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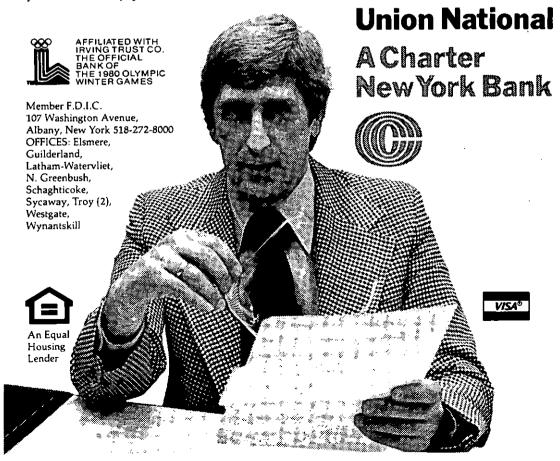
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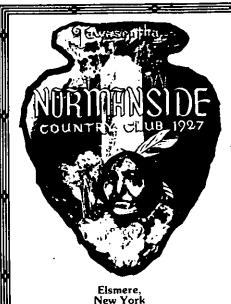


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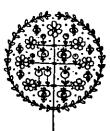


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Glenmont Lions Club, second and fourth Tuesdays, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 7 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information, Ed Hayes, 439-7935.

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

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

Glenmont Lions Club, second and fourth Tuesday, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 7:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information Ed Hayes, 439-7935.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Capital District Chapter of Grandmother's Club of America, Blanchard Legion Post, information, 438-7849.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Bethlehem Duplicate Bridge Club, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere. Information, Myra and Judd Gilmore, 439-6857, or Eleanor and Jim Heron, 439-5772.

Contra-dance, square and folk dancing, Ray Wall and Ruth Rappaport, music and dance instruction, Bethlehem Coffeehouse, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Dinner-theater party, American Legion, Blanchard Post, post rooms, 7 p.m.

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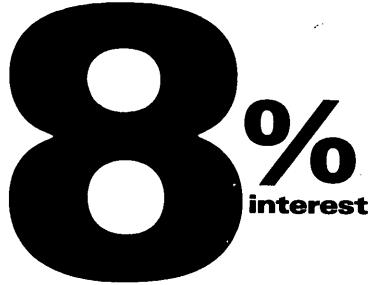
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20 years	30,000	46,334	76,334	
30 years	45,000	147,342	192,342	
40 years	60,000	388,493	448,493	

^{*}Awaren maximum legal deposit and an 3% rate compounded quarterly



MEMBER EDUC

Cross-country program, "Ski for Fun and Safety," food, clothing, survivial techniques for cross-country skiers, Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 765-3635.

Pancake dinner, Boy Scout Troop 73 of Voorheesville, American Legion Post, Voorheesville, 5-7 p.m.

Children's films, "Muhammed Ali"

and "The Horrible Honchos," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Heldeberg Workshop, cross country skiing, noon-4 p.m. Information, 439-6225.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Selkirk Fire House No. 1, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, speaker, Susan Jacobsen, director of NYS Office of Crime Prevention, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

Preschool story hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Grievance Night, Village of Voorheesville, tax and assessment rolls, village offices, 5-9 p.m.

Blood pressure clinic, Bethlehem Community Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Annual birthday dinner, American Legion Auxiliary, Blanchard Post, Post Rooms, Elsmere, 6:30 p.m.



Lecture, discussing Ambrose Bierce, Bethlehem Library's book discussion group, 7 p.m.

"February Sonshine," evangelistmagician Glenn Tompkins, for children age 4 through 6th grade, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 1-3:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Parenthood clinic, "Planning for Parenthood," Mary Berry, health educator, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizen tax help, provided by IRS-trained volunteers of Bethlehem Tri-Village AARP, The Bank community room, Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon. Free.

"February Sonshine," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1-3:15 p.m.

Embroiderer's Guild of America, New York Capital District Chapter, Delmar Methodist Church, Delmar, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Preschool story hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 a.m.

"February Sonshine," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1-3:15 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Delmar Camera Club, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave., Delamr, 7:30 p.m.

Public hearing, Voorheesville village board, on allocations of federal revenue-sharing funds received by the village, Voorheesville village offices, 7:30 p.m. Regular board meeting to follow at 8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, literature group, Bethlehem Library, 1:30-p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Senior Citizen tax help, The Bank community room, Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon.

Parenthood Program, "Planning for Parenthood," Dr. James Furlong, obstetrician and gynecologist to discuss planning a pregnancy with the natural family planning method, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

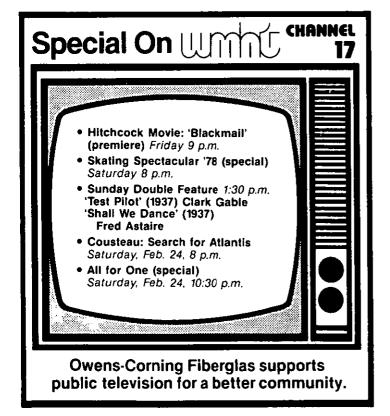
Delmar Progress Club, creative arts class, Swanson residence, 21 Glendale Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

New England boiled dinner and art show, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Contemporary Christian music, "The Joyful Noise," sponsored by Christian Music Ministries, Inc., Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 6 p.m.



FIBERGLAS

=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

"The Lark," story of Joan of Arc, Empire State Youth Theatre Institute, Empire State Plaza ("The Egg"), Feb. 18-24, Sun. 2 p.m., Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m., Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m. Box Office 473-4020.

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra, featuring violinist Sheila Reinhold playing the Tchaikovsky violin concerto, Palace Concerto, Palace Theater, Albany, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Theater box office, 465-4755, and Colonie Center box office.

Israeli Russian Duo, Michael Eingorn, xylophonist, and Victor Shulman, pianist-vocalist, on U.S. tour, Albany Jewish Community Center, Feb. 17, 8:30 p.m. \$4 at door.

Thursday Noon Concerts, Findlay Cockrell, piano, with Susan Hohenberg, clarinet, music of Brahms, Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center, Feb. 15, 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Free.

ART

Exhibition of English delftware, on loan from Morgan Collection, London, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 15.

Exhibition, American Decorative Arts, 18-19th century furniture, glass, china, silver, textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 25.

"Images of the City," exhibition of prints, posters, broadsides from New York State Museum collection, Terrace Gallery, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through April 1. Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free parking on weekends.

"Evolution of a Landmark," pictorial history of the D&H Building, Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, Albany, Feb. 2-March 9. Weekdays 9:30-5:30.

Exhibition, Ernest Wagner, life-size relief portraits, wood sculpture, including celebrities, Classic Gallery of Sport, 295 Hamilton St., Albany, Feb. 3-March 10. Mon.-Sat. 10-5.

