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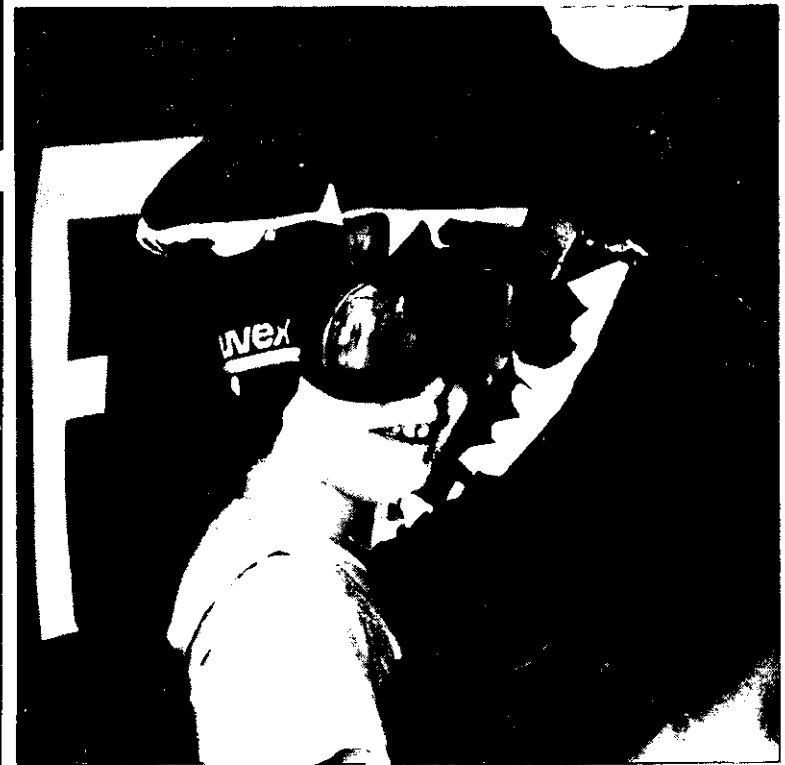
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Half Moon Button Club of Albany, third Wednesday, Bethlehem Library, noon. Information 872-0068.

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

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

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

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

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m., Bible class meets Wednesdays 10 a.m., junior choir Wednesdays 6:45 p.m., senior choir Thursdays 8 p.m., 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.

Bethlehem Central Board of Education, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

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

Loss-a-thon, to benefit Leukemia Society, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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

Weekend spiritual experience, also supper, First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

Clam chowder and bake sale, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, noon to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

New England art show, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

Section 2 championship wrestling tournament, Bethlehem Central High School, all day, finals, 8 p.m.

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Bethlehem Tomboys registration, girls' softball, Bank Community Room, Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon.

Guided walk, "Woodland Walk," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 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.

Antique show, Tawasentha Chapter, DAR, BCHS cafeteria, noon to 6 p.m.

Lenten discussion, Dr. J. Uppal, "World Hunger and Economic Development," Community Methodist Church, Slingerlands, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

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

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

Assemblyman Larry Lane's Delmar office at 1 Becker Terr open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Wednesdays by appointment, 439-9902.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Informational meeting, for parents of children entering kindergarten, Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Literature course, for parents to help their children select reading material, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

New Scotland Historical Assn., slide discussion, Christine Averil.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Bethlehem Central Board of Education, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m. Budget listening session follows regular meeting.

New Scotland town board, New Scotland town hall, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Tomboys registration, Bank Community Room, 7-9 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, Albany Motor Inn, 6 p.m.

Bloodmobile, Bethlehem Central High School, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tri-village Ecumenical Lenten Bible study, Delmar Reformed Church, 9:30-11 a.m. Babysitting provided.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

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

Lose-a-thon, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

"Battle of the Bands," sponsored by the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn., Bethlehem Central High School, 8-11 p.m.

Clam chowder and bake sale, Bethlehem Grange Hall, noon-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Bethlehem Tomboys registration, Bank Community Room, 9 a.m.-noon.

Third annual dinner dance, New Scotland Republican Committee, Albany Country Club, cocktails 6:30 p.m. prime rib dinner 7:30 p.m., music by the Rogues. Tickets, Michele Wilbur, Edita Probst or any committeeman.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten discussion, Community United Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

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

Ladies Guild, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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

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.

MUSIC

Alexandria Quartet, playing works by Ives, Mozart and Brahms, Recital Hall, State University Performing Arts Center, **March 11, 3 p.m.** Free.

Joan Brennan, soprano, songs and arias, Holy Names Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., **March 31, \$3.50.**

"Music and Imagery," Miriam Brickman, pianist, State University Performing Arts Center, **March 3, 8:30 p.m.** \$1.457-8606.

Thursday Noon Concerts (Findlay Cockrell), Paula Ennis, pianist, Empire State Plaza ("The Egg"), **March 8.** Free.

ART

Thom O'Connor, pastels and other works, Hamilton Street Gallery, Robinson Square, Albany, **through March 24.**

Exhibition of Oriental rugs, weavings, tent trappings, Albany Institute of History and Art, **through May.** Gallery talk by Michael Dunn on April 26, 12-1 p.m.

Mauricio Lasansky, prints and drawings, State University Art Gallery, **through April 1.** Closed Mondays.

Paintings by Louise LaPlante, oils and watercolors of "junk" dolls, Albany YWCA Womanworks Gallery, 28 Colvin Ave., **through April 4.**

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, Empire State Plaza, **through April 1.** Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free parking on weekends.

FILM

"Queen Christina" (1933), Greta Garbo-John Gilbert masterpiece, CDPC Auditorium One, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **March 2-3, 9 p.m.** \$1.50. 4367373.

"Padre, Padrone," Best Film Award at Cannes, State University Performing Arts Center, **March 9-10, 8:30 p.m.** \$2.25, students, CD \$1.35. Box office 457-8606.

