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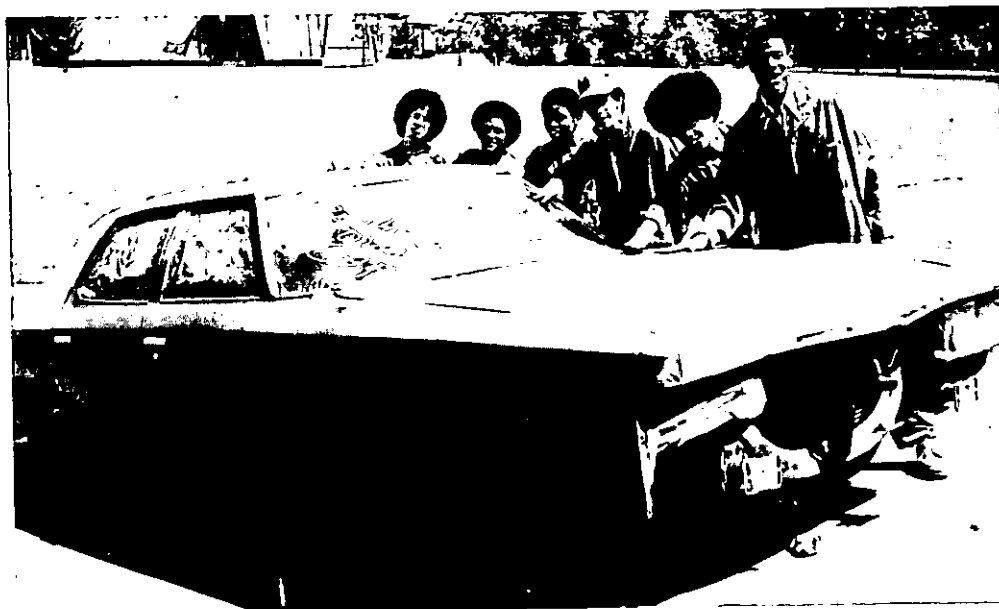
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Onesquethaw O.E.S., first and third Wednesdays, Mascnic Temple, Delmar

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

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

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Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, American Legion, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, general meeting, first Mondays, 8 p.m.

American Legion luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, second Thursdays, 12 noon.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Mon.-Fri. 1-4:30 p.m. 439-2238.

Bethlehem Memorial Auxillary to Post 3185, VFW, third Mondays, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

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

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

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Bethlehem Middle School Winter Music Festival, Part 1, 8 p.m.

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Santa Comes to Delaware Plaza, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Christmas meeting, Tawasentha Chapter, DAR, Good Citizens Awards, Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, 12:30 p.m.

"The Seahorse," Slingerlands Community Players, Unionville Playhouse, 8:30 p.m.

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Adult Information class, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, "Baptism," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Lunch with Santa, 5th annual benefit for White Christmas Fund, sponsored by Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Children \$1, with or without parents.

Free career and educational counseling, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

Christmas tea, Hannakrois chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, speaker, NYS Vice Regent Mrs. Ralph E. Theobald, Bethlehem Museum, Cedar Hill, Rt. 144, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Christmas Tea, town of Bethlehem Historical Assn., Schoolhouse Museum, Cedar Hill, 3-6 p.m. Guests welcome.

Annual family holiday program, make ornaments, film, puppet show, carols, refreshments, Bethlehem Library, 2-4 p.m.

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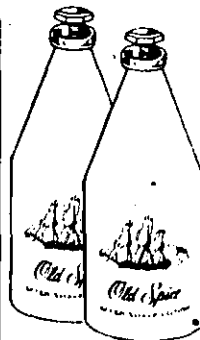
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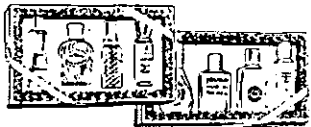
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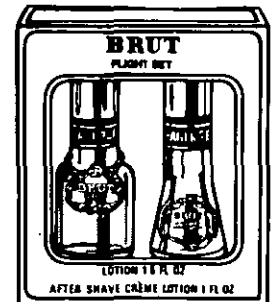
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"The Seahorse," Slingerlands Community Players, Unionville Playhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Voters meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

Delmar Progress Club, Creative Arts and Garden Group meet to decorate the Bethlehem Library, 9 a.m.

Clarksville School, Winter Music Festival, 7:30 p.m.

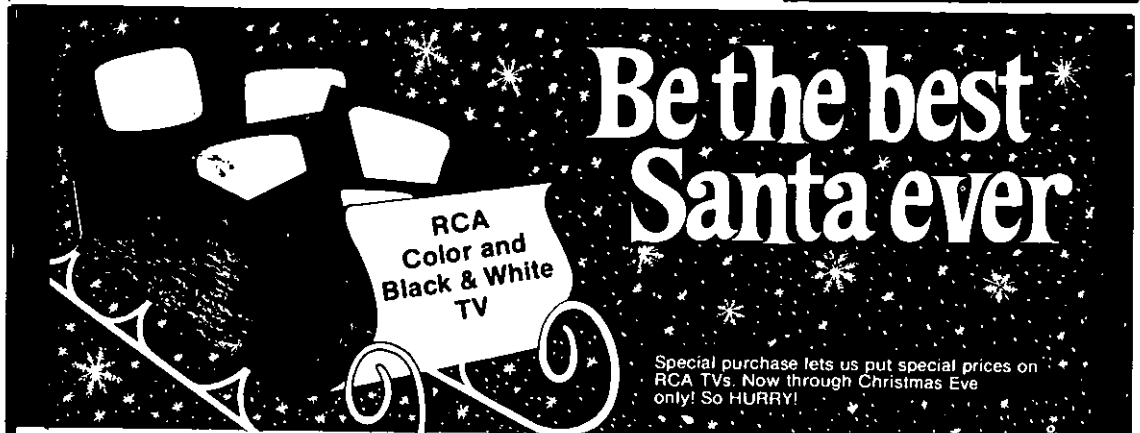
Women's Fellowship, Bethlehem Community Church, presenting "The Joyous Gift," Christmas pageant, Mrs. Gerald Winn, musical director, at the church, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Kiwanis Club, La Casa Restaurant, Rt. 9W, 6:15 p.m.

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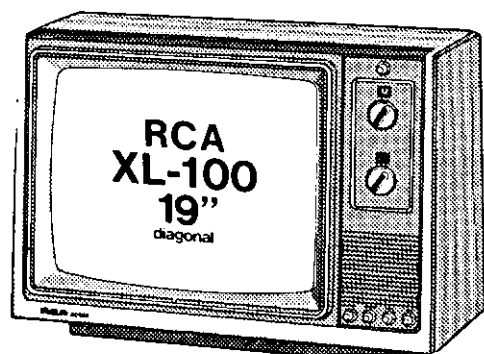


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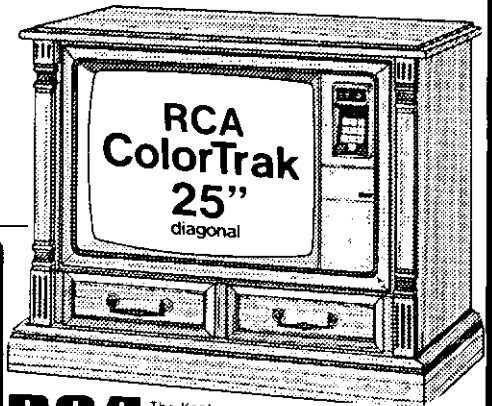
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Bethlehem town board, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

Annual fire department elections, to elect fire commissioners, balloting in district fire houses, 7-10 p.m. Delmar fire district also votes on two referendums on fire trucks.

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

Elsmere School Music Program, 7:30 p.m.

Rotary Club of Delmar, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Free blood pressure clinic, sponsored by American Heart Assn. and Onesquethaw Fire Co., Onesquethaw fire house, Plank Rd., Clarks-ville, 7-9 p.m. Fire Co. members will be present to answer questions about ambulances, etc.

Slingerlands School, Winter Festival, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Party, Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Dept., cocktail hour followed by roast beef dinner, firehouse, 6 p.m.

Christmas dinner, Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Co. A, fire hall, 6:30 p.m. Members are requested to bring their own place setting. Gifts will be exchanged.

Adult information class, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, "Holy Communion," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Middle School, Winter Music Festival, Part 2, 8 p.m.

Blanchard Post, American Legion, luncheon, noon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Film, "Brightly of Grand Canyon," Bethlehem Library, 3:30-5 p.m.

Community recycling program, sponsored by United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, back parking lot of the church, throughout the weekend.

Bethlehem Republican dinner, 19th annual, Polish Community Center, Albany, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Free career and educational counseling, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Annual "Hanging of the Greens," festival, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3 p.m.

Legion egg nog party, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, post rooms, Elsmere.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Book discussion group, "Beggar in Jerusalem," Elie Wiesel, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Party, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary, cocktail hour followed by roast beef dinner, post rooms, Elsmere, 6:30 p.m. Reservations must be made with Chairman Ron Moesser by Dec. 12.

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

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," Christmas opera by Menotti, State University Music and Theatre Depts., Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 9, 2 and 7 p.m. PAC box office 457-8608 weekdays, Colonie Center Box Office, 458-7530. \$3, students, SCs \$2.

"The Birthday Party," Harold Pinter, Junior College of Albany Theatre Arts Dept., JCA Theatre, Dec. 8-9, 15-16, 8 p.m. 445-1725.

"Chile Today, Guacamole," 89th annual Princeton Triangle Club Broadway-style musical revue spoofing contemporary America (on tour), Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Theatre ("The Egg"), Dec. 18, 8:30 p.m. Ticket information, 465-7581; also Community Box Office, Colonie Center, 458-7530. \$7, students \$4.

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra, Julius Hegyi conducting, Haydn, Nielson, Dvorak's "New World," Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 9, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.

"Christmas Oratorio," (J.S. Bach), Cantata Choir, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, Dec. 10, 3 p.m. \$2 donation.

Concert, SUNYA Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble, Main Theater, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Free.

University Community Symphony Orchestra, Findlay Cockrell conducting, Main State, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 12, 8:30 p.m. Free.

Traditional Winter Concert, Mendelssohn Club of Albany, 75-voice male chorus, guests Thursday Musical Club (Schenectady) women's chorus, Chancellor's Hall, Albany, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Tickets 436-9849 or at door.

ART

Exhibition of paintings by Robert Longley and John Lancaster, Arts Center of the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Dec. 3-22, weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5.

Historic Courthouses, photographic exhibit, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Dec. 17.

"Young American Printmakers," etchings and lithographs from 20 universities, State University Art Gallery, Dec. 1-20, Tues.-Fri. 9-5, Thurs. 'til 8, weekends 1-4.

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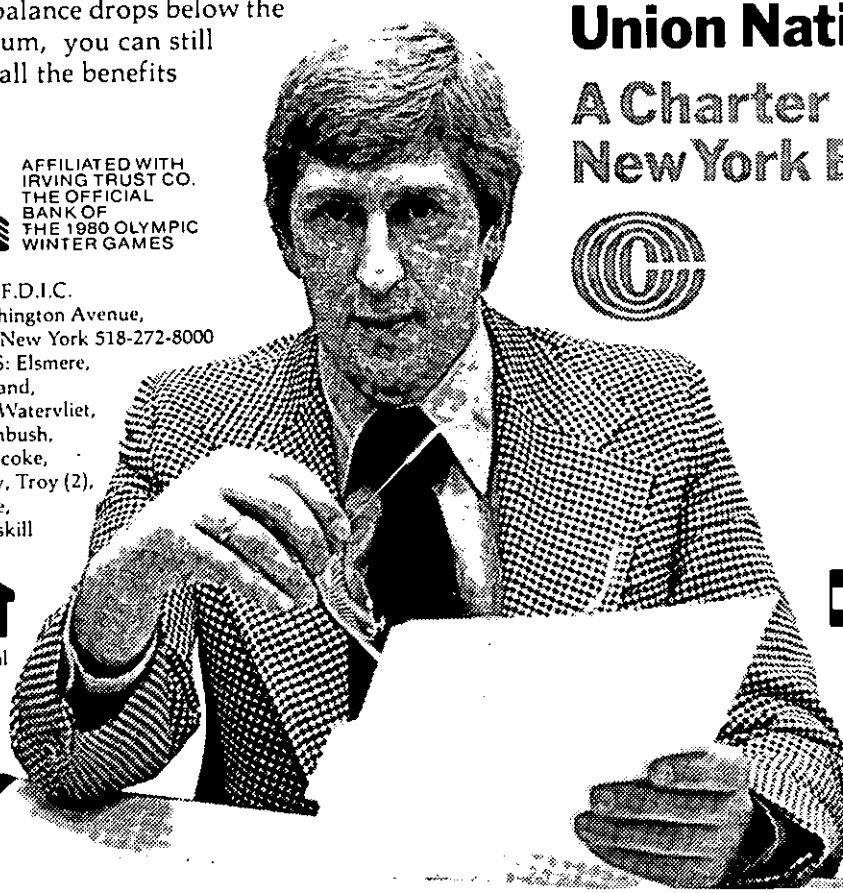


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Highway planning: a glimmer of hope for Rt. 85

State and regional highway planners who for more than a decade have ignored Bethlehem's classic traffic bottlenecks have given local motorists a modest ray of hope that the notorious Rt. 85 will be improved.

A spokesman for the Capital District Transportation Committee, which controls regional highway priorities, said a half-mile extension of the so-called Slingerlands By-pass from Mahar Rd. to LaGrange Rd. to connect with the Cherry Ave.

Extension "is programmed" for going to contract in the fiscal year 1980-81.

Being "programmed" is State Dept. of Transportation (DOT) language for listing the project on a preliminary schedule the spokesman said was

"still tentative." He added, however, that the 24-member CDTC has allocated funds for the project on a tentative basis, and that the project is in a "preliminary planning state" at the DOT.

But highway officials offered Bethlehem and New Scotland drivers zero hope for two other critically needed road projects: extension of the Slingerlands Bypass from LaGrange Rd. and Cherry Ave. to Rt. 85A at the Stonewell shopping center, and elimination of the Rt. 9 bottleneck at the Normanskill viaduct at the Albany city line.

Donald Geoffroy, DOT regional director, also dashed cold water on prospects for resurfacing Rt. 85 between the New Scotland town hall and the hamlet of New Salem. This heavily traveled section of the Capital District's major link with Thacher Park and the Helderberg area is pock-marked with pavement patches and is reminiscent of highways of the 1930s.

In a compromise with several hundred protesting residents of Slingerlands, the DOT last year resurfaced a section of the highway between the Toll Gate intersection and New Scotland. As a concession to the controversy, the department moderated its plans to widen the highway, leaving scores of valuable shade trees in the residential area of Slingerlands intact. The project also left intact several "blind" hills and the infamous sloping curve at Caldwell Blvd. with its utility pole that has abruptly halted scores of eastbound motorists over the years.

The stretch of Rt. 85 between Cherry Ave. Extension and the Blue Cross regional head-

Drivers gnash teeth at 'fragile half mile'

That notorious two-lane stretch of Rt. 85 between Cherry Ave. and the Blue Cross building in Slingerlands represents the thinnest transportation thread in the Capital District.

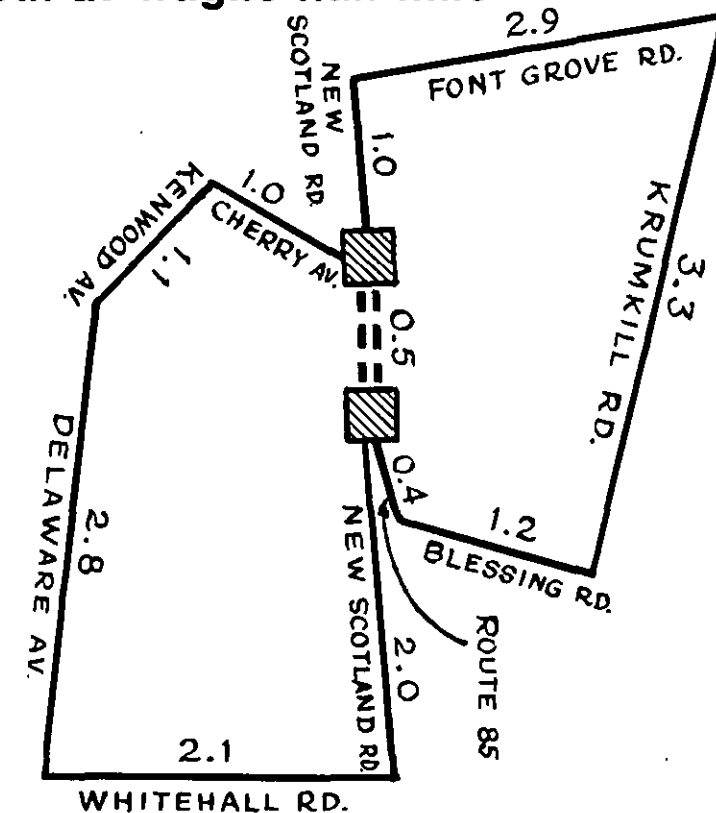
Police love it because it provides the most secure emergency roadblock within 100 miles of Albany, but rush-hour drivers hate it.

In the winter it means a delay of an hour to an hour and a half during any snowstorm. In the summer the bottleneck costs only five to 10 minutes in rush hour.

Drivers shudder at the thought of any happenstance that would close off that most fragile half-mile—a washout, cavein, traffic accident, fallen wires, whatnot.

By a quirk of geography, the myopia of highway planners and the scarcity of bridges over the Normanskill, any detour would be some 17 times longer than the stretch itself. That's really fragile.

Incredible? Picture a motorist en route to the Blue Cross building encountering a roadblock at the intersection of Cherry Ave. Extension and New Scotland Rd. Which way is the shortest and fastest around the horn?



Two options: Kenwood Ave., through Delmar and backtrack via Whitehall Rd. That's exactly nine miles on the odometer, 11 traffic lights and a minimum of 20 minutes, probably more.

Or, west through Slingerlands to Font Grove Rd. to Krumkill Rd. to Blessing Rd. back to the misnamed Slingerlands Bypass, which doesn't yet by-pass Slingerlands and probably won't before 1990, if ever.

This route is shorter: it's only 8.8 miles to the Blue Cross, and there's only one traffic light.

The fragility of this hourglass half-mile is easily explained: the only two parallel roads are Kenwood Ave. and Krumkill Rd., and they are too far away to be of much help. The nearest bridges over the Normanskill are on Delaware Ave. in Elsmere and Krumkill Rd. in the town of New Scotland.



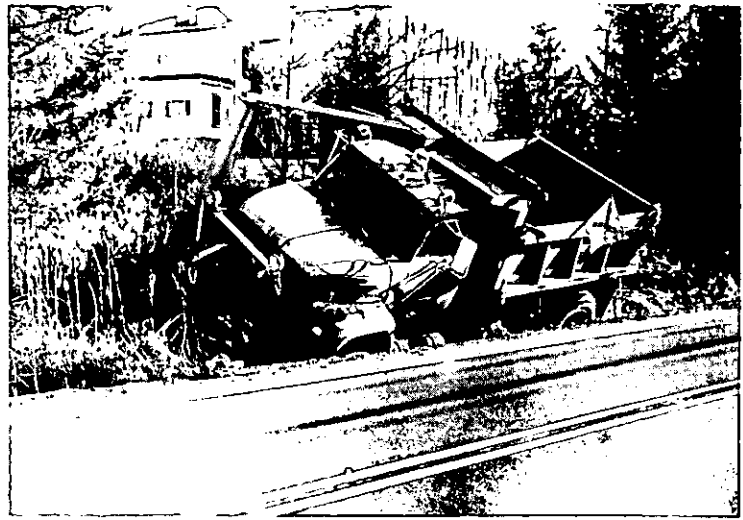
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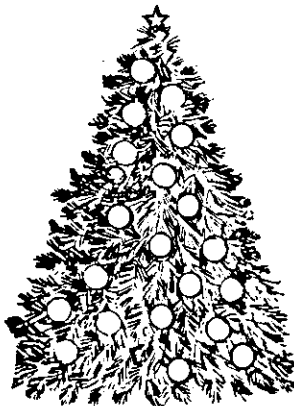
quarters building has been called the area's "most fragile half-mile" because there is no parallel artery within a mile of it and the shortest route to bypass it is nearly nine miles long. The road, long a major traffic bottleneck, is becoming increasingly congested as traffic volume serving the growing residential areas of Slingerlands, Delmar, Voorheesville and New Scotland pour more

and more traffic into the single, two-lane artery.

The jam will be alleviated in the mid-1980s if the CDTC gives priority to the Mahar Rd. extension.

"All I can say now is that it is part of the current regional plan drawn up seven years ago," the DOT spokesman told the Spotlight. "We are now in the process of updating that plan. We're reviewing the population forecast to determine that that corridor is deficient, but we won't know for another 12-18 months."

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number of commuting drivers who clog the half-mile funnel from a wide geographical semi-circle feeding into Cherry Ave. and New Scotland Rd. The only alternate routes to Albany offices and jobs are Delaware Ave. and Rt. 9W, which also have bottlenecks caused by long-outdated facilities. For the Voorheesville area, the lone alternative is Rt. 155 with its unbroken three-mile no-passing zone on a hilly, curving two-lane road.

Residents in the Helderhill area of New Scotland have organized a petition campaign to get action on the bumpy pavement of Rt. 85 west of the Conrail overpass. Said one resident:

"The road now is pock-marked with cold patches that won't last to the first frost heave. The pavement is rough and deteriorating rapidly. The width is obsolete by federal standards, the shoulders are woefully inadequate and there are no provisions for safety. From an engineering standpoint, it is assinine to improve the beginning and end of this stretch while doing nothing in between."

Clarksville health clinic

A free blood pressure clinic sponsored by the American Heart Assoc. and the Onesquethaw Fire Co. will be held at the Onesquethaw Fire House on Plank Rd., Clarksville, Dec. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Firemen will be present to answer questions.

LATE BULLETIN

Less than 20 minutes before this issue of the Spotlight was to go to press, word was received from the State DOT that it had allocated \$400,000 for resurfacing the 3.4-mile section of Rt. 85 between the New Scotland town hall and the hamlet of New Salem. The work will be completed in 1979, and includes some work on drainage culverts, the announcement said.

Although the notice carried a November date, it apparently escaped the attention of the DOT's regional director, Donald Geoffroy. Geoffroy told the Spotlight Friday he knew of no projects slated for the Bethlehem-New Scotland area in the near future after being asked specifically about Rt. 85 and Rt. 9W, information that was included in the above article.

Church vandalized

A vandal who entered the Marantha Apostolic Pentecostal Church on Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, the night of Nov. 28 ransacked two offices and tried to pry open a small safe, but nothing was reported missing, according to Bethlehem police. The intruder broke a rear ground-level window, tried to force several doors inside, and smashed two potted plants, police said.

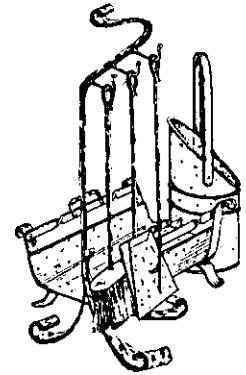
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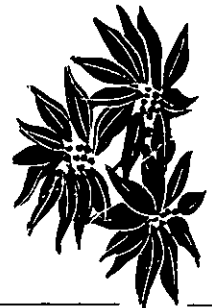
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Local fire halls will become polling places in their own right Tuesday evening on the occasion of the annual fire district elections, held each year on the second Tuesday of December.

Fire district elections normally attract few voters other than the firemen and their families. Such is the case this year in most local districts, with the exception of the Delmar Fire District, where a mildly controversial referendum on the purchase of a new pumper-ladder truck is on the ballot. Several taxpayers in the Delmar district have privately questioned the need for a replacement pumper with an additional \$45,000 in auxiliary equipment, including a ladder system for fighting fires in large buildings, but only one resident voiced public opposition via a letter to the Vox Pop column in the Spotlight.

Gerald Day, a commissioner of the district, said the Delmar board of fire commissioners felt that a 1,250-gallons-per-minute pumper-ladder combination "is needed to adequately provide the protection needed in the district...and provide a greater margin of safety to our fire-fighters in performing their duties."

Day denied the proposed purchase duplicated the function of the Elsmere Fire Co.'s 85-foot "snorkel," and said the new truck would be financed without increasing taxes. "This equipment will be paid for from the reserve funds and through savings in operations over the next several years, at which time we would expect that the new piece will be delivered and placed in service."

The new truck would replace a 1966 pumper that has two years remaining of the 15-year "normal" period before the fire truck is considered obsolete, Delmar Fire Chief William Wright said. "We want to turn this one in while we can still get a good price for it, and it will take two years to get delivery on the new truck." A straight replacement truck now costs approximately \$105,000, he said.

Day said the department planned to finance the new truck by allocating \$75,000 from the capital reserve fund and borrowing up to \$75,000 through issuing serial bonds.

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one to authorize purchase of the pumper-ladder and the other to authorize the financing by tapping the reserve fund and floating a bond issue.

Delmar district voters also will elect a new fire commissioner to fill the unexpired term of the late commissioner Blake Case, who died in August, and to elect a commissioner to a regular five-year term. Also on the ballot is the office of district treasurer for a three-year term.

In Slingerlands, John Pendleton is seeking a five-year term as commissioner and Walter Roberts a two-year term as treasurer. Both are incumbents.

In Elsmere, incumbents Richard Hendrick and Gordon Morris are seeking reelection as fire commissioner, five years, and secretary-treasurer, two years, respectively.

Charles Fritts of Glenmont is seeking a new five-year term as fire commissioner in balloting at Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 2 fire house in Glenmont.

Polls are open at all fire stations from 7 to 10 p.m.

Homemakers celebrate

Glenmont Homemakers will meet Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. at Glenmont Community Reformed Church. The group will have a Christmas party arranged by Linda Lamauree, chairman; Kathy Lanahan, Ruth McGraw, Isabel Heilman, Norma Goodrich, Jeanne

Oathout and Sandy Callaghan. Miss Petra Visch, an exchange student from the Netherlands who has been living with the Robert Burns family in Glenmont, will be the guest of honor.

Candlelight concert

The Capital District and Northeastern chapter of the American Recorder Society will present a candlelight concert, Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. at the Helderberg Reformed Church, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center. A free will offering will be taken. A social hour will follow the concert.

Town budget open

A summary of the town of Bethlehem's 1979 budget showing the allocations of federal revenue funds is available for public inspection at the town hall, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, according to an announcement by Marion T. Camp, town clerk. Hours are 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays.

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VOORHEESVILLE Board to decide on funeral home

As a spectator attraction, Voorheesville's marathon funeral home controversy has been losing its appeal: only 14 residents showed up at Public Hearing IV last week and the excitement was nil. It started with an overflow crowd in August, dwindled to 35 in September and 25 in early November.

Even fewer were expected this week when the five-member zoning board of appeals was to hear the petition of a second undertaker-applicant, Benjamin Meyers of Delmar, for a special use permit to establish a mortuary on Maple Ave. opposite the Grand Union.

The board, chaired by Edward R. Smith, was expected to approve the application by Herbert W. Reilly, Jr. of Voorheesville to convert the 10-room residence at 9 Voorheesville Ave. into a funeral home. Reilly's petition, originally filed in August, has been reviewed and rewritten in a fourth-month struggle against bureaucratic red tape through three local boards and one county board along with a raft of state environmental requirements.

Bruce G. Brunk, proprietor of Voorheesville's only funeral home, continued his long battle to block the application. Brunk registered the only formal

opposition at last week's hearing, which was postponed from Nov. 6 by a legal technicality.

Unless a new and unexpected technicality crops up, the board has little choice other than to approve the petition. Reilly's presentation of an eight-count documentation of compliance with governmental requirements, which was accepted by the board in a public statement at the hearing, virtually assured the applicant of a favorable ruling.

Brunk, however, submitted a number of letters and a citizen petition he said contained 114 signatures in opposition to Reilly's application. "I probably do 42-45 funerals a year," he told the board, "and the need has never exceeded my capacity in serving this village of 3,300 residents. I'm protesting this special use permit on the basis of additional traffic hazards. The public convenience and welfare will not be served by granting this permit."

Smith said Reilly's application had been approved by the village planning commission and the Albany County planning board.

Tea at museum

The Bethlehem Historical Assn. will hold its annual Christmas silver tea on Dec. 10 from 3-6 p.m. at the museum in the Old Cedar Hill School House, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill. Friends and prospective members are invited.

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Previously only cafeteria workers and bus drivers were required by state law to take a physical exam. The board decision would guard against new workers who arrive on the job with a pre-existing health problem.

"The district wants to be sure that someone coming to work carrying with them a health problem will not get workman's compensation," says Ann Treadway, a spokesman for the board. "The decision will be protection from all kinds of claims where there may have been a pre-existing condition."

Cubs hear speaker

Cub Scout Pack 81 of Selkirk learned how mountains are formed at the Nov. 29 pack meeting at A.W. Becker School. Don Videgar, a geologist studying at SUNY at Albany gave a slide talk in conjunction with the scouting theme of the month, "High Country". The pack is conducting their paper drive for another week. Anyone who has papers to contribute can call 767-9288 or 439-2162.

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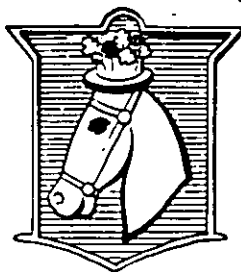
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BETHLEHEM Family to sue in cycle death

The mother of a 19-year-old Albany youth who was killed when his motorcycle went out of control and crashed during a police chase has served legal papers on the town of Bethlehem.

Mrs. Rose Mary L. Deaton, 172 Whitehall Rd., last week filed a notice of claim against the town, a legal technicality

preliminary to suing for damages. The notice stated that Mrs. Deaton intended to seek \$200,000 in damages for the "wrongful death" of her son, Edward E. Deaton, last Oct. 11.

The legal paper contends the youth was struck by a police car operated "in a negligent manner" by a Bethlehem police officer.

Deaton was fatally injured when his motorcycle crashed on New Scotland Ave., Albany, about 150 feet east of Krumkill Rd. Reports of the incident in the police files in Albany and in Bethlehem state the police car, operated by Officer Theodore Wilson, had pursued Deaton on Delaware Ave. and Whitehall Rd. just prior to the accident at 5:19 a.m., but there was no mention in the reports that the car had struck the cycle.

Wilson's report said the pursuit began on Delaware Ave., Elsmere, west of the Normanskill viaduct as a result of an alleged traffic violation by the cyclist. James H. Doran, Albany attorney retained by Mrs. Deaton, said the accident resulted from "an illegal pursuit," contending that "there was no reason for the chase."

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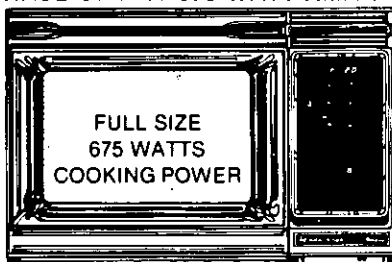
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Bethlehem Video, Inc. has advised Bethlehem town officials it intends to file for a rate increase for local subscribers to its cable television service.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the notice received in town hall Monday did not specify how much of a rate hike the firm would seek.

Under present law, the town board must hold a public hearing before it considers an application for a rate increase. Cable TV rates have been rising in other areas, a spokesman for the firm said.

Corrigan's comment: "We will schedule a hearing when they submit a proposed rate schedule. The burden of proof is on them."

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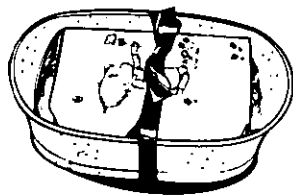
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The pageant under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Winn involves over 50 people. Musical effects will be provided by Dorothy Nelson playing the marimba, flutes will be played by Jean Rainkin and Mrs.

Richard Pierce, and Mrs. David Bittner and Fred Eckel will provide the string portion. Mrs. James Hale will play the piano and organ.

Lamaze classes start

Classes in the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth will begin the weeks of Dec. 4 and Dec. 18 in Albany. Women should plan to begin the six-week series of classes at the end of the seventh month of pregnancy. For information contact Melody Brennan, 439-6353, or Ethel Cooper, 765-4572.

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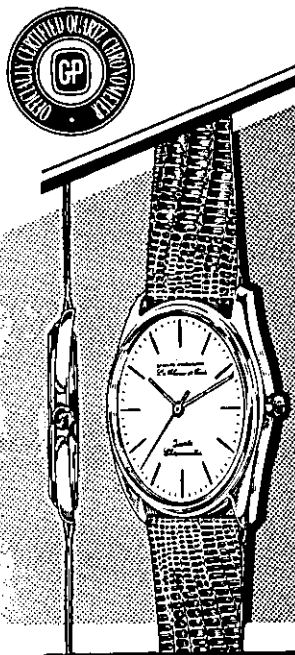
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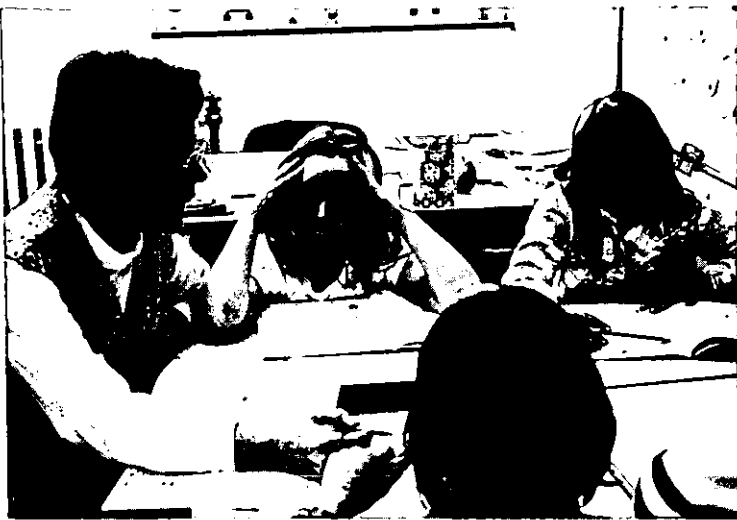


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At Voorheesville Elementary School, Jeannette Ochse, center, listens intently as Mrs. Gail Michalak leads a reading lesson. That's Vicky Mercer on the right. *photo by Fran Smollar*

BETHLEHEM

Home decoration competition on

The Bethlehem Garden Club is sponsoring a holiday home decorating contest for the residents of the town of Bethlehem.

The announcement said the club initiated the contest to encourage natural beautification, and prizes will be awarded to the most attractive outdoor arrangements using natural materials such as pine cones, teasel and greens.

Judging of the decorations will be done the week after Christmas by the members of the beautification and conservation committee composed of Jeanne Brown, Mrs. Sam D.

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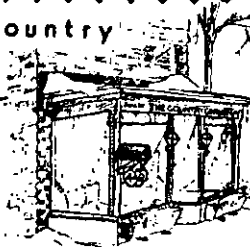


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Kids losing their 'YES man'

As Rex Trobridge prepares to retire, he is not reluctant to admit that he has been a YES man for eight years.

Trobridge will soon step down as director of Bethlehem's Youth Employment Service (YES), a position he has held since 1970 when the service was organized at the request of town residents.

"I told town Supervisor (Bertram Kohinke) that I'd get YES off the ground, but there was no blueprint involved," said Trobridge of the organization that he has since almost single-handedly run. "I had to set up my own rules. I wasn't told what to do at all, and I've been my own boss completely. The only plan was to help young people between 14 and college age get work."

Finding work for the community's young adults he did, filling 531 jobs the first year and 5,227 jobs during his eight-year stay. That kind of performance drew few complaints, and the job seems to agree with Trobridge, a tall man with a full head of silver hair who looks much younger than his 69 years.

"I'm happy with this job," says Trobridge, smiling. "It's kept me off the streets."

In the beginning the job also kept him busy. "It was a good



Rex Trobridge

six months before I got the control system finalized," he says. He decided to operate on a variable schedule, mornings in the summer and afternoons the rest of the year, to make the service more available to prospective employees. Basing the service on business techniques, he installed an answering service, organized a list of jobs available, and began a log book of everything that transpired in the office.

Right from the start he was matching eager young workers with jobs in the business sector and in the home services field, mainly handyman work, babysitting and housework. Trobridge feels his office provides a "community service" for Bethlehem and its residents.

"The biggest satisfaction for me was to get in community service for the first time in my life," he says. "It's given me a

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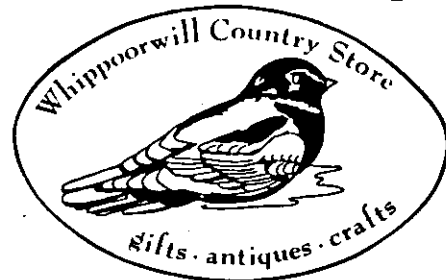
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chance to settle down quietly and become part of community life."

Children have been another bonus for Trobridge, who is both a father and grandfather. "Working with kids increases your respect for them," he says, remembering the children he has seen come and go in the troubled 70's. "In the last three years kids seemed to become more responsible. They went through a wild confused stage, but we all have to be more patient."

The nature of his job puts considerable responsibility on his broad shoulders. "We're in a position of considerable trust, kind of a 'proxy parent'," he acknowledges. "Some kids won't listen to parents, but will listen to a stranger."

And if the job situation is grim, Trobridge won't hesitate to suggest a little initiative. "We encourage them to get out on their own and do some door-to-door knocking, particularly kids under 14. I tell them to walk down the streets ringing door bells."

In the future, Trobridge plans to "relax, take life easy and enjoy my grandchildren."

His resignation was received by the town board last week. A successor is not expected to be announced for several weeks.

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The seminar, one of 10 held so far in states from Ohio to Texas, is led by professional instructors sponsored by the National Fire Protection Assn. Among the attendees in Elsmere will be representatives of most area fire departments, several industrial firms, and trucking companies, Civil Defense officials from Harrisburg, Pa., and the Connecticut State Police. The seminar is co-sponsored by the town of Bethlehem.

Of particular local interest are the 963 slides which illustrate the three-day program, many of which were filmed in



Professional cameramen shooting slides in Elsmere. *Spotlight*

Elsmere by a camera crew operating in the Elsmere firehouse and the fire training facility off Kenwood Ave.

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Board approves student tuition

A Bethlehem Central High School sophomore will be able to continue with her class until graduation despite her family's move outside the school district.

The Bethlehem board of education last week approved the application of Vincent O'Leary, 113 Berwick Rd., Delmar, on behalf of his daughter, Catherine, a member of the class of 1981. O'Leary, recently named president of the State University of New York at Albany, is moving into a residence at 1751 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, which has been leased by the state for his family.

The 13-room dwelling, located on a 13-acre estate with two large barns, greenhouse, lighted tennis court, tree nursery and a bass-stocked lagoon, is adjacent to the westerly border of the Bethlehem district, but is in the Voorheesville school district. Buses of both schools make regular runs

on Upper Font Grove Rd. along the district line.

A school board spokesman said the amount of tuition would not be determined until next year's school budget is finalized. Tuition for out-of-district pupils during the current year was set at \$2,250, but there are no out-of-district pupils in the system at this time.

The Slingerlands residence is being leased from Dr. Ray A. Elliott, Albany plastic surgeon. The house, a showplace in the Tri-Village area, was built in 1921 by the late Prentiss Carnell, Sr., president of Albany Business College, and later was occupied by his son and family.

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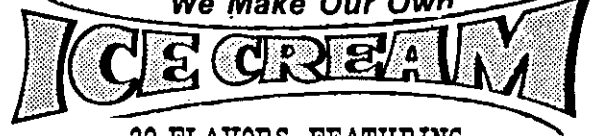
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Private sewage plant is cited

Albany County health authorities have ordered the town of Bethlehem to take over operation of a small private sewage treatment plant on Blessing Rd., Slingerlands, which they contend is not being maintained to standards.

Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the town board had been notified by the Albany County Dept. of Health that department officials "were concerned" about the operational status of the facility, and had ordered the town to operate it on an emergency basis.

The treatment facility is located on the north bank of the Normanskill 200 feet west of Rt. 85. Corrigan said the facility is on a tract of land mortgaged to First Mortgage Investors, a Florida banking firm that foreclosed on the property but did not assume responsibility for operation of the plant. The facility has been maintained recently by the management of the two apartment complexes, Bethlehem Terrace and Meadowland Apartments, he said.

Representatives of the health department, town board, department managers and the mortgage firm met last week in an attempt to resolve who would operate the plant on a permanent basis, but no decision was reached.

New store opens

An Elsmere man, Henry Cohen of 6 Groesbeck Pl., is vice president of a new retail party store in Menands. The Paper Route, featuring party supplies and decorations, recently celebrated its grand opening at 1827 Broadway, Menands, a mile south of Montgomery Ward's. James Flynn is manager of the store, which also carries a display of cake decorating supplies, baking supplies and a special section for weddings featuring bridal and remembrance gifts.

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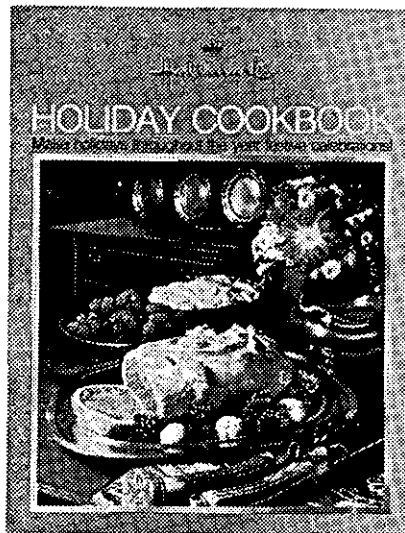
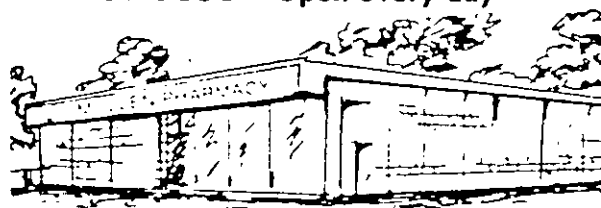
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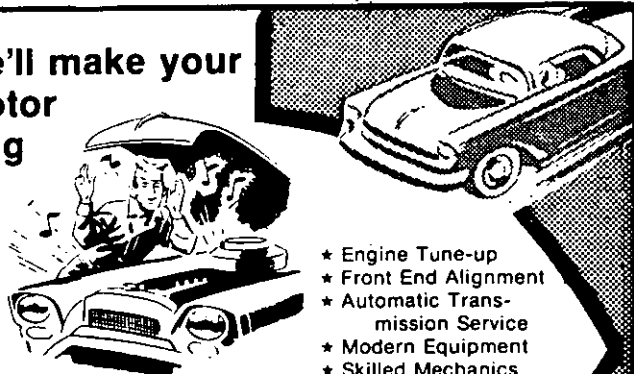


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male, are 16 and 17 years old, and one is 18. Their names were withheld because of their ages.

New local business

A new store in Elsmere's "mini-mall" at 154 Delaware Ave. will celebrate its "grand opening" Saturday. Bill and Lou's Exchange, Inc., operated by Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of 47 Salisbury Rd., Elsmere, carries antiques, used furniture and glassware among other items.

Winter concert set

The 70-voice male chorus of the Mendelssohn Club of Albany will be joined by the Thursday Musical Club women's chorus of Schenectady in its traditional Christmas concert Friday, Dec. 15, at Chancellor's Hall, Albany.

College scholarships

The College of Mt. St. Vincent, a Catholic coeducational college in Riverdale, is offering four full-tuition scholarships through its alumnae chapters.

Interested high school seniors may contact Mrs. Randall Demler, Burgoyne Rd., RD 6, Saratoga Springs 12866, or call Margaret J. Gilday, 439-5502 evenings.

DAR awards set

The Hannacrois chapter DAR will hold a Christmas tea Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Museum, Cedar Hill. Good citizens awards will be presented. Speaker will be Mrs. Ralph Theobald, state DAR vice regent.

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After more than six months of negotiations and a comprehensive audit by an independent accounting firm, the Voorheesville village board has granted a \$4 rate boost to the Salem Hills Sewerage Disposal Corp.

Mayor William J. Wenzel announced at the board's regular monthly meeting last week that the new rate of \$14 per month per dwelling would be effective Jan. 1. His formal letter of notification to the utility firm, a subsidiary of Rosen-Michaels, Inc., of Clifton Park, went into the mails last Wednesday.

The utility had sought a rate increase of \$19.05 to compensate for what it contended were operating losses and a cumulative debt in the face of system improvement costs mandated by state and county agencies. The 282 registered users of the system have been paying \$10 a month for the private system serving the large Salem Hills residential subdivision.

Wenzel said the actual operating expenses of the utility had been "adjusted downward to correct a \$363 erroneous charge," making the new total

\$41,061. He said the board had disallowed a \$3,120 depreciation charge on the basis that this sum had been "recouped through sale of the homes."

He added that the initial rate established in 1968 included no provision for depreciation.

The board acknowledged losses for each year since 1968, and stated that "the accounting treatment" of capitalization costs for plant and equipment "appears proper." In determining the new rate, it added an "inflation factor" of 9 percent, which Wenzel said compensates for past losses through inflation and an anti-

ipated inflationary spiral in 1979.

The board also allowed a five-year amortization of \$4,000 for the cost of the audit, permitting a recoupment of \$1,700 a year. The board also requested operating statements annually "in order to avoid difficulties such as this in the future."

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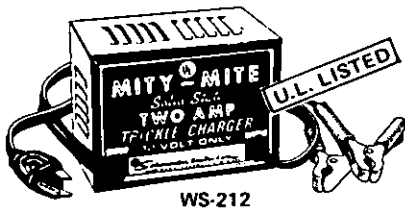
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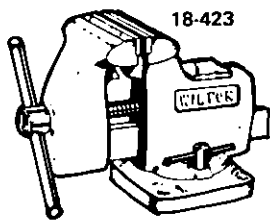
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 The meeting will be at St.
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 Elsmere at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,
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Also on the program will be
 the customary Christmas sale
 of used photographic equip-
 ment and a print and slide
 competition. The public is
 welcome.

Dinner at church

Slingerlands Community
 United Methodist Church will
 put on a roast beef dinner
 Saturday, Dec. 16, with sittings
 at 5:30 and 6:30.

DEATHS

Robert G. King

Funeral services were held
 Wednesday for Robert G.
 King, 62, former publisher of
 the Spotlight, who died sud-
 denly Dec. 2 after being strick-
 en at his apartment in Bethle-
 hem Terrace, Slingerlands. A
 mass was said at St. Pius X
 Church, Loudonville.

Mr. King, a native of Al-
 bany, was an advertising sales-
 man for the Albany Times
 Union before taking over the
 Spotlight from its founder,
 Mrs. Tracy Walsh of Delmar,
 in 1957. In his 18 years as
 publisher, he expanded the
 paper from a six-page com-
 munity "shopper" to a full-
 circulation weekly newspaper
 serving the Bethlehem area. He
 retained the late Levere Fuller
 of Feura Bush as editor after
 moving the paper from an
 office at the Four Corners to
 154 Delaware Ave. He retired
 in October, 1975, when he sold
 the paper to Nathaniel A.
 Boynton, the present publisher.

Mr. King's first wife, the
 former Ruth Farley, died in
 1969. In August, 1978, he
 married Mrs. Patricia Duffy
 Walsh, who survives. He also
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church members will gather on Sunday, Dec. 17, for their annual Hanging of the Greens festivities at the church on Elm Ave., Delmar. Among them will be Linda Stembel, left, Debbie Pangburn and Kurt Budliger. Below, Debbie seems pleased with her arrangement of greens surrounding statues of the Nativity. The photos were taken at last year's event.

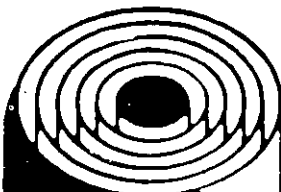


Lutheran Christmas

A Christmas craft workshop for children has been added this year to the annual Hanging of the Greens activities at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Members of the congregation will gather for

the traditional festivities Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m.

Marilyn Greenman will lead the workshop. The Youth Group under the direction of Paul Stracke will treat the workers to a pizza party at 5 p.m. After supper the participants will form caroling parties and will visit various neighborhoods to sing Christmas hymns to shut-ins.



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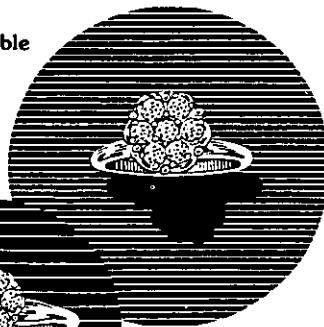
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A fugitive swindler sought in several sections of the country faces two charges in Bethlehem justice court tonight (Dec. 7) after his arrest Monday in Baltimore, Md.

Mark N. Kanges, 27, of Chevy Chase, Md., who also has used a date of birth giving his age as 22, has been sought for more than a year in connection with a ticket-book fleece that victimized an Albany radio station. The phoney deal netted him thousands of dollars from local residents.

Bethlehem police are interested in Kanges for allegedly running out on a motel bill of more than \$400 at the Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont. He was

brought to Delmar late Monday by the Albany County district attorney's office, arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts, and posted \$500 bond before being turned over to Colonie police for further prosecution. In Bethlehem he is charged with grand larceny, third degree, and theft of service.

Legion Auxillary party

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxillary will have their annual Christmas party in the post rooms, Elsmere. Chairman is Lillian Blanchard. A cocktail hour will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. followed by a roast beef dinner, served family-style by the Kaa Rheu Vahn Caldron. Reservations must be made with Ron Moessner by Dec. 12.

Wins DAR award

The Tawasentha Chapter DAR Good Citizens Awards will be presented at the Christmas meeting Dec. 9, at 12:30 p.m. at the Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany. Among the recipients is Mark Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Peek, 34 Bridge St., Slingerlands. Mark will represent Bethlehem Central High School in a state contest at a later date.

Shoplifter caught

Detectives of the Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau have turned over a 14-year-old Albany boy to the Albany County Family Court after arresting him on a charge of shoplifting from Brook's Drugs, Delaware Plaza.



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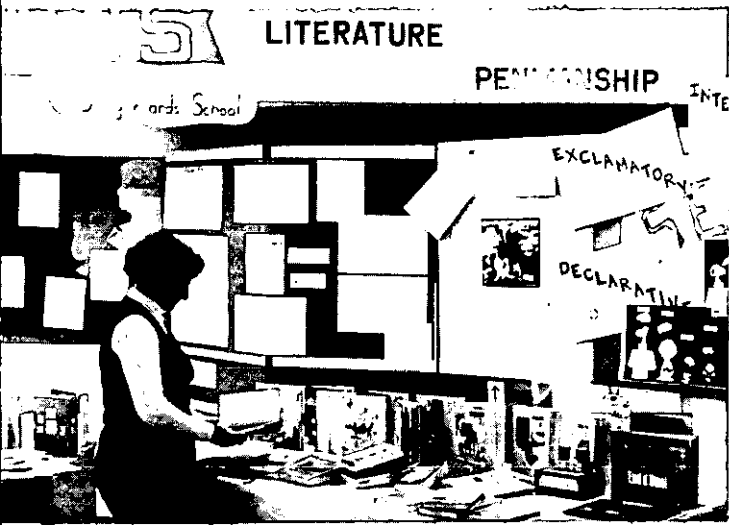
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Mrs. Clara Brown examines some of the scholarly exhibits from the Slingerlands Elementary School at the Educational Services Center board room.
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Grade school display

An exhibit by students and faculty of the Slingerlands Elementary School illustrating different aspects of elementary education as part of American Education Week, is on display at the Educational Services Center, Delmar, for the month of December.

The exhibit, originally in the Slingerlands school gym, depicts "the basic elementary program," according to Lawrence A. Zinn, Bethlehem superintendent of schools. "If you ever wanted to know what

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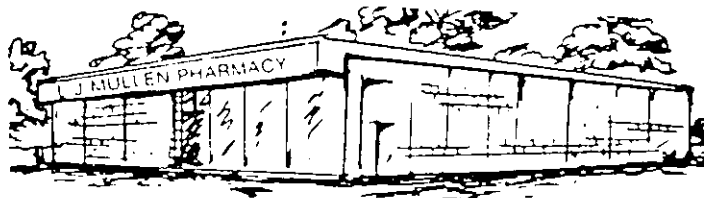
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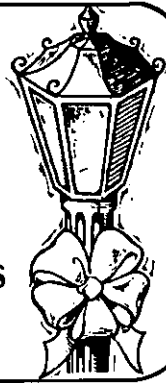
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Community gets first bookstore

Like most cosmopolitan suburban communities, Bethlehem has a full range of commercial businesses to serve its people—everything, that is, except a large-scale furniture store, a camera store and a bookstore. Last week the women of the Bethlehem Community Church reduced that list to two when they opened The Doorway, a new enterprise, at the church.

The Doorway is a Christian bookstore carrying books and music for all tastes from the very young to the graduate level. Although it is based on a biblical and evangelical theology, the books, records and gifts have been selected from catalogues of more than 60 publishers and distributors ranging from liturgical Catholic to unsophisticated Mennonite.

The decor has recently been enhanced by the donation of display units and bookshelves from Krugman's Pharmacy Delmar.

The staff, headed by Lois Bub of Elsmere, include Delores Doyle, Janet Truax, Nancy Bub, Donna Frueh, Vinnie Cavaleri and Barbara Manne. Hours are 10 to weekdays, Tuesday evening from 7 to 9, and 9-12 Saturdays.

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Charges dropped

Bethlehem police have dropped charges against two men indicted for loitering in an incident in Slingerlands Nov. 1, in which a third man was charged with possession of marijuana. A police spokesman said that because of technicality in the paperwork connected with the arrest, the charges against Peter L. Magiotti, 22, of Voorheesville and Kevin W. Conway, 22, of Albany have been withdrawn.

Plaza gallery opens

The gallery and exhibition space at State University Plaza in downtown Albany will be opened formally on Friday, Dec. 8, with the inaugural showing of "Buildings Reborn," an architectural exhibition that will tour the nation in the next two years. The opening will be observed with an open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., during which visitors will be invited to have coffee while viewing the show.

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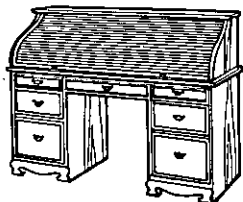
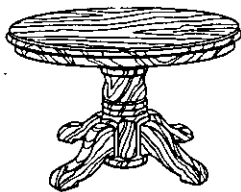
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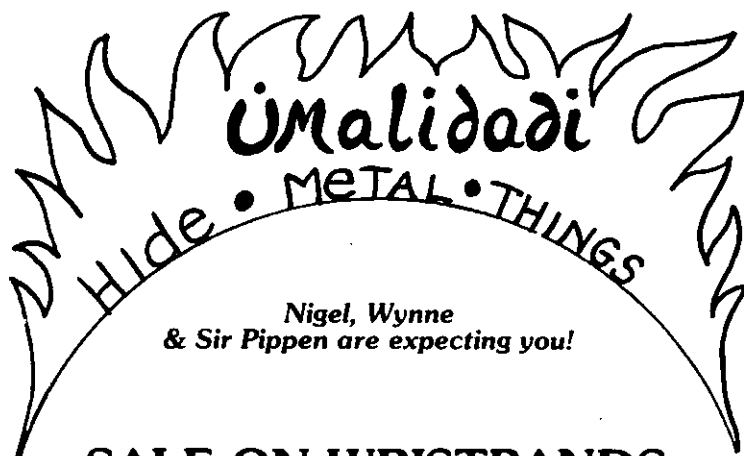
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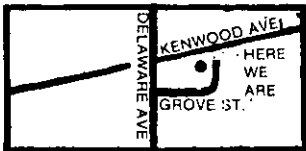
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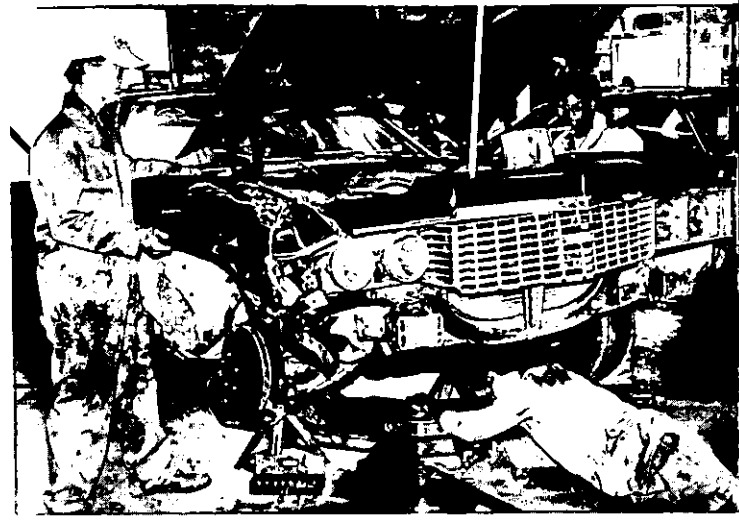
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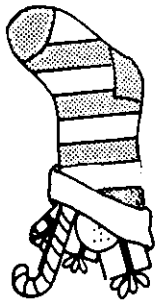


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Shop Talk

by Judi James

There's action in Altamont! Last weekend, the corner of Main and Maple was a center of shopping activity. Some shoppers came out of curiosity to see the new store on the corner with the fascinating name of Whippoorwill Country Store, which was having an open house. Some came to get small furniture and houses and gawk in the marvels of Mountain Miniatures just around the corner.

Let me take you to these two special shops!

The Whippoorwill Country Store is probably the only store where I have found something for the person who needs an extra pair of hands. Their novel gift is a slim velveteen scarf with a couple of hands attached at each end . . . and those hands decorated with rings'n' stuff! That for the light side. . .

But I do have to "hand it" to the owners, Charlotte Gibbons of East Berne and James Vanervoert of Delmar. They have remodeled a charming Victorian building. Their counter, made by a friend in Binghamton, is designed from old barn siding and they have unusual decor. After wending one's way through the goodies of the front of the store (antiques, handcrafted jewelry, clever tree ornaments and individual

one-of-a-kind gift items) one goes into the "toy-shop" . . . (and here the children—John, Rebecca and Melinda—were hosting dressed in their Sunday "best" and capably helping with hospitality.)

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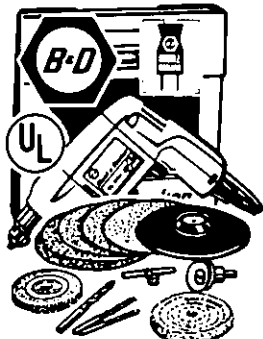
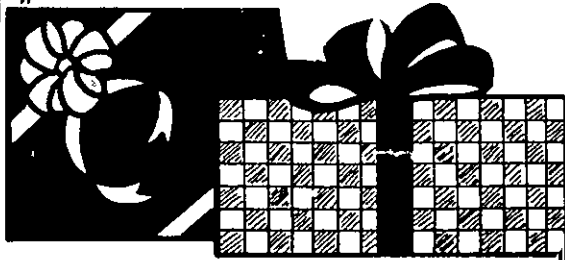


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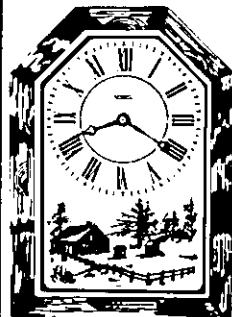


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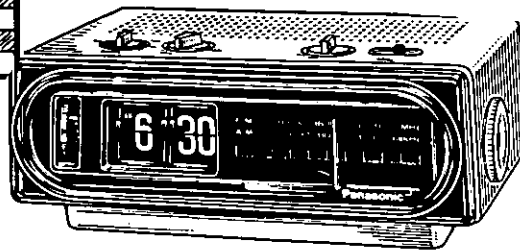
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Auxiliary dinner set

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Co. will hold their annual Christmas dinner at the Firehall Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6:30. Gifts will be exchanged.

New gallery opens

Robbi Reifler of 61 Salisbury Rd., Elsmere, will run the new F.W. Gallery at 1524 Central Ave., Albany, when it holds its premiere exhibition of pastels and paintings by Ruth Pisano. The opening reception will be held Dec. 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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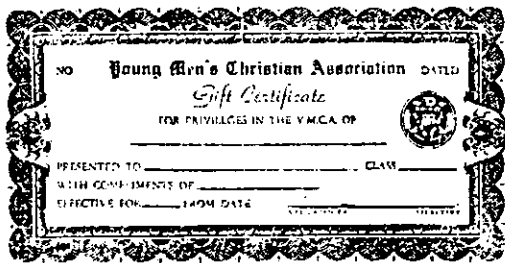
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Hamagrael Elementary School pupils recently got a preview of things to come when they were introduced to metric measures. Brendan Mitchell had to stand on a box to measure Susan Klein's height as David Rosewater watches.

WRESTLING

Boosters organize for mat season

Parents of Bethlehem Central High School wrestling team members have formed a booster club and have formulated plans to further the school's wrestling program.

Team members, parents and coaches met Thursday at the school to outline the purpose of the club and to make plans for the Section 2 interscholastic wrestling championship tournament to be held in Delmar in March.

Speakers included Richard Poplaski, BC varsity wrestling coach; John Sodergren, jayvee coach, and Jim Guiliano, freshman coach. A film explaining wrestling rules was shown.

John Herrmann and Davis Essex, who organized the club on an informal basis last season, have issued an appeal to anyone in the community interested in supporting the wrestling program to attend a meeting in January, at which time plans for hosting the Sectionals will be finalized.

Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. John Herrmann and Mrs. John Rodgers.

SERVICEMEN In The NEWS

Donald J. Judelkis, son of Leo Judelkis, Veeder Rd. Slingerlands, has been appointed to non-commissioned officer (NCO) status in the U.S. Air Force. The newly selected sergeant completed required training in management, leadership, human relations and NCO responsibilities before being considered for this new rank.

Sgt. Judelkis is a disaster preparedness specialist at George AFB, Calif. He joined the Air Force Nov. 5, 1973.

Delmar auxiliary celebrates

The annual Christmas party of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Dept. will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. A cocktail hour will be followed by a roast beef dinner served by Bill Contento of the Delmar Fire Dept. and his "boys." Secret Pals for the past year will be revealed. In charge of arrangements are Linda Roberts, Gail DiLello, Debbie VanWely and Carol Berry.

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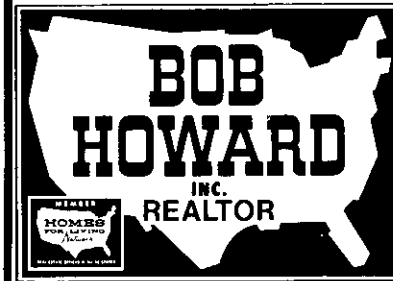
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Fire truck unneeded

Editor, The Spotlight:

Anyone in the Delmar Fire District who pays his fire tax without giving it a second thought need not read what follows.

The residents of the town of Bethlehem enjoy as fine a level of fire protection as exists in any suburban community. This is the result of the dedicated volunteer firefighters and boards of fire commissioners as well as the taxpayers of the five fire districts in the town. In addition to an adequate number of pumpers, each fire district is equipped with specialized pieces of apparatus.

The Selkirk Fire District maintains a pumper capable of generating large quantities of foam extinguishing agent useful in fighting flammable liquid fires or fires involving trucks that carry such materials. The Delmar Fire District has a utility truck which carries special equipment often needed at fires such as special lighting equipment. The Slingerlands Fire District operates a heavy rescue vehicle which carries special tools such as the "Jaws of Life" used to free victims from wreckage in serious auto accidents. North Bethlehem, Slingerlands and Selkirk have tankers used to supply ade-

quate water for pumpers at locations in which fire hydrants are not available. The Elsmere Fire District maintains a snorkel capable of extending to a height of 85 feet. This is more than adequate to reach the top of any building in this town for rescue and firefighting operations.

The volunteer firefighters in each fire district are well-trained in the operation of their district's specialized piece of apparatus, and any piece of apparatus from one district is readily available to another district in the town should the need arise.

Based on this type of operation it is difficult to understand why the Delmar Fire District is planning to purchase a ladder truck at a cost to the taxpayers of \$150,000 for a piece of apparatus that would virtually duplicate the capabilities of Elsmere's snorkel. At a time when so many localities are faced with eliminating essential services, such a purchase would not appear to be in

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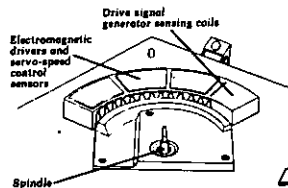


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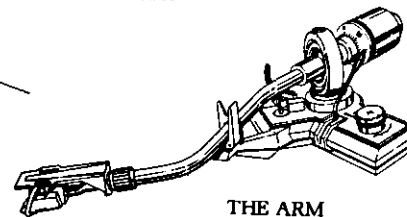


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the best interest of the taxpayer.

The board of fire commissioners of all five districts in the town have a dual responsibility to the taxpayers. They must provide adequate fire protection for the district's residents and see to it that the district's tax dollars are spent wisely. Each district has been highly successful in meeting both of these responsibilities in Bethlehem, and this planned purchase in the Delmar Fire District is inconsistent with past performance.

Fortunately the taxpayers will have the opportunity to decide whether or not to make this purchase in a referendum on Dec. 12. All residents of the Delmar Fire District should be concerned enough to cast their secret ballot between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Delmar fire station.

George Kaufman

Delmar

For information on this subject, see the news story in the news section of this issue. Ed.

Community loss

Editor, The Spotlight:

Cliff Van Dyke in 1934 at Bethlehem Central was a big freckle-faced, raw-boned country boy who never asked for any quarter but was willing to give it. His death on Nov. 2 merits mention because he was a longtime citizen of Bethlehem and he did so much for so many.

An outstanding athlete at Bethlehem Central, he was one of the stars in the five glorious years of Bethlehem Central athletics — the days of Maso and D'Luski (Syracuse), Jones (Rutgers), Buckley (Louisiana State), Austin and Palmer (Duke); Hauf, Potter, Boutelle, Booth and so many others between 1933 and 1938. When he could put the baseball over the plate he was unbeatable when he couldn't, watch out! He also starred in basketball and golf at BCHS and later in baseball in the Albany Twilight League and indefinitely in softball and golf.

Cliff graduated in 1938 and when the shooting began he headed for the Marines. He became and always remained a Marine at heart. If you ever were in an argument with him you soon appreciated that he was a Marine; he was loyal and fearless and he never, never backed off.

Cliff was an excellent outdoorsman and hunter. In fact he shot "his" deer in the Helderbergs the day before he died. He then dressed it and carried it out of the woods.

He was an expert electrician and proud in his work. The demand for his services was so great you had to wait quite a while for your turn.

Cliff was one of the foremost leaders in the Elsmere Fire Company and never stopped promoting the fire company and working for it.

He was elected president of the Bethlehem Lions Club and its imaginative all-time Ta Twister, par excellence. He gave unstintingly of his time to the Lions' sight conservation program and was always ready to "turn to" for the successful promotion of the program.

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which included annually being the Lions' best light bulb salesman.

Although he never ran for public office (nor was it offered him), he was one of the original "Lincolns" and he never ceased pressing for more democratic and responsive town government.

Clifford Van Dyke was a citizen of Bethlehem and the elderbergs *extraordinaire*. He was devoted to his wife and daughters and his several uses; he was also a true friend to so many. The most remarkable thing about him is that he never asked for anything in return and he was never on the scene.

We need more people like Clifford Van Dyke. We will miss him; it will be hard to find the numbers of people it will take to fill his shoes.

*William J. Schoonmaker
Bethlehem Class of '38,
a Lion and a Lincoln*

Elmar

Confusing drivers

Editor, The Spotlight:
Perhaps your journalistic influence can be used to straighten out a confusing piece of traffic engineering that suddenly materialized after the recent paving of New Scotland Rd. Signs reading "Limited Sight Distance" were posted at various places, each containing an abrupt reduction of the other- posted speed limit.

I haven't the foggiest idea of what the signs mean, or what danger they refer to that hasn't been there for as long as the road itself. More important, if I have to jam on my brakes to the suddenly reduced speed limit, I

would be impaled on the front bumper of the car behind me.

Since the signs don't relate to any visible hazard, and don't seem to have the slightest effect on the flow of traffic in either direction, could you help us hapless motorists to find out what they're all about before we get arrested? Or killed?

Kearney L. Jones

Elsmere

The State Dept. of Transportation says this is a new (since summer) program that gives the motorist "suggested speed limits under existing conditions." When a speed zone is posted on a black-on-yellow sign, the DOT says, it is not an enforceable speed limit, hence you are not subject to arrest if you disregard them. We suggest, however, that you obey black-on-white signs posting speed limits or risk an appearance in traffic court.

We also hope you don't slow down too abruptly, either to read or heed the yellow signs, particularly eastbound on New Scotland Rd. at Caldwell Blvd. or you might join the long list of drivers who have "taken out" Niagara Mohawk's most accident-prone pole on the notorious "dead man's curve" in Slingerlands. Ed.



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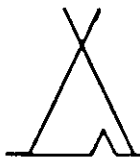
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