FILM

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" with Frederic March, Academy Award horror classic, CDPC Auditorium One, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Feb. 16-17, 9 p.m. \$1.50. 436-7371.

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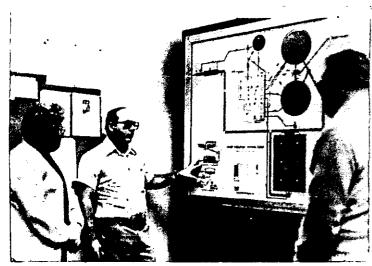
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Councilmen Ruth Bickel, left, and William Johnston, Jr. get a briefing from Douglas Kuhn, chief operator at Bethlehem's sewage treatment plant at Cedar Hill.

BETHLEHEM

Town to replace sludge conveyor

Despite a hazy sun, the temperature was minus 2 when Supervisor Tom Corrigan and Bethlehem's four councilmen gathered for a special town board session at the town's \$2.5-million sewage treatment plant on the Hudson River in Cedar Hill. The time was 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

They were summoned there by Corrigan, along with Merwyn K. Atwood, commissioner of the Bethlehem sewer district, town engineer Bruce Secor and James K. Fraser, the town's engineering consultant, to discuss what to do about a malfunctioning sludge conveyor belt at the plant.

Corrigan last week indicated that the town was considering replacing the conveyor system with a complete new unit. On Saturday, with board members getting an on-site briefing, they pronounced the situation serious enough to invoke emergency procedures to install a

new system. The estimated cost, \$10-12,000.

By terming the conveyor problem an emergency, the board can take direct action to replace the entire unit without resorting to competitive bids, which are required for expenditures of more than \$5.000. "The time element is now critical," Corrigan explained. "Putting together all the engineering specifications will run up the cost considerably, plus the time needed to advertise for bids. We feel we can buy a unit that will do the job."

Corrigan said the town has one such quote and expects to get two more. In any case, the system will be changed, from the present moving belt that catches sludge pressed from the dewatering drum that rotates into the belt, then moves upward at a 60-degree angle to carry the sludge to waiting trucks. The replacement belt system would eliminate the sharp angle by conveying the sludge on a continuous belt at a 7-degree angle.

Sewer district officials have been having trouble with the



Councilmen Ed Mocker, right, and John Geurtze inspect balky conveyor with Gene Everingham, maintenance man at the Bethlehem sewage treatment plant.

Spotlight photos

balky conveyor for a number of years. It has been repaired several times. On one occasion the town filed a claim with the manufacturer and received a rebate of some \$6,000. "It's a high maintenance item," said Corrigan. "We hope the new system will save us money in the long run."

Driver is jailed

A motorist who was stopped by police on the Delmar Bypass found that having marijuana in his car was the least of his troubles. Officer Paul Roberts, checking with headquarters, was told a warrant was on file charging Walter D. Hacker, Jr., 34, of Ravena, with operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

Police said Hacker also had several outstanding traffic summonses, including two additional counts on the insurance charge, four counts of driving while his license was suspended, and one count of driving while intoxicated. He was arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts and remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$4,000 bail.

No Spotlight Feb. 22

There will be no issue of the Spotlight next Thursday, Feb. 22. The reason is simple: our editorial and production staff works 49 weeks a year, including weekends, to meet our printing deadline. We need a rest once in a while, so we take next weekend, the Fourth of July weekend and Labor Day. We hope you understand, and we'll be back, hopefully refreshed, in your mailbox Mar. 1.

The Spotlight office at 414 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. all next week except Monday. Feb. 19, a national holiday.

GOP women meet

Mrs. Susan Jacobsen, director of the State Office of Crime Prevention, will be the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club at Bethlehem Library Monday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.



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BETHLEHEM

Residents fight cable TV hike

Armed with charts, facts and figures, William Henchy, president of Bethlehem Video Inc., made his pitch to a packed house at a public hearing in an effort to convince cable television subscribers of his company's need for a \$1.89 a month rate increase.

Most of those present were not convinced.

Citing the language in the original franchise. Henchy said a rate increase from the present \$7.19 to \$9 a month is "legitimate if the company is expected to secure a reasonable return on its investment."

The hearing, called by the Bethlehem town board, attracted a crowd despite low temperatures and a light snow-

"We would be willing to forego a reasonable rate of return with a request to break even," declared Henchy, who claims Bethlehem Video lost \$140,930 in fiscal 1978. He claims that the requested increase would allow the company to break even with the addition of expected new customers at the Bethlehem Terrace apartment complex in Slingerlands.

Henchy was grilled for over an hour by the skeptical crowd at the hearing. One resident asked him pointedly, "Why did you forecast to give cable

service at \$7? Now you want a rate increase. What is the reason for the difference in plan and actual performance?"

Henchy's reply: "I didn't figure on Jimmy Carter's inflation. The cost of equipment has increased and the cost of operating has gone up, too."

A number of subscribers said they would agree to an increase if it were reduced to 10 percent instead of 27 percent. Others said they would disconnect service if the proposed rate increase were granted. A petition with 104 signatures opposing the rate increase was read at the hearing. Doug Payne

Hunter is fined

Joseph B. Lee, 23, of Albany picked the wrong time and place to hunt rabbits without a license. He was spotted by Officer Wayne LaChappelle on Rt. 144 north of Simmons Rd... Glenmont, with a .22 rifle and a dead rabbit. LaChappelle arrested him on charges of discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a residence and hunting without a license. At Bethlehem police headquarters Lee was, turned over to Officer Norman Channing of the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, who handled the matter as a civil compromise and fined Lee



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Board pondering lawn sign ruling

When Kathryn M. Spinosa moved to a new residence at 39 Maple Ave, in Voorheesville, she had no inkling she would be prohibited from putting a modest sign on her lawn identifying her as a real estate agent.

She saw the sign of Ernest Altman, a realtor, nearby, and she saw the sign builder Eric King has for his Equinox Construction Co. She also knew that Dick Sherer, the builder and original owner of her new dwelling, had run a business from the same location.

After she had moved, she discovered the village zoning ordinance prohibits all signs in her area except those of doctors, dentists, lawyers and other professionals. Now she has applied for a variance to permit the sign, contending that the state licensing law requires "an outside sign other than the mailbox."

At a public hearing before the board of appeals last Wednesday, only five residents and a reporter were in the audience. but the session lasted for an hour and 25 minutes.