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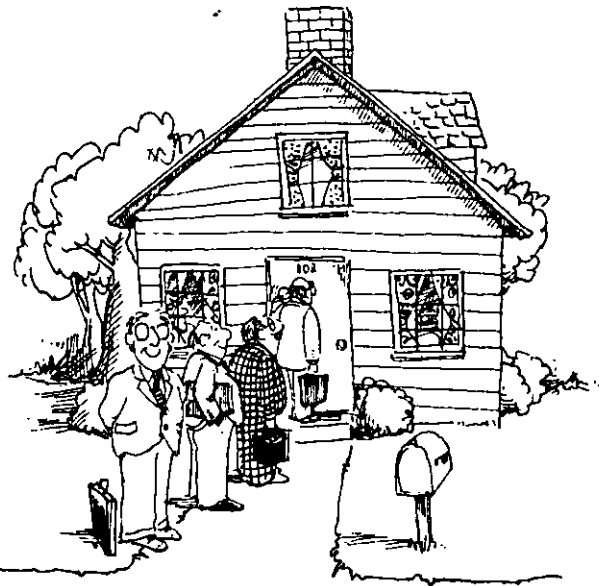
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Freezeups abate —temporarily

A cold spell of polar intensity has left the area but not before it caused havoc with water mains and pipes for scores of Bethlehem residents who had to do without water for a short time.

Paul Wagner of the Bethlehem Water Dept. said that 10 private service lines were frozen, and two water mains were cracked by frozen water, temporarily shutting down service for several homes along Kenwood Ave., between Adams St. and Borthwick Ave.

"The town of Bethlehem has been fortunate that it wasn't more serious," says Wagner. "We had full crews out working on the weekend and on Washington's birthday." Most residents had their water restored in four or five hours. "This year was the second coldest year of the century, and if it doesn't get colder, then we've experienced the worst," the superintendent said.

But he stressed that the town isn't out of the clear yet, even if the warming trend continues. "Most people don't realize," he says, "that a thaw drives the frost down deeper. That will mean that more pipes will be frozen. We're anticipating more trouble and so all my men are on standby."

The long spell also kept every heating specialist and every plumber in town busy beyond normal working hours in a steady battle against residential freezeups. Main Care crews in Bethlehem and New Scotland abandoned their cleaning and maintenance contract schedule to concentrate on furnace and heating system problems, and reports of ruptured pipes were frequent.



Richard F. Huber



Richard E. Langford



Allen Wilcon

VOORHEESVILLE

Trustee race puts spice in village elections

For most of the "regulars" the annual caucus of the Peoples Party in Voorheesville was its usual businesslike self. For the 1,400 registered voters in the village, the 1979 village elections again will have a contest to liven things up at the polls.

The ballot this year is a skimpy one: two seats on the five-member village board are the only jobs up for grabs. One of them will go to incumbent Trustee Allen Wilcon uncontested, the other will pit a young political neophyte against an administration veteran in a race some longtime political observers of Voorheesville politics say "could be a humdinger."

The excitement will come from Richard F. (Dick) Huber, 45, of 7 Birch La., seeking his fourth two-year term on the board, and from Richard E. (Rich) Langford, a 25-year-old former cross-country running champion.

Langford last week collected the 50 signatures required on a petition to be filed under the Citizens Party. In village elections it's the Peoples Party vs.

the Citizens Party and the familiar Republican-Democrat labels mean nothing.

In the caucus at the fire hall last Wednesday, opened by Mayor William J. Wenzel and chaired by William D. Munyan, Huber's name was placed in nomination by John Zongrone and seconded by Daniel Reh, both members of the village zoning board of appeals. Langford was nominated by Herbert W. Reilly, Jr., one of two Democratic members of the New Scotland town board, and seconded by Joanne Fleming. In the balloting Huber won the caucus' nomination by a vote of 41-22.

The total vote was five short of last year's tally when Hector (Babe) Arbour upset incumbent Robert E. Murphy for town justice, 35-33, pushing Murphy into the petition route.

Langford's challenge marks the second time in a row Huber has faced a contest to retain his seat. He defeated Joseph Lee in the 1977 election.

Huber has been a staunch defender of zoning standards, and supported Wenzel in an

unsuccessful effort to block an amendment to the village zoning ordinance last fall that added funeral homes to the list of permitted land uses. Huber, who previously served a year as village building inspector and on the board of appeals, was instrumental in abolishing the policy of assessing homes on the basis of selling price. The village currently assesses houses of the same style equally, regardless of the age of the dwelling.

A native of Long Island, Huber served on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier during the Korean War, and has lived in Voorheesville for 12 years. He is employed in the construction industry, is married and has five children.

Langford gained wide acclaim as a high school runner when "the Three R's" led the Voorheesville cross country team to a 1-2-3 finish in the New York State championship meet in 1970, the only time such a feat has ever been accomplished in the state meet. Langford won the meet, followed by teammates Rick Ellis

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Langford says he is running for the board because "I want to do more than what I think the village is doing" about vandalism that has been largely unpublicized. He lives at 45 Maple Ave. adjacent to the village park and playground, where, he says, "most of the vandalism and juvenile problems occur."

At the January meeting of the village board, Mayor Wenzel said he would seek additional police patrols to combat what he termed "wanton vandalism that has caused damage in excess of \$5,000 in recent months." Board members cited destructive acts at the bank, liquor store and supermarket at the Grand Union shopping area. Sheriff's deputies last fall retrieved two home-made grenades near the railroad bridge on Maple Ave. two doors from Langford's house.

Langford attended the Uni-

versity of Florida and SUNYA, and worked three summers for the village on public works truck crews. He has been employed by Suburban Propane for the past four years. He is married to the former Debra Klopfer of Voorheesville and has two pre-school children.

Wilcon was nominated by Anthony Manning at the caucus and seconded by James Fish. Eileen Farley served as secretary of the caucus and Manning, Gene Sickles and William Hotaling as balloting inspectors.

The village elections will be held on March 20 with voting from noon to 9 p.m. at the fire hall. Only 566 went to the polls last year and 400 the year before. The last time a village election generated any real interest was in 1972, when the Peoples Party and Citizens Party each put up full tickets and attracted 1,100 to the voting booths.

Park protectors challenge trucks

It has taken Slingerlands residents more than 15 years of holding off commercial land developers to achieve a public park next to the fire house, and they weren't about to let some unidentified dump trucks unload on that embattled piece of real estate.

When the trucks appeared one day last week at the triangular four-acre tract at New Scotland Rd. and Bridge St., vigilant neighbors called police.

