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Children's Literature Council Thursday evenings, through 7:17, Bethlehem Library, 7-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Hiking/Snowshoeing, Kennebec Sanctuary, Berne, for older children and adults, meeting at Vernal Pools, 9:30 a.m. For information, 465-7768. Bring lunch.

Chicken Dinner, Bethlehem Grand Hall, Rt. 396 and 9W, Selkirk, servings beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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Blessing Rd., 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Prayer and Ritual in the Old Testa-
ment, course by Rev. James Daley
and Dr. Russ Kratz, St. Thomas
School, 8:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Bible Study, Rev. Rich-
ard Gall, Faith Lutheran Church,
9:30 a.m. Babysitting provided.

New Scotland Historical Assn.,
featuring Mrs. Douglas Roberts on
"Antique Dolls," The Center, New
Salem, 8 p.m. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

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

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

Educating for Moral Growth, course
by Mark Lull, St. Thomas School,
7:30-9 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts
group, Bethlehem Library, 1 p.m.

Mid-week Prayer Watch, Delmar
Reformed Church, 8 a.m. and 7
p.m., small chapel on first floor of
the education wing.

Bethlehem Tomboys registration,
Bethlehem Library, 7-9 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education,
with hearing on supervision, in-
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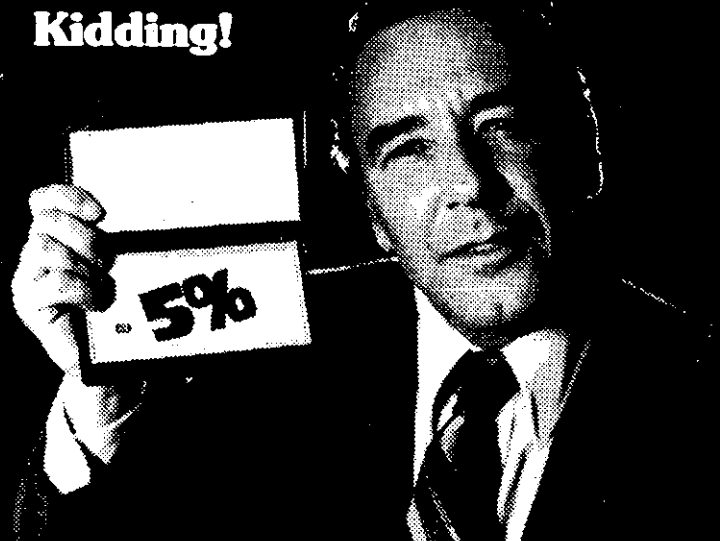
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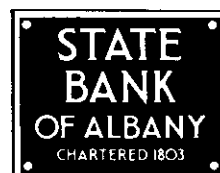


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Albany County Cooperative Ext., directors meeting, Resource Development Center, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Business Women, speaker, Robert O'Brien of Niagara Mohawk on "Energy Crisis—Factor or Fiction," Albany Motor Inn, cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 6:30.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Bethlehem Genealogy Group, speaker, Emily Gardner of Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Baseball-Softball Registration, New Scotland Kiwanis Grasshopper League for boys and softball for girls, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7 to 9 p.m.

Family Communications talk, Anne Bryan Smollin, St. Thomas School, for parents and children grades 6-12, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Baseball-Softball Registration, New Scotland Kiwanis Grasshopper League for boys and softball for girls, Voorheesville Elementary School, 9 a.m. to noon.

Bethlehem Soccer Club, registration, teams to be formed in age groups under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 19, plus

intramurals for those under Bethlehem Middle School, 1 to 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Tomboys registration, Bethlehem Library, 10-1.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Author William Herrick, reading of own works, Bethlehem Library, p.m.

Christian Music Concert, The Joyful Noise, Glenmont Pentecost Church, Glenmont, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Discussion series, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, fellowship hall, on "Education," 11 a.m. to noon.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

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

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

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

Delmar Kiwanis, Center Inn, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Delmar Progress Club, literature group, Bethlehem Library, 10 p.m.

Slingerlands Cub Scout Pack 2, Bethlehem Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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

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

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

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, on amendments to traffic ordinance, Bedell Ave. and Blessing Rd., Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

lm Festival, continuous showings from Educational Film Library's award winners, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

the Hobbit, presented by the Avena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School drama club, through March 15, High School auditorium, 7 p.m. Tickets, \$2, adults, \$1 for students and senior citizens.

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award winners, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary, Elsmere Fire Co. A, Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Auditions, Heldeberg Variety Show, Clarksville Elementary School, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, Mrs. Fritz, 768-2251.

"Life Planning for Women," offered by Bethlehem Library's career resource center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Pancake Breakfast, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396 and Rt. 9W, Selkirk, 7:30-1:30 p.m.

Lenten Discussion series, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, fellowship hall, on "Ethics Involved in Care of the Terminally III," 11 a.m. to noon.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

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

Delmar Kiwanis, Center Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Author Shirley Nelson, reading from her own works, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

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

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

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

"A Dream Play" (Strindberg), visionary drama, University Players, State University Performing Arts Center, Main Stage, **March 12-15, 19-22, 8 p.m., March 16, 2:30 p.m.** Box office 457-8606, Community Box Office 458-7530.

"Petrouchka," Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Albany, **March 15, 8 p.m.** Box office 465-3334, also Community Box Office.

"The Miracle Worker," Empire State Youth Theatre Institute, Main Theatre, Empire State Plaza (The Egg), **March 2, 2 p.m., March 3-7, 10 a.m., March 7-8, 7:30 p.m.** Reservations 473-4020, concourse level, Empire State Plaza.

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra, pops concert, featuring Della Reese, Palace Theatre, Albany, **March 8, 8:30 p.m.** Box office 465-4755.

Thursday Noon Concerts, directed by Findlay Cockrell, "The Egg" at Empire State Plaza, **March 6, noon.** Free.

Two piano recital by Ann Brandon and Evelyn McKee, Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany, **March 9, 3 p.m.** Free.

ART

One With the Earth, national collection of Indian art, including pottery, sculpture, beadwork, weaving, basketry, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, **through March 23, 10-5 seven days.**

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.

Graphics, exhibit by Edward Towles, New York City visual artist, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, **Feb. 24-March 14.** Tue.-Fri. noon to 3, Mondays, 5-8 p.m.

Exhibit of pastels by Lillian Longley, Slingerlands artist, Learning Resources Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, **through March**, gallery closes 9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 4:30 Fri., 4, Sat.

Resorts of the Catskills, Albany Institute of History and Art, **through April 20.**

Exhibit, sculptor March Schwabe and artist Channing Lefebvre, Center Galleries, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **through March**, 445-6640.

FILM

"Violette" (French), Prize International Cinema series, Recital Hall, State University Performing Arts Center, **March 7-8, 8:30 p.m.** \$2.25, students, SCs \$1.35. 457-8606.

"To Catch a Thief" (vintage Hitchcock), with Cary Grant, Grace Kelly, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., **March 4, 2 and 8 p.m.** Free.

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Voorheesville Village election Race shapes up

Voorheesville voters will have a three-way race for two village board seats to enliven this year's municipal elections on March 18.

Two new faces have brightened the local political picture: Douglas J. DeDe and Joseph (Larry) Dedrick, both well known in the village but new to politics, are running for the two trustee seats along with incumbent William F. Gray 3rd. DeDe and Gray are the designated candidates of the Peoples Party, with Dedrick as the challenger from the Citizens Party.

Mayor William J. Wenzel is opposed in his bid for a sixth one-year term.

DeDe and Gray were designated at an unexpected non-caucus that became a caucus at an informal gathering of Voorheesville political leaders and other interested persons at an undisclosed local residence earlier this month. As Mayor Wenzel tells it: "About 20 interested people met to set a date for the caucus, at which candidates are designated. At the gathering we realized that the records for the last 3-4 years showed that fewer than 20-30 people responded to the call for a caucus. We decided that if the same people would be voting for the caucus, we could dispense with the formality and proceed with the nominations. We are all busy people and it seemed to be a practical way to save everybody's time."

In such fashion the designations were made: Wenzel for Mayor, Gray and DeDe for trustees. DeDe replaces Mil-



New Scotland's zoning board of appeals, which rarely gets its picture in the papers, sat for 2½ hours during a public debate on whether to permit a business enterprise in a residential zone. From left: Albert Danckert, Mrs. Mabel Brate, Chairman James Sanderson, Richard Crannell and Robert Cook. An outpouring of 27 residents, several armed with petitions, opposed the application of Patricia Waggoner of Guiderland to establish a crafts business on Rt. 85. The board voted 4-1 to deny the special use permit, overturning a unanimous (5-0) approval by the town planning board. Cook, planning board chairman, cast the negative vote.

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ton Bates, who has declined to seek reelection to the board.