Richard J. Kane, who lives next door, filed a written statement opposing the petition, and declared that the sign "would infringe on the esthetic view" of the neighborhood. Donald W. Smith of Maple Ave, told the board that "if you allow this, we will be having

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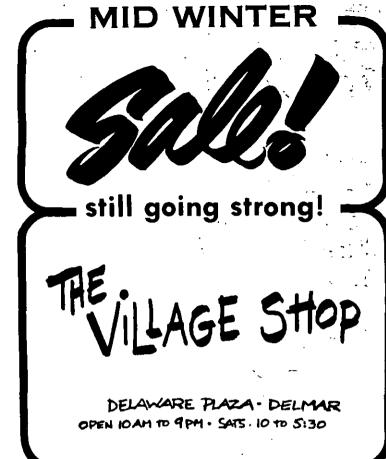
other signs, and you can't allow one and not another."

In his written statement, Kane declared that a real estate office would "create a traffic condition of imminent hazard from the vehicles entering and leaving the premises," and cited other reasons.

Mrs. Spinosa denied her office would create any change in the normal traffic patterns. She told the board that Kane and his wife, who live next door, "run a full-scale nursery with approximately 15 children, and even have operator buses and numerous cars in and out to drop them off and pick them up."

Mrs. Connie Kane said "I babysit some of my neighbor's children." Her husband, denying the Spinosa statement, said his wife "watches one child, a handicapped child for a neighbor."

The board deferred action at the close of the hearing, and indicated it would try for a ruling at a meeting Thursday of this week.



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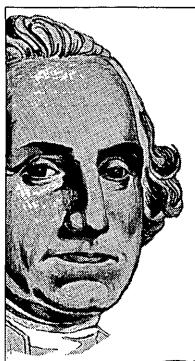
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Planners zone Jericho 'rural'

After a year of study, Bethlehem's planning board has decided to recommend to the town board to classify most of the Elm Ave.-Jericho Rd. rural area with the new "AR" zone designation.

A small portion of the land to the north, extending southerly to the Niagara Mohawk power line, will be classified "AA" residential.

"The AR zone recognizes the commercialization along 9W, Elm Ave., and Jericho Rd. while preserving the natural lay of the land," says board member John LaForte.

The AR (agricultural-residential) classification is a recent amendment to the zoning ordinance which has never been used before.

Last year, at a Jan. 26, 1978 public hearing, residents in the area expressed opposition to the proposed zoning change of the "rural not-zoned" area to residential "A" because of the restrictions it would impose on small business expansion. At that time, because of the opposition, the board deferred action.

Chairman William R. Weber said last week the board felt that the new "AR" zoning might be more acceptable to residents because it allows 50 percent limited expansion. If the town board agrees with the planning board's recommendations, a public hearing will be scheduled. Doug Payne

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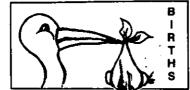
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Lawn lights damaged

Bethlehem police are investigating two incidents of exploding devices taped to front lawn lights, one at 8 p.m. Thursday on Montrose Dr., Elsmere, and the other at 10:30 p.m. Saturday on Dumbarton Dr. nearby. Police said duct tape was found near the damaged lamps, and theorized a cherry bomb or similar explosive was used.

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Sewerage suit to go to trial

'A lawsuit filed by the Salem Hills Sewerage Corp. against the village of Voorheesville is expected to get preferential treatment on the State Supreme Court calendar for the spring term by virtue of an order by State Supreme Court Justice Edward Conway. Conway has ordered it placed on the June calendar.

The private utility, a subsidiary of Rosen-Michaels, Inc., one of the area's major developers, last month rejected the village board's action granting a \$4 rate increase in sewer fees for the large Salem Hills residential subdivision. The firm originally sought a boost in the monthly fee from \$10 to \$29.05, claiming the cost of maintenance and mandated system improvements was putting the utility deep in the red.

Last week Conway denied Rosen-Michaels an injunction that would have permitted a temporary fee schedule of \$21.85, but issued papers that set the rate at \$14 pending outcome of the trial. That rate is the same monthly fee granted by the village board and rejected by the utility.



Harold H. Schultz Judge steps down

Harold H. Schultz of Voorheesville has resigned as one of the town of New Scotland's two justices, effective March I. Schultz, 54, a former mayor of Voorheesville, has served 15 years on the bench.



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A TV focus on butterflies

Catherine With of South Bethlehem will appear on the television show, "The Collectors," hosted by George Michael, on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 5 p.m. with her lepidoptera collection (butterflies and moths). "The Collectors" is a series produced by WMHT Channel 17 and the Schenectady Museum, which focuses on a variety of collections of area residents.

Catherine, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. With and is a sophomore at the Academy of the Holy Names. Her interest began when she was 5. She has been improving her collection over the last 11 years.

Cathie obtains her specimens through collecting, rearing and trading. Observing butterflies in cages and doing experiments is of more interest to Cathie now than just mounting the butterflies. She has a Monarch butterfly in her possession which she has kept alive for the past seven months. She also tags Monarchs in order to help trace their flight to Mexico.

A past president of the Regional Entomology Club of Eastern New York, Catherine also finds time for her family and many extracurricular activities. She is a member of her school's forensics and drama club and debate team as well as being a reporter for the school newspaper and a member of several sport teams. She is also



Cathie With

a Medical Explorer Scout and a lector at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

Indoor tennis starting

The town of Bethlehem's indoor tennis program will begin the week of Feb. 27. Courts are in the boys' gym at the Bethlehem Central High School and are available in hour-long time slots to groups of four players. The program is run from 8 to 11 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Registration must be made in person at the Parks and Recreation Dept. office, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, between 7 and 9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19. There is a \$7 fee per player. The program is open to residents of the town and Bethlehem Central School District only.



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BUSINESS

Trade loss blamed on snow 'wall'

Between two neighboring malls on Delaware Ave. in Elsmere stands an enormous wall of plowed snow, towering 15 feet high in some places. The snow, on the north edge of the Delaware Plaza parking lot, runs the length of the "minimall" next door, and hides the smaller shopping area from the sight of anyone shopping in Delaware Plaza.

Several of the merchants in the mini mall, comprised of a half dozen small stores, feel the snow is hindering their business by obstructing their line-of-sight trade and blocking the through traffic between the two malls. The merchants have requested a pathway through the snow, which stands on land leased from the city of Albany by the Delaware Plaza, but the snow still stands.

"The snow creates a visual problem," says Chuck Long, of C and C Cycle Shop in the mini mall. "From the plaza you can't even see our building. The line-of-sight trade is all there is for some of us."

Long feels that the snow is directly affecting his business. "It's cut my business back about 60 percent," he claims. "Other businesses which aren't as seasonal as mine are hurting worse. My antique business was doing real well until the snow was plowed in."

Joe Furtado, proprietor of Glen Del Sound in the mini-

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mall, is desperate to have the snow moved. "The snow knocked my business right out," he says. "I depend on a walk-in trade and I will go out of business if the snow stays."

