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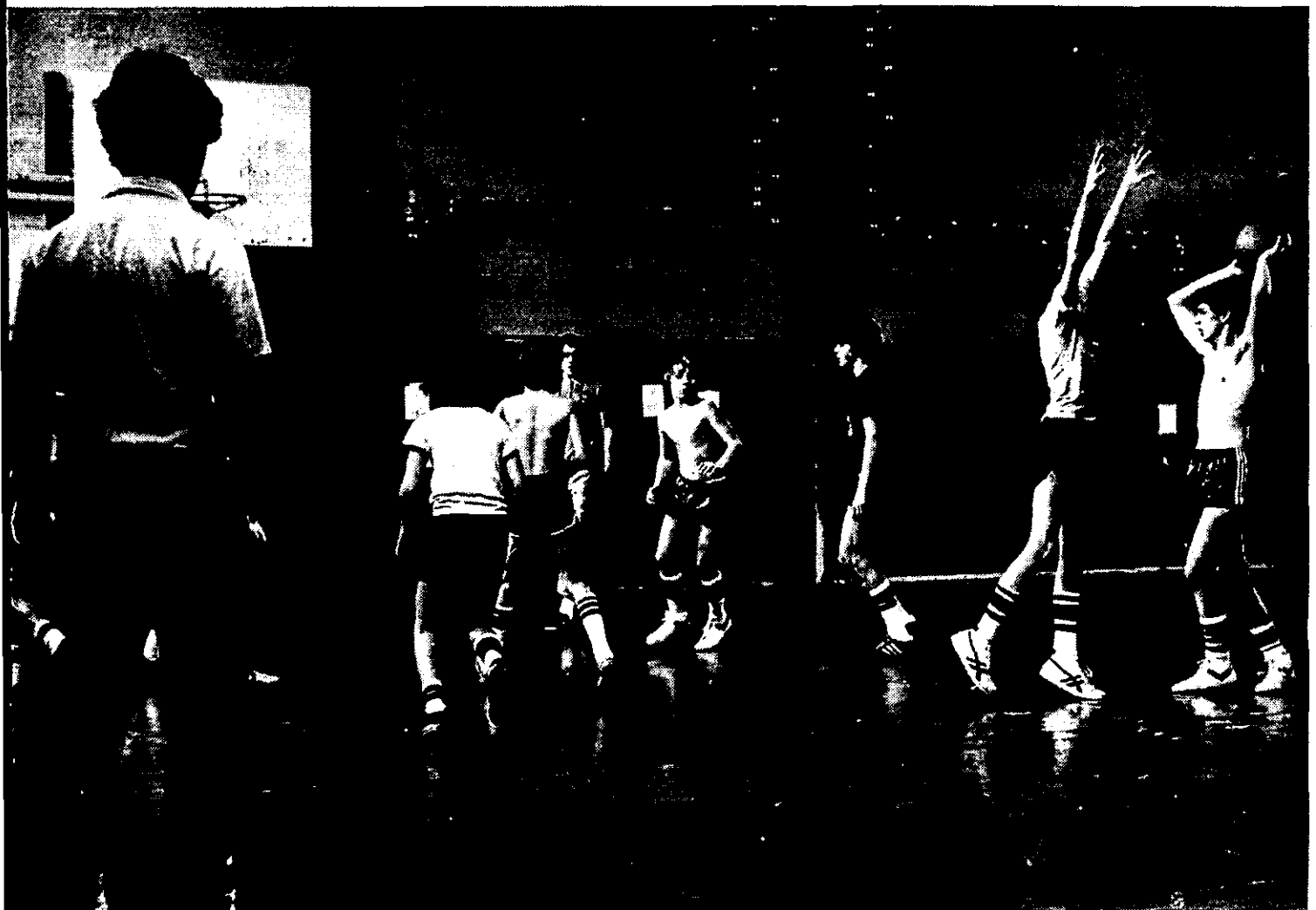
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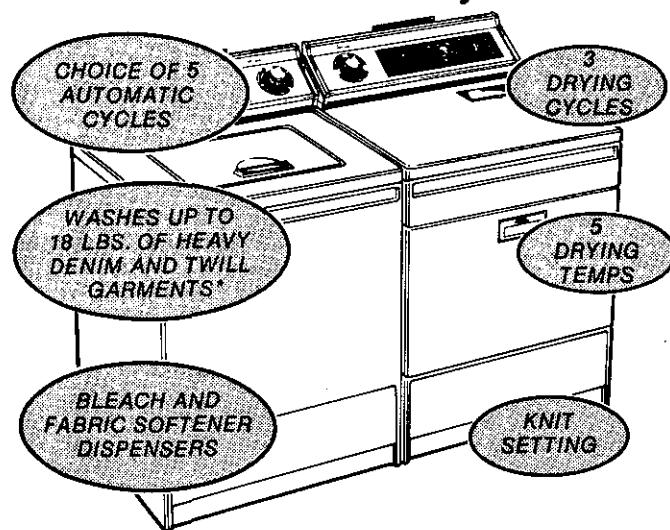
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Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands fire hall, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesday, Five Rivers Environmental Center. 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

YMCA Indian Guide and Princess recruitment, open to fathers and their sons or daughters, ages 5-8, Bethlehem Library, 7-8:30 p.m. Information 439-7759.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Turkey Dinner, Bethlehem Grange, Beckers Corners, 4:30 p.m. until all are served. Information 463-0693 or 767-2248.

Cubic Kumquat, night club scenario by BCHS Wind Ensemble, school cafeteria. 8-11 p.m. \$2 at door, tickets also at Mullen's and Paper Mill.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, open house, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 2-5 p.m.

Guitar Recital, Joan Mullen and Frank Vecchio of the College of St. Rose, Bethlehem Library, 3 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Delmar Community Orchestra, concert, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Rockefeller Rd., 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Writing Workshop, registration for course beginning Feb. 5, Bethlehem Library, free.

New Scotland Historical Assn. Speaker, Fred Abele, on "Trolleys," New Salem Center, 8 p.m. All interested welcome.

Literature Group, Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Library, 1:30 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem planning board, on application by Weber Bros., Inc., to approve Briarhill, a 20-lot subdivision, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Bethlehem Lion's Club, Howard Johnson's, 7 p.m.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

Senior Citizens Tax Service, provided free by Bethlehem Tri-Village AARP, Key Bank Community Room, 9-12 noon.

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Budget Hearing. Bethlehem board of education. Specific topics: Revenues, insurance, debt services and employee benefits. Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Bethlehem Art Assn., "What is the purpose of the Bethlehem Art Assn.?" Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) Valentine's Day program, Bethlehem Library, 10-2. Everyone welcome, bring lunch, beverages available.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Snowshoe Workshop; Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:30-12 and 1:30-4. Fee: \$2, \$1 for members. Pre-register, 457-6092.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

Chinese Dinner and demonstration of cooking techniques, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

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

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Bridge Mix, Albany Panhellenic, Bethlehem Library, 7:30. Reservations Leslie Maercklein, 439-6508.

Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum, State Ed. Bldg., 10 a.m.

Blue and Gold Dinner, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 272, Slingerlands School, 6:30 p.m. Former members urged to attend.

Ladies Guild, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Second Milers, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30.

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group, 69 Marlboro Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.

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Valentine's Day Programs for preschoolers, 10:15-11 a.m., Bethlehem Library, elementary school children, 4-4:45.

Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, speakers Sarah Hafensteiner and Marsha Bennett of State Bank of Albany, on banking and credit, Bethlehem Library, 7:15.

