-4.

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

"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. \$4. 1-413-298-5576.

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FILM

"King Kong," free outdoor cinema, Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, **Aug. 30**, 9 p.m.

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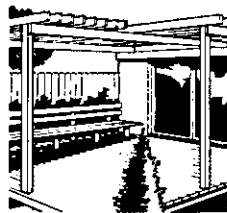
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David vs. Goliath: citizen-lawmaker's private battle

Like any good citizen, Larry Lane gets his dander up when he feels the government has dealt him an unfair shot in the wallet. And, like any good member of the state Legislature, when something gets his adrenalin running, he fights the octopus of government any way he can. Now Clarence D. "Larry" Lane, the popular assemblyman from the 102nd district, which includes Bethlehem and New Scotland, is embroiled in a courageous legal battle that can reach into every household in New York State.

The thing that has pushed Larry's temperature over the boiling point is the state's habit of collecting sales tax on home heating fuels. In Lane's eyes, heating fuels are "products consumed by humans for the pre-



Assemblyman Larry Lane, center, at Bethlehem GOP steak roast with Bernie Kaplowitz, left, and Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

servation of health" and as such should be exempt from tax in the same manner as medicines, food and aspirin. His reasoning: it is essential and necessary for the preservation of health to keep a warm home.

This year Lane touched off a test case by formally requesting a refund of the sales tax paid for fuel to heat his own home in Windham, Greene County. When he's not in Albany or in his three-county Assembly district, Lane and his wife, Eleanor, run a resort business in the Catskills, where heating fuels are a necessity more than eight months of the year. The State Dept. of Taxation and Finance had no choice but to grant Citizen Lane a public hearing.

That was some months ago, and Lane is still waiting for the department to set a hearing date. When that time comes — and Lane is getting tired of the long wait — he is ready with an arsenal of legal ammunition.

"I petitioned the department as a private citizen for return of my sales tax paid on heating fuel at my home, but the department has refused to reimburse me," Lane said the other day at his Delmar office at I Becker Terr. "It will be, of course, a landmark case. It involves a basic, legal interpretation of the present law."

Section 1115 of the law states: "Products consumed by humans for the preservation of health are exempt from sales tax." Says Lane: "This obviously means food, but drugs administered externally are exempt, along with other products. I maintain home heating fuels (electric, gas, kerosene, oil, propane, wood) fall into this category. I expect to produce doctors and pharmacists at the public hearing, and we will cite the recent Schenectady case." That reference was to an elderly couple who froze to death in their home after power

had been shut off for non-payment of electric bills.

Lane says the tax department has already made an attempt to stall the hearing by declaring his application was improperly filed. "This indicates they're already dragging their feet."

Lane insists he will fight the issue "all the way to the Court of Appeals if need be. This has been an unfair form of taxation and the people deserve refunds."

In recent weeks the campaign of Lane and his attorney, Oreste Vincent of Catskill, has picked up momentum from several of his fellow assemblymen. Joining in the lawsuit are Nicholas Calogero of Utica, Bobby D'Andrea of Saratoga, Gary Lee of Ithaca, Eugene Levy of Suffern and Gerald Solomon of Queensbury. Now all he and the state's overburdened taxpayers need are 70 more sympathetic assemblymen, 32 state senators and the governor, or a legal victory over the tax department.

Town sells parcel

Final approval of the sale of six-tenths of an acre of land from the proposed Slingerlands park tract on New Scotland Rd. to the Slingerlands Fire Dept. was given by the town board at last week's regular meeting. The firemen are buying the piece for \$900, conforming to a recent independent appraisal, and plan to erect a picnic pavilion on the site, which adjoins the firehouse property.

No Spotlight Sept. 7

Spotlight printers, typesetters and news reporters, who normally work through each weekend to meet our regular mailing deadlines, will take a holiday over Labor Day weekend. Accordingly, the Spotlight will not be published on Thursday, Sept. 7.

The deadline for news items, classified ads and display advertising for the Aug. 31 issue is Friday, Aug. 25.

The Spotlight office at 414 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will be open each day from 9 to 4 Monday through Friday throughout the period, but will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, Labor Day.

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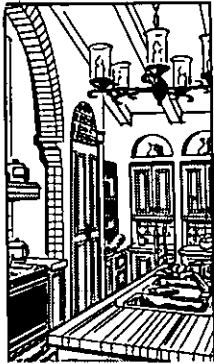
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November candidates at an August steak roast: Judge Paul Kane of State Supreme Court, second from left, chats with Gordon Morris of Elsmere, running for the county legislature, and town GOP Chairman Bernie Kaplowitz, right, at the clam bar at Sunset Park. Steve Guilmet, left, had a busy afternoon opening clams at the annual Bethlehem GOP event.

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The distaff side at the GOP steak roast: from left, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club members Jean K. Moore, Ann Patterson and Jeanne Vogel, club president, socialize with Peg Warner of East Berne, vice chairman of the Albany County Republican Committee.

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Local author published

Steven Polan, an honor graduate of Bethlehem Central High School in 1969 and currently counsel to Carol Bellamy, president of the New York City Council, is co-author of a book on malpractice recently published by Harper & Row. The book, written with Prof. Sylvia Law of the New York University Law School, is titled "Pain and Profit: The Politics of Malpractice," and has been added to the shelves of the Bethlehem Library.

Polan was graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Tufts University in 1973 and from New York University Law School with an honorary fellowship in 1976. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Polan, live at 59 Orchard St., Slingerlands.

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hearing is slated

Preliminary plans for a 12-lot residential development for single-family homes on a five-acre tract near the center of Delmar will be presented at a public hearing before the Bethlehem planning board next week.

The proposed subdivision, to be known as Wellington Acres, is bounded by Wellington Rd., Palmer Ave. Extension, Delmar Pl. and an extension of Adams Pl. that exists only on paper. The property is owned by Frederick and Jeanne Van Hoesen, 67 Adams Pl.

Under Residential-AA zoning requirements, lots must be 10,500 square feet or larger. Lots in the Wellington Acres configuration average 19,000 square feet, with the smallest 2,000 square feet. An existing house on the property, currently occupied by tenants, will remain, and a barn nearby will be remodelled.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall.