With police cars standing by the trucks like Coast Guard cutters checking suspected rum-runners, it took a few radio calls to straighten things out. It turned out to be a case of mistaken intent.

Seems the Bethlehem town board was having a contractor excavate a basement under the "new" wing of the vacant Delmar Elementary School, which is being renovated as the new town hall. The trucks represented the first of about 50 loads of fill taken from beneath the former school cafeteria opposite the entrance to the Bethlehem Public Library on Borthwick Ave.

With the preliminary grading that started last fall on the proposed Slingerlands town park scheduled to resume when the ground thaws, town engineers told the contractor to truck the fill from the school excavation to the Slingerlands site.

The trouble was, the first few loads weren't pure fill: they had scattered chunks of concrete and rubble in them, and that alarmed nearby homeowners in Slingerlands. That might have gone unnoticed in another neighborhood, but in Slingerlands community pride runs deeper than anywhere for miles around, its citizens fight harder to protect "the quality of life" and highway builders, land developers, planners and zoners have learned to tread carefully in that hamlet.

One of those historic battles killed a proposal to make the park site a shopping plaza.

Now the town has taken title, and this spring will complete the regrading and seeding of a "green area" on the tract. Topsoil skimmed from a 60-percent expansion of the south parking lot at the town park on Elm Ave. has been earmarked for Slingerlands, but more soil will have to be purchased. Meanwhile, according to Bethlehem Highway Supt. Martin Cross, Jr., the storm drainage system has been installed, and all that's needed now are warm weather to finish the seeding and a few more citizen meetings to determine what kind of a park the zealous patriots want.

Local artists meet

Estelle Yarinsky will demonstrate print-making at the Bethlehem Art Assn. meeting tonight (March 1) at the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. community room, Delmar, at 8 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For information call 463-5067.



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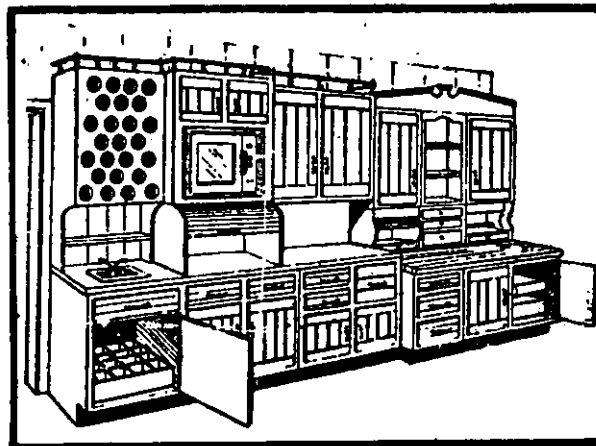
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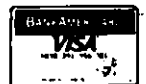
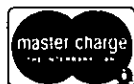
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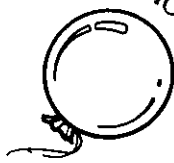
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BETHLEHEM

First 'Moonle' opens 'season'

Bethlehem police headquarters has reported the "season's" first citizen complaint of solicitation by members of the Unification Church. The complaint came from Reid Pl., where a solicitor was reportedly going door-to-door.

Town officials have no legal way to prevent house-to-house solicitation, other than to regulate it by requiring solicitors to obtain peddler's permits from the town clerk's office upon payment of a fee. The town does not permit soliciting in public places and parking areas near stores.

Young, clean-shaven youths of the Unification Church, a controversial organization under investigation by the U.S. Congress, normally attempt to solicit funds at this time of year either directly or by selling candy. Last March three men in a van were asked by Supervisor Tom Corrigan and Bethlehem police to return to the Albany side of the town line after trying to sell candy boxes in a number of local stores and shopping areas on Good Friday.

One solicitor told Corrigan he didn't know it was a religious holiday.

Because of the Unification Church's reputation for recruiting impressionable young people to the fold through "brainwashing" techniques, a number of local residents have expressed concern that solicitors will ring the doorbell when teenagers are home and no adults are present to warn the youngsters.

Unification Church members are often called "Moonies" because of their association with Rev. Sun Myong Moon, the controversial Korean who heads the church group.

Leads blood workshop

More than 100 students and faculty advisors from area high schools are participating in a bloodmobile workshop today (March 1) at the Red Cross Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany. Workshop chairman is Richard Leach, health educator and faculty advisor for bloodmobile at Voorheesville Central High School.

Lane in Delmar

Assemblyman Larry Lane's office at 1 Becker Terr., Delmar is open for the convenience of the public on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Wednesdays by appointment. For information call 439-9902.

New Scotland GOP dance

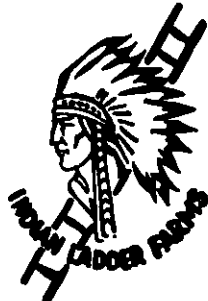
The New Scotland Republican Committee will hold its third annual dinner dance on Saturday, March 10, at the Albany Country Club, Voorheesville. Cocktail hour will start at 6:30 p.m. with a prime rib dinner at 7:30. Dancing to the music of "The Rogues" will follow the dinner. Tickets are available from co-chairmen Michele Wilbur and Edita Probst and from local committee members.

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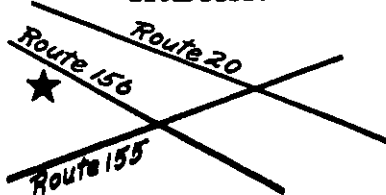
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Churches joining in Lenten study

Ten Bethlehem churches are joining in an ecumenical Bible study series during Lent. The series will be held Wednesday mornings at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., starting March 7 and continuing through April 11. The sessions will be from 10 to 11, preceded by coffee and fellowship at 9:30. Babysitting will be provided and all members of the community are welcome.

Theme of the 1979 series is: "Jesus Asks: Who do you say I am?" Coordinators are Jean Felt of the Delmar Presbyterian Church and Micki Louderback of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Six members of the Tri-Village clergy each will lead one of the sessions, starting with Rev. James Daley of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, on March 7. The other leaders will be Rev. Luther A. Patton of Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, Joyce DeVelder of Delmar Reformed Church, Rev. Derik J. Roy, of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, Rev. Jack D. Cooper

of Glenmont Community Church (Reformed) and Rev. Warren Winterhoff, of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Hostesses for the sessions will be the Delmar Reformed Church on March 7, Faith Lutheran Church on March 14, St. Thomas the Apostle Church on March 21, Delmar United Methodist Church on March 28, Glenmont Community Church April 4 and Bethlehem Reformed Church on April 11.