Long claims that this is the first year that a pathway hasn't been plowed through. "There's been a 15-foot path as long as I've been here," says Long. "And the deepest part of the snow bank is right over the paved driveway."

Long said that despite repeated requests to H.M.C. Associates, which represents Delaware Plaza owners Howard Nolan and Norris MacFarland, and handles snow removal for the plaza, the snow has not been cleared.

"We requested that it would be plowed," he says. "They agreed and as of yet it hasn't been plowed. That was three weeks ago."

Jeff Pfeil of H.M.C. Associates denies this. "The snow is piled there simply for convenience and has been piled there for years," he claims.

He says his people are working to clear up the snow, a problem he says is "only a misunderstanding" between the plaza and the neighboring storeowners. "We are going to clear out the snow so people can drive through," he says. "It's not an obligation, but an accommodation. But it depends on how cold it is. We'll have to wait for a thaw."

Meanwhile several Plaza storeowners were taking a dim view of having a service they subsidize as tenants accommodate a group of merchants out-

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side the plaza group. Betty Guilianelli of the Honey Comb Restaurant said she felt the mini-mall merchants should pay for removing the wall of snow. She felt it was "ridiculous" to think there was any intent on the part of the plaza owners to block off the neighboring stores.

MacFarland, asked for comment, was critical of the Spotlight for reporting the sensitive situation. "That's not news, it's gossip," he told a reporter. "Those people want plowing service that others are paying for."

Doug Payne

BUSINESS

A new pharmacy opens in Delmar

The husband and wife team of Vincent and Diana Rehbit has opened a new pharmacy, Tri-Village Drugs, at 340 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The new store, which features prescription drugs and surgical rentals and sales is depending on its location to attract shoppers from the Four Corners area, which a few years ago supported two pharmacies.

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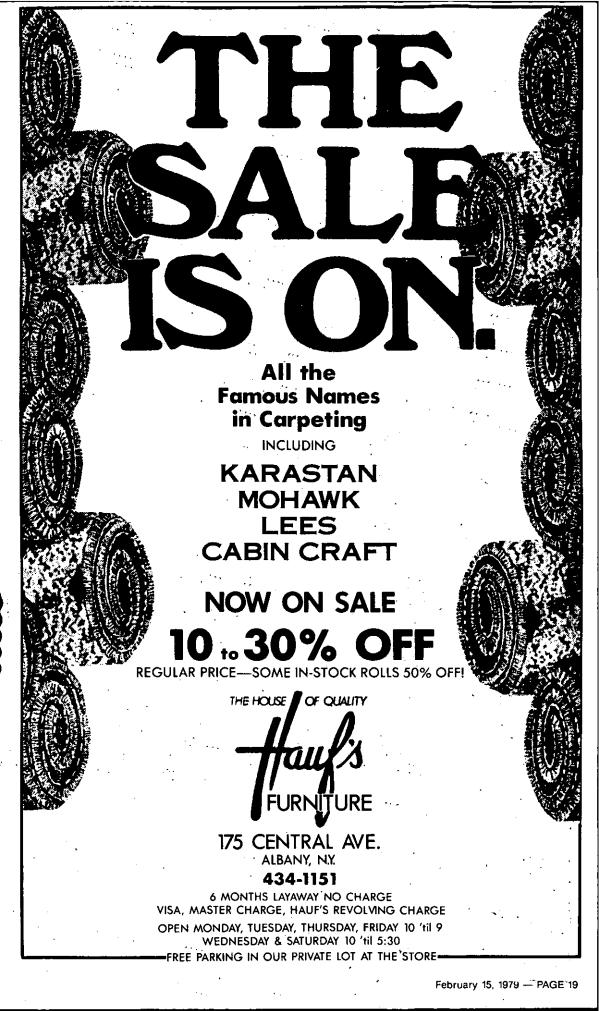
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VOORHEESVILLE

Meyers' funeral permit approved

A Delmar mortician who has filed intentions to build a funeral home on Maple Ave. has become the second applicant to be granted a use permit under a new amendment to Voorheesville's zoning ordinance.

The village zoning board of appeals gave conditional approval to Benjamin Meyers after an unprecedented session with representatives of the village planning board. The appearance of Robert J. Cureau, chairman of the planning board, and board member August Berger shortly after 9 p.m. as the zoning board was winding up its regular meeting last Wednesday marked the first time the two boards had been together under one roof.

Edward R. Smith, chairman of the appeals board, said the board's chief concern was traffic at the proposed site opposite the Grand Union shopping area, but "it's not a concern that warrants objection." He also said the board "would like to see" an 8-foot green area on the north and west boundaries of the Meyers property instead of the 5-foot strip recommended by the Albany County planning board, thus providing for a double row of shrubs instead of a single row.

The village planning board had been asked for a recommendation on the Meyers' petition. Cureau called his group together earlier that evening, and he and Berger went to the village offices at the conclusion of a public hearing the zoning board was conducting

Smith said his board was not required to get a green light from the planning board, and that the latter board's endorsement was "purely advisory."

The conditional approval, specifying such items as minimum lot size, green areas, noise and traffic, represented the final hurdle in Meyers' long battle with government procedure to erect a mortuary in the village. He filed his application

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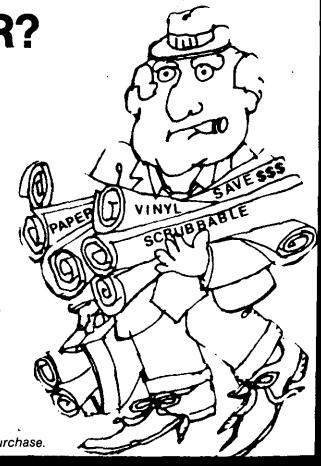
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with the village board within minutes of the village board's vote last November approving the change in the zoning law sought by Herbert W. Reilly, Jr., a Voorheesville resident who operates a funeral home with his father in Albany. Reilly's petition to include funeral homes in the list of approved land uses in the ordinance touched off a long and bitter controversy in the village that dragged through . three public hearings.

Trooper graduates

Peter J. Grobecker, Orchard St., Feura Bush, is one of 119 new state troopers receiving diplomas in a ceremony Friday, Feb. 16, at the New York State Police Academy, Albany. The new troopers will report for field duty Feb. 26.

Class on survival

Cooperative Extension of Albany County will hold a class on basic survival skills for cross-country skiers at the Extension Building in Voorheesville, Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon

Caucus slated in Voorheesville

The annual caucus of the Peoples Party to nominate candidates for the village elections in Voorheesville will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. at the Voorheesville firehouse.

The only posts on the 1979 ballot are two seats on the village board, Incumbent trustees Richard Huber and Allen Wilcon have announced they will seek reelection. Huber for his fourth two-year term. Wilcon for his second. In 1980 village voters will ballot on the mayor and the other two trustee seats.