Heads Siena board

John M. Watson, retired president of Tobin Packing Co., Albany, has been elected chairman of the 48-member Siena College board of associate trustees. Jerome R. McDougal, Jr., president of Valter Motor Truck Co., Voorheesville, was elected secretary. The board was

formed in 1961 as an advisory group to the college president. Watson, a member of the associate board since 1969, is a trustee of Home Savings Bank and Memorial Hospital, a director of the Albany YMCA and past director of the Capital District Chamber of Commerce. He retired from Tobin Packing in 1977 following 40 years of service. He and his wife, Opal, live at 32 Southwood Dr., Slingerlands.

Student trains abroad

Miss Susan Beckers Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ford, 25 East Bayberry Rd., Glenmont, has been accepted by the Experiment in International Living's School for International Training, to be a member of the semester abroad program in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), from August to December. Susan will then return to complete her junior year at William Smith College, Geneva.

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
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Mrs. William G. Reuter, second vice president of the Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of AARP, presents a \$300 check to Amos Bastiani, captain of the Delmar Fire and Rescue Squad, for the ambulance fund drive. At right is George W. Chesbro, member of the AARP board of directors.

J.W. Campbell

AARP benevolence

Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has recently made three donations to local organizations as a community service. Mrs. William G. Reuter, second vice president, and George W. Chesbro, a member of the board of directors, presented a check for \$300 to Amos Bastiani, captain of the Delmar Fire and Rescue Squad, for the squad's fund campaign for a new ambulance. Richard Reissig, member of the board of directors of the Good Samaritan Home, Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, presented a \$100 check for a

magnetic bulletin board, and the chapter presented a \$100 check to James Flavin, president of the Bethlehem Festival, for the Festival's Christmas fund.

Home sites looted

Bethlehem police are looking for an orange Toyota pickup truck in connection with at least one of three thefts of materials at construction sites in the Delmar area. The truck was spotted leaving a building site of A.T. Zautner and Sons at Elsmere Ave. and Bender Lane at 10:15 p.m. Aug. 14. Two wooden doors valued at \$100 were reported missing. Over the same weekend, 15 window screens were ripped from a house under construction at 9 Liberty Ct. in the Bicentennial Woods subdivision in Glenmont, and an undetermined number of bags of insulation were taken from a building site at 122 Jordan Blvd., Delmar, police said.

Attended quilt show

Charlotte Reinhardt of Delmar, quilting teacher and organizer of QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together), returned recently from a three-day international show and seminar of the Continental Quilting Congress at Arlington, Va.

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Det. Richard LaChappelle has been placed in charge of the Bethlehem police youth bureau and detective bureau, and Officer Conrad Martin has been transferred from patrol duty to the youth bureau.

Police Commissioner Ralph A. Tipple confirmed the realignment last week. Other new assignments include Sgt. Leo (Pat) Dorsey to uniformed duty on the headquarters desk, Officer Marvin Koonz to uniformed patrol duty and Officer Alfred Lamouree to uniformed patrol to acting detective under LaChappelle in the detective bureau.

Tipple said the shifts in duty assignments were "part of an administrative realignment."

Nurse is graduated

Susan Lynn Ringer of Selkirk was one of 86 seniors who received diplomas at the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing on Aug. 14.

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GOP plans steak roast

New Scotland Republicans will hold their annual steak roast Sunday, Sept. 24 at Picard's Grove, New Salem. Tickets at \$15 are available from members of the town committee under the chairmanship of Fred Edmunds of Slingerlands. Ann Carson of Voorheesville is chairman of the steak roast committee.

New softball champ

St. Thomas is the new playoff champions of the Church Softball League. The Delmar team staved off a sixth inning rally by Presbyterian in the playoff final and added two insurance runs to win the title game. 12-9, snapping a string of four straight years of playoff championships by Presbyterian.

Guitar 'on green'

Kyle Keenan, a guitarist, will perform at the Bethlehem Library on Aug. 30. The program is funded by the Albany City Arts office, and the program will be presented on the "Green" behind the library, weather permitting. In the event of rain, it will be held in the library's community room.

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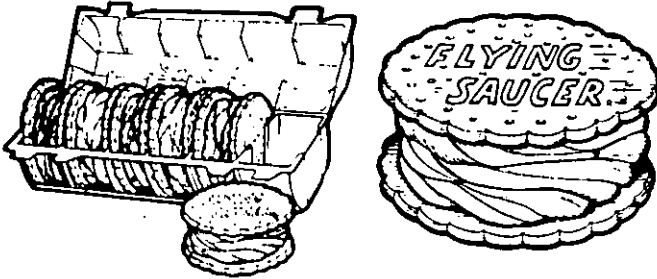
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DELMAR

Police charge 6 as bike vandals

Six teenage boys, five of them from the Birchwood Acres residential area of Delmar, face charges of fourth degree criminal mischief as a result of a two-month police investigation into a wave of bicycle thefts and vandalism.

Two of the youths are 18, three 17 and one 16, according to police records. Their names were withheld pending possible determination of youthful offender status by the court. All entered pleas of not guilty at their arraignments last week before Justice Harry B. Rezzemini in Bethlehem justice court, and were released to the custody of their attorneys. The 16-year-old was released to his parents.

The arrests climaxed a 10-week investigation by Dets. Colin Clark and Officer Fred Holligan of the Bethlehem police. A police spokesman said the arrests closed out "about 24-25 cases" of stolen bicycles in Delmar, most of them taken from residential driveways and garages, local schools and the library. In many cases the bikes were

found destroyed or severely damaged, most of them behind Bethlehem Central High School.

Police said the youths will pay approximately \$1,200 in restitution in a verbal agreement with police and parents of the theft victims.

Nurse capped

Kathryn E. Igoe of Slingerlands was one of 28 members of the freshman class at the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing receiving caps at a candle-lighting ceremony Aug. 18 at the Capital District Psychiatric Center, Albany.



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Car strikes girl walking on road

A 10-year-old Delmar girl was seriously injured when she was struck by a car while walking on Rt. 443, Delaware Tpk., Clarksville, with her three brothers shortly after sundown Aug. 15.