Committee chairmen are: publicity, Eleanor Wiedemann, Bethlehem Reformed Church; registration, Carolyn Parker, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; treasurer, Carolyn Bennett, Faith Lutheran Church, and hostesses, Mim Oliver, Glenmont Community Church.

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'Snow day' a top-level decision

When the countryside is buried in snow, the early morning radio runs through the list of school closings for the day, thus changing the pattern of thousands of households for that day.

Who makes the decision to call off classes? When? On what information?

The answers: (1) the superintendent of schools, top man in the school system (2) around 6 a.m. (3) road conditions, especially in rural areas, and whether the chains are already on the school buses...which means that a "surprise" storm is almost a guarantee of a day off from school.

In the Bethlehem Central school district, the "storm watch" starts the night before an anticipated weather crisis. Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn, like all district employees an early riser, says he "stays up to watch the 11 o'clock news" for the latest information on a developing storm or an anticipated one. Then he prepares for a pre-dawn telephone conference with Gardner Tanner, the school system's transportation supervisor, who lives in Clarks-

ville. Tanner, too, has tuned to the late news, especially watching for the weatherman's forecast of when the storm is expected to hit, how much snow is

predicted, how many hours the storm will last.

He gets up around 4 a.m., warms up his 4-wheel-drive vehicle and "runs" several of the roads in the more remote areas near Clarksville, roads like Cass Hill, Stovepipe and North Rd. that have a history of above-average snow problems. Then he swings down Delaware Tpk. to Delmar and Orchard Hill Rd.

At the bus garage at the high school on Van Dyke Rd. he checks the status of tire chains on the buses, and calls the state police substation at Selkirk, Bethlehem police headquarters and the town highway departments in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

At the town garages he finds out when the plows started out, what their progress is and whether they'll be able to make a pass at the routes his buses would soon be using.

At 5:45 a.m. Tanner is on the phone with Zinn. "Sometimes I call him, sometimes he calls me," says Zinn. The decision is made on the basis of Tanner's report and by comparing the prevailing conditions with the conditions on previous snow emergencies.

If the roads are bad, but there are indications the situation will improve, Zinn has the option of deciding on a late start—sending the buses out



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"That's the toughest decision," says Zinn. "Once we say we're going to 'go late' and conditions don't get any better, then we've got problems and people get upset at us...and understandably."

By 6 the decision is made. If it is decreed a "snow day," the calls start going out to the radio stations. There are 10 of them, and the notification message has to be short because the calls are flooding in from other school districts. Each radio station provides the schools with a cryptic code that takes only a few seconds, but each station has its own code.

At the same time, Bethlehem's 230 teachers and staff and some 200 non-instructional employees must be notified. Zinn immediately calls five people by pre-arrangement, each of them makes five assigned calls, and the system pyramids through the list in quick time.

On Monday of this week the system encountered crossed wires when one of the radio stations—as luck would have it, the most "listened-to" of them all—erroneously reported Bethlehem schools would be closed, Zinn said. The station manager later apologized for the report, which should have announced "one hour late." Meanwhile, the schools, the district staff and police were deluged with calls.

When an all-day snowstorm begins to "look bad," the same factors determine the decision whether to close the schools early and send the children home. The bus fleet is running throughout the day, providing up-to-the-minute data on road conditions.

The "key" roads that influence the Zinn-Tanner decision are Cass Hill Rd. in Clarksville, a perennial problem area in the remote hill country of the town of New Scotland, and Delaware Tpk. itself, a notoriously hilly two-lane highway that can become treacherous with only a few inches of snow and is critically vulnerable to drifting and icing conditions.

Delaware Tpk. also serves as the trunk route for a dozen or more side roads in the New Scotland segment of the school district. But Cass Hill Rd. itself isn't enough to call off school for the day.

The state requires a minimum of 180 school days under the state aid to localities procedure. Most school districts in this area set up schedules that will provide for a number of snow days. Says Zinn: "We have three in our calendar, sometimes four, that will allow us the full 180 days without penalty. If we have too many snow days, we have to cut into spring vacation."

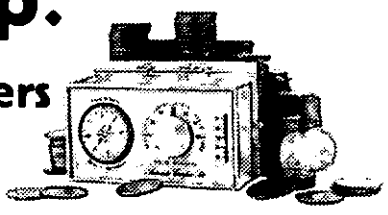
This year the box score in Bethlehem Central is two used, two in reserve.

Stolen car back

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DA may bypass new Fish trial

Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg says his office has made no decision on whether to prosecute ex-Bethlehem Police Chief Peter Fish on two outstanding felony indictments, but courthouse sources downtown consider the case "pretty much closed."

Fish, sentenced Friday to five years probation and fined \$1,000 on his first-degree perjury conviction in Albany County Court, has also been indicted on a second perjury charge and a charge of criminal possession of stolen property involving the alleged sale of a gun confiscated as evidence in a Bethlehem armed robbery.

In Delmar, town officials made it clear they have no intention to resume proceedings on any of the 34 counts of official misconduct lodged against the chief in a civil disciplinary investigation last year. The objective of that investigation was to oust the controversial chief from his \$21,000 Civil Service job. "That end has been accomplished," Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said.

Fish spoke freely and bitterly at the courthouse after his sentencing Friday, repeating his post-trial insistence that he

told the truth "while the others lied." The Channel 6 newscast Friday night carried a closeup of Fish delivering a personal tirade against Capt. Robert Foster and Sgt. LeRoy J. Cooke of the Bethlehem police force. The verbal blast inspired News Center Six to dispatch a camera crew to Delmar, but at police headquarters on Adams St., Foster, who has been acting chief since Fish's suspension last March, and Cooke, a longtime member of the force, would make no comment and merely smiled in full uniform for the TV cameras.

Fish's trial attorney, James C. Straney of Latham, told reporters he would file an appeal motion this week to overturn the Feb. 2 conviction. If Straney goes through with an appeal, it could change the DA's attitude on prosecuting Fish on the two outstanding felony indictments, courthouse sources indicated.