Said one local leader: "Anyone wishing to run for any village office on the ballot can submit a petition by the Feb. 26 deadline." The petition for candidates in a village with a population under 3,000 requires a minimum of 50 signatures; next year, with new census figures, the total is virtually certain to be 75 names.

A challenge appeared almost overnight. Dedrick, a 43-year-old plumber and former fire chief, collected names for his petition within a few hours. Dedrick, strong on youth programs, settled in Voorheesville 14 years ago, joined the fire department 12 years ago and has served 10 of those 12 years as an officer. He was fire chief from 1976 to 1979, and put in eight years with the Voorheesville ambulance squad.

A former basketball standout at Philip Schuyler High School in Albany, Dedrick served as an instructor in

Voorheesville's youth basketball program and was affiliated for a number of years with Babe Ruth baseball. "I'm high on the youth program," he said the other day. "I just feel I can give more to the village with my experience. There are no big issues in this election, so we can concentrate on providing opportunities for our youngsters."

DeDe (pronounced "D.D.") has been in retail merchandising since graduating from Mount St. Mary's College in Emmetsburg, Md., except for a brief tour teaching at Longwood High School in Middle Island, L.I. After a short stint with J.C. Penney, he joined Sears Roebuck 16 years ago and now is northeastern zone merchandising manager for home appliances.

DeDe has lived in Voorheesville for 10 years and has been active in community organizations. He was co-coordinator of the Diocesan Development program (Bishop's fund) for St. Matthew's parish for four years, and served as co-chairman of the St. Matthew's

building fund drive of 1979 that ended in December. With his wife, Lucia, he was co-chairman of the Voorheesville PTA in 1976 before it became the PTSA. He and his wife have four children.

Militia at Placid

Maj. Francis E. Rogler of Delmar and Sgt. First Class Kenneth R. Hunter of Voorheesville, members of the New York National Guard, took part in Task Force Placid, a contingent of more than 500 State Militia men and women organized to support the XIII Winter Olympics.

The Militia volunteers represent all of the state's military forces, including Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Naval Militia and New York Guard.

Rogler, a state communications-electronics officer with Headquarters Detachment, Albany, is an associate financial analyst at the State University. Hunter is senior public information specialist for the State Dept. of Commerce.

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NEW SCOTLAND

Board takes step to close landfill

New Scotland's town board is reluctantly yielding to pressure from state and county environmental agencies to shut down the town dump and move to more costly options.

The town board next week will act on a resolution that will pave the way for a gradual phase-out of the landfill facility on Upper Flat Rock Rd. and will seek federal and state funds to help ease the financial burden.

For the rural township, it is not that its officials would rather fight than switch; they have no choice but to buckle to heat applied by the Albany County Dept. of Health and the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The present site does not meet EnCon standards, according to state and county engineers, who contend that the rocky shale soil is inadequate as a cover and a base, permitting the water runoff to leach through ground cracks into Onesquethaw Creek.

Town officials have been trying to delay the inevitable, hoping to find a less costly solution, but time has run out on them. At a special session of the town board last week, Richard W. Svenson, Albany County director of environmental health services, told board members that "we have been patient. It's been two years. We hope you'll face the problem before legal action is necessary."

Supervisor Steve Wallace told Svenson and other engineering consultants in the room that the estimated cost would run upwards of \$100,000. "The cost of running an efficient landfill these days is prohibitive for a town of our size," he said. "I think we've come to a crossroads in the landfill. We either have to go the state route or the county route."

On the cover:

Slingerlands Cub Scouts of Pack 272 helped celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cub Scouting this month with a birthday cake and dinner. From left: Jim Brink, Bill Liddle, Lance Sprinkle and Jimmy Blair.

The state option is setting up a new facility in the town that will meet the rigid standards instituted since the Love Canal furor erupted two years ago. The county route would be set up a transfer station in New Scotland and truck the waste to the new Albany city facility along with Bethlehem and Guilderland. When the original recommendation to go to Albany was made in 1978, Wallace said, the cost was \$1.15 per ton; today it has escalated more than \$2. "We don't know what the cost will be in 1980," said Wallace.

Meanwhile the town has filed a detailed engineering report by Laberge Associates with the county. On the basis of that report, Svenson has recommended the New Scotland landfill be phased out by the summer of 1981. "The immediate problem," he added, "is proper intermediate cover. That leaves the major expense as fill and some piping. The rest can be phased out."

Said Wallace: "Our 1980 budget doesn't have that kind of money in it. We can't go on till the fall." Then he added, as the meeting broke: "We've been waiting for the hammer to come down on for a value assessment. We're a small town."

Wins competition

Cindy C. Thorne, 65 Delaware Rd., Delmar, a senior at Cornell University, recently won first place and \$300 in the Elsie VanBuren Rice Competition in Oral Communication. The BCHS graduate discussed "Hidden Danger of Sugar" in her presentation.

Alumni to meet

Dr. Vincent O'Leary of Slingerlands, president of SUNYA, will speak at a luncheon of the Capital District Branch of the SUNYA Alumni Assn. on Saturday, March 8, noon at the Alumni House, 1400 Washington Ave.



own attorney Fred Edmunds, left, with James Sanderson, board appeals chairman, in New Scotland. *Spotlight*

W SCOTLAND own retaining al attorney

Over the objection of a democratic councilman, the New Scotland town board has named a prominent Albany lawyer as defense counsel in two court actions.

At a special 11 a.m. session last week, the board voted 3-1 to hire John W. Tabner, a former Republican assemblyman, to represent the town in two cases before the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court that pose a threat to the validity of New Scotland's zoning ordinance.

The board supported a proposal by Supervisor Steve Wallace to set a \$1,500 ceiling on the legal tab. The board thus "have to approve any excess of Tabner's fees run higher than the sum."

Councilman Herbert W. Reilly, Jr. protested the move, declaring that the town attorney, Frederick R. Edmunds of New Salem, should represent the town in the appellate divisions. Reilly's objection led to this dialogue:

Reilly: "At what level does the board attorney (Edmunds) represent us?"

Wallace: "In all matters pertaining to the board, but to the knowledge we have never been to court."

Reilly: "He's getting \$4,200 in salary."

Wallace: "If we don't win the trailer case, you can throw the whole zoning ordinance into the wastebasket. We can't afford to lose. It will set a precedent and we will not be able to enforce any subsequent case if we lose."

Reilly: "I think we have a qualified attorney (Edmunds). We don't know where his duties begin and where they end."

Wallace ignored that, and stated: "We have to set a limit. I'm against an open-end deal." Tabner's name was suggested as special counsel by Edmunds.

The "trailer case" and an unrelated litigation both involve New Scotland's zoning laws, and were brought independently by two citizens. When Mrs. Julia Johnson applied for permission to put a trailer on a small, triangular-shaped lot near the intersection of Rts. 443 and 85, the town's five-member board of appeals refused to act on the petition on the ground it lacked authority to set what it considered was zoning policy.

In that action a year ago, Mrs. Johnson needed a variance on lot size and a special use permit for the trailer. The zoning ordinance requires a minimum lot size of 30,000 square feet, on which the

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building must be a minimum of 40 feet from the front line of the property and 30 feet for the rear-yard property. Mrs. Johnson's plot is approximately 17,000 square feet, barely half the required size, and is only 76 feet deep at the most. Appeals board members declined to act, declaring that it was not a legal lot and that approving the petition would comprise "more than minor relief." Subsequently, Mrs. Johnson filed suit.

In a separate action, Alfred Cook, owner of the property on Rt. 85, Slingerlands, that formerly housed Cookie Osterhout's Checkered Flag bar and grill, took the town to court after town officials filed a zoning law violation against him for establishing a used-car sales operation on the site. The land is in a B-1 zone that allows establishment of retail shops, but the list of permitted uses does not include used car lots. Instead of applying for a special use permit, Cook, in

effect, challenged the validity of the ordinance by going to court.

GLENMONT

Firemen save invalid in fire

A 67-year-old woman in a wheelchair was rescued from a smoke-filled dwelling on Rt. 9W near Asprion Rd., Glenmont, Thursday moments before becoming unconscious.

Glenmont volunteer firemen carried Bertha Rightmyer from the house in a semi-conscious condition and revived her with oxygen. She was taken to Bethlehem ambulance to Peter's Hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation.

Selkirk District Chief Robert Wiggand said Chief Harry Metz, Jr. of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2 and fireman Robert Shultes entered the two-story frame dwelling to search for Mrs. Rightmyer, who had called in the alarm by telephone at 3:45 p.m. They heard what they described as "moaning and crying" upstairs, but search of the second floor bedroom and hall in dense smoke was unsuccessful. Turning downstairs, they found Mrs. Rightmyer in her wheelchair in the hallway outside the first-floor bedroom.