Major party affiliations do not apply to village elections. Dissenters are free to nominate opposition candidates at the caucus, usually to run under the designation of the Citizens Party. Independent nominating petitions must be filed with a minimum of 75 signatures of eligible voters.

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Bethlehem Star staffers put together the February issue against a deadline. On the cover: Co-editor Bill Howard works on page 1 with advisors Ray Patterson and Mary Dorothy Morand looking on.

BETHLEHEM

BCHS newspaper gets transfusion

Bethlehem Central has its school newspaper back after an eclipse of several years, and it looks like the revival will last awhile.

The fifth issue of the Bethlehem Star, student newspaper, came out last week under date of Feb. 9, and the transition from last year represents the difference between black and white.

And, from all appearances, this paper is read.

Student editors credit the rebirth of journalism to Ray Patterson, representing the fourth generation of a family

long prominent in Delmar, His forebears built one of the first houses in Delmar, his father owned what is now Tool's restaurant, his grandmother was Delmar's first postmaster, his uncles founded what is now Main Brothers and his family operated F.H. Patterson Construction Co.

As for Ray, he runs a bike and boat shop in his garage on Delaware Ave., but journalism is his first love. He was editor of the Coast Guard's national newspaper, was a reporter on the Atlantic City Press, founded the paper at the Junior College of Albany, and for 15 years directed a journalism program at Linton High School in Schenectady that earned the



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Moving to Bethlehem Central for his 16th year as a teacher of journalism, his classes this past fall were inspirational enough to smoke out the writing and editorial talent dormant for several years at 700 Delaware Ave. Says Bill Howard, new co-editor of the Star: "His journalism class changed the whole perspective on the paper. We have kids going out looking for stories and trying to put out a really good newspaper."

Howard, a Civil War buff who has authored a book and has attained recognition far beyond his peers and years, says the paper "has a lot of student support it never had before." He attributes its new popularity to "getting into the type of things students are interested in."

His co-editor, Lisette Fuhs, says the Star "is new for me... I've always been interested in the Star, but didn't have time for it until this year." A highranking scholar. Lisette is headed for Barnard, the University of Chicago or Georgetown to study economics or history.

The February issue features an analytical student survey of marijuana usage in Bethlehem schools, a piece on student "addiction" to junkfood, an expose of how easy it is to acquire a false ID card with an altered "proof" of age, and a report on a Bethlehem contingent on a Christmas group tour of Israel.

The staff has high praise for Mrs. Mary Dorothy Morand, who accepted the job of advisor when no one else would take it. "She's fantastic," says Patterson, "She has no background in this field, but she's been great. handling the financial end. checking the final paste-ups and dealing with the printer." Adds Lisette, who enjoys the layout and page paste-up: "She's tremendous."

Despite the new enthusiasm, the paper operates on a fiscal shoestring. When the paper sinks into the oblivion it has experienced over the past several years, the budget shrinks, advertising disappears and the school board finds more important places to allocate its measured dollars. "With only three issues all last year, there wasn't much incentive for the board," admits Patterson, "But they've helped us by letting us sell up to 20 percent of our space for advertising."

Previous boards have embargoed advertising on the basis that soliciting local merchants who are assessed for school taxes is in poor taste. The student staff responds by tackling "the chains," most of which turn deaf ears to any local ventures, including such established community newspapers as the Enterprise, Spotlight and News-Herald.

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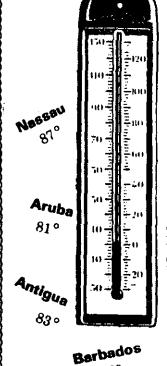
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· Bill Howard has other ideas. He is trying to get folksinger Pete Seeger to stage a benefit concert in Bethlehem to give the Star's bank balance a major transfusion.

At the moment the Star's

1979 trek is shooting for three more issues, depending on advertising sales and whether the budget has enough stretch in it. There's no shortage of talent, however. Observes Patterson, a past president of the Empire State Press Assn. and a judge for the Columbia scholastic press competitions: "We have some really fine journalists coming along...Bill Howard...Steve Pitt, one of the better sports writers around... and Keith Patterson, cartoonist ...just to name a few."

It's like Bill Howard says, the kids are going out looking for good stories.

As for journalism at BC. they're into it.

Scholarship awarded

John Sica, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, is one of 27 students of Albany area high schools who have been awarded "presidential scholarships" at Siena College. Sica, a member of the varsity basketball team, also earned a Regents scholarship.

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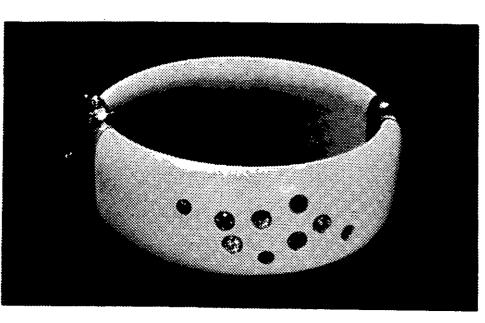
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A benefit dinner for fire victim

If traffic is light on Bethlehem streets on Sunday, Feb. 25. it will be because almost everybody in town is at the benefit roast beef dinner at the American Legion hall to boost the Anna Mae White Fund.

Mrs. White, 58-year-old Elsmere widow whose house was gutted by a flash fire five days before Christmas, will be there to greet her legion of friends and well-wishers, but this time she'll be in the dining room instead of the kitchen. For more than two decades, Anna Mae has put on dinners for Legion groups, firemen, auxiliary organizations and many others as one of the community's best known cateresses.

All proceeds from the \$10-aplate dinner will go to the fund, with the Legion contributing the entire cost of the function. Serving will be continuous from 7 to 7 p.m. and reservations (439-9819) are necessary.

Last week the fund drive got a publicity boost when community leaders gathered at Elsmere's main intersection while Klersy Building Corp. erected a "thermometer" to chart the fund's progress. The event was filmed by WTEN's Action News, which broadcast a brief clip on Channel 10 Wednesday with TV newsman Rick Young interviewing Anna Mae and Hank Voorhees, a campaign leader.

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showed \$8,500 in the coffers to <u>ବରରରରର୍ଗ୍ୟରର୍ଗ୍ୟର୍ପର୍ପ୍ରପ୍ରସ୍ଥର୍</u> a Lasa Friday and Saturday Specials Coq au Vin Scallops with Rice Pilaf au Gratin \$695 Soup and Salad Bar included **LUNCHEON SPECIALS DAILY** PARTIES — BANQUETS — BUSINESS MEETINGS Open 7 days a week, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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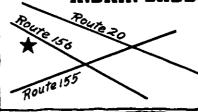
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date. "We're almost halfway there," said W. Gordon Morris, fund chairman who is coordinating the joint effort by the Blanchard American Legion post, Elsmere Fire Dept. and Bethlehem Lions Club. "We hope to reach our goal by spring." The goal: to rebuild the White residence.