Judge Joseph P. Harris imposed the sentence after Greenberg had recommended that Fish be spared a prison term "in light of his public service." Fish could have been sentenced to seven years behind bars, but instead received the maximum probation. The chief told Harris at the sentencing that he was innocent "of every and all charges."

Fish, who was removed from the town payroll on the day of his conviction a month ago, will now be required to report to probation officers on a regular basis for the five-year period.

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Yetman, 36, joined the postal service in 1968 as a mailhandler in Albany. He served in various clerk positions until his appointment as postmaster of East Chatham in March, 1977.

A native of Brooklyn, Yetman grew up in Plattsburgh and graduated from Our Lady of Victory Academy there. He also attended North Carolina University. He graduated from the U.S. Army's administration school in Fort Jackson, S.C., and completed a two-year labor studies course of Cornell University through the State University of New York at Albany.

Yetman served with the U.S. Army during 1962-68 at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Seoul, Korea. He is married and has three sons.

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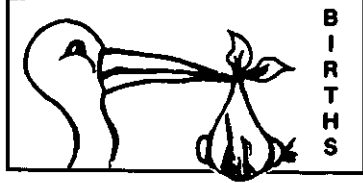
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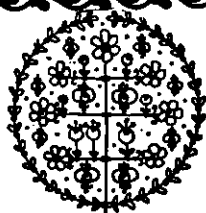
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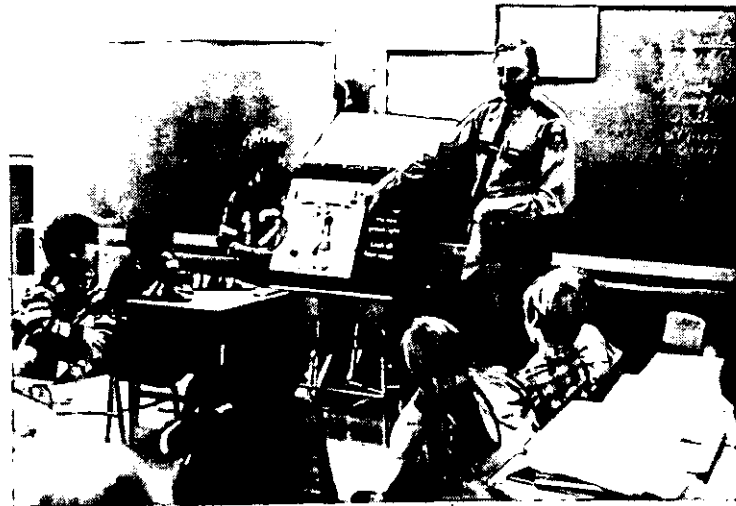


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Officer Richard Vanderbilt, right, assisted by temporary deputy Jim Brink, left, offers safety tips to third graders in Slingerlands Elementary School. *Spotlight photo*

'Officer Bill' in class—and vice versa

Instead of relying on the larger-than-life image of the TV cop, Officer Richard Vanderbilt of the Bethlehem police department has taken the "Officer Bill" program into the classrooms to demonstrate to Bethlehem's third graders what a real police officer is like.

"We want to change the image kids see on TV," says Vanderbilt. "It's distorted image that's grossly exaggerated. We want to establish a good relationship with the kids."

Vanderbilt feels that children in the third grade are old enough to comprehend his serious message. "We want to start early and maintain contact throughout the school years to stay on a friendly basis," he says.

Safety is a big part of Vanderbilt's message, as he plies the children with questions to see how they would handle hypothetical situations. They are taught street safety, to avoid

strangers, how to handle emergencies and when to call the police.

"We call it the 'Officer Bill' program" he says, "because that's the nickname for all police officers. We tell the kids that if they need help and can't remember a police officer's name, that they can call anyone of us 'Officer Bill.'"

Vanderbilt says the kids love it and he admits that he enjoys it, too. More police programs are planned for the spring when Bethlehem police will hold their bicycle rodeo to promote bike safety and registration.

Quilters to meet

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) will meet Friday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library, Delmar. Ethel Falls will be leader. Theme is "The Log Cabin Quilt." Everyone is welcome, bring lunch, beverages are available.

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Steve Panetta of Albany has been named manager of the store, and will be making the trips to Boston for the weekly "specials." The store also will carry chowders and fishcakes "made from scratch" by Mrs. Tomei, who is well known in Voorheesville for her culinary expertise.

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Letters to the board will also be read and considered as part of the budget preparation process. The board expects to adopt a proposed budget by mid-April, and to ask for voter approval at the annual election in late May.

At the meeting next Wednesday, March 7, an informational report will be presented by Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent, on the topic: "The Process for Assessing and Improving Instructional Effectiveness and the Long-range Plan for Staff Development."

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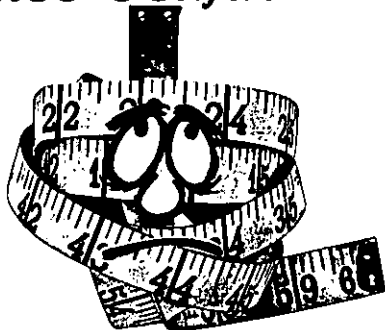
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Bethlehem detectives are investigating three service station break-ins on Rt. 9W, Glenmont, that netted thieves more than 200 cartons of cigarettes.

Burglars hit the Sunoco station just south of the Normanskill gorge twice within four days. Police said a heavy metal bar was used to smash a window the night of Feb. 19 and 140 packs of cigarettes and a credit card processor was stolen. Four nights later burglars broke the plate glass window in the front door of the station, forced the lock on the storage room and made off with 105 cartons of cigarettes valued at more than \$750.

The pattern was similar in a break-in at the Arco station at Glenmont Rd. and Rt. 9W after the 10:30 p.m. closing hour Sunday. Police said the intruders broke a corner window to enter the station, then broke into the back storage room to take 78 cartons of cigarettes, plus another 150 packs and \$10.25 in cash from the register.