St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society, wine and cheese tasting party, school auditorium, 7:30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Chinese Dinner, demonstration of cooking techniques, Bethlehem Library, 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration, 439-9314.

Ladies Auxiliary, Elsmere Fire Co. A, firehall, 8 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.

THEATRE

"Brontosaurus Tales" (world premiere romantic comedy), Co-hoes Music Hall, Jan. 19-Feb. 10, matinees Feb. 9 and Sundays. 237-7700.

"Hound of the Baskervilles," Junior College of Albany Players, JCA Theater, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Jan. 25-26, Feb. 1-2, 8 p.m. \$1.50, students, SCs \$1.

"Macbeth," Empire State Youth Theater Institute production, Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center, Feb. 3, 2 p.m., Feb. 4-8, 10 a.m., Feb. 8-9, 7:30 p.m. \$3.50, children, students, SCs, \$2.50. Box office 473-4020.

DANCE

Merce Cunningham Dance Company, State University PAC, Feb. 8-9, 8 p.m. Box office 457-8606, and Community Box Office.

Free Movement Dance Company of Catskill, CDPS Center Auditorium, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Feb. 1-2, 8 p.m. \$2, students, SCs, \$1.

MUSIC

Noontime Concert, Pola Baytelman, pianist, and Corine Salon, soprano, Recital Hall, Empire State Plaza PAC, Feb. 6, 12:15 p.m. Free, bring lunch.

An Evening of Early Music, medieval and Renaissance instruments, College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Feb. 6, 7 p.m. Free.

New York Philomusica, Page Hall, University Downtown Campus, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. \$5, students, SCs, \$2.50. 457-8606.

ART

Exhibitions at the University Art Gallery, State University Campus, Allan D'Arcangelo: The American Landscape, and Phyllis Galembo, Recent Photographs, through Feb. 29. Tues.-Fri., 9-5. Thurs. 'til 8, weekends 1-4.

Featured Artist Show, paintings by Robert Longley of Slingerlands, Sales-Rental Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, through Feb. 14.

"O'Connell/Seawell: Recent Works" (exhibition), printmaking and design, State University Plaza Gallery, Lower Broadway, Albany, through Feb. 7, weekdays, 8-6.

FILM

"Sound of Music" (Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer), Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Feb. 6, 2 p.m. Free. Captioned and spoken dialogue.

"Shame" (Ingrid Bergman, with Liv Ullman), Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Free.

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Jonas was a farmer, and a good one. As careful with his tools and equipment as a mother cat with her kittens.

But ... one day he broke the handle out of his garden hoe ... went to town to look for a new one ... and ain't been the same ever since ...

Jonas bought most of his hardware stuff from a guy named Willard Davis. He'd run the store for thirty years, and knew everybody for miles around. Awful quiet fellow. Wouldn't get excited if his hair caught on fire.

"Need a hoe, Willard," Jonas said. "Whataya got in a good hoe for not too much money?"

Willard hauled out three hoes and laid 'em on the counter. Before he could say a word, Jonas picked up one and remarked that it was just like his old hoe.

"How much?" Jonas wanted to know.

"\$3.79," said Willard.

"Too much," said Jonas.

"Oh?" said Willard.

"Too much," repeated Jonas. "Why I can get the same darn hoe exactly from Whoozis and Whatzis for \$3.49, 'cause I looked in their catalog before I came to town. That's a whole 30 cents cheaper than your price!"

Willard didn't say anything for a minute. Just chewed a couple of times on his pipe.

Finally he said, "Jonas, I ain't going to argue with you. You're a good customer. My price of \$3.79 is fair and

square ... but I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll sell you that hoe 'mail order catalog' style."

"Let me get this right, Willard, you'll sell me this here hoe for just what it'd cost me by mail?"

"For you, Jonas, I will."

"It's a deal!" Jonas barked, before Willard could back down. "Here's your \$3.49." He grabbed the hoe and started for the door.

"Hold on, Jonas, you owe me just a little more money," Willard said quietly.

"How so?" Jonas wanted to know.

"Well, said Willard, and he started to grin ... "it'd cost you 15 cents for a stamp to send in your order. That's \$3.64 right there.

As Jonas started to turn purple, Willard went on ... "and then it'll cost you \$1.20 more return postage from Chicago on your hoe. That's \$4.84 and that's what you owe me."

Ever see a fox in a trap? He'll look everywhere for a hole to sneak out of. But, Willard had plugged every hole ... and old Jonas was caught fast. He knew it, too.

Jonas was breathing a little hard as he hammered \$4.84 down on the counter. Willard thanked him, nice as could be.

Once more Jonas reached for the hoe.

"Git your hands off that hoe, Jonas!" Willard said. He was grinning again. "You know darn well what kind of service you get from catalog outfits!"

Willard took the hoe out of Jonas' stunned fingers, and laid it back on the shelf. "Come in two weeks from now, Jonas, and you can have it!"

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The moral of this story is simple ... always remember **ALL** the **EXTRA COSTS** and **DELAYS** when you look at a price in any mail-order catalog.

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Anna Mae returns home

They came from all directions, friends, volunteer workers, tradesmen, well-wishers, finding parking places in the frozen yard, the new driveway and along Elsmere Ave. Television cameramen and news reporters were there, and someone produced a bottle of champagne.

They crowded into the small, two-bedroom bungalow. There wasn't a stitch of furniture—not even an ashtray—in the mint-fresh rooms, newly painted and carpeted. The time was 3:30 Saturday, and everybody was smiling.

There were a dozen people in the house on Elsmere Ave. When Anna Mae White and members of her family arrived at the bungalow the community built and equipped to replace the little frame house gutted by an explosion and fire six days before Christmas, 1978. There was no one in the house that evening, nor was there an insurance policy, and Anna Mae, who had done so many things for so many people all her life, lost everything but the gratitude of her home town.

On Saturday, Gordon Morris, who had served as chairman of the fund drive, formally turned over the keys to the house, and on Sunday Anna Mae moved in, some 57 weeks after the fire. During those weeks she and her family have been living in an apartment in the rear of the Sporthaven building on Kenwood Ave., an apartment donated by John Hermann for the rebuilding period.

The list of benefactors is long, spearheaded by members

of the Elsmere Fire Co., Bethlehem Lions Club, Blanchard American Legion post and others. Capital Region Kitchens donated and installed the kitchen cabinets, kitchen floor covering, counter top and the bathroom vanity; Gaspary's Restaurant donated the furnace, Callanan Industries the stove, J.N. Futia and Co. the plumbing fixtures, L.C. Smith Equipment a power mower and snowblower, and Price Greenleaf has pledged to seed the lawn and put in shrubs in the spring.

There were substantial contributions by other business firms: concrete blocks and chimney tile by Normanskill Block Co., heating duct work by H & H Sheet Metal, siding by AlSCO and Anaconda Aluminum and paint and supplies by Roger Smith Paint and Wallpaper and R.H. Miller Paint Co. Henry Klersy Building Corp. put up the fund-raising "thermometer" sign at Banker's Trust during the drive that netted some \$16,000 in contributions, and Klersy's Quent Turner drew up the list of materials for the new house. Tim Smith of Arco Plumbing put in the water lines, Tom Murphy did the mason work for the foundation, walls and cellar floor, and Hank Voorhees did all the wiring. Dick Dornemuth contributed siding and windows and installed them, Vogel Painting Contractors, with an assist from Jim Fanning, did the painting, and Gus Williams brought over his back hoe and other contracting equipment. Al Vanderwood did the demolition work on the gutted house and Harlan Metz



Anna Mae White receives keys to her new house from a grateful community. From left, Sid Kaplan (Legion), Red Goyer (Lions) and Gordon Morris (Elsmere Fire Co.).