Wiggand said the invalid widow who lived alone in the house, told firemen she had dropped a flaming match while attempting to light a cigarette. When the match ignited some papers, she was unable to reach them from the wheelchair, so she went to her bedroom to phone in the alarm. A nurse who had been with her had left minutes earlier, firemen said.

Firemen quenched the blaze in the living room within minutes. Damage to the floor and one wall was minor, firemen said.

Mrs. Rightmyer is living temporarily with her son Robert, on Beacon Rd.

In honor society

Miss Dale Palmer, a student at Morrisville College, has been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary society.

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Patient drowns in school pool

Officials of Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services this week were awaiting official reports on a mentally handicapped man who drowned in the Bethlehem Middle School pool on Feb. 12.

The victim was identified as Frederick Tatro, 27, a resident of the Hillside House, Ravena, a residential facility operated by the Roosevelt center. Dr. Frank Filippone, executive director of Hillside House, said Tatro had lived there since March, 1978, and previously had been at the O.D. Heck center in Niskayuna and at the facility in Rome.

Witnesses at the twice-weekly evening session of the handicapped swim program run by the Roosevelt agency in Delaware said Tatro was in the shallow end of the pool near the edge that separates it from the deep end when he sank beneath the surface about 7:15 p.m. Jack Dennis, a water safety instructor employed by the Roosevelt agency as a recreation therapist, dove to pull the victim from the water and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation pending the arrival of an ambulance. Dennis and ambulance volunteers then administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation without success. The handicapped swim program is run by the developmental agency with the cooperation of the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept., which is the Bethlehem Central School district for use of the facilities. Tatro was one of 20 participants in the program in the pool that night, according to reports. Also present, the reports stated, were Dennis, Hillside House employees and seven volunteers.

Key upset noted

Delaware Plaza merchants noted the enthusiasm that greeted the U.S. hockey team's winning victory over the Soviet Union Friday by putting the score, "U.S. 4, Soviets 3" on the marquee over the weekend.

County GOP dinner

Mary Bardwell of Bethlehem and Stephen Wallace of New Scotland are co-chairmen of the 1980 Lincoln Day Dinner committee of the Albany County Republican Committee scheduled for March 6 at Michael's Banquet House, Rt. 9, Latham. Rep. Jack Kemp of Buffalo will be the speaker, with his potential opponent for a Senate seat, former Congressman Bruce Caputo of Yonkers, also on the dais.

Antique dolls

The Town of New Scotland Historical Assn. will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Center in New Salem. Mrs. Douglas Roberts will speak on "Antique Dolls." Anyone interested is welcome.

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Artist on exhibit

Recently completed pastels by Lillian Longley of Slingerlands will be featured during March in the Dwight Marvin Learning Resources Center of Hudson Valley Community College. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Mrs. Longley, a member of the Pastel Society of America, has had her work displayed at the National Arts Club in New York City, Albany Institute of History and Art, as well as in shows in Washington, D.C., Springfield, Mass., and Saratoga. Her work has received recognition from the magazine "Park East" and an honorable mention from the Knickerbocker Artists of New York City.

In history group

Richard Vanderbilt of Delmar has been named equipment preservation committee chairman of the Mohawk and Hudson chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Walter Perkins of Delmar is the chaplain of the chapter.

GLENMONT

Apartment plan draws protests

"It's going to be a safe hazard for so many people," said William Marshman, Sr. of Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont.

"My client's (Mrs. Clarke Feura Bush Rd.) garage will be approximately five feet from the proposed Patterson Dr.," said Albany attorney Thomas Dolin.

"It's a very big inconvenience. Never in my wildest dreams did I envision that I would look out on a parking lot," said Gail Bromley, whose property is directly adjacent to the controversial Woodhill subdivision.

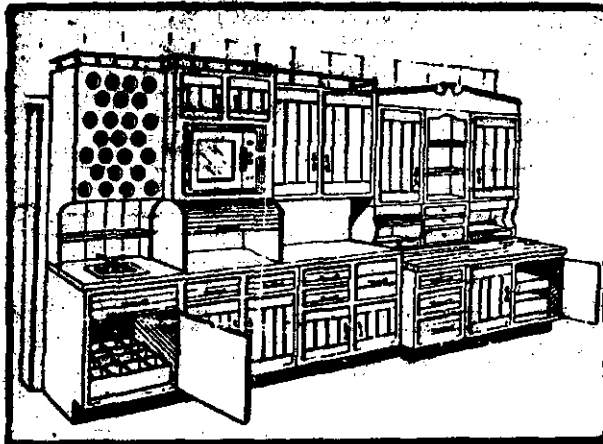
In all, 24 citizens spoke in opposition to the application before the Bethlehem board of appeals to grant an exception for 15 four-unit apartment buildings to be constructed on a 7.8-acre tract near the junction of Feura Bush Rd. and Rte. 9W in Glenmont. Their objections were met by an orchestrated procession of witnesses speaking in favor of the project and its principal, Andrew Ullman of the Long Island-based North Shore Equity Inc.

The witnesses, employed by North Shore, drew a strong case for the granting of the exception. Delmar land surveyor Lindsay Boutelle pointed out that all but one and a half of the proposed buildings would be in a Commercial-Double zone. The developer was quick to show that other acceptable uses would be "restaurants, hotels, a bowling alley," name a few businesses that might, in his mind, be "more objectionable" than a multi-family apartment dwelling.

Much of the testimony centered around the questions of traffic safety and devaluation of property that might occur due to the "undesirability of living" near a multi-family complex and, especially, living within 10 feet of Patterson Dr., the only access to the complex. Traffic engineer Lawrence Levine testified "single family homes, acc-

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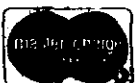
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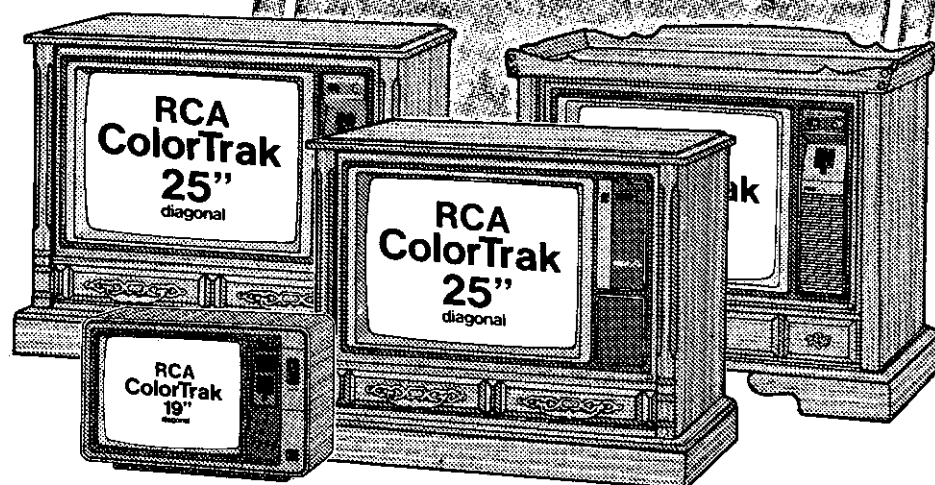
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LWV notes anniversary

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In Delmar, Doris Davis, publicity director for the Albany League, and Bethlehem unit members Sally Webb and Jan Whitaker, set up a window display at Mullen's Pharmacy to mark the event. Contents of the window were accumulated by Doris Davis with the help of Charlotte Wright and Hank Voorhees, Bethlehem residents; Tom Corrigan, town supervisor, and Town and Tweed.



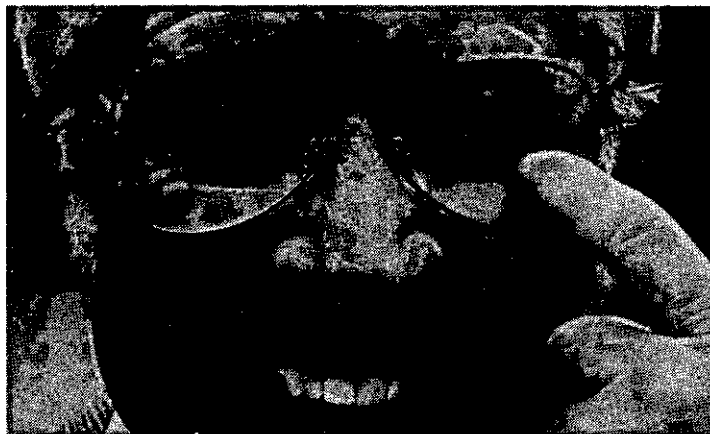
Sally Webb dresses a suffragette mannequin and Doris Davis sets up a voting machine in the Mullen's Pharmacy window in Elsmere to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. The mannequin at right represents a modern woman voter.