Employees and bowlers at the Del Lanes in Delmar have constructed a miniature Anna Mae White house. Over \$1,138 has been stuffed into the foothigh house, which stands at the Lanes, ready for contributions.

Finland on slides

The town of Bethlehem will sponsor a slide travelogue on Finland featuring Robert Anderson at 7 p.m., Feb. 27 at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St.

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Signups starting for night school

Registration for the Voorheesville Central school district's spring continuing education program gets under way Feb. 26 and will run through March 3, according to the schedule released this week by James Hladun, director. Telephone registrations will be taken Feb. 26-28 at 765-2372 from noon to 4.

Courses starting March 5 are Quilting, Typing and Office Practice, Men's Physical Education, Self Defense and Tailoring.

Starting March 6 are Women's Physical Education, Beginning Yoga, Woodworking, Pottery, Beginning Sewing and Photography.

Starting March 7 are Beginning Drawing, Intermediate Sewing, Beginning Swimming, Adult Stroke Improvement, Antique Glassware, Antique Furniture, Rapid Reading and Adult Community Band.

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Starting April 28 are Beginning and Advanced Beginner's Tennis and Intermediate Doubles.

No Spotlight Feb. 22



Regents award '79 scholarships

High school seniors from Bethlehem and New Scotland were among 19,449 winners of Regents college scholarships. The awards, which provide \$250 per year for each student for up to five years of study at an approved program in New York State, are effective for the 1979-80 academic year.

In the event any winner declines the award or is unable to accept it, the scholarship is offered to the highest ranking alternate. The Regents are required to offer at least one scholarship for every 40 students graduated from an approved school the preceding year.

Winners from this area are:

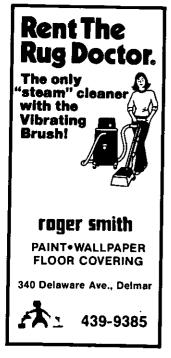
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Two weeks ago Niagara Mohawk crews from virtually every district in its Central and Eastern Divisions went West. They went to help put things back in order after a major storm seriously disrupted the electric power supply in five Western New York counties.

It was Monday evening when the area was first hit by sleet and heavy ice. Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Southern Erie, Genesee and Wyoming counties felt the brunt of it. Heavy ice toppled trees and branches. More than 1,100 electric lines were knocked out. Over 18,000 customers, spread across a 100-mile long area, were left without electric power. A second storm blast

from Mother Nature later in the week complicated matters.

Action to restore service began at once. Emergency crews from the storm area were placed on 24-hour duty.

At the same time, experienced crews from other Niagara Mohawk locations not affected by the storm were mobilized and sent to the scene of the storm. Altogether, 280 crews stayed on the job as long as necessary to get things back in order. Needed materials—cable from Texas, connectors from Florida—were specially flown in via air freight.

After a large, damaging storm it takes a lot of work to restore power, to clean up the fallen trees, and to put the electric power system back to normal. It takes specialized equipment and supplies. And it also requires many trained, experienced, dedicated people.

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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds gird for Sectionals

What little chance Voorheesville Central had in catching Waterford for the Central Hudson Valley League crown slipped away in a pushing and shoving match in the fourth quarter at Catskill, and now Mike O'Brien's crew is eager for the Sectionals to prove themselves as championship caliber.

The Blackbirds will entertain a sub-par Greenville team in the first round of the Section 2 tournament at 7:30 on Friday, Feb. 23. Greenville, one of the weaker teams in the Schoharie County League dominated by Berne-Knox, is not to be confused with Greenwich, which will be seeded No. 1 in the Class B Sectionals. Hoosick Falls will be No. 2 and Mechanicville No. 3 in the 13-team eliminations.

If Voorheesville survives Greenville—and O'Brien says "we got a good draw"—the Blackbirds will go against the Tamarac-Cobleskill winner at Mechanicville in the quarterfinals Feb. 27.

The disaster at Catskill last Friday was a bitter one for Voorheesville, which had a 12-point lead in the first half, were up by nine at intermission and were clinging to a one-point margin with four minutes to go. Then everything fell apart, the game got away from the officials and in the shoving and body-checking Catskill made their hoops and Voorheesville didn't.

O'Brien was careful not to criticize the officiating, but it was plain to see he was dis-

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turbed that the game got out of control. All he would say is that "it was a rough game physically, we shot poorly and had our chances."

Then he added: "In those last few minutes we didn't execute very well as a team—too much individual stuff. When we started doing that they caught up and went ahead."

Craig Gleason had 20 and Steve Smith 15 in the 69-63 setback that wiped out any chance of the league title. Waterford handled Maple Hill as expected, and can wrap up the title Friday regardless of the Voorheesville score at Coxsackie. The Blackbirds are 6-3 in the league, one game off Waterford's 7-2, and 11-5 overall with only two to go, a non-leaguer Tuesday at Tamarac and the windup Friday at Coxsackie.

There was good news in the wreckage, however. John Harding, the team's most celebrated cripple, came off the disabled list and played nearly half the Catskill game with his ankle taped. He contributed 11 points, and O'Brien plans to work him back into the patterns this week. His return could make a big difference in the Sectionals.

Delmar Day XI

The 11th annual observance of Delmar Day in Florida is scheduled for Monday, March 5. at the Sarasota Mobile Home Park, 2100 E. Laurel St., Sarasota, starting at 11:30 a.m. Laurence R. Moses, publicity chairman and treasurer, reports that this year's gathering will feature a short concert by the Tune-Agers Rhythm Band from nearby Nokomis in addition to Art White's traditional "five-minute message." The invitations read "bring your own lunch, beverages provided," and visitors from the Delmar area are welcome along with former residents now living in Florida.

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Some 80 singers turned out for the first rehearsal of "The Witness" at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bill Womer of Feura Bush, directing the new Christian musical, has more openings at Thursday rehearsals from 8:30 to 10 p.m. for three performances in May.

Mat Sectionals set for Delmar

Wrestling fans will have one of the best shows in the area when Bethlehem Central High School hosts the Section 2 Class A championship tournament. The single elimination draws will be held all day on Saturday, March 3, with the finals in each weight class starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for each session, \$3 for a combined ticket.

Mark Dean (138) and Bryan Bourque (177) won championships for Bethlehem in the Suburban Council Invitational tournament last weekend at Columbia High School in East Greenbush. Andy Hickey (98) and Jeff Herrmann (105) placed third and fourth respectively in their divisions, helping Bethlehem to a seventh-place finish among 16 teams in the tourney.