Spotlight photos



Channel 10's Holly Stewart gets a heart-warming story from Gordon Morris at the White bungalow.

did the trucking for the demolition. Don Wright contributed trash removal services.

A lot of fellows worked on the project, doing what they could when they could, through the summer and fall—among them Roland Whitney, Gus Williams, Red Goyer, Sid Kaplan, Gene Minshell, Frank Futia, Hank Turner, Gordon Morris, Harry Olson, Ollie

Palmer, Tiny Whitney, Jim Gamelin, Scott Anson, Peter VanAmerongen, George Kaufman, Bob Mallory, Kevin Shea, Bob White, Mike White and Herb White.

Story hours resume

Pre-school story hours for children 3-5 will resume at Bethlehem Library beginning Feb. 25.

Deadline at hand for tax payments

Today (Thursday) is the last day for real estate property owners to pay the 1980 general taxes without penalty. A Jan. 31 postmark is the last date that will be honored for tax payments by mail.

A one percent penalty goes into effect for late payments during February, with a 1½-percent adder for payments made in March. Tax bills unpaid as of April 1 will be turned over to the Albany County director of finance for collection, with an increased

penalty fee tacked on the accumulated total.

Kenneth P. Hahn, receiver of taxes in Bethlehem, has urged taxpayers to beat the penalty fee by paying in person by 4:30 p.m. today (Jan. 31). In New Scotland, Tax Collector Edita Probst will receive payments in person up to 4 p.m.

Student is cited

Kim C. Tornquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Charles Tornquist, of North Andover, Mass., formerly of Delmar, has been named presidential scholar at Clarkson College, where she is a senior.

BETHLEHEM

Subdivisions move one step closer

Five residential developments currently under consideration by the Bethlehem planning board have advanced to new stages in the tortuous legal path toward final approvals.

Acting on a crowded agenda at last week's meeting, board members voted affirmatively on motions for Deerfield, Woodhill, Beacon Estates, Hillside and Briarhill at their respective steps in subdivision procedures.

At the session, the board:

- Approved a revised preliminary plat for Deerfield, an 85-lot single-family subdivision in Slingerlands, without changing the conditions stipulated earlier.

- Approved an amended plan for the Woodhill subdivision at Bethlehem Center that reduces the number of proposed dwelling units.

- Removed stipulations on the final plat for Beacon Estates in Glenmont before referring the proposal to the board of appeals to set conditions for the five-lot subdivision.

- Scheduled a public hearing Feb. 4 on the final plans for Briarhill, a 20-lot subdivision off Murray Ave. that was approved 13 years ago under the name of King James Grant No. 2.

- Granted an extension to Andrew H. Chainyk, developer of the proposed five-lot Hillside subdivision in North Bethlehem.

In accepting unchanged the Deerfield plat, the board cleared the way for the devel-

oper, Rosen-Michaels, Inc., to begin work on the final plan. The project, originally the subject of controversy in Slingerlands, began its trip through planning board procedures under a different name, Lyndhurst, and under different owner-developers, John Wheeler and Wolf Krahmer.

Land surveyor Lindsay M. Boutelle removed a duplex apartment and a single family dwelling from consideration of the Woodhill subdivision after their inclusion caused a stir at an earlier board meeting. The two buildings would have complicated the project because they extended into a commercial zone as well as a Residential-B zone in addition to the Residential-A zone in question. In approving the amended plan, the board specified that no more than 15 fourplexes be accommodated on the 7.8-acre site off Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont. The developer, North Shore Equities, Inc., of Long Island, must go before the zoning board of appeals for a ruling on the apartment complex as a proposed use before returning to the planning board for subdivision approval.

On the final plat for Beacon Estates, the board agreed to remove stipulations that the project include three duplexes and two fourplexes before sending it to the board of appeals, whose responsibility it is to make such conditions.

Chainyk was scheduled to present the final plat for Hillside after several extensions, but sought instead yet another extension. The development is located at Elm Pl. and Reine-mann St., North Bethlehem. The board granted the extension in light of the fact that the land in question was still in the process of transfer of ownership, plus a delay in over-coming drainage problems.

Board member John La Forte took the chair when Fred C. Weber presented final plans for Briarhill as chairman William R. Weber abstained from the proceedings.

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A new showcase for Burger King

Bethlehem citizens fearful of seeing their community's main business artery move a step closer to resembling the panorama of Latham's Rt. 9 or Guilderland's Rt. 20 will have a new forum in which to make their stand against the projected arrival of a Burger King fast-food outlet in Elsmere.

When members of the Bethlehem planning board refused to change their individual votes on the question of requiring the Buffalo-based restaurant chain to submit to a state environmental quality review, the Burger King proposal moved to a new arena, the zoning board of appeals. The controversy split the planning board down the middle, and when the standoff couldn't be resolved within the 45-day time limit, the matter passed by default to the appeals board.

For the applicants and Bethlehem citizens, this will be the main event. Up to now, only a contingent of neighbors in the Plymouth Ave.-Euclid Ave. section of Elsmere have been fighting the proposal, citing traffic, noise, odor and esthetic objections. When the board of appeals sets a public hearing, the embattled neighbors are

expected to be joined by civic-minded residents from many areas of the town interested in preserving the appearance and traffic flow of their principal commercial thoroughfare.

The applicants are seeking a variance to accommodate the proposed restaurant and 60-car parking area on a wooded lot on Delaware Ave. between Roberts Real Estate and Delaware Plaza. The variance is needed because the rear portion of the two-acre plot is in a Residential-A zone at the rear of dwellings on Plymouth Ave.

At least two sticky problems face the applicants in the new round of municipal legalities. Town hall sources have stated the basic ground for granting a variance is proof of hardship, but there are ways around this. The second potential barrier is a list of protective measures handed up by the planning board, one of which is architectural conformity with existing businesses in the area. Burger King, like other fast-food chains, has its own distinctive architectural design and logotype; however, board members are under no commitment to honor the planning board's recommendations.

Other measures on the list are limiting entrances and exits to Delaware Ave. and providing adequate screening to lessen the noise and visual impact.

Gardener's Clipboard

Geranium cuttings

It's time to take cuttings from those geraniums that were brought in from the garden in late September or early October.

Take cuttings 2 to 4 inches long from the newest growth. Trim off lower leaves. Insert the ends in rooting medium of 1/2 peat moss and water well. Roots will form in about 2 weeks. After rooting has started, place cuttings in full sunlight and water only enough to keep soil moist. As cuttings begin to grow, transplant singly. A potting mixture of equal parts of soil, peat moss and perlite is a good medium to use. (Sand can be used instead of perlite). When geraniums are 4-5 inches tall, cut tips back to induce branching. Flowering usually begins in 4-5 months—in time for your summer garden.