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Moving date set for town hall

In the midst of a changing scenario on the town of Bethlehem's efforts to sell three surplus buildings, Supervisor Tom Corrigan has set March 11 as Moving Days for the shift to the new town hall.

Contractors' work crews are in full momentum this week meeting the deadline that will empty two more town-owned buildings—the present town hall at 393 Delaware Ave. and the town hall "annex" at 397 Delaware. Last October the police department and justice court personnel made the move to 443 Delaware.

The move adds a total of 10,000 square feet of floor space to the town's real estate holdings, nearly four times the combined space of the justice building (3,700) the "coffee-house" (3,800) and town hall annex (2,200). An additional 50 square feet in the rear of the present town hall are being turned over to the Delmar Fire Dept. to berth the Delmar ambulance.

By a strange bounce of the real estate ball, the situation that prevailed last November when the justice building, community center building and a truck maintenance garage on Hudson Ave. were put up for public sale now appears to have reversed itself. On Nov. 28, the town board accepted bids for the coffeehouse structure and

the sewer garage, and rejected a bid for the justice building as being too low. Today, two months later, the justice building has been sold, a local property owner has threatened to block the sale of the coffeehouse by challenging a prospective zone change in the courts, and the Hudson Ave. garage is back on the open market.

The latter two developments have come as a disappointment to Corrigan, who has budgeted \$100,000 in revenues from the sale of buildings to help defray the \$800,000 cost of the new town hall. Town officials also counted on shifting the properties, currently tax exempt, to the Bethlehem tax roll, and being relieved of the cost of heating and maintaining the buildings.

Corrigan points out that none of the cost of acquisition and renovation of the new town hall "will be a debt on present or future taxpayers." He also noted that the \$800,000 total represents a cost of \$20 per square foot in comparison to present-day costs of \$60-80 for new construction.

A \$26,500 bid by John and Peter Borst of the Delmar Auto Body shop at 325 Delaware Ave. for the vacated sewer district garage at 70 Hudson Ave. was withdrawn when the Bethlehem board of appeals

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Rick Wilson, left, Gina DeMarco and Chris Farmer rehearse for the "Saturday Night Live" skit in the Voorheesville PTSA variety show to be staged Friday and Saturday. The fast-moving production features dancing, a kickline and comedy. *Spotlight*

rejected a variance application that would have permitted the brothers to move their business to the larger quarters. A public hearing on a zoning change from one commercial classification (Double-C) to another (Single-C) for the coffeehouse building was on the town board docket for Wednesday of this week.

The opposite situation prevails with regard to the former justice building at 118 Adams St. The town board has accepted an offer of \$57,500 from Delmar builder-contractor Richard H. VanWoert and obstetrician Dr. Albert Apicelli, and attorneys are drafting the purchase contract. VanWoert and Apicelli raised their offer after the town board rejected their original bid.

Corrigan said there are no plans to dispose of the present town hall, which will be retained as a town historical museum or for some other public use. The building dates

back to the 1840s and for many years was a landmark known as the Adams House.

Chicken and biscuits

Bethlehem Grange will have a family-style chicken and biscuits dinner at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396 and 9W, Selkirk on March 1. Servings will begin at 4:30. For reservations call 463-0693 or 767-2248.

Merit finalists

Four Bethlehem Central High School seniors have been named finalists in the 1980 National Merit Scholarship competition. Lior Eshar, Robert Heineman, Jim Peak and Suzan Steinberg are among 14,000 finalists throughout the country now in the running for scholarships sponsored by the National Merit, corporations and colleges. The fifth Bethlehem Central semi-finalist David Brickman, is now attending the Eastman School of Music and is expected also to be named a finalist.

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Musicians form teen symphony

Four Bethlehem Central students are among the nearly 100 members of the Empire State Youth Orchestra, which will begin its second season with a concert March 11 in "the Egg" at the Empire State Plaza. Area participants are Andrea Blanchard, 209 Adams St., a senior violinist, Chris Conway, 59 Parkwyn Dr., a sophomore percussionist, Mika Lawson, 58 Meadowland Ave., a sophomore violinist, and Henry Peyrebrune, 420 Delaware Ave., a freshman bassist, of Delmar.

The Empire State Youth Orchestra (ESYO) was started by concerned parents, educators and musicians in January 1979 to give talented musicians of high school age and younger the opportunity to develop their orchestral skills. On Jan. 14, nearly 150 students were scheduled for auditions, and surprised organizers were forced first to add a third audition day and then to extend hours, ending with two hours on the fourth day before everyone had been heard.

The auditions and then the rehearsals were under the direction of Burton Kaplan, a New York City musician and educator whose diligence and experience made the goal of organizing the orchestra in time for its April 17 performance a realistic one. Each Tuesday Kaplan boarded a bus from New York to the rehearsal at Shaker Junior High School, spent the night at the home of ESYO president Barry Chman, then went home the next day.

Kaplan's patience and the effort that kept the orchestra going was demonstrated in the



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way he handled the auditions, first letting each student play their selected piece through, then saying with a smile, "Now, play it better."

The talented group, ranging in age from 10 to 18, continues to "play better" with each rehearsal. Barry Richman characterized them as "very serious kids," but it is not just music that keeps their attention. They are all A students, all the more impressive since grades are not considered in admitting students to the orchestra.

Both intelligence and diligence are necessary to keep abreast of the program. "We don't use any cut music," Richman smiled. "We don't make it any easier just because they're kids." The orchestra will play Aaron Copeland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and "Outdoor Overture" as well as Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 in the March 11 concert, and each member faces "preparedness" auditions halfway through the rehearsals.

The result is a professionally polished product, and a successful one, if 1979 is any indication. The ESYO made over \$15,000 from ticket sales and member donations last year, but the projected budget for 1980 is \$27,000, and, according to Richman, it won't stop there.

Not only does he hope to arrange concerts this year at Lincoln Center, New York

City, on June 1 and Union College June 7, plus the appearances at the Egg, but he is currently working on a possible European tour in June, 1980. Beyond that, Richman would like to see a second orchestra to be known as the Empire State Preparatory Orchestra "as soon as this one is on a firmer financial footing." If the group continues to fill the 987-seat auditorium at the Empire State Plaza, that could be very new in the future.

Meanwhile, the ESYO is starting its 1980 fund drive using the mailing list from last year's audiences. The local response so far indicates that the Empire State Youth Orchestra is here to stay.

Alan Boy

Energy talk slated

Bethlehem Business Women will meet Wednesday, March 7, for cocktails at 6 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn. Robert O'Brien, director of public relations for the Eastern Division, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., will speak on "Energy Crisis—Fact or Fiction."

RCS play slated

The Ravena-Coeymans-Schoharie Junior High School Drama Club will present "The Hobbit" March 13-15 in the Senior High School auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$2, students and senior citizens, \$1.

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VOORHEESVILLE

Spotlight adds village coverage

Marann Malark, editor of the Voorheesville PTSA Newsletter and active in community organizations, joins the Spotlight next week as Voorheesville correspondent.

Mrs. Malark, a former schoolteacher, will cover the activities of local organizations, civic agencies and church and school groups as this newspaper strengthens its news coverage of the Voorheesville community. Publicity chairmen are asked to make a note of her address (133 Stonington Hill Rd.) and phone number (55-4392).

A resident of the village for 15 years, Mrs. Malark is a graduate of Cardinal McCloskey High School, Albany (now Bishop Maginn), and earned a degree in social studies with minor in education from the College of Saint Rose. She taught social studies in grades 7-11 at Cardinal McCloskey for three years.

In Voorheesville she handled publicity for the PTSA for two years and is currently completing a two-year stint as editor of the newsletter. She was secretary of the Voorheesville Nursery School in 1976, and is coordinator of liturgy at St. Matthew's Church. She has taught religion classes for the church at her home.

Her husband, Michael W. Malark, owns and operates the service station on New Scotland Ave. at Dana Ave. in Albany. They have three children ranging from 7 to 2.

ent auction set

Children's Hospital will hold a silent auction and flea market from 10 to 5 on Saturday, March 15 at the hospital, Rickett Blvd., Albany. Refreshments will be served and there is no admission. Mrs. George Agor and Mrs. Robert Guda are co-chairmen. Among those serving on the committee are Mrs. Charles Robson of Delmar and Mrs. Benjamin Y. Brewster, former of Slingerlands.



Maryann Malark

Snowmobiler hurt

Michelle R. Waldenmaier, 16, of Rowe Rd., Selkirk, suffered head and leg injuries when she lost control of her snowmobile on the Thomas Waldenmaier property on Mead's Lane Feb. 17. Police said a passenger, Valerie Pipe, was uninjured, but the vehicle was damaged extensively. Police attributed the cause to unsafe speed.