BC at art exhibit

The Bethlehem Central High School String Orchestra will perform at the opening reception of the seventh annual Selected Exhibition of New York State High School Arts

on Wednesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. The reception will take place in the Legislative Building of the Empire State Plaza, Albany. High school students whose creative entries have been selected on a statewide basis have been invited to the opening ceremonies. The event is open to the public from March 5 through March 15.

Joins planning board

Hyman I. Kramer, 32 Surrey Mall, Slingerlands, an architect with the Thruway Authority, was expected to be confirmed by the Bethlehem town board this week as the newest member of the town planning board. Kramer, an RPI graduate and a member of the Bethlehem Republican Committee, succeeds Alvin W. Greenwood of Delmar, who declined a second seven-year term on the board.

Slide talk scheduled

The Town of New Scotland Historical Assn. will meet on Tuesday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in the Center in New Salem. Christine Averill, site manager of Schuyler Mansion and Fort Crailo, will offer a slide discussion on "The Schuyler Mansion and Philip Schuyler in the American Revolution." All are welcome.

School benefit set

St. James Institute will hold its second annual mardi gras Saturday, March 3, at the school, 58 Summit Ave., Albany.

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VOORHEESVILLE

Zoning ordinance may be rewritten

The Voorheesville planning board's denial of a petition by a local realtor to erect a lawn sign may result in an overhauling of the village zoning ordinance.

The five-member board voted as one to reject the petition of Mrs. Kathryn Spinosa, 39 Maple Ave., a licensed realtor. The action came one week after a public hearing in the village hall that was attended by five people and lasted an hour and 25 minutes.

"It was a question of interpretation of the word 'professional' and who should qualify," said Edward R. Smith, board chairman. "Doctors, lawyers, dentists and architects, ectetera, are licensed by the State Education Dept., realtors by the Dept. of State."

At the hearing, Mrs. Spinosa told the board she was "just looking for an opportunity to put up a small sign" in front of her house. She conducts a real estate office in Glenmont, and recently moved her family residence from Loudonville to Voorheesville.

Her next-door neighbors, Richard and Connie Kane, opposed the request for a variance, declaring that a real estate office would cause an increase in traffic at that address.

Mrs. Spinosa's attorney, John Glavin of New Salem,

told the board that "it is ironic that a law office, which is allowed, and a doctor's office, also allowed, would create a great deal more business" than a real estate office. His remark prompted Village Attorney Donald D. Meacham to suggest that "we should amend our ordinance."

Smith indicated that the validity of the traffic argument was not a factor in the board's decision. The ruling was on the sign, not whether Mrs. Spinosa could conduct her business in her home, and there was no indication whether the planning board's interpretation would cause the village board to take action on other signs in the residential zone, which comprises more than 60 percent of the village.

Kindergarten signups start

The Voorheesville Central School District will hold an informational meeting for parents of children entering kindergarten in September at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten registration and screening will be held March 13-14. Children must be five years old on or before Dec. 1 to be eligible for kindergarten in September.

Carnival at JCC

The Albany Jewish Community Center's 1979 Purim Carnival will be held Sunday, March 11, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 340 Whitehall Rd.



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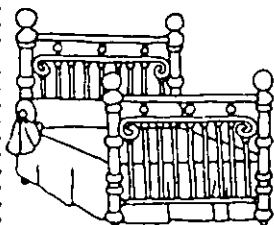
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BASKETBALL

Eagle five in fast company

Bethlehem Central's improving basketball team was hoping for its first win in a Sectional tournament in four years this week and then a shot at the area's top-seeded team.

The Eagles, seeded No. 4 in the Section 2 AA tourney, entertained Mohonasen on the Delmar floor Tuesday night in the opening round of the 10-team elimination. A win meant a Friday date at Shenendehowa with Gloversville, which finished its regular season at 18-2 to earn the top seed in the playoffs.

A win also meant the end of a frustrating string of three straight years of first-round losses in the Sectionals for BC, the most humiliating of which was last year's shocker at the hands of 1-17 Troy. (The Spotlight went to press before the Mohonasen game.)

"We've been playing the best ball we've played all season," said Coach Jim Tedisco over the weekend. "We're in good shape physically and mentally, but every game in the Sectionals is tough no matter who you're playing."

The Eagles beat No. 6 seed Mohonasen twice during the Suburban Council round-robin but both were close games. Bethlehem feasted on three second-division teams, Shenendehowa, Columbia and Colonie, to wind up the regular schedule at 13-7, and finished

third in the league at 12-6. Tedisco said the romp over Colonie last week was "our best game yet."

WRESTLING

BC places 4 in mat finals

Four Bethlehem Central wrestlers have won their way to the finals of the Section 2 championships and will make their bid for the state tournament Saturday on their home mats.

Mark Dean, Brian Bourque, Andy Hickey and Jeff Herrmann will join the top scholastic wrestlers in Eastern New York in the finals of the Sectional eliminations. The one-day showdown will be held at BCHS on Saturday, starting at 11 a.m., with the quarter-finals at 1:45, the semifinals at 3:15 and the championship matches in each weight class at 8 p.m. Consolation finals are scheduled for 6:30.

Dean (138 pounds) and Bourque (177) won their respective weight divisions in the Sectional eliminations at Burnt Hills last weekend. Also qualifying for Saturday's tournament, restricted to the top four finishers in each class, were Hickey (98 pounds) and Herrmann (105).

The championships are expected to draw wrestling fans from a wide area.

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Kenny sets sights on Olympics

In a steady succession of outstanding swimmers in more than a decade of Bethlehem Central's incredible domination of area pools, none has been brighter than the school's reigning superstar, Kenny Neff.

Neff leads Jack Whipple's undefeated Adirondack League champions into the Sectional meet at Albany High this weekend looking for an unprecedented eighth straight team championship and ninth in the last 10 years. That's a record of dynasty proportions, and according to Whipple, BC could do it again. Then it's on to the state meet for the 1-2 finishers.

"This isn't the strongest Sectional team we've had, but it has enough depth to win it," Whipple said this week. "We don't have the top 1-2 in most events as we've had in the past, but we expect to have one or two swimmers in each event in the finals."

For Neff—and Whipple—the Sectionals are almost anticlimactic to the thrills of the past two weeks. First it was Bethlehem's crushing triumph over state-ranked New Hartford weekend before last, then Neff's brilliant showing in the Eastern scholastic championships in Lawrenceville, N.J., that established the 17-year-old BC star as a prime prospect for the U.S. Olympics swimming team in 1980.