—Millie Van Zetten

Art on display

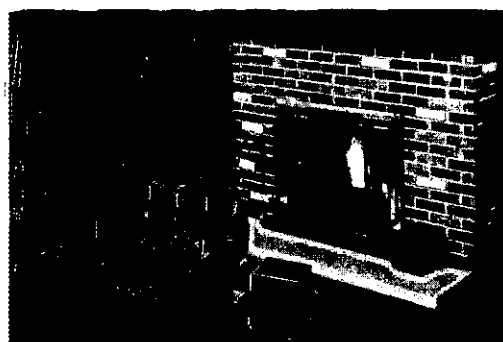
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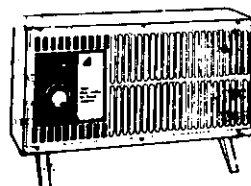
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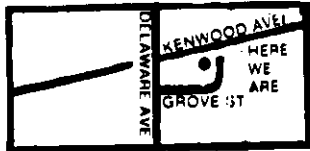


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YES director Joan A. Perry speculated that the increase might reflect increasing numbers of women joining the working force outside the home. In addition, she felt the overall increase in participation was largely due to the greater recruitment from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Bethlehem Central to register students who might have trouble getting to the YES office in person. Publicity given the organization by publications like the *Bethlehem Report*, *Spotlight* and *Central Highlights* greatly aided their efforts, Perry said.

BETHLEHEM

State aid, benefits on budget agenda

In an effort to encourage citizen participation, the Bethlehem Central board of education is holding budget hearings on different parts of the budget at different times. The first hearing, on school transportation, was held during the board meeting on Jan. 16, and attracted about 15 people.

The second hearing is scheduled during the board's regular meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 6, and will cover budget revenues, insurance costs, debt service and employee benefits. Board meetings begin at 8 p.m., in the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Budget hearings are also scheduled for March 5 and March 19, after which the board will begin to prepare a school budget for 1980-81 to present to the voters. A budget proposal will be adopted by the board in early April, publicized as fully as possible, and voted on at the annual election in mid-May.

People in the district who have questions, suggestions or specific concerns about next year's school budget are urged to attend the budget hearings, so the board can get community input prior to putting together a budget package.

Poetry course offered

A free six-week course of writing poetry and fiction will be taught at the Bethlehem Library beginning Tuesday Feb. 5, from 3:30 to 5. The group will write and videotape a short play as a final project.

Police seek sniper

Bethlehem detectives are looking for a sharpshooter who fired at two moving cars on Gardner Terr. last Wednesday night. A resident reported the rear door window on the driver's side was shot out while he was backing his car from his driveway about 7 p.m. A Slingerlands woman told police the front passenger window of her car was shot out on Gardner Terr. about 9:30 p.m. as she was driving her mother home to an Albright Pl. address. No injuries were reported.

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Hearing slated on zoning shift

The Bethlehem town board has set Feb. 27 as the date for a public hearing on an application for a change of zoning affecting the Bethlehem Community Center at 125 Adams St., Delmar.

The application of Nathaniel Boynton, editor-publisher of The Spotlight, to change the zone classification from CC-commercial to C-Commercial in order to allow a printing operation in the "coffeehouse" building was forwarded last week by the town planning board with the recommendation the change be approved by the town board.

Boynton's bid of \$42,300 for the single-story cinderblock building was accepted by the town board last Nov. 28. The purchase is subject to permitting printing presses on the premises, which is not a permitted use under the Double-C classification and to approval of a variance to provide a parking area for a commercial building.

At its regular meeting last Tuesday, the planning board determined that the proposed

zoning change would not require a state environmental quality review (SEQR). The board ignored a written protest that Boynton's application is "unauthorized, improper and illegal" as not being pertinent to the board's action.

The statement was in a copy of a letter addressed to the town board by Julie Denison, an Albany attorney representing George D. Cochran, owner of the property at 121 Adams St. next door to the community center. Cochran's wife, Mary, operates a printing business at the address.

The letter said that Boynton's application for a zoning change instead of a variance is "a blatant attempt to avoid the safeguards to the community and neighboring properties guaranteed by . . . the zoning ordinance," and indicated Cochran would file court action against the town if it granted the zone change.

Boynton has stated his intentions to move his newspaper publishing and commercial printing operation from 414 Kenwood Ave., which is in the Double-C zone, to the "coffeehouse" building if the legal requirements are met. The building was put up for bid by the town last October as a

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The proposed zoning change would move the line separating Commercial-CC and Commercial-C zones from one side of the "coffeehouse" to the other. Historically, building inspector John Flanigan pointed out, the property has housed a bowling alley and a printing shop in the past. Alvah E. Worth, town engineering consultant, added that the building was originally omitted from the Commercial-C classification because the line was drawn to include only land owned by the Delaware and Hudson Railway at that time.

Planning consultant Ed Kleinke said the change was one of "adaptive re-use rather than new construction." He noted that the change entails an unlisted action on an existing structure with existing parking already in a commercial zone, and the adjacent businesses—a printer, bowling alley and garage—would be similar uses.

In her letter to the town board, Denison said Boynton's "failure to apply for the parking variance... within a 45-day period raises serious questions of Mr. Boynton's sincerity of purpose and represents a serious failure of performance."

Alan Boyce

Epilepsy meeting

The Hudson-Mohawk chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America will meet Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 at the First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany. There will be a discussion of the medical data bank. The chapter meets the first Wednesday of each month at the church. Free parking is available at the church lot. For information, call 439-7344.

Red Cross course

The Albany area chapter of the Red Cross will conduct a self-help course entitled "Vital Signs" at the Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany, on three Tuesday evenings, Feb. 5, 12, and 19, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lamaze classes slated

Childbirth Education Assn. of Albany will begin classes in the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth in Albany starting the weeks of Feb. 11 and Feb. 25. Expectant parents planning to attend the series of seven classes should plan to attend them at the end of the seventh month. For information and registration contact Melody Brennan, 439-6353, or Pat Penabene, 456-0805.

Turkey dinner set

Bethlehem Grange will offer a turkey dinner Saturday Feb. 2, at the grange hall on Rt. 9W 396 a block west of Rt. 9W Selkirk. Family-style serving start at 4:30.

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No gold rush (or silver) in Delmar

Delmar apparently hasn't escaped a touch of the gold fever.

While fortunes were being made—and lost—on the big commodity exchanges as the prices of gold and silver exploded in recent weeks, area residents have found more modest riches right here.

Bill Johnson, co-owner with his wife of Bill 'N' Lou's Antiques, 154B Delaware Ave., Elsmere, reported that about 200 people had come to his shop since the beginning of January to sell jewelry, silverware and, frequently, coins.

"It's been an experience," Lou said with a smile.

With huge price swings worldwide on precious metals, Johnson checks daily, sometimes twice or more a day, on prices. He ruefully noted a \$677 loss on a silver purchase, but added he had missed a \$3,500 rubbing by keeping his ear cocked to price reports from New York City as silver fell from \$48 an ounce to \$36.

People came to his shop from as far away as Scotia and Glens Falls, and he was even asked to open at night during the height of the craze.

Johnson doesn't regret that the peak of the fever apparently has passed. "Some people could get very hurt in this 'gold rush.' My wife and I have been very careful."

Donald LeWanda, of LeWanda Jewelers at Delaware Plaza, also noted he is very careful in buying gold and silver for refining—as he has been for 20 years.

While he reported about a tenfold increase in offers of precious metals "since gold hit \$500 an ounce," he said he is really not interested in the market, and is little involved.

In any case, the glory days may be over. With clamps on silver trading at the major commodity exchanges, and six-month logjams at the smelters, townspeople might need to look elsewhere for ready cash.

Caroline Terenzini

No Spotlight Feb. 21

Publicity chairmen of local organizations are reminded that the Spotlight staff will take its annual "winter weekend" on the Feb. 18 federal holiday and will not publish on Feb. 21. Deadline for news and ad copy for the Feb. 14 issue is Friday, Feb. 8.