Coming up are the qualifying rounds of the Section 2 eliminations at Burnt Hills Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24. The top four wrestlers in each weight class will be eligible for the Sectional championships in Delmar March 3.

Dance at Coffeehouse

The Bethlehem Coffeehouse is holding a contra-dance, Friday, Feb. 16. Ray Wall and Ruth Rappaport will provide music and instruction for the dance, which combines elements of square and folk dancing. They will hold a concert at the Coffeehouse the next night, Saturday, at 8:30, playing traditional Irish, British and American folk tunes on guitar and hammer dulcimer.

Sunday breakfasts on

The Berne Lodge Fellow-craft Club will resume its Sunday breakfasts on Feb. 18, March 25, and April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berne Masonic Temple. The menu is bacon, eggs, pancakes, French toast, juice and coffee . . . all you can eat for \$2.75, children under 12, \$1.75.

Learn to swim

The town of Bethlehem will sponsor a Red Cross beginners' swim course for children in grades 2-4 beginning Feb. 28 on Wednesdays at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool. Sessions will be from 6 to 7 and from 7 to 8 p.m.

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BASKETBALL

Bethlehem seeded 4th in Sectionals

Bethlehem Central's basketball team, destined for fourth place in the Suburban Council following a one-point setback at Niskayuna, will start its "second season" at Shenendehowa on Feb. 28. That's the date the Section 2 Class AA tournament gets under way, and the only thing Coach Jim Tedisco and his hoopsters know for sure is the date, time and place.

The opponent could be Troy, Glens Falls or Mohonasen. Tedisco and his resident spies scouted Troy last week, were planning to run a biopsy on Glens Falls this week and can analyze Mohonasen from their own league, where BC won by three in Delmar and by eight in Rotterdam.

In the Sectional shootout, Bethlehem will be seeded No. 4 and will face the sixth-seeded team. Along the route, where one defeat ends the season, lie such familiar foes as Shaker and Niskayuna along with the big-city schools.

The Eagles slipped into fourth place in the 54-53 loss at Niskayuna Friday after walloping Guilderland, 71-49, last Tuesday at home. BC had one of their worst shooting nights against the Niskys, who bear little semblance to the 1978 Class A state champions. Joe Rutnik, the team's best gunner

averaging 19.8 points a game, had 17, but went only 7 for 28 from the floor, far below his 50-percent-plus standard. John Sica, the team's No. 2 scorer, got off only seven shots all night.

Tedisco's explanation was simple: "We weren't hitting from the outside, so they shut us off from the inside."

The good news was Jim Giacone's return from the medical ward. The 6-3 senior, out four weeks with a broken jaw, got in the Guilderland game for a minute, and will see limited action in the three remaining Council meetings with Shenendehowa Tuesday of this week at home, Friday at Columbia and next Tuesday in the home finale with Colonie.

Local skiers cited

Leighton White, 15, of Voorheesville and Jamie Leonard, 17, of Delmar, were rated first and third respectively among 15 members of ski patrols from six Capital area ski centers at the annual Eastern New York Region junior ski patrol seminar at Oak Mountain near Speculator. Both White and Leonard were representing Scotch Valley ski area, Stamford. Among the judges and teachers at the seminar was Scott White of Voorheesville. who was named the nation's outstanding junior patroller at the 1978 national junior seminar at Crystal Mountain. Wash.

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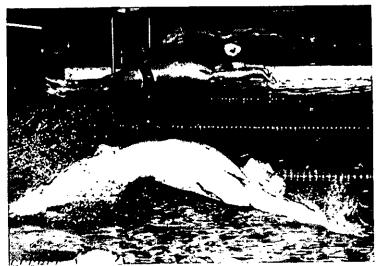
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Kenny Neff, Bethlehem's state-ranked backstroker, hits the water en route to a new pool record against Rome.

Jim Carroll

SWIMMING

BC fins face biggest test

According to Jack Whipple, coach of Bethlehem Central's undefeated varsity swimming juggernaut, the Eagles have "an even chance" to upset New Hartford Friday in a collision of two state-ranked teams.

Whipple has been studying comparative times and scouting reports all week, and figures that the outcome will be determined by the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. New Hartford will have the advantage of the home pool, home judges and one of the best relay teams in the state.

But Whipple feels a strong performance by his mermen in the individual events will give Bethlehem enough of a point margin that BC can win the meet with a second or third in the final relay.

Opposing coaches have warned Whipple that of all the

schools in the state, New Hartford has the most notorious "home" judges, which tells Whipple the Eagles "will have to win it outright" hoping to avoid the close finishes they know will all be judged against them. Whipple found that out himself two years ago on his last visit to New Hartford.

"Right now it's pretty much of a tossup," he said this week. BC's team depth will help in a six-lane pool, but the Eagles will be swimming without John Delaney, one of their top sprinters, and John Tartaglia, a backup man, both of whom will be on vacation with their families.

Bethlehem scored an impressive 47-36 win over Rome Free Academy in Delmar last Friday to run its record to 12-0, despite losing six of the meet's 11 events. Whipple's game plan

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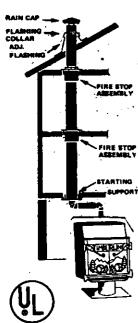
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worked to perfection: the Eagles took two of the first three places in every race, and had enough of a lead after nine events that Whipple was able to withhold his top breaststroker, Bobby Holland, and his firststring freestyle relay foursome, from the last two events. He did that, he said, to give other swimmers a shot at Rome, but he could have also been thinking about scrambling the scouting reports for New Hartford.

Three pool records fell in the meet. Rome's Rich Wells, the state's top breaststroker, made a shambles of the mark set three years ago by Bruce Zeigler of Shaker, a former state champion. Wells clipped more than two full seconds off Zeigler's 1:04.3, blasting the distance in 1:01.9, which should stand for a while.

BC's Kenny Neff wiped out another of Malcolm Cooper's



Drew Hyde's anthem opened Jim Carroll the Rome meet.

records, this time in the 200vard individual medley. Neff's 2:04.8 was two-tenths of a second faster than the 2:05 flat set four years ago by Cooper, now a standout at Harvard and a possible contender for the 1980 Olympic team. Neff's time was the second best in New York State this year.

Neff also shaved 1.3 seconds off his own pool record in the 100-yard backstroke set last year, winning against Rome in 55.3. Other Bethlehem winners were Eric Hall, turning in his best time yet, 59.1 in the 100yard butterfly, and Mark Me-Kneally and Mary Reagan finishing 1-2 in the diving.

The Eagles got a big jump by taking the opening medley relay in 1:44.0, fourth fastest time in the state this season. It was the first time all year Whipple went with his four aces, Neff, Hall, Dave Propp and Mike FitzPatrick, and they beat a Rome quartet ranked No. 4 in the state.