Neff, who has been destroying local records almost weekly all season, enriched his finest scholastic season with two sparkling performances in the

Easterns. Competing against the top scholastic swimmers from Maine to Florida, he won the 100-yard butterfly in 51.7 seconds, which shattered the Bethlehem school record set eight years ago by Alan Toll, an All-American who went on to Captain the University of North Carolina and compete in the nationals.

But Neff's best performance was finishing second in the 100-yard backstroke to Rick Carey of New York City, who placed No. 4 in the U.S. nationals last year swimming against the nation's leading Olympic candidates. Neff's time was 52.6 which (1) shaved nearly a full second off the New York State scholastic record of 53.5 set by Keith Diddington of Buffalo in 1976 (2) ripped to shreds Malcolm Cooper's school record of 54.4 set four years ago (3) automatically qualified Kenny as an All-American backstroker, and (4) came within one-tenth of a second of the qualifying time for the U.S. nationals dominated by collegians of Olympic caliber.

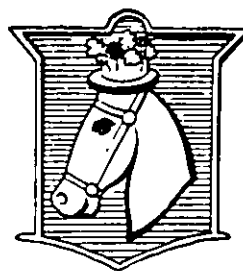
With his 'fly performance, Neff may become Bethlehem's first two-time All-American. "I have had 15 All-Americans in these 11 years at BC, and this was the most awe-inspiring performance I've seen from any of them," said Whipple. "It was just terrific." Then he ran out of words.

Neff said he was "surprised at what I did." In the trial heats in both events, he said, "I didn't do so well, the strokes weren't

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coming right, but in the finals everything came together."

Neff's eradication of the New Hartford pool record in the backstroke Saturday before last went almost unnoticed in the jubilation of BC's overwhelming victory over one of New York State's top-ranked teams. The score was 106-66, with the Eagles winning nine of the 11 events, but it was team depth that amassed the points: BC placed three swimmers in virtually every event in the six-lane tank.

Jay Henahan, 14-year-old freshman who appears en route to join the Toll-Bailey-Cooper-Neff heritage, won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:19.3, the best time in Section 2 this year. Sophomore Bobby Holland was a double winner, taking the 200 individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke.

New Hartford swam without its top sprinter, but his presence wouldn't have changed the result. Said Whipple: "Maybe 10 points difference, at the most."

Library seat open

Stephen Aronson has resigned from the board of the Bethlehem Public Library, and the board has decided to leave the seat vacant until the school district's annual elections in May. Aronson has moved to Springfield, Ill. to take a job in the state auditor general's office. Local residents interested in running for the board seat may get information from Kay Cassell, librarian.

Color slides at Mall

The Delmar Camera Club is co-sponsoring the showing of the 27th Springfield International Color Slide Exhibition at the Empire State Plaza Cultural Education Center Auditorium on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. This is a juried selection of 800 color slides from 450 photographers worldwide, presented on four screens, with program music.

BASKETBALL

Blackbirds move in fast company

In the words of first-year coach Mike O'Brien of Voorheesville, "we play each game as it comes, and they're all tough now."

O'Brien and his boys took a 14-5 record into the Class B Section 2 basketball quarter-finals against Cobleskill at Mechanicville Tuesday night (after the Spotlight had gone to press). O'Brien brushed off last Friday's cakewalk over Greenville in the opening round, and prepared his players for another physical game with Cobleskill. "They play an aggressive man-to-man defense, which is tough for us," he said. "Waterford, Rensselaer and Catskill played us that way, and did a good job denying us the ball. We've been scoring a lot, but we still have to get more team-oriented."

Tuesday's winner plays the Greenwich-Watervliet winner in the semifinals at Mechanicville at 7 p.m. Friday. Greenwich is the tourney favorite and has the Section's top scholastic scorer.

The Blackbirds controlled the boards against Greenville last week and scored almost at will. John Harding had 25 points.

Family loses home

Neighbors are planning a benefit dance for a Feura Bush family of 4 whose two-story frame dwelling was gutted by fire on Feb. 20. The flames, believed to have originated in wiring in the living room, routed William Conti, his wife and two pre-teen sons. Onesquethaw Fire Dept. responded with pumpers from Feura Bush, Unionville and Clarksville, a utility truck and rescue unit. Ladies of the Jerusalem Reformed Church provided supper for 30 volunteer firemen who were on the scene more than four hours.

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Local couple engaged

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The prospective bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Mildred Elley Secretarial School. She is employed by Farm Family Life Insurance Co. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is attending Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed by Sears Roebuck and Co.

A Sept. 29 wedding is planned.

Selkirk girl to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Engel, Sr. of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Beatrice Ann, to Brian Theodore Post, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Post of Catskill. The wedding will take place on March 31 at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J. She is employed as a full-time instructor at Our Lady of Fatima School, Lakewood, Colo., and is youth director of music at Trinity United Meth-



Beatrice Ann Engel

odist Church, Denver, Colo. She resides in Lakewood, Colo.

Her fiancé was graduated from Catskill High School and from Central College, Pella, Iowa. He is organist at Applewood United Methodist Church and teaches private piano and organ lessons. He resides in Wheatridge, Colo.

St. Anne's dedicatory

St. Anne Institute Foundation held a dedicatory meeting of its new board of trustees recently and elected Dr. William Hunt, director of the Albany school district's occupational center, as president. St. Anne Institute has been helping troubled adolescent girls in the Capital District for more than 90 years. In chartering the Foundation, the board plans an annual fund drive for health and safety improvements to the building, and will set up an endowment fund.

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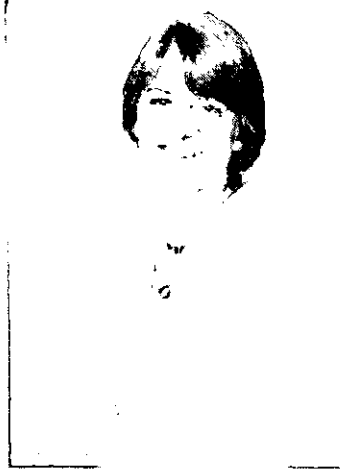
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Carole Atchinson

Engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atchinson of Glenmont announce the engagement of their daughter, Carole Lynn, to Russell J. Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Craig of Schenectady.

The bride-to-be graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1976 and earned a child care technician degree

from St. Margaret's Home and Hospital for Children, Albany. She is employed as a therapy aide at the Oswald D. Heck Developmental Center, Schenectady.

Her finance was graduated from Mohonasen High School in 1971 and from the State University of New York at Albany in 1975 with a BA degree in psychology. He is a therapy assistant at the Oswald D. Heck Center.

A November wedding is planned.

Special music at church

The Joyful Noise youth choir will sing contemporary Christian music at the Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Sunday, March 4 at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

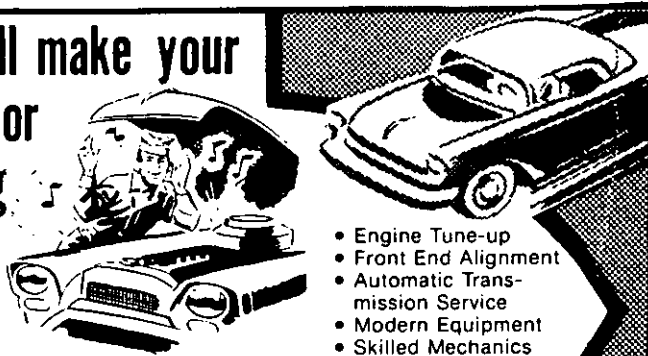
Art show at school

A New England art show and dinner will be held Friday, March 2, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, March 3, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Amateur and professional artists and private collectors who wish to participate in the show are asked to call the school at 463-1154 or Mrs. K. Keniston, 439-9782. Proceeds will benefit the school's outdoor education fund. For tickets, call 439-1836 or 439-3639.

DAR event ready

The annual antique show and sale sponsored by Tawansantha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held on March 3-4 at Bethlehem Central High School, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. The "Kalico Kitchen," featuring home-made food, will serve hot luncheons and snacks and Teunis Slingerland Chapter, Children of the American Revolution, will assist under the guidance of Mrs. Carl Worth. Proceeds will be used to further the DAR's historical, patriotic and educational objectives and the Klein Scholarship Fund, which assists financially deserving local youth.

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The Bid Package including Information for Bidders, Forms of the Proposal, General Conditions of the Contract, Specifications and Drawings may be examined at the office of Hartheimer, Bender & Estey, Architects and Engineers, One Becker Terrace, Delmar, New York or at the office of the Town Clerk on or after March 5, 1979. Complete sets of plans and specifications will be available to prospective bidders and copies thereof may be obtained at the Architect/Engineer's office upon deposit of \$25.00 for each set of Plans and Specifications. A full refund will be given to any bidder upon prompt return of the specifications and drawings in good condition. Any non-bidder upon so returning such documents will be refunded one-half his deposit.

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Named to new post

Patricia M. Arcuri of Selkirk has been named public information officer for the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York and will work out of HSA's regional office at 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany. She will coordinate public relations activities in a 17-county area. A native of Poughkeepsie, she was graduated from the State University of New York at Albany and was assistant director of communications for the Professional Insurance Agents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut in Glenmont before joining HSA.

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In state post

John Smith of Delmar has been appointed director of the State Energy Office's bureau of policy analysis. Smith, a graduate of Harvard University, the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina, was with the state's economic development board and office of planning services before joining the energy unit in 1977. He and his wife, Kristin, have three children.

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

Boosting the Tomboys

Editor, The Spotlight:

May I take this opportunity to thank you and your readers for supporting the Bethlehem Tomboys?

At this time of year the league is particularly aware of its dependence upon you and the entire community. We appreciate your informing families of our registration procedures as well as team standings.

We are grateful to the many people who help finance our program. The first people we approach for this support are team sponsors—18 last year.

Then there are the boosters—the business people who advertise in our schedule booklet.

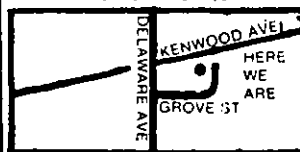
And finally there are the parents, who not only pay their daughters' registration fees but may contribute as league patrons. Several are sponsors and boosters.

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Last year Al Yezzi of the local Baskin-Robbins ice cream store volunteered to treat with an ice cream cone each player who hit a home run. (In the minor division, deciding what constituted a legitimate home run was not always easy.)

Our program has been growing for seven seasons. In 1972 we had 144 players on nine teams. Last year we had 270 players on 18 teams. We hope the trend will continue.

Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the league.

*Nancy R. Lynk, president
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Benefit for music

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of both the Bethlehem Central Music Dept. and the Bethlehem Music Assn. for your support in featuring the BMA valentine "candlelight" champagne reception in the Community Corner public service column.

The reception and music provided by Findlay Cockrell, piano virtuoso, was a huge success and we would like to recognize all your help and contributions. Thank you for your interest and assistance.

*Samuel S. Bozzella
Delmar Supervisor of Music*

Resignation

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to publicly thank my former students at St. Thomas and their parents for their many letters of regret at my resignation from the school. I will always remember their appreciation with pleasure.

*June Cohen
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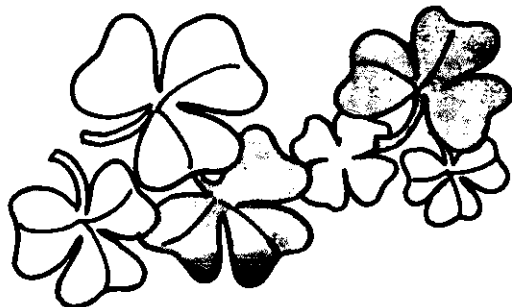


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Spring and Softball

March weather to the contrary, a lot of people are thinking Spring. Registration for the Bethlehem Tomboys softball program, one of the community's backbone organizations, starts Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the National Commercial Bank community room. Girls who miss the first signup may register Wednesday, from 7 to 9 or the following Saturday, March 10, from 9 to noon.

Parents must accompany the players, and first-time registrants must bring proof of age. Fees are \$8 per player, \$5 for each successive member of a family. A limited number of scholarships are available.

It won't be long till the umpire calls, "Batter Up!" It's a nice thought.

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