New medical aide

Lorriane M. Tuzzolo, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, graduated Feb. 25 from the Westchester School for Paraprofessional Training, Albany. She completed the course for medical assistants.



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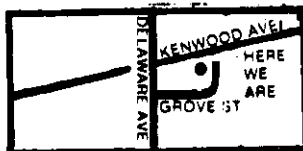
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The coded signal indicated a maternity call when it sounded in the Delmar Fire Dept. at 11:20 p.m. Feb. 17. Rescue Squad Lt. Billy Cooke and paramedics Amos Bastiani, Jim Coughtry and aide Steve Miller responded for a two-block ambulance trip to 374 Kenwood Ave. at the corner of Adams Pl.

The paramedics quickly determined they wouldn't be able to get Donna Frueh to the hospital in time, so they made her comfortable in her own room and delivered Nellie Ann Frueh at 12:04 a.m. Mother and daughter were "doing well" when the rescue squad took them to Albany Medical Cen-



Donna Frueh and Nellie Ann back home in Delmar.

ter's maternity wing a short time later.

The father, William H. Frueh, Jr., had praise for the paramedics on their first maternity mission in more than a decade. "They were calm and efficient. They made us feel very relaxed the whole time. The couple has one other child, a son, 10.

Duplicate bridge forming

Duplicate bridge is coming to Slingerlands with the opening of the Slingerlands Bridge Club at the Bethlehem Terrace recreation room, Blessing Rd. beginning Monday, March 12. Game time is 7:15. The club is sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League and will have a certified director. All players are welcome and partnerships can be arranged. Games will continue each Monday night and refreshments will be served. For information, call Peg Manly at 482-1413.

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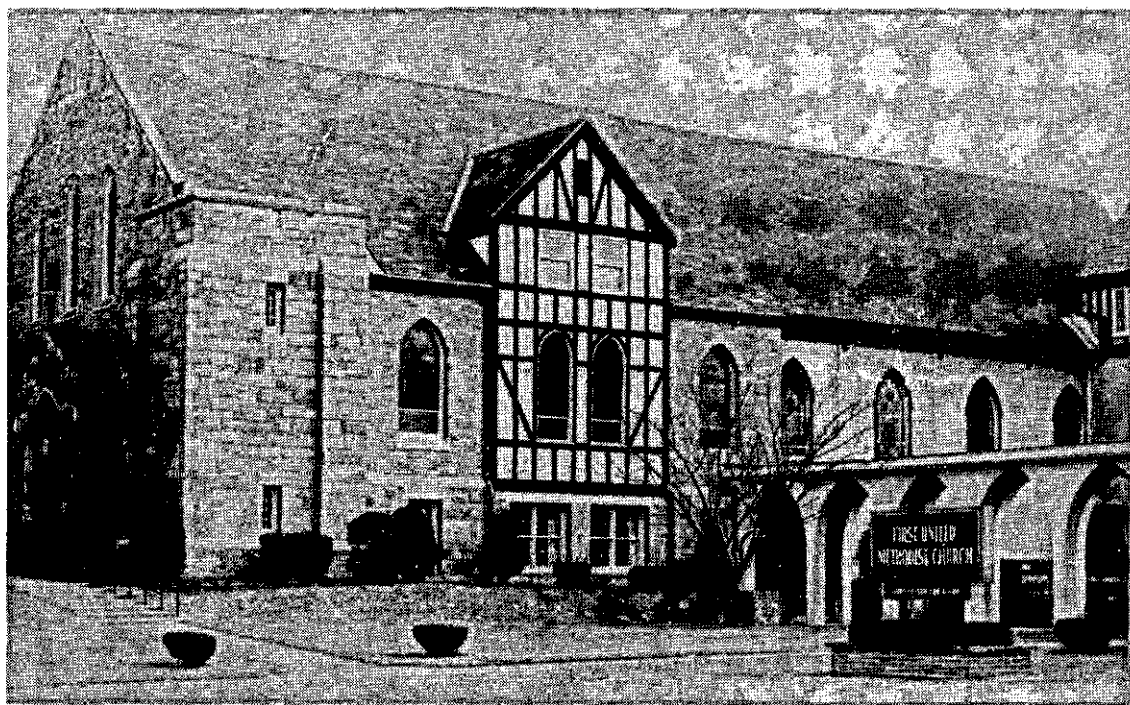


Church planning major rebuilding

In 1873, as Rev. P.P. Harlow supervised the building of the new sanctuary for the first Methodist Episcopal church at 428 Kenwood Ave., Elmar, he could hardly have envisioned the tumultuous building that would surround and finally engulf the small church 100 years later.

In 1907 the church was raised on its foundations to accommodate basement schoolrooms. In 1929 the building program was inaugurated with the construction of a parish house, and in 1952 the sanctuary was enlarged to seat 400 in the nave, 60 in the balcony and 50 in the choir.

The construction of a new education building and enlarged parking areas on the two-and-one-half-acre church properties at a cost of \$432,000 ended the period of rapid expansion in 1964. Then, in 1973, the original sanctuary



Walls of this wing of the United Methodist Church will be moved in renovation.

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began to show signs of aging.

The present minister, Rev. Leon M. Adkins, talked about the growing problem last week. "Deteriorating roof trusses forced more and more of the

weight of the roof on several of the beams," he said, gesturing to a blueprint of the building. "Steel plates have been added to the trusses to help support it." He estimates that this stop-

gap measure could be employed annually for the next 25 years if necessary, but only at a staggering cost of \$50,000. In light of this, and the need for more space and insulation, the



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congregation voted on Jan. 21 to renovate the structure.

The majestic building will not fall prey to a wreaking ball, however. Architects Schade and Wezenaar proposed widening the sanctuary's main body by six feet on each side, thus allowing builders to construct new walls around the old, then take down the decaying walls and carry them out.

At present, Adkins expects to retain the old floor, pews and organ loft, and leave the basement unaffected. "It depends on the bids and the funds raised," he said, "as to whether fixtures are changed."

Bids are expected to go out in mid-April, but fund-raising efforts will have a jump on them. The church will launch a capital drive on March 9 to meet the estimated cost of \$322,000. Adkins hopes to come up with as much of that figure as possible, "because interest rates are out of sight." But he expects to finance the project over three years.

Helping to secure these funds are Vincent Gazzetta, chairman of the building committee fund; William Johnston, general chairman; Jordan Vail, chairman of advance gifts, and Jeannette Hall, assistant chair-

man of the general solicitation fund.

The congregation will decide upon a contractor on May 1 with work scheduled to begin by May 15 and an expected completion date of Jan. 1, 1981.

When the dust has cleared and the renovation is complete the changes will be subtle. The sanctuary will be slightly larger, the wall will be insulated, the heating will be aided by large circulating fans and there will be a small three-person elevator in a back corner for handicapped parishioners. The stained glass windows will be re-lead and reinstalled, and from the inside, Rev. P.F. Harrower might feel quite at home.

But the sanctuary is now just a small part of the complex that is the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, and with its renovation, the building push can subside. In Rev. Adkins' words, "this will complete our building, we believe, for the next 100 years." *Alan Boyce*

Conway endorsed

Supreme Court Justice Edward S. Conway of Delmar has been endorsed for reelection. Republican county chairman of the Third Judicial District, which includes Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Ulster, Sullivan, Greene and Schoharie counties. Justice Conway is bidding for a second 14-year term on the Supreme Court.

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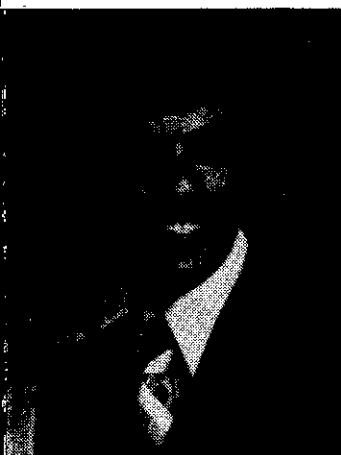
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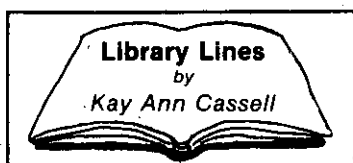
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Each year the Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Assn. publishes a list of the notable adult books of the year. The list includes both fiction and non-fiction and represents a wide range of subjects and interests.

Many of the titles will be new to the average reader since only a few of the best sellers are included on a typical year's list. One of the more popular titles from this year's list is Norman Mailer's *The Executioner's Song*, a fictional/factual account of the condemned murderer, Gary Gilmore. Another, *The Ghost Writer* by Philip Roth, deals with the main character's conflict between his work as a writer and the demands of his family. Bernard Malamud's best selling novel, *Dubin's Lives*, is a somewhat autobiographical novel about an aging biog-

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rapher. In *Jailbird*, Kurt Vonnegut turns capitalism, labor history, McCarthyism and Watergate into another of his American myths.