Whipple will take those four swimmers to the Easterns in Lawrenceville, N.J. Feb. 24-25. Bethlehem will enter two events. the medley relay and Neff's specialty, the backstroke.

Camera workshop planned

The February meeting of the Delmar Camera Club will include a workshop on lighting with flash conducted by Dean Stout. Members will participate in the annual photo essay competition, presenting up to 20 slides or prints that tell a story or illustrate a theme. A general competition of black and white prints is also scheduled. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the parish hall of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, at 7:30 p.m.

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Irwin P. Sander

Retires from Thruway

Irwin P. Sander, 36 Devon Rd., Delmar, has retired from the New York State Thruway Authority after serving 23 years as a senior sanitary engineer. He previously served with the State Dept. of Health. A retirement luncheon was held at the Albany Motor Inn last month.

Sander received the John Chester Brigham Award at the Annual meeting of the New York Water Pollution Control Assn. in New York City. Sander has been a member of the group since 1943. He has been a resident of Delmar since 1967.

Marriage announced

Miss Susan E. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. White, 148 Kenwood Ave., Elsmere, and Mark W. Crounse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Crounse, Jr., Beacon Rd., Glenmont, were married Dec. 23 in the chapel of the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Rev. Robert Thomas officiated. The couple are residing on Beacon Rd., Glenmont.



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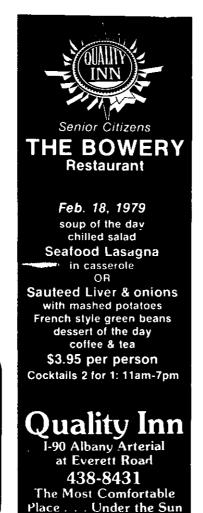
Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley W. Martin of Central Square, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Perry, to Harold W. Tomlinson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Tomlinson, of Delmar.

The prospective bride is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and is a computer programmer in Albany. Her fiance is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and is an engineer with the General Electric Co., Schenectady.

Travelogue at AARP

Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, at 1:30, preceded by a 12:30 social hour. The program will be a travelogue on a trip to the Orient.





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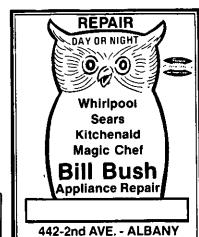


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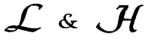
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Concerns on water

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my appreciation for the interest the Spotlight has shown in the water problems of the Meadowbrook Pl. area of New Scotland. It was only through your interest and the efforts of Walt Miller and Herb Reilly that any concessions were wrested from Bethlehem Water District officials.

The water is back and the immediate problem is solved, but a number of questions remain. In December when the wells started to dry up I was naturally concerned, since my well is in a direct line between the affected wells. Therefore, on Dec. 5, several of us arranged a meeting with Bethlehem officials to discuss the problem and hopefully obtain some relevent information. Although we were assured of cooperation, it quickly became apparent that Mr. Wagner felt that a hearty handshake and a "gee whiz, we're sorry but we aren't to blame" would put the matter to sleep.

No help was offered except an off-the-record permission to haul water from the district plant coupled with an implied warning not to let the New Salem Fire Dept. haul it for us. No information was available as to how long the pumping might continue, when additional water sources might be expected to come on line, nor even how deep the wells are. Mr. Wagner did promise me a copy of an engineering report prepared by Hall and Associates in the 1950s which I believe has information on the relationship between the wells.

However, by the following Monday, this report, obtained at great expense to Bethlehem taxpayers and certainly being of interest during the current search for water sources, could not be located.

So much for the promised cooperation. It wasn't until six weeks later, after the prodding of Herb Reilly, that a (for some reason) private meeting between Wallace and Bethlehem officials resulted in a one-week shutdown to see what would happen. Much to everyone's surprise, within five days the water was back. This has been termed by cooperative Bethlehem officials as a coincidence.

All of this brings a number of questions to my mind. First, are the people who depend on the Bethlehem Water District fully aware of just how tenuous their situation is? The reservoir fell below 40 percent of its capacity after a minor drought. The wells that pumped the New Scotland residents dry are at bést a temporary expediency. Town engineers have told me that these wells have been pumped dry in the past. While all reservoirs in the area were low, none that I know of reached this level.

At present, the only restrictions on further demand have been placed by the County Health Dept. and these are not getting much support. The only proposed viable alternatives are the Hudson River and the Onesquethaw Creek basin. Tell me who is first to sample the Hudson?

Second, what is New Scotland doing? Are the residents of that town expected to go back to their water buckets every time there is a minor drought in the future? It appears their only alternative is a lengthy, expensive and dubious court battle.

What about the future of New Scotland? It is my under-

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standing that the last remaining reliable public water supply available in New Scotland is the Onesquethaw Creek basin, which Bethlehem is presently eyeing. I think we've had a good sample of the cooperation New Scotland residents can expect from the Bethlehem Water District. I think that it is incumbent upon the town board to take steps now to preserve this potential source for the future.

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Implications challenged

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Feb. I issue of the Spotlight contained two articles that reported statements by local residents I feel were disturbing and misleading.

In the article about Mrs. Freudenreich, she was quoted as saying that the town resisted proposed "substandard" homes. This is a misuse of the word. "Substandard" means physically deteriorated or lacking in basic appurtenances, such as plumbing. Developers do not generally go around building "substandard" housing. She should clarify what she means by that.

Mrs. Freudenreich also refers to apartment dwellers moving from Albany and "changing the voting patterns." There is an implicit prejudice stated here that is in appropriate for someone who has been in a position to effect public policy for the town. Most new

apartment dwellers, in any case, are from areas outside Albany, just as are new homeowners. My wife and I, for instance, moved here from New York, rented an apartment, then bought a house. We and others like us moved to Bethlehem because it is a good place to live. Far be it from me or Mrs. Freudenreich to deny the same opportunity to others by limiting the number of apartments available as she implies - even if these people do come from Albany and have voting preferences that are different from hers.

The other article pertains to Mr. Geurtze's position on the effect of full-value assessments on rural land in the town. I am certain he knows that farmers have avenues of tax relief open to them that do not require obstructing the process of devising a more equitable property tax system as mandated by law. Rather than maintaining the present system with its inequities for all taxable properties, it is more appropriate for Mr. Geurtze to seek wider use of the agricultural district in order to lessen the pressures for development and increased taxes on farm land. The benefits of full-value assessment are too important to be denied by one special interest group. And the alternatives open to farmers who wish to go on farming are probably more effective than anything the current tax system provides.

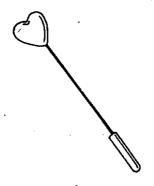
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