The Spotlight office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, but will be open from 8:30 to 4:30 the rest of the week.

Shoplifting interrupted

An 18-year-old Coeymans youth caught by an employee of the K-Mart store in Glenmont is accused of stealing nine record albums valued at \$66.81 at 3:15 last Thursday. The youth, whose name was withheld, faces a hearing in Bethlehem town court Feb. 7 on a petit larceny charge.

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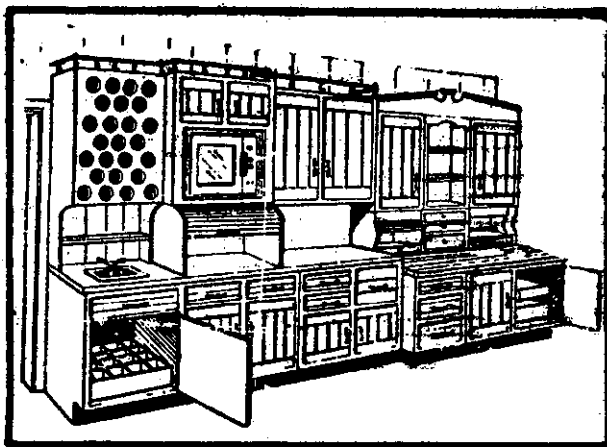
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Troop to observe 60th anniversary

Boy Scout Troop 73 of Voorheesville is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year with special events. The charter for the troop was signed May 12, 1920 by five committeemen and 12 scouts. Of these, Homer Corbin is the sole survivor. Since 1920 thousands of young men have been active in this troop.

Fred Blackman, a former scoutmaster, is preparing a display of troop memorabilia, and Bob Shedd, another past scoutmaster, is preparing a large display map showing as many sites of past troop adventures as possible. Over the years, the troop has visited many states and provinces, nearly every mountain and valley in the Adirondacks, participated in many scouting events and built innumerable campfires. The troop would appreciate anyone who would contact these men and share their special memories or items of memorabilia with the community.

On Feb. 23 the scouts will run their annual pancake supper under the guidance of Dick Lennox at the Voorheesville



Joyful Noise is one of several singing groups based in Feura Bush staging gala Christian Music Concert at Empire State Plaza in Albany on Feb. 8.

Legion Hall. Tickets are available from any scout. All the pancakes and sausage you can eat will be served and the public is invited to share the memories of the troop as displayed in their pictures and maps.

In April the troop will hold an Old Timers night for all past and present scouters.

On Memorial Day Scoutmaster Bill Morrison will lead the troop in the traditional parade. Afterwards the scouts will demonstrate their lashing skills by building a wilderness style bridge in the village park. After our designer Howard Coughtry is forced to test it, the public is invited to examine the

skills of their sons and offer comments on the engineering.

On Aug. 16 past Scoutmaster Blackman will again lead the troop in a camping demonstration in the village park. In the fall there will be a formal dinner to honor their past leaders and outstanding comrades. There also will be a special service project under the guidance of Tom Roe.

Trolley speaker coming

The history of the trolley in the Capital District will be the topic of Fred Abele when the town of New Scotland Historical Assn. meets at the center in New Salem Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. A social hour and refreshments will follow, and anyone interested is welcome.

Open house at nursery

The Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School at Slingerlands Community Methodist Church will celebrate its 20th anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2-5 p.m. Alumni may thumb through scrapbooks covering the past 20 years, and prospective pupils may be registered for the September term. For information, contact Mary Cornelius 4398-9953.



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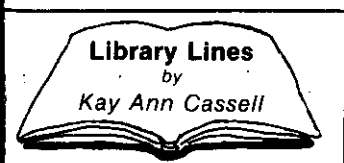
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Don't forget dog licenses

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The town of New Scotland is offering residents a double savings for spaying or neutering dogs. Not only will the operation reduce the licensing fee from \$7.50 to \$2.50, but the operations themselves are being offered at a reduced rate through the Dog Control Office. Those interested should contact Warden Boehlke.



Mysteries are favorites of many of our library users. They are a diverse and interesting genre of fiction writing. Many people read particular writers for particular types of mysteries. Mysteries began with Edgar Allan Poe, who is credited with the invention of the detective short story. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle brought detective fiction to maturity with his creation of Sherlock Holmes. Other early landmarks were Earl Derr Biggers and his Charlie Chan cases, G.K. Chesterton and his amateur detective, Father Brown, and Sax Rohmer's sinister Oriental villain, Fu Manchu.

Mysteries are international in character and setting. Some concentrate as much on customs and setting as on character and plot. Among the more exotic mystery series is Robert van Gulik's Judge Dee "triple mysteries" based on historic seventh century Chinese magistrate records. Arthur Upfield's

mysteries concern the adventures of his half aboriginal Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte and serve as an excellent introduction to Australia. Georges Simenon's mysteries are based on the French Inspector Maigret. Janwillem van de Weterling's police stories are set in the Netherlands. Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahloo's Martin Beck mysteries have a Swedish background, and H.R.F. Keating's Inspector Ghote series is based in Bombay.

Detective stories have been immensely popular throughout the history of the mystery since Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Modern detective writers include Emma Lathen and her detective, John Putnam Thatcher, John D. MacDonald and his Travis McGee books, Rex Stout and his ever popular Nero Wolfe, Ralph McInery and his Father Roger Dowling series, Ruth Rendell and her Chief Inspector Wexford, and Erle Stanley Gardner and Perry Mason.

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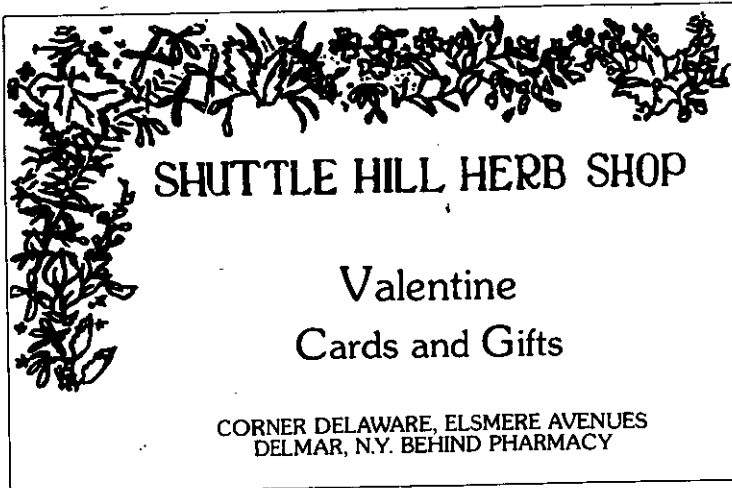
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tective stories or mysteries closely resembling the novel. Many of these writers are English. Agatha Christie, one of the world's most famous writers, developed the characters of Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot. Dorothy L. Sayers's crime novels approach the legitimate novel structure in her stories of the detective, Lord Peter Wimsey. Five of Josephine Tey's mannered mysteries concern her detective Inspector Alan Grant. Ngaio Marsh created her cultured handsome policeman, Roderrick Alleyn, a modern edition of Lord Peter Wimsey.

Other current writers you might enjoy are P.D. James; George C. Chesbro and his Robert Frederickson, a dwarf circus performer turned private eye; Michael Innes and his Sir John Appleby mysteries; and Dick Francis, who writes about the world of horse racing.

If you really like mysteries, you'll want to read about them as well as read them. Don't miss *Murder Ink; The Mystery Reader's Companion*, perpetrated by Dilys Winn. If you know the name of a character in a mystery but don't have any additional clues, ask at the Reference Desk for one of our

works that lists mystery characters and their authors.

In the magazine section, try *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine* for mystery stories and the *Armchair Detective* for articles on mystery writers and reviews of mysteries.

A number of prizes are given in the mystery field. Mystery Writers of America present 11 awards. The major ones are the Edgar and the Raven. In England the Crime Writers Association presents the Gold Dagger and Silver Dagger.

Village Volunteers elect

Mrs. Lynn Perry has been elected president of the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps. Other officers on the new slate are Mrs. June Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Joan Webb, secretary; William Wright, treasurer; Mrs. Mary DeGroff, quartermaster; Phyllis Willey, music master; Karl Gohlke, business manager and Michelle Denault, Jeanne Rankin, Jim Willey and Leslie Gohlke, corps representatives.

The corps held its annual awards dinner Jan. 5 at the Slingerlands United Methodist Church, with 122 attending. David Perry was master of ceremonies. A slide show of corps events was presented by Karl Gohlke and a skit of corps life at rehearsal was staged by Jeanne Rankin, Jennifer Rankin, Leslie Gohlke, Gordon Keeble, Linda Mertz and Ted Harro. Awards were: perfect attendance, Michelle Denault; Don Veltman (2 years), Bill Webb; proficiency award for fife, Michelle Denault; proficiency award for drum, Sean McClean; special award for service and dedication to the corps, John Williams and Bud Olsen; president's award for service to the corps, Her Veltman; color guard award Jennifer Rankin, and Volunteer of the Year Award (by ballot of members), John Williams.

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Quando cubic kum quat

Newspaper editors who battle press deadlines sometimes get a little punchy, which is what happened at the Spotlight last week. This time those typographical gremlins got on the cover.

Many readers were puzzled when the caption under the cover photo turned out to have no relation to the picture, and there was no caption inside. It was a first-class goof, but here's the straight story: the nine high school students play in the Bethlehem Central Wind Ensemble, which puts on an annual night-club scenario at the school called Cubic Kum Quat. It's a fun evening for students, parents and their friends, and always popular. This year the party is on from 8 to 11 Saturday night, Feb. 2 at the school. The program has an Olympic theme and will feature international deserts as well as home-grown talent. Tickets are available at Mullen's Pharmacy and the Paper Mill or at the door.

Save soup labels

Elsmere School is continuing its program to obtain cassette recorders for classrooms by collecting Campbell's product labels. The products include pork and beans, V-8 juice, Franco-American and Swan-

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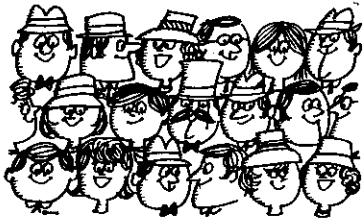
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Tiny tots swimming

Albany YMCA will conduct a class in tiny-tot swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 to 10:30, beginning on Feb. 5, running through March 6. The course is open to children between the ages of three months and 2 years of age.

Too much water?

With pumps producing 500,000 gallons a day from two auxiliary wells in New Salem in an effort to slow down the falloff of Bethlehem's Vly reservoir, the town's water tower in Elmsere sprang a leak last weekend and overflowed. Paul A. Wagner, water district superintendent, blamed the mishap on a faulty adjustment on a new altitude valve on the 250,000-gallon tank off Kenwood Ave. Police reported the overflow froze, the ice causing minor damage to two pine trees and the lawn at Bethlehem Cemetery Friday night.



Hermann Schnurr

Wins advertising award

Hermann Schnurr of Delmar, senior vice president and creative director of the Madison North advertising agency in Schenectady, has won the distinguished service award of the Ad Club Assn. of Professional Communicators of Northeastern New York. Schnurr began his career with Ogilvy and Mather in New York, and was a co-founder of Madison North in 1971. He has won a number of awards both in this area and in New York City.

Christian School testing

Testing for admission to grades 1-8 of the Loudonville Christian School will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. in the school library. Testing for admission to kindergarten will be held later by appointment. Interested parents may call the Loudonville Christian School at 434-6051.



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On Wednesday a pocketbook found at Delaware Plaza was turned in to police, who called the person whose name was on items in the pocketbook.

On Saturday two *Albany Times Union* carrier boys delivering their papers at 6:45 a.m. found a roll of bills of various denominations on the street at an intersection in a Delmar residential area. The exact sum and the location are being withheld until the owner satisfies police as to those details, otherwise the money will go to the two 12-year-old boys after 90 days.

Bethlehem police, however, had no objection to the *Spotlight* printing their names. They are Douglas Cole and Anthony Cardona, both of Delmar. Commented a police sergeant: "The community should be proud of these boys." Added a citizen visitor: "And congratulations to their parents."

Meanwhile, police said a *Spotlight* story last week reporting that a Selkirk man had turned in a pocketbook he found on the pavement on Elm Ave. in Delmar has a happy ending. The owner was able to identify the item after reading the article, although there was no mention of the color or the amount.

On foreign study

Maria Tilaro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Tilaro, 21 Pineview Ave., Delmar, recently completed a program at the Austro-American Institute of Education in Vienna. She has been living with a Viennese family as part of her participation in St. Lawrence University's programs abroad. In addition, she and the other 32 St. Lawrence students there spent two weeks in Budapest, Hungary.

Earns PBK key

Andrew C. Rose of 26 Gladwish Rd., Delmar, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary society, at the University of Southern California.

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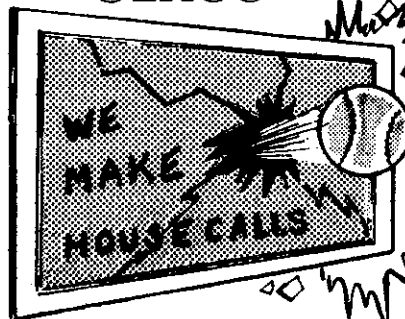
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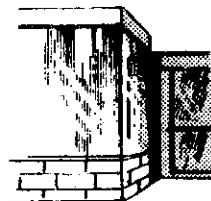
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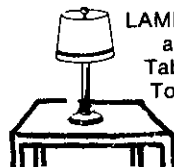


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Artists to reorganize

Leaders of the Bethlehem Art Assn. have called a special meeting of the local unit for Feb. 7 to discuss redefining its function and charting directions for the future. The call was issued by Lillian Longley, prominent Slingerlands painter, who pointed out in a letter to the membership that the organization currently has no president, recording secretary and other officers. In recent years the BAA has sponsored an annual juried art show and has brought in well-known artists for demonstrations at monthly meetings. Interested artists are urged to attend the meeting next Thursday at 7:30 at Bethlehem Library.

Speaks on China

Mrs. May Blackmore, guidance counselor at Bethlehem Central High School and world traveler, will give an illustrated talk on a recent trip to China at the dinner meeting of the Bethlehem Business Women's Club Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

Dolphins in meet

Delmar Dolphins swimmers brought home 10 medals from the 12th annual Schenectady Swim Club midwinter meet at Burnt Hills Saturday. Matt Holland won three of them, taking first place in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley and second in the 100 butterfly in the boys 11-12 division. Donna Schulz captured third place medals in three events, the 100 fly, 100 backstroke and 200 IM in senior girls 15-18, and Niki Orietas took fourth in the 100 free. Eric Patrick was fourth in the 100-yard breast-stroke in boys 11-12 and David Tusek took sixth in the 50-yard backstroke for boys 8 and under. The Dolphin senior girls 400-yard medley relay team was fifth.

Sue Mallory of Delmar, swimming on the SUNYA Swim Club team, won the 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly and placed sixth in the 100-yard IM, and Lisa Ogawa of Slingerlands had a sixth in the 50 fly, both in girls 9-10. Laura Briggs of Delmar, a SUNYA teammate, was fifth in the senior girls 100-yard butterfly.

Open house set

Tri-Village Nursery School will hold an open house for parents of pre-schoolers on Thursday, Feb. 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the school, located in the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Applications will be accepted for the 1980-81 school year. For information call Lynne Lenhardt, 439-7704 or Barbara Phelps, 439-5633.

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Bethlehem Lions Club members will observe the 25th anniversary of their club with a dinner dance at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion post in Elsmere on March 7. Richard O'Connell and John Thompson are co-chairmen of the event.

Among the annual projects of the service organization are the light bulb sale, the Junque Sale, the pancake breakfast, the Salvation Army bell-ringing, and the hearing, vision and glaucoma testing clinics. Most of funds raised by the Lions go to the Sight Conservation Society of Northeastern New York, and to the Lions Hearing Conservation Society. Other recipients have included the Community White Christmas programs, the winter carnival, the Community Ambassador program, Bethlehem Senior Citizens, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Bethlehem Bicentennial and Slingerlands Players.

During the past year the Lions, with other local groups, have donated money and personal labor to the rebuilding of the home for Mrs. Anna Mae White. Currently, there is a young people's Leo Club sponsored and monitored by the Bethlehem Lions.

Of the club's 29 charter members, seven are deceased, but four are still members. Of the 24 past presidents, 14 are still active members.

Missing driver sought

Bethlehem police have renewed their search for Terrence L. Wells, 20, of Coxsackie, who disappeared after slamming his car into a utility pole off Rt. 396 just west of Feura Bush Aqueduct Rd. at 12:15 a.m. last Nov. 3. A pickup truck belonging to Wells' employer was stolen a short time later from Harris Ave. nearby and abandoned in Trenton, N.J., police said. They are investigating a report Wells was seen at a party in Coeymans last Saturday night.



The Delmar office of Roberts Real Estate recorded an unprecedented sales volume of \$10 million in Bethlehem properties for 1979. Frank Downs is shown being presented the Branch Salesman of the Year award by Peter Staniels, manager. From left are Million Dollar Club Award winners Bob Blackman, Ann Warren, Bob Edwards (Company Salesman of the Year), and Bettie Lonbard. At right is Donna Larrivee, "Company Rookie of the Year."

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Fri., Feb. 1	Volleyball, Mohonasen, home, 3:45 Wrestling, Mt. Pleasant, home, 6:30 Girls Basketball, Mohonasen, away, 3:45
Sat., Feb. 2	Girls Gymnastics, Burnt Hills, away, 10:00 Boys Basketball, Mohonasen, home, 8:00 Wrestling, Scotia, home, 1:00
Thurs., Feb. 5	Girls Gymnastics, Shaker, away, 7:00 Boys Basketball, Guilderland, away, 8:00 Bowling, Guilderland, away, 3:45 Volleyball, Niskayuna, away, 3:45 Wrestling, Saratoga, home, 3:45
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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds get it all together

To measure the improvement of Voorheesville Central's varsity basketball team, take the two Central Hudson Valley League games against Cocksackie-Athens.

The first time around the league, C-A demolished the Blackbirds in Voorheesville by 17 points. On Friday, playing at Cocksackie, the Blackbirds won 54-48, refusing to lose their cool in the fading seconds, as has happened so many times this season. Example: with Voorheesville cradling a precarious lead and the clock running out, Harris Crawford sank four straight free throws in the final 40 seconds, icing the victory despite the home team applying mental pressure by calling two time outs to give him time to do some worrying, but Crawford was calm in the clutch. Joe Probst also had 4-for-4 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, 11-for-12 for the evening plus four baskets.

"It was the best game of the year in many respects," enthused Coach Mike O'Brien. "We played well as a team, sharing the ball, passing to the

open man, taking only the good shots, and there were very few turnovers. We have a shot at winning the rest of our games."

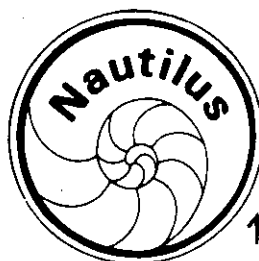
The 'Birds won this one from the foul line, canning 18 of 21 penalty tosses while being out-shot from the field by two buckets. Joe Probst had 19 points, Jim Riviello threw in seven baskets and Greg Picard played a good defensive game. "He's learned to play a smart, aggressive defense without fouling so much trying to steal the ball," observed O'Brien.

Coming up are Averil Park Friday across the river, then home Tuesday for a non-league exercise with Ravena.

Indoor tennis offered

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer an indoor tennis program for adults, beginning the week of Feb. 26. Registration must be made in person between 7 and 9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, at the Parks and Recreation office, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar. The program is open to residents of the town and Bethlehem Central school district. Two "courts" are available at the lower gym at BCHS. Players must sign up in groups of four for a one-hour session per week per group. Available court time is from 8 to 9 or 9 to 10 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. There is a \$7 fee per player.

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Eagles paddle while others churn

To keep his team interested through a succession of easy meets, BC Coach Jack Whipple varies his lineups by assigning his swimmers to events other than their specialties. It doesn't do much for the times, but it enhances team depth and turns up some hidden talents.

For instance: Mike Nyilis, a distance freestyler and anchorman, tried competitive diving for the first time and took first place at Voorheesville last week, and sophomore John Reagan won five different events over a span of the last four meets.

In those four meets, the Bethlehem pool powerhouse scored lopsided wins using the diversified alignments. Albany Academy and Shaker were the first two victims, and last week it was Niskayuna (53-30) and Voorheesville (48-35). That ran the Eagles' current win streak to 41 straight dual meets, 11 this season. At Voorheesville, BC surrendered five firsts in 11 events and still won easily.

Whipple expressed mild concern about BC's meet at Albany Academy Wednesday of this week because of Academy's small pool. "It's a different ball game in there," he said, but there was no furrow on his brow. He and his varsity have their eyes on the only two upstate teams that can cause them problems, Rome and New Hartford. Bethlehem swims at Rome Feb. 8 and New Hartford comes to Delmar Feb. 15.

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- 9:00—Live Wire, with Boom Boom Brannigan

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- 3:00—Faith for Today
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- 4:00—Tri-City Ride Board, for commuters needing rides or riders
- 6:30—Christopher Closeup: Role of the poet
- 7:00—Carla Page Presents
- 7:30—Be A Better Shopper
- 8:00—Wide World of Truth
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Dribblers drop 2

The Bethlehem Central girls' basketball team dropped to 2-4 with losses to Scotia, 52-48 and Burnt Hills, 62-23, last week.

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BC's Tom Dexter looks for an open man in home game against Burnt Hills. On the cover: Jim Tedisco, foreground, watches every move in his Saturday morning basketball clinic for Grades 7-8 at Bethlehem Middle School. Tedisco also runs a weekly clinic for Grades 5-6 in a revival of a grass-roots developmental program for future BC varsities.

Photos by R.H. Davis

BASKETBALL

Coach optimistic despite BC's 0-13

Whatever the reaction of Bethlehem Central's diehard basketball fans to second-year coach Jim Tedisco, there can be no discounting Union College's all-time immortal's basic faith in his team.

BC's 1979-80 hoop edition has already established itself as the worst basketball team in the school's proud history, yet Tedisco, patiently trying to build for the future, thinks only positive. Pipe this statement, coming after a 71-58 loss at Scotia, humiliating because it was Scotia's first and only win on its home floor all season, and a 57-46 sabotage job by Burnt Hills in Delmar that dealt the Eagles their 11th straight Suburban Council defeat and left them 0-13 on the year:

"In the seven years I've been coaching, this season has had the most adversity. We're down to eight players. I have respect for these kids; they are hard working and they have good spirit. Other kids would have packed it in, but they have stayed in there, working in practice and not giving up."

Of the original 13 on the varsity squad, Mark Lawrence,

Joe Fox and the Albany Times Union's mythical player, Kessler, are out with injuries, and two seniors, Tom Budzyna and Bruce Oliver, have "packed it in" with a decision to devote their energies to other things than playing basketball without a future. As a result, Tedisco now is starting two sophomores and three juniors while employing his surviving seniors, Rick Wassenaar and Chet Boehlke, as shock troops. In Tedisco's view, the fans who complain that the team has shown no improvement after all these weeks should hold their brickbats till next year.

As evidence, Tedisco points to his two sophomores in the 11-point loss to Burnt Hills tied for second place in the league behind 11-0 Shaker. Tom Dexter had 16 points and Steve Gillespie 13, but Tedisco points out that "they are starting to mature and cutting down on their turnovers. Gillespie, at 6-4, had 18 points at Scotia, and is getting an education under the boards.

Then there's Tim Cookfair who had eight points in each of last week's games. "He's coming along," said Tedisco. "He's a good shooter, but he's too selfless. We're trying to get him to shoot more."

WRESTLING

Grapplers facing home matches

Bethlehem Central wrestlers will entertain Mont Pleasant Friday in a 6:30 match, host Scotia at 1 p.m. Saturday and Saratoga Tuesday following a Jan. 29 match against Shaker in Delmar. The Eagles are 6-4 in dual meets and 3-3 in the Suburban Council after edging Columbia, 37-28, and Mohon-
nasen, 34-27, and losing to Burnt Hills, 42-19.

Wins by Joe Conway, J.B. Rodgers, Andy Hickey, Jeff Herrmann (pin), Tom Callanan, Mark Dean, Scott Meuler and Alan Marwill featured the freshman, J.V. and varsity sweep against Columbia. A pin by Dean and wins by Steve Essex and Marwill were the highlights at Mohonasen.

A pin by Herrmann, an extra point win by Dave Ruslander and wins by Mark Erichetti and Callanan accounted for the scoring at Burnt Hills.

Selkirk athlete stars

Robin Mortensen of Selkirk, playing varsity basketball for St. John Fisher College of Rochester, sank two free throws with one second remaining to tie the score against Adelphi College of Long Island last week, then scored six of her team's 12 points in overtime to win the game. She also was high scorer with 19 points, had 17 rebounds and was credited with five blocked shots. She is a graduate of R-C High School, Ravena.

Tennis for adults

Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a series of tennis clinics for adults, beginning Feb. 4, at the Bethlehem Central High School power gym. The program is available to residents of the town and school district. The instructor will be Phil Ackerman. Eight students will be accepted at each of three levels of instruction, with beginners meeting from 8 to 8:45 p.m., advanced beginners 8:45 to 9:30, and intermediate players 9:30 to 10:15. There is a \$9 fee.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 5, 1980, at the Town Offices, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. at 7:30 P.M., to take action on the application of Weber Bros., Inc., 300 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed subdivision to be known as BRIARHILL as shown on map entitled "Map of King James Grant, Section No. 2, To Be Known As 'BRIARHILL', Property of Weber Bros., Inc., Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York", dated January 8, 1980 and made by Edward W. Boutelle and Son, Delmar, N.Y.

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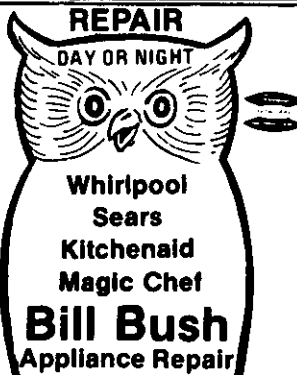
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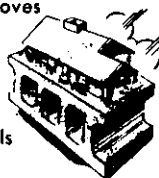
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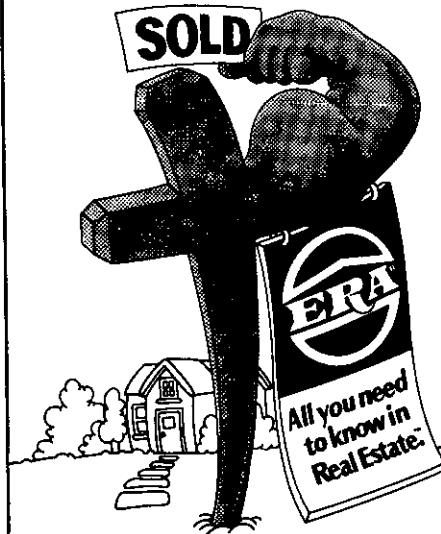
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Cut public pensions

Editor, The Spotlight:

Seems to me that if the Governor will reduce aid to localities, he must first reduce taxes, particularly tax dollar to the multi-million-dollar public retirement systems that are now, from their own annual financial statements, self-sustaining.

If New York State taxpayers are to know severe belt-tightening, then it is no more than correct that these systems know leaner times.

For example, it would appear, and reasonably, under this positive financial condition of obvious self-sustainability that the only way the New York State Teachers Retirement Fund could run out of money and be forced to dip into capital would be by its failure to effect certain internal "adjustments," i.e., economies. Suggested are:

- The immediate termination of all non-contributor pension-plan options.
- The immediate installment of contributions by all employees on a sliding scale of percentages, 1-5 percent. A flat across-the-board percentage rate is unfair to the lower salary brackets.

- The immediate downward revision of all pension payments to "family-living units" that are in excess of the costs of average family living for family-living units of comparable size. Pensions are to provide comfort, not affluence.

- The abolition of death benefits in excess of \$100,000.
- The immediate rescinding of "one-sided" or "gimmicky" laws such as Section 207A of the General Municipal

Law as pertains to certain "heart cases" amongst N.Y. City firemen.

- Immediate termination of those pensions that would accrue to holders of short-term, purely "political" appointments.

- Elimination of the "double pensions", i.e., to prevent the application of service credits earned as a teacher and later as a public employee, or vice-versa, in a "criss-cross" application that would enable an "applier" to receive an "enlarged" pension from the NYSTRF and another "enlarged" pension from the NYS Common Retirement System for Employees, Police & Firemen.

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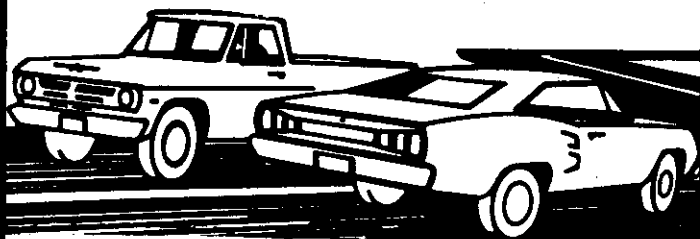
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