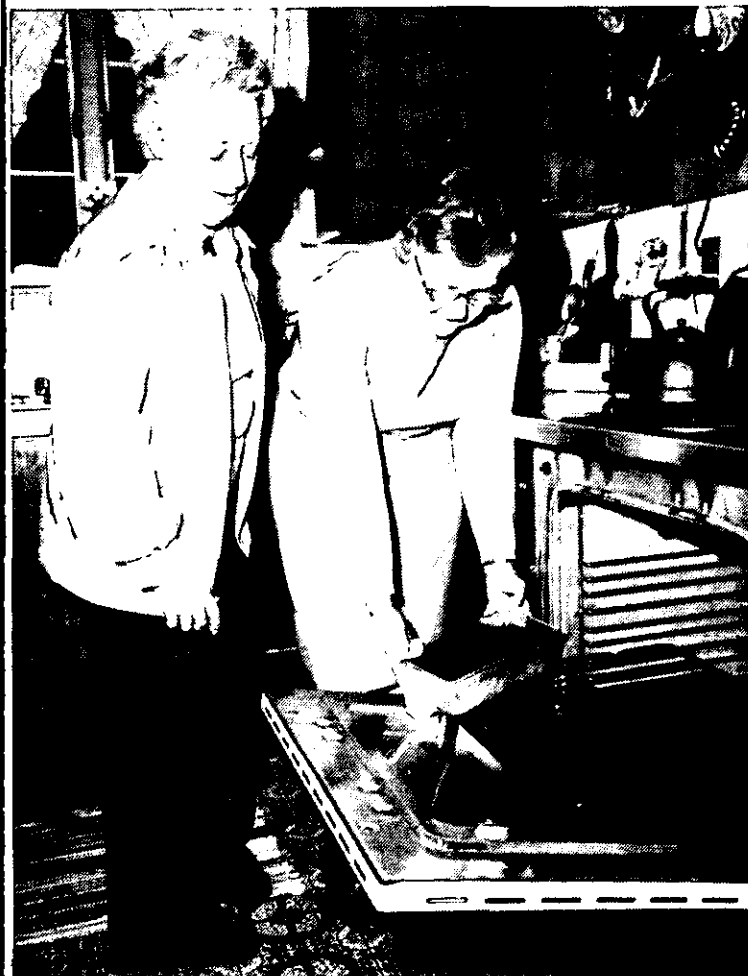


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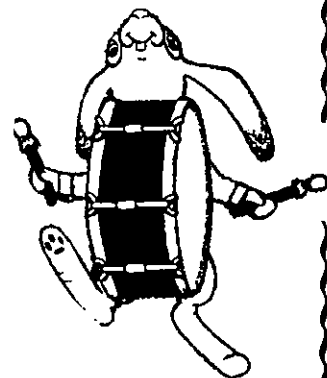
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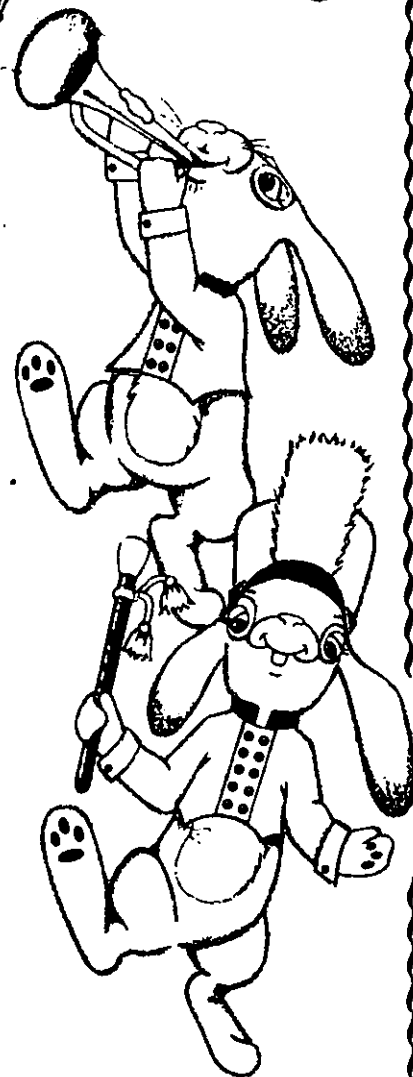


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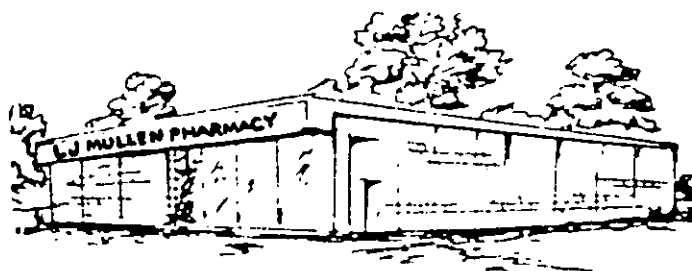
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FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Annual card party and fashion show, Altar-Rosary Society, St. Thomas Church, Delmar, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Annual After-Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Slingerlands Fire Dept., all youngsters welcome regardless of where they live Slingerlands Elementary School, 11 a.m.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Poetry reading and workshop, Madeleine Hennessy, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Delmar Camera Club, Wayne Trimm, art director of the Conservationist, wildlife artist, photographer and writer, "Photographs for Publication," St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave., Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Informational classes, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, "Baptism," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Public hearing, Bethlehem town board, to consider zoning eight parcels of land to "AR" Agriculture Residence and one parcel "AA" Residential, area of Elm Ave. and Jericho Rd., west of 9W, Bethlehem, town hall, 8 p.m.

Environmental education workshop, designed for teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Gam Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6 p.m. Open to all interested adults. Pre-registration, 457-6092.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Heidervew Garden Club, flower pins workshop, Mrs. Bernard Mulson, Berne, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

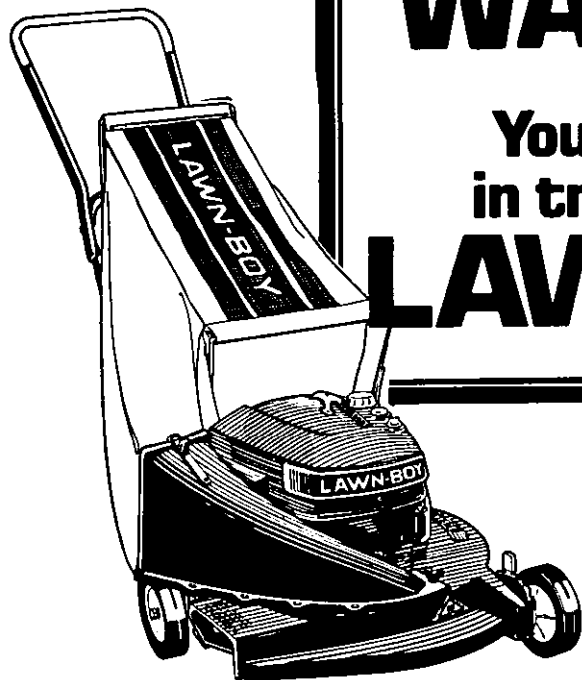
Albany Area Retired Teacher Assn., Dr. Stephen Hirsch speaking on "The Great Albany Beer Trials," Bethlehem Library, 1:30 p.m. Friends invited.

Entertainment night, "It's a Small World," sponsored by Bethlehem Central foreign language department, BCHS auditorium, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Public invited. No admission charge.

League of Women Voters, "Title IX," Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. Baby sitting available at library. Information, 439-5786.

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"Bye, Bye, Birdie," musical stage show, presented by casts from BCHS Choraliers and Choristers, BCHS auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Concert, "Bach to Rock," Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Garage and Bake Sale, benefit Cub Scouts of Pack 258, Borthwick Ave., Delmar, next to Library, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Garage and food sale, Women's Guild of the Delmar Reformed Church, church grounds, Four Corners, Delmar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guided walk, "Signs of Spring," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Warm clothing and boots recommended.

Environmental education workshop, designed for teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6 p.m. Interested adults welcome. Pre-registration, 457-6092.

"Bye, Bye, Birdie," casts from BCHS Choraliers and Choristers, BCHS auditorium, 2 and 8:15 p.m.

Kenholm Pool Assn., pre-season dinner, Normanside Country Club. Call Barbara Talmage, 439-2983 for reservations by April 24.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Delmar Progress Club, music program, Delmar Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Informational classes, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, "Holy Communion," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Thomas and Ann Connolly, 12 Louise St., Delmar, for a variance to construct an addition, lot occupancy will be exceeded by 17.4 per cent. Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Mr. and Mrs. William R. McMullen, Jr., Bridge St., South Bethlehem, for a variance to permit use of an existing structure for storage and maintenance at the corner of Rt. 144 and Beaver Dam Rd., Selkirk. Bethlehem town hall, 8:30 p.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Mr. and Mrs. James J. McGuiness, 106 Union Ave., Delmar, for a variance to construct addition to existing structure, lot occupancy will be exceeded by 10 square feet. Bethlehem town hall, 9 p.m.

Agriculture program, vegetable and fruit growing, as part of the Continuing Education Program, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

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

"No, no, Nanette" award-winning musical, Schenectady Light Opera Co., Niskayuna High School, **April 19-21, 8:30 p.m., April 22, 2:30 p.m.** Box office 393-5732 Mon.-Sat. 11-3, Wed. 7-9, also Community Box Office, Colonie.

"La Boheme" (Puccini), Capital Artists Opera Co., Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, **April 28, 8:15 p.m. \$10, \$8.50, \$7, \$5, 465-2668,** also Community Box Office, Colonie.

"Patchen Poems and The City Wears a Slouch Hat," Empire State Youth Theatre interns, Recital Hall, Empire State Plaza, **April 20, 2 p.m. Free.**

MUSIC

Faculty Woodwind Quintet of The University at Albany, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, **April 24, 8:30 p.m. Free.**

University Chamber Singers, SUNYA Art Gallery, **April 29, 2 p.m. Free.** Also, at Albany Institute of History and Art, madrigals, **May 5, 3 p.m.**

Ciamma Dale, soprano, Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial recital, sponsored by Empire State Youth Center, Empire State Plaza Main Theater ("The Egg"), **April 29, 2 p.m. \$10, \$6, \$3.** Box office 473-4020, concourse level.

ART

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.

Exhibition, Graphic Artists of New York, Center Galleries, 75 New Scotland Rd., Albany, **through May 12.**

Acrylic Paintings by Pasquale Vottis, National Commercial Bank, Twenty Mall, Guilderland, **month of April.**

Annual Student Exhibition, State University Art Gallery, **April 17-29.**

Exhibition, 8 area artists, paintings, drawings, assemblages, New Gallery, Russell Sage College, Troy, **through April 29.**

FILM

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," Disney cartoon classic, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., **April 25, 2 p.m. Free.**

"Knife in the Water" (Roman Polansky), Albany Public Library, **April 26, 8 p.m. Free.**

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BETHLEHEM

Educator, lawyer join board race

A Clarksville physicist-educator and a Delmar attorney have declared their candidacies for the Bethlehem school board seat being vacated by Ann Patton of Delmar.

Robert K. Ruslander of 64 Kenaware Ave., member of an Albany legal firm, and Walter M. Gibson of Cass Hill Rd., an internationally known research physicist who now heads the physics department at SUNYA, have filed petitions for the May 23 election.

Their declarations create a three-way contest for the seat now occupied by Mrs. Patton, president of the board, who has declined to run for a new three-year term. Mrs. Marti B. McSherry of Elsmere was the first to announce her candidacy for the seat, one of three on next month's ballot.

Gibson, 49, has a worldwide reputation in the physics field, in which he has been a frequent speaker at and organizer of international conferences. He spent 18 years as a research physicist at Bell Laboratories, during which time he held adjunct faculty positions at Rutgers University, Princeton University and RPI. He was named chairman of the State University physics department in Albany in 1976, and purchased a dwelling in Clarksville.

He and his wife, Alice, are parents of seven children, four of whom have finished high school. Two of them have graduated from college and one is a college student. The Gibsons' "second family" are in first, fourth and fifth grades in the Clarksville Elementary School.



Robert K. Ruslander

Both parents are active in church and community groups. Gibson is president of the Clarksville PTA and is supervisor of youth programs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) for the Albany area and chairman of its scout committee and advisor to its Explorer post. His wife is a volunteer in the Clarksville school, a leader in the Clarksville Girl Scout troop, and is stake (10 congregations) leader of teenage girls for the Mormon Church. (The stake, comparable to a diocese, includes eastern New York, western Massachusetts and southwestern Vermont.) Both Gibsons held similar positions in the New Jersey community in which they lived prior to coming to the Albany area.

Ruslander is a past president of the Delmar School PTA, a three-year member of the Bethlehem Middle School steering committee, last year's president of the Bethlehem Central High School Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) and chairman of the school district's goals committee in 1977-78. He



Walter M. Gibson

was chairman of the annual meeting of the board of education and general election for the years 1972-78, co-chairman of the 1978 after-the-ball activities for the Bethlehem Senior Ball, and served on the Bethlehem budget advisory committee. He served as assistant pack leader of a Cub Scout troop and for seven years was manager of baseball teams in the Tri-Village Little League. He is a U.S. Army veteran.

Ruslander and his wife, Claire, are parents of three children, Michael, 19, a 1978 graduate of BCHS who is attending RPI; Betsy, 18, a senior at BCHS, and David, 16, a junior. The family is affiliated with Congregation Beth Emeth, Albany.

An Albany native and graduate of Albany public schools and Albany High School, Ruslander is an alumnus of Michigan State University and Albany Law School. He has been a practicing attorney for 22 years and is a partner in the law firm of Ainsworth, Sullivan, Tracy and Knauf.

BETHLEHEM

School budget ready for vote

Bethlehem's new \$12.3-million school budget was finalized this week for the May 23 district-wide vote amid widespread public apathy.

The board of education was scheduled to put its final approval Wednesday (April 18) on the appropriations for the 1979-80 school year, calling for an increase of approximately 5.9 percent over the current year. The estimated tax rate increase is \$2.35 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in Bethlehem and \$5.77 for New Scotland property owners in the district.

Last week's public hearing on the budget draft was conducted in the comparative privacy of the Educational Services Center at 90 Adams Pl., where district staff and board members present came close to outnumbering their visitors.

Several of the 12 onlookers questioned the board's energy policy, the cost of the proposed installation of an elevator at the Middle School and the cost of replacing six buses, but it was Werner Liebich of Slingerlands who charged that the district faculty and administration is overstaffed in the face of a steady decline in enrollment.

"You should cut the cloth to fit the job," he told the board. He congratulated members for cutting the equivalent of seven teaching positions out of the budget, but suggested the cuts didn't go far enough.

Using figures from the State Education Dept., Liebich said that the current year's enrollment figures were similar to the 1963-64 school year. "But there

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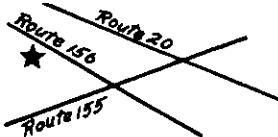
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Werner Liebich

is one important difference," he declared. "We're now using 26 more teachers to handle the same number of students. We're not cutting the staff in proportion to the reduction in student enrollment."

Liebich, estimating the salary of the average teacher at \$20,000 a year, calculated that the school district could save over \$520,000 in one year if the 26 positions were eliminated, plus another \$100,000 in pension payments.

"Let's see if '63 was a good year," he suggested. "If we did a good job then, then why can't we do it again?"

Board members cited a growing number of state and federal mandates, and increased services and costs in defense of the present staff size. The board also contends that it has consistently reduced its staff in proportion to the enrollment falloff.

Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn, repeating his slide review of the preceding week

detailing staff changes, reiterated three areas of program improvement in the new budget: revision of the social studies program in grades K-8, enrichment of the eighth grade curriculum by adding advanced classes in English, science and social studies to challenge students in the top percentiles, and introduction of the new classroom schedule in the High School.

Basketball camp set

The Albany Academy will run its third annual basketball camp for boys and girls 10-18 the week of August 13-18. The full-day camp is under the direction of AA basketball coach Lou Cioffi, and will feature area high school and college coaches, and guest speakers. Information, 434-8706.

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As Officer Joseph Mastriano arrived in another car, the intruder came to the rear door, spotted Cox, and retreated inside. With two other officers covering, Cox and Mastriano entered the store, where after a brief scuffle, Mastriano took the suspect into custody.

At headquarters, police said the suspect, identified as Donald A. Pritchard, 19, of Oakwood Rd., Delmar, admitted under questioning burglaries at the Golden Krust Bakery and Geno's Auto Services that same night, and a break-in at Geno's a week earlier.

Pritchard was arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts on three counts of burglary, third degree, and possession of burglar's tools. He was remanded to Albany County Jail to wait a hearing in Bethlehem justice court.

Home garden course

A mini-course on vegetable and fruit growing will be offered at the Voorheesville High School, Rm. 101, on Wednesday, May 2 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is designed to provide the basics of growing a successful home garden. Everything from the turning of the soil to the planting and harvesting of fruits and vegetables will be discussed. Pre-registration is required by calling 765-2372.

Ham dinner planned

A ham dinner featuring a salad bar will be served at the Clarksville Community Church Sunday, April 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner, sponsored by the Couples Club, will be available at the door.

Vehicle recovered

Bethlehem police have recovered a 1975 dump truck reported stolen from South Heights, Pa., at the Big M Truck Stop, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Pennsylvania police reported the theft occurred March 5, but attendants at the truck stop said the driver of the vehicle had run up a \$600 bill for storage over a three-month period. Police said the vehicle had no plates and the identification numbers had been obliterated.

League to meet

The Bethlehem unit of the League of Women Voters will hold its monthly unit meeting Thursday, April 26, at 9:15 a.m. in the Bethlehem Library. Title IX, which requires non-discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities, will be the topic of a report on the impact of Title IX in area schools. The public is invited. Babysitting will be provided at the library. For information, 439-5786.

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CBA event near

The Ladies Auxiliary of Christian Brothers Academy is sponsoring its annual card party and fashion show on Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1.25, or by contacting Helen Clarity, 439-4441.

Counseling group forming

The committee for the formation of Resolve, which offers counseling, referral and support groups for infertility, will hold an organizational meeting April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nurses Residence of Albany Medical College, Room 125. For information, 869-8078.

On the cover:

Clara Hogancamp, president of the Women's Guild for Christian Service of the Delmar Reformed Church, watches Janet Vogel take a loaf of nut bread from the oven. Baked goods will be a feature of the garage and food sale sponsored by the Guild at the church at Four Corners on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will be used to support Guild projects at home and abroad.

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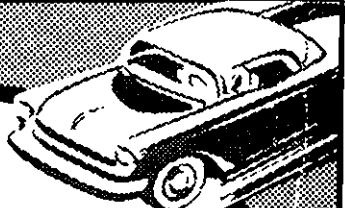
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VOORHEESVILLE 2 seek Baker's seat on board

Two New Salem residents will vie for a five-year term on the Voorheesville Central school district board of education next month.

The seat in question currently is occupied by Walter Baker of New Salem, who has declined to seek reelection.

As the deadline for filing petitions expired Monday, the election contest between Jack D. Rasmussen and John McKenna became official.

Baker was appointed to the board in February, 1974, to succeed the late Robert Hayner, who had resigned because of ill health. In May of that year, Baker was elected to a full five-year term. He retired two years ago as director of public relations for the State Dept. of Taxation and Finance. He is on the public relations committee of the New York State School Boards Assn., and has been serving as a writer of the Continuity of Employment Committee, a joint project of the state government and the Civil Service Employees Assn. (CSEA) headed by the dean of industrial and labor relations at Cornell University.

Rummage sale planned

A next-to-new sale will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Elmsere, Thursday, May 3 from 2 to 9 p.m. Information, Robert Shaw, 439-3686.

Pianist sets concert

William Jones, Delmar pianist, will present a concert in the Recital Hall of the State University Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. Jones, who teaches music at the Maplewood School in Watervliet and Mohonasen Elementary School in Rotterdam, completed his undergraduate studies at SUNY-Potsdam and his graduate work at Boston University. In 1965, Jones received a grant from the Leopold Schepp Foundation to attend classes with Nadia Boulangev in France. From 1965 to 1968 he worked with the late Russian pianist, Alexander Borovsky.

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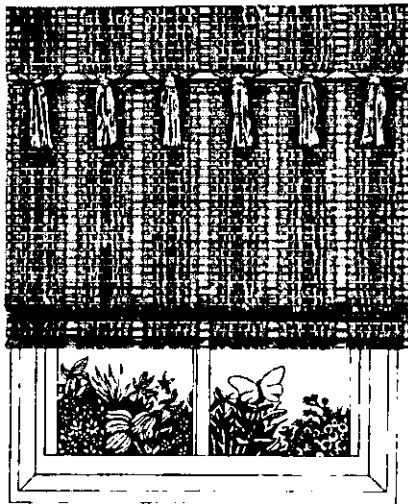
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The Bethlehem board of appeals has scheduled a public hearing for May 9 on a petition for a special exception under the zoning ordinance for a proposed 13-unit, single-bedroom apartment complex on the property of Rene Facchetti, proprietor of the Chez Rene restaurant on Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

The town planning board has notified Facchetti that the land for the proposed development is in a light industrial zone, and that future development in the area will likely be industrial in nature. The board has also pointed out the need for screening between the rear of the proposed apartment building and the property of Betmar Holding Corp. to protect the future housing from exposure to industrial development.

Environmental workshop

An environmental education workshop will be given on Wednesday, April 25, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. The workshop is designed for teachers and youth leaders and is free and open to interested adults. Pre-register by calling the center at 457-6092. The workshop will be repeated Saturday, April 28, from 10-12:30.

VOORHEESVILLE

Return visit set for boys' choir

When the Brooklyn Boys Choir made a rare visit to a small upstate village last fall they won the hearts of all who heard them at the Voorheesville Elementary School.

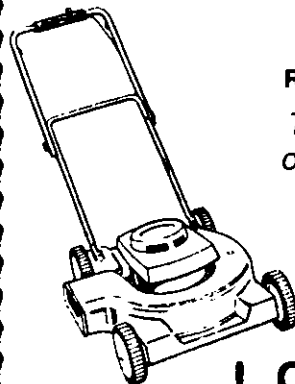
The traveling group, featuring the boy-treble voices that give a special dimension to choral music, will return for a public concert Friday, April 27, at 7:30 at Voorheesville High School auditorium. The concert is sponsored by Theater Fun for Young People, an independent organization run by volunteers of the Voorheesville school district to enhance appreciation of local children for theatrical and musical productions.

Tickets for the concert, entitled "Bach to Rock," are \$2.50, with students \$1.50, and are being handled by Anne Kelly, 765-2439, and Mary Ann Caimano, 765-4865.

New Scotland cleanup

Cleanup Week in the town of New Scotland has been scheduled for April 23-27. Highway Supt. Peter Van Zetten says town trucks will make the semi-annual collections on the regular trash removal route schedules, and will pick up all items including discarded appliances placed at the roadside. Twigs and brush must be tied in bundles, he added.

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SLINGERLANDS Pupils exchange perspectives at 7

Second graders in a school in Sumersfield, Conn., will soon be hearing from pupils in the combined grade 2-3 class of Mrs. Mignonne Philips at the Slingerlands Elementary School.

The Connecticut class sent letters requesting information to the governor of every state, and their letter to "Gov. Hugh Carey" was routed to the State Education Dept., and from there to the Bethlehem School District. The Slingerlands class was eager to respond to their New England counterparts.

Some of the questions the Connecticut youngsters have asked are: What are the times you go to and from school? Do you walk or ride a bus? What is the land around your school like? Do you have hot or cold weather? Do you have art, music and gym in your school? How many girls and how many boys are in your class? What

are some special things about your school?

Mrs. Philips reported recently that her pupils are "thrilled" to have been chosen to respond to the letters, and are hoping their own letters back may result in longtime pen pals. She sees the project as a way for the Slingerlands youngsters to practice and learn language arts skills — and to become more aware of geographic and community differences.

Chicken and biscuits

The Women's Guild of the Onesquethaw Reformed Church will serve a chicken and biscuit supper Saturday, April 28, with seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30. For reservations, call Mrs. E. Gildersleeve, 768-2611.

Mailboxes vandalized

Police are looking for the vandals who left tire tracks on Wemple Rd. after knocking down six mailboxes. The street sign at Wemple and Weisheit Rd. also was pulled from the ground, the report said.

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Twin delivers triplets

A four-sentence UPI dispatch in Sunday's Albany Times-Union reported that a Burlington, Vt. doctor had assisted in the delivery of triplets twice within the past two weeks. The doctor was identified as Dr. Philip Mead.

Dr. Philip B. Mead graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1955, graduated from Hamilton College in 1959, and graduated from Cornell Medical School, New York City, in 1963. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years, and now is a member of the faculty of the University of Vermont Medical School and is in a group practice in Burlington.

Dr. Mead's twin sister, Barbara, is Mrs. Stephen H. Anthony, Wellesley Hills, Mass. Their parents, Ralph A. Mead, a retired personnel supervisor with the New York Telephone Co., and Mrs. Tina (rhymes with Dinah) Mead, live at 150 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Retired teachers meet

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Assn. will hear a talk by Dr. Stephen Hirsch on "The Great Albany Beer Trials" at their meeting April 26 at 1:30 at the Bethlehem Library. Friends are welcome.

Tires deflated

Vandals in South Bethlehem slashed the two front tires on a car parked on Bridge St. the night of April 12. Two nights later, a Willowbrook Ave. resident reported that valve stems had been removed from all four tires on his vehicle, making a total of six flat tires in the area within 48 hours, according to Bethlehem police.

DELMAR

Organist plans special recital

The first public recital on the newly rebuilt organ at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar will be presented on Sunday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. by the church organist, Rachel Dean Worth.

Mrs. Worth, a well known teacher of organ and piano, is the accompanist for the Monday Musical Club of Albany. She was formerly head of the music department at Green Mountain College, and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music from DePauw University. Her compositions include "Concerto for Organ" which has had several symphonic performances, a "Suite on the Life of Christ" for organ, and choral works for which she has written both words and music.

Included in the program will be an original composition by Mrs. Worth written for the dedication of the organ in October, 1978.

The recital and the reception to follow have been planned by the church music committee to honor contributors who made the new organ possible. The public is invited to this first in a series of concert events which the church hopes to sponsor.

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On the cover:

Saturday, April 21, is Bicycle Day at Bethlehem Library, sponsored by a number of local organizations. Posing for this publicity photo are David Oberheim, front with papers; Mike Walden and Officer Chuck Martin of the Bethlehem police youth bureau. In rear, from left, are David Corey, Josh Weinstein, Ben Greenberg and Steve Taylor.

BETHLEHEM

Big day coming for bike riders

Bethlehem's bicycle-riding set is in for a big day Saturday, and an important one, at Bethlehem Library.

The schedule includes registration of bikes, a bike rodeo, free inspections, a bike safety movie, and a talk on bicycle repair.

It starts at 10 a.m. with Town Clerk Marion T. Camp on hand to register bicycles—until 2 p.m. Town police will be there to inspect bicycles and Ray Patterson will speak from 10:30 to 11 on bicycle repairs—the kind kids can do themselves, or the kind they should keep an eye out for to avoid problems later.

The rodeo starts at 11, when children with registered bikes will compete for prizes that include a new bicycle or a piece of bicycle equipment by riding through an obstacle course.

The program is sponsored jointly by the town clerk's office, the town parks and recreation office, the police youth bureau, auxiliary police, the town's bicycle safety commission, Girl Scout Troop 523 and the library staff.

Courts for R-C-S

Five outdoor tennis courts will be installed at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School under a \$30,000 federal grant, according to an announcement by Assemblyman Larry Lane. An additional \$30,000 in matching funds will be provided by the community, including residents and local industry. Lane said. A proposition for the donation of school property for the project was approved by school district voters, the announcement said.

Poppy Day set

Members of the Auxiliary of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion post, Elsmere, will hold their annual Poppy Day on May 16. Norrine Giacone is poppy chairman.

Car buffs meet

The Automobilists of the Upper Hudson Valley, Inc. will meet Sunday, April 22, at the Western Avenue Turnpike Golf Course, Rt. 20, Guilderland, at 2 p.m.

If your Spotlight doesn't come in Thursday's mail, call 439-4949.

Named VAC director

Eloisa Ernst of Delmar has been appointed executive director of Albany's Voluntary Action Center. Mrs. Ernst, an experienced volunteer and volunteer administrator, is a candidate for May graduation from SUNYA's master's program in social work, and

expects to be in her office part-time until then. The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is a division of the Council of Community Services and a service of the United Way. Currently, VAC is preparing to celebrate Volunteer Week, April 22-28 with its annual meeting and dinner and a special event for teen volunteers.

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BETHLEHEM

Day care proposals 'shocking'

In the eyes of the founder-proprietors of Bethlehem's only year-round day care center, new regulations proposed by the state will severely undermine the quality of day care centers and will adversely affect the health and security of preschool children.

Pat Swanson and Eleanor Howell, who established the Bethlehem Pre-School in Glenmont in 1975, termed the December, 1978, proposals by the State Dept. of Social Services "shocking." A public hearing in Albany last week drew heavy criticism from some 30 persons, including the state commissioner of Social Services and the chairman of the state senate's Democratic task force on child care.

"I don't know of a day care center director who is not appalled at the proposed new regulations," Mrs. Swanson said last week as many of her 60 young charges played quietly in the spacious, well-equipped playroom in the former Bethlehem Center schoolhouse on Rt. 9W. "They will affect between 300,000 and 400,000 children in New York State. Our children are with us 10½ hours a day, so this isn't a babysitting operation or a school."

The proposed regulations, Mrs. Swanson and other critics point out, substantially dilute the standards under which day

care centers are licensed and their operating requirements. For instance, the proposals would:

- Require a state license for centers with seven or more children instead of the present requirement of three or more, thus increasing the number of unregulated centers.

- Eliminate a number of requirements in the educational program, such as specified equipment and accessories, and field trips.

- Eliminate qualifications for director. Since 1972, center directors must be college graduates with a major in early childhood education, plus substantial experience. The new proposal lists no specific requirements for director, and states that a center worker must be 18 or a high school graduate. "This is shocking," says Mrs. Swanson. "It means any 18-year-old could be in charge of 60 children."

- Dilute the present rigid food requirements for the children. Centers now are required to provide one hot meal and two snacks daily for full-time children, and are required to have a Class 2 lunch (equivalent of a public school lunch) approved by a licensed dietician. The new proposals eliminate the licensed dietician and the hot meal requirement, permit children to bring

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Mrs. Swanson's comment: "These proposals would mean chaos. They would be impossible, and it is unrealistic to expect the kind of untrained staff they (the department) seem to want, to evaluate the dietary value of lunches brought from home. We would need another \$2,000 worth of refrigeration equipment and someone to keep all the individual lunches straight."

Besides the health-dietary proposals, Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Howell were most concerned about the lowering of supervisory qualifications and

the elimination of specific requirements for educational programs, equipment and field trips. Their comment: "The educational guidelines (for children 1½ through kindergarten) are already weak. We feel the new proposals discourage the use of outside resources so helpful to the children, and thus would contribute to institutionalizing day care and the children themselves. We believe strict educational requirements should be mandated, and the children individually encouraged."

A second public hearing on the proposals is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, from noon to 6 p.m. at Chancellor's Hall, Albany.

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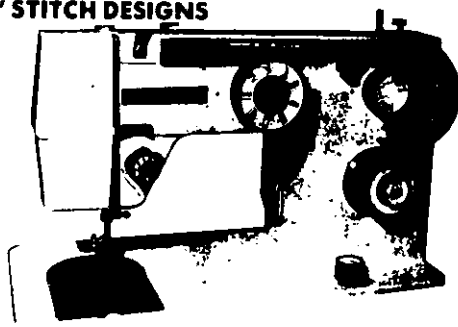
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Asked if passage of the new regulations would have an impact on the Bethlehem school, Mrs. Swanson said: "I don't think they will be passed. If they are, we have no intention of lowering any of our standards."

Kenholm neighbors gather

The Kenholm Pool Assn., will hold a pre-season dinner for its members on Saturday, April 28, at Normanside Country Club. Anyone residing in the Kenholm Gardens area who has not received an invitation is asked to contact Mrs. Barbara Talmage, who is handling reservations. Deadline for reservations is April 24.

On national panel

Edward W. Brown, 229 Newport Ct., Voorheesville, was a panelist in a discussion of sex discrimination in insurance at a regional meeting of the Society of Actuaries recently in New Orleans. Brown is a retirement system actuary with the New York State Employees' Retirement System, Albany.

SELKIRK

Hearing slated on zoning shift

A sizeable area of the town of Bethlehem currently classified as rural-unzoned will be the subject of a public hearing next week as the Bethlehem town board takes steps to include it in the zoning ordinance.

The area in question extends roughly between Meyers Corners and Mallorys Corners and between the Niagara Mohawk power line at Elm Ave. East and the meandering route of the Dowerskill in the vicinity of Jericho Rd. and Elm Ave.

Under consideration is establishing a Double-A Residential zone on a portion of Elm Ave. East and zoning the remainder of the area Agricultural-Rural (AR). The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall.

Spring walk planned

A guided walk entitled "Signs of Spring" will be given at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Warm clothing and boots are recommended for the 90-minute trail walk.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Here's a coach who's glowing

"Super!" is the way Bethlehem Central's new but confident track and field coach describes the outlook for his team's upcoming season, where an experienced and in-depth squad could give the Eagles a first-place finish in the Suburban Council.

Coach Mike Bordeau, a tall, thin man and a long-distance runner himself, feels that his optimism is justified. "We've got loads of kids out this year, 63 compared to only 30 last year. Besides this, several boys set records last year, and after one year's rest they're back as juniors."

Among those who will be back in action and who form the core of a talented team are juniors Steve Collier, a school record-setter in the 100 and 200-yard dash, and Pat Higgins in the distance runs; senior Jim Giacone, back after two years rest who set a triple jump record as a freshman, and junior Wayne Allen in the relays.

Bordeau, who was assistant track coach last year under John Rathjens, has lost only two seniors to graduation. Almost half of his squad will be returning lettermen.

"These kids have come a long way," he said. "They're working a lot harder this year than last (a losing season). They're seeing that track and field can be a real sport and not just a

social event after school."

This change in attitude he attributes to an increase in nationwide publicity for the high-class runners along with the growing fad of running for health.

But Coach Bordeau feels personal attention will be the key towards turning the swarm of runners into well-tuned athletes.

"I spend lots of time on the track myself, and lots of time gathering info and teaching the boys. But mainly I'm spending lots of time in the field events. Before, field events kids didn't have much coaching. I'm stressing that it must be a team effort if we're to be successful. Everybody will be sharing in every win."

Bordeau says the team is strong in all events except the triple jump and the shot put. "The other 12 events we'll be very strong in."

Other boys Bordeau will depend upon include senior Matt Kennedy and sophomore Bill McHugh in the sprints, and senior Paul Garvin, "one of the best athletes on the team," who went to the state indoor championships last year and is expected to run a 49.0 second quarter. The coach also is counting on quarter-milers Wayne Allen, Steve Collier and Dave Elfeld, all juniors; sophomore Kurt Boluch, junior Pat Higgins, senior Nick Sullivan,

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and Bill Street, a freshman in the distance events, senior Mark Shaw and Jim Matias, a junior, in the hurdles.

In the field events, Mike Fasulo, junior; Jeff Bennett, sophomore, in the long jump; high-jumpers Chet Boehlke, junior, Mark Shaw, Tom Flynn, and Dennis LaGrange, Karl Dankert, Kevin Myers, and Tom Lee in the shot-put, and Dan Horne, Matt Kennedy, and Rick Kaplowitz, sophomore, in the pole vault should be strong performers.

Bordeau began getting his boys in good shape on March 5 and won't count on records till later in the season. The team's first real test will be April 26 when Bethlehem hosts Guilderland and Scotia. His viewpoint: "If we can beat Scotia, we could go all the way." Doug Payne

Bike theft averted

A Colonial Acres resident who spotted youths making off with three bicycles from his yard on West Bayberry Dr. at 4:20 p.m. on Good Friday gave chase on foot as the culprits fled east on Feura Bush Rd. At Bicentennial Woods, the three youths dropped the bicycles and escaped into woods behind the residential development. The bicycles were recovered.

Auxiliary plaus sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the North Bethlehem Fire Dept. will hold a rummage and bake sale at the fire house on Schoolhouse Rd. Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Clothing donations may be left at the fire house Monday through Friday after 6 p.m. or all day Saturday and Sunday. Information, 456-1004.

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Spring is time to tend trees

Spring is the time of year to examine trees for winter damage, according to David E. Reville, Albany County extension agent, in a news release distributed under the auspices of the Bethlehem shade tree committee.

Reville's authoritative suggestions are:

- Remove split and broken limbs as well as any limbs that are rubbing against or criss-crossing each other. Notice if the bark has split on smooth barked trees, such as maple, beech and birch. This is frost cracking caused by the alternate freezing and thawing temperatures. This can be limited by wrapping the trunks of these plants or placing boards against the trunks.

- Check the guy wires on newly planted trees and tighten them. Please be sure to have the wires passing through a rubber

hose to prevent trunk damage.

- If rabbits or deer have dined on your trees, prune off damaged limbs. Notice if rabbits have completely chewed the bark all around the base of young trees. This is known as girdling and can cause death of the tree.

- While pruning, never leave stubs. Remove limbs back to the trunk with a flush cut.

Limbs should be pruned to a bud if only light trimming is needed.

- Cornell's latest research indicates that tree paint applied to pruning cuts is not necessary.

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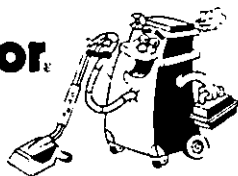
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Tues., April 24 Frosh Baseball, Colonie, away 3:45
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Matches pile up for Eagle netters

A delayed opening that caused postponement of the first two interscholastic matches of the season has created a glut in the post-vacation schedule for Bethlehem Central's ambitious varsity tennis team.

Coach Phil Ackerman's charges are champing at the bit after a freak snowfall wiped out the scheduled April 9 inaugural with Scotia, and Niskayuna officials requested a last-minute postponement of their April 11 date with the Eagles. The call from Niskayuna, regarded as the strongest team in the Capital District, puzzled Ackerman: the reason for the postponement was given as "wet courts" despite a bright sun and warm temperatures. "We got in a good day of practice, anyway," he said.

The wipeouts put off Bethlehem's opener until after spring vacation and has jammed up the schedule for the next two weeks. The Eagles are scheduled for four matches next week, Tuesday through Friday, and three the following week.

The Eagles had a two-hour workout in a chill wind on Good Friday, and were hoping for plenty of intra-squad tennis during vacation.

Chip Schantz, slated for the third or fourth singles slot, is out indefinitely with a sprained ankle. Ackerman has moved

freshman Jeff Goodman into the No. 3 spot behind Dave Tomlinson and Matt McCall and is tentatively planning to go with Brian Segel, Adam Yarinsky and Erik Hall at 4, and 6. Hall may be switched to No. 1 doubles with either Debbie DiClementi or a partner to be determined, while Jim Lenden-John Matuszek and Jeff Elletson-Dan Miller play the second and third doubles.

Embroiders plan program

The New York Capital District chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America will combine its daytime and evening divisions this month at a meeting on April 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Lyn Fisher will illustrate her talk on the Bayeux Tapestry with slides of her own embroideries. The Bayeux Tapestry is a crewel embroidery, 230 feet long, worked in the 11th century depicting the Norman conquest of England.

Home-buyer forums

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Delmar student cited

Kathleen Neumann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neumann, Hudson Ave., Delmar, has been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, national two-year honor society, at the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill.

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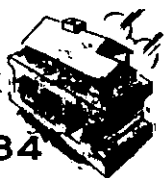
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School costs

Editor, The Spotlight:

"Why do school costs keep increasing when the number of students is decreasing?" This is the question I am most often asked at budget time, and the primary answer is this: the decline in school population is not at a rate high enough to offset the persistent inflationary increases which have beset our total economy in this decade.

To be more specific:

- Our school enrollment, K-12, has declined 19 percent since the peak year of 1970-71, but the cost-price index during the same time has increased by 55 percent. Projections for next year are for a decline of 2 percent in pupils, but inflation is running at an annual rate above 10 percent.

- The amount we have received in state aid for operating expenses has increased about 2 percent in the past four years, so we have also had to make up for the inflationary losses in that funding.

- Instructional staff has been reduced in response to enrollment decline, from 309.55 positions in 1971-72 to 256.84 this year. This includes a reduction of 1.5 administrative staff, and occurred even though there have also been new staffing requirements during this time. Further planned reductions for next year will total 7.05 positions.

- Two buildings have been closed: Bethlehem Center in 1973, now leased to a pre-school day care center, and the Delmar School in 1976, sold to the town with a guarantee that its park will remain for public use. Operation and maintenance costs were cut by these measures.

There has been a 25.8 percent gain in the local tax base since 1970. This has helped us to hold the Bethlehem tax rate increase to 27.1 percent, and to actually reduce the true value tax rate from \$23.16 to \$19.91 per \$1,000 of value this year, which is 38 cents above the current Suburban Council average.

The management of decline is difficult for any kind of agency. The school district has tried to be realistic about this and to respond as efficiently as possible. We have also been concerned that we not "fossilize," and so we have tried very hard to find ways to meet new student needs and update programs by reallocating resources rather than adding them.

I hope interested residents will remember these facts when they review our recommended budget and will understand that schools are not cheap today for most of the same reasons that food and energy and housing are not cheap either. Inflation is hard on all of us, but surely education is so important that we should try to maintain its effectiveness. It continues to be the sure investment we can make for our children.

*Ann B. Patton
President
Bethlehem Central
Board of Education*

Delmar

Opposes park bond

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Albany County Legislature passed a bond issue for \$320,000 on April 9 in order to finance the county's half of the cost of acquiring the Lawson Lake property owned by Trinity Institution. My reasons for not supporting the bond issue are as follows:

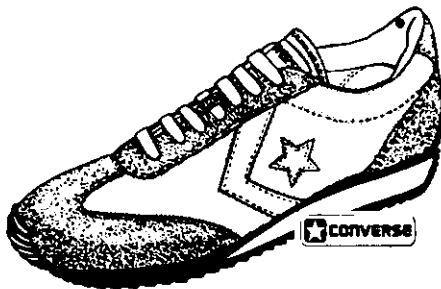
- In a time when people are asking that taxes do not go up and that new services are not started, I feel that a county-wide park system cannot be top priority. The fact that federal and state monies are

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available for part of the acquisition costs is only part of the story. Major improvements will have to be made to the Lawson Lake property. Obviously additional personnel will have to be hired permanently to supervise and maintain the property.

• There are serious questions to be raised about how this property can be used because of the soil conditions of this area. County leaders have recognized this fact, at least, by passing another resolution for an additional \$36,000 to have an engineering study done.

The public should know that the Albany County Environmental Management Council at its meeting on May 22, 1978, passed a motion unanimously advising the county Legislature (1) to have a public hearing, (2) to have an environmental impact statement, (3) to have a complete and comprehensive engineering study done by an outside firm, and (4) to have a user survey made before plans for acquisition were considered. The bond issue passed before plans were made for the engineering study and the county executive filed a negative declaration, which means that he does not feel there is any significant environmental problem. No public hearing was held nor was a user-survey done.

I feel this demonstrates again the administration's lack of concern for the taxpayers of this county as well as the ignoring of the recommendations of an advisory council with lay citizen members who are considered authorities in

the field of environmental matters.

In summary, let me state that I am not opposed to recreation of the use of public monies for it. However, the time has come when not only immediate but future costs to taxpayers must be considered.

*Edward H. Sargent, Jr.
County Legislator
36th District*

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Extend bus routes

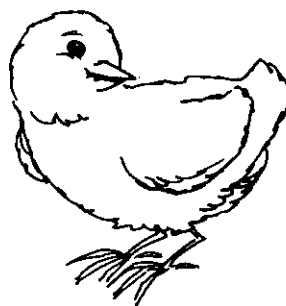
Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that we are all engaged in a great fuel crisis and seem to be depending more and more on the buses to get around, I think it is about time that the CDTA extended its routes during the day further in Delmar along Elsmere Ave. to the Bypass.

There are a great many people, especially senior citizens, who would use this service more with the fuel shortage and the President's request to cut down usage on cars. Also I am sure it would greatly lessen the need for "Fish" volunteers, which I understand is in a crucial state now due to lack of volunteers, because people would have more access to buses.

*Mrs. Helen Houghaling
Delmar*

Your letter has been relayed to the CDTA. Comments of other residents would be appreciated as a means of enabling the CDTA to gauge the need and feasibility of extending their service. Ed.



Community Corner

Toddlers' treat

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Registration begins April 23. Telephone registrations (439-9314) will be accepted. Parents may register for the periods 10 to 10:20 or 11 to 11:20 on Tuesday, May 8, and Wednesday, May 9. Children must have been born before November, 1976, to be eligible.

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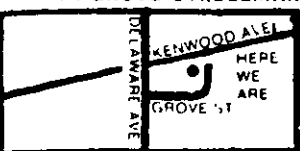
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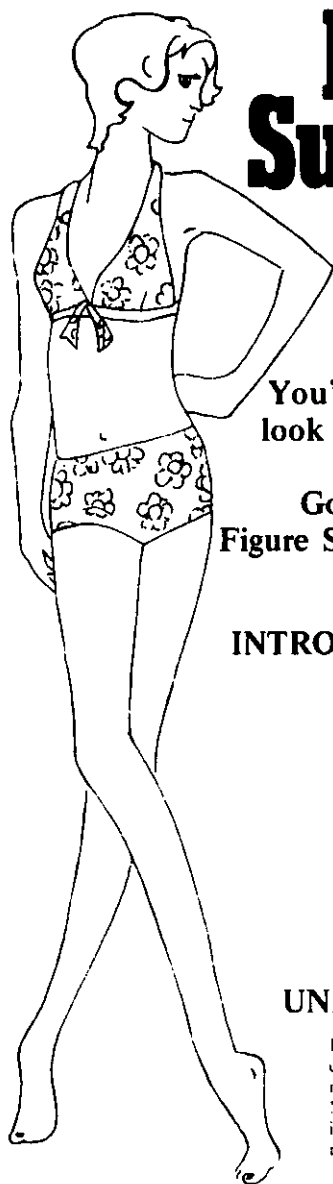
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