State police at Selkirk substation said Dawn Wright, 10, of North St., Delmar, suffered two broken legs and internal injuries when she was hurled over a guide rail and down a 30-foot embankment at 8:30 p.m. last Tuesday. She had been walking on the shoulder of the turnpike with her brothers after a car owned by their father, Edward Wright, had broken down near the intersection of Rt. 85A.

Troopers said the driver, Spencer Flansburg, about 37, of East Berns told them he was driving close to the right shoulder in the face of oncoming headlights and did not see the pedestrians. No charge was placed.

The girl was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad.

At Witness conclave

A number of families from the Selkirk area led by Willard Griffin were among the 80,008 delegates who filled Montreal's Olympic Stadium for the finale of the Jehovah's Witnesses international convention recently.

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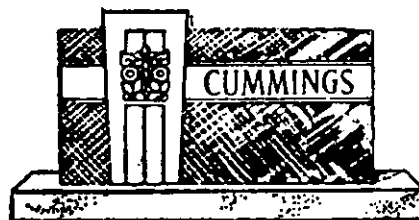
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BUSINESS

Builder's pitch for rate action

A prominent Bethlehem builder has accused Gov. Carey and the Democratic-controlled Assembly of sitting on a proposed bill to raise the state's interest rate ceiling while conditions in the housing trade "continue to worsen each day."

James W. Michaels of Slingerlands, vice president of Rosen-Michaels Builders and Developers, Inc., said the Assembly's and the governor's "indecisiveness in taking immediate action during June of this year on the proposed bill is the major contributor to our present housing dilemma."

In a letter to Speaker Stanley Steingut and a number of assemblymen dated Aug. 9, Michaels said new home sales for his firm and other builders across the state are slumping because "mortgage money is

not available and the market is too uncertain." He pointed out that New York "stands alone in the entire nation with a fixed, non-competitive mortgage rate ceiling."

In recent weeks, banks in New York State have shut off or restricted conventional mortgages to homebuyers because of the 8½-percent rate ceiling. The state senate has approved a bill to lift the ceiling of New York's "usury law" to 9½ percent in a move to alleviate the tight money crunch, but a companion bill in the Assembly is bogged down.

The mortgage pinch has slowed down homebuilding in Bethlehem and New Scotland, local contractors say, and has had an adverse effect on the real estate market, according to local agencies.

Delmar break-in

Four cameras, a quantity of old silverware, ladies jewelry and a number of camera lenses and pieces of equipment were taken in a burglary at a Lansing Dr. residence in Delmar the night of Aug. 5-6. Bethlehem police issued a teletype with the camera serial numbers. Entry was gained by prying open a sliding glass door in the rear of the dwelling, police said.



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TENNIS

Southwood adds a teaching pro

Ken Phillips, head professional and manager of the Chestnut Ridge Country Club, Baltimore, is joining the staff at the Southwood Tennis and Swim Club, Rt. 9W, Albany, as head professional. The appointment of the 40-year-old bachelor, who is ranked No. 13 in men's singles in Maryland and No. 3 in junior vets (35 and over), was announced this week by Jess Witt, manager of the club, and Roger McCammon, director of tennis.

Phillips, formerly of Lewistown, Pa., is a former assistant tennis coach at Penn State and has been head professional at the Caribbean Tennis Club in the Virgin Islands and the Annapolis (Md.) Racquet Club. He will start his duties here on Sept. 24.

McCammon also announced that Southwood's commercial team tennis league starts the first weekend of October. To sign up a team, call 436-0838.

Scottish Games return

Twelve pipe bands from Eastern U.S. and Canada will fill the air with highland music at a revival of the Capital District Scottish Games on Saturday, Sept. 2, at Altamont Fairgrounds. More than 100 highland dancers and athletes will compete throughout the day, including the traditional caber toss and a soccer game. Elmer C. Matthews of Delmar is coordinator of Scottish Societies for the games.

Promoted by bank

Ralph T. Tipple of Delmar has been named assistant investment officer with FCB Advisory Services, Inc., a subsidiary of First Commercial Banks, Inc. of Albany. Tipple, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College, joined the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., an FCBI subsidiary, in 1972, and has been an investment representative since 1977. He and his wife, Sandra, have three children.

UVM night at SPAC

Louis and Stella Dempf of Delmar are co-chairmen for a University of Vermont alumni gathering at the concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Aug. 26. Albany area alumni will join those from Bennington, Vt. area in a social hour at 6:30 at the Hall of Springs before the concert.

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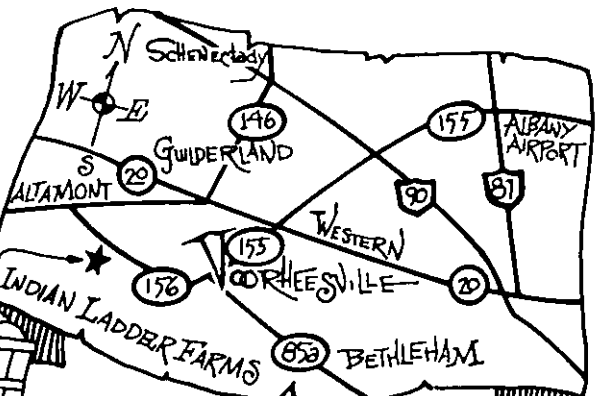


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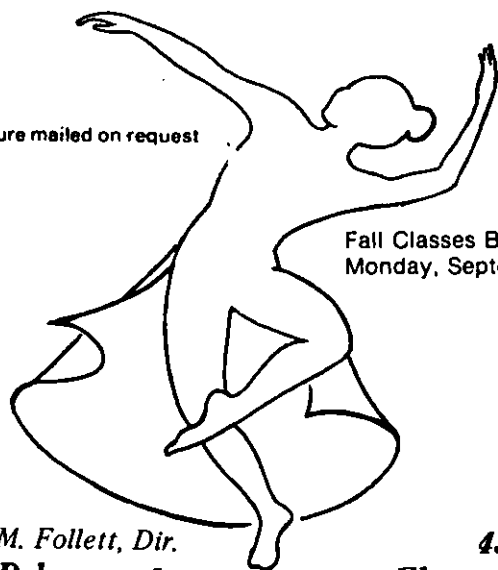
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Paper drives resume

The monthly paper drive sponsored by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and the youth of the Delmar Reformed Church will be resumed on Saturday, Sept. 8, and will continue on the second Saturday of each month thereafter. The two churches alternate each month at the Bethlehem Recycling Center on Adams St., receiving papers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The youth of the Unionville Reformed Church conduct the January drive. Proceeds are used to finance benevolent projects and youth activities.

Art. This first of a series of weekly rehearsals is open to all interested in joining the chorus. For information, call 489-1428.

Guided walk set

A guided walk entitled, "The World of a Meadow" will be given at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., in Delmar. The program will last 1½ hours and walking shoes are recommended.

We goofed a date

An article on the formation of a Leo Club by members of the Bethlehem Lions Club in the Aug. 10 Spotlight carried an unrealistic date for the club's organizational meeting. The correct date is Wednesday, Sept. 13, the time and place to be announced. The Spotlight regrets the error, which was purely typographical.

Chorus to start

The Monday Musical Club chorus will open its 61st year with a rehearsal on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and

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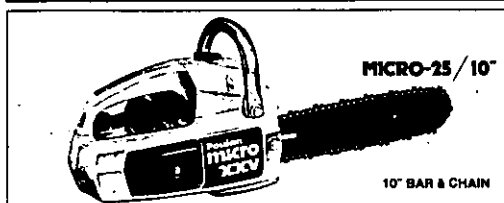
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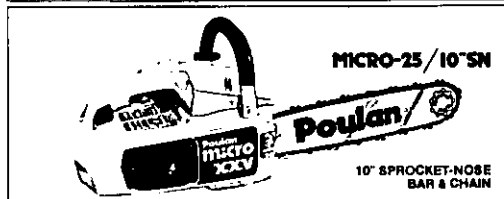
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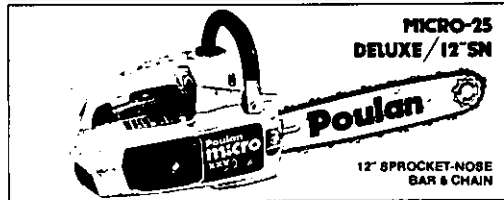



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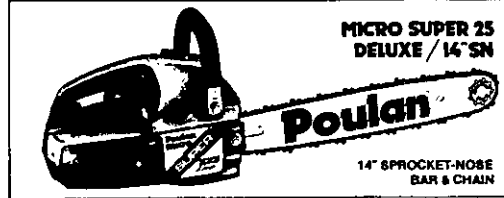
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Choral group organizes

Auditions for the Capitol Hill Choral Society will be held Sept. 5-6 at 7:30 at Philip Schuyler School, the former Albany High School, at Western Ave. and North Lake Ave., Albany. New members will be welcomed for the society's 26th concert season featuring Bach's "St. Matthew's Passion" Oct. 27, Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 1-2, a Victorian Lenten program March 23 and Mozart's "Coronation Mass" on May 11. Judson Rand will direct weekly rehearsals starting Tuesday, Sept. 12. Information, 439-4656.

Junior bowling signup

Registration for Sport-haven's junior bowling program for boys and girls 11 and under will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the lanes, 417 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

George Ten Eyck, starting his third year as director of the program, said last week only a few openings remain in the 12-and-over group. Ten Eyck served nine years as assistant to Marie Reid before taking over the program two years ago.

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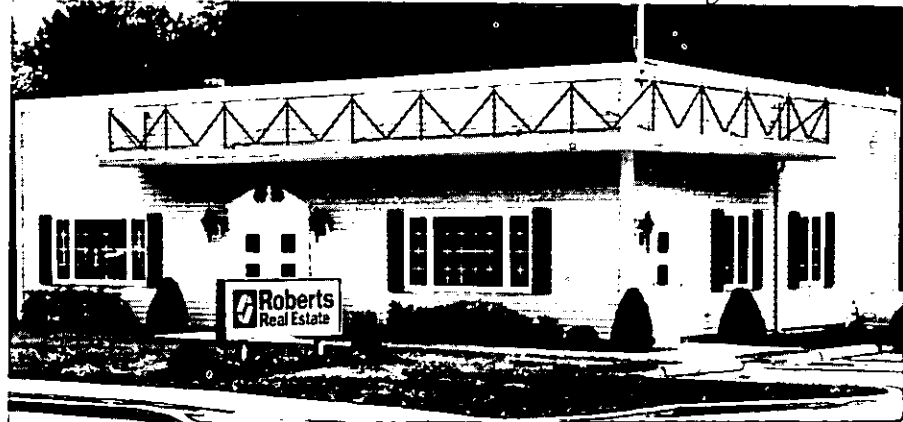
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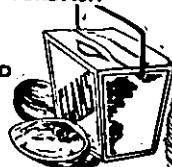
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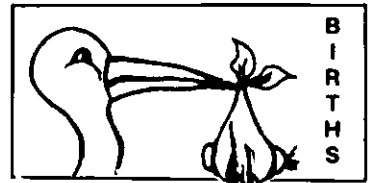
2 break-ins probed

Investigators from the Albany County sheriff's station in Voorheesville are checking fingerprints in two daytime burglaries in the town of New Scotland. Deputies said a television set was taken in a break-in at the home of Neale Dunston, Delaware Tpk., Clarksville, and a stereo set from the Richard Schultz residence on Clipp Rd., New Scotland, last Wednesday. In both cases entry was gained by cutting a screen to open a locked door, deputies said.

Home from France

Monelle Allison Weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Weeks, 309 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, has returned from France, where she studied for nine months during her junior year at college. She lived with a French family in Tours, in the Loire valley, and

attended the Institut de Touraine at the Universite de Tours. She also traveled extensively. A French major at the State University at Potsdam, Miss Weeks was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1975.



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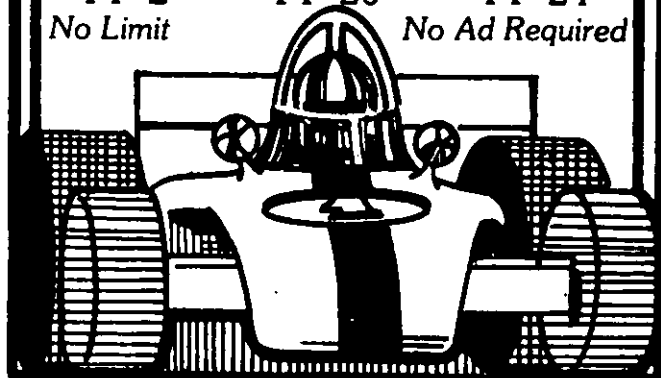
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New frustration on Cass Hill Rd.

When residents of Cass Hill Rd. in Clarksville read the 1978 paving schedule in the Spotlight's news columns two weeks ago, they saw red instead of their usual magnificent view of the Hudson-Mohawk valley.

The news item particularly irked Mrs. Jean Slingerland, who earlier this year spearheaded a petition campaign to entice the New Scotland town board to take action on what they termed the "deplorable and unsafe" condition of Cass Hill Rd. Board members and Peter Van Zetten, town highway superintendent, said they were aware of the situation, but there were ditching problems that made it difficult to "hold" pavement, particularly at the notoriously sharp curve half-way up the steepest part of the hill. They promised, however, to give the hardy neighbors some undefined help and relief.

Last week the Motopaver the town leases for a brief period each year to lay new paving on a budgeted six miles of town roads arrived in New Scotland and began its 1978 assignments on Crow Ridge Rd. at an average cost of \$18,000 per mile. Friday it moved to Swift Rd., and this week was due on Bullock Rd. and Stovepipe Rd. The schedule did not mention Cass Hill.

"They filled the little holes and left all the big ones," Mrs. Slingerland complained. Explained Van Zetten: "We have to pave the roads that get the



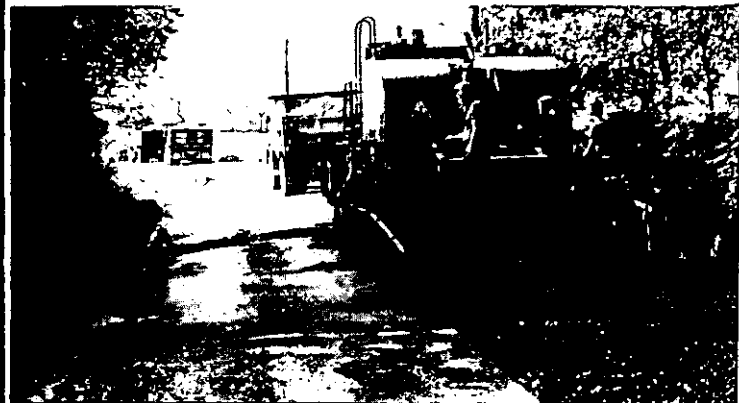
Citizen protest on Cass Hill Rd.

heaviest traffic. We'll go to Cass Hill if we can squeeze it out of this year's budget, even for a quarter of a mile where most of the trouble is. I know it's bad up there. We'll do the best we can."

This week Cass Hill residents were waiting for some action, hoping the town will improve travel on the town's sharpest, steepest and bumpiest road before another winter sets in.

Firehouse clambake

Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 3 will hold its annual clambake Sunday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m. at the South Bethlehem firehouse.



Motopaver on Crow Ridge Rd., New Scotland

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Eleanor LaBarge of Delmar visits her garden plot every day to keep up with the produce and a head of the weeds. On the cover: Jim Tate harvests a healthy crop of beets. *Spotlight photo*

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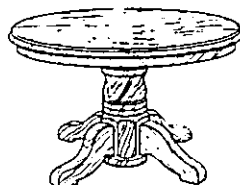
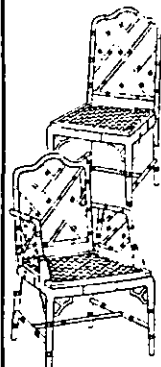
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GLENMONT

'Tenant gardeners' reap a bounty

In the lush, rolling meadowland off Wemple Rd. in Glenmont the mid-day sun bakes the fertile fields. Tucked inland behind a hay storage shed, Bethlehem's amateur gardeners pursue a special kind of tenant farming — growing their own vegetables for the home table or the freezer.

The "tenants" are city-dwellers or suburbanites living in apartments, or in houses with lots too-small or too-shady to sustain a backyard garden, so they rent garden space on farmland in open country nearby. For the past five years Heath's Dairy Farm, a Glenmont landmark, has provided fertile plots for amateur small-scale farmers. This year Heath's rented out 160 plots to families and church groups who have planted and cultivated vegetables, herbs and flowers.

The land is plowed and fertilized with farm manure by the dairy for the gardeners who begin planting in May. Novice gardeners are often surprised by the extensive work needed to tend to their 20 by 100 lot.

Richard Thayer, owner of the dairy, believes people rent lots because they enjoy the hobby while they harvest good-tasting, chemical-free food. "It's also a family affair," he said. "We encourage them to bring down the children so they

can enjoy the peace of the earth." He has no doubt that people appreciate the life of the farmer after having their own garden. For many it is an awakening experience to find that more work is necessary than just putting seeds in the ground.

Nelson J. (Jim) Williams of Delmar has learned a great deal about farming from the people who rent neighboring lots. "Farming is interesting and everybody here is anxious to help the other fella," he said the other day. "I'm an amateur but love gardening, it's a healthy diversion. It's great to be out in the air and watch the vegetables grow." Each year Jim likes to try a different crop and this year it was shallots, a member of the onion family, and what he called burp-less cucumbers. The latter, an exceptionally sweet variety of cuke, was recommended by Crockett's Victory Garden on Channel 17, he said. Unlike some of his fellow farmers Jim uses a chemical fertilizer. "When these plants get to be at least 10 inches high I use ammonia nitrate. It's like a shot in the arm."

Kenneth Mossure of Albany drives four miles almost every day to care for his garden. Being reared on a truck farm has helped in making his garden a success. He saves his

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carrots during the winter by placing them under several layers of leaves on his back porch.

Jim Tate and Alan Hilchie of Delmar enjoy the camaraderie that has developed among many of the gardeners. They keep an eye on each other's agricultural progress, and these part-time farmers frequently exchange horticultural tips and new techniques.

"It's very enjoyable, not only for the produce, but the people you meet," observed Tate. "It's a good form of relaxation, and there are fringe benefits that go beyond good beets, potatoes and carrots."

Earns therapy degree

Marilyn E. Way, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin K. Way, 440 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, has earned a BS in physical



Marilyn E. Way

therapy from Russell Sage College and Albany Medical College School of Physical Therapy after completing a clinical internship at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, Me.,

and Mercy Hospital/Berkshire Rehabilitation Center, Springfield, Mass. She is a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



Mrs. Daniel W. Geary

Wed in Delmar

Mary E. Gebhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gebhardt of Albany, became

the bride of Daniel W. Geary, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Geary of Delmar, in a 2 o'clock ceremony at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Aug. 19. Rev. James Daly officiated.

The bride graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attended Junior College of Albany. Her husband graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attends Siena College.

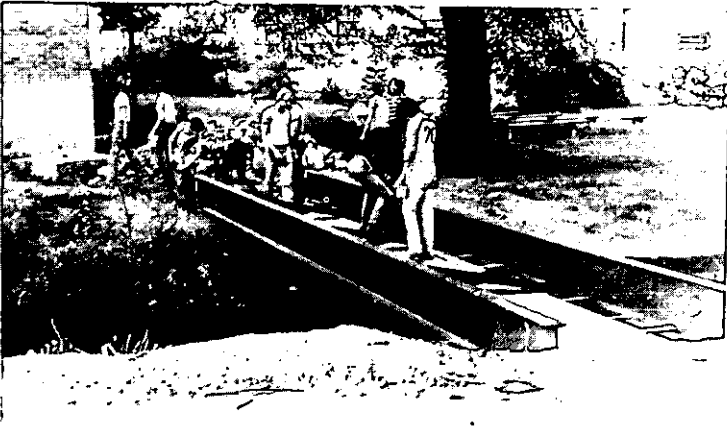
Poster contest on

A poster contest for Albany County schoolchildren sponsored by the Altamont Rod and Gun Club offers more than \$3,000 in prizes on the theme, "Hunting and Fishing are Conservation." Entry deadline is Sept. 15 at the Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, with judging Sept. 23.

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When these members of the Youth Conservation Corps complete their project, Voorheesville will have the only old-fashioned covered bridge for miles around. This one will span the Vly behind the elementary school. *Spotlight photo*

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Ulrich Besemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oskar Besemann, 489 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, a 1969 graduate of BCHS and 1975 graduate of the State University at Buffalo, is currently director of the Youth Conservation Corps for Rensselaer County. Under his responsi-

bility are three site supervisors and 24 youths 14-18 in age engaged in the execution of such conservancy projects as stream bank erosion control, timber stand improvement, construction of nature trails and picnic area development. The program is funded by federal and state grants.

**SERVICEMEN
In The NEWS**

William T. Seal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seal of Delmar, has enlisted in the Air Force and will serve as an inventory management specialist.

First Lt. Anita M. Preska, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor R. Preska of Delmar, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force medical service officers orientation course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex. She is a 1971 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and received her BS degree in 1975 from Niagara University and her MS degree in 1977 from the University of Wisconsin.

David Stephany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephany of Delmar, is serving in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Hepburn ported in San Francisco. He is a 1977 graduate of Bethlehem



David Stephany
Central High School and entered the Navy in September, 1977.

Richard B. Hand, son of June S. Hand, Delmar, has completed the basic machinist's mate course at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. He is a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and joined the Navy last October.

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Eugenia Lisa

Couple engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Lisa of Ravena announce the engagement of their daughter, Eugenia Lisa, to John Reginald Haskell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Haskell of South Bethlehem. The engaged couple are graduates of the Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk High School. Miss Lisa is attending the AOC School of Practical Nursing at Albany

Medical Center. Her fiance attended Bryant MacIntosh College, Andover, Mass., and continued his education at the State University at Albany. He is employed by John W. Francisco, Inc.



Rebecca Ann Smith

Local couple engaged

Guy Smith of Copperas Cove, Tex., and Mrs. Julia Nooney of Feura Bush, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Smith, to Barry A. Udell of Voorheesville.



Mrs. Douglas M. Martin

Delmar couple wed

The Delmar Reformed Church was the setting June 24 for the wedding of Miss Kristine Marie Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Klein of Delmar, and Douglas Merrill Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Martin of Delmar. Rev. Gerard Van Heest and Rev. Kenneth Gregory of-

ficiated.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed by Rescom Security Services in Latham. The bridegroom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and Siena College, is employed by Shaye, Lutz, Schwartz and King, CPAs in Albany. The couple will reside in Voorheesville.

Dental degree

Dean G. Hyde, formerly of 75 Marlboro Rd., Delmar, received a DDS degree from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry with the class of 1978. Dr. Hyde is a 1966 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and earned a BS degree from SUNY-Oswego. He will practice in Colorado.



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A luncheon series for Welcome Wagon

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will initiate its fall season with a buffet luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Normanside Country Club. Cocktails will be available at 12 noon with the buffet at 12:45.

A series of luncheons, some with guest speakers, is being planned for the coming year under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jackie Baird. Her com-

mittee includes Cathie Schaeffer, Fran Wingardner, Sue Filipp and Barb Prodic. Babysitting will be available for a nominal fee at all luncheons.

Reservations, which should be made before Sept. 2, may be made by calling Mrs. Schaeffer at 439-4813. For babysitting, call Mrs. Prodic at 439-7291. The buffet will give all Welcome Wagon members a pleasant opportunity to meet new members and to visit with friends after vacation time.



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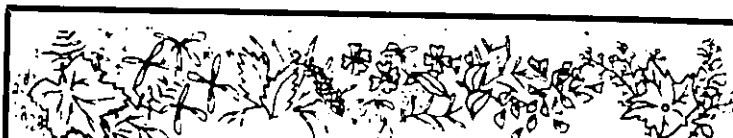
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VOORHEESVILLE Board acts fast on zoning plea

Voorheesville's village board was expected to hand down a decision at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday of this week on the petition for a zoning change that has sharply divided village residents into two groups. The controversy between two funeral directors who live two houses apart has caused neighbors to take sides, partially through principles involving the zoning proposal itself and partially through friendship or choosing between two personalities.

A public hearing that was

widely publicized through paid advertisements in the Albany newspapers and through a news article in last week's Spotlight drew an overflow crowd to the village hall last Tuesday. More than 40 spectators had crowded into the second-floor steambox by the time the hearing began at 7:35, and when it ended an hour later there were more than 60 people in the room, the doorways and the stairwell.

The issue shaped up like this: Bruce G. Brunk is a third-generation funeral director who operates the only mortuary business in the village from his residence at 28 Voorheesville Ave., the community's axial thoroughfare. Herbert W. Reilly, Jr. operates a successful funeral business in Albany with his father, but is raising nine children in his modest house at 22 Voorheesville Ave. and has been active in local civic, political and social organizations. Across the street and down the block is a large, 10-room stucco and frame house, built in 1900, on half an acre that Reilly wants to buy as a residence for his family and to establish a funeral home of his own. The house, at 9 Voorheesville Ave., is in a B-Residential zone, like most of the village. The zone's permitted land uses do not include funeral homes.

Reilly's petition for a zoning amendment to add funeral homes to the list stirred a strong reaction at No. 28.



Part of the full house at Voorheesville's zoning hearing. Above, Marie Schneider makes her point. *Spotlight photos*



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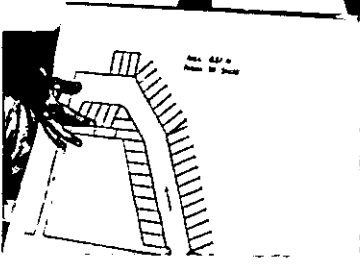
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Principles and principals in Voorheesville controversy: Herbert W. Reilly, Jr., left, and Bruce G. Brunk. On the cover: the large house at 9 Voorheesville Ave., focal point in the zoning issue.

Brunk launched the equivalent of a political campaign, taking out a series of paid ads in the Albany papers over three weeks and an ad in the Altamont Enterprise, traditionally the most widely-read weekly in the village. He also distributed handbills addressed to "Citizens and Homeowners of Voorheesville," urging villagers to turn out for last week's hearing. Excerpts: "Are you interested in the protection of your home? Let's keep zoning as it has been given to us for the security and peace of mind we desire . . . Let's keep old Voorheesville village beautiful as we have strived to do in the past!" In one of the flyers Brunk stated he had offered to sell all or part of his business to Reilly, but that Reilly had made no reply. For his part Reilly declined to campaign, and was on vacation most of the week prior to the hearing.

At the hearing, the sweltering audience heard presentations by both principals and noted the contrast in the two personalities: Brunk 54, a soft-spoken, traditional man whose two grown children have opted not to carry on the family business; Reilly, 38, a road-runner and town councilman who is confident that somewhere among the nine children in his household a third-generation funeral director will emerge.

At the hearing Reilly showed a chart with 38 parking spaces

he said would be "made available for any activity of the village or the church for extra parking," and added: "I could keep it (the house at No. 9) up and make it look nice." Brunk, speaking from notes, declared that "a precedent will be set that will endanger the future of the village . . . Let someone who wants to come in buy a commercial property and pay commercial prices. I don't feel the size (1250 acres) and population (about 3,300) of the village warrants a second funeral home." Robert Roche, Reilly's attorney and ex-college roommate, commented that Brunk's opposition was "purely economic," and observed that "the man who opposes this (petition) has a corner on the market."

Others among the dozen speakers voiced mixed opinions. Ed Newcombe, Altamont Rd., to a "traffic bottleneck . . . take the park completely out." Dr. Cliff Casey, Roosevelt Ave., said a funeral home "is preferable to apartments. I would support the change." Steven Schreiber, a transplanted New Yorker: "I oppose the change." Jim Fisch, 99 Maple Ave., who lives seven houses from the pivotal house: "I think it would be a good business and I'm in favor of it."

Later in the week Brunk asked Wenzel for another public hearing, but the mayor rejected the request. Brunk said he made the request because "I didn't get a fair shake, a lot of

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people came to the hearing thinking they would get a chance to vote, but didn't get the chance." Brunk then instituted a petition and solicited signatures from people he said were unable to attend the hearing and wanted to register opposition. He said he and his wife personally canvassed the village on foot and by car collecting signatures, and were helped by a neighbor. By Sunday, Brunk said, he had "a couple hundred" names on the sheets.

Wenzel pointed out that votes are not taken at public hearings, but that the board "would take into consideration" the text of the petition.

By the weekend, when the Spotlight went to press, there was no indication how the board would vote, but unofficial sources close to the village hall indicated that with only one property involved and a special use permit requiring a subsequent public hearing, there would be little ground on which to reject Reilly's petition.

Seminar for aging

The Center for the Study of Aging, Inc. will present the sixth annual "Fitness After Fifty—Better Life Styles," a weekend seminar with workshops, demonstrations and national leaders Oct. 6-8 at the Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville.

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Church closing charity shop

For seven years parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar have contributed clothing and other items to a Give and Take shop. Next week will be the last for that popular project, which must give way to the expediency of a new outside entrance and renovations to the interior of the rectory basement at 35 Adams Pl.

The Parish Council made the reluctant decision this summer, effective Sept. 1, but noted that when an emergency arises the telephone committees in both the Altar-Rosary Society and the XPM Youth Group will contact parishioners quickly enough to secure clothing and other needed items.

Attending conference

The New Scotland town board has authorized Highway Supt. Peter Van Zetten to attend the state conference of highway superintendents and a superintendents' "school" Sept. 26-28 at Kiamesha Lake.

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Diana Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker, Jordan Blvd., Delmar, is a full-time Christian missionary in Haiti with Worldteam, an international Christian mission serving in 14 countries.

Diana, a 1970 Bethlehem Central High School graduate, vacationed during July with her parents and visited her many friends at Bethlehem Community Church, which numbers Diana among its missionary commitments.

The young missionary calls Aux Cayes home on the West Indies Island, where she serves at Centre Lumiere (Center of Light), a teacher training center for gifted Haitian girls, where they learn nutrition, sewing, embroidery and many other practical craft skills. They, in turn, train Christian women at craft centers located throughout southern Haiti. This

enables many Haitian women to earn incomes while meeting needs in their own homes as well. The craft centers themselves are a part of a community program through which the mission is assisting the churches and seeking to meet the needs of the total person.

Diana received a master's degree in Bible and Missionary Studies from Columbia (S.C.) Bible College. She earned her BA degree at Buffalo State University, majoring in home economics and education. While at Buffalo, she was an active member of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Three weeks spent in Guatemala at an Inter-Varsity overseas training camp convinced Diana that she was being called to the mission field. Her Haitian opportunity came when an assistant was needed for Luise Schurer, a German missionary who had started the teacher training center in Aux Cayes. Diana began her service at Centre Lumiere in September, 1977, as an assistant, and is currently replacing Miss Schurer, who is on furlough until March, 1979.

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Class size vs. quality

Editor, The Spotlight:

We soon will be billed for school taxes which will be due in September. Because of an aggressive teachers' union and a compliant board of education, we will be paying more taxes than we should.

To explain, the average number of kids in a class in Bethlehem Central is about 23. At St. Thomas School, classes run as high as 35 and parents pay tuition to send their kids to the St. Thomas School. Evidently the parents think the quality of education is better, or they would not spend the extra money for tuition.

In Watervliet, school classes were averaging about 20. However, their board of education had more backbone than ours and came out of their teacher negotiations with an agreement to increase the class size to 28. I doubt if the

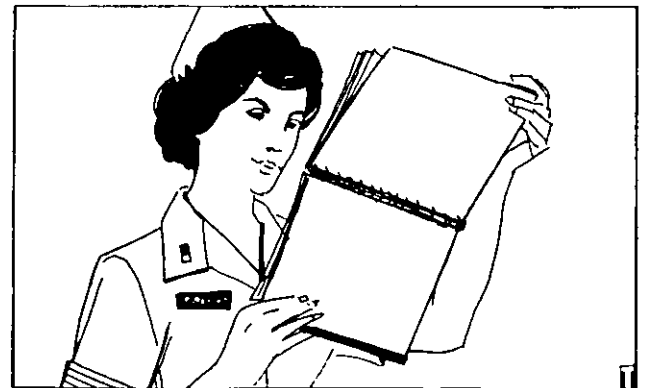
quality of education will suffer in Watervliet. In fact, according to the N.Y. Times, a new Educational Research Service study on class size states "decades of research on the issue fail to justify small overall reductions in class size or pupil-teacher ratio by a school board as a matter of general policy." To quote further, "The evidence is that within the mid-range of about 25-34 pupils, class size seems to have little if any decisive impact on the academic achievement of most pupils in most subjects above the primary grades." If we had an average of 35 students to a classroom instead of 23, we would need about one third fewer teachers. Our expenditures for teachers for 1978-79 is budgeted at \$4,648,580. If we could cut that expense one third or \$1,549,527, your individual school tax bill could be reduced at least 13 percent.

If we had an average of 28 kids to a class instead of the present 23, we would need 18 percent fewer teachers and our taxes could be reduced at least 7 percent.

If we really want to improve the quality of education, we should improve the quality of teaching. In Texas when applicants for teacher's positions were given a high school equivalency test, a surprising

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number failed although they were college graduates. In recent years, some colleges have had so many odd-ball courses that it is possible to get a college degree and still not have a well rounded education.

Incidentally, Bethlehem also has offered odd-ball subjects such as Guitar Playing, Think (that is the course name), The American Woman, Music in Modern American Society (course about you and rock music). Living on Your Own, Detective Fiction, Aesthetic Environment and others. If the kids act zany at times, it could be the courses they take that make them act that way. The worst of it is that we, the taxpayers, shell out good hard earned money for this nonsense.

The slogan of Bethlehem Central teachers seems to be that smaller classes make for quality education, a nebulous term which probably has a different meaning to every person. The truth is that teachers can con the board of education into agreeing to smaller classes by a "quality of education" smoke screen, it obviously means less work for the teachers. If the bricklayers' union should try to con the contractors into agreeing that they should only lay 50 bricks per day instead of the 400 or whatever because the quality of bricklaying would be impaired, I am sure that the bricklayers would get a big laugh. But,

somehow, our board of education has fallen for this nonsense.

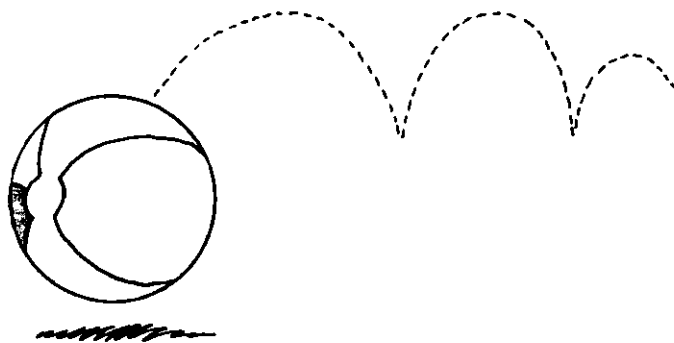
In this day and age, anyone who works for any governmental agency, Federal, State or Schools, expects to be paid more and work less than in private industry. As the success of Proposition 13 in California proved, taxes can be lowered as John Dyson and Nicholas Kisburg are quoted in the Knickerbocker News as saying, "This attitude of government—the more you make, the more we take—must go. Sheep do not as a rule object to being sheared, but few are anxious to be skinned."

If you think you are being skinned, get involved. As some one has well said, "It won't get better until you get involved."

Werner P. Liebich

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The Bethlehem school system is blessed with many conscientious, hard-working teachers who privately do not support the local union's cry-baby, give-me-mine policies. These teachers give and will give quality education regardless of numbers. Unfortunately, the combination of an avaricious union whose leadership has permitted greed to obscure the principles of their trade, formerly a profession, and compliant school boards such as ours has saddled dedicated teachers with a statewide public stigma they do not deserve. Ed.



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