Biographies are an important category on this year's list. Robert Conot's *A Streak of Luck: The Life and Legend of Thomas Alva Edison* is a landmark study of Edison's extraordinary life and work. Edison was history's most prolific inventor—1,093 patents were issued in his name. Anglophiles will enjoy John Pearson's *The Sitwells: A Family Biography*. The work discusses the life of Edith Sitwell and her two brothers, Osbert and Sacheverell. They were a rather bizarre family!

One of the more interesting titles on this year's list is Peter F. Drucker's autobiography, *Adventures of a Bystander*. Beginning with his Viennese origins, Drucker goes on to tell delightful family stories and to create interesting vignettes of such notables as Henry Luce, Buckminster Fuller, Marshall McLuhan and Alfred Sloan. No list of notable biographies is complete without Antonia Fraser's *Royal Charles: Charles II and the Restoration*, in which the Restoration's merry monarch emerges as a surprisingly modern man.

The list includes several novels worth any reader's attention. *Beautiful Girl* by Alice Adams, *Drowning Season* by Alice Hoffman, *Passenger* by Thomas Keneally, *The Beggar Maid: Stories of Flo and Rose* by Alice Munro, *Unholy Loves* by Joyce Carol Oates and *Endless Love* by Scott Spencer should provide

pleasurable reading for fiction lovers.

Many members of the Notable Books Council considered John Updike's *Problems and Other Stories* as the best fiction of the year. This collection of short stories deals with the preoccupations of male middle age—divorce, remarriage, kids growing up, etc.

Nonfiction selections on the list emphasize the variety and strengths of last year's publishing. Ronald Blythe's *The View in Winter: Reflections on Old Age* shows how the elderly regard old age. Blythe draws eloquent, humorous answers from English countryfolk.

Those with even a slight interest in the dance will find Elizabeth Kendall's *Where She Danced* a fascinating study. She discusses the lives of Ruth St. Denis, Ted Shawn and Martha Graham, in addition to the interesting origins of American modern dance through feminism, Delsarte "aesthetics," health fads and the decorsetting of women.

Konrad Lorenz's *The Yell of the Greylag Goose* is based on research about a species of geese which possess human characteristics. The book is both well written and beautifully photographed.

Dieting for charity

Congressman Samuel Stratton has been appointed honorary chairman for the Diet Workshop Lose-A-Thon for Leukemia. The Lose-A-Thon is taking place in all Diet Workshop classes through March 2. In Delmar the meetings are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the public is invited to sponsor a loser, 458-9616.

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BC places 6 in mat finals

Coach Rick Poplaski's Bethlehem Central wrestling team will be well represented at the Section 2 finals in the Glens Falls Civic Center on Saturday. The Class A tournament, which opened last weekend at Columbia High, saw six Eagles earn berths in the semi-finals, and two more placed in the standings.

Jeff Herrmann and Mark Dean each took a second place in their respective weight classes of 119 and 145 pounds, while J.B. Rodgers (105), Andy Hickey (112), Steve Essex (138) and Alan Marwill (155) each placed fourth. Placing fifth in the tournament were freshman Joe Conway (98) and senior Tom Callanan (126) who helped boost the Eagles into sixth place in the 13-man competition.

Completing the local season with matches against Linton, Saratoga and Scotia, the Eagles finished with an 8-7 dual meet record. Against Linton, BC winners were Rodgers, Hickey, Herrmann, Ruslander (tie), Essex and Dean. In the Saratoga match Conway, Hickey, Ruslander, Essex, Dean and Marwill gave the Eagles wins to post a 27-25 victory, while the Scotia match saw Rodgers, Herrmann, Callanan, Essex, Dean Mueller and Marwill bring home wins.

The freshman, JV and varsity teams will be feted at a post-season banquet in March.

Soccer signups set

The Bethlehem Soccer Club will register youngsters for its 1980 program from 1 to 4 p.m. March 8 at the Bethlehem Middle School cafeteria. Director George Tilroe said teams will be formed in five age categories: under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 19. They will compete as part of the Capital District Youth Soccer League. In addition, an intramural program for children under 8 will be formed, Tilroe said, to provide them with a competitive way of improving basic soccer skills.

Eagle quintette 7-9

The Bethlehem Central girls' basketball team pulled two upsets last week, unseating Colonie, 42-40, with Sandy Vogel firing the winning shot with 19 seconds remaining, and placing second in the Ravena tournament after beating Ravena, 40-39 in the first round.

Katy FitzPatrick was named to the all-tournament team, despite BC's 70-48 loss to Shaker in the final. In other action, the Eagles lost to Scotia 49-40, bringing their overall record to 7-9.

Play resumes this week with a home game against Shaker Friday, followed by Mohonasen on March 5 and the last regular season game against Guilderland March 7.

BC spikers unbeaten

Bethlehem Central's boys volleyball team has a comfortable lead in the Suburban Council race as it nears the midway point of the season. In their latest outings, the Eagles defeated last year's champs, Colonie, 2-1, and Columbia 3-0, bringing their record to 7-0. They have only Guilderland remaining to be played in the first round, then return matches with each team once more in the home-and-away series.

Thus far, according to Coach Ray Sliter, "everybody else has two losses." He continued, "We're sitting pretty good at this point, halfway through the season." He again attributed the team's success to the depth and teamwork of his senior-laden squad. Only one varsity player is a junior.

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The Blackbirds, finishing their regular season with an 84-53 romp over St. Patrick's of Catskill, shocked Fonda, 62-57, in a first-round tournament game at Fonda Friday. "We should have won by 15 points," said Coach Mike O'Brien. "It was close until we put on our zone press. We were up by 11 points at one time, and they had to press to get back in. We lost our poise, but we hung on at the end to win by five."

Voorheesville had a comfortable 31-24 lead at halftime, but Fonda came back to take a 40-39 edge at three quarters. Fonda hit the first basket of the fourth period for 42-39 before O'Brien installed the press, and the Blackbirds opened up a good lead.

Sophomore Paul Probst had 16 points at Fonda, hitting on his first six shots. Jim Riviello had 14 and Joe Probst 13. In the St. Patrick's breeze, in

which everybody played and everybody scored, Joe Probst had 19, Riviello 14 and Paul Probst 11.

The Sectional draw had the Blackbirds paired with Schoharie, a strong team, in the second round at Shenendehowa Wednesday. O'Brien was philosophical: "We play them one at a time. Each game gives us more experience. I'm happy to get this far."

Seek tulip queen

The Albany Tulip Festival committee has begun searching for a tulip queen to reign at its five-day celebration in May. Contestants must be between 18 and 23, permanent residents of Albany County, and have never been married. Candidates are asked to send a photo and a resume to P.O. Box TULIP, Albany 12201. Deadline for entries is April 5.

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SWIMMING

BC streak intact for Sectionals

Coach Jack Whipple's "super-psych" worked. It worked so well that Bethlehem Central's four-year win streak in dual swim meets has been preserved and the Eagles now can concentrate on their quest for an unprecedented ninth straight Section 2 championship.

For the battle against talent-rich New Hartford, one of the state's most feared swim teams, even the crowd was "psyched up." There were 20-foot posters and signs everywhere around the BC pool, and spectators jammed into every cranny.

The whammy got the Eagles off flying in the first event as Bethlehem's 200-yard medley relay team turned in a surprise victory. There were heroes (and heroines) aplenty, but in the end stunning triumphs by Mary Reagan in the diving and senior Dave Propp in the backstroke turned out to be the decisive factors.

Bethlehem's 49-34 victory enabled the Eagles to close out an undefeated 16-0 schedule, their fourth in a row, and run their latest dual meet string to 44. This weekend it's the Sectionals, starting Friday night with the diving at Shaker and continuing with the time trials at SUNYA Saturday morning and the finals starting at 2.

"The psych helped our kids tremendously," Whipple said after surviving the year's gravest threat. "It brings out an extra response for the home team, and works the other way for another team coming in."

Whipple didn't expect to win the medley relay at the start of the meet, but with the pool in an uproar, New Hartford didn't swim up to its previous marks and the Bethlehem quartet swam three full seconds faster than they'd ever done before. The triumph by Bill DeFrancisco, Bob Holland, Eric Hall and Jon Delaney set the mood for the entire meet.

New Hartford responded by winning the 200 free, then Holland and Mike Nyilis came



Mike Nyilis awaits start of 200 IM against New Hartford. On the cover: Drew Hyde (Lane 2) on the blocks for freestyle relay, with John Nyilis and Jay Henahan in wings. Lyndon Keyes

back for an unexpected 1-2 in the 200 individual medley. New Hartford took the 50-yard freestyle sprint and set the stage for the Reagan heroics.

When BC's No. 1 diver, Mark McNeally, reported in sick, Whipple's heart sank. "It looked like the diving would be a disaster," he said later. "We really didn't count on Mary even scoring, but she rose up and beat all their divers."

New Hartford then took the butterfly and the 100 free, but Jay Hanahan and John Nyilis gave BC 1-2 in the 500. New Hartford took 1-2 in the backstroke and set up the next big surprise: the breaststroke. The Eagles' top swimmer, Bob Holland, had been felled by the flu bug and had been out of the water for seven days, but Propp

came through with his best performance and won it, with Holland second.

That clinched the meet. Bethlehem's 400-yard relay

team, Henahan, Nyilis, Delaney and Drew Hyde, was not expected to win, but churned home ahead of the disheartened visitors to put icing on the cake.



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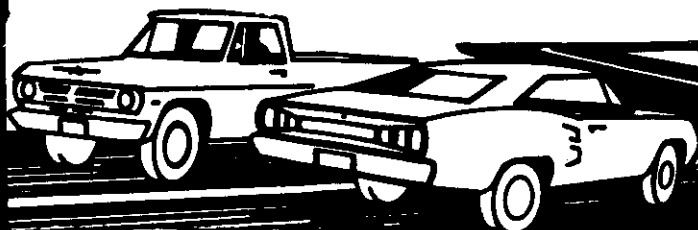
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BASKETBALL

Eagles wind up longest season

A three-point loss to winless Bishop Gibbons had to be the most frustrating of all for Bethlehem Central's luckless basketball varsity, and now it's over till next year.

Friday's 66-63 overtime setback in the preliminary round of the Class A Sectional tournament was especially humiliating for Coach Jim Tedisco, one of Bishop Gibbons' basketball standouts and a former coach. As if that wasn't enough, the Eagles had an 8-point lead with 50 seconds left, then committed four costly turnovers and permitted Gibbons to tie the game at 58—all with four seconds left.

"In the overtime we couldn't get untracked," said Tedisco sadly. "We were tight and missed our shots, while they had the momentum and were relaxed."

Tedisco blamed "a miscalculation on my part" that led to the fourth-period collapse. Looking back after the game, he told it this way: "We led all the way and were up by nine with 2:20 to go. We tried a delaying game, just holding the ball to let the clock run out, but

we lost the ball four times and they converted each time. We probably should have kept playing."

Tedisco praised his sophomore starters, on which he pins much of his hopes for next year. Steve Gillespie had 21 points and Tom Dexter 14. The Eagles wound up at 1-20, 1-17 in the Suburban Council. For Bishop Gibbons it was their first victory after an 0-20 season, and with it they won the dubious privilege of meeting 20-0 Shaker as the tournament moves along.

In his despair, Tedisco is comforted by prospects for next year. He loses only two seniors from the current combine, and his sophomores and juniors have had a year of varsity shelling. "If we can get our injured players back (Mark Lawrence and Joe Keppler), we should have a pretty good team, otherwise it could be another long season," he said this week. If those two are fit for duty, he can play the 6-4 Gillespie at center and use Dexter and Tim Cookfair bringing up the ball. The brightest prospect among the youngsters coming up is Pe Gillespie, Steve's kid brother, an eighth grader who played freshman basketball this season.

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The Slingerlands Community Methodist Church council on ministries began its annual Lenten discussion series Feb. 24 with a discussion by Nancy and Jordan Vail on "Cults that Control." The series will continue for the next three Sundays in Lent immediately following church services, 11 a.m. to noon.

The March 2 discussion will cover "Keeping Teenagers Interested in the Church," with Nancy Burnett; "Sex Education," with Mary Berry; "Pacifism vs. Defense Needs," with Alice Howes, and "Peer Pressure," with Deanna Grubs.

On March 9 the topic will be "Television and Advertising," led by Sister Helene Mailley of the Campus Ministry at SUNYA, and on March 16 Dr. Inge Corless of St. Peter's Hospital will present "Ethics Involved in Care of the Terminally Ill." Fun activities have also been scheduled for children and nursery care will be available.

Named to panel

Robert D. Ragsdale of Delmar, executive director of the American Lung Assn. of New York State, has been appointed by the State Education Dept. to serve on a health and drug education syllabus task force. The syllabus will be a functional document for use by public and nonpublic school officials in planning and conducting comprehensive health and drug education programs K-12.

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New England Conservatory of Music. Guest conductor for the festival symphony orchestra will be Leon Hyman, conductor of the chamber orchestra and choir of Montclair State Teachers College and the New Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey. He is director of the Red Fox Music Camp Chorus. Guest conductor for the 100-piece concert band is Frank Battisti, chairman of the music education department at New England Conservatory of Music.

Slide exhibition

The Delmar Camera Club will be one of a number of members of the Photographic Society of America to participate in the Springfield International Color Slide Exhibition Sunday, March 2, at the Empire State Plaza Cultural Education Center auditorium beneath the museum. The 90 minute program will be screened at 1 and 3:30 p.m. accompanied by music. The event is locally sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Camera Club.

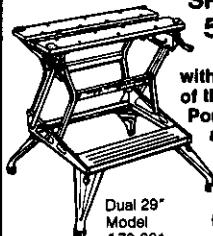
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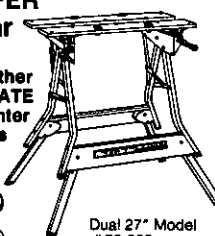
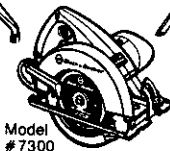
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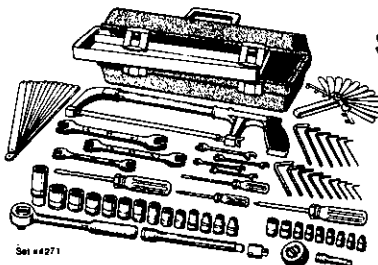


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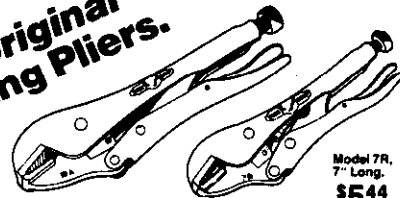


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Gets honorary degree

John J. Bellizzi of Delmar, director of the New York Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, was presented with an honorary doctor of law degree at the first winter commencement of St. John's University of New York in 110 years. A former member of the New York City Police Dept., he has served 26 years with the narcotic bureau.

A 1939 graduate of St. John's College of Pharmacy, he earned a law degree from Albany Law School in 1960 and a doctorate of law from Union University in 1968. A lecturer at various colleges throughout the nation, he served for 14 years as an adjunct professor of law at St. John's. He founded the Bethlehem Youth League and participated in the Drug Enforcement Assn. of New York State, and was the first president of the International Narcotics Enforcement Assn., which he now serves as executive director. As a former consultant to the White House on Drug Abuse, Bellizzi is credited with promoting cooperation in the area of narcotic enforcement among various agencies of government. He initiated in 1964 drug abuse seminars for colleges and secondary schools



John J. Bellizzi

in New York State, which led to the inclusion of drug abuse education courses in the curricula of all state schools. In 1977 the International Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Assn. designated him as the first recipient of the Anslinger Award, in recognition of his outstanding performance in the field of narcotic enforcement. Among a wide variety of prestigious honors Bellizzi also received The Papal Medal from Pope Paul VI at a private audience in Rome in 1966. He is married to the former Celeste Morga, and they have two sons and four grandchildren.

Straw poll at BC

A poll of several classes at Bethlehem Central High School shows President Jimmy Carter and George Bush as the favorite presidential candidates of the two major parties in the 1980 election. The poll was conducted by Mrs. Jane Stieff, media center direction, in conjunction with a nationwide poll by Deadline Data on World Affairs, a weekly news service. The students indicated the most important issues are energy, inflation and Middle East peace.

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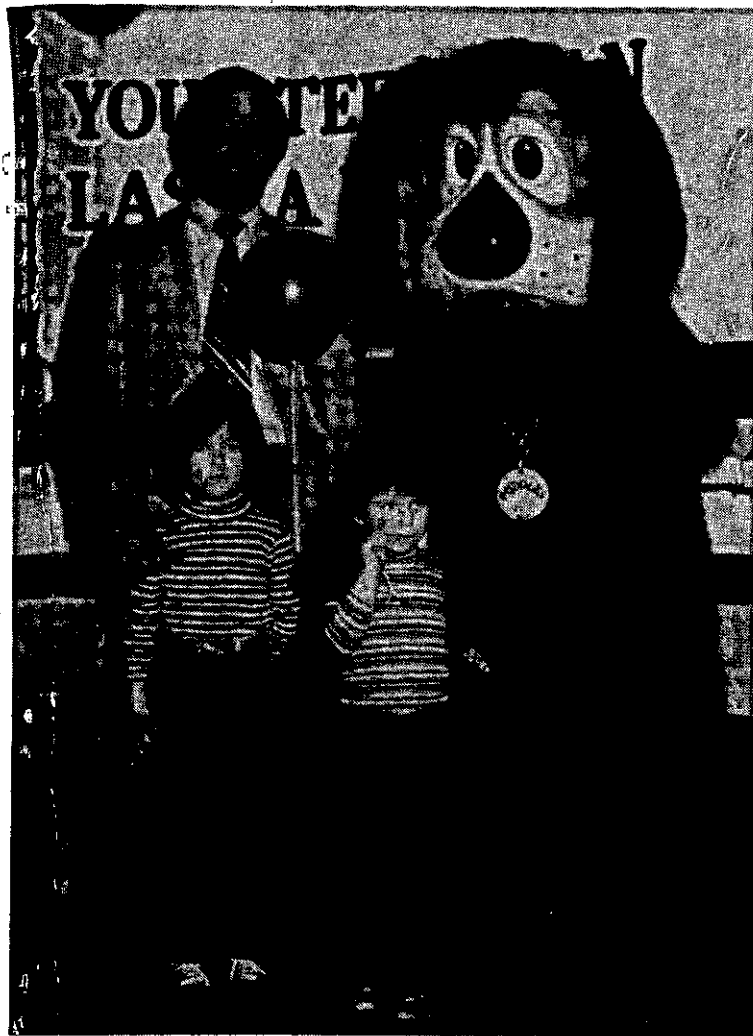
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Money bag stolen

Vincent J. DiPerna, 22, manager of the Radio Shack outlet at the Town Squire Shopping plaza, Glenmont, cashed out his receipts at 5 p.m. Thursday and put the money and check in a bank deposit money bag in the rear storeroom of the store. After waiting on several customers, he noticed the deposit bag was missing at 9 p.m., and reported the loss to Bethlehem police shortly before 10 a.m. Friday.

On Sunday afternoon, police received a call from Robert W. Minard, 12, of 707 Delaware Ave., Albany, who led police to a spot 25 feet off Mill Rd., Norransville, near the intersection of Rockefeller Rd. beneath the Delaware Ave. viaduct, where he said he had

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Bids will be received up to 2:10 P.M. on the 14th day of March, 1980 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk

Dated: February 15, 1980 (Feb. 28)

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Dated: February 13, 1980 (Feb. 28)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New

York, on the 12th day of March, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respects:

I. By Amending Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1, Maximum Speed Limits, Paragraph (d) Forty (40) m.p.h. by adding thereto:

6. Blessing Road from a point 2500 feet south from Krumkill Road, to the intersection of Blessing Road with Krumkill Road.

II. By Amending Article IV Parking by adding a new Section 6 as follows:

Section 6. The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the following location:

1. On both sides of Bedell Avenue 225 feet southerly from the centerline of Delaware Avenue.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

MARION T. CAMP
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Dated: February 13, 1980 (Feb. 28)

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 13th day of February, 1980.

PRESENT: Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Guertze, Mr. Mocker, Mr. Prothero.

ABSENT: None.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 24th day of October, 1979 as follows:

I. Amend Article I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding thereto a new paragraph (nn) to read as follows:

(nn) Fairlawn Avenue is hereby designated as a through highway and a stop sign shall be erected at the following entrance thereto:

1. Peel Street

and

II. Amend Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1, Maximum Speed Limits, Paragraph (c) Thirty (30) m.p.h. by adding thereto:

50. Blessing Road between New York Route 85 to a point 2500 feet southerly from the intersection of Blessing Road and Krumkill Road.

51. Schoolhouse Road between Krumkill Road and the Gunderland Town line.

and

III. Amend Article IV, PARKING, by adding a new Section to be known as Section 6, to read as follows:

Section 6. The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in any of the following locations:

1. On the east side of Borthwick Avenue between Delaware Avenue and New York Telephone Pole II, and on the west side of Borthwick Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Stratton Place.

The foregoing amendment of the Traffic Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was presented for adoption by Mr. Prothero was seconded by Mr. Guertze and was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Guertze, Mr. Bocker, Mr. Prothero.

Noes: None

Absent: None

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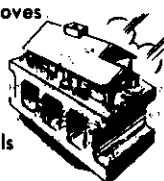
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The previous tax law limited homeowners to one tax-free

"rollover" every 18 months. The 1978 Tax Reform Law now allows more than one tax-free move up to a more expensive home if the home owner moves for employment reasons.

The \$100,000-age 55 exemption replaces completely the previous tax break for owners over age 65 who sold their homes and were able to exclude the first \$35,000.

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Snowplowing

Editor, The Spotlight:

Can anyone tell me why it is that when the snowplows clean Elm Ave., they do a good job until the fork in the road where Elm Ave. and Elm Ave. East meet? Aren't both ends of the street in the town of Bethlehem?

This is not a new development, as I can remember the same situation a few years back when I had a hard time getting to work after a snowstorm. Maybe this letter should go to Marty Cross (Supt. of Highways), but I thought it ought to be "Spotlighted" instead. Thank you in advance for any light that is shed on this problem.

Name Submitted

Selkirk

Supt. Cross says he changed the route of the plows this year to provide better service to the "lower" end of Elm Ave., which, in the past, he said, wasn't cleared as well as other roads. "We now have plows going both ways, and it should be no problem," he told Vox Pop.

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Emergency efficiency

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is nothing more feared or dreaded in any facility, especially a nursing home, than fire. When it strikes you hope and pray that drill sessions have provided adequate basics in resident evacuation by home personnel and fire fighting by firemen.

In the evening of Feb. 5, an aide discovered a fire in one of our resident rooms and immediately removed the one resident in the two-bedroom area and activated the fire alarm about 20 feet distant. Quick and cool judgment on the part of the charge nurse led to the evacuation of "A" Wing, 25 residents. All residents were moved to an area designated assembly in case of fire. Three residents at the other end of the wing were evacuated to outside and then to the entrance.

The Elsmere Fire Dept. arrived just about three minutes after the alarm was sounded. The chief and our charge nurse ordered evacuation of the lounge and wing "D." Combined efforts and action of firemen and nursing personnel resulted in speedy evacuation of an additional 25 residents to the dining room, another predesignated area of assembly. The fire chief and other firemen extinguished the fire and secured the area.

The efficiency of evacuation by nursing and fire personnel, the expertise of the voluntary firemen plus the all important coolness and calm of our residents were responsible for no casualties or injuries. The Delmar Rescue Squad rendered first aid to some of our personnel who did experience some smoke inhalation. Three of these personnel were taken to St. Peter's Hospital for precautionary measures and returned.

Never have I witnessed in all my years of experience in health care facilities a display of community cooperation to include our home nursing personnel, the Elsmere Fire Dept. the Delmar Rescue

Rescue Squad, Bethlehem Police Dept., Albany Area Office of the Health Dept., town supervisor of buildings, home staff and many others. I salute and commend this exemplary operation.

De Forest T. Whipple
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Editor, The Spotlight:

We the editorial staff of the "Test Tube Times" (formerly the "T") would like to thank you for the article in the Nov. 22 edition of the *Spotlight*. The publicity you gave us will certainly make more students read our magazine. This was a much needed boost for our magazine.

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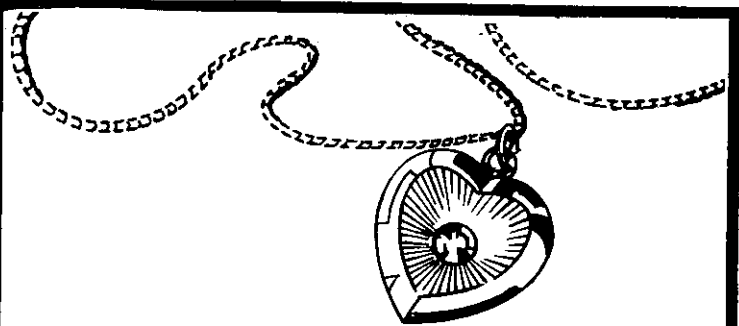
Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Slingerlands Nursery School, I wish to thank you and your staff for your continuing coverage of our school events. We are especially appreciative of the time photographer Cheryl Marks spend at our 20th Birthday Open House on Feb. 3, capturing alumni and prospective students as they browsed through our scrapbooks and sampled our birthday cake. Finding our school featured on your Feb. 7 cover was a pleasant surprise.

Coverage by the *Spotlight* brings news of our school into homes of parents who might not otherwise hear of us. Thank you for all of your informative local interest